

WATERSHED NEWS

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

4th of August 2025

A black and white photograph of a hand gently holding a large, light-colored flower, possibly a tulip, with its petals spread out. The background is blurred, showing more foliage.

IN THE GARDEN, YOU DON'T
JUST GROW PLANTS

YOU GROW HAPPINESS

***Get Your Garden
Ready for Spring***

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Monday 1 st September	Monday 13 th October	Monday 24 th November
Monday 15 th September	Monday 27 th October	Monday 8 th December

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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

August Birthday Wishes to:

- 6th Bailee Pike
- 7th Chris Ewen
- 9th Charlotte Ballard
- 10th Zoe Lang
- 12th Olivia Miller
- 13th Deacon Mullan
- 15th Clinton White
- 16th Matthew Sims
- 17th Trent O'Brien



ENTERTAINMENT & DINNER

The Lake Yealering Golf Club hosted a dinner and show on Friday the 25th July featuring the very talented Patrick McMahon.

Patrick combined his "larger than life personality" and his dynamic musical talent to provide a toe tapping show which featured well-known country, rock and folk songs.

This was a return show for Patrick as he performed at the Golf Club a few years ago while working at Jespersen's as the cruise ships, he entertained on, were anchored due to Covid.

Well done to Christine Hill and her kitchen helpers, and to the bar staff who provided a lovely meal and kept the drinks flowing. Special mention to the waiters Hamish and Neah Stacey, and Ruby, Matilda and Bridget Lee for very capably serving the meal and clearing the tables.

Thank you to Craig and Karen Jespersen for organising an enjoyable evening for approximately 70 guests who travelled from Nannup, Narrogin, and the local area of Wickepin and Yealering.

Many thanks to the star of the show Patrick McMahon for rocking the clubhouse and providing such an entertaining show. Congratulations and well done to everyone involved. We look forward to the next show!!!!



MEMORIAL NOTICES

The memorial service for Lachlan and Myra Thornton is on Wednesday 13th of August at the Narrogin Leisure Centre at 11 am.

Past Wickepin resident, Greg Nicholas recently passed away. His funeral is on Saturday 16th August at the Wickepin cemetery starting at 11 am.

LAKE YEALERING PROGRESS ASSOCIATION held their Annual General Meeting recently with President still Graham Manton, Sam Dawes/Hankinson replacing Veronica Stacey as Secretary and Rachael Hill retaining her position of Treasurer. The group advise they are working on the Hall Kitchen renovation and planning for the Hall Centenary in 2027.

RAINFALL

2024	mm	Days	Total	2025	mm	Days	Total
January	13.2	3	13.2	January	7	2	7
February	3.4	3	16.6	February	5.2	1	12.2
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	76.8	13	188.6
August	84	15	280.2	August	17.4	2	206.0
September	29	6	309.2	September			
October	14.8	4	324	October			
November	22	6	346	November			
December	0	0	346	December			

Registered at the Wickepin Post Office as of 4th August 2025

CLASSIFIEDS

AGISTMENT WANTED

500 Ewes – 3 months

Phone 0429 100 641



Notice Of Meeting

Harrismith Community Centre/Hall Committee

General Meeting

Monday 18th August 2025
7 p.m. at the Harrismith Hall

Agenda:

Future of the Harrismith Community
Centre/ Hall Committee

Close or continue?

If the decision is to continue, then an
AGM will follow to elect new office
bearers.

Contact Sue Astbury,
Secretary/ Treasurer,
Harrismith Community Centre/Hall
Committee

30 HACKS THAT WILL SAVE YOU TIME EVERY SINGLE WEEK



1. Keep a donation bag by the door for quick clear-outs
2. Wipe the bathroom mirror while waiting for the shower to warm
3. Batch-cook and freeze meals on Sunday
4. Use baskets to collect clutter in each room
5. Run the dishwasher overnight and empty it in the morning
6. Set a timer for 10-minute tidy bursts
7. Put laundry away right after drying
8. Keep disinfectant wipes in every bathroom
9. Meal plan once a week to avoid last-minute faffing
10. Write your shopping list as you run out of things
11. Store things where you use them (not where they "should" go)
12. Keep a microfibre cloth under the sink for quick wipe-downs
13. Lay out your outfit the night before
14. Use a shared digital calendar for appointments + reminders
15. Declutter your handbag weekly
1. Wipe the kitchen counters while the kettle boils
2. Sort your post immediately — bin, action, file
3. Label storage boxes so you're never searching
4. Use drawer dividers to find things faster
5. Clean the shower while you're in it
6. Keep duplicate cleaning supplies upstairs and downstairs
7. Use a "Sunday basket" to reset for the week
8. Fold laundry directly from the machine — no laundry mountain!
9. Keep a go-to dinner list for no-think meal nights
10. Do a fridge check before shopping to avoid double buys
11. Group items by task (e.g. tea station, snack drawer)
12. Set phone alarms for your routines (e.g. tidy-up reminder)
13. Use a mini hoover or handheld vac for daily crumbs
14. Hang clothes straight from the line to avoid ironing
15. Do your "tomorrow self" a favour before bed



SOMETIMES
ALL YOU CAN
DO IS JUST
HANG ON



Draft Shire of Wickepin Local Planning Strategy Available for inspection and comment

This is your opportunity to have your say about the future of the district.

The draft Local Planning Strategy (LPS) is available for inspection and comment until 4pm Friday, 14 November 2025.

The LPS is the Council's key strategic land use planning document which has significant implications on subdivision, development, land use and influencing economic development and conservation initiatives. It provides broad direction for the future growth and development of the district for 15 years. It applies State and regional planning policies and provides the rationale for the zones, reserves and provisions in the Local Planning Scheme.

The draft LPS is available at www.wickepin.wa.gov.au, at the Shire office and at the WAPC's Perth office (140 William Street, Perth).

A community drop in session is set for 15 September 2025 between 10.00am – 3.00pm. Please register your interest and a preferred time by contacting admin@wickepin.wa.gov.au.

Submissions may be made by:

- E-mail: admin@wickepin.wa.gov.au
- Post: Writing to the Chief Executive Officer, Shire of Wickepin, PO Box 19 Wickepin WA 6370

Following the receipt of written comments, the Shire administration will review the comments and associated issues and report back to Council. Following the Council's decision in late 2025/early 2026, the WAPC will consider the submissions and the Council's final adopted version of the LPS and, in time, the WAPC will endorse the LPS.

It is highlighted that investment or associated decisions should not rely on the draft Strategy given the final endorsed Strategy may be different to the preliminary draft version. Please contact the Shire for clarification or for further information.

Should you have any queries or wish to discuss matters relating to the draft LPS, please contact the Shire.

The Shire looks forward to your written comments by 14 November 2025.

David Burton
Chief Executive Officer



PUBLIC NOTICE

SHIRE OF WICKEPIN GROWTH STRATEGY

The Shire of Wickpin is looking at adopting our Growth Strategy and wants your feedback and comments. This document is to assist in the development of our townsites and population going into the future.

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

Submissions can be made either via post to PO Box 19, Wickpin 6370 or admin@wickepin.wa.gov.au, by 4.00pm on Tuesday, 12th August 2025.

If you require further information or would like to discuss this with the CEO, please contact the office during open hours on 9888 1005.

David Burton
Chief Executive Officer
22/07/2025

Embracing Community Growth

REQUEST FOR TENDER

RFT-01-2025/2026 SWIMMING POOL MANAGEMENT SERVICES

Description: Tenders are invited for Swimming Pool Management Services.

Tender Enquiries: The Tender Specifications and Conditions of Tender can be viewed on the Shire's Website, under "Public Notices" at www.wickepin.wa.gov.au, or on request by contacting 9888 1005 or emailing eso@wickepin.wa.gov.au.

Lodgement: Tenders will close at 4.00pm Monday 25th August 2025. Submissions are to be in written form with 2 copies and the envelope clearly marked:

"Confidential – RFT-01-2025/2026"

Canvassing of elected members, officers or their representatives will automatically disqualify applicants.

The lowest or any tender will not necessarily be accepted.

This opportunity is also being advertised as an employment position.

David Burton
Chief Executive Officer



2025 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS CANDIDATE INFORMATION WEBINAR

The Shire of Wickpin wishes to inform residents that WALGA, in collaboration with the Department of Local Government, Industry Regulation and Safety (LGIRS) and the WA Electoral Commission (WAEC), will be hosting an online Candidate Information Webinar for individuals interested in nominating for the upcoming local government elections.

The webinar will be held at 6:00pm Monday, 18th August. For those interested in attending, the Shire will be hosting a group viewing in the Council Chambers at the Shire Administration Office. All are welcome to join.

This free session is designed to assist prospective candidates by providing an overview of:

- The local government election process
- The roles and responsibilities of Council Members
- The regulatory role of the Department of Local Government

Participants will also have the opportunity to ask questions during the session.

For anyone considering nominating for Council, this is a valuable opportunity to gain insights and prepare ahead of nominations opening on 28 August 2025.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS 2025

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

This year, the Shire of Wickpin 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 Wickpin 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/oes#/oec>

Owners and Occupiers:

If you own or occupy rateable property in the Shire of Wickpin 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

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.

ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL

The next Ordinary Meeting of Council will be held on Wednesday, 20 August 2025, at the Council Chambers, 77 Wogolin Road, Wickepin. Agendas for Council Meetings are available for viewing on the Shire's website the week prior to each meeting.

Council encourages community participation during Public Question Time, which will begin at 3:30pm. During this time, members of the public can ask questions related to Council business. To ensure your question is addressed, it is recommended that you complete a Public Question Time form in advance, allowing Council to prepare a response.



LANDFILL OPENING

HOURS & DAYS

Wickepin – *Local Residents only*

Days: Saturday & Sunday

Time: 7am – 11am

Time: 12pm – 4pm

Yealering & Tincurrin

Opens: Friday – 4pm

Closes: Monday – 8am

Harrismith

Opens: Tuesday Afternoon

Closes: Friday Morning



The next DrumMuster will be held on **Tuesday, 12 August 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.

Drum deposits are not limited to DrumMuster Days. Simply call us during office hours to arrange for the tip to be opened and someone to assist you on site.

WINTER VEGETABLE GRATIN

Ingredients:

250 grams Brussel Sprouts (halved)
½ Savoy Cabbage (roughly chopped)
3 Leeks (thickly sliced)
50 grams Butter
50 grams Plain Flour
500 ml Milk
Salt and Black Pepper
1 teaspoon Ground Nutmeg
1 tablespoon Wholegrain Mustard
200 grams Cheese (grated)
Add Breadcrumbs (enough to lightly coat the top of the dish)



Method

Bring a large saucepan of water to the boil. Add the Brussels Sprouts, Leeks and Cabbage, bring back to the boil and cook for 4-5 minutes. Drain vegetables in a colander and refresh under cold water. Leave to drain.

Preheat oven to 200c

Melt butter in a pan over a low medium heat. Stir in the flour to form a paste and cook for 2 minutes.

Pour in the milk a little at a time and continue stirring until a thick, smooth sauce forms.

Add in the salt, pepper, nutmeg and mustard and stir to combine.

Add in half the grated cheese and stir again until melted and combined.

Place the drained vegetables into an oven proof casserole dish. Pour over the sauce and mix.

Sprinkle the rest of the cheese on top, followed by the breadcrumbs.

Place the dish in the oven for 30 minutes until golden brown on top.

LEMON GREEK POTATOES

Ingredients:

3 Potatoes (medium, cut into wedges)
¼ cup olive oil
½ cup vegetable broth
1 teaspoon dried oregano
½ teaspoon salt
¼ teaspoon black pepper
1 tablespoon minced garlic
1 tablespoon parsley (chopped for garnish)



Method

Preheat oven to 200C

Place the potato wedges in the baking dish

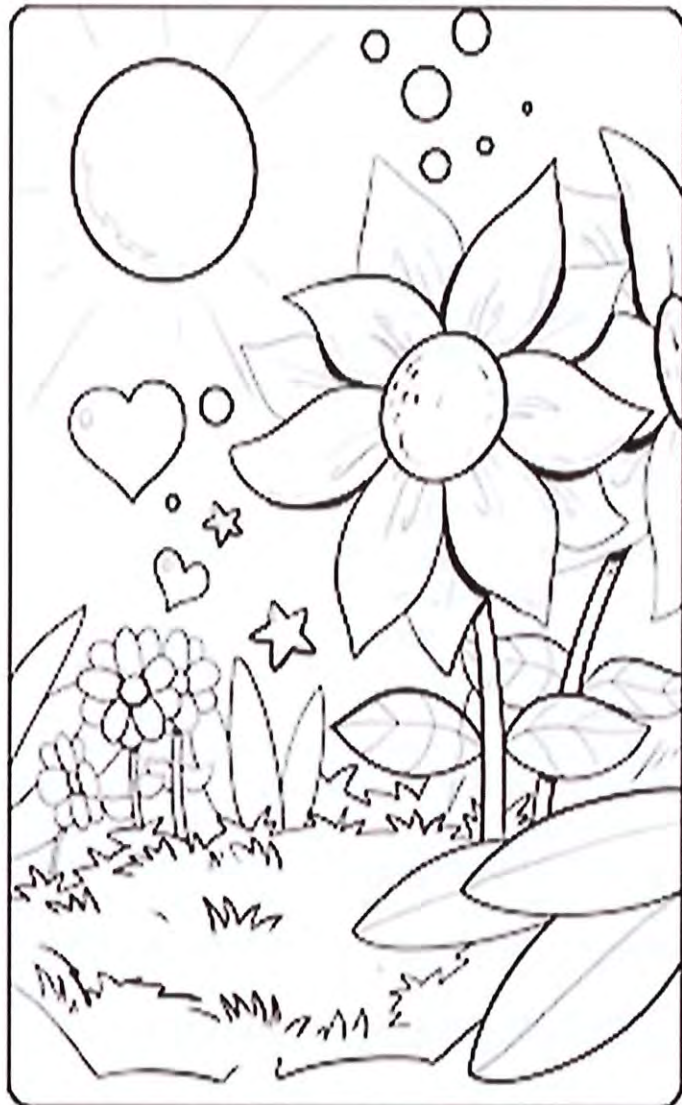
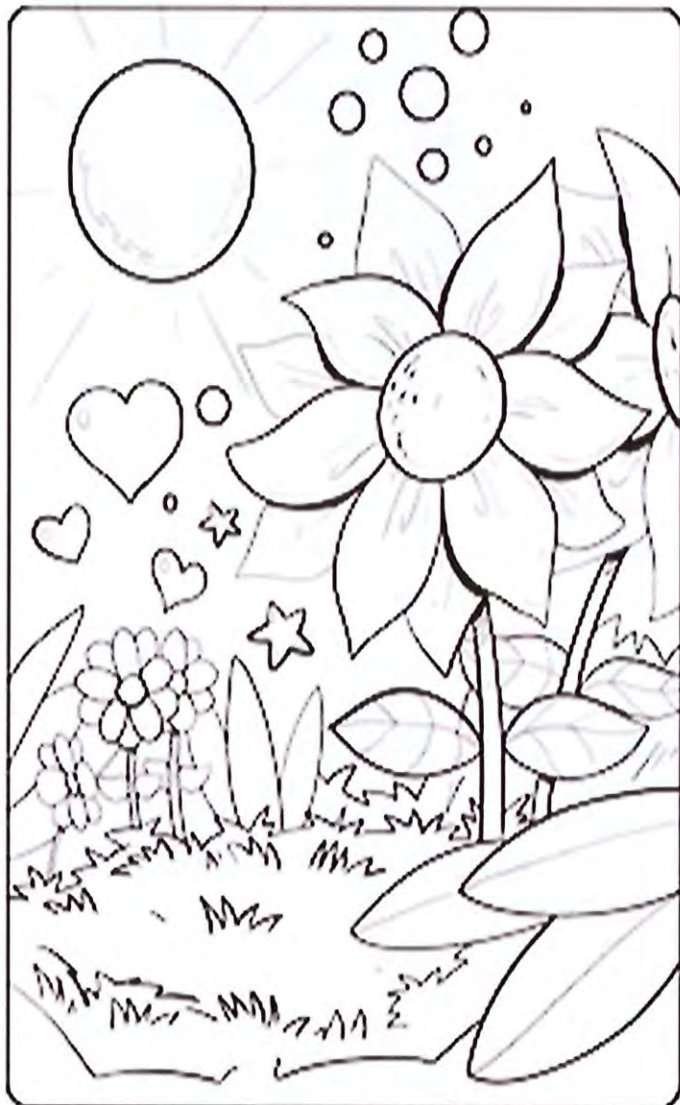
Mix together all the other ingredients and pour over the potato wedges.

Place the lemon slices from the second lemon on top of the potato wedges for garnish.

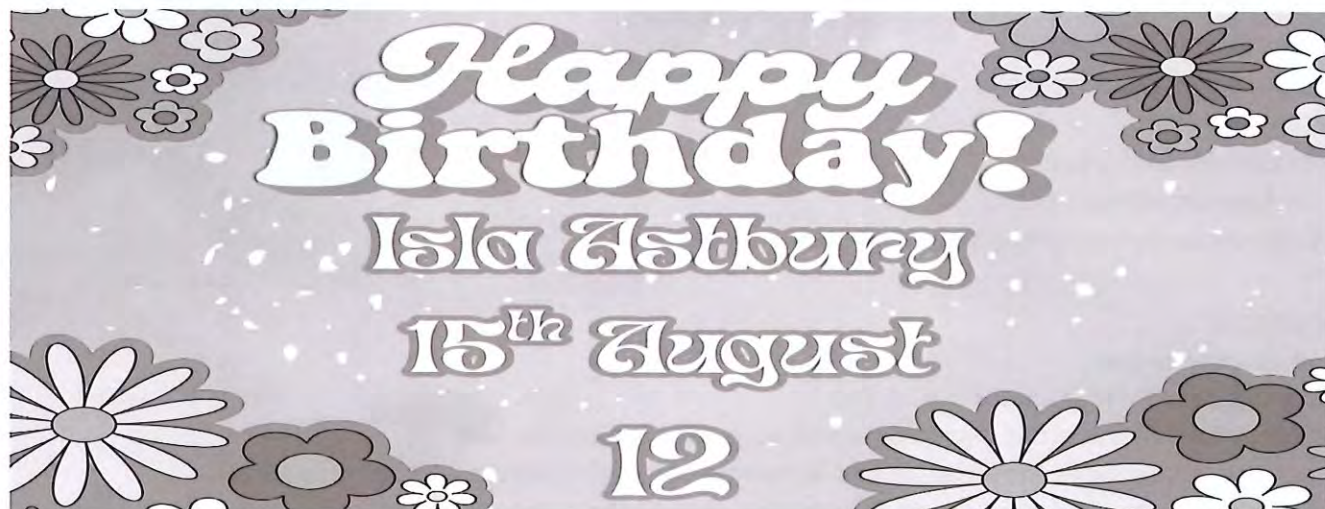
Bake in the preheated oven for 45-55 minutes or until the potatoes are golden brown and tender.

SPOT THE DIFFERENCE

Can you spot the 11 differences between these two pictures?



KIDS BIRTHDAYS



RECOMMENDATIONS

Open Gardens WA events are always an enjoyable, inspiring and relaxing outing for the whole family.

Proceeds go to the hosts chosen charity.

They also provide grants for community gardens and other charitable garden projects.



2025 Spring Calendar

Entry \$8 | Members \$6 | Under 18s Free

ABOUT US

Open Gardens WA is a 'not for profit' volunteer run organisation that showcases the talents of Western Australian gardeners and designers through a calendar of private gardens open to the public and run exclusive events

JOIN IN

\$30 per year membership 1 July to 30 June. Join at an open garden or on the website www.opengardenswa.org

PLEASE CHECK THE WEBSITE FOR ANY LATE CHANGES TO THE CALENDAR

4 OCTOBER WREN'S NEST | 808 WILKINSON RD, BALDIVIS

18 & 19 OCTOBER MOUNT OLIVE STUDIO | 610 MONS RD, HOVEA

25 & 26 OCTOBER SUSA'S GARDENING SANCTUARY | 42 HARDY ROAD, GLEN FORREST

1 NOVEMBER GUILDFORD OPEN GARDENS FESTIVAL WITH SOPHIE THOMPSON

6-10AM ABC RADIO LIVE - SOPHIE THOMPSON 9-10AM

8AM-1PM FREE GARDEN MARKET IN STIRLING SQUARE & TALKS IN HALL

1 & 2 NOVEMBER 4 OPEN GARDENS IN GUILDFORD WITH ABC GARDENING AUSTRALIA PERSONALITY SOPHIE THOMPSON

22 & 23 NOVEMBER SUZANNE LEFROY | 8 MARTIN AVE, NEDLANDS



1-2 NOVEMBER
GUILDFORD
Open Gardens
FESTIVAL
2025

SATURDAY IN
STIRLING SQUARE

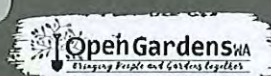
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SOPHIE THOMPSON

• MARKET STALLS
& REFRESHMENTS

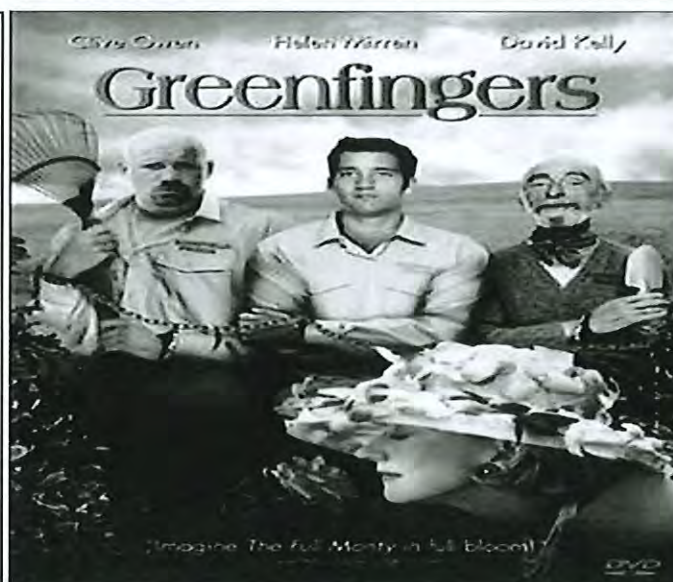
• ABC LIVE ON AIR
FROM 6AM

SATURDAY & SUNDAY

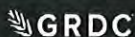
• FOUR STUNNING
GUILDFORD GARDENS
OPEN 10AM-4PM



Greenfingers is a 2000 British comedy film directed and written by Joel Hershman. It is loosely based on the true story about the award-winning prisoners of HMP Leyhill, a minimum-security prison in the Cotswolds, England, a story published in *The New York Times* in 1998. Clive Owen stars as a prison inmate who goes into an experimental "open" prison where the inmates walk around freely and get job training for their impending releases. While there, he discovers he has a talent for growing flowers. His talent is recognized by a gardening guru who encourages him and four other inmates to enter a national gardening competition. Starring Clive Owen, Helen Mirren, David Kelly, Warren Clarke



NATIONAL GROWER NETWORK FORUM



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:

P: 0427 094 266

E: timbercreek.york@gmail.com

Gardening Quiz

1. The love apple is the original name for what?
2. Which plant takes its name from the Italian phrase for beautiful women?
3. Which grain is used to make semolina?
4. Which garden plant in the 17th century was exchanged as a form of currency?
5. What is the art of cutting shrubs into ornamental shapes called?
6. The spice, saffron, comes from which flower?
7. Where is the biggest tree in the world, giant sequoia, found?
8. What herb beginning with 'A' has soothing properties?
9. Roughly, how many varieties of avocado are there? 5, 50, 500 or 5,000?
10. For how long can seeds remain dormant? Months, a few days, years or one season?
11. How long does it take to produce asparagus the first time you plant it?
12. What is another more common name for an Alligator Pear?

St John's Anglican Church

Johnston Street, Wickiepin

1st and 3rd Sundays
@ 8.00am
Morning tea
served after service



All denominations welcome
Enquiries:

Irene—0437 801 026 or

Elaine—0428 898 025





Wickein

Community Resource Centre

TEMPORARILY
CLOSED

Your local connection

**Wickein CRC will be closed on
Thursday 21st & Friday 22nd August
for staff to attend the CRC State Conference.
Apologies for any inconvenience.**



Department of
Primary Industries and
Regional Development

SUPPORT WORKERS NEEDED

Wickein CRC is seeking 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 like
- *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



**For more information, contact
Wickein Community Resource Centre
on 9888 1500, or email
care@wickeinrcrc.com.au**





Eastough's Ag Training

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Wickepin

September 2nd & 3rd

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- 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

For More Information and to book :



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CULTIVATING PROFIT

***A workshop FOR young farmers ...
Delivered BY a young farmer!***

***With Renae Piggott | AgAsset Farm Consultant
& Australian Grain Leader Program Scholar***

Wednesday, 20th August 2025

2:00pm - 5:00pm

**WICKEPIN COMMUNITY
CENTRE**

Register Here



Cultivating Profit is a hands-on 3-hour workshop designed for early-career farmers and advisors to build a strong foundation in farm finance.

It's all about:

-  Boosting financial literacy
-  Growing confidence
-  Developing practical skills for success in agriculture

Led by a fellow peer, the session offers a relaxed, supportive space to ask questions, make mistakes & learn together.

Participants receive a indepth workbook plus take-home resources to keep learning going after the session.



Lets Explore Together ...

- Four key financial ratios
- Variable cost ratios
- Operating profit + gross margins
- Bank process in a business loan application

KEY BENEFITS:

**Basic Understanding of Business
Health**

**Confidence When Making Decisions
Profitable & Sustainable Family Farm
Business**



FACEY GROUP UPDATE

Understanding EIDs and NLIS

What Local Sheep Producers Need to Know

Electronic identification (EID) is **now mandatory** for all sheep and goats born in WA after 1 January 2025. With more requirements on the horizon, it's important to understand your responsibilities and how to get the most from the technology beyond compliance.

Producer Responsibilities

As part of the NLIS (National Livestock Identification System), producers have a few key tasks to meet EID requirements:

1. Tag all lambs born after 1 January 2025

- All sheep and goats born after this date must be fitted with an EID tag printed with your Property Identification Code (PIC).
- Tagging must occur before animals leave your property.

2. Set up an NLIS database account

- Register for a free account at www.nlis.com.au.
- You'll use it to manage livestock records and report movements as needed.

3. Report livestock movements

- Private sales (farm-to-farm) must be reported by the producer via the NLIS database.
- Saleyards and abattoirs will scan and report animals on your behalf — no action is required from you for those movements.

💡 **Tip:** Before selling or moving livestock, check with your **livestock agent** to confirm **who is responsible for scanning the animals** and ensuring EID requirements are met. This can help avoid confusion and make sure you're meeting your obligations under NLIS.

What Do You Need

To get started with EID, you'll need tags, a reader, and optionally, software or apps to help manage your data. Here's a quick comparison of reader options:



Stick Readers

- **Best for:** Small mobs, paddock or basic yard work
- **Pros:** Lightweight, portable, affordable (\$1,500–\$3,000), easy to use
- **Cons:** Manual scanning is slower for larger numbers

Panel Readers

- **Best for:** High-throughput setups, laneways, auto-drafters
- **Pros:** Fast, hands-free, integrates with weighing and drafting systems
- **Cons:** More expensive (~\$5,000+), fixed location use

No Reader? No Problem – Facey Group Offers EID Readers for Loan

- Facey Group has both a stick reader and a panel reader available for loan to local producers.
- Whether you want to trial which reader type suits your system, or simply start using a reader without having to buy one straight away, we can help.
- This is a great way to get hands-on experience with EID gear and see how it fits into your operation before investing.

What You Can Do with EIDs

EIDs offer far more than traceability — they can help you improve decision-making, reduce costs, and boost productivity. With EIDs, you can easily record and track:

- Individual animal weights and growth rates
- Lambing performance or pregnancy scanning results
- Health treatments and drenching history
- Carcass feedback (if integrated with processor data)
- Breeding performance, culling decisions, and replacements

More Resources

Want to learn more or get set up?

- **DPIRD WA:** www.agric.wa.gov.au/eid – WA guidelines and updates
- **NLIS:** www.nlis.com.au – Register, report movements, and manage tags
- **Sheep Producers Australia:** www.sheepcentral.com – National news and EID updates

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NATIONAL GROWER NETWORK FORUM



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:

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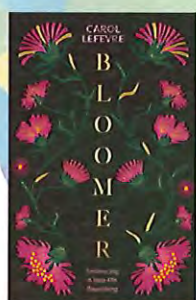
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New books at the Wickepin Public Library



ADULT FICTION: Suspects— Lesley Pearce

When Nina and Conrad move into their new home in Willow Close a body is discovered. Hurrying inside, they see horrified neighbours gather by the police cordon - one of the residents has been attacked and brutally killed in the woods. Believing someone must have seen the murderer, the police interview all the residents and soon find out that each neighbour harbours their own secrets. They are far from what they initially seem and strange, even dark, things happen behind their closed doors. Nina and Conrad had thought they'd found their dream neighbourhood. But have they moved into a nightmare?



ADULT NON-FICTION: Bloomer— Carol Lefevre

It is a daunting prospect to grow old in a time and place that does not value old people, but the generation known as Boomers should not be so easily dismissed. They were part of the cultural revolution of the 1960s and the Second Wave of Feminism. They marched against the Vietnam War and were the first generation to be liberated by the contraceptive pill from the fear of unwanted pregnancy. Their teenage years were fuelled by protest songs and peace-and-love idealism, and plenty of them are still engaged in various forms of activism.

Carol Lefevre's Bloomer documents the year in which she turned seventy, an age designated 'young old' in the stages of later life. Framed by the turning of the seasons in her small suburban garden, memoir threads through meditations on various aspects of ageing - from its hidden grief and potential for loneliness to the ways we experience time and memory and our relationship with the past and with our own mortality. This is a gorgeous, optimistic and eloquent book for everyone who is alive and getting older yet can still find a younger version of themselves somewhere inside. It is for anyone with an interest in the challenges and rewards of ageing, and most of all it is for those who want to subvert the negative imagery around Boomers and emerge instead as Bloomers, people not at the end of things but still on their way, and fully intent on embracing a late-life flourishing.



JUNIOR FICTION: Return To Zero— Pittacus Lore

All bets are off in this third and final book in the epic New York Times bestselling Lorien Legacies Reborn series!

After the battle in Switzerland, the Fugitive Six find their loyalties torn, splitting them into two factions. Taylor, Nigel and Kopano join Nine to return to the Academy, but nothing is the same. Fear and resentment of the Human Garde has been growing and the Academy is under siege. The United Nations has decreed that all humans with Legacies must be implanted with inhibitors, a move that will take away their power and their human rights. The team have no choice but to fight back.

And with the faceless Foundation still at large, Caleb, Ran and Isabela have decided to join forces with their former foes Einar and Five to hunt them down. But when a new threat is revealed, the group find themselves painfully outmatched.

Fractured and facing capture or annihilation on all sides, the Human Garde have to sacrifice everything in a war that pitches them against the rest of the world.



JUNIOR PICTURE BOOK: Birds Of Prey— Myke Mollard

Myke Mollard's signature illustrations and engaging text bring kids up close and personal with over 150 of the world's most powerful, ingenious and charismatic birds of prey. From Ospreys to owls, eagles to condors, there are magnificent representatives from every continent where they are found. The birds are not only beautifully drawn and coloured, but the accompanying text also vividly describes their lifestyles and habits. The wonderment of these stunning creatures, delivered in an engaging cinematic punch, will excite the imaginations of children for life, and fully engage any adult with a love of raptors and other birds of prey.

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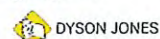
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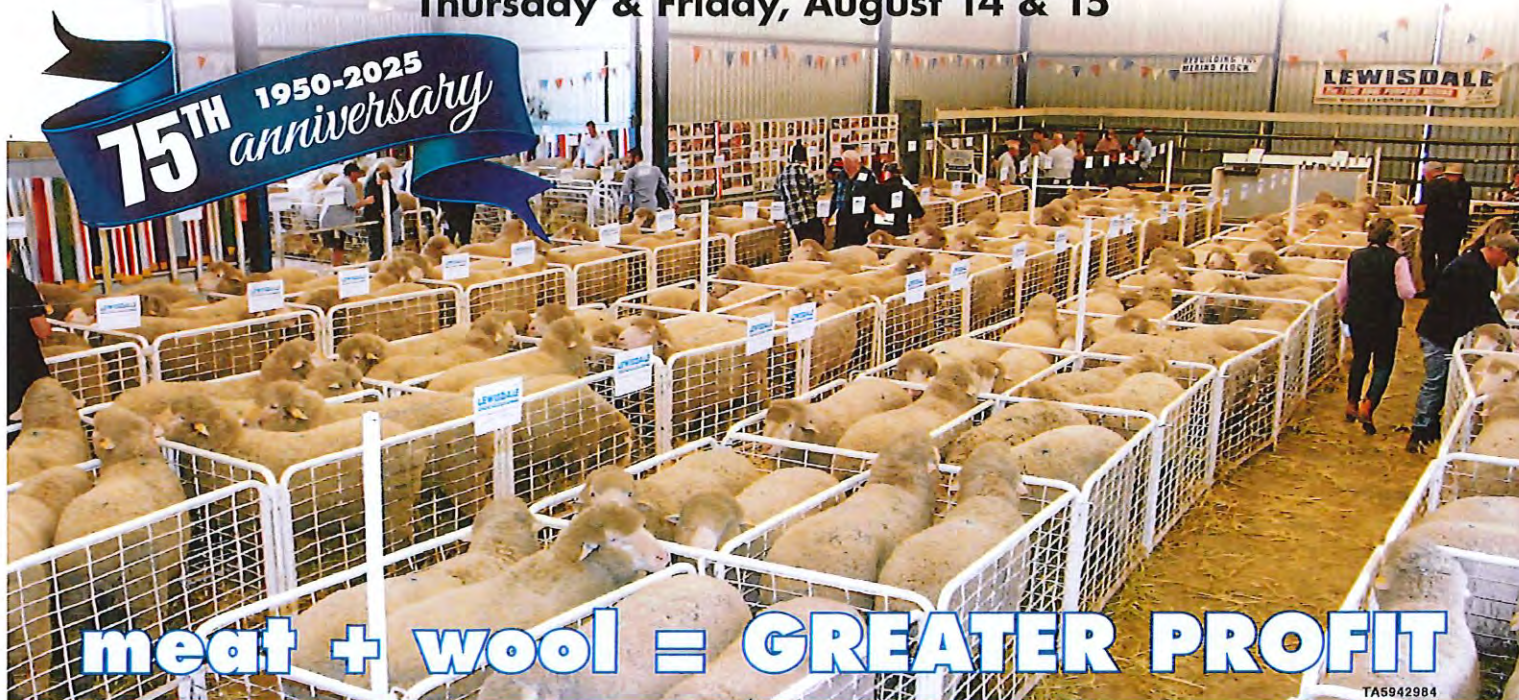


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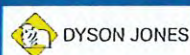
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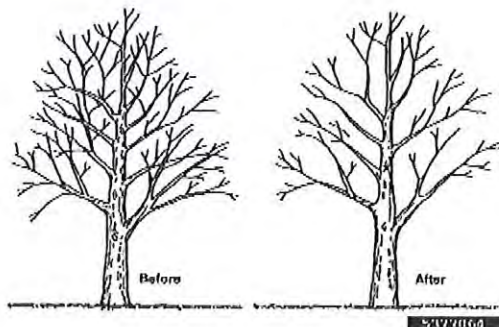
In winter, all deciduous trees are dormant, or asleep. They have lost their leaves and have no growth, so it is a good time to cut them back into good shape.

Evergreen trees are sometimes cut earlier in Autumn. Flowering ones are pruned as soon as flowering finishes if they bloom on new growth. If these are pruned later then the new baby buds will be cut off and there will be no flowers next season.

Shrubs that are grown for berries are cut back in late autumn or winter after the berries are over.

Why Do Trees and Shrubs Need Pruning?

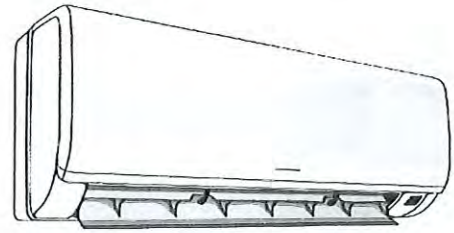
- A tree or shrub continues its growth year to year, which adds to its size, therefore if left to itself it will soon become untidy and straggly, taking up too much room in the garden. It can also sucker, sending new shoots from the roots and spread out too far. By pruning it will grow into a shapely, well-balanced tree.
- Pruning promotes healthy growth of young and productive wood. By thinning out the branches we allow good air circulation and even light through the tree, which helps to ripen the young wood and keep it healthy and disease free. Old, dead wood should be cut right out as it harbours disease.
- A Rose bush grows by replacing branches. A strong shoot will flower for a few years, then the tip will become weak and the flowers become smaller. So the rose sends out a strong shoot from lower down, or from the root. This takes all of the sap and the old shoot starves and dies. By pruning, we cut away the old shoots, open out the bush and encourage the young strong branches. Then we get large flowers each year and the plant is kept more healthy, with minimal dead and diseased wood.
- Fruit trees are pruned to keep them in good, manageable shape so that they don't take over the garden space. By allowing open air circulation and uniform light penetration through the trees, the crop will ripen evenly, they can be sprayed if needed and the fruit can be harvested easily. So any branches that cross over and rub should be cut out. Crops of fruit are also regulated by pruning, as some trees fruit on old season's wood and some fruit on new season's wood.
- When you make a cut with your secateurs or saw, make sure you always cut cleanly, just above a wood bud, or node, that is pointing in the direction that you want the new growth to go. Make a sloping cut away from the bud, so that the rain will run off.
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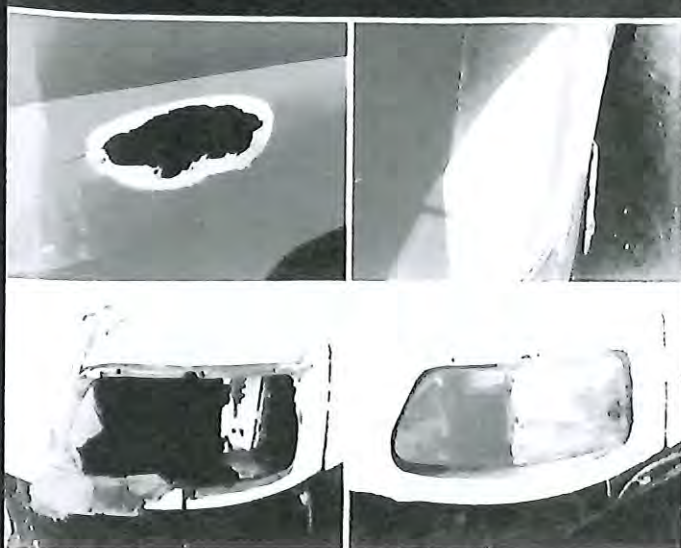
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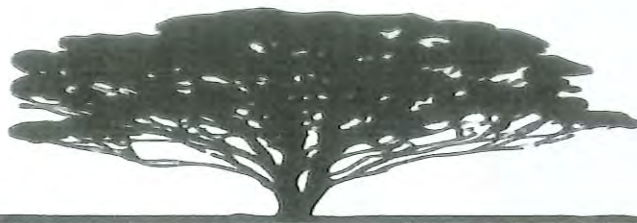
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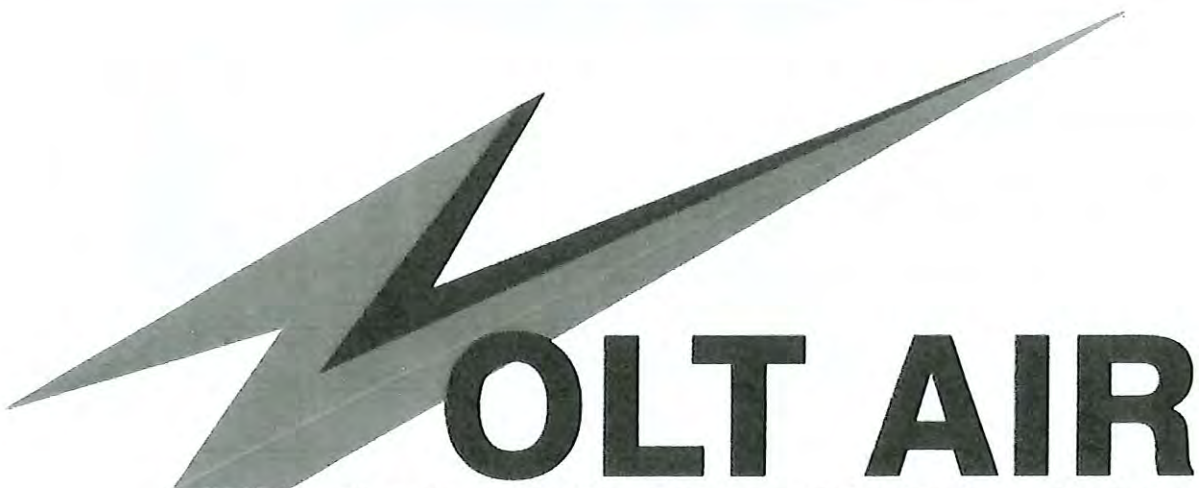
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SPORTS NOTES

WICKEPIN DISTRICT SPORTS CLUB NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday 20th August @ 7.00pm at the
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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

BANKSIA BOWMANS ARCHERY

We finally got Paul's Yumi up and running 😊 The first thing we needed to do was get the string into working order. Traditional Japanese Yumi strings have a bowyer's knot at one end, no centre serving, and nothing at the other end! So Ed got to work and set the brace height with an appropriate bowyer's knot at the bottom end, and then set out a string jig to lay in the centre serving. So now Paul is all set up with an operational Yumi, and also equipped with six 35 inch arrows. The smile on his dial is a sight to see 😊 You need to come down and see it and other bows in action 🏹



LAKE YEALERING GOLF CLUB

Friday 25th July 2025. The Club held a concert featuring Patrick McMahon who's larger than life personality and dynamic music talents entertained and amused a packed Club House, with all guests leaving wanting more! The concert was preceded with a curry meal, thanks to Christine Hill's catering. Fantastic night was had by all with good food, free flowing drinks and incredible entertainment with every one asking when is the next ONE!!

Saturday 26th July 2025

On a good day weather wise, 7 golfers took to the course for an 18 hole Stableford Round. Though the weather was nice, it was still jacket on, jacket off repeatedly due to the intermittent cloud cover. The winner of the day was P. Stribling with 35 Stableford points closely followed by T. Hill with 34 points. No Novelties were awarded on the day.



Thursday 31st July 2025 Mid Week Open Day

Perfect weather for golf. Today the club held its Annual Mid Week 3 person Ambrose competition, kindly sponsored by Gangells Ag Solution with 12 teams competing for a stack of prizes.

The eventual victors were as follows:-

First Place:	C. Pitman, G. Humphries, J. Bell
Second Place:	J. Blechynden, V. Baker, M. Sweeney
Third Place:	C. Jespersen, S. Blechynden, H. Blechynden

Novelties went to:-	Best Third on No 2	C. Pitman
	Best Second on No 4	Bruce Rock Boys
	Longest last on No 7	M. Keillor
	Nearest to Pin No 8	Bruce Rock Boys
	Shortest Drive used No 10	K. McMiles
	Best Second on No 12	A. Szczecinski
	Longest Put on No 14	H. Blechynden
	Best Third on No 16	Quairading Town Boys
	Nearest to Pin No 18	Quairading Town Boys

With as much food as there were prizes, and a well stocked bar, a great day was had by all.

Thanks to T. Sands and her catering team and a special thanks to GANGELL AG SOLUTIONS for Sponsorship and MOYLAN SILO for \$250. Hole in One.

Saturday 2nd August 2025. No golf due to the heavy rain.



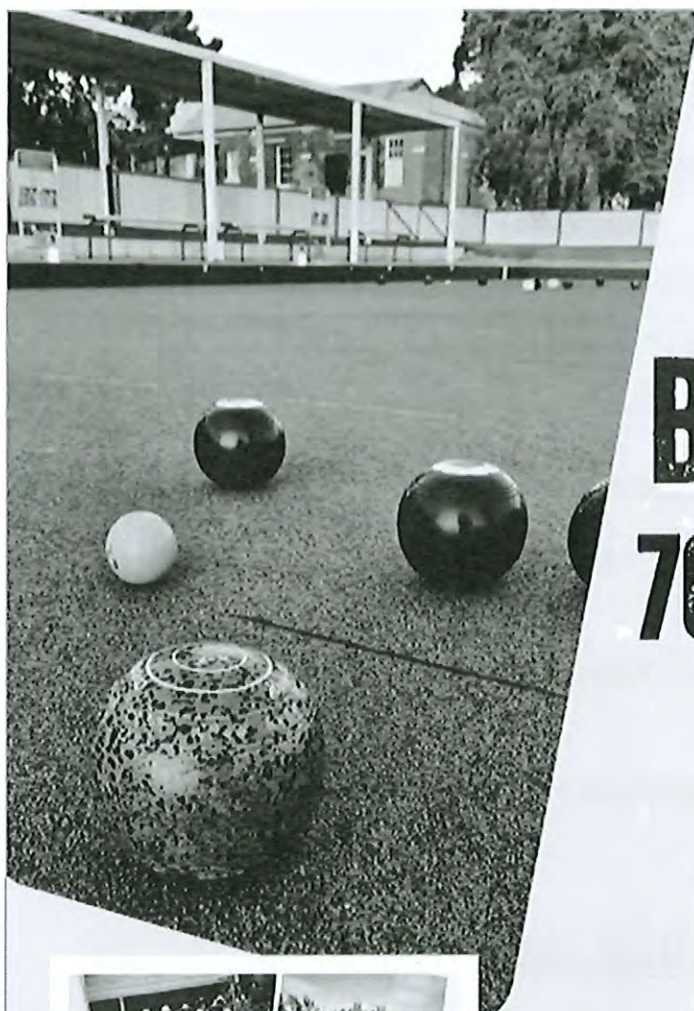
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WICKEPIN FOOTBALL CLUB

Round 11	Sunday, 27 July 2025		Played at Wickepin Town Oval
<u>Wickepin Fourths</u>	15	2.3	
<u>Williams Fourths</u>	17	2.5	Williams Fourths won by 2 pts
<u>Wickepin Reserves</u>	0	0.0	
<u>Williams Reserves</u>	121	17.19	Williams Reserves won by 121 pts
<u>Wickepin League</u>	52	7.10	
<u>Williams League</u>	26	4.2	Wickepin League won by 26 pts

Round 12	Sunday, 03 August 2025		Played at Wickepin Town Oval
<u>Wickepin Fourths</u>	33	5.3	
<u>Boddington Fourths</u>	8	1.2	Wickepin Fourths won by 25 pts
<u>Wickepin Reserves</u>	90	14.6	
<u>Boddington Reserves</u>	28	4.4	Wickepin Reserves won by 62 pts
<u>Wickepin League</u>	64	9.10	
<u>Boddington League</u>	17	2.5	Wickepin League won by 47 pts



WICKEPIN NETBALL CLUB

Round 10

A3 secured their third win for the season again Flames Fusion, 53-23. It was an impressive whole team effort, from accuracy in goals, pressure in defence and composure in mid court. Best players went to Candace, Alex, Georgia and Jess.

We managed to sneak in another home game for our A2 and A1 girls. A2 versed Waves 2 who were ultimately too strong taking a 12 point win. Congratulations to Zoe and Liv for taking out best on ground in the A2 sponsored by Susie McDougall.

The A1 girls absolutely stormed home in a ripping win against Williams. Kelly receiving 2nd best and Abbey took out best on ground and absolutely dominated Williams. Thank you to Linley Rose for sponsoring awards.

Round 11

The A3 girls had an incredible win over the top-of-the-table team Flames Fury, 42-39. It was a solid all-round performance, with the standout defensive pressure setting the tone from start to finish! Best players went to Candace, Alex and Danika.

The A2 team versed top of the ladder Cuballing, a strong game saw us in close competition for the first half of the game with the girls working well as a team however Cuballing were too strong taking the 12 point win. Best players were to Christina Smith and Dakoda Bolton-Black





WHAT'S ON IN THE WICKEPIN SHIRE

MONDAY

Fit Pursuit 5.45 – 6.30am, Wickepin Community Centre

TUESDAY

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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

AUGUST

Mon/Tu	11 th -12 th	Facey Group Farm Succession Planning 2 Day workshop
Fri	8 th	Facey Group GRDC Grower Network Forum Yealering Town Hall 7-11am
Tues	12 th	Drum Master Bookings are essential 98881005
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
Wed	20 th	Facey Group Cultivating Profit 2-5pm Wickepin Community Centre
Thur	21 st	Wickepin CRC closed
Thur	21 st	Cancer Council Daffodil Day
Fri	22 nd	Wickepin CRC closed

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

NOVEMBER

Fri	7 th	Communi Tea
Mon	10 th	Watershed News
Mon	10 th	Recycle and Bin Day
Mon	24 th	Watershed News
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1. Tomato
2. Belladonna
3. Wheat
4. Tulips in the Netherlands
5. Topiary
6. Crocus
7. California USA
8. Aloe vera
9. 500
10. Years
11. 2-3 years
12. Avocado