

WATERSHED NEWS

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

30th September 2025

Ask R U OK? **ANY** DAY

Have a conversation using these 4 steps



How are you
travelling?

You don't
seem yourself
lately – want to
talk about it?

Ask R U OK?



I'm here to listen
if you want to
talk more.

Have you been
feeling this way
for a while?

Listen



What do you think
is a first step that
might help you?

Have you spoken
to your doctor
about this?

Encourage action



Just wanted to
check in and see
how you're doing?

Have things
improved for you since
our last chat?

Check in

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Advertising in the Watershed Classified section is free for two weeks, so send in your ads.

Email to wickepinwatershed@gmail.com, or drop them into the Community Resource Centre.

What's Happening in and around the Wickepin Shire?

Send in your news. Others would enjoy reading about your family news, milestone birthdays, events, travels etc. Eulogies of our local residents and the ones who have moved away, are gratefully received. The community cherishes the chance to read their life stories.

Help Us Celebrate Our Own Unsung Heros and Local Legends

We know there are many unsung heroes right here in Wickepin — past and present — whose stories are waiting to be told. Whether it's a neighbour, a volunteer, a coach, or someone who's always there when needed, we'd love to hear about them. If you have someone in mind, please send in a short story or even just their name and why they're special. Let's shine a light on those who've been keeping our community strong — quietly and humbly. **All contributions are welcome**

COMMUNITY NOTES

October Birthday Wishes to:

- 1st Lane Mail
- 7th Riley spark
- 10th Clare Bayley
- 11th Kyle Angwin



Yealering Games Afternoon

On Thursday, the 18th of September, several ladies gathered at the Yealering CWA building for a game's session and afternoon tea. During the afternoon, Betty Dicks, one of the regular attendees, was treated to a special birthday cake and presented with a basket of goodies in celebration of her forthcoming 90th birthday. The festivities were enjoyed by all with probably more conversation than games that day!

The next "Games and Afternoon Tea" event, to be held at Yealering CWA, is planned for Thursday the 30th of October. If you want to play a game of Scrabble, Mahjong, Chess and or Samba (a version of Canasta) come along at 1pm or come later for a cuppa and a chat.



Birth Congratulations



Claire & Jason Whyte welcomed their daughter Amelia Elizabeth on 26th August 2025

Bec & Cal Sims welcomed their second child a son Hamish born 15th September 2025, a brother for Amelia

Sam & Kyle Flavel welcomed the arrival of twins on 19th September 2025, a boy Charlie Alex and a girl Katie Mae, a brother and sister for Ella.

Condolences to the family and friends of Roslyn Zadow (nee Lange) who passed away on the 19th of September 2025 aged 79.

Big Congratulations to the following on receiving life memberships in their respective sports.

Kelly Steere – Narrogin and Districts Netball Association

Felicity Astbury – Wickepin Netball Club

Ryan Melvin & Kyle Medcalf – Wickepin Football Club

Volunteers Needed

Watershed News Team as much as they hate to believe, or say it are not getting any younger and agree that help is needed to keep producing the fortnightly issue. In recent years, 5 valuable members have resigned and only 2 new members have joined the Team. To produce the Watershed News takes a minimum of 4 to type, print and put it all together. It then needs a minimum of 5 to collate and staple. It is all done on a Monday morning, fortnightly and finished by 2pm if all goes smoothly. Not a huge job, made easier with many helping hands. For a start if you only have time to help collate from 1pm till 2pm please contact the Team by email wickepinwatershed@gmail.com Your help is needed.

**The theme for this edition is Mental Health for
Mental Health Week next week.**



CLASSIFIEDS

FOR SALE

Ride on Husqvarna mower
with Kohler 18hp engine
and 42" deck.

Recently serviced.

\$1,600 – Phone 0428 898 025



St Johns Anglican Church

Johnston Street, Wickopin

1st and 3rd Sundays of the month @8am

Morning tea served after service

All Denominations Welcome

Enquires: Irene -0437 801 026 or Elaine 0428 898025



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	87.8	14	276.4
September	29	6	309.2	September	32.4	7	308.8
October	14.8	4	324	October			
November	22	6	346	November			
December	0	0	346	December			

As registered at the Wickopin Post Office 30th September 2025



CEO Comments

The weather is starting to get warmer, and bushfire season will be upon us very quickly.

Please ensure the fire risk of your property is reduced, and vehicles should be kept fuelled up in the case of an evacuation.

Council Meeting – September 2025.

September was an unusual month for the Shire meeting as under the new Regulations, the Shire was in 'caretaker mode' and some items were restricted from being considered.

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

- Accounts for payment were presented.
- Financial Reports for July (with Budget figures) and August were presented.
- Fees for Albert Facey House were amended and a new fee for Lodging House Applications approved.
- The Appointment of the Chief and Deputy Chief Bush Fire Control Officers were confirmed for advertising in the Government Gazette.
- Key Performance Indicators (KPI's) for the Chief Executive Officer for 2025/26 were approved

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

Local Government Elections

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

If you have not received your voting papers, or need replacement papers, please see the Administration Staff at the Shire Office.

Votes need to be posted in the Reply-Paid Envelope and will be accepted at the Shire office only from Wednesday, 15th October, when it would be too late to post the votes.

Staff Changes

We recently had our Finance Officer Josh Hobley leave us to progress in his career in Local Government and advance with the Shire of Pingelly. We wish Josh all the best for his future and thank him for his efforts at the Shire of Wickepin.

Change to Tip Hours

Please remember that from 1st October 2025, the Shire will be changing tip hours for the Wickepin Tip 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.

Mosquito Management Plan

Many thanks to those who have sent in information about mosquitoes. We are still monitoring the areas and still need your feedback.

We will be implementing fogging, but we need the information so we can take a targeted approach. Please watch our social media, as we will be posting information on fogging locations and dates.

If you do not wish to have fogging conducted at your residence, please contact the administration and provide your name and property location. The fogger will be turned off for your property, but there may still be some fog drift.

Rates Notices

If you have not received your rates notice, please contact the administration office, and a copy will be sent to you.

If you have any concerns about the calculation of your rates, please contact Erika at the Shire office on 9888 1005

Rates will be due and payable on 3rd October and must be paid in full to claim the discount.

**Shire Works Concerns**

If you have any concerns about Shire works being carried out, or would like some extra work to be done, please contact the Works Manager on 0429 882 871 or the CEO on 0429 207 855. Staff are carrying out work as requested, and any alterations or additional works need to be authorised before being completed. This includes any private works requests.

Fire Risk Reduction

The Shire Ranger will be visiting properties soon to look for long grass and derelict vehicles, which can pose a fire risk for our town.

All residents are required to reduce the long grass in their yards by the start of October or risk receiving infringements and still being required to reduce the grass levels.

Lets help keep our town safe and reduce the risk of fires this summer by ensuring grasses are kept short and do not create a fire hazard.

Vehicles also pose a risk for fires, and firefighters should a fire occur.

Further Information

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

MWS Comments

Air conditioning unit cleaning across Shire facilities will begin next week, starting from the 30th of October. This routine maintenance helps ensure our systems run efficiently as we head into the warmer months.

The Yealering ablution block is now open to the public, with only the handrails on the access ramp left to be completed. In the meantime, we ask all users to please use the ramp when entering the facility. The gravel surrounding the ramp is quite slippery, and using it may lead to falls or injury.

Road construction works are also progressing across the Shire. Lomos Road has been prepared and is now ready for sealing. A water cart will be running a few

loads to help the road hold its shape while we await sealing works.

Works will also commence on the Wickepin–Harrismith Road from the 30th of October, starting from Giles Road. This section will be reduced to a single lane while we carry out preparation for sealing. We appreciate your patience during this time, as there may be some delays. Traffic management will be in place, and we'll do our best to get you through safely and as quickly as possible. If you can, please consider using an alternative route.

If any residents have questions or ideas about the works happening around the Shire, we welcome your feedback. Please email the Shire office at admin@wickepin.wa.gov.au and address it to the Manager of Works, or contact us on 9888 1005 to discuss your thoughts.

DOGS/CATS REGISTRATION RENEWALS

Registration renewals for dogs and cats will be sent out this soon and are due by October 30, 2025. For new registrations, all animals must be microchipped, and microchip paperwork must be provided.

Please note:

- Dogs must be registered if they are 3 months of age or older.
- Cats must be registered if they are 6 months of age or older.

If your dog or cat has passed away, please inform the Shire so we can cancel the registration and ensure our records are up to date and current.

2025/2026 BUSHFIRE SEASON NOTICE

Preparing for bushfire season is everyone's responsibility. Our volunteers, Shire staff, and the Department of Fire & Emergency Services work hard to keep us safe. Property readiness is essential for effective emergency response.

Residents in rural areas should understand their bushfire risk and develop a survival plan to protect their families and livelihoods. Consider factors like weather and proximity to emergency services. Communicate your plan with family, employees, and neighbours.

**BURNING PERIODS**

Restricted 1 October 2025 to 31 October 2025

Prohibited 1 November 2025 to 7 February 2026

Restricted 8 February 2026 to 14 April 2026

FIREBREAK REQUIREMENTS

By October 1, 2025, property owners must maintain firebreaks of at least 2.5 meters wide, free of flammable material.

- **Rural Land:** Firebreaks should contour the land and surround homesteads and fuel storage. During harvesting from October 15, a mobile firefighting unit with at least 1,200 litres of water must be present.
- **Townsite Land:** All lots in Harrismith, Tincurrin, Toolibin, Wickepin, and Yealering
- must be cleared of debris. Non-compliance may result in a \$5,000 penalty.

WICKEPIN WASTE FACILITY

HOURS

(AS OF THE 1ST OCTOBER 2025)

SATURDAY	9AM - 12PM
SUNDAY	1PM - 5PM
WEDNESDAY	1PM - 5PM

PUBLIC NOTICE

October Ordinary Council Meeting 2025 -
Change of Date

In accordance with the Local Government Act 1995 section 5.25 the Shire of Wickepin amends the date of the October 2025 Ordinary Council Meeting to Monday 20 October 2025, with the time to remain unchanged (commencing 3.30pm).

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 Wickepin on a permanent basis.

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

The Shire of Wickepin 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 Wickepin 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

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 Wickepin, 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.

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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 McTaminey 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

Lincolns

Not-For-Profit Success in the Bush Forum



MOSQUITO CONTROL – REQUEST FOR COMMUNITY FEEDBACK

The Shire of Wickpin is asking residents to report mosquito issues in their area.

If you are experiencing a high number of mosquitoes in your area, please contact us via email at admin@wickepin.wa.gov.au.

Your feedback will help us identify problem areas so we can take appropriate action as per our Mosquito Management Plan.

Embracing Community Growth

Have you got your
Australia Day Award
Nominations ready
for 2026?



★ FIGHT *the* BITE ★



PROTECT YOURSELF *against* **DISEASE-CARRYING MOSQUITOES**

★ COVER UP. REPEL. CLEAN UP. ★

 **WEAR LONG, LOOSE-FITTING, CLOTHING.**  **USE INSECT REPELLENT.**  **REMOVE THE WATER THEY BREED IN.**

Mosquitoes can spread serious and potentially deadly diseases.
For more information contact the Department of Health or visit:
www.healthywa.wa.gov.au/FIGHTTHEBITE

 Government of Western Australia
Department of Health

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FREE ONLINE WEBINAR

End of Year Highlights: Drought Resilience in Action

Join us to take a closer look at the year's SW Drought Hub and Future Drought Fund Projects and their progress!

Episode 4:

Coleoptile & Root Traits for Strong Wheat Establishment

Facey Group, Node of the South-West WA Drought Resilience Adoption and Innovation Hub, founded by the Australian Government's Future Drought Fund, are excited to return for 2025 & host the End-of-Year Highlights webinar series.

In Episode 4 of this series, we welcome Dr Sarah Rich from CSIRO, who will discuss how coleoptiles can open new sowing opportunities to improve wheat drought resilience. Following this, Huyen Phan from UWA will explore the role of the rhizosheath in supporting nutrient uptake, water access, and long-term crop resilience. The session will conclude with an open Q&A discussion.

Tune in where ever you are ... harvester, chaser, grain bin line up or at home with a cuppa. Have questions you want answered? Email them through to agrec@faceygroup.org.au for our hosts to consider prior to the webinar!

FACEY GROUP



Shaping the Future



Dr Sarah Rich
Research Scientist



Huyen Phan
Ph.D. Candidate | Crop
Physiologist



Wednesday, 8 October

11am



REGISTER NOW



Australian Government
Department of Agriculture,
Fisheries and Forestry



Future
Drought
Fund



**GROWER
GROUP
ALLIANCE**
Together we grow



South-West WA
Drought Resilience Adoption
and Innovation Hub

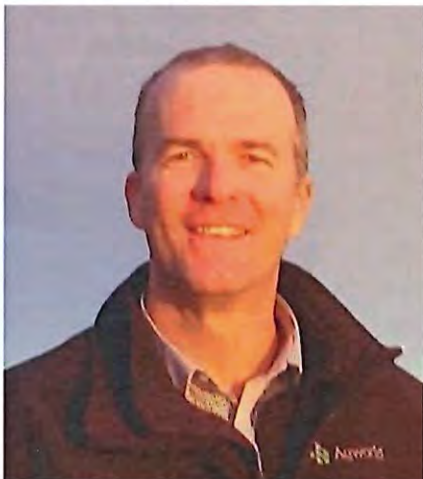


FACEY GROUP



Shaping the Future

Harnessing AI Power & 2025 Annual General Meeting



Facey Group Members & Valued Sponsors are invited to join us for an engaging evening with:

Simon Foley, Head of Agworld

as he shares how to prepare your farm business to harness the power of AI.

With over 30 years' experience across Australian broadacre systems, Simon brings deep insights into agronomy, business management & the future of digital ag.



Facey Group AGM will follow at 7:00pm

Light supper and cold drinks provided.

We look forward to seeing you there.



For catering purposes, please scan the QR Code to RSVP by 10th October 2025

Tuesday, 14th October 2025 | 6:30pm
Wickepin Community Centre

@home

BBQ RECIPES IDEAS FOR MEN No one is game enough to tell men how to do a BBQ. They all have their own way of cooking.

The Main Event: Meat on the Grill

- **Sausages ("Snags"):** A staple at any Aussie BBQ, snags are usually beef or pork and served on a slice of bread with tomato sauce (ketchup).
- **Steak:** Choose cuts like ribeye or sirloin for juicy, flavourful steaks.
- **Lamb Chops:** Marinate lamb chops in garlic, rosemary, and olive oil for an iconic Australian flavour.
- **Chicken Skewers:** Thread chicken pieces onto skewers with vegetables for an easy-to-eat option.

Seafood Delights

- **Prawns ("Shrimp"):** Toss prawns on the grill with garlic butter and lemon.
- **Barramundi:** A popular Aussie fish, barramundi is delicious when grilled with a squeeze of lime.

Vegetarian Options

- **Veggie Burgers:** Grill up patties made from chickpeas, lentils, or black beans.
- **Grilled Vegetables:** Zucchini, capsicum, mushrooms, and corn on the cob are BBQ favourites.
- **Halloumi Skewers:** Thread halloumi cheese onto skewers with cherry tomatoes and peppers for a smoky, salty treat.

Salads

- **Potato Salad:** A creamy classic made with potatoes, mayonnaise, and spring onions.
- **Pasta Salad:** Toss cooked pasta with veggies, olives, and a tangy vinaigrette.
- **Coleslaw:** Shredded cabbage, carrots, and a mayonnaise-based dressing make this a crowd-pleaser.

Breads

- **Damper:** A traditional Australian soda bread that's easy to make and pairs perfectly with BBQ meats.
- **Garlic Bread:** Grill slices of bread slathered in garlic butter for an irresistible side.



Kids Page

CYCLE OF A PLANT

CUT OUT THE PICTURES BELOW AND PASTE THEM IN THE CORRECT ORDER TO SHOW THE CYCLE OF A PLANT.

FIRST, A SEED IS PLANTED IN SOIL.

NEXT, THE SEED STARTS TO GROW AND A
SPROUT COMES OUT OF THE SOIL.

THEN, THE SPROUT GROWS INTO A PLANT
WITH A FLOWER ON TOP.

LAST, THE FLOWER TURNS INTO A FRUIT OR SEED
POD THAT CONTAINS NEW SEEDS FOR NEW PLANTS
TO GROW.



Happy Birthday
**SOPHIE
MCLEAN!**

1ST OCTOBER 2023



Happy Birthday
**4 WYATT
BUSHBY**

8TH OCTOBER 2021

WICKEPIN CRC

SCHOOL

Holiday **FUN**

THURSDAY
OCT 2ND
10.30 – 12.00

MAKE YOUR OWN WIND CHIME

Get creative with our Make Your Own Wind Chime workshop, where the kids build and decorate their own beautiful wind chime to take home.

LEARN TO DRAW WITH RACHEL

Does your child love to doodle? Then this workshop is perfect! This fun and engaging art class is designed for kids of all skill levels, from complete beginners to budding artists.

THURSDAY
OCT 9TH
10.30 – 12.00

\$5 per child per session

Bookings essential.

**Contact Wicky CRC on 9888 1500
or admin@wickepinrc.com.au to
secure your child's place!**



Wickepin

Community Resource Centre

Your local connection

Strategic Planning Survey Update

Thank you to everyone who completed our recent Community Survey. Your feedback is helping shape our new Strategic Plan, which will be available soon.

One of the questions we asked was: "What ambitious projects could create the greatest positive impact in our community?" We received many thoughtful and creative ideas.

Bus outings

It's great to see interest in bus trips to other communities. These have been offered before through the CRC, Virtual Village and local groups, and we know they're enjoyed by those who attend. While a few were cancelled due to low numbers, we'd love to give this another go if there's enough interest.

Meals service

The idea of a local meal delivery service is a wonderful suggestion. It would offer support to many people, but would require a dedicated team and coordination. If this is something that interests you, please get in touch with the CRC, we'd be glad to chat further.

More Community Events

We're pleased that many of you enjoy the events we run, and we'd love to bring more of your suggestions to life. Many of the events and activities you enjoy are only possible thanks to successful grant applications, and many also require minimum numbers to go ahead, so please remember to RSVP and keep those suggestions coming in.

How you can support the CRC

The CRC is a not-for-profit organisation, supported by the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development, and the Shire of Wickepin. Grant funding, memberships and service fees help us deliver activities, but community involvement is what really makes the difference.

There are lots of ways you can join in and have fun while supporting the CRC:

- Help at an event - Events are always fun to run, but some too big for our small team to manage alone. With few extra hands we can make our events even bigger and better
- Join the management committee and help guide the future of the CRC.
- Share your ideas and feedback for activities you have loved or would like to see in Wickepin
- Spread the word – tell friends, share our posts on social media
- Simply come along, enjoy yourself and bring a friend. Strong attendance at our events and at the Centre helps us access more funding and put on more of the activities you enjoy

Please feel free to pop into the CRC for a chat with or speak with one of our Committee members to discuss getting involved.

Thank you

The Wickepin Community Resource Centre Team



Wickein

Community Resource Centre

Your local connection

NOTICE OF AGM

**Wickein Community Resource Centre will be holding
our Annual General Meeting on**

**Wednesday, 8th October
5.30pm**

In the meeting room at the CRC

**The CRC plays an important role within our community,
and we are looking for enthusiastic people to join our
committee.**

**If you'd like more information, give us a call on
9888 1500, or pop in and have a chat.**



Wickein CRC Committee Members Wanted

Only 6 meetings a year

Small commitment - Big impact.

**Personal and professional training and
development opportunities.**

Pop in for a chat to find out more



Wickein

Community Resource Centre

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Department of
Primary Industries and
Regional Development

New books at the Wickepin Public Library

Jacqueline Wilson



ADULT FICTION: Picture Imperfect - Jacqueline Wilson

Dolphin Westward spent her childhood as the supporting character in the story of her beautiful, wild, volatile mother Marigold.

Now thirty-three, she's painfully aware that not much has changed. She lives in a tiny bedsit, works in a tattoo shop by day and collects her illustrated mum from police stations by night.

Dol yearns to climb out of the rut she is stuck in, but has no idea where to begin. Could gardener Lee and his daughter Ava be her chance for a wholesome family life? Or maybe a steamy romance with roguish actor Joel is just what she needs. And what about the offer from her sister Star, now a successful doctor, to move to Scotland and live with her young family?

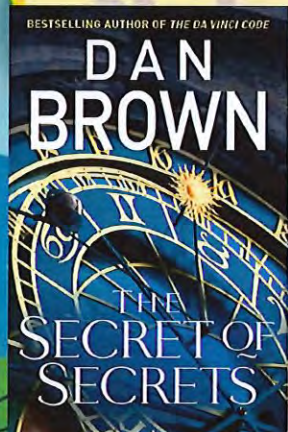
As the choices threaten to overwhelm her, will Dol fall into the role of extra in someone else's story once again – or find the strength to forge a brand new path of her own?

ADULT THRILLER FICTION: The Secret of Secrets - Dan Brown

Accompanying celebrated academic, Katherine Solomon, to a lecture she's been invited to give in Prague, Robert Langdon's world spirals out of control when she disappears without trace from their hotel room. Far from home and well out of his comfort zone, Langdon must pit his wits against forces unknown to recover the woman he loves.

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Against a backdrop of vast castles, towering churches, graveyards buried twelve deep and labyrinthine underground passages, Langdon must navigate a shadow city hiding in plain sight, a city which has successfully kept its secrets for centuries and will not readily deliver them. This is a battlefield unlike any he has previously experienced, one on which he must fight not for his only life, but for the future of humanity itself.



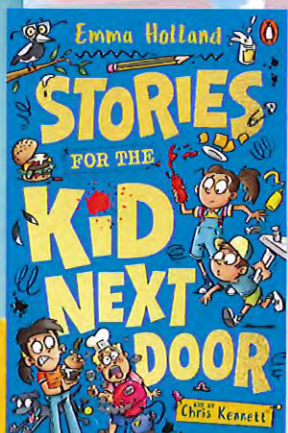
CHILDREN'S FICTION: Stories for the Kid Next Door - Emma Holland

Dive into a hilariously unpredictable world where every page is packed with laughter, mischief and a touch of the absurd. Dive into a hilariously unpredictable world where every page is packed with laughter.

You're probably wondering what could be so funny that you should read this book over all the other books on the shelf. Is it the unicorn, causing chaos in a suburban home? I mean, the story about a backyard museum of weird things is pretty good.

You could even flick to the back and find out what happens when twins take their competitiveness to the next level!

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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

Ordinary

Enrolment status

THOMPSON, Peter is eligible to stand for election as a resident of the Shire of Wickepin.

I have been a shire resident for 22 years and run a transport business throughout the shire and surrounds, as such I have a great understanding of the local road infrastructure, current and future road work programs.

I am currently the president of the Harrismith golf club, Life member of the Upper great southern hockey association and have been on shire council for 4 years and am up for reelection.

I am community- minded person with a strong background in leadership and practical problem solving. I value honesty, teamwork, and delivering results that make a positive impact in the community

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Lindsay Corke Nomination for Wickepin Shire Council

I am standing as a shire councillor in this coming October election for the Wickepin Shire Council.

I have lived and farmed at Yealering all my life and enjoy being part of the community. I am just completing my first term on council and would like the opportunity to serve for another term. A lot of knowledge was gained in my first term, and I believe I have more to contribute if I am elected for another term.

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

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Thankyou

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Agriculture & Agri-Business Wellbeing Factsheet

A resource for farmers, shearers, livestock transporters, as well as those involved in agribusiness.

HOLYOAKE

At Holyoake, we recognise that people involved in the agriculture and agri-business are amongst the most resilient, hard working and resourceful in our regions. This resource is a guide to provide a better understanding of stress and situational distress caused by uncertainty and challenging circumstances. It also provides tips and strategies to help navigate these challenges. It is important to talk to family members, neighbours, friends, or health professionals if you are feeling overwhelmed or find yourself struggling or in crisis. **HELP IS ALWAYS AVAILABLE.**

MENTAL HEALTH & WELLBEING CONTINUUM:



THRIVING

HEALTHY

SURVIVING

STRUGGLING

CRISIS

THRIVING	HEALTHY	SURVIVING	STRUGGLING	CRISIS
<i>"I don't have any stressors in my life"</i>	<i>"I have minimal stressors in my life and can easily manage them"</i>	<i>"I'm managing the stressors of life"</i>	<i>"I don't know if I can continue to manage the stressors"</i>	<i>"I feel like I can no longer manage the stressors"</i>
- Growth mindset - High levels of performance - Fully realising potential - Actively seeking connections - Solution focused - Confident and curious - Clear and energised - Optimal self-awareness - High levels of motivation - Energised by challenges	- Calm and steady with minor mood fluctuations - Able to manage stressors in life - Consistent performance - Able to take advice and to adjust to changes and plans - Able to communicate effectively - Normal sleep patterns and appetite - Good impulse control - Mood recovers quickly from stress - Good self-awareness	- Nervousness, sadness, increased mood fluctuations - Inconsistent performance - More easily overwhelmed or irritated - Increased need for control and difficulty adjusting to changes - Disrupted sleep and eating - Activities and relationships you used to enjoy seem less interesting or even stressful - Muscle tension, low energy & headaches - Low motivation and energy	- Persistent fear, panic, anxiety, anger, sadness and hopelessness - Exhaustion - Poor performance and difficulty making decisions or concentrating - Avoiding interaction with family, friends and colleagues - Fatigue, aches and pains - Restless and disturbed sleep - Self-medicating with alcohol and/or other drugs or food - Inability to problem solve	- Disabling distress and loss of function - Panic attacks, nightmares or flashbacks - Unable to fall or stay asleep - Intrusive thoughts - Thoughts of self-harm or suicide - Easily enraged or aggressive - Careless mistakes and inability to focus - Feeling numb and lost - Withdrawing from relationships - Dependence on alcohol, other drugs, food or other numbing activities to cope. - Physical and emotional exhaustion

MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING TIPS:



GET ENOUGH SLEEP AND REST

Sleep affects our physical and mental health and can be the first thing we trade in when we get busy or stressed.



SCHEDULE TIME FOR THINGS YOU ENJOY

Balance in life is important, so taking time out for things you enjoy can make a difference to how you think and feel.



BE ACTIVE AND EAT WELL

Our physical and mental health are closely linked, so ensure that you are exercising and eating nutritious food.



NURTURE RELATIONSHIPS AND CONNECT WITH OTHERS

Our connection to others is what keeps us strong, especially during challenging times. Ensure you have people to connect with (face-to-face, over the phone or virtually).



ENSURE YOU ARE ADOPTING STRATEGIES TO MANAGE YOUR STRESS LEVELS

If you have are having trouble relaxing or managing intrusive thoughts, the websites below provide an array of tips and tools that can assist you.



MAKE A 'TASKS LIST'

Break large tasks into smaller, more manageable tasks which can be prioritised in order of importance.



FOCUS ON WHAT YOU CAN CONTROL

Direct your time, energy, and resources towards things you have direct influence over, rather than things outside of your control (weather/climate, government regulations, commodity markets).



BRING OTHERS TO THE TABLE

Another set of ears and a logical brain can help with processing and retaining information.



KEEP THE LINES OF COMMUNICATION OPEN

Schedule regular farm business meetings and don't avoid making decisions.



KEEP IN REGULAR CONTACT WITH INDUSTRY PEERS, GROWER GROUPS AND CONSULTANTS

They are sources of trusted and valuable information and can also be a good social connection.



PREPARE AND PLAN FOR THE UNEXPECTED

Contingency planning can avoid further stress.



BE AWARE OF THE RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH BEHAVIOURS OR COPING STRATEGIES THAT ARE UNSAFE AND PUT YOURSELF AND OTHERS AT RISK

Unsafe alcohol consumption, misuse of prescription medication and use of illicit drugs.



TAKE TIME TO PAUSE, BREATHE AND REFLECT

A simple moment of reflection helps us connect our minds with our feelings. It enables us to connect what's happening around us with what's going on in our heads and hearts. Taking the time to ask the right questions of ourselves, and time to get a thoughtful answer, gives us perspective, direction and clarity. By taking time to pause and slow down our breathing (deep circular breaths), we slow down a racing heart, reducing the symptoms of stress headaches and muscle tension.



PARTAKE IN HELP SEEKING BEHAVIOURS

Please see below for information on Support Services and Helplines available.



ORGANISE AN INFORMATION SESSION OR WORKSHOP:

Increasing your own and others understanding of the risks, protective factors, unsafe/risky behaviours, coping strategies, wellbeing, and community resilience is a powerful tool in improving empathy, connections and the overall safety within a community. Please contact Holyoake's Prevention Team if you would like to organise an information session or workshop for your community. Email JDrayton@holyoake.org.au or Jordyn.Drayton@holyoake.org.au

CRISIS LINES

Lifeline Lifeline WA provides all Western Australians experiencing a personal crisis or thinking about suicide with access to 24-hour crisis support and suicide prevention services.	13 11 14 Lifeline WA
Suicide Call Back Service Suicide Call Back Service is a free nationwide service providing 24/7 phone and online counselling to people affected by suicide.	1300 659 467
Beyond Blue Beyond Blue as a reliable source of mental health information, support, and hope.	1300 224 636 Beyond Blue
MensLine Australia MensLine Australia is a telephone and online counselling service offering support for Australian men anywhere, anytime.	1300 789 978 MensLine Australia
Drought Response Hotline The Drought response hotline is available 24/7 hotline for farmers to speak to a trained operator who will be able to connect callers with grant information and services most relevant to their needs.	1300 489 832 Drought Response WA
Kids Helpline Kids Helpline is Australia's only free, confidential 24/7 online and phone counselling service for young people aged 5 to 25.	1800 551 800 Kids Helpline

PLACE-BASED SUPPORTS

Holyoake Holyoake give Western Australians impacted by alcohol, drugs and mental ill health the support, hope and confidence they need to live the life they choose.	9621 1055 Holyoake
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Rural Aid Rural Aid provides critical support to farmers affected by natural disaster through financial, wellbeing and fodder assistance.	1300 327 624 Rural Aid
The Regional Men's Health Initiative The Regional Men's Health Initiative is a team of people who are passionate about raising awareness of men's health and wellbeing in regional, rural, and remote communities throughout WA.	9314 1436 The Regional Men's Health Initiative

Rural West

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Wheatbelt Mental Health

Including: Adult Mental Health Service, Child & Adolescent Mental Health Service, Aboriginal Mental Health Service & Seniors Mental Health Service.

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Amity Health

Amity Health provide a range of funded health and community programs across the Wheatbelt region.

9842 2797

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Headspace

headspace Northam is a free and confidential service for young people aged 12-25. Their service is designed to make it as easy as possible for a young person and their family to get the help they need for problems affecting their wellbeing.

9621 5000

[Headspace Northam](#)

WEBSITES FOR INFORMATION & RESOURCES

ifarmwell

ifarmwell is a free online tool kit to help farmers cope effectively with life's challenges and get the most out of every day, regardless of the circumstances they face.

[ifarmwell](#)

National Centre for Farmer Health

The National Centre for Farmer Health supports farmer mental health through research; education; prevention-focused mental health resources including Managing Stress on the Farm, Steering Straight and Campfire; and support services including a farmer health trained online psychology platform.

[National Centre for Farmer Health](#)

Managing Stress on the Farm walks farmers, farming families, farm workers, and farming communities through the common causes of stressors on farms and offers practical ways to deal with them. It also includes the Steering Straight plan, which helps individuals manage their mental health with practical, valuable steps.

Free to download via: [Managing Stress on the Farm Booklet](#)

TIACS

TIACS is a free, confidential phone and text counselling service offering mental health support to farmers, blue-collar workers and those that care about them Australia-wide.

0488 846 988
(Mon-Fri 8am-10pm AEST)

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Head to Health

Head to Health helps everyone access the mental health and wellbeing services that are right for them. It makes it easier to navigate and choose the most suitable care options, whether that's face-to-face, via phone, or online.

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Blokes, barbecue, bonfire, beers, bonding and bullshit: The six B's helping to improve men's health in the bush

The birth of 6B's

In 2017, sheep and wheat producer from Watheroo Bradley Millsteed had some leftover timber after clearing some paddocks and decided to put it to good use.

"I said to a couple of mates, 'what do you reckon about a barbecue and bonfire?'" he said.

Mr Millsteed posted the barbecue and bonfire idea to social media and then added four more 'B's' — blokes, beers, bonding and bullshit.

West Australian farmer Bradley Millsteed organised the first 6B's event in 2017. (*ABC News: Christopher Lewis*)

Ever since, Mr Millsteed has helped other farmers across the state to organise their own local 6B's event.

"Not everyone enjoys sport, not everyone enjoys going to the pub, but I haven't found too many people who don't enjoy sitting around a fire," he said.



"It's just a great neutral venue and sometimes a lot of barriers can come down, so blokes can talk more about what's actually going on."

Mr Millsteed said the 6B's concept was initially conceived as a way for men to discuss mental health but it has since also developed into a discussion around general health and wellbeing.

"As we age, our bodies change, [we discuss when] something doesn't work like it used to work, or there's a lump or a bump or something somewhere," he said.

"Getting a group of guys together and hearing somebody else talk about something that they've experienced, these conversations might spark further engagement and encourage someone to go and get themselves checked out."



Phil Rumble, who works as a farmhand manager, attended the Mullewa 6B's event for the first time and said he believed it can help to break down topics that some men see as taboo.

"I had a good mate many years ago who died of cancer because he had a lump on his back and didn't want anybody to know about it, and he died in his mid-twenties,"

"If he just had said something to someone, that might've been resolved, but you just don't know."

Farmhand manager Phil Rumble said farmers can spend entire working days on their own, which can lead to loneliness. *(ABC News: Christopher Lewis)*

Mr Rumble said one of the challenges of his job as a farmhand manager is spending long hours of the day working solo.

"You do spend a lot of time on your own," he said.

"The daily duties of the job can be anywhere from spreading, seeding, spraying, harvesting, fencing and a lot of that time you're spending it on your own.

"During seeding time I'll be spending anywhere between 15-18 hours a day on my own in a tractor with my own thoughts, so they become long days after a while."

Mr Millsteed agreed that working on the land is time-consuming and isolating, and therefore believes farmers need to stop and take time out from work to check in with their mates.

"We're all more connected than we've ever been before through phones and the likes, but perhaps we're actually all starting to lose that art of being able to talk to each other and express thoughts or tell people how we are,"

"As farmers we soil-test our paddocks to see what's there. We can't do that with ourselves unfortunately; we need to remove that stigma of getting help. "As the saying goes, it's OK to not be OK, but what's not OK is to do nothing about it."

About #6BS

#6BS is based around the message, it's not a formal organisation with formal procedures or a movement. There isn't anything polished or "white coat" about it, just normal blokes trying to encourage others to connect with other blokes to share the load, and not to allow that top paddock to get too overstocked to the point it starts to blow away.

So who supports #6BS?

We actually have no official sponsors or funding partners. We are purely focused on raising awareness ... not money. We've had one silent sponsor who wishes to remain anonymous. We haven't received or applied for any government or independent financial support. The hosts of each event tend to gain support from local business houses for the events to offset costs which has greatly appreciated

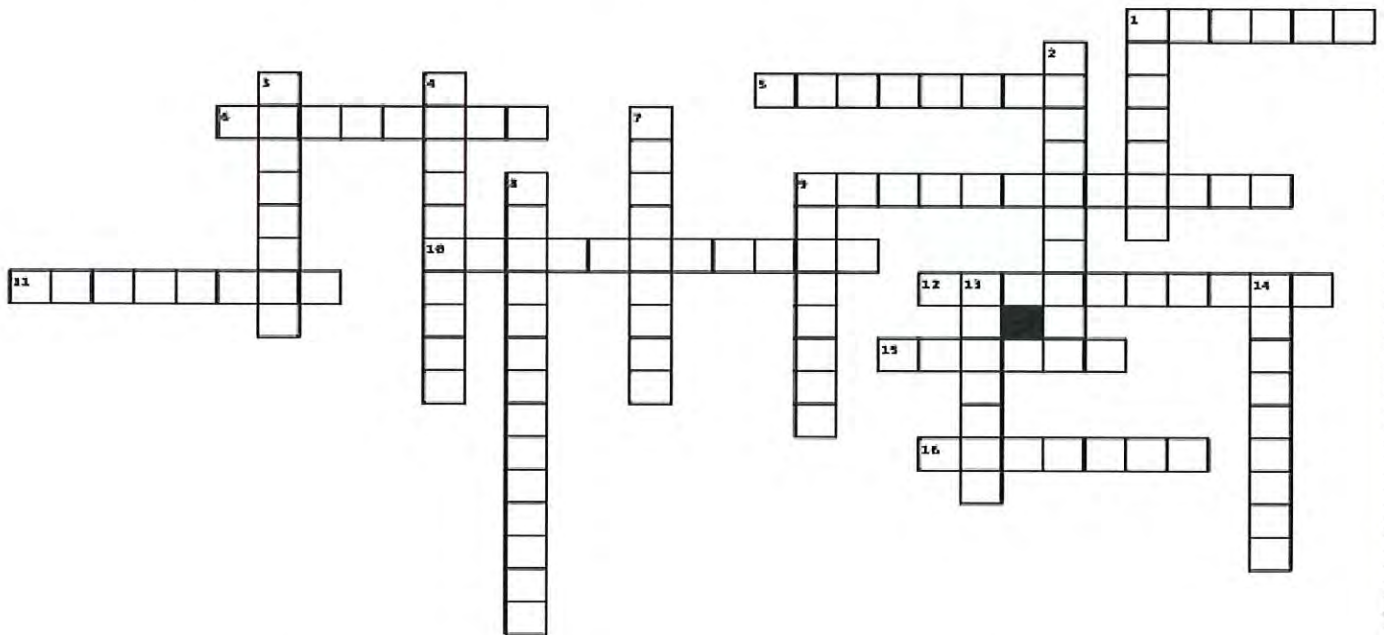
Like to coordinate an event?

What's required?

Where can I hold it?

We'd suggest you head across to the contact page www.6bs.com.au/contact-us and send a message or call the number there.

World Mental Health Day (Oct 10th)



Across

- 1.** Negative attitudes and beliefs that create prejudice against individuals with mental health conditions.
- 5.** Someone who speaks up and promotes awareness of mental health issues.
- 6.** The state of overall mental and emotional health and well-being.
- 9.** A gathering of individuals with shared experiences who provide mutual assistance and understanding.
- 10.** Confidence and belief in one's own worth and abilities.
- 11.** The process of regaining one's mental health and well-being.
- 12.** The ability to bounce back and adapt in the face of adversity.
- 15.** Strategies and skills used to manage stress and difficult emotions.
- 16.** A treatment for mental health issues that may involve counseling or medication.

Down

- 1.** Assistance and encouragement provided to those facing mental health challenges.
- 2.** A mindfulness practice that can promote mental clarity and reduce stress.
- 3.** Actions and practices individuals can take to promote their mental and emotional well-being.
- 4.** A common mental health disorder characterized by persistent sadness and loss of interest.
- 7.** Knowledge and understanding of mental health and its importance.
- 8.** Embracing oneself, including imperfections, as an essential part of mental well-being.
- 9.** To openly discuss mental health issues to reduce stigma.
- 13.** The ability to understand and share the feelings of others, which promotes mental health awareness.
- 14.** A professional who provides guidance and support for mental health challenges.

RECOMMENDATION

Silver Linings Playbook

Life doesn't always go according to plan...Pat Solatano (Bradley Cooper) has lost everything -- his house, his job, and his wife. He now finds himself living back with his mother (Jacki Weaver) and father (Robert DeNiro) after spending eight months in a state institution on a plea bargain. Pat is determined to rebuild his life, remain positive and reunite with his wife, despite the challenging circumstances of their separation. All Pat's parents want is for him to get back on his feet - and to share their family's obsession with the Philadelphia Eagles football team. When Pat meets Tiffany (Jennifer Lawrence), a mysterious girl with problems of her own, things get complicated. Tiffany offers to help Pat reconnect with his wife, but only if he'll do something very important for her in return. As their deal plays out, an unexpected bond begins to form between them, and silver linings appear in both of their lives.



Wickepin 2026 Calendar

Photography Competition

Voting now Open

We've had lots of fabulous entries, and we need you to choose 12 for the calendar! Vote in person at the CRC, or message us via our Facebook page.

Vote for your 3 favourite photos for a chance to win a 2026 calendar!

Voting closes Tuesday 14th October.

Wickepin PS Needs You!

Since losing the services of the School Chaplin, Wickepin Primary School are in desperate need of community volunteers to help with two weekly programs which are very popular with the children.

Brunch Club

Held on Monday mornings, we need volunteers to come in from 09:00 to 10:30 to cook cheese toasties, which are then distributed to the children by the School Councillors.



Gardening Club

If you like being out in the fresh air and sunshine, this one is for you. This popular activity helps students connect with nature and learn new skills each Monday from 1:30pm. You don't have to be a "good" gardener....just a willing one!



These programs don't just support students — they strengthen community ties. Volunteering can be a one-off, or an on-going commitment. If you can spare any of your Mondays in Term 4, please contact the Wickepin Primary School on 9888 2300.

The kids will thank you for it!



WICKEPIN CRC

SPRING MARKET DAY

We had perfect spring weather befitting our Spring Market Day on Saturday September 20th, with a dozen stall holders setting up inside and outside of the Community Centre. The Craft Ladies served delicious Devonshire Teas, and Darryl manned the BBQ for the always popular sausage sizzle. Thank you to all our stallholders and volunteers for making the markets a success!



Kids Nature Workshops

Educated by Nature
Resilience through Connection

The highlight of the day, though, was the nature workshops run by Educated by Nature.



The Hut Building session was a blast, turning the entire area into a sprawling shanty town. The kids worked both separately and together to construct some seriously impressive cubbies. Some were simple, single-room structures, while others were complex with multiple rooms and connecting tunnels. Even our littlest attendees helped, although perhaps removing pegs and clamps wasn't exactly 'helping'. They even erected a flagpole! I mean, what cubby village is complete without a flagpole?

The Tinkering Zone was a hive of cooperative activity, with children and adults joining forces on a variety of projects. Tools were buzzing as some focused on sawing, others on drilling. Some were happy to experiment, while others worked towards something specific, like a picture frame or a functional bird feeder. It was great to see adults supporting their children's ideas!



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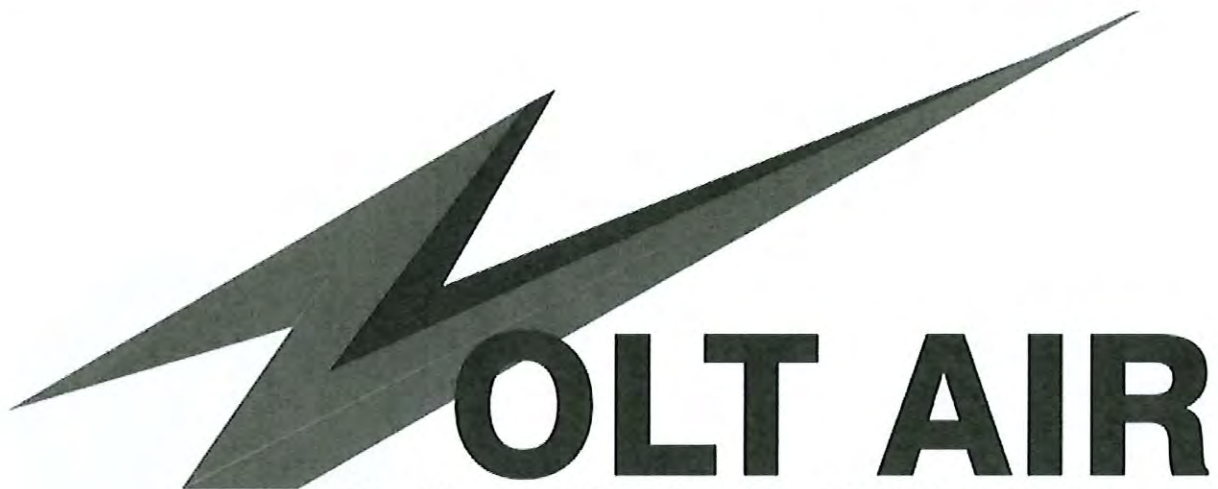
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From the Principal

Wickein Primary School Newsletter – Term 3 Wrap-Up

Kaya parents, carers, and community members,

What a busy, fun and fulfilling few weeks we've had at Wickein Primary School! As we head into the final days of Term 3, it is a great time to reflect on the many wonderful experiences we have shared together.

We kicked off week nine with a vibrant dance incursion that had students moving, grooving, and expressing themselves with joy. It was fantastic to see so much energy and enthusiasm in the room!

We also marked RU OK? Day, a national day of action dedicated to reminding everyone to check in with those around them. The message is simple but powerful: Are you OK? A conversation could change a life. Our students engaged in meaningful discussions about mental health, kindness, and connection, and we were proud to host a Talking Taco lunch where community members joined us for delicious food and warm conversations. Thank you to everyone who came along and helped make the day so special.



Our School Council held its annual open meeting, where we shared the incredible work done throughout the year. This was followed by our regular termly meeting, which was both productive and positive. We welcomed new community members, had strong parent representation, and all staff were in attendance. Highlights included a review of NAPLAN, sharing of student, staff and parent survey results, and the presentation of the 2024 Annual Report and my Principal's Term Report. Jill Norwell also provided a detailed update in the finance space. We celebrated many successes and discussed a few community-raised issues with care and collaboration.

We are excited to have launched intervention groups every Thursday with Mrs Andrea Morgan, who is providing targeted academic support and leading a social and emotional learning program called Smiling Minds. This initiative is already making a positive impact on our students.

SPORTS NOTES

LAKE YEALERING BOWLING CLUB

Friday 26th September 2025

Unfortunatley the Ladies Gala Day Triples was cancelled, due to insufficient numbers.

Opening day for the Season is Sunday 5th October 2025 2pm

70th ANNIVERSARY of the Lake Yealering Bowling Club **Sunday 19th October 2025,**
11am Start. Luncheon \$25.00.

Please advise if attending by 3rd October 2025

to Lois Shipley 0400 542 714 or email brian_lois@westnet.com.au

First Pennant Game:- YEALERING v BROOKTON (Home Game)

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

COME AND GIVE LAWN BOWLS A GO.



LAKE YEALERING GOLF CLUB

Saturday 20th September 2025

Great day for Golf, all sunshine and little wind. 6 Players turned up for a Stableford Round with the eventual victor being M. Lee on a count back, with S. Dicks being second.

Saturday 27th September 2025

Grand Final Footy attracted a crowd to watch Brisbane take down Geelong, followed by a short 4 hole novelty game set up by T. Sands. Fun had by all, with plenty of food and refreshments served throughout the day.



LAKE YEALERING BOWLING CLUB

ANY COMBINATION TRIPLES OPEN DAY

Sunday 2nd November 2025 - 9am Morning tea

9.30am Start

4 games of 10 ends, 3 Bowls each

Spot the Jack

\$90.00 per team



Entries Close Thursday 23rd October 2025

Men's Captain: Darrel Sims 0428 211 455

SPONSORS: Lewisdale Stud, Tamma Grain, Nutrien Harcourt Real Estate

WICKEPIN TENNIS CLUB

Tennis has started up again at the Wickepin Tennis Club- Social tennis dates will be either a Friday evening or Sunday afternoon & discussed in the Whatsapp group and subject to change depending on what day works with the majority. Please contact Zoe on 0448001958 if you'd like to be added to the group message.

Please email wickepintennisclub@gmail.com if you would like to sign up to be a member of the club. The 25/26 season fees:

Adult \$110

Highschool Child: \$30

Primaryschool Child: \$30

Family: \$230

Social Member: \$25

Playing Visitor entry: \$10



WICKEPIN TENNIS CLUB LADIES DAY

FEE
\$40

**PER
PERSON**

FRIDAY 17 OCTOBER
WICKEPIN TENNIS CLUB

DEVONSHIRE TEA AND
LONG TABLE GRAZING
LUNCH INCLUDED

3:30PM PRESENTATIONS
FOLLOWED BY DRINKS
AND NIBBLES

REGISTER YOUR PAIR BY 10/10/25
CONTACT AMY DUFFY 0459 388 494
MORNING ARRIVAL TIME TBC



SUNDAY SOCIAL—1PM

12.10.25—Patrons Triples

19.10.25—Vera Watson Pairs

26.10.25—Narrogin

Any Combo Triples

02.11.25—Yealering

Any Combo Triples



BAR OPEN

FRIDAY 4PM

24.10.25—Scroungers

31.10.25—Scroungers

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

NEW MEMBERS WELCOME

See you there!



Clubhouse chatter says...

For all things bowls, ring President Greg White on 0427881057

Roll your Green Fees over to Treasurer Peter Mullan and if you're in doubt of 'what's about' please check out the Fixture Book.

For any other details - the dots, the dashes and everything in-between, our Secretary Robyn Mullan has them covered on 0427831027

CONTACT CLUB CAPTAINS:

BERYL ELPHICK: 0427869971

AARON BRANSBY: 0457180553



SATURDAY PENNANT FIXTURE & KITCHEN ROSTER

18.10.25 WICKEPIN V Brookton R.MULLAN

25.10.25 WILLIAMS -B V Wickepin -

Subs to be paid prior to first pennant match please

TUESDAY PENNANT FIXTURE

21.10.25 WILLIAMS Pingelly V Wickepin

28.10.25 PINGELLY Williams V Wickepin

Subs to be paid prior to first pennant match please



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.

Wickepin Sports Club opens 5pm for Happy Hour 6-7pm

THURSDAY

Fit Pursuit 5.45 – 6.30am, Wickepin Community Centre

FRIDAY

Wickepin Playgroup 9 – 11am, during school term. Ages 0 – 5,

Playgroup Building Campbell St

Wickepin Sports Club opens 5pm for Happy Hour 6-7pm

SATURDAY

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

Wickepin Community Centre

SUNDAY

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



COMMUNITY CALENDAR 2025/2026

OCTOBER

Wed	1 st	Restricted Burning Season starts
Fri	3 rd	Communi Tea 1.30pm Wickein CRC
Wed	8 th	Wickein CRC AGM 5.30pm
Sat	11 th	Wickein Community Shed open 8.30 am - 12.30 pm, Richter St
Mon	13th	Watershed News
Mon	13 th	Recycle and Bin Day
Mon	13 th	Wandering AWI. Ramping Up Repro Workshop
Mon	13 th	Term 4 Starts
Tues	14 th	Wickein 2026 Calendar Photography Voting Closes
Tue	14 th	Facey Group Harnessing AI Power & AGM @6.30pm
Thus	16 th	Can You Spot a Scam Webinar 12 pm – Wickein CRC
Sat	18 th	Local Government Ordinary Election
Sun	19 th	Lake Yealering Bowling Club 70 th Anniversary Luncheon
Tue	21st	Drum Muster Contact Shire of Wickein to book 98881005
Mon	27th	Watershed News
Mon	27 th	Recycle and Bin Day

NOVEMBER

Sat	1 st	Prohibited Burning Season starts
Fri	7 th	Communi Tea 1.30pm Wickepin CRC
Mon	10th	Watershed News
Mon	10 th	Recycle and Bin Day
Mon	24th	Watershed News
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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

FEBRUARY

Mon	2nd	Watershed News
Mon	2nd	Recycle and Bin Day
Mon	16th	Watershed News
Mon	16th	Recycle and Bin Day
Sat	21st	Wickepin Festival

