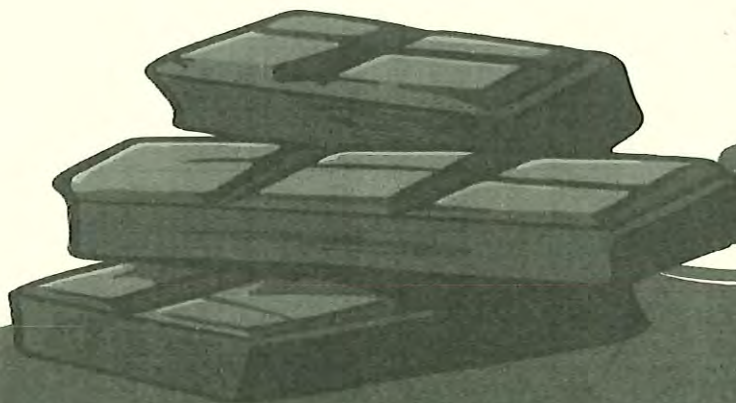


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A free fortnightly paper for the areas of
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7th July 2025

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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.

Help Us Celebrate Our Own Unsung Heros and Local Legends

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

COMMUNITY NOTES

July Birthday Wishes to:

- 8th Charlie Fulford, Aaron Bransby, Connor Bennier
- 10th Adam Dunn
- 11th Joan Wyllie, Aaron Quartermaine,
- 13th Fraser Wittwer
- 14th Caen Taylo
- 15th Gabriel Martin
- 16th Hunter Cowcher, Malakye Anderson
- 17th Violet Holmes Thorne,
- 18th Luke Crouch
- 20th Connor McDougall



Birth Notice Correction

Congratulations also to Peta and John Bushby on the arrival of baby Francis, a brother for Ollie and Wyatt.

Vale Isabel Giles

Sympathy to the family and friends of Isabel Giles who was a past resident of Wickepin. She passed away on the 30th June 2025 aged 94. Isabel came to Wickepin in 1954, farming on "Romala", after she married Erroll Giles (Dec). Isabel was a member of the Noman's Lake CWA, the Wickepin Guild, Wickepin Methodist Church playing the organ for church services, weddings and funerals, she was also a steward at the Wickepin Show in the handicraft section for many years. Mother to Ross and Bernice, Mother in law to Lorraine and Harry, Nan to Kiel, Lacey, Rhys and Mikayla, Step Nan to Grady and Brock, Great Grandmother to Kayden, Kiara and Kaylee. Her funeral will be 10.00 a.m. 21st July 2025 at Pinnaroo.

Wickepin Weekend Thank You

Thank you to the generous ladies who made and supplied quiches and salads for the Saturday lunch for the Winter Weekend. All comments were positive and greatly appreciated.

Thank you to the ladies who helped serve and do the washing up.

A neat little sum was made for the hotel.

Jenny Hemley & Dani Sims.

The Chelsea Flower Show

Lee-Ann attended the Chelsea Flower Show in London on 22nd May 2025. This was definitely a bucket list item. We got there fairly early in the morning and the crowds were pretty good at that stage. There was an array of display gardens that were all different with many of the plants being ones that we all have, the difference being their climate over there, with an abundance of water. The pavilion was filled with masses of all different kinds of flowers, plants and vegetable displays, it was truly amazing to see. The favourite display was the David Austin roses with new releases, not coming to Australia just yet.

Outside there were many displays, with us falling in love with their Glass Houses, unfortunately not really suited to our climate. Oodles of garden pots, troughs, outdoor settings and much more. There was plenty of food stands and good coffee to be had. By lunch time there was a huge crowd but we still managed to get around and see things, we just had to be patient. There was a row of stalls selling all sorts of things. My souvenir from the show was a small flower jug. If you love gardening then I could highly recommend attending this show.



What is dark chocolate?

Dark chocolate is produced by adding fat and sugar to cocoa. It differs from milk chocolate in that it contains little to no milk solids.

Other common names for chocolate include bittersweet and semisweet. Although they differ slightly in sugar content, they can be used interchangeably in cooking and baking.

Usually, the simplest way to tell if your chocolate is "dark" is to select one with a 70% or higher total cocoa content.

Dark chocolate is well known for its powerful antioxidant activity. In fact, it has been shown to have a greater antioxidant effect than many high-antioxidant fruits, such as blueberries and acai berries.

Studies Trusted Source have also linked eating dark chocolate with a reduced risk of heart disease and improved brain function.

The best dark chocolate has distinct characteristics, including the following:

High in cocoa: 70% or higher cocoa percentage.

Cocoa comes first: Cocoa, or a form of cocoa, is the first ingredient.

No unnecessary ingredients: Avoid dark chocolate that contains trans fat, milk, artificial flavourings, high amounts of sugar, and other unnecessary ingredients.

No alkali processing: Alkali processing is also known as Dutching. Avoid chocolate processed this way.

Fair-trade and organic: This type of dark chocolate is more likely to be high-quality, ethically sourced and pesticide-free.

Follow these tips to ensure that your dark chocolate is high-quality, rich in antioxidants, and, of course, delicious.



A highway patrol officer was sitting in his car on the shoulder, radar ready, when a car crawled past doing exactly 22 miles per hour.

He blinked.

"Now that's just as dangerous as speeding," he muttered, flipping on his lights.

He pulled the car over and walked up to the driver's side window.

Inside were six elderly ladies — two in the front, two in the back, and two squished in the middle — all looking absolutely petrified, their eyes wide like they'd just seen a ghost.

The woman behind the wheel rolled down her window and smiled sweetly.

"Good afternoon, officer. Was I speeding?"

"Not quite," he replied. "But driving far below the speed limit can be just as risky. May I ask why you were going 22 miles an hour?"

She looked confused. "Well, that's what the sign said — Route 22!"

The officer stifled a laugh.

"Ma'am... that's the route number, not the speed limit."

Her cheeks flushed pink. "Oh dear," she said. "That explains a lot."

He nodded and glanced inside the vehicle again.

"I have to ask... are your passengers alright? They look like they've seen a ghost."

The driver leaned over and whispered,

"They'll be fine in a minute, Officer... we just got off Route 142."



Take life
day by day,
and be Grateful
for the little
things.

Don't get stressed
over what you
can't control.

WICKEPIN WINTER WEEKEND WRAP UP

The Wickepin Winter Weekend, held from Friday 27th to Sunday 29th June 2025 at the Wickepin Town Hall, was a resounding success, drawing attendees from near and far to celebrate the heart and soul of country music and dance.

Organised by Campfire Country and supported by the Shire of Wickepin, the event featured a variety of dance sessions, including line dancing, vogue, and other relaxed dance styles suitable for all ages and skill levels. These sessions provided a welcoming environment for both seasoned dancers and newcomers to enjoy the rhythm of the season.



The festival wasn't just about music and movement – it was a chance for locals and visitors alike to connect, unwind, and celebrate what makes country towns like Wickepin so special. A special thank you goes to the Wickepin Community Hotel, who generously put their hand up to cater the event. On Saturday alone, they served more than 60 lunches. Their hospitality was greatly appreciated by both locals and visitors, and the quality of food and service was widely praised.

The Wickepin Winter Weekend has become a cherished tradition, highlighting the town's vibrant community spirit and love for country music. As the event continues to grow, it promises to remain a highlight of the local calendar for years to come.



The next DrumMuster will be held on **Tuesday, 15 July 2025**

Collection is between the hours of 8:00am & 4:00pm by appointment only.

Bookings are essential. Contact the shire office on 9888 1005 for appointments advising of number of drums for disposal.

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2025/2026 RATES

The 2025/2026 rates will be issued in the coming months. If your postal address has changed, please notify us in writing at admin@wickepin.wa.gov.au so we can update our records. This will help prevent any potential delays or interest charges on late payments due to outdated information.

PENSIONER REBATE

If you hold one of the following cards, are a property owner, and were living at that property as your "ordinary place of residence" as at July 1 of the rating year, you may be eligible for a State Government rebate on your Rates and Emergency Services Levy.

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- WA State Seniors Card;
- Commonwealth Seniors Health Card and WA State Seniors Card; or
- State Concession Card

For all queries and new pensioner rebate applications please contact the Water Corporation on 13 13 85 or online via www.watercorporation.com.au.

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.



SENIORS' XMAS LUNCH – EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Council is seeking expressions of interest from individuals/community groups to organise and cater for our annual Seniors' Xmas Lunch, on a volunteer basis. Further information can be obtained by contacting the Community & Economic Development Officer either by email on cedo@wickepin.wa.gov.au or by calling 9888 1005.

FALLEN TREE?
 KNOW WHO TO CALL:

Fallen tree or branches that have damaged your home or vehicle, making it unsafe:	Fallen tree or branches over your fence or in your yard:	Fallen tree or branches across a minor street or road:	Fallen tree across a major road or highway:
SES 132 500	Private Tree Removal Company	Local Government	Main Roads WA 138 138

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Hello All,

Firstly a reminder that school holidays are half way through and to keep an eye out for tourist traffic passing through and not familiar with our road network and traffic.

Keep an eye out also for our residents young and old, sharing the road with pushbikes, scooters and E-Rideables, with seniors and children also crossing our roads – It's great to see most of our community taking precautions and wearing protective gear while mixing with the traffic.

- It was also fantastic to see the large number of attendees at recent social events utilising friends and designated drivers – and even though it may be cold and bitter these nights – many being responsible and walking home (or to the next location) rather than risking themselves and others after a drink. Well done, we just want everyone to get home safely, and not be knocking on loved-one's doors delivering sad news no-one wants to hear.

Missing Post Update; Following on from some initial information where people had noticed mail items sent by friends and relatives not being received by some of our residents, inquiries were collated and directed to Australia Post Security Officers with what initially seemed a localized incident, then developed to be more widespread than thought through ours and neighbouring districts.

It seemed mail was not getting to the recipients' mailbox before going missing, so it was pleasing that Australia Post then took it seriously and conducted internal inquiries and tests. The theft of mail in transit is not a WA Police matter, but it was good that with co-operation, the federal organization assisted and we're pleased to advise that reports of mail not reaching it's destination appears to have stopped for now.

Please make inquiries if cards or vouchers may have been sent recently for birthdays etc and advise Australia Post of occurrences, particularly any fresh incidents, and we will assist further in co-ordinating inquiries with other agencies if required.

Lastly - Remember there are long hours, tired workers, and night time movements of Agricultural machinery now the rains have arrived – let's ALL share the roads responsibly - fingers crossed for some good crop growth to reward our farmers and as a community we all benefit when they do well!.

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



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

Garden Snippets.....



Winter Colour...Camellia Japonica..

The large Japonica group of the Camellia family is one of the most popular of all garden shrubs, and rightly so, as their attractive foliage alone makes them worthy of a place in any garden or patio setting. Bushes may grow strong and erect, bushy and spreading or vigorous and open in habit and some varieties are able to be successfully grown in large tubs.

Blooms, which are produced in winter over a period of two to three months, vary in form from single, semi-double, double centres; and formal and in-formal doubles.

Colours range from white through pink to red and in many combinations and shades in between, depending on variety.

By careful selection of early, mid-season and late varieties it is possible to have colour in your garden right through what might otherwise be a colourless, bleak winter.

Japonicas can be grown in a variety of positions, their main requirements being:

- Good Drainage at all times – They will not tolerate “wet feet”
- Filtered Light in a Protected Position – Some varieties are sun-hardy but generally they like at least two hours’ shade during the hottest part of the day, with protection from strong wind
- A Slightly Acid Soil – although they will tolerate a wide variety of neutral soils. Where soil is known to be alkaline, give a light dressing of Sulphate of Aluminium and Sulphate of Iron

Once established, camellias require very little attention other than:

- Light pruning for shape when young if the variety is of the “rangy” nature, but is generally not necessary with most varieties
- Spray to control insect pests. Main pests are Scale, Red Spider Mite, other Mite and Aphids. The best spray is a combination of a garden insecticide and White Oil.
- Watering during the drier months to assist new growth and form better flower buds



Chocolate Mousse Recipe

Ingredients (7)

300g Baking Dark Chocolate, roughly chopped
3 eggs, at room temperature
1/4 cup (55g) caster sugar
1 tbsp good-quality cocoa powder, sifted
300ml thickened cream
Whipped cream, to serve
Grated chocolate, to serve



Method

Place the chocolate in a heatproof bowl over a pan of gently simmering water (don't let the bowl touch the water). Stir until melted. Remove bowl from heat and set aside to cool slightly.

Place eggs and sugar in a large bowl and beat with electric beaters for 5 minutes, or until mixture is pale, thick and doubled in volume. Fold in cocoa powder and cooled chocolate until combined. In a separate bowl, whip cream until thickened (be careful not to over-beat). Use a large metal spoon to carefully fold the cream into the chocolate mixture, trying to keep the mixture as light as possible. Spoon into 6 serving glasses and chill in fridge for at least 1 hour. Remove from fridge 15 minutes before serving, then top with extra whipped cream and grated chocolate to serve.

Easy Rocky Road

Ingredients (7)

200g good-quality milk chocolate
75g good-quality dark chocolate
25g Coles organic butter, unsalted
50g mixed pink & white marshmallows, cut with scissors into small pieces
50g shortbread biscuits, chopped into bite-sized pieces
100g macadamia nuts
25g raisins



Method

Line a 3cm-deep, 8 x 25cm bar pan with plastic wrap. Place the milk and dark chocolates with the butter in a heatproof bowl over a pan of simmering water (don't let the bowl touch the water), then stir until melted. Stir marshmallows into chocolate with shortbread, nuts and raisins. Spread into pan, chill in fridge for 2 hours or until hard. Slice in the pan.

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All Things Chocolate

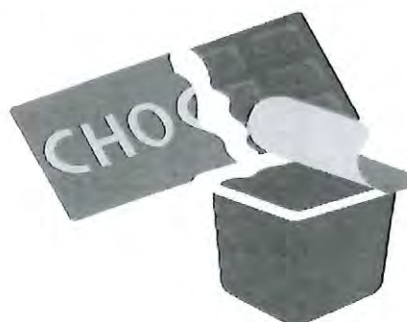


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KIDS BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday

Nathan Graf

8th July 2017

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Happy Birthday

Lola Ewen

11th July 2013

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Happy Birthday

Mason Edwards

11th July 2014

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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!

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ADULT FICTION LARGE PRINT: Transcription— Kate Atkinson

In 1940, eighteen-year old Juliet Armstrong is reluctantly recruited into the world of espionage. Sent to an obscure department of MI5 tasked with monitoring the comings and goings of British Fascist sympathizers, she discovers the work to be by turns both tedious and terrifying. But after the war has ended, she presumes the events of those years have been relegated to the past forever.

Ten years later, now a radio producer at the BBC, Juliet is unexpectedly confronted by figures from her past. A different war is being fought now, on a different battleground, but Juliet finds herself once more under threat. A bill of reckoning is due, and she finally begins to realize that there is no action without consequence.

Transcription is a work of rare depth and texture, a bravura modern novel of extraordinary power, wit and empathy. It is a triumphant work of fiction from one of the best writers of our time.

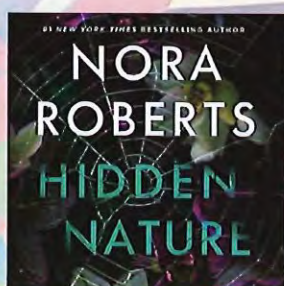


ADULT AUSTRALIAN FICTION: Banjarn— Josh Kemp

Garreth Hoyle is a true crime writer whose destructive love affair with hallucinogenic drugs has sent him searching for ghosts in the unforgiving mallee desert of Western Australia. Heading north through Kalgoorlie, he attempts to score off old friends from his shearing days on Banjarn Station. His journey takes an unexpected detour when he discovers an abandoned ten-year-old girl and decides to return her to her estranged father in Leonora, instead of alerting authorities. Together they begin the road trip from hell through the scorched heart of the state's northern gold-fields.

Love, friendship and hope are often found in the strangest places, but forgiveness is never simple, and the past lies buried just beneath the blood red topsoil. The only question is whether Hoyle should uncover it, or run as fast as his legs can take him.

Banjarn is an unsettling debut from Josh Kemp, winner of the 2021 Dorothy Hewett Award for an Unpublished Manuscript. Echoing Cormac McCarthy's haunting border trilogy and narrative vernacular that recalls the sparse lyricism of Randolph Stowe and Tim Winton, this is a darkly funny novel that earns its place amongst the stable of Australian gothic fiction.



ADULT FICTION CD AUDIOBOOK: Hidden Nature— Nora Roberts

Frustrated and bored, injured cop Sloan Cooper is looking for anything to distract her from staring down the barrel of months of slow, painful recovery. When a woman mysteriously vanishes without trace from a supermarket car park, Sloan instinctively knows there is more to this case than meets the eye. As she begins to investigate, she quickly uncovers similar cases across three states. Men and women, old and young - all with seemingly nothing in common. What is the missing piece that links the disappearances? Can Sloan solve the puzzle before another innocent victim is taken? With no clues to speak of and a list of the missing growing almost daily, it will take every ounce of Sloan's endurance to get to the dark heart of this bizarre case. She's willing to risk her life again if that's what it takes...



CHILDRENS FICTION DVD MOVIE

Based on the multi award winning, best selling children's series by Australian author Carole Wilkinson, adventure animation DRAGONKEEPER.

This beautifully animated fantasy adventure film is fun for the whole family!

In ancient China, dragons were once friends of humans, but greed ended their alliance, and these magical creatures were hunted down.

Years later, in a special fortress, a young girl, Ping, strikes up an unlikely friendship with a powerful dragon, and must embark on a journey to recover the last remaining dragon egg and fulfil her destiny.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Willy Wonka & the Chocolate Factory

The world is astounded when Willy Wonka, for years a recluse in his factory, announces that five lucky people will be given a tour of the factory, shown all the secrets of his amazing candy, and one will win a lifetime supply of Wonka chocolate. Nobody wants the prize more than young Charlie, but as his family is so poor that buying even one bar of chocolate is a treat, buying enough bars to find one of the five golden tickets is unlikely in the extreme. But in movieland, magic can happen. Charlie, along with four somewhat odious other children, get the chance of a lifetime and a tour of the factory. Along the way, mild disasters befall each of the odious children, but can Charlie beat the odds and grab the brass ring?



Chocolat



Released in 2000, this movie is based on the 1999 novel of the same name by Joanne Harris. It's the story of Vianne Rocher (played by Juliette Binoche) who moves into and sets up a chocolate store in the fictional village of Lansquenetsous-Tannes with her six-year-old daughter, Anouk (Victoire Thivisol). Vianne is an atheist and a single mother in a town full of uptight religious folk, and expectedly, there are clashes. Even worse, the mayor (Alfred Molina) is rallying the village residents against her, referring to her as a 'bad influence.' Using her charms and her chocolate, Vianne is able to entice a few townsfolk to convert into her friends and allies. She also meets Roux (Johnny Depp), whose 'kind' is not welcome there, either.

This movie garnered good critical reception, with an IMDB score of 7.3, and has chocolate symbolically represent indulgence. The acting is spot-on, and the development of romance is nice. I recommend seeing it with your significant other if you have one, and definitely bring bonbons.

30 THINGS TO STOP HOLDING ONTO

- CLOTHES THAT DON'T FIT
- GIFTS YOU NEVER LIKED
- OLD ELECTRONICS
- SINGLE SOCKS
- STORAGE BOXES OF "MAYBE" ITEMS
- CRAFT SUPPLIES YOU NEVER USE
- BOOKS YOU DIDN'T ENJOY
- CLOTHES THAT "USED TO BE YOUR STYLE"
- BROKEN THINGS "YOU'LL FIX ONE DAY"
- OLD MOBILE PHONES
- SOUVENIRS COLLECTING DUST
- CHARGERS FOR THINGS YOU NO LONGER OWN
- EXPIRED SKINCARE
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- FREEBIES AND PROMO ITEMS
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Facey Group Hosts GRDC Grain Automate Expo and WANTFA Live Machinery Demonstration



A Day of Insights, Innovation and In-Paddock Action

Grains Research and Development Corporation (GRDC) supported a successful Grain Automate Expo and WANTFA Live Machine Demonstration Day in Wickepin on Thursday, 3rd July. Hosted by Facey Group in partnership with Society of Precision Agriculture (SPAA) and Western Australian No-Tillage Farmers Association (WANTFA), the event drew close to 90 attendees from across the region and beyond. The day offered a dynamic mix of expert-led workshops, live machinery demonstrations, and panel discussions showcasing the forefront of digital agriculture.

The morning kicked off at the Wickepin Community Centre with coffee and warm welcomes from Tina Astbury, Facey Group CEO, and Bindi Isbister, setting the tone for a packed agenda. Bindi, a precision agriculture expert from Agrarian Management, delivered interactive sessions guiding growers through practical steps for digital readiness. From mapping farm boundaries to zoning with variable rate technology (VRT), her sessions transformed the buzzwords of “automation” and “data” into real-world opportunities.

Breakout sessions with various AgTech providers allowed producers to gain hands-on skills with software suited to their equipment. During lunch, attendees were so engaged with exhibitors and dealers that it became very much a lunch on the go.

In the afternoon, CSIRO’s Roger Lawes explored the economics of automation and its potential to reshape farm business performance. His message was clear: automation is not just a tech trend—it’s a strategic tool.

Attendees then travelled to Commodore for the WANTFA Live Machinery Demonstration. Six machines—from the precise Lemken Karat to the heavy-duty Bednar Terraland—were put through their paces on a pasture paddock. Department of Primary Industries and





Regional Development (DPIRD) scientists Dr Gaus Azam and Jenni Clausen discussed how subsoil compaction and tillage practices affect root growth and yield, providing evidence-based insights to support investment in soil amelioration.

The day concluded with a relaxed sundowner in the shearing shed and a thought-provoking panel session facilitated by Bindi. Panellists included agtech leader Tim Neale (DataFarming), precision ag advocate Mick Caughey, and robotics innovator Jordy Kitschke (Flux Robotics), who painted a compelling vision of autonomous futures already taking shape.

From field to figures to the future, the GRDC Grain Automate Expo energised growers with new tools and ideas to take the next step toward more innovative, more efficient farming.





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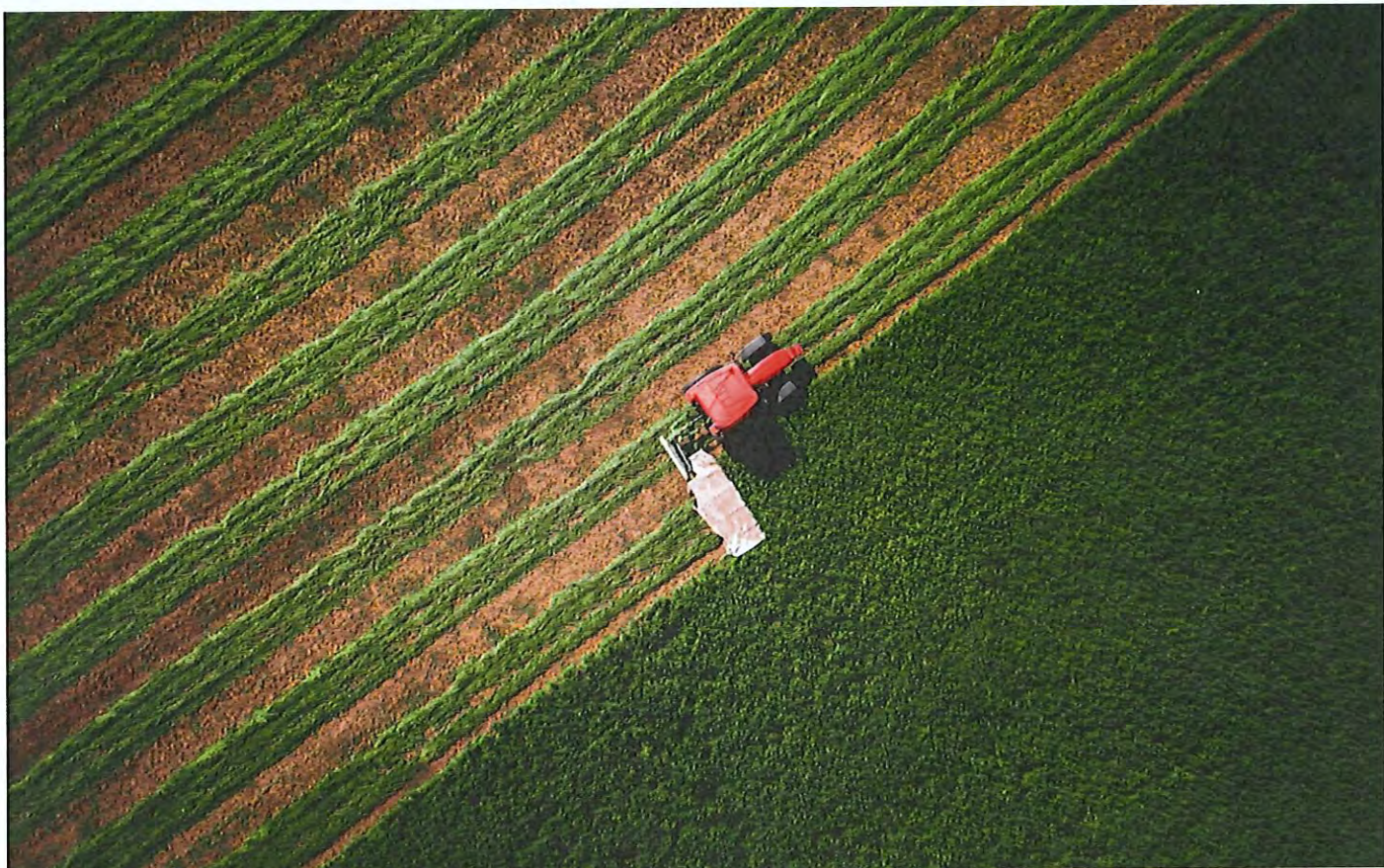
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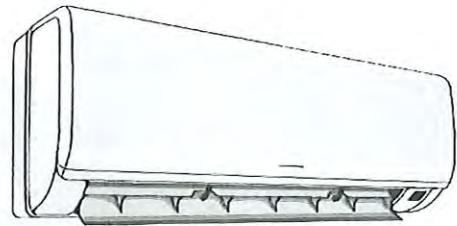
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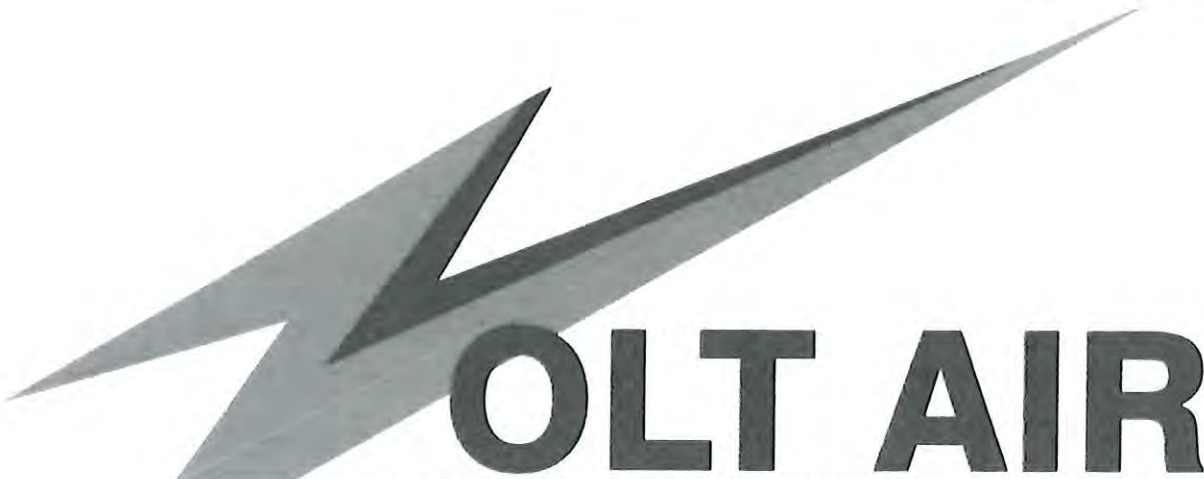
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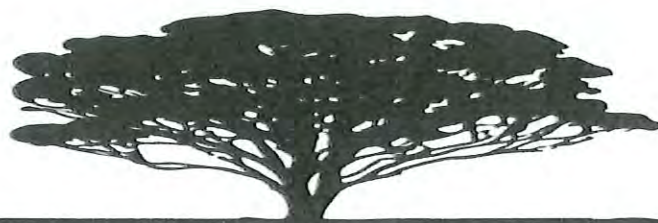
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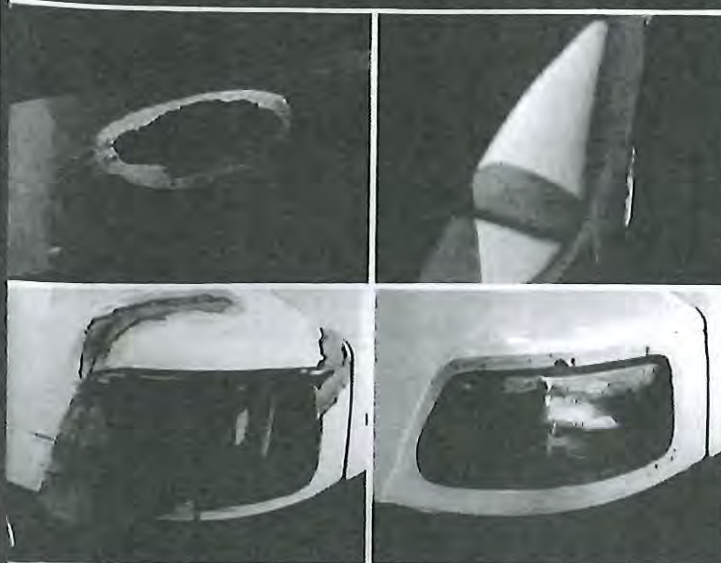


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March	32	7	48.6	March	41.4	3	53.6
April	0	0	48.6	April	24	7	77.6
May	40.8	7	86.6	May	12.2	5	89.8
June	34.4	13	121	June	22	10	111.8
July	72	21	193	July	19.2	2	131
August	84	15	280.2	August			
September	29	6	309.2	September			
October	14.8	4	324	October			
November	22	6	346	November			
December	0	0	346	December			

SPORTS NOTES

WICKEPIN FOOTBALL CLUB



Budget Notes Wickepin Round 8 Saturday, 28 June 2025

D Grade

This week we travelled to Darkan to take on the Wagin Bulldogs, a first for most to play on the Darkan oval. With a very slow start to the game, we only scored our first major at the end of the second term but with our young warriors stepping up we managed to close the gap by the end of the third. We had a great display from Fletcher Miller and Hudson Ballard, with Heath Taylor swung into the midfield for some much needed pressure. In the end Wagin proved too strong, going down by 16 points to the home side.

Best players for the day were Fletcher Miller, Hudson Ballard, Nate Lansdell, Logan Ratcliffe, Mason Pike and Bailee Pike.

Wagin Fourths 39 5.9

Wickepin Fourths 23 3.5

Reserves

This weekend the mighty Ressies travelled to Williams BP for a pie and a Powerade. Once adequately fueled decided it would be best to keep going to Darkan for a match against the second placed Bulldogs. The windy road there reminiscent of a drunken air seeder operator. Our coaches also returned this weekend with Wade renting a pair of crutches to avoid extra responsibilities.

Early in the match saw great effort from everyone, especially Kade, Pud, Red and Timmy. However, the occasional errant kick often cost us going forward.

Wagin made the most of their youthfulness and leg speed in the second half which eventually let the margin blow out to 75 points with our only goals coming from Mitch Wiles and Luke "Sticky Mitts" Crouch.

Five cartons in the change-rooms, thanks to Ceejay and Poppy, might be considered a surplus considering the vanishing act of most of the team post-game that Houdini himself would be proud of.

Wagin Reserves 90 12.18

Wickepin Reserves 15 2.3 Wagin Reserves won by 75 points

League

Once again the league started slow against a quick skilful Wagin side coming in at half time a few goals down. The second half we managed to slow it down a bit and get back into the contest. Kirby provided a good target finishing with 8 for the game. Plugger and one of the Wilson's also got an award. Big challenge this week against Narrogin.

Wagin League 70 11.4

Wickepin League 110 17.8 Wickepin League won by 40 points

WICKEPIN NETBALL CLUB

A1- A1 Round 5 against Olympics Gold, the Wickepin girls took home a 51-44 win with Kelly Steere and Tyler Steere playing a strong game and getting the umpire votes.

A2- the girls face Williams on Friday night after a bye last weekend, quickly having to adapt the rested legs to Williams fast paced game. All girls played a strong game however Williams were too strong in the end with a 27 point win over Wickepin. All rounder Captain Christina Smith in defence and mid court and Dakota Bolton-Black in defence making an impression earning the umpire votes. We now have a few weeks off, our next game round 10 on the 26th July against Waves.

A3-The A3 team has consistently demonstrated their strength and resilience throughout the season. In a tightly contested match against Wagin, they fell just short with a narrow 2-point loss—but their determination never wavered. Bouncing back in style, the girls secured a solid 5-point win against Olympics. Even with some players stepping into unfamiliar positions, the team showed their depth, adaptability, and fierce competitiveness from start to finish.

LAKE YEALERING GOLF CLUB

Saturday 28th June 2025

Stableford Round, 8 players enjoyed the day with the course now looking good.

Winner	Craig	44
Runner-Up	Tanya	38
Longest Putt No 16	Crazy	
Nearest to Pin No 18	Brian (Almost a hole in one)	



After the end of the day, all enjoyed a meal and gathered to help Dixie celebrate the big 0 birthday. By all accounts a very enjoyable night was had. Happy Birthday Scottie.

Saturday 5th July 2025

Sponsors of the day. Yealering Spraying Services and Marshalls Shearing Services. The day was a Stableford Round, fine but cold day with the course now well covered.

Winner	Mike	38
Runner-Ups	Dixie	35
	Chipper	35
Third	Brownie	34

9 Novelties were played for on various holes. Crazy 2, Dixie 1, Mike 1, Chipper 1, Micko 2, Brownie 1 and Duffy 1

The day concluded with a meal of smoked meat, cooked by Geoff the Chef for Members and Community to enjoy.

BANKSIA BOWMAN CLUB

Great to see plenty of new faces, and some not so new, at the archery range over the last few weeks. The Come & Try at Poppo some weeks back obviously triggered some interest, so once the weather smooths out we will do some more. In the meantime we have nice sheltered conditions in the Wickepin Community Centre, with plenty of options for all sorts of archery, but also including tea, coffee, cake and other refreshments. Gotta have a pit stop mid race! So come on down, fling some arrows, have a bit of a work out, and throw in some chit chat



WICKEPIN DISTRICT SPORTS CLUB WINTER CLOSURE

Due to low attendance, the Sports Club will be closed from
2nd July 2025 to 02nd September 2025.
Re-opening 03rd September 2025.

The Sports Club will be open the following Tuesday evenings for darts events
should you wish to come up to the club.

8th July, 29th July, 12th August and 19th August.

Thank you and we apologise for any inconvenience this may have caused.

Greg White (Chairperson) 0427 881 057



The Wicky Weekly

30 June 2025

Kaya,

I would like to begin by acknowledging the wonderful students here at Wickepin Primary School. They have participated in and enjoyed many extra-curricular opportunities this term, participated in sporting clinics and carnivals as well as their core learning experiences each day in their classrooms. I have been delighted to read about the efforts and progress made by each student in the end of semester reports, which will be emailed home to all families tomorrow.

A special thank you goes to all teaching and non-teaching staff for their continued care, compassion and support of our students and for the additional tasks taken on by staff to provide our children with wonderful learning experiences such as camp, excursions, running lunch clubs, celebration and achievement activities.

Today we have Senior Constable Andrew Spencer visiting school and providing two interactive workshops for students around bike/scooter safety, road rules, and wearing helmets. We are grateful for this partnership with WA Police and look forward to building on this soon with further activities and opportunities.

Miss Conway, Ms Wyllie and Mrs Joldescu took our Year 3-6 students to the Winter Carnival in Narrogin last Thursday and this was a resounding success. Thank you to our parent volunteers who supported the students with transport, assisting with supervision at the event and for being our fabulous cheer squad! Students participated in soccer, hockey and netball and displaying excellent sporting and leadership skills.



Student voice is very important at school, and I am thrilled to announce the Year 6 leaders have planned and organised a celebration event on their own for this Friday (4 July) to celebrate a wonderful semester. This is called 'Colour Day' and children can come to school on Friday wearing clothes of any colour if they would like to.

Dress in one colour day!

Let's celebrate the end of Semester One!

Week 10, Friday
4th July

You are allowed to dress in any colour and come to school in wearing it

Boorda,

Hazel Herd

Dates to Remember

JULY	
1	Reports Home
2	Wicky Way Assembly
4	Last Day of Term 2
22	Students Commence Term 3

WHAT'S ON IN THE WICKEPIN SHIRE

MONDAY

Fit Pursuit 5.45 – 6.30am, Wickepin Community Centre

TUESDAY

She Shed He Shed 91m – 12pm, Old Recycling Shed, Richter Street

Pathology Service – By Appointment Only, Wickepin Health Centre, Phone 9888 2222

Yoga 6 – 7.30pm, Harrismith Hall. All welcome. During School terms. Tara: 0427 333 171

WEDNESDAY

Social Arts & Crafts 9.30, Joyner Street

Chair Aerobics 9.00 – 10.00am, Wickepin Health Centre

Indoor Bowls 1pm, Wickepin Community Centre.

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

SATURDAY

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

SUNDAY

Anglican Church, 8am every 1st and 3rd Sunday. All welcome



COMMUNITY CALENDAR 2025

JULY

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	21st	Watershed News
Mon	21 st	Recycle and Bin Day
Tue	22 nd	Term 3 Starts
Fri	27 th	Yealering Games Afternoon at CWA rooms
Thur	31 st	Facey Group Annual Women In Agricultural Event

AUGUST

Fri	1 st	Communi Tea 1.30pm Wickepin CRC
Mon	4th	Watershed News
Mon	4 th	Recycle and Bin Day
Mon/Tu	11 th -12 th	Facey Group Farm Succession Planning 2 Day workshop
Wed	13 th	Wickepin CRC Committee Meeting 5.30pm
Wed	13 th	Facey Group Financial Future Workshop 8.30am – 4.30pm
Mon	18th	Watershed News
Mon	18 th	Recycle and Bin Day

SEPTEMBER

Mon	1st	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	15th	Watershed News
Mon	15 th	Recycle and Bin Day
Sat	20 th	CRC Spring Market Day 10am
Fri	26 th	Term 3 Ends
Mon	29 th	Recycle and Bin Day
Tue	30th	Watershed News

OCTOBER

Fri	3 rd	Communi Tea 1.30pm Wickepin CRC
Wed	8 th	Wickepin CRC AGM 5.30pm
Mon	13th	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
Mon	27th	Watershed News
Mon	27 th	Recycle and Bin Day

NOVEMBER

Fri	7 th	Communi Tea
Mon	10th	Watershed News
Mon	10 th	Recycle and Bin Day
Mon	24th	Watershed News
Mon	24 th	Recycle and Bin Day