

WATERSHED NEWS

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

13 October 2025

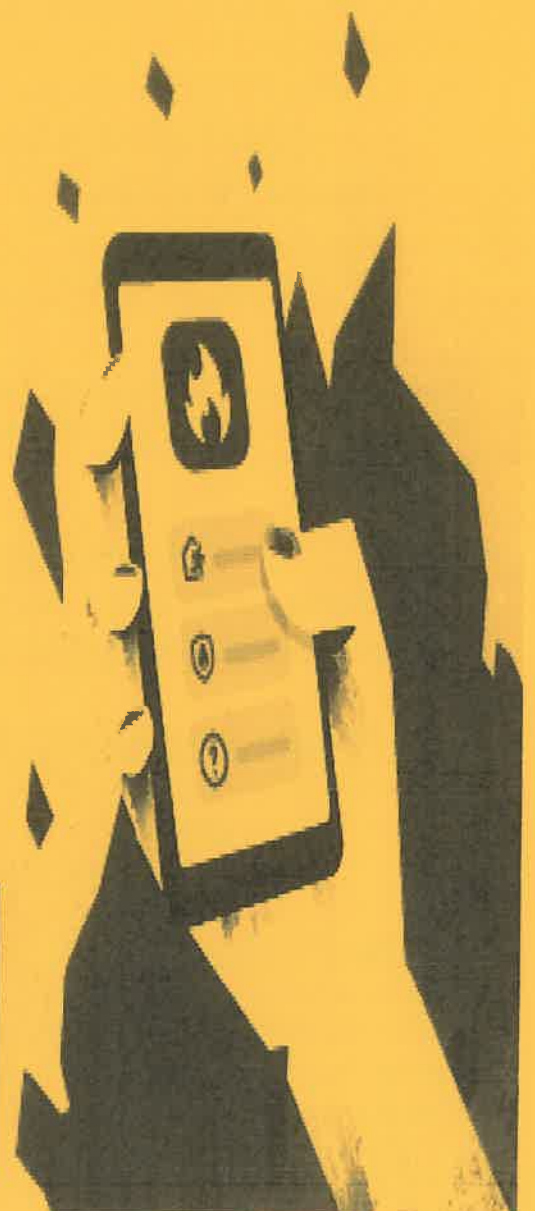
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Email to wickepinwatershed@gmail.com , or drop them into the Community Resource Centre.

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:

- 14th Couper spark
- 16th Steven Podmore, Lousia White, Irene Moore, Meg McLean
- 18th Barry Green, Rebecca Podmore,
Elaine Bushby, Tasma Doncon, Brent Bennier
- 19th Gary Lang
- 22nd Sarah Corke
- 23rd Kathy Altham



THANKS

Elaine Bushby wishes to thank the helpers who prepared the food for the two sheep sales on 3rd and 10th October. It was lots of fun and a special thanks to Cheryl Adams who manned the "Café Lamb" with Elaine after helping prepare the food.

TWO WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Sarah Hyde and Mitch Johnston who were married on 3rd October 2025.



On Wednesday 24th September, Keith Bushby's grandson, Jamie Eggers, son of Debbie, was wed to Brittany Newitt of Cuballing, in a fairy tale wedding at Evedon Lakeside Retreat in Burekup. Connecting the ceremony area was a bridge from the accommodation cabins. The 5 groomsmen were first to arrive followed by the Groom, then 9 year old boy ring bearer, two flower girls dressed in white and throwing rose petals followed by the 5 bridesmaids dressed in long, off the shoulder deep red dresses, then Britt's Mum and Dad escorting Britt to the ceremony. The celebrant asked for no photos to be



taken except for one minute only when she gave the command. We were able to concentrate fully on the ceremony this way. Keith was honoured to be witness together with Britt's grandfather.

Ample drinks and nibbles on the beautiful lawned area followed the ceremony while the bridal party was absent having professional photos taken. On the table at the reception each guest had a "place mat" with their name and a photograph with the bride and/or groom at some stage. A lovely touch. There is so much to report about this wonderful occasion it would take several pages to describe it all. We stayed in lovely cabin accommodation but there were apartments available (with stairs).

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

The day after returning from the wedding, Tia, granddaughter, arrived in Narrogin on the bus. This is a trip she frequently does as she loves coming to the country. The following day we drove to Albany for a 3 night stay. Of course the whaling station was a must. The jaw of this whale is enormous. Weather wasn't too bad but rain kept coming in squalls. A few days after our return it was time to see Tia off on the bus back to Perth. Same day we picked up Zane then we took a short holiday starting after Church on Sunday when we travelled to Northam. The trip was pleasant with showers of rain along the way. Many crops have been cut for hay, other crops looking great.



Being too early to book in to motel, we called in to the Visitor Centre. The backdrop behind the main desk is of three huge painted hot air balloons. They look real. There is a verandah around the Visitors Centre which overlooks the Avon river and close by is a suspension bridge. Beside the Centre is the Avon descent start tower and two lovely parks.

A beautiful town with so many old buildings. Some folk reading this will be familiar with Northam but I was astounded at the shops in the town. Spud Shed, Aldi, Coles, Woolworths, IGA, Best &

Less, Red Dot, Reject shop, K-Hub, plus all the other usual services. In 2001 the population was just short of 7000.

Monday we headed off to Toodyay, just a short distance away. I had heard of the Christmas shop but wasn't prepared for the size and amount of Christmas products in one very huge store. There were alcoves throughout the shop, each one displaying different themes. Astounding !! We visited the lolly shop, had lunch and headed back to Northam.

Stopped off in York firstly visiting the swinging bridge then the motor museum which we all enjoyed. No lolly shop in York any more so headed on home, after Zane had a play in the park.



TRUE GRIT

Well done to Brent Bennier & Renae Bransby on their adventure at TRUE GRIT in the Blackwood River area in the South West on the weekend. True Grit is a military inspired obstacle course that is a mix of physical and mental challenges. Brent and Renae completed the 10km course.

Operation Shoebox 2025 – Wickepin's Generosity in Action

A heartfelt thank you to Irene Moore and the wonderful ladies of the Arts and Craft Centre for their dedication and hard work once again in coordinating Operation Shoebox 2025.



Thanks also to the lovely small group of ladies who came together last Wednesday to pack the shoeboxes — your time and care are truly appreciated!

This year, 34 boxes (plus 9 from Tincurrin) were lovingly packed and are now on their way to children in need around the world. Each box contains small gifts, school supplies, hygiene item (all either made or donated by the Wickepin community) and a whole lot of love. We're also pleased to report that enough funds were raised to cover the postage cost of \$12.50 per box — another fantastic community effort.

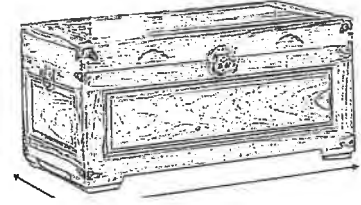
Operation Christmas Child, run by Samaritan's Purse, delivers these shoeboxes to children affected by poverty, conflict, or natural disaster. For many, it's the only gift they will receive, and it brings not only joy but also a powerful message of hope. We will provide updates on the journey of ours. Well done to everyone involved. Wickepin continues to show that a small community can make a big difference.



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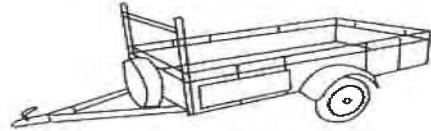
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Hand carved camphor wood chest. 104 x 51 x 61.
Tray inside. \$150.00
Contact 0429 080 431.



WANTED

Single Axle Trailer
Phone: 0428 884 040 or 0428 898 025



St Johns Anglican Church

Johnston Street, Wickepin

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

Morning tea served after service

All Denominations Welcome

Enquires: Irene -0437 801 026 or Elaine 0428 898 025



PICTURE IN A FRAME

Any picture in a Brand New Frame

A4 (29.7 x 21cm / 11.7 x 8.3in) **\$15** or A3 (29.7 x 42cm / 11.7 x 16.5in) **\$22**

Send pictures and contact details or call for more information.

Photo restoration prior to framing available, (at additional cost).

Other frame sizes available if required (at additional cost).

A1 84.1cm x 59.4cm / 33.1in x 23.4in

A2 59.4cm x 42cm / 23.4in x 16.5in

Keep your family history alive !!

Family Tree History research available

Contact Bill 048 4501 366 for details.



Know someone great?

SHIRE OF WICKEPIN 2026 COMMUNITY AWARDS

Nominate an individual or a group
for a 2026 Community Award

CITIZEN OF THE YEAR
SENIOR CITIZEN OF THE YEAR
YOUNG CITIZEN OF THE YEAR (up to 25yrs)
COMMUNITY GROUP OF THE YEAR

Awards will be presented at the Australia Day Event in Wickepin - More information to come regarding Dates and Venue!

Nomination forms are available at www.wickepin.wa.gov.au
Nominations close Friday 7th November 2025



**For further information please contact the shire office on 9888 1005 or
eso@wickepin.wa.gov.au**

PUBLIC NOTICE ADDITION TO FEES & CHARGES 2025/2026 REGISTRATION OF A LODGING HOUSE ALBERT FACEY ENTRY FEES

In accordance with Section 6.19 of the Local Government Act 1995, the Shire of Wickepin hereby gives notice of its intention to impose the following fees & charges:

Application for Registration of a Lodging House	\$200.00
Renewal of a Registration of a Lodging House	\$100.00
Albert Facey House Entry Fee	\$5.00 (per entry) \$2.00 (Group Booking over 10)

The new fees & charges have come into effect as of 17 September 2025.

David Burton
Chief Executive Officer

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admin@wickepin.wa.gov.au
www.wickepin.wa.gov.au

Embracing Community Growth

CHANGE IN HOURS - OUTSIDE WORKS CREW

The Shire of Wickepin would like to advise the community that, as we are moving into the warmer months, our outside works crew is starting their day one hour earlier and finishing one hour earlier.

This change allows our team to make the most of the cooler part of the day and continue delivering services efficiently and safely before the heat sets in.

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**FIREBREAK INSPECTIONS**

Fire Hazard Reduction inspections were conducted during the first week of October to ensure that all town properties within the Shire of Wickepin have compliant yards free of long grass and fire hazards in place for the upcoming Bush Fire Season.

If an inspection found that a property did not meet the required fire hazard standards, the property owner will receive a notification letter outlining the necessary works and a deadline for compliance.

Please note that if fire hazard reductions are not in place by the date specified in the letter, infringements of \$250 will be issued.

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

WICKEPIN SWIMMING POOL

The refurbishment of the Wickepin Swimming Pool is nearing completion, and refilling will begin soon. Residents may notice a temporary drop in water pressure during this time.

COUNCIL ELECTIONS – VOTING

As we near the end of the Council Election voting period, residents are advised that from Wednesday, 15 October, they can submit their completed ballot papers directly to the Shire of Wickepin office for late voting to ensure their votes are counted.

DOGS/CATS REGISTRATION RENEWALS

Registration renewals for dogs and cats are due by October 31, 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.

WICKEPIN WASTE FACILITY
HOURS
(AS OF THE 1ST OCTOBER 2025)
.....
SATURDAY **8AM – 12PM**
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SUNDAY **1PM – 5PM**
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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

Australian Fire Danger Rating System

Moderate: Plan and prepare.

High: Be ready to act.

Extreme: Take action now to protect your life and property.

Catastrophic: For your survival, leave bushfire risk areas.

When there is minimal risk, Fire Danger Ratings will be set to 'No Rating'.



For current Fire Danger Ratings and Bushfire Warnings visit emergency.wa.gov.au

Check the Fire Danger Rating daily and decide what you will do before there is a fire. Visit mybushfireplan.wa.gov.au



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PREPARING YOUR PROPERTY



FIREFIGHTERS WILL BE TOO BUSY FIGHTING FIRES ON THE FRONTLINE TO BE ABLE TO DEFEND YOUR HOME AND PROPERTY.
To reduce the spread of fire and provide some shelter,



PROPERTY UPKEEP

Set calendar reminders to complete these preparations monthly **during fire season.**

- ☐ Cut the grass around your property to 10cm or less.
- ☐ Prune shrubs so they are not dense.
- ☐ Ensure gas cylinders are chained/secured upright.
- ☐ Check gas release valves face away from property.
- ☐ Clean gutters.



RURAL PROTECTION

Complete these preparations **if you own a rural property.**

- ☐ Make sure fire trucks can access and turn around on your property.
- ☐ Check bridge loading and cattle grid loading for fire truck access.
- ☐ Create fire breaks along paddock boundaries.
- ☐ Store petrol and gas safely.
- ☐ Install underground water pumps that lead from dams to the house.
- ☐ If a fire threatens, move livestock to a well grazed paddock.
- ☐ Check generator and pumps are working.



LASTING PROTECTION

Set calendar reminders to complete these preparations **annually.**

- ☐ Keep gas cylinders away from likely direction of fire (i.e. where bush is) and turn release valves outwards.
- ☐ Remove shrubs, wood, mulch or any flammable material, against or near the house.
- ☐ Block any gaps under floor, in the roof spaces, under eaves, external vents, skylights, chimneys and wall claddings.
- ☐ Install metal fly wire mesh on all windows, vents and install a protective screen on evaporative air conditioner.
- ☐ Create a mineral earth firebreak along the boundary of your property.
- ☐ Install a fire or heat radiant shield such as a solid fence.

For more information visit dfes.wa.gov.au/bushfire
or contact DFES Community Preparedness:
Community.Preparedness@dfes.wa.gov.au
or 9395 9816



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There has been a significant rise in fires related to lithium-ion batteries. Find out how to identify these batteries, understand the risks and be prepared in the event of an incident.

Types of lithium-ion batteries

Many modern portable devices contain a rechargeable lithium-ion battery (LiB). This includes devices such as phones, tablets, power banks, computers, toys, appliances and tools, as well as mobility equipment such as electric bikes and scooters.

Identifying lithium-ion batteries

The batteries can be cylindrical, flat, rectangular, or pouch/device specific. They can be difficult to identify as there is currently no requirement or standard for labelling.

If the battery is rechargeable and has 'Li' or 'Lithium' printed on it, you can safely assume that it is a lithium-ion battery. Common printings include:

- lithium ion
- Li-ion
- Li-po
- Lithium-polymer
- or other variations of 'Li'.



Why do lithium-ion batteries catch fire?

Lithium-ion batteries (LiBs) are energy-dense and contain material that is highly flammable. The risks and hazards associated with LiBs include fire and explosion, radiation, heat, chemical and electrical.

There are several situations that can lead to lithium-ion batteries catching fire, including:

- overcharging or use of non-compliant charging equipment
- overheating or exposure to heat or extreme temperatures
- physical abuse (e.g., dropping, crushing, piercing, and/or vibrations)
- short-circuiting, battery cell malfunctions or system faults
- defects or contamination introduced during manufacture.

When LiBs fail, they can undergo thermal runaway. This involves violent bursting of one or multiple battery cells, hissing and release of toxic, flammable and explosive gases, and an intense, self-sustaining fire.

Non-rechargeable or disposable lithium batteries, or lithium metal batteries should also be treated with caution as they can expel molten flammable metal and emit toxic gases during a fire. Small fires involving single use, disposable lithium batteries should be treated as a LiB fire.

Preventing lithium-ion battery fires

To prevent an incident involving lithium-ion batteries (LiBs), only purchase and use devices and equipment from reputable manufacturers and suppliers.

Charging Advice

- Only use chargers that are supplied with the equipment or device, or certified third-party charging equipment that is compatible with the battery specifications. Using chargers with incorrect power delivery (voltage and current) can cause damage to the battery that can lead to fires.
- Check that chargers bear the Regulatory Compliance Mark, to show that it has met the relevant Australian Standards under the **Electrical Equipment Safety System (EESS)**.
- Avoid leaving batteries or devices unattended while being charged or charging overnight. Once the device or battery is fully charged, disconnect it from the charger.
- Don't charge batteries or devices on combustible and insulating surfaces (e.g., beds, couches, or carpet). Keep them away from flammable materials like blankets, clothing, and paper.
- Never use and charge devices such as phones, tablets and e-cigarettes or vaping devices in bed, where they can overheat if you fall asleep.
- Larger batteries and equipment (e.g., power tools and electric scooters) should be charged in the garage, shed or carport away from living spaces.
- Install a smoke or heat alarm in areas where devices are often charged. Have a licenced electrician install and interconnect mains-powered smoke alarms where possible. Check with the manufacturer or distributor to ensure device models are compatible for interconnection.

Usage and Storage Advice

- Never store or leave batteries and devices in areas where they can be exposed to heat or moisture.
- Never leave batteries and devices in direct sunlight or in parked vehicles.
- Never use batteries or devices that show signs of swelling, bulging, leaking, overheating, or signs of mechanical damage (cracked, dented, punctured, or crushed).

FOR SALE

Double ended workshop grinder. Brush one side, grinder on other. - **\$50**

Tyre bead breaker- **\$10**

240v double ended shearing grinder with one clamp - **\$50**

Honda 5.5HP GX160 engine fire fighter – no hoses - **\$250**

Selecta Silvan 12v 100 litre Water Tank - **\$70**

2 car ramps - **\$30**

KinCrome Mechanics Creeper - **\$50**

Pedestal drill – 240v - **\$250**

48" Hi Lift jack – load limit 1000kg - **\$100**

Oxy welder on trolley - **\$80**

2 x 240v fans - \$25 for 2

Goodweld 240v welder- **\$10**

Clay target thrower with a number of clay targets - **\$50**

Engel 29lt fridge/freezer with cover - **\$300**

Steel post air operated rammer - **\$500**

Husqvarna chain saw 440. Brand new chain - **\$300**

Suzuki Boulevard C50 Motorbike – 800cc engine
With panniers and windscreen. Good tyres. 45,000kms
Licensed for 5 months - **\$5,500**

5 tyres on 6 stud Land Cruiser rims, 50% tread - **\$40 ea**

3 x 7.50 16 8ply tyres on 5 stud rims for Land Cruiser – near new - **\$60 ea**

5 x 285 x 70 R17 6 stud tyres on rims. Near new tread - **\$400 the lot**

5 Mickey Thompson Badger RTZ 265/75 16 tyres –
on rims for Land Cruiser – 70% tread - **\$400 the lot**

Chamberlain 9G front end loader with a rake.
Has hydraulic Pizey Rockmaster post hole digger on rear
With 12" auger - **\$6,000**

Phone 0428 884 040 or 0428 898 025



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Anne Hague: 0427 133 711

Joyce Contos: 0428 891 244

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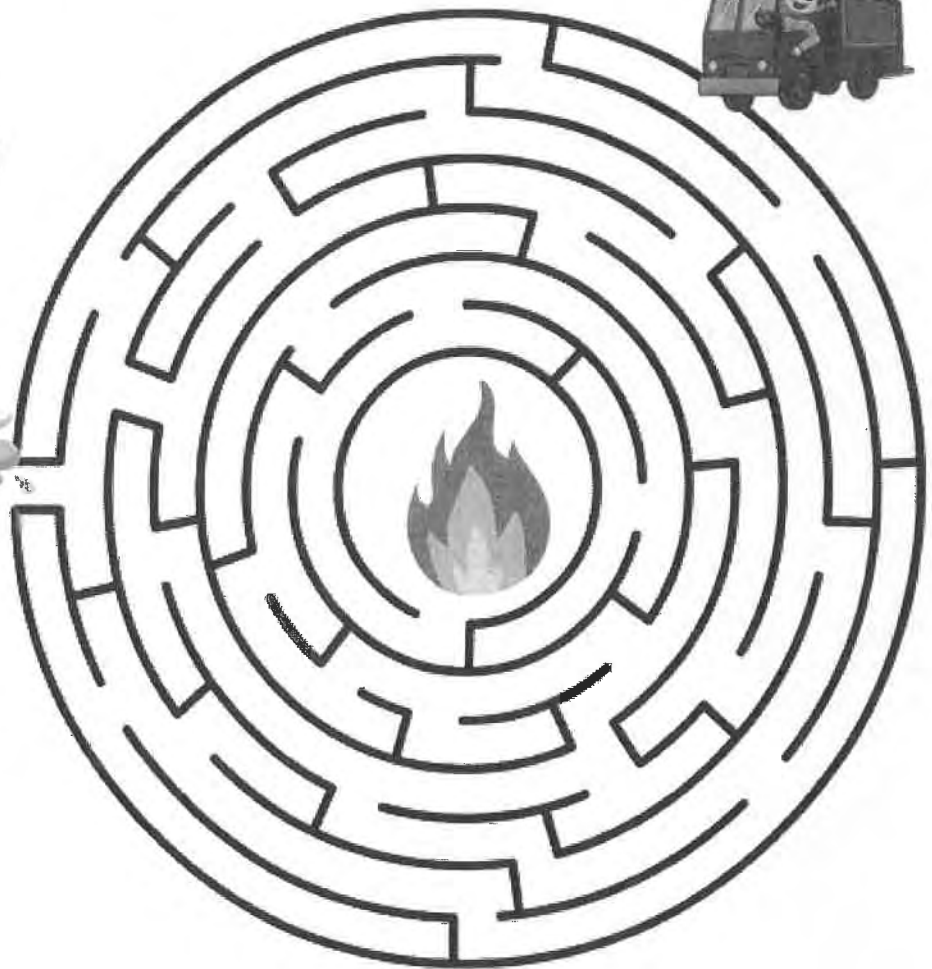
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BE A FIRE SAFETY HERO



**Help Fireman
Tim put the
fire out!**



1 You see smoke under the door. Do you...

- ♦ Open the door to check?
- ♦ Crawl low under the smoke and find another way out?

2 Your clothes catch on fire! Do you...

- ♦ Run and scream?
- ♦ Stop, Drop, and Roll?

3 You can't find your pet. Do you...

- ♦ Go back inside to find it?
- ♦ Tell a firefighter where it is?

4 You got out safely. Do you...

- ♦ Go back in to get your toy?
- ♦ Wait at the safe meeting spot?

**Answer path: Crawl low → Stop, Drop, Roll → Tell
firefighter → Wait outside**



Happy Birthday

MERCY

24 Oct 2013

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@home 

World Pasta Day 25th of October

Creamy Tuscan Salmon Pasta Bake

Ingredients (12)

- 300g Simply penne Pasta
- 1 tbsp olive oil
- 1 brown onion, cut into thin wedges
- 75g (1/4 cup) Pesto Tomato
- 2 garlic cloves, crushed
- 2 tbsp plain flour
- 375ml (1 1/2 cups) milk
- 125ml (1/2 cup) thickened cream
- 415g can pink salmon, drained, flaked
- 60g baby spinach
- 80g (1/2 cup) Sun-Dried Tomato Strips
- 80g (1 cup) coarsely grated Coles Simply Cheddar Cheese



Method

Cook pasta in a large saucepan of boiling water following packet directions or until al dente. Drain.

Meanwhile, heat oil in a large ovenproof frying pan over medium heat. Add onion and cook, stirring, for 5 minutes or until softened slightly. Add sun-dried tomato, pesto and garlic and cook, stirring, for 1 minute or until aromatic. Add flour and cook, stirring, for 30 seconds or until well combined. Gradually add milk and cream, stirring constantly, until the mixture comes to the boil.

Add the cooked pasta and stir until combined. Add salmon, spinach and sun-dried tomato strips and stir gently until combined. Season.

Preheat an oven grill on high. Sprinkle pasta mixture with cheese and grill for 3-5 minutes or until golden. Serve.

Easy Homemade Pasta

- 2 cups flour
- 3 large eggs, at room temperature
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 2 tablespoons water, or as needed



Mix flour, eggs, olive oil, and salt in a bowl until combined. Add water, 1 teaspoon at a time, to flour mixture until a smooth, thick dough forms.

Turn dough out onto a lightly floured work surface and knead for 10 minutes. Let dough rest for 5 to 10 minutes.

Divide dough into 8 balls; use a pasta machine to roll and cut dough into desired pasta shape.

Cook's Note

This dough makes really great homemade linguine or ravioli using a manual pasta machine. If the dough is too sticky, roll it in a bit of flour.

This recipe makes enough pasta for 24 small raviolis or 4 servings of linguine. Whatever pasta you make, it should take no more than 4 to 6 minutes to boil.

Types of Pasta



Pasta dishes vary widely across different cultures. Here's a look at some of the most beloved pasta dishes by country:

- **Italy:** Known for its rich pasta heritage, iconic dishes include Spaghetti Bolognese, Lasagna, and Fettuccine Alfredo.
- **USA:** Popular pasta dishes include Macaroni and Cheese and Pasta Salad, reflecting the country's love for creamy, hearty meals.
- **Japan:** Ramen and Udon noodles are central to Japanese cuisine, showcasing how pasta can be transformed into comforting, hearty bowls of goodness.
- **China:** Lo Mein and Chow Mein offer a unique take on pasta, often stir-fried with vegetables and protein.
- **Greece:** Pastitsio, a baked pasta dish with ground meat and béchamel sauce, showcases Greece's pasta culture.
- **Argentina:** Sorrentinos are a local favourite, similar to ravioli and often filled with cheese and ham.

Spaghetti

The most popular pasta variety is **spaghetti**, known for its versatility and ability to pair well with a variety of sauces. It is the most recognized worldwide and is often served with tomato-based sauces and classic dishes like Spaghetti Bolognese.

PAINT and SIP

Where: Wickein Community Centre
Campbell St, Wickein

When: Saturday 8th November from 1:30pm

Cost: \$65pp - includes all paints and painting materials

BYO: Drinks and nibbles! (Coffee & tea provided)

RSVP: Thursday 30th October

Spaces are limited, so contact the Wicky CRC today
on 9888 1500, or admin@wickeinrc.com.au
to secure your place.



Can you spot a scam?

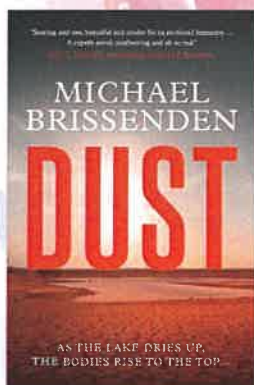
Join us to view a 1-hour online presentation by BeConnected

Topics covered:

- common scams including the latest Tax and Medicare scams
- tips on how to spot them
- what to do and what not to do
- where to go for help.

Thursday 16 October
12pm
Wickein CRC

New books at the Wickepin Public Library

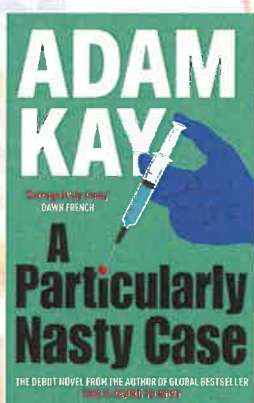


ADULT MYSTERY THRILLER: Dust - Michael Brissenden

Lake Herrod, a once-thriving community, now lies in the shadow of a nearly dry lake. The town, like the water, is evaporating and its residents are left clinging to what little remains.

When Aaron Love discovers a fresh corpse near the cracked lakebed – along with evidence his missing father is alive and linked to a web of organised crime – he is thrust into a world of deception, injustice and betrayal. With the town on the brink of collapse, Aaron and a haunted detective, Martyn Kravets, uncover a web of conspiracy that reaches far beyond the small community.

Dust is a dark, gripping thriller that explores the complexities of identity, a search for truth, and the unyielding forces of corruption in a world where lives are lived on the fringe and nothing is as it seems.



ADULT MYSTERY HUMOUR: A Particularly Nasty Case - Adam Kay

When a noxious hospital consultant dies of a heart attack, fellow doctor Eitan Rose smells foul play. But nobody else does, including some quite crucial players like the police and the coroner. Eitan's colleagues are already treating him with suspicion following his recent breakdown, and are sceptical of his increasingly wild theories. When another doctor dies in similar circumstances, Eitan becomes convinced there is more to these deaths than meets the eye. Is there really a killer marauding the wards or is Eitan losing the plot?

Deftly told and deathly funny, A Particularly Nasty Case is the unputdownable debut novel from Adam Kay, BAFTA-winning writer and author of multi-million global bestseller *This is Going to Hurt*.

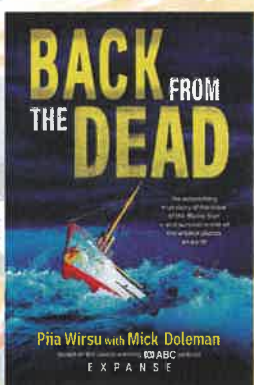


ADULT HISTORICAL FICTION LARGE PRINT: Restless Dolly Maunder - Kate Grenville

Dolly Maunder was born at the end of the nineteenth century, when society's long-locked doors were starting to creak ajar for women. Growing up in a poor farming family in country New South Wales but clever, energetic and determined, Dolly spent her restless life pushing at those doors.

Most women like her have disappeared from view, remembered only in family photo albums as remote figures in impossible clothes, or maybe for a lemon-pudding recipe handed down through the generations. Restless Dolly Maunder brings one of these women to life as someone we can recognise and whose struggles we can empathise with.

In this compelling new novel, Kate Grenville uses family memories to imagine her way into the life of her grandmother. This is the story of a woman, working her way through a world of limits and obstacles, who was able—if at a cost—to make a life she could call her own. Her battles and triumphs helped to open doors for the women who came after.



LYNDA'S PICK - AUSTRALIAN HISTORY: Back From The Dead - Piia Wirsu & Mick Doleman

Written from the perspective of one of the survivors comes the almost unbelievable true story of the crew of the *Blythe Star*, which sank off the western coast of Tasmania in 1973. The 12 harrowing days with precious few emergency rations the survivors went through before being rescued, is a testament to human determination and endurance.

Their ordeal stunned the nation, and left a powerful legacy in its wake. It was the catalyst for many of the maritime safety laws we have today. Viewed through a modern lens, the incompetence of the authorities will leave you flabbergasted. I highly recommend *Back From The Dead* - I couldn't put it down!

SEPTEMBER FUN AT WICKY CRC



We had a lovely Communi-TEA gathering on the afternoon of Friday 5th. Despite the chilly weather, we created a cozy atmosphere with an open fire crackling away on the Smartboard while we enjoyed a cuppa and a chat. Today's favourite cake? Wendy's delicious chocolate slice! It's no surprise she was left with an empty plate...



Excel for Beginners: Mastering the Basics (Free Workshop)

Event Details
Date: Wednesday, 10 September 2025
Time: 2:30pm - 4:00pm
Location: Wickpin Community Resource Centre, 24 Woorilla Road, Wickpin
Presenter: Ben Stangor, Business Advisor from IPS Management Consultancy

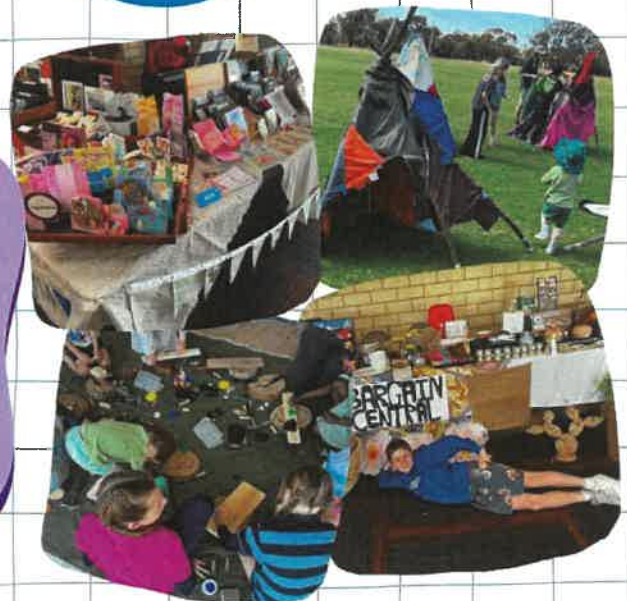
Who can participate?
All small business owners wanting to master the basics of Excel.

Main Topics covered in this workshop

- Introduction to Excel
- Data Entry and Formatting
- Basic Formulas and Functions
- Working with Worksheets
- Filtering Data

On Wednesday the 10th we hosted Ben from IPS Management Consultants for a Beginner level Microsoft Excel Workshop. Participants worked their way through a series of activities, learning just how powerful Excel can be. One person (me!) didn't think she'd learn very much, but came away with her mind buzzing over all the new tips and tricks Ben shared with us!

Saturday 20th gave us absolutely gorgeous weather for our Spring Market Day and Kids Nature Activities, facilitated by Educated By Nature. A dozen stall holders gave mum and dad something to do while the kids were having a ball building huts (also known as cubbies) on the oval, and then a latter getting the hang of using hand tools in the tinkering zone. A fabulous day was had by all!



To see what we're up to in October, check our Facebook page, email us at admin@wickepincre.com.au, call us on 9888 1500, or drop in for a chat!



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Where: Wickepin Community Centre

When: Thursday 6th November 9.30am-3pm

Cost: \$15 Per person includes light lunch

RSVP: Booking Essential contact

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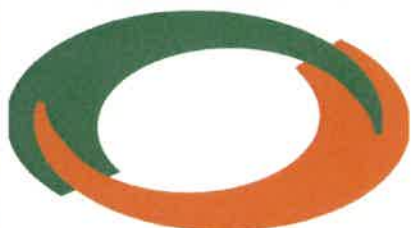
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Facey Group AGM will follow at 7:00pm

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



Live Sheep Export Transition Support Packages!

The Australian Government is phasing out live sheep exports by sea from 1 May 2028. To help farm businesses adjust, there are some funding programs now open.

Below is a summary of what is available directly to farmers, how much can be applied for, and the main eligibility conditions.

1. Farm Business Transition Program (Open 7 October – 1 December 2025)

Grant Amount	Up to \$30,000 per farm business
What it's for	Small projects to help producers test or adopt new farming systems. Examples include: • Changing sheep breeds or enterprises • Improving flock management • Exploring diversification options
Key Criteria	• Must be an Australian sheep producer • Project must reduce reliance on live export • Clear business plan or case required
Conditions	• No co-contribution required • Must complete project by set program deadline
Not Eligible	• Retrospective costs (work already done) • Normal operating costs (feed, wages, fuel) • Purchase of land, buildings, or vehicles

2. Supply Chain Capacity Program – On-Farm Infrastructure (Open Current – 22 October 2025)

Grant Amount	\$50,000 – \$2 million per project
What it's for	Large capital projects to build or upgrade infrastructure for finishing and handling sheep. Examples include: • Containment pens • Feed and water systems • Yard upgrades • Shelter or shade for finishing systems
Key Criteria	• Applicants must be WA sheep producers • Project must improve capacity to finish sheep on-farm • Must show technical feasibility and value for money
Conditions	• 50% co-contribution required (cash only) • In-kind labour/equipment not counted • Must start within 6 months and finish by June 2028
Not Eligible	• Operational costs (staff wages, feed, vet bills) • Land or building purchases • Vehicles, machinery, or equipment not fixed to the site • Travel costs • Activities started before funding approval

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Eligibility

- Crops must be grown under dryland/rainfed conditions in Western Australia.
- Minimum paddock size is **35 ha**
- Participants will need to provide crop and input information, with yield validated as whole paddock harvest.

How to Enter

- Entry is **FREE**
- One entry per crop type per participant
- Full details, including crop variety, sowing date, inputs and rainfall, must be provided.
- Yields standardised by growing season rainfall.
- Scan the QR code below for full terms and conditions.

Entries close **14 October 2025**
Winners to be announced 30 January 2026.

SCAN TO ENTER →



3. Other Programs

While most other funding streams are directed at processors, transporters, or industry organisations, producers may benefit indirectly through improved supply chains and markets. At this stage, there are no other direct farm-level grants open beyond the two above.

Where to Find More Information

- **Farm Business Transition Program**

Information and application details are available through the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (DAFF).

Website: www.agriculture.gov.au

(Search “Live Sheep Export Transition Assistance”).

- **Supply Chain Capacity Program – On-Farm Infrastructure**

Guidelines and applications are managed by the WA Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD).

Website: www.dpiird.wa.gov.au

(Search “Supply Chain Capacity Program”)



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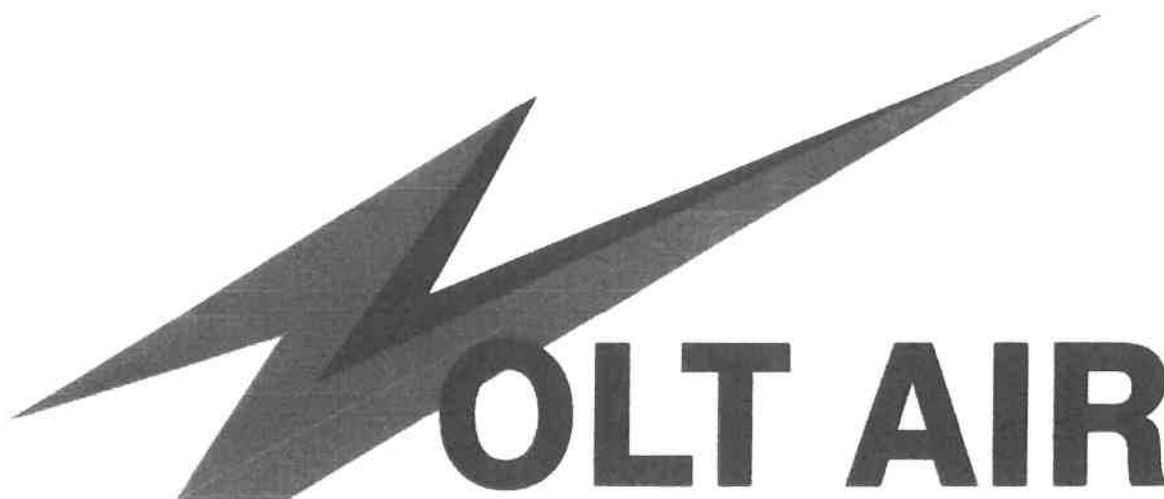
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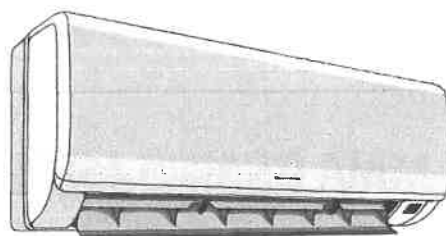
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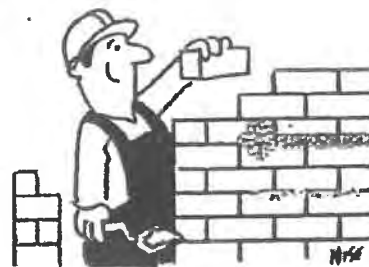
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SPORTS NOTES

LAKE YEALERING BOWLING CLUB

Sunday 5th October 2025 Club Opening Day for Season 2025/2026

Weather a tad cool and breezy, but that didn't deter a great roll up of Bowlers enjoying the first game of bowls for the Season. President Brian welcomed and thanked everyone for the Club's outstanding effort of being runner-up in the Second Division Pennant Competition and hoped the coming season would be as successful.

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

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

70th ANNIVERSARY of the Lake Yealering Bowling Club

Sunday 19th October 2025, 11am Start. Luncheon \$25.00.

If not partaking of the Luncheon, the Club is hoping to see many of you as all past and present players, partners, community members and anyone who has enjoyed a roll on our green are welcome to come help us celebrate and enjoy the day. Have a roll of bowls, catch up with old mates and see the photo display. Lake Yealering Bowling Club Stubby Holders, for sale and a Booklet has been produced for the 70th Anniversary on the History of the Lake Yealering Bowling Club.

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**70th Anniversary
of the
Lake Yealering Bowling
Club
19th October 2025**



Wickepin Netball Club

Our netball season wrapped up perfectly at Walker's Hill Winery in Lake Grace. We celebrated the incredible commitment and contribution Flik Astbury-Taylor has made to Wickepin Netball Club, with Life Membership. At the Narrogin Districts and Association presentations, we celebrated Kelly Steere's outstanding dedication to the NDNA, as she was awarded Life Membership. To say we are proud of these two inspiring women is an understatement.

Thank you to our incredibly generous sponsors, our club wouldn't be what it is without you!

Our awards this year went to the following:

Sharon Matthews Perpetual Trophy

A1 Best and Fairest

A1 Runner Up Best and Fairest

A1 NDNA Top Vote Getter

A1 Coach's Award

A2 Best and Fairest

A2 Runner Up Best and Fairest

A2 NDNA Top Vote Getter

A2 Coach's Award

A3 Best and Fairest

A3 Runner Up Best and Fairest

A3 NDNA Top Vote Getter

A3 Coach's Award

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League Runner Up Fairest & Best	SS & P Martin	David Roche
League Best Utility	RK & LF Mullan	Blake White
League Most Consistent	Sportspower Narrogin	Ryan Melvin
League – Coaches Award	Wickepin Football Club	Carter Wilson
League Best Junior – LJ Fleay Memorial Trophy	CS Fleay	Flynn Spark
League Best in Finals	Mark Quartermaine	Dion Anthony
League Players Player	G & N Manton	Sam Fortini
Reserves Fairest & Best- J Astbury Memorial Trophy	El Astbury x 2 Tie	Jamie Miller Kade Kulker
Reserves Runner Up Fairest & Best	Jamie & Michelle Miller	Tristan White
Reserves Best Junior – Charles Miller Memorial Trophy	Miller Rural Services	Kade Kulker
Reserves – Coaches Award	Wickepin Football Club	Tristan White
Reserves Most Consistent	T & B Cowcher	Jake Martin
Best Club Person – Rohan Kerruish Memorial Trophy	Noreen Kerruish	Katie Wilson

Please note Wickepin Football Club will be holding their AGM on Tuesday 21st October at 6pm at the Wickepin Community Centre.
All interested parties encouraged to attend.

Banksia Bowman

The AGM was held on the 27th September with 16 people in attendance.

Our Office bearers are President: Hamish McDougall

Vice President: Paul Taylor

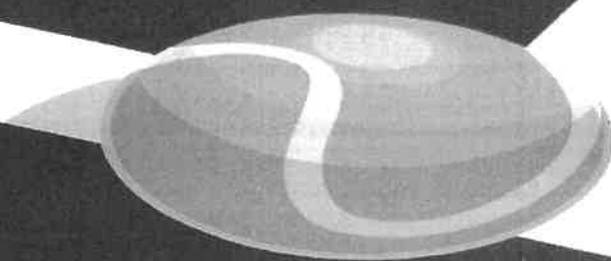
Secretary: Alison Johnson

Treasurer: Ruth Bailey

Our summer Shoot time will commence on the 29th of October 2025.

Looking forward to some interesting news from Paul and Alison who are shooting open country at Rockingham soon.





WICKEPIN TENNIS CLUB LADIES DAY

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SUNDAY SOCIAL—1PM

19.10.25—Vera Watson Pairs
26.10.25—Narrogin
Any Combo Triples
02.11.25—Yealering
Any Combo Triples

**FRIDAY
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SCROUNGERS
4PM**

FRIDAY 4PM

24.10.25—Scroungers
31.10.25—Scroungers

Scroungers kick off at 4pm

See you there!



Welcome new members Robyn and Graham O'Brien to the Wickepin Bowling Club family — and to our loyal spectator, Jean O'Brien.

What a fantastic start to the season! Fourteen bowlers enjoyed a sunny and social afternoon on the green for our Opening Day Pairs. Congrats to the winning duo—Judy Lang and Graham O'Brien and Runners-up Peter Mullan and Beryl Elphick. It was so good to see friends gather after what has been a very long winter!

Winners of the Patrons triples day were Greg White, Robyn O'Brien and Beryl Holm. Runners-up Graham O'Brien, John Thompson and Leanne Smith. Thanks to everyone who came along to make it another enjoyable day at the club.

Good luck and good bowling to our ladies playing in the Kulin Classic this Monday and Tuesday and also to Robyn Mullan in the 60+ State Pairs and Triples. Good luck also for the Arm Competition against Mandaring RSL in Warnbro tomorrow.

Pennant Players:

To ensure correct
affiliation is paid to
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Saturday 18.10.25

SATURDAY PENNANT FIXTURE & KITCHEN ROSTER

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25.10.25 WILLIAMS—B V Wickepin -

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TUESDAY PENNANT FIXTURE

21.10.25 WILLIAMS Pingelly V Wickepin
28.10.25 PINGELLY Williams V Wickepin

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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.
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WEDNESDAY

Social Arts & Crafts 9.30, Joyner Street
Chair Aerobics 9.00 – 10.00am, Wickepin Health Centre
Indoor Bowls 1pm, Wickepin Community Centre.
Wickepin Sports Club opens 5pm for Happy Hour 6-7pm

THURSDAY

Fit Pursuit 5.45 – 6.30am, Wickepin Community Centre

FRIDAY

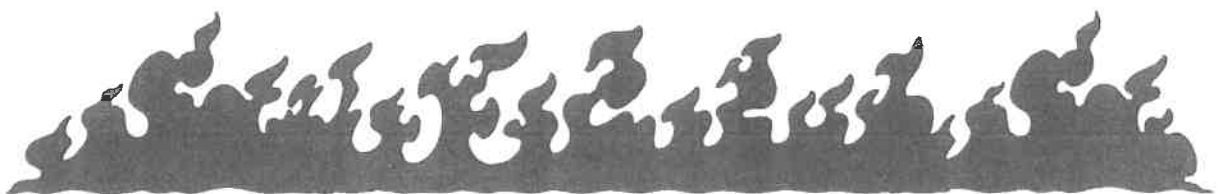
Wickepin Playgroup 9 – 11am, during school term. Ages 0 – 5,
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Wickepin Sports Club opens 5pm for Happy Hour 6-7pm

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

Mon 13 th	Term 4 Starts
Tues 14 th	Wickepin 2026 Calendar Photography Voting Closes
Tues 14 th	Facey Group AGM @ Wickepin Community Centre 6.30pm
Thurs 16 th	Can You Spot a Scam Webinar 12pm – Wickepin CRC
Fri 17 th	Wickepin Tennis Club Ladies Day @ 9am
Sat 18 th	Local Government Ordinary Election
Sun 19 th	Lake Yealering Bowling Club 70 th Anniversary Celebration
Mon 20 th	Ordinary Wickepin Shire Council Meeting (Change of Date)
Tue 21 st	DrumMuster Contact Shire of Wickepin to book 98881005
Tue 21 st	Wickepin Football Club AGM 6pm Wickepin Community Centre
Mon 27th	Watershed News
Mon 27 th	Recycle and Bin Day

NOVEMBER

Sat 1 st	Prohibited Burning Season Starts
Sun 2 nd	Lake Yealering Bowling Club Any Combination Triples
Fri 7 th	Communi Tea 1.30pm Wickepin CRC
Fri 7 th	Community Awards nominations close
Sat 8 th	Paint & Sip 1.30pm Wickepin CRC
Mon 10th	Watershed News
Mon 10 th	Recycle and Bin Day
Mon 24th	Watershed News
Mon 24 th	Recycle and Bin Day

DECEMBER

Mon 8th	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 2026

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

FEBRUARY 2026

Mon 2nd	Watershed News 1st Edition for 2026
Mon 2 nd	Recycle and Bin Day
Sun 8 th	Restricted Burning Season starts
Mon 16th	Watershed News
Mon 16 th	Recycle and Bin Day
Sat 21 st	Wickepin Festival
Mon 24 th	Recycle and Bin Day

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 travelmap.mainroads.wa.gov.au

If your property has sustained damage from cyclones, floods or storms and you need help, call the State Emergency Service on **132 500**

Your Local **ABC Radio:**



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