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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

**COUNCIL ELECTIONS – VOTING PACKAGES**

Voting packages for this year's Council Election will be arriving in your mailbox soon! Take the time to read through the nominee profiles carefully and cast your vote.

CHANGE TO TIP HOURS

Due to increasing costs for waste disposal, the Shire is exploring ways to reduce the cost for residents in an effort to keep cost increases to a minimum. As such, from 1st October 2025, the Shire will be looking at the Wickepin tip hours being as follows:

Saturday 8am to 12noon

Sunday 1pm to 5pm

Wednesday 1pm to 5pm

The change in times will allow for the extra time on Wednesday for those who cannot make it to the tip on the weekend.

**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 which 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

**NOT-FOR-PROFIT SUCCESS IN THE BUSH FORUM – 17 OCTOBER 2025, PERTH**

Declining populations of rural communities in WA is placing increased pressure on not for profit groups and sporting clubs. Volunteers are wearing multiple hats, leading to volunteer burnout. Community groups are trying to fill spaces where there is a market gap in their towns.

The Sustainable Economic Growth for Regional Australia (SEGRA) Foundation is presenting a full-day forum showcasing real stories, community-led impact, and practical solutions for not for profits across rural WA. The SEGRA Foundation is a not for profit public company whose objective is to advance rural, remote and regional Australia. The Foundation is an independent and non-partisan network of Australians who connect, promote and empower rural communities and their leaders to advance their long term interests.

To encourage community members to attend the forum, **the Shire of Wickepin is offering to subsidise 50% of the cost of each attendee's ticket from eligible not for profit organisations or sporting/community groups within the Shire.** The subsidy amount is capped, limiting the number of tickets available, so we recommend applying as soon as possible.

This event is for anyone leading change in the bush, whether you're a board chair, committee member, community volunteer, or staff member of a regional not for profit. Expect a day of learning, inspiration, and connection.

What's on the agenda?

Saving the Pub

Hear how several regional towns stepped up to save their local pub.

Streamlining Sports Governance in Small Communities

Explore how communities with small populations are making local sport work.

Where's the Money?

Listen to creative ways not for profits are finding and using funds to deliver impact.

Growing Rural Economies

Discover business models that are helping not-for-profits thrive in the regions.

Problem Solving Workshop: Attracting & Retaining Volunteers

A hands-on, interactive session exploring one of the biggest challenges facing rural not for profits.

The Value of Community Foundations

Learn about the growing role of foundations in supporting regional development.

This forum is focused on real examples and practical insights from people working on the ground in regional WA. It's not just about big ideas - it's about what's actually working.

End the day with networking drinks (4:45–6:00 PM) overlooking the Swan River - a chance to continue the conversation, make meaningful connections, and toast to regional innovation.

For ticket purchases and further information please contact Lara Marchei at governance@wickepin.wa.gov.au or 9888 1005 by 4pm Friday 3 October 2025.

Further information regarding the Forum and a full programme are available via <https://events.humanitix.com/not-for-profit-success-in-the-bush-forum>. A copy of the programme is also on the following page of the Shire Notes.



NOT-FOR-PROFIT SUCCESS IN THE BUSH FORUM

17th of October 2025

8:45am - 4:45pm

Beaumonde On the Point, Perth

PROGRAM

Time	Presentation
8:45am	Welcome by Master of Ceremonies Julian Canny, Euphorium
9am	The National Rural Volunteering Roadmap with Professor Kirsten Holmes, University of WA
9:30am	The Benefits of AI for NFPs with Dimity Smith, GroRural (virtual presentation)
10am - 11am	MORNING TEA
11am	Workshop: Where are all the volunteers? With Julian Canny, Euphorium
12.15pm	BREAKOUT 1 Saving the Country Pub Darkan Pub – Janelle South Mogumber Hub – Pauline Bantock Ongerup Pub – Jye Duggan BREAKOUT 2 Streamlining Sports Governance when you have small populations Central Wheatbelt League – Rebecca Fuschbishler Eastern Wheatbelt Winter Sports – Carissa Wanless Hyden Sports Committee – Craig Mayfield
1.15pm	LUNCH
2.15pm	Where's the Money? Busselton Margaret River Tourism Association - Sharna Kearney Kulin Bush Races – Tom Murphy Leschenault Sporting Association and The Pav - Matthew McTamney Working session with final presenter to be announced
3:30pm – 4pm	The Value of Community Foundations with Dylan Smith, Community Foundations Australia
4pm - 4:45pm	Community Future Fund Panel with David Falconer, Chair Mt Burdett Foundation and Caroline Robinson, Chair Ravensthorpe Hopetoun Future Fund
4.45pm – 6pm	CLOSE and join us for NETWORKING DRINKS

On the day there will also be information areas on organisations that support not for profits in Western Australia.

Foundation Event Partner

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Not-For-Profit Success in the Bush Forum



PUBLIC NOTICE

PROPOSED PARKING & PARKING FACILITIES AMENDMENT LOCAL LAW 2025



In accordance with section 3.12(3)(a) of the Local Government Act 1995, notice is hereby given that the Shire of Wickpin proposes to make a Parking and Parking Facilities Amendment Local Law.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this local law is to correct typographical errors as advised by the Joint Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.

EFFECT

The effect of this local law will enable the Parking and Parking Facilities Local Law 2024 to be enforceable.

Copies of the proposed Local Law may be inspected or obtained from the Shire's Administration office, 77 Wogolin Road, Wickpin WA 6370 or can be viewed on the Shire's website www.wickepin.wa.gov.au.

Submission

Written submissions are invited on the above proposal and will be received up to 4:00pm on Wednesday 29th October 2025. Submissions may be lodged by -

Hand 77 Wogolin Road, Wickpin WA 6370
Post PO Box 19, Wickpin WA 6370
Email admin@wickepin.wa.gov.au

David Burton
Chief Executive Officer

Embracing Community Growth

SHIRE OF WICKEPIN
**Community and Economic
Development Officer**

An opportunity exists for an enthusiastic, self-motivated individual to fill the position of Community and Economic Development Officer at the Shire of Wickpin, on a basis of 48 hours per fortnight (3 days per week).

Remuneration will be based on the LGIA 2024 award depending on qualifications and experience.

The Shire of Wickpin is an equal opportunity employer who actively promotes training and development.

For information on how to apply, please contact the Shire Office on 9888 1005 or email eso@wickepin.wa.gov.au. Details are also available on the Shire of Wickpin website www.wickepin.wa.gov.au.

Applications close with the undersigned on the 3rd October 2025 and should be addressed 'Private & Confidential.'

David Burton
Chief Executive Officer

SHIRE OF WICKEPIN
**Finance Officer
Full Time**

An opportunity exists for an enthusiastic, self-motivation person to fill the position of Finance Officer at the Shire of Wickpin on a permanent basis.

Total salary package between \$69,810 to \$77,610 dependent on qualifications, skill and experience.

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David Burton
Chief Executive Officer

COMMUNITY NOTES

September Birthday Wishes to:

17th Stephen Rance
21st Hayley Ballan, Leanne Smith
22nd Eleanor Lang
24th Mavis McColl
25th Hayley Doncon, Sam Doncon
26th Melanie Pike, Glen Sands, Kieran Harris
27th Danielle Bird, Tristan Vitalone, Margaret Watkins
28th Trevor Leeson



PREMIERS AT LAST

Wickepin have tasted premiership success, downing Narrogin by 25 points in a terrific Upper Great Southern Football League grand final.

The Warriors had to survive a strong challenge from the Hawks in the last to win 11.9 (75) to 7.8 (50).

Ryan Melvin won the George Warren Medal as best on ground in the decider.

Kayle Kirby booted five goals and Dion Anthony finished with four.

Congratulations to the Wickepin D-Grade for being Runner-up Premiers for 2025.

The Wickepin Community is Proud of you All.

CONGRATULATIONS

Chloe and Cam Nelson welcomed a baby boy on the 4th of September.
Edward Spencer Nelson weighing 4.3kg, a baby brother for Will. Bron and Matt Pockrans second grandchild and the 4th grandbaby for Jo and James Nelson.



Austin (Aussie) Fulford Eulogy

Life of our Dad Austin (Aussie) Fulford by Vicki Wasley

"G'day, Dad, it's like bloody pea soup out there this morning. You can't see past the end of your nose; it's that foggy. Only good thing is it's not frost; the farmers'll be happy it's not," I called out as I stepped into the kitchen.

Dad would look up from the table where he was having a cup of tea and toast, "There is always something to upset the apple cart in a farmer's day. Today would be no different."

Yes, it was like that, foggy like pea soup, as I sat at my computer to write this, the life of our dad.

Austin Charles Fulford was the second child of Alice and Charlie Fulford. Born in Moora. Younger brother to Lorna (now deceased), and older brother to George and Ross.

Like many Fulfords, Dad never cared much for school. He attended Moora Primary School, but if there was ever a way to get out of going, he would find it. Sometimes, he'd put a small puncture in George's bike tire, then offer a solution with a grin. "Here, George, take mine. I'll take yours back home," he'd say, every bit the caring brother—or so it seemed.

The eight-mile ride to school was a challenge in itself. On top of that, if a farmer had moved cows down the road, dodging the cow pats was a necessary skill. If you failed, you'd have to spend the whole day smelling like it. Dad never forgot those rides and loved telling the story.

One story that Dad loved to tell was about the time he and George decided they wanted to fly. Their plan was simple: climb up onto the shed and jump off to see who could go the farthest.

George was chosen to go first—though no one could quite remember whose idea that was. The scene was set: George perched on the shed roof, while Austin waited below, eager to watch what would happen next.

George took a deep breath and leapt. Instead of soaring, he dropped straight down and landed with a thud on the ground. Still catching his breath, George called out, "Austin, your turn!" Austin shook his head and replied with a grin, "No, you'll be right—maybe later."

Years later, when George returned to the old homestead, George looked at the shed and laughed. "It's not nearly as high as I remembered," he said. "But when you're a little chap dreaming of flying, it feels like a long way down."

Their misadventures were classic Fulford—full of curiosity, daring, and just a touch of mischief, always leaving everyone with a good story to tell.

All too soon, it was time to sell up and move on. They set out to a small siding called Malyalling. Lorna, being the oldest, looked around and declared she would not live out here in the back and beyond. So, with that, no hesitation, they headed down the road to Wickiepin, hopeful that the next stop would feel a bit more like home. This is where Austin, George, Lorna and little Ross went Wickiepin Primary school.

Dad had another story to tell—this one about Ross. It seems it was Dad's job to take little bugger to school before heading off to work. Like any true Fulford, Ross didn't care much for school either. After arriving, he would make his way back to the shop, and poor George would have to take him back to school again. Apparently, Ross could run quite well, and he was quick at it, too.

Dad's first job after leaving school—encouraged by the headmaster, who believed he'd do better outside the classroom—was at a local garage. He was only thirteen then, eager to prove himself. Under the watchful eye of Jack Chick, Dad learned his way around engines and tools. Dad would often talk about Jack and the band he was in, how Wicky would have great dances.

Dad decided to try his hand at farming, taking jobs with Les Hemley and Murray Lang, as well as sharecropping with Arthur Mutton. He discovered that farming just didn't light the same spark in him.

Seeking something new, he went to work for Laurie Turner, who owned a bulldozer. Working alongside Laurie and Bill Butler, Dad learned the ins and outs of operating heavy machinery. It was there, amidst the roar of the engine and the satisfaction of pushing dirt from one place to another, that his love for dozers truly began.

Dad wasn't just a local lad from Wickepin—he also played football for the Wickepin Football Team. There were stories about being trapped in the change rooms when someone let off a silent but smelly bomb—if you know what I mean. Then there were the antics involving wet patches on newly mowed grass, but I won't go any further into that.

After sharing tales from the football field, Dad would often recall another favourite memory. On very still nights, Dad and his mates would drive to the Wickepin Wheat bin, which was made of corrugated iron. They would run sticks along its side, creating a loud racket that echoed through the town—often waking up the local policeman who lived nearby. More than once, the officer would be jolted from his sleep and rush out, hoping to catch the culprits who had disturbed his rest.

These moments, full of laughter and harmless mischief, perfectly capture the spirit of Dad's youth and the fun he and his friends found in small-town life.

The next stage in Dad's life was serious. This was where he met the love of his life, a new nurse hit town, and it seemed that the matron at the time at Wickepin Hospital liked Dad and would allow him to come visit the Beverley-born Esther Price after many dances and dates. The wedding was announced. Esther & Austin were married in Beverley on the 8th of February 1961. After the honeymoon and newly married life, it was serious work on obtaining his first Bulldozer, an HD15, a house to live in and bring up 3 beautiful children, Vicki-lee born 17th November 1961, Mark Edward 31st December 1962 and Tammi Lyn 30th December 1965. Busy times were had by Austin and Esther, getting the business off the ground and bringing up 3 children. But with all business comes a lull in business, and dad either picked up a shearing handpiece or headed out in his ute, calling into many farms to round up some work, and the perks of that were he always got a fresh cuppa and freshly cooked scones, good old chit chat and shared joke or two. Dad was always out working from sunup to sundown to keep the money coming in.

AC & EJ Fulford Earthmoving Contractors was up and running, which took him all over the state, as far north as Derby, to Kalgoorlie, down to Holt Rock, Taryn Rock, Wickepin, Narrogin, Lake Grace, and the list just keeps going. There is not a paddock that does not have a dam, contour banks, silage pit, cleared bush, or back yard with a hole dug for the new pool that wasn't dug by Aussie.

Along his travels, he began to grow his addiction to vintage tractor collecting; the proof is his yard on Main Street of Wickepin. Either paid for or for the reduction of the bill. Mum would shake her head and say, "Oh dear, not another one. Dad and Mum loved the auctions, and if one was near, they would get in the car and go check it out.

Another story, as Dad had three beautiful children (just ask we will tell you), but learning from dad was well different like bringing the local wild life home, possum that spent the night in the hat box which turned out not strong enough to keep it in destroyed mum kitchen, or the 3 baby emus which kept in the only toilet in the house, or the odd blue tougue, either way he was doing his part in educating us, we loved him for it.

Dad seemed to have a knack for ripping his shirt or trousers. Mum would ask, "How did you do that?" He would simply reply, "Well, I really don't know." The truth is, he did know—he just didn't want to explain it to Mum for fear of getting an earful.

I think the best story was about his thermos. When Dad got home, Mum asked, "Where's your thermos?" Without looking at her, he said, "I used it to stop from getting bogged." Mum tried not to smirk and replied, "More like you forgot it was on the tracks and drove off." Dad gave a sheepish grin, as if to say, "Well, that could have happened."

As time went by, the children grew up, started their own families, and brought home grandchildren—five in all: Austin, Bronwyn, Stacey, Jayce, and Desiree. He cherished each of them and made the most of every moment together. He would sit on the floor to play, nurse them to sleep, and tease them with his famous false teeth maneuver—a trick that Austin, the eldest grandchild, once tried his best to imitate.

Whenever he had the chance, Pop would put the grandkids on his lap or take them for a ride on the dozer or truck. He loved to spoil them in every way he could. As the years passed, both he and Mum—known as Nan and Pop—delighted in welcoming the next generation. The great-grandchildren nine in all Delinda, Charlie, Kaylan, Abel, Declan, Darcy, Valentina, Alexander and Xavier, and each one was treasured. Every visit, no matter how brief, was an opportunity for laughter, storytelling, and making memories that would last a lifetime.

A time to give as life went on, and Aussie, as everyone called him, would donate time to helping this community get things happening, and like Pad for this Recreation Centre is sitting on. Or firing up his vintage tractors, drive them around town or travel out of town vintage tractor shows. Esther was never too far behind him, giving her time to get craft shows off the ground, which I'm sure Dad tried running from on a few occasions, but there be together looking over the fruits of their labour of love for this small community Wickepin which they called home.

This skinny little boy born on Wednesday, 8th June 1938, to Charlie and Alice Fulford, in Moora, left school at the age of 13 to work as mechanic, then farmhand, learnt how drive heavy machinery and become well respected Bulldozer Operator and Earthmoving gentleman. Known for his beady eyes and cheeky grin, greasy old hat, quick tongue, everlasting chuckle this was our dad.

We have been blessed to have this man in our lives. We will miss him dearly, but we hold onto our memories, cherish the thought that our dad is now with our mum and they are looking over us or just off kicking up their heels at a dance or sipping on a hot cuppa and enjoying a freshly cooked scone. We are never ready to say goodbye or to see you later, but Dad and Mum, you have raised 3 beautiful children who each take on part of all of your characteristics, such as independence, stubbornness, thoughtfulness, thinkers, and lastly no mean least, your determination. We love you

Dad (Aussie) by Mark

As I sit here and write this, my mind is filled with so many thoughts and memories, mostly good, some not so good. Too many memories in a way, to try and put into a few words here today on a piece of paper.

Right from my earliest memory, when I got a toy dozer for Christmas, I think I was five, and Dad sat in the sandpit with me and showed me how to build a dam (I didn't get to use the toy dozer much because he was having too much fun with it!) This was probably a precursor to how my life would be in the future with him.

In the early days I would go to work with Dad and spend many hours sitting on the toolbox of the dozer while Dad was chaining or dam sinking.

I drove a dozer for the first time in a dam with Dad when I was thirteen, and that dam was the 'Footy Dam' here in Wickepin. My job was to keep the floor ripped, the Dozer was a D85A Komatsu.

At 16 I left school and went to work in the family business. In this time, we spent a lot of time sitting side by side on Dozers, chaining, dam sinking, doing Wysalt banks and pushing mud out of dams, which was a shit of a job. (I think even Dad was happy when Excavators came along! Not that he liked excavators that much, because he was a Dozer man at heart)

Dad and I worked together for 43 years in total, and to say we had a few barneys in that time, would be fair to say! At the same time, we had each other's back. The Father/Son dynamics is not always an easy one when working together.

As I sit here and reflect on Dad, the thing that comes to me about him, is that he had a real love for life. To wake up every morning and be excited for what the day would bring, and if it was sitting on a Dozer, it was all that much the better.

The lessons I learned from him were many, however, probably the biggest and most important one was resilience, that when the chips are down, you just need to dig a bit deeper to get through.

This was a lesson that would serve me well, as Dad developed Dementia.

As most of you may know Dad was in care for the last couple of years because of Dementia.

The dementia however actually started sometime before that. It was subtle in the beginning, just the odd thing here and there, but as time went on, it made its presence felt more and more.

The thing with dementia is that it is the people around them that see something is not right. Dad never thought there was anything wrong with him, it was just what I wanted him to have, he'd say to me.

This wasn't the case!

Dad had a lot of anger in him through the early stages of it, and he may have upset a few people during that time, I would just like you to know that it wasn't the Aussie that you knew, it was the Aussie that was going through a lot of turmoil, as I look back on it, I can see it was just the way it was affecting his mind at the time.

Mum and I became very close over this time as we navigated the ever-changing Dad, I would also like to pay tribute to Mum at this time, as she really was his rock that kept him on the straight and narrow.

We can only hope that Mum and Dad are having a great time together now and having a good laugh about it all.

Love to you both. You will always be in our hearts and minds. Your memories will remain with us always.

Love from Mark and Family

My Dad and his journey by, Tammi (little one)

Hi Dad, how are you going? he would say that sounds like the young one. I would sit down with him and talk about things; he would understand what I was talking about, sometimes getting confused. I would take in goodies for him. Bananas were his favourite, along with a sweet pastry or cake or two. He would sit there and eat most of it, like there was no tomorrow.

In these talks he would ask where mum was, I would have to ask him do you mean Esther my mum, I would have to explain to him that mum had passed away and he would say, that's right you told me about that didn't you, I said yes, and his reply was I do forget sometimes, I would tell him that ok that's why I am here to remind you.

In the home where he was, some of the residents would scream and squeal. He would say 'hear those kids; they must be wanting their dinner'. Some other times, there would be an argument between a couple of ladies and dad would go, 'they are at it again', I would say to him. How often does this happen, he said All the time, mostly. He never got involved, he said I'd best stay out of it.

Dad thought he was working there and was always walking around checking on things. He was very mobile still, no walker or anything like that, although a bit slower in walking. Sometimes when I went over to see him, he would tell me I just missed the big auction; they sold everything off. I told him I hope you didn't buy anything. He told me, no, nothing worth having, he loved a good auction. Dad and I would have some good laughs, mostly about what he was trying to say or the way he said it. One day, a female resident was sitting in the chair next to him, and the staff came to help her up for something. Dad turned to me, and this is going to be a mission and a half. I laughed, and then he started, and we couldn't stop. Dad and I used to laugh all the time, and the residents would look at him. Most of the time, he was quiet and shy. He would often go out into the garden and sit in the sun and tell the staff he was sunbaking. He always loved being outside. He didn't really get involved with too many activities like craft or bingo, and if he did, it was because there was chocolate at the end of it; think they bribed him a bit with that. He did go on a few outings, the last one was to Bunnings, where the staff said he was good and was checking out the BBQs. I did ask him, and he said he hadn't been anywhere, just working.

I would tell him what was going on in Wicky, which he was pretty good with, and he would tell me stories about this or that person, some good, some really funny we would laugh.

Sometimes I would go there, and he would be asleep in a chair. Sometimes he was very confused and got agitated because he couldn't remember. I would have to make up a story to try to calm him down, but usually it was a cup of tea or food that calmed him and distracted him. He had some great carers to look after him, and all of them loved him as he was no problem to them, or he would like to help them out if he could.

I could go on about all of his antics he used to come out with, which was a lot, but I would be here all day, , but I have them all written down, so maybe one day I will write a story about him and his journey with dementia, which he didn't know he had.

Our Dad was the biggest part of our lives, and we will cherish all the ups and downs always.

When cleaning out his room at the home, I thought, is this all he had to represent his life? Then it dawned on me that is not true, his life is represented by all of you here today because at one time or another he would have worked for you or been family or friends, and you all have stories about our dad. This was his life.

My Dad has been a very big part of my life for the last few years because of being in Perth. Not sure what I am going to do now, I can't go to see him which was just about every second day.

I was told by mum, what she wanted to be dressed in for her funeral, and she also told me to dress dad in a suit. "Nah" I said, 'he's going in his work clothes!' Mums reply was 'Ah you bloody kids'

Well mum, you got your wish, he is in his brand-new suit and tie. But we have put his work clothes in with him, with his hat that has gone white with age, and not too much grease on it. In the top pocket of his shirt, is a bunch of spanner screws, which are duct taped, in fear of misplacing them. Dad never went anywhere without those tools, and it's only fitting that he has them with him. You never know, he might have a big job lined up, in that big Bulldozing yard in heaven.

Well, Dad, you are at peace now, no more torment going on in your head, just love and peace and shock to think you are up with Mum at last. Bet you're having a dance with her by now, he loved to dance. Some of your other mates up there as well, bet you have some stories for them, and most of all your Dad, whom he always talked about with great fondness and admiration for him, he missed him so much.

Dad you are in the biggest bulldozing yard in heaven, and I bet he his driving around having a great time up there because he missed that so much. After all, dozers were his life.

Our Dad will always be our hero to us, larger than life, and our legend, which will live on in our hearts forever. He is not here with us physically, but his spirit, his laughter and his lessons will always be a part of who we are.

Dad, I will always miss you and will always love and remember you. You live on in my heart.

Thank you for being my dad. Love you, Dad

Poem

In Loving memory of our amazing Dad.

Of all the special gifts in life, however great or small, to have you as our dad was the greatest gift of all.

Deep in our hearts, your life is kept to love and cherish and not forget.

No more tomorrows we can share, but yesterdays are always there.

A silent thought, a secret tear, keep your memory ever near and in our hearts forever.

Thank you, Dad, for everything. Love you always.

Garden Snippets

The Birds and the Bees



Pollination is where the Pollen from the Male organ (the Anther) of a flower is delivered to the Female organ (the Stigma). Once this is done successfully, the plant produces Seed.

In flowers that "Self-pollinate", the pollen simply falls directly onto the Stigma. But there are many that need to "Cross-pollinate" from one flower to another, and these are the ones that really need the help of "the Birds and the Bees". Wind is not the most efficient pollinator as the chances of pollen ending up on the right plant can be fairly slim as it is swirled around the garden. But because Insects and Birds travel from one flower to the next, often within the same species, they are far more efficient "Pollinators" within a garden.

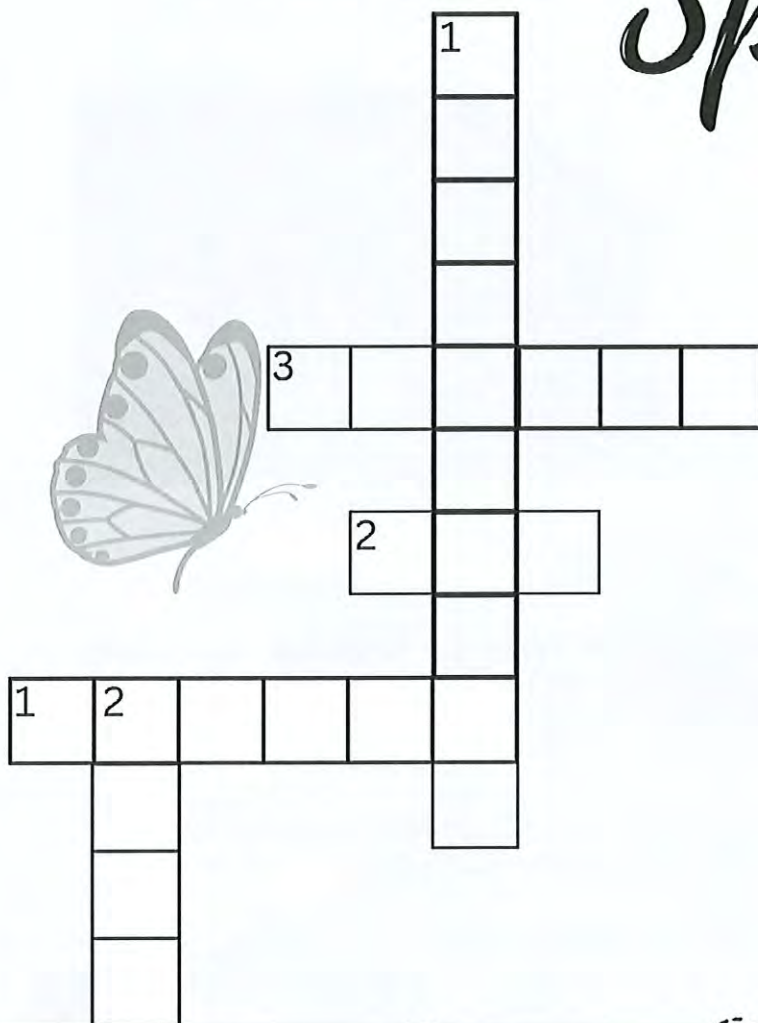
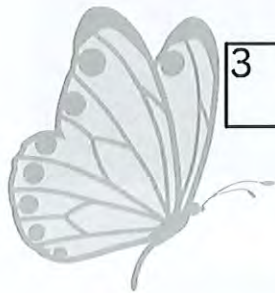
Butterflies: Get started on their Pollen Delivery Service early in the morning because they are attracted to the watery nectar of the flowers, and are especially fond of those flowers that have adapted in shape so that the butterfly can perch on the top but still reach inside with its "proboscis" (long tube-like appendage used for sipping nectar, water, fruit and tree sap), while their legs and undercarriage become lightly dusted with pollen. To attract Butterflies, plant a massed garden of nectar-rich flowers so that they are encouraged to linger longer. Choose pastel or brightly coloured flowers of red, purple, orange and yellow, and that have shallow or flat daisy-like flowers. Include a small water bowl so that the butterflies can rest and sunbake. Plant examples that may be used are Red Bottlebrush (*Callistemon*), Native daisy (*Brachyscome multifida*), Thyme honey myrtle (*Melaleuca thymifolia*), Rice flower (*Pimelea ferruginea*), Butterfly bush (*Buddleja davidii*).

Bees: Are the most effective pollen deliverers as they have adapted to carry large quantities of pollen and nectar on the hairs covering their body and legs. They will travel several kilometres to gardens overflowing with flowers, and will stop at as many as they can to collect food for their young, while simultaneously dropping off pollen to the next flower on the way. Bees love a herb garden full of thyme, sage, marjoram, lemon balm and oregano, and they are particularly enamoured by blossoms that are blue, purple or yellow. They can't help but "swoon" over any flower with a sweet fragrance and which is heavily laden with pollen and nectar. Some examples to try are Hebe (*Hebe* sp.), Passionfruit (*Passiflora edulis*), Drummond's wattle (*Acacia drummondii*), Lavender (*Lavendula* sp.), Carpeting thyme (*Thymus serpyllum*), Salvia (*Salvia* sp.), Payne's thryptomene (*Thryptomene saxicola*), Fan flower (*Scaevola humilis*).

Birds, Beetles and small animals are the "heavy haulage workers" in the pollen delivery service. They specialise in larger pollen that the others can't lift, and which most commonly comes from Australian Native plants which have adapted to entice these hard workers in for a free feed, whilst they collect the pollen and helpfully courier it onto other related plant species. About 1,000 Australian plant species rely on birds for pollination, and they have adapted to appeal to nectar-feeding birds such as honeyeaters and lorikeets. The flowers are either tubular shaped or have protruding stamens and are strong enough to hold a bird's weight. They are mostly red, pink or orange in colour which are most easily seen by the birds. They are designed so that, as the bird is busy lapping at the nectar, the pollen automatically attaches to its head, ready to be delivered to the next flower. Examples of shrubs to plant are Kangaroo paw (*Anigozanthos* sp.), Grevillea (all species), Banksia (all species), Callistemon (Bottlebrush, all species).

Welcome *Spring*

SPRINGTIME
in AUSTRALIA



Across

1. This colorful thing blooms everywhere in spring.
2. The weather gets warmer, and this shines more often.
3. These fall from trees in Autumn, but grow back in Spring.

Down

1. Australian birds that laugh like humans.
2. A baby sheep born in Spring

RECIPE

Honey Cornflake Joys

You'll need:

- 4 cups cornflakes
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup sugar
- 2 TABLESPOONS HONEY
- 90g butter



Steps:

1. Melt the butter, sugar, and honey together in a saucepan over low heat until bubbly.
2. Pour over the cornflakes and mix well.
3. Spoon mixture into cupcake cases.
4. Bake at 150°C (300°F) for about 10 minutes.



PARENT
HELP
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Why do ducks have so many tail feathers?

To cover up their butt quacks

Happy Birthday
Tanner

20th September 2017

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Slow Cooker Honey Mustard Chicken

Ingredients

1 tbsp olive oil
1 tsp sweet paprika
8 chicken thigh cutlets, skin removed
2 rindless bacon rashers, coarsely chopped
2 tbsp cornflour
2 tsp dry mustard powder
160ml (2/3 cup) chicken stock
2 tbsp wholegrain mustard
1 tbsp Dijon mustard
2 tbsp Australian Honey
80g (1/2 cup) frozen peas, thawed
2 tbsp cooking cream
2 tbsp chopped fresh flat-leaf parsley leaves



Method

Combine the oil and paprika in a large bowl. Add chicken and toss to coat. Heat a large non-stick frying pan over medium-high heat. Add chicken and cook, turning, for 5 minutes or until browned.

Transfer to a plate. Add bacon to pan and cook, stirring, for 5 minutes or until golden and crisp. Transfer to plate.

Place the cornflour and mustard powder in a slow cooker. Gradually whisk in stock, both mustards and honey until smooth. Add the chicken and bacon to the cooker and gently stir to combine.

Cook on Low for 4 hours (or High for 2 hours), stirring in the peas and cream in the last 10 minutes of cooking.

Honey Ricotta Dip

Ingredients

200g reduced-fat fresh ricotta
1 tbsp low-fat milk
2 tsp honey
1 tsp vanilla essence
rockmelon wedges & strawberries to dip



Method

Use an electric beater to beat ricotta, milk, honey and vanilla essence in a bowl until well combined. Serve with rockmelon wedges and strawberries to dip.



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Hello everyone.. I just want to thank those who have
already donated to the "Christmas Child Boxes."

For those who are assembling their own box: these
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Or if you prefer to buy items to contribute our community packing
day ... we will need colouring pencils, biros, exercise books,
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combs & accessories, jewellery, sunglasses, clothing (Tee-shirts,
shorts, socks etc.), These too can be left at the CRC.

Our community Assembly Day is scheduled for the 8th of October

We would love you to join us and also enjoy a Devonshire morning
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For more info check out the website :Samaritanspurse.org.au or contact Irene Moore:0437801026

First aid for insect bites and stings

Most insect bites and stings result in a localised itch and swelling that settles within a few days. Severe allergic reactions (anaphylaxis) from insects are usually due to bees, wasps or the Australian Jack Jumper ant.

What to do

1. Follow DRSABCD St John WA Action Plan
2. Bee/wasp sting: remove the sting by scraping sideways with fingernail or sharp object.
3. Tick bite: If any signs of allergic reaction or casualty has a known allergy - **DO NOT remove the tick.** If any signs of allergic reaction or casualty has a known allergy - the tick must be killed where it is rather than removed, if you have the appropriate equipment to do so. This should be performed in a safe place with medical aid.
4. Apply a cold pack directly over the bite site to relieve pain.
5. Monitor casualty and seek medical aid if necessary.
6. If severe allergic reaction, call Triple Zero (000) for an ambulance. If the casualty is carrying their own adrenaline auto-injector (EpiPen®) it should be given immediately.

DRSABCD St John WA Action Plan

Danger

Ensure the area is safe for yourself, others and the casualty.

Response

Check for response—ask name—squeeze shoulders.

No response -> Send for help.

Response -> Make comfortable, monitor response and check for injuries.

Send

Call Triple Zero (000) for an ambulance or ask another person to make the call.

Send for a Defibrillator if available.

Airway

Open mouth – check for foreign material.

No foreign material:

- Leave casualty in the position which they have been found
- Open the airway by tilting head with chin lift (adult) and slight head tilt and chin lift (child).

Foreign material in mouth:

- Place casualty in the recovery position with mouth slightly downward.
- Clear foreign material from airway with fingers.
- Once foreign material is removed, open the airway with a head tilt and chin lift (adult) and slight head tilt and chin lift (child).

Breathing

- Check for breathing.
- **Look** for movement of the upper abdomen or lower chest.
- **Listen** for the escape of air from the nose and mouth.
- **Feel** for movement of air at the mouth and nose.

Not breathing normally and no response -> Place on back and commence CPR and defibrillation.

Normal breathing -> Place in recovery position, monitor breathing and responsiveness.

CPR

- Place the heel of hand on the lower half of the breastbone in centre of the chest with other hand on top of first. Either a one or two hand technique can be used for performing chest compressions in children.
- Press down 1/3 of depth of chest and release, giving 30 compressions.
- Open the casualty's airway (head tilt and chin lift)
- Pinch the soft part of the nose to seal and place your mouth over the casualty's mouth.
- Blow steadily into mouth for up to 1 second, watch for chest to rise and fall.
- Give 2 breaths. Repeat 30:2
- Aim for approximately 100-120 compressions per minute.
- Continue CPR (30:2) until an ambulance arrives or casualty recovers.

Defibrillation

Turn ON the defibrillator as soon as possible (if available) and follow voice prompts.

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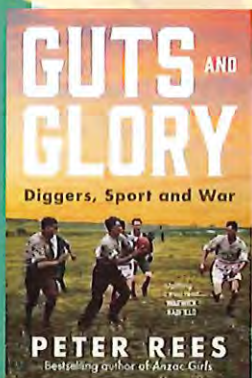
The only person she can turn to is conman turned trial lawyer Eddie Flynn, who must take on a case where nothing is what it seems. With the most cruelly ingenious mind manipulating events from the shadows, everyone is in danger - including Eddie and his family.



ADULT HISTORICAL 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 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.



NON-FICTION MILITARY HISTORY: **Guts and Glory - Peter Rees**

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A collection of vivid, moving, funny, powerful and poignant sporting stories from the wars fought by the Australian Defence Force ranging from WWI right through to the present day, Guts and Glory is a book about the way that sport is so often an intrinsic part of war; how sport provides a means for the diggers to cope with the pressures of the battlefield; how the lessons that we learn playing sport can be applied to the art of leadership and warfare; and how mateship and the Australian character and spirit can be seen in the way we fight and the way we play.



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Road and infrastructure maintenance and governing for the whole shire is high on my agenda.

I look forward to your support on election day.

Thankyou

Lindsay Corke

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Candidate Details



Ballot paper name

THOMPSON, Peter

Candidate name

Peter Douglas THOMPSON

District

Shire of Wickepin

Nominating for

Councillor for Shire of Wickepin

Election type

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Enrolment status

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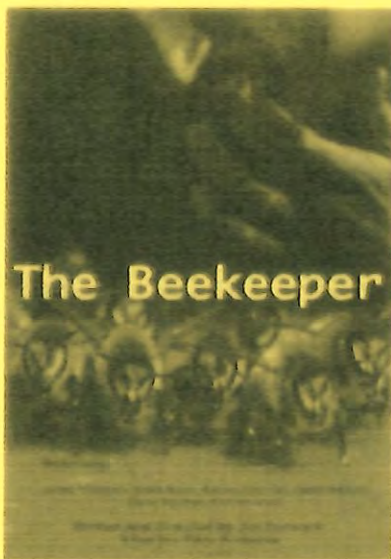
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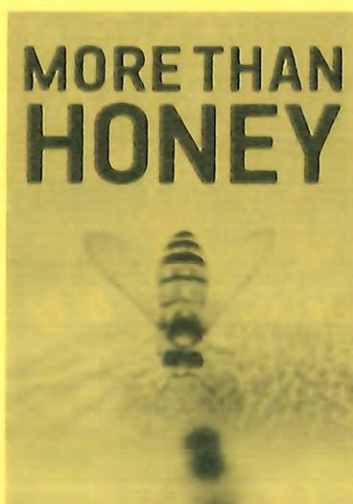
Movies About Bees

Bee Movie (2007) Description: A classic animated film where Barry B. Benson, a bee, sues the human race for stealing honey. It's a humorous take on bee life and human interaction with nature.



The Beekeeper (2014) Description: A drama about a beekeeper who, after losing his wife, finds solace in his bees and a new purpose when he meets a young girl who needs his help.

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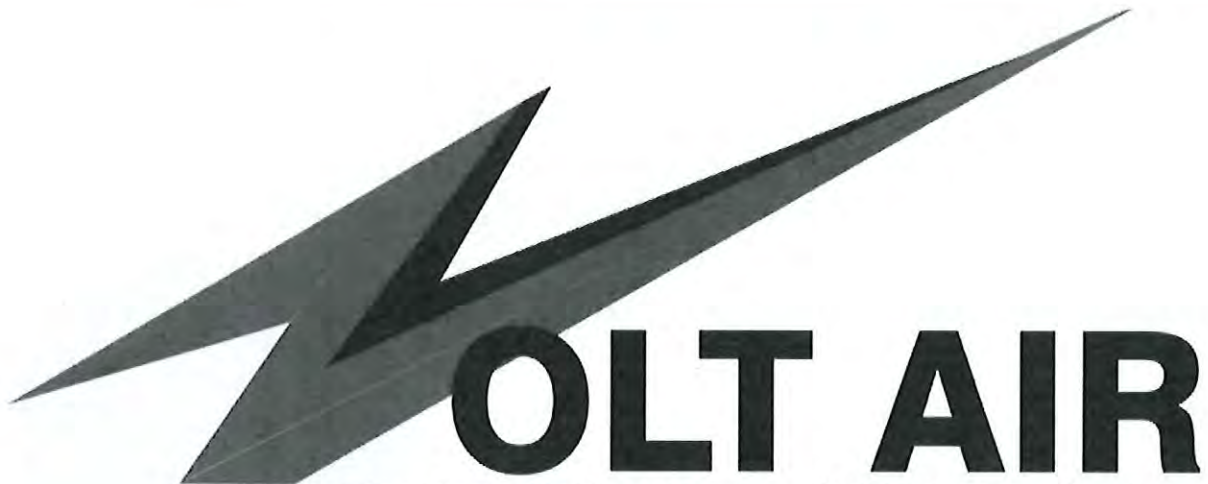
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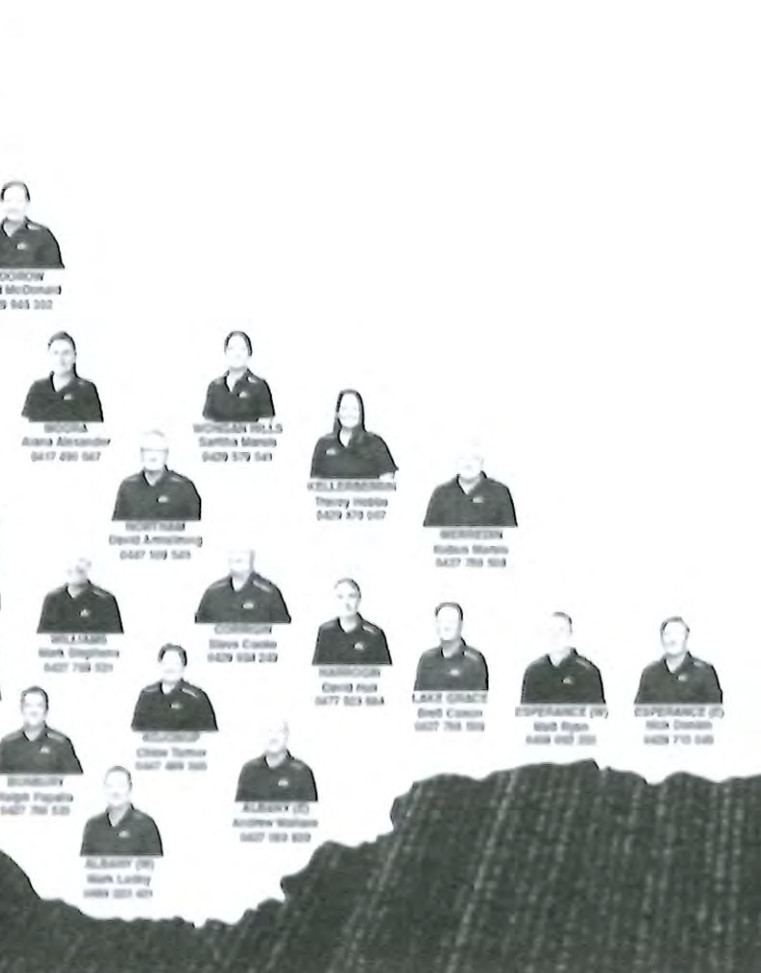




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WICKEPIN PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Working together to learn, grow and succeed

From the Principal

Community Connections and School News

Kaya and Welcome to Week 8,

As we step into Week 8 of Term, I would like to extend a warm greeting to all our families and community members. It has been a busy and vibrant term so far, and I am so proud of the wonderful learning and community spirit happening across our school.

In our classrooms, we have had a fantastic team of flexible teaching staff working hard to support our students in Room 3. We have had a combination of current staff and Flying Squad teachers, who bring fresh energy and expertise to the learning environment. We are also fortunate to have additional support from an Education Assistant, giving students more one-to-one time and helping every child thrive.



Last week's Footy Colours Day was a highlight! The sun was shining, the sausages were sizzling, and the sporting activities brought smiles to everyone's faces. It was a truly special afternoon of family fun and community connection. A huge thank you to Ms Williams for her fabulous organisation and to everyone who came along to make it such a memorable event.



Looking ahead, we are excited about our upcoming excursion to the Agriculture College this Friday. This is a wonderful opportunity for students to explore an alternative high school pathway and see firsthand how farms and animals are cared for and managed. Please remember to return your permission slips ASAP so we can finalise arrangements.

SPORTS NOTES

WICKEPIN FOOTBALL CLUB

D Grade Summary

We celebrated our season with our annual Kids V Parents Match and Windup. It never fails to disappoint with a display of silky skills from the parents and gutsy efforts from the kids. Parents must have been kicking into the breeze all night as the kids ended up the victors.



Congratulations to the Award Winners for 2025

Fairest & Best won by Bailee Pike, donated by A&K Steere.

Runner Up Fairest & Best won by Dylan Miller, donated by Ewen Rural Supplies

Most Improved won by Fletcher Miller, donated by Wickepin Newsagency

Coaches Award won by Noah Plowman, donated by A Steere

Best in Finals won by Grayden Bayley, donated by A&S Spark



What a season it has been for the D Graders. 26 kids graced the field in 14 regular matches and 3 finals. 14 of these kids were of yellow short age. They finished the regular season with 7 wins and one draw which saw them play finals footy for the first time in decades. This resulted in two amazing finals matches and a spot in the Grand Final. What a huge effort for these kids and coaches who have been working hard over a number of years. Over the last few years when wins and even goals have been scarce, 2025 saw 15 different goal kickers and a total of 74 goals scored for the season. Phil Turvey topped the tally with 29.

Such commitment, enthusiasm and dedication has been shown by all of these kids, many who were also juggling other Winter sport commitments. Ten of these kids didn't miss a game and most of them rarely missed a training.

A huge thanks to many people for the season and in seasons gone past. Thanks to the Wickepin Football Club and committee who have been supportive of these youngsters. A huge boost for the kids was the appearance of the senior players at their games and when they invited a few of the older kids to join them for trainings. Thanks also to the senior boys who put their hand up to umpire our home games.

Parents you have put in a massive effort to cope with the Winter sport juggle and have all worked together to get everyone's kids to trainings, games, feed them, house them, just to make sure we got the kids on the field. We've had help from people timing, goal umpiring, voting, kitchen rosters, running water, attending working bees and the list goes on. We appreciate your support, and this lightens the load for everyone.

Ash and Jake, our coaches who the kids just admire and respect. We appreciate your patience, delivery, commitment and drive to make sure these kids develop their skills and a love for the game. It has been an incredible year and one in which everyone has had fun and worked together.

And a huge thanks for your show of appreciation for Ash, Jake and myself – very generous of you all and we can't thank you enough.

LIFE MEMBERSHIPS CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to

Kyle Medcalf

and

Ryan Melvin

**on achieving Life Membership to the
Wickepin Football Club.**

Very worthy recipients who always the club first.

LAKE YEALERING BOWLING CLUB

25/26 Bowling Season is approaching very quickly.

Dates to keep in mind:- the Opening day for the Season is Sunday 5th October 2025

The first Open Day for the Season:-

LADIES GALA DAY TRIPLES

26th September 2025, 9.30am Start

Entries close 19th September 2025, please advise Teams to Lois Shipley 0400 542 704

or email brian_lois@westnet.com.au

Celebration:-

70th ANNIVERSARY of the Lake Yealering Bowling Club

to be held Sunday 19th October 2025, 11am Start. Luncheon \$25.00. Catch up with friends.

Please advise Lois Shipley by 3rd October for catering purposes if attending.

Contact 0400 542 714 or email brian_lois@westnet.com.au

First Pennant Game:-

YEALERING v BROOKTON (Home Game)

Saturday 18th October 2025. Yealering then have a Bye 25th October 2025.

Big start to the 25/26 Season, Lois hope your phone is busy.

COME AND GIVE LAWN BOWLS A GO.



WICKEPIN BOWLING CLUB



SUNDAY SOCIAL—1PM

12.10.25—Patrons Triples

19.10.25—Vera Watson Pairs

26.10.25—Narrogin

Any Combo Triples



FRIDAY 4PM

24.10.25—Scroungers

31.10.25—Scroungers

BAR OPEN

Scroungers kick off at 4pm, with the bar opening from the start.

Can't make it on time—no worries, just jump into a game when you get there!

NEW MEMBERS WELCOME



A little bird reports... Robyn Mullan was one of 16 WA bowlers competing at the National Bowling Arm Championships in Warrnambool. The WA team did us proud finishing 4th overall. Congratulations Robyn!

Closer to home, Robyn also keeps her 'arm in' by playing in Warnbro bowling Arm events.



CLUB CAPTAINS:

BERYL ELPHICK

AARON BRANSBY

SATURDAY PENNANT FIXTURE & KITCHEN ROSTER

18.10.25 WICKEPIN V Brookton R.MULLAN

25.10.25 WILLIAMS—B V Wickein -

Subs to be paid prior to first pennant match please

TUESDAY PENNANT FIXTURE

21.10.25 WILLIAMS Pingelly V Wickein

28.10.25 PINGELLY Williams V Wickein

Subs to be paid prior to first pennant match please

WICKEPIN/HARRISMITH CRICKET CLUB

Wickein/Harrismith cricket club will be entering a junior cricket team in the under-13 competition this season. Open to girls and boys. The 6 game season is played in November and December and February. It's every 2nd weekend and is played on Sunday morning at 9.30am until midday. 30 overs each. If you know of any young kids who may be interested please get in contact.

Cheers

Ty

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Muhammad Ali Quote:
"Float like a Butterfly and
Sting like a Bee"



LAKE YEALERING BOWLS CLUB

LADIES GALA DAY TRIPLES DAY

CHANGE OF DATE

**FRIDAY 26TH
SEPTEMBER 2025**

\$90.00 PER TEAM

9:00am MORNING TEA

9.30am START

FORMAT: 3 GAMES OF 12 ENDS

ENTRIES CLOSE 19TH SEPTEMBER

RSVP TO : LOIS SHIPLEY 0400542704



WHAT'S ON IN THE WICKEPIN SHIRE

MONDAY

Fit Pursuit 5.45 – 6.30am, Wickepin Community Centre

TUESDAY

She Shed He Shed 9am – 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

SEPTEMBER

Thur	18 th	Connectivity Workshop 1.30pm - Wickepin CRC
Thur	18 th	Yealering Games Afternoon Tea at the CWA
Sat	20 th	CRC Spring Market Day 10am - 2pm
Sat	20 th	Free Kids Activities 9am - 10.30am and 12.30pm - 2.30pm
Tue	23 rd	Carbon Farming Outreach Program Wickepin Facey Group
Wed	24 th	Carbon Farming Outreach Program Corrigin Facey Group
Fri	26 th	Term 3 Ends
Fri	26 th	Lake Yealering Bowling Club Ladies Gala Day Triples
Mon	29 th	Recycle and Bin Day
Tue	30 th	Watershed News
Tue	30 th	Crop-etition, Entries Close

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	13 th	Wandering. Awi. Ramping Up Repro Workshop
Mon	13 th	Term 4 Starts
Thus	16 th	Can You Spot a Scam Webinar 12 pm – Wickepin CRC
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 1.30pm Wickepin CRC
Mon	10 th	Watershed News
Mon	10 th	Recycle and Bin Day
Mon	24 th	Watershed News
Mon	24 th	Recycle and Bin Day

DECEMBER

Mon	8 th	Watershed News Final Edition for 2025
Mon	8 th	Recycle and Bin Day
Wed	10 th	CRC Committee Meeting 5.30pm
Fri	12 th	Communi Tea 1.30pm Wickepin CRC
Thu	18 th	Term 4 Ends
Mon	22 nd	Recycle and Bin Day

JANUARY

Mon	5 th	Recycle and Bin Day
Mon	19 th	Recycle and Bin Day

