

WATERSHED NEWS

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

21st July 2025

Wickepin History Group

The Wickepin History Group members replaced
the plaques on the
Wickepin Centenary Wall last year.

One of the many significant achievements of this
incredibly valuable group.



Feature article included.

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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.

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/August Birthday Wishes to:

- 25th Ben Mutton
- 26th Rex Bergin, Daphne McKenzie
- 28th Jebadiah Baker, Kiara Richards
- 30th Bruce Murray
- 31st Ross McDougall
- 2nd Corey Dougall
- 3rd Ricky Dougall, Cheryl Groom
- 4th Asher Bushby



Vale Lachlan and Myra Thornton

The community extends condolences to Lachlan and Myra's family and friends. They had been married for 60 years and both passed away on the 16th July 2025 following a tragic car accident. They were both well known in the district. Lachlan worked at the Nepowie Sheep Stud and Myra worked at the Wickepin Primary School.



Vale Geoffrey Gamble

The community extends condolences to Geoffrey Gamble's family and friends. Geoffrey passed away 13th July 2025. He was a Vietnam Veteran serving from 1967 to 1968.

From farmer to miner, Rio's new CEO is a breath of fresh air

It takes a while for the seabreeze to travel the 200 kilometres that separate Wickepin from the Western Australian coast, but the shearers at the Trott family farm didn't need to wait for the Fremantle Doctor to arrive. Convinced they would be more productive and loyal if kept cool, the Trotts installed air conditioning to the shearing shed.

For a short time in 1998, Simon Trott was in charge of those air conditioners. After graduating, Simon returned to run the farm, which has since been sold. "I really enjoyed farming, but I didn't love it and I also realised one of the things I do love is working around people."



The next year, in 1999, Simon joined Rio Tinto as a fly-in, fly-out worker at the Argyle diamond mine in the Kimberley region.

Simon has been 25 years at Rio Tinto working his way through the ranks to Executive Officer and this week was appointed Rio Tinto's Chief Executive Officer of the Company's most profitable iron ore unit.

Congratulations from the Wickepin Community.



GRANDSON ZANE'S HOLIDAY IN MANDURAH WITH GRANDMA AND POPPY

Holiday started on Monday 7th July. After settling in and unpacking at the Foreshore Motel in Mandurah, it was time to visit the Whizz Pop Candy Store. Wow. Choices, choices!! Very proud of Zane as he chose very little so not so much sugar fix. Weather was windy, cold and wet. After the Candy shop we visited Shirley and Allan Hemley in their lovely new home in Dawesville.

Tuesday – was a visit to Secret Harbour to visit an “adopted” granddaughter and for the first time to see her 3-month-old son. This was a delightful visit – such a joy especially for adopted “great grandma and Poppy”.

Back in Mandurah, a first surprise for Zane was a trip to Rebound, a massive trampoline establishment. So much excitement. There are trampolines of all sizes and little ones still in nappies are also catered for. Rebound is well “policed” and anyone misbehaving is dismissed from the building. One has to book in for a session (they start on the hour). (For those who are able, it’s worth a visit to the website to see the range of activities available at Rebound).



Wednesday – another surprise for Zane with a cruise on the Pirate Ship. Just 45 minutes duration it was lots of fun. Staff dressed up as pirates and the female MC had the passengers in stitches with her antics, including shaking her fist at passing boats and yelling “traitors”. The cruise took us through some of the canals, past the wetlands and we were delighted to have some dolphins follow us for a time. After lunch at the forum it was off to Rebound again for another one hour session and afterwards we travelled to see our first Giant which was accomplished reasonably easily. First one we saw was Yaburgurt Winjan Cirkelstone. What a magnificent structure made of recycled wood and the wonderful imagination of Thomas Dambo who created the Giants.



Thursday – A visit to the skate park which is next to a massive playground, surrounded by a lovely park.

Visited a beach close by so Zane could fill a bottle with sand and treasures to give a friend back home. It was cold, windy and the ocean quite choppy. After lunch we visited Seba’s Song giant. This giant was on the peninsula near Falcon and was quite a walk from the car park. The walk to the Giant was an easy walk with a good path but it was a long way for grandma. When we finally got to the Giant, we were super disappointed because the “symbol” was not visible, because the Giant was sitting on the edge of the water and one couldn’t see what was hanging around his neck. The information centre hands out a booklet with Giant information, and a quiz to note the symbols of the Giants.

Friday – booked out before 10am then headed to the Whizz Pop Candy store to replenish supplies. Unbeknown to Zane we then travelled to Barragup to visit Amaze Miniature Park. A truly amazing place with a hedge maze, a flat maze – like a labyrinth - where riding something like a go-kart is used to get around it, mini golf, miniature buildings set amongst the many magnificent gardens, a miniature train which runs when someone pushes a button, Koi to feed and ducks to see. The tea rooms serve the usual drinks and a supply of different goodies to eat and in a room off the main room is a display of magnificent Lego models as well as a supply of loose Lego where children can make their own models. Unfortunately, not to keep. There is no more charge for activities after paying entry fee which is quite reasonable, only pay for refreshments. Zane beat grandma hands down at mini golf. To Blue Wren café in Dwellingup for lunch on our way home and arrived back in Narrogin about 4pm. A good time was had by all!!



CEO Comments

As the new CEO for the Shire of Wickpin, I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. My name is David Burton, I have been in Local Government for over 30 years in various areas, and a CEO in Local Government for over 16 years. I am looking forward to working with the Council and residents to provide services for our community.

I attended the Wickpin CRC 'Qualitea' session and will be trying to make this a regular stop. If anyone attending would like to discuss any Shire matters or have some information given out, please let us know. I will be trying to make this a regular visit.

I have been trying to get to local businesses and community groups where possible to introduce myself as well. So, if anyone has a meeting coming up, please let the Shire's Executive Support Officer, Jordyn, know the date and time either by calling 9888 1005 or emailing eso@wickpin.wa.gov.au, and I will try to attend if possible.

We will be trying to get the 'CEO Comments' into the Watershed News for the edition after the Council Meeting to give some brief information from the meeting, and also to share information about what is happening in the Shire.

Council Meeting – July 2025.

At the July Ordinary Meeting, the following items were discussed:

- Accounts for payment were presented.
- Financial Reports for June were presented.
- An item for the Community Grants was presented for Council consideration with additional information that had been requested.
- The District Firebreak Notice to be included in the 2025/26 Rates Notice was adopted. We thank all who made a submission, assisting in the drafting of this.
- The draft Shire of Wickpin Growth Strategy was received. This document will now go out for Community Consultation before being finalised and adopted by Council.
- The Shire of Wickpin will be reviewing its Local Laws, which will include:
 - Health Local Law 2008
 - Bush Fire Brigades Local Law 2008
 - Dogs Local Law 2000
 - Local Government Property Local Law 2000
 - Pest Plants Local Law 2000
 - Harrismith, Toolibin, Wickpin, Yealering Cemeteries Local Law 2000
- The process for the Amendments to the Parking and Parking Facilities Local Law was adopted.
- The State Govt Guidelines on Community Benefits for Renewable Energy were discussed, with the CEO being authorised to make a submission.
- Voting Delegates for the 2025 WALGA Convention were nominated to ensure the Shire has a voice at the WALGA AGM.

Minutes are available on the Shire of Wickpin website if you would like further information on the items discussed.

Local Government Elections

Just a reminder that Local Government Elections will be happening again this year on 18th October 2025.

If you are an absent owner of land, please ensure you have enrolled for the Owners and Occupiers Roll.

For more information on the Local Government elections, refer to the following page.

Nominations for Council will be open from 28th August and will close on 4th September 2025.

For further information on what is happening in the Shire or information from the Council Meetings, please check the Shire website at www.wickpin.wa.gov.au

MWS Comments

Shire of Wickpin grader operators now have updated "Grader Ahead" signs, which include **Channel 40 for radio call-up**. If you see one of these signs, please call the grader operator on Channel 40 to let them know you're approaching. They will guide you safely around the worksite.



Graders are currently operating on Line Road and Kirk Rock Road, and will soon be moving to Wishbone Road, Harrismith North Road, and Southeast Yealering Road.

Our loader has finished verge clearing on Wishbone Road and North Tincurrin Road, and is now working on Wogolin South Road.

If you come across the loader, we ask that you also use Channel 40 to notify the operator as you pass through.

DRUMMUSTER – Date Rescheduling

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the DrumMuster scheduled for 15 July 2025 was unfortunately cancelled due to the unavailability of trained personnel.

We aim to reschedule the DrumMuster in approximately two weeks. Once a new date is confirmed, it will be advertised on the Shire's Facebook page. Bookings are essential, to secure your place, please call 9888 1005.

If you do not have access to Facebook, you are welcome to call us and leave your contact number. An officer will return your call once the new date is set and take your booking over the phone.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS – More Information

The next Local Government ordinary election will be held on Saturday 18th October 2025.

This year, the Shire of Wickepin will have four (4) Councillor vacancies, each for a four-year term.

Who Can Vote?

Residents:

If you're a resident in the Shire of Wickepin and enrolled on the State electoral roll, you are automatically included on the local government roll.

To vote, you must ensure your enrolment details are correct. Check your enrolment status by visiting the Western Australian Electoral Commission:

<https://www.elections.wa.gov.au/oec#/oec>

Owners and Occupiers:

If you own or occupy rateable property in the Shire of Wickepin but do not live here, you may be eligible to vote as an owner/occupier.

To qualify, you must:

- Be enrolled on the State electoral roll where you live;
- Own or have a legal right of continuous occupation (via lease or other legal agreement) of property within the Shire;
- Have a right of occupation that extends for at least three (3) months.

Being on the owner/occupier roll allows you to vote both where you live and where you own or occupy property.

To be eligible to vote in the 2025 Local Government Election, you must complete an Enrolment Eligibility Claim form and return it to the Shire Office by 5:00pm 22 August 2025.

To request a form, please contact the Executive Support Officer at: eso@wickepin.wa.gov.au

2025/2026 RATES

The 2025/2026 rates will be issued in the coming month. 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 ON RATES

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.

- Pensioner Concession Card;
- 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.

Wickepin History Group

What we get up to.

We are a small but committed group of locals who value our history in Wickepin and are doing our bit to make it accessible to those who are interested.

Photo displays

Each year before the ANZAC Service we focus on a community in the shire and display the information and photos we have on file.

We currently have photos of the Toolibin district on show which has attracted a few visitors to town.



History Signs

There are many significant historical sites around the Wickepin Shire. Following on from the history signs that the Shire of Wickepin installed several years ago we have done further research and added more informative signs throughout the district. This has been at Railway sidings, school sites and old townsites to ensure the history of these communities is not lost.



Toolseum

This museum of tools and agricultural equipment has all sorts of interesting gadgets and machines that has been part of the development of Agriculture in the Wickepin district. It includes some photos of local farming practices through the years. The Toolseum has attracted visitors from Perth and the Great Southern and can be viewed by appointment.

Family Research

Our volunteers are called upon often to research information for people who are chasing history of their family's time in the Wickepin district. Families come to Wickepin to visit significant family sites, and our volunteers assist with information.

The History Group members replaced the plaques on the Wickepin Centenary Wall last year.

We have several books for sale that have been written by our Group and local history experts.

They are all on sale through the CRC.

- Wickepin Football Club Centenary,
- Diary of the Wickepin Golf Club,
- The Talking Timeline – Wickepin School,
- Other Fortune Lives,
- Deaths and Burials,
- Wickepin Cricket Club,
- As They Remember It,
- Fallen but not Forgotten
- Lewisdale School.



For more information contact Jenny Hemley or Libby Heffernan



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Marie has joined current counsellors, Joyce Contos & Anne Hague, in
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COUNSELLING

Working within the Shires of Brookton, Bruce Rock, Corrigin, Kondinin, Kulin, Narembeen, Pingelly,
Quairading and Wickepin.

OLD FASHIONED ROAST LAMB OR MUTTON

(Taken from Golden Wattle Cookery Book 19TH Edition 1968)

METHOD –

Prepare joint. The shoulder and loin may be boned and stuffed.

Follow rules for baking meat

Serve mint sauce with lamb and red currant jelly with mutton or stuffed joints.

GRAVY –

Pour off nearly all fat. Heat remainder until fuming.

Sprinkle in flour, pepper and salt. Brown well, scraping tit bits from sides of tin with spoon.

Add water or stock gradually. Smooth out lumps. Bring to boil. Strain

RULES FOR BAKING

BAKING IS COOKING BY DRY HEAT—

1. Wipe, weigh and trim meat. Do not remove fat.
2. Allow 20 minutes cooking to the lb. and 20 minutes over or a little longer for thick joints.
3. Stand meat in baking tin with 2 tablespoons of dripping.
4. Place in moderate oven for the first 10 minutes to set outside albumen. This keeps in red juices.
5. Cook at even temperature for remaining time. Turn occasionally.
6. Salt meat half an hour before taking up.
7. Allow 1 to 1½ hours for baking potatoes.
8. Pour off most of the fat. Make gravy.

Note—Pork requires more cooking than other meats. Allow 30 minutes to lb. and 30 minutes over.

Roast Leg of Lamb

Ingredients

3 carrots, coarsely chopped
1 head garlic, split but not peeled
1 (2 ½ kilo) leg of lamb
1 ¼ cups red wine
1 ¼ cups lamb stock
salt and freshly ground black pepper to taste



Method

1. Preheat the oven to 250 degrees F (120 degrees C).
2. Place carrots and garlic in a roasting pan large enough for the leg of lamb. Place lamb on top. Pour in wine and lamb stock. Place roasting pan on the stove and heat over medium-low heat until liquid is boiling. Cover the roasting pan tightly with aluminum foil, using oven mitts to protect your hands, and place in the oven.
3. Roast in the preheated oven until an instant-read thermometer inserted into the centre reads 130 degrees F (54 degrees C) for medium, about 7 hours. Remove from the oven. Increase oven temperature to 400 degrees F (200 degrees C). Transfer lamb into a second roasting pan.
4. Roast lamb uncovered until skin is crispy, 15 to 20 minutes. Let rest before slicing.
5. While lamb is resting, pour cooking juices from the first roasting pan into a saucepan. Bring to a boil and simmer until reduced into a gravy, about 5 minutes. Season with salt and pepper.

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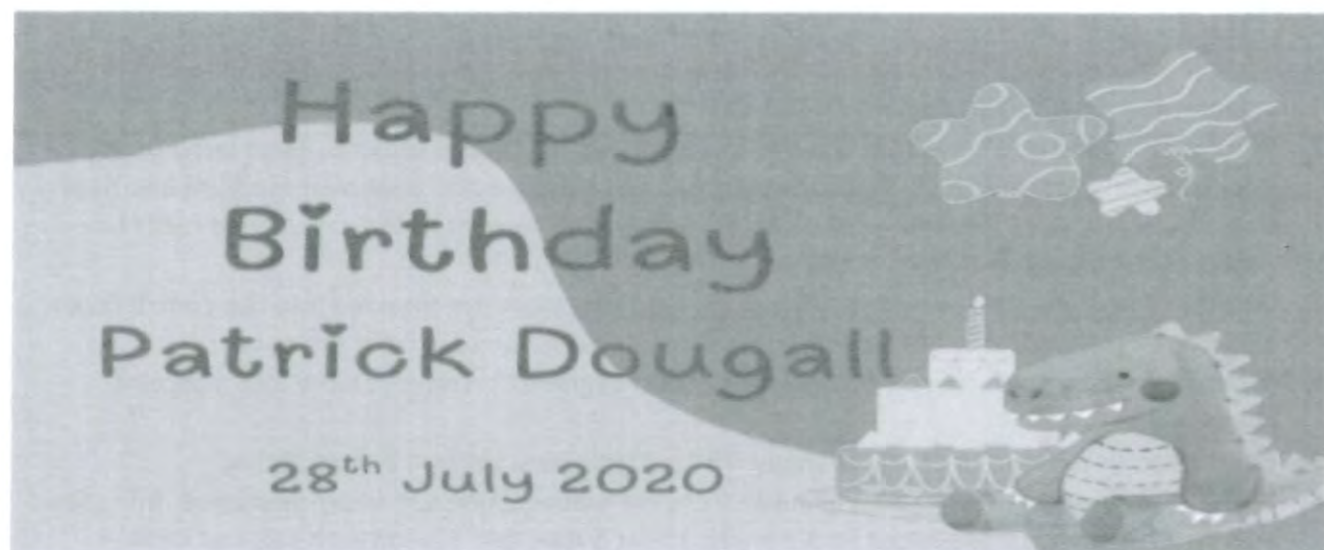
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KIDS BIRTHDAYS



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 August 1st 1.30 pm
at Wickepin CRC



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

September 5th
October 3rd

November 7th
December 12th



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Wickepin CRC Committee Members Wanted

Join our dynamic team!

With only 6 meetings a year, your small
commitment has a big impact.

Committee members are eligible for training
and development opportunities.

Give us a call, or pop in for a chat and see how
your input can influence our future.

*Do you have
the passion?*



Department of
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Regional Development

Wickepin 2026 Calendar

Photography Competition

This year's theme:

WATER



RULES:

- ~ You may enter up to 4 photographs
- ~ Photo's must be in landscape orientation and of sufficient resolution (1mg or larger)
- ~ Photo's must contain the theme element of **WATER**
- ~ Photo's should be taken in and around the Wheatbelt
- ~ Heavily edited or enhanced photo's may be excluded
- ~ The 12 photos that are awarded the most votes will be used in the calendar, and winners will receive a free copy

Photo's can be submitted to Wickepin CRC on a USB, or emailed to admin@wickepinrc.com.au

NATIONAL GROWER NETWORK FORUM

GRDC

WA YEALERING, FRIDAY 8 AUGUST

Yealering Town Hall, Sewell St, Yealering

7 - 11am - Breakfast and refreshments provided

Guest speakers:

Allan Rattey - Intergrain - Deep sowing of oats

Utilising soil moisture stored below conventional sowing depths, may give growers the opportunity to increase yield while mitigating abiotic risk. Oat seedlings emerge by elongation of both the mesocotyl and coleoptile so oats can be sown deeper than wheat and barley.

Garren Knell and Gray Yates - ConsultAg - Is Excessive Biomass Growth Restricting Maximum Grain Yield In Oats?

This project aims to provide growers with information regarding the relationship between biomass and yield in milling oats. Last season's trials showed that excessive nitrogen reduced harvest index and grain weight, ultimately lowering yields. The oats also produced higher yields when planted in late March instead of late April.

What is an NGN Forum?

The Grains Research and Development Corporation National Grower Network Forum provides an opportunity for anyone involved in the grains industry to bring forward ideas, opportunities or issues which are relevant to the grains industry.

Ideas raised will be discussed in detail, to assist the GRDC to develop targeted RD&E activities that create enduring profitability for Australian grain growers. The forums are also an opportunity to engage directly with a GRDC representative.

Register here:

<https://events.humanitix.com/grdc-ngn-forum-yealering>



For more information:

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Save The Date!

"Games and Afternoon Tea"
event at the
Yealering CWA
Friday 25th July.

Come for a game of
Mahjong, Rummy O,
Scrabble,
or try your hand at Samba,
a variation of Canasta.

Games start at 1 pm
or come along anytime for a cuppa
and catch up.



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All denominations welcome
Enquiries:

Irene—0437 801 026 or

Elaine—0428 898 025

LOVE THIS ANALOGY!

You're holding a cup of coffee and someone
accidentally bumps into you, causing it to
spill everywhere.

Why did you spill the coffee?

"Because someone bumped into me."

Wrong answer.

You spilled the coffee because there was
coffee in your cup. If there had been tea in the
cup, you would have spilled tea.

Whatever is inside the cup is what will spill
out.

So, when life shakes you up, whatever is
inside you will come out.

It's easy to pretend everything's fine until
you're shaken.

So, we have to ask ourselves,

"What's in my cup?"

When life gets tough, what spills over? Joy?
Gratitude? Peace? Humility? Anger?

Bitterness? A victim mentality?

A tendency to quit?

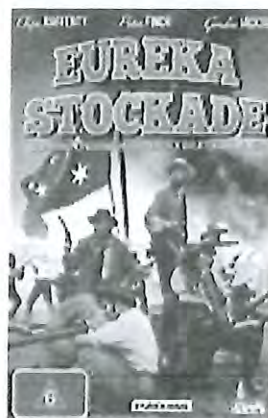
Remember LIFE gives you the cup;

YOU choose what to fill it with!

RECOMMENDATIONS

TEN MOST POPULAR AUSTRALIAN HISTORY MOVIES

TITLE	YEAR	PRODUCER	CAST
TEN CANOES	2006	Rolf de Heer	Crusoe Kurddal Jamie Gulpilil <u>Richard Birrinbirrin</u>
EUREKA STOCKADE	1946	Harry Watt	Chips Rafferty Jame Barrett <u>Jack Lambert</u>
FOR THE TERM OF HIS NATURAL LIFE	1927	Norman Webb	George Fisher Eva Novak <u>Dunstan Webb</u>
THE KELLY GANG	2003	Gregor Jordan	Orlando Bloom Heath Ledger <u>Naomi Watts</u>
GALLIPOLI	1981	Peter Weir	Mel Gibson <u>Mark Lee</u>
RABBIT PROOF FENCE	2002	Phillip Noyce	Everlyn Sampi Tianna Sansbury <u>Laura Monaghan</u>
THE PROPOSITION	2005	John Hillcoat	Guy pierce Danny Huston <u>Ray Winstone</u>
EVIL ANGELS	1988	Fred Schepisi	Meryl Streep Sam Neill <u>Bruce Miles</u>
THE CHANT OF JIMMY BLACKSMITH	1978	Fred Schepisi	Tommy Lewis Freddy Reynolds <u>Ray Barrett</u>
AUSTRALIA	2008	Baz Luhrmann	Nicole Kidman Hugh Jackman <u>Brandon Walters</u>



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10am - 2pm

FREE KIDS ACTIVITIES

9.00-10.30 HUT BUILDING

Learn basic knot tying skills and teamwork while building a basic shelter from the early pioneers of Australia.

12.30-2.30 TINKERING ZONE

Use hammers, hand drills, saws and whittling tools to carve, cut drill, saw and tinker.

Join us for this fun, free, nature escapade, perfect for kids of all ages.

Spaces are limited, so booking is essential.

Children aged 7 & under require adult supervision.



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New books at the Wickepin Public Library



ADULT FICTION: After We Collided— Anna Todd

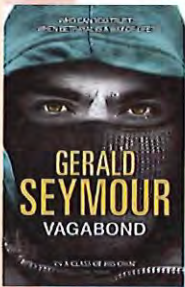
Tessa has everything to lose. Hardin has nothing to lose...except her. AFTER WE COLLIDED...Life will never be the same.

After a tumultuous beginning to their relationship, Tessa and Hardin were on the path to making things work. She knew he could be cruel, but when a bombshell revelation is dropped about the origins of their relationship—and Hardin's mysterious past—Tessa is beside herself.

Hardin will always be...Hardin. But is he really the deep, thoughtful guy Tessa fell madly in love with despite his angry exterior, or has he been a stranger all along? She wishes she could walk away. It's just not that easy. Not with the memory of passionate nights spent in his arms. His electric touch. His hungry kisses.

Still, Tessa's not sure she can endure one more broken promise. She put so much on hold for Hardin—school, friends, her mom, a relationship with a guy who really loved her, and now possibly even a promising new career. She needs to move forward with her life.

Hardin knows he made a mistake, possibly the biggest one of his life. He's not going down without a fight. But can he change? Will he change...for love?



ADULT THRILLER: Vagabond— Gerald Seymour

Danny Curnow, known in the army family by his call sign, Vagabond, ran agents, informers. Played God with their lives and their deaths, and was the best at his job - and he quit when the stress overwhelmed him.

Now he lives in quiet isolation and works as a guide to tourists visiting the monuments and cemeteries of an earlier, simpler, conflict on Normandy's D-Day beaches.

Until the call comes from an old boss, Bentinick.

Violence in Northern Ireland is on the rise again. Weapons are needed for a new campaign. Gaby Davies of MI5, sparky and ambitious, runs the double agent Ralph Exton, who will be the supposed middle man in brokering an arms deal with a Russian contact, Timofey.

The covert world of deception and betrayal was close to destroying Danny across the Irish Sea. Fifteen years later the stakes are higher, the risks greater, and there is an added agenda on the table. If he wants to survive, Danny will have to prove, to himself, that he has not softened, that he is as hard and ruthless as before.



JUNIOR FICTION: The Secret Of The Stone— Kathryn Lefroy

An exciting new adventure story from the author of Alex and the Alpacas Save the World and Alex and the Alpacas Ride Again.

When Olive and her friends find a mysterious stone and discover it grants wishes, they think their lives are made. Sure, they're going to save the world and all that stuff, but there are a few fun things they want to do first. Then they realise other people are looking for the stone. People who will stop at nothing to get it ...

As the stakes get higher, secrets are kept, loyalties are questioned, and promises are broken. How much are Olive and her friends willing to risk to make all their dreams come true?

Sometimes funny, sometimes scary, always gripping, this is an endearing story of friendship, family and navigating your way in the world.



CHILDRENS PICTURE BOOK: A Farm By The Sea— Jillian Packer

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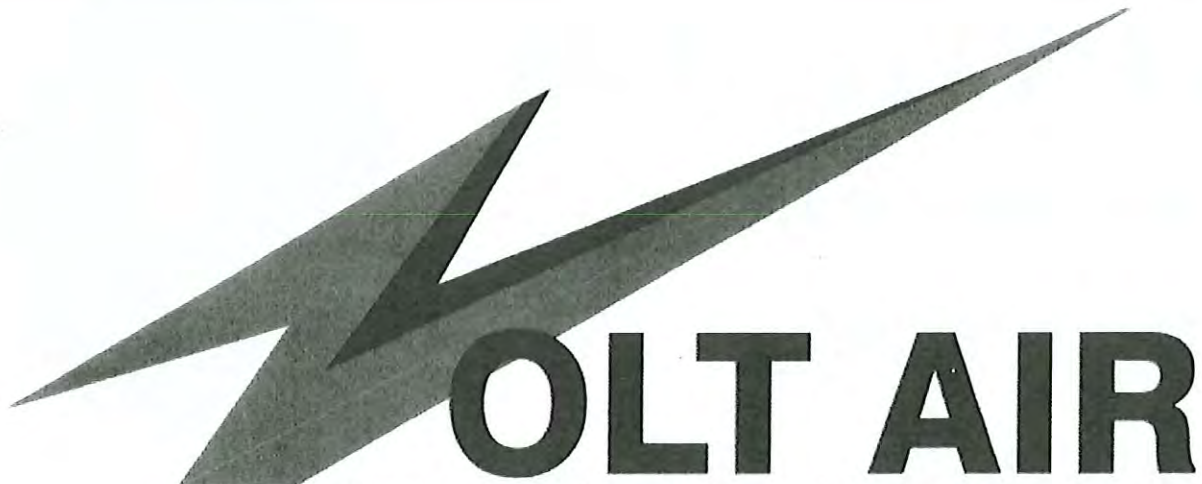
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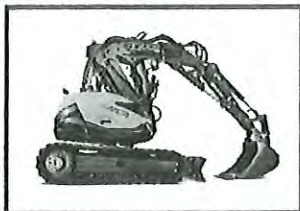


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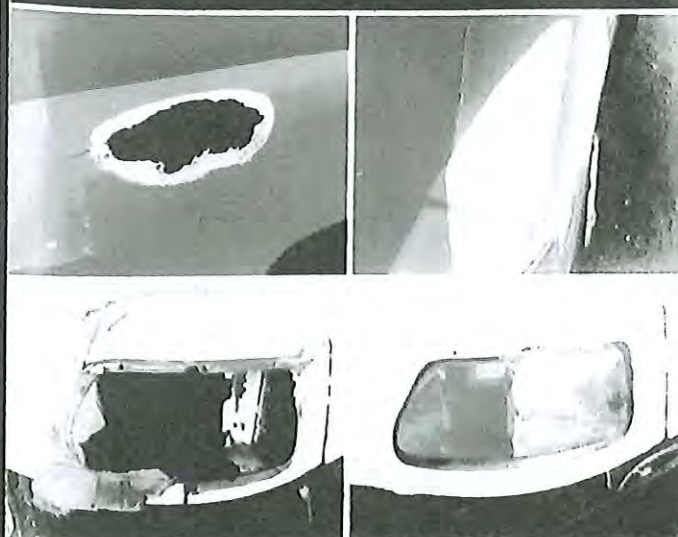
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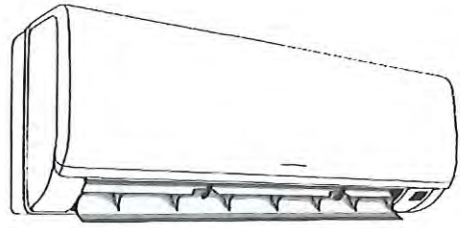
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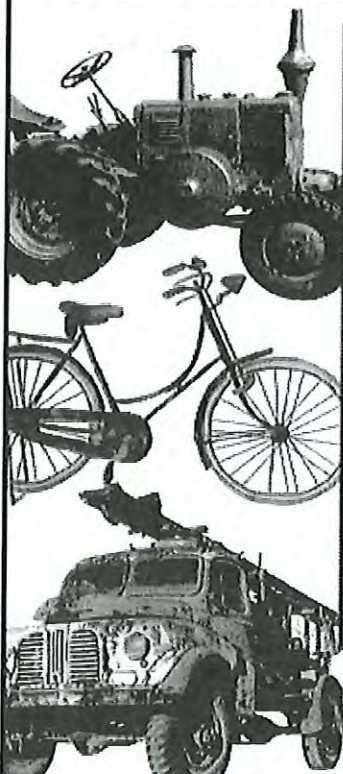
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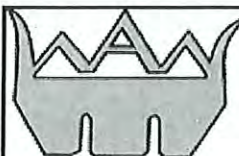
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SPORTS NOTES

WICKEPIN FOOTBALL CLUB



Round 9 Saturday, 05 July 2025 Played at Wickepin Town Oval

Wickepin Fourths	43	6.7	
Narrogin Hawks Fourths	31	5.1	Wickepin Fourths won by 12 pts

Wickepin Reserves	20	3.2	
Narrogin Hawks Reserves	104	16.8	Narrogin Hawks Reserves won by 84 pts

Wickepin League	99	16.3	
Narrogin Hawks League	119	18.11	Narrogin Hawks League won by 20 pts

Round 10 Sunday, 20 July 2025 Played at Wickepin Town Oval

Wickepin Fourths	25	3.7	
Kukerin/Dumbleyung Fourths	13	2.1	Wickepin Fourths won by 12 pts

Best Players - Joel Hay, Noah Plowman, Logan Pike, Bailee Pike, Dylan Miller, Phillip Turvey

Wickepin Reserves	9	1.3	
Kukerin/Dumbleyung Reserves	68	9.14	Kukerin/Dumbleyung Reserves won by 59 pts

Best Players - Jason Quartermaine, Luke Crouch, Aaron Quartermaine, Bryce Pauley, Hunter Cowcher, Grayden Bayley

Wickepin League	77	11.11	
Kukerin/Dumbleyung League	47	7.5	Wickepin League won by 30 pts

Best Players - Dion Anthony, Sam Fortini, Mitch Henley, Justin Morisey, Ryan Melvin, Kailen Leahy

WICKEPIN DISTRICT SPORTS CLUB NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**Wednesday 20th August @ 7.00pm at the
Wickepin District Sports Club**

**All current and future members are welcome to attend
All Committee positions will be vacated and available for
nomination**

Numbers are required for a quorum

Greg White (Chairperson) 0427 881 057

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. Tars: 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.

Wickepin Sports Club is open from 5pm, 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, Happy Hour 6 – 7pm

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	22 nd	Term 3 Starts
Fri	25 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	4 th	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	18 th	Watershed News
Mon	18 th	Recycle and Bin Day
Wed	20 th	Wickepin District Sports Club AGM 7pm
Fri	22 nd	Daffodil 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
Sat	20 th	CRC Spring Market Day 10am – 2pm
Sat	20 th	Free Kids Activities 9am – 10.30am and 12.30pm - 2.30pm
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
Sat	18 th	Local Government Ordinary Election
Sun	19 th	Lake Yealering Bowling Club 70 th Anniversary Luncheon
Tue	21 st	Drum Muster Contact Shire of Wickepin to book 98881005
Mon	27 th	Watershed News
Mon	27 th	Recycle and Bin Day

NOVEMBER

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