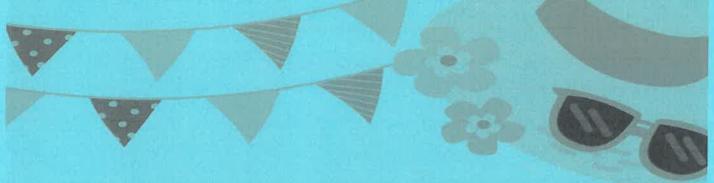
WATERSHED

NEWS

A free fortnightly paper for the areas of

Harrismith, Tincurrin, Toolibin, Wickepin and Yealering

27th October 2025



HELLO SUMMER!

WICKEPIN SWIMMING POOL OPENING

1st November 2025 1-6pm daily, closed Tuesdays



WATERSHED NEWS INC-COMMUNITY NEWSPAPER

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- All advertisements and classifieds must be submitted with clear contact details including a
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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/November Birthday Wishes to:

- 27th Kaleb Bushby
- 29th Tom Bennier, Brody Bransby-Dunsford
- 2nd Courtney Rose
- 3rd Rowan Bird, Darcy McDougall
- 4th Micheal Simpson
- 6th Stuart White, Beau Flood
- 8th Lucas Thompson, Jazmine Ellis, Jesssica White, Hazel Wilson, Jody Matthews

Happy 90th Birthday

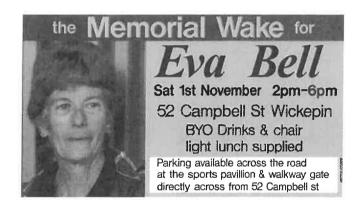


Barry Green turned 90 on Saturday 18th October, he celebrated with a few family & friends at The Cuballing Hotel for lunch. Saturday 25th he had another celebration on the farm with more family & friends.

Condolences

Former Wickepin resident Ann Weir (Doney) passed away at SJOG at 8:30pm on 14th October 2025. 17/08/1948 - 14/10/2025. Funeral service to be held on Friday 31st October at 10am. Bowra & O'Dea, 312 South St, Hilton cremation at a later date.

Sympathy to Peter Bell & Family on the passing of Eva Bell.



Wedding Congratulations

Sunday 5th October saw Tighe Drayton and Sarah Loughnan married at Brookleigh Estate, Swan Valley. Tighe is Granson of Hazel & Barry Green.

Congratulations

At the recent WAMMCO Producer of the Year Awards 2024/2025, Muffenburg Trading, the Heffernan family, placed second in the Medium Crossbred Supplier category which was one of 5 categories. Congratulations. Windorah Farms, the Bird family, also did well placing in the top 10 in the Small Crossbred Supplier category.

Watershed News

The team would like to say thank you and welcome to: Kristy Mail who is helping collating, Helen Sands who is helping doing community notes. Amy Turner who is doing the Kids Page.

CLASSIFIEDS

HOUSE CLEANING WANTED

Help with house cleaning needed in Wickepin. 3 hours per fortnight minimum Hours and rate negotiable Phone Lorraine 0409 309 466



FOR SALE

Hand carved camphor wood chest. 104 x 51 x 61.

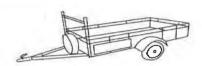
Tray inside. \$150.00 Contact 0429 080 431.



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



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	11.8	3	320.6
November	22	6	346	November			
December	0	0	346	December			

As registered at the Wickepin Post Office 27th October 2025

CEO Comments

With the fire season rapidly approaching, we are urging residents to make sure their yards are kept fire safe and reduce long grass. This will also reduce the ability of snakes to hide in your backyard as well.

Please note that the prohibitive period for burning will commence from 1st November 2025.

Council Meeting - October 2025.

Due to the Elections on 18th October, the October meeting was delayed, allowing the members to attend the first meeting as early as possible. Members were sworn into office at the start of the meeting to allow them to perform their functions.

We congratulate returning Council Members Cr L Corke, Cr W Astbury and Cr T Miller and welcome new Council Member Cr D Gaull.

We also take this opportunity to thank Cr Thompson for his work on Council and for our community.

Cr J Russell was elected to the position of President, and Cr T Miller was elected to the position of Deputy President. Congratulations to both members.

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

- Accounts for payment were presented.
- Monthly Financial Reports were presented.
- Member seating was considered due to changes from the election.
- Committee and reference group memberships confirmed.
- External Committees and Groups representatives confirmed.
- Changes to the prohibitive burning season were considered
- Closure of the Administration office and depot for the Christmas period will be from 24th December to 2nd January (inclusive) with facilities reopening on 5th January 2026
- Dual Fire Control Officers for Shire of Narrogin and Wagin were accepted.
- Concerns about the speed zone change on the eastern side of town were considered with a request to go to MRWA for a buffer zone.
- Changes to the CEO delegation for seed collection were approved.

- An amendment to Key Bonds for facilities keys was approved.
- Changes to the Sheep Saleyard Agreements were approved.

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

Future Projects for Yealering

The Shire has recently discussed some future projects for Yealering with the Progress Association and are now seeking feedback from the general public on the proposals. These include:

- Works at the foreshore area with retaining walls and changes to the playgrounds.
- Changes to the playground in the centre of town.
- Installation of a 24/48hr stopover in town for an RV-friendly area.
- Other minor works.

Please see the information regarding these projects.

Wickepin Swimming Pool

Work on the swimming pool has been finished, and we are preparing the water for opening.

Unfortunately, when we refilled the pool, there was an issue with the water quality that the staff are trying to resolve.

Community Awards – Recognition

If you know someone who has made a significant contribution to the local community, nominations for the following are now open:

Citizen of the year Senior citizen of the year Young citizen of the year Community Group of the year.

Awards will be presented at the Australia Day 2026 function.

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

Lomos Road is waiting for seal works to begin, while Wickepin-Harrismith Road is currently undergoing gravel cartage and spreading, which is expected to continue over the next two weeks.



Maintenance grading is underway on Line Road, and pothole and patching repairs are being addressed as quickly as possible.

Our gardeners are catching up on landscaping works around the Shire, and maintenance crews are steadily working through outstanding items. Planning works are expected to finish on the CRC building next week. Mosquito fogging was carried out on Wednesday, 22/10/25, and went very well, which should result in a noticeable reduction in mosquitoes across the town sites.

We would like to remind residents to slow down through all work sites. Unfortunately, we are still receiving reports of people speeding through Shire works areas. It is disappointing to hear that some residents and farmers continue to take risks while works are ongoing. All our vehicles are equipped with CB radios, so please use them to check with our road crew or maintenance grader about which side to drive on when passing.

Usage of park facilities in town, parents please note that you are responsible for your children when using these facilities and for safety purposes, please do not allow them to climb over fences but use the gates as provided.

On a positive note, pool upgrades are now complete. The pool is full of water and will be open for the upcoming Open Day.

FIREBREAK INSPECTIONS

Fire Hazard Reduction inspections were carried out during the first week of October to ensure that all town properties within the Shire of Wickepin are compliant and free from long grass and other fire hazards ahead of the upcoming Bush Fire Season.

Properties that were identified as potential fire hazards will undergo follow-up inspections during the first week of November to ensure that the required works have been completed and that all properties are properly prepared for the fire season. Please keep in mind that if the necessary fire hazard reductions have not been addressed by this time, infringements of \$250 may be issued.

WICKEPIN SWIMMING POOL

The pool will open on Saturday, 1 November 2025 (1:00–6:00 pm), pending water quality clearance, and will be closed on Tuesdays from 5 November, except for VacSwim or school lessons.

Season passes must be purchased from the Shire Office

•	Family	\$150
•	Adult	\$ 95
•	Child	\$ 70

2025/2026 Entry Fees -

•	Adult	\$3.00
•	Child	\$2.00
•	Pensioner/spectator	\$2.00

PROPOSED YEALERING PROJECTS

The Shire is proposing several improvement projects around Yealering to enhance safety, facilities, and visitor experiences.

At the lake foreshore, a low wall is proposed to prevent vehicle access, along with relocating the existing playground from under the trees to a safer, fenced area near the tennis courts. The new site may require ground works, a retaining wall, and potentially a shade shelter in the future. Drainage from the Tennis Club buildings would be redirected along the wall into the lake, with steps included for easier toilet access.

In the town centre, plans include either replacing soft fall and checking the current playground equipment for compliance—with the addition of a new shade shelter—or replacing it with a gazebo if the equipment no longer meets safety standards. Signs may also be installed to stop motorcycles from using the bike path.

A 24/48-hour RV stop is also being considered to support Yealering's application to become an RV-Friendly Town. The proposal includes a small gravel area between the trees (in front of the shops/pub) with improved access, offering a low-cost way to encourage visitors to stay longer and support local businesses.

Other proposed works include replacing mismatched pavers at the Yealering Town Hall and installing signage for local walk trails to help visitors explore the area.

The Shire welcomes community feedback on the proposed Yealering projects. Comments can be submitted to the Shire office or emailed to admin@wickepin.wa.gov.au.



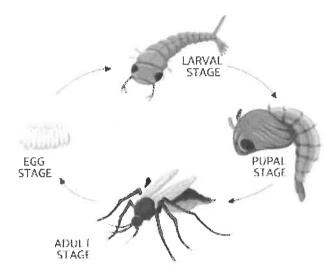


Mosquito life cycle

Mosquitoes are widespread insects, commonly found near stagnant or slow-moving water sources where they breed. They undergo a **complete life cycle**, progressing through four distinct stages:

- Egg
- Larva
- Pupa
- Adult

The entire cycle usually spans one to three weeks, although the duration can vary across different mosquito species. Each phase comes with its unique characteristics. From eggs to pupae, mosquitoes are well adapted to the aquatic environment, while adults are capable of living in the air and on land.



Mosquitoes are one of the most hated pests in the world, and for good reason. They can carry a variety of diseases, including malaria, dengue fever, Ross River virus and Zika virus. The lifespan of a mosquito can vary depending on the species, the climate, and the availability of food and water. Understanding the mosquito lifespan, the mosquito life cycle, and how mosquitoes enter and live in homes can help you take steps to protect yourself and your family from these pests and the diseases they carry.

Mosquitoes are most active during dawn and dusk, particularly in warm, humid conditions, making these times the worst for outdoor activities with out protection.

General Mosquito Protection Tips

- <u>Use mosquito repellents</u>: DEET-free options, natural mosquito repellents, or citronellabased sprays are effective. Consider mosquito patches or bands for portable protection.
- Eliminate breeding grounds: Remove standing water from your property to prevent mosquitoes from laying eggs. Check gutters, birdbaths, and any containers holding water.
- Wear protective clothing: Cover exposed skin with long sleeves and pants, especially
 - during dawn and dusk when mosquitoes are most active.
- Repel with plants: Plant mosquitorepellent species like citronella, lavender, or lemongrass in your garden to create a natural barrier against mosquitoes.
- Use mosquito nets: Protect sleeping areas with mosquito nets to prevent bites at night.
- Address sandflies: For coastal areas, sandfly bites can be avoided with similar precautions, including natural insect repellents and covering exposed skin.

One surprising factor that influences mosquito attraction is blood type. Studies suggest that individuals with Type O blood are more likely to be bitten than those with Type A or B. Colours such as black, navy blue, and red are particularly attractive to mosquitoes, while lighter colours, like white and pastel shades, are less appealing.



KEEP WATCH ACTIONS



Drowning happens quickly and silently and the impact on families can be devastating.

Children aged 0 to 4 years are at high risk of drowning. Young children are naturally curious and attracted to water but do not yet understand the concept of danger.

Strategies for the prevention of child drowning are well understood and include active adult supervision, restricting a child's access to water, often using correctly installed and regularly maintained pool fencing, teaching children water awareness and learning resuscitation techniques. These are not individual strategies but should be used together for maximum safety; this means that, if one line of defence fails, there are other prevention measures actively working to prevent your child from drowning.

Keep Watch is aimed at preventing children aged 0 to 4 years from drowning by getting parents and carers to undertake these four simple actions:

- Supervise. Actively supervise children around water
- Restrict. Restrict children's access to water
- Teach. Teach children water safety skills
- **Respond.** Learn how to respond in the case of an emergency

Supervise

Always Keep Watch of your child in and around water. Supervision is the single most important thing you can do to keep your children safe around water.

Active supervision means focusing all of your attention on your children all of the time, when they are in, on or around the water. Parents need to be within arms' reach, interacting with children and ready to enter the water in case of an emergency. When you're in or around water with your child, supervision should be 'eyes on' and 'hands on' at all times.

Parents are busy and often try to do many things at once to save time. However, multi-tasking can lead parents to become distracted. Children can wander away unnoticed while parents attend to other tasks such as answering the front door, reading an email or attending to dinner in the oven.

Older children should never be left to supervise younger siblings around water.

Restrict

Prevent your child's access to water at all times. Having barriers around water can slow kids down and give you more time to respond if you lose sight of them.

Restricting a child's access to water can be done by placing a barrier between the child and the water. This can be done by placing a barrier around water, such as a pool fence with a self-closing and self-latching gate, closing the door to the bathroom after use, covering pools, spas and tanks, placing mesh on water features and fish ponds, and securely fastening lids on nappy buckets. Inflatable pools with a depth greater than 30cm also need to be fenced in accordance with State or Territory legislation.

If this is not possible, place a barrier around the child using a **child safe play area**. This can be used inside or outside the home and is especially effective for water that cannot be fenced, such as dams on farms.

It's a great idea to do a thorough check of your pool fence before summer starts. **Download our Home Pool Safety Checklist** for tips on what to look for.

Teach

Teach your child to be water confident by making them 'water aware'. This combines a range of strategies and activities designed to keep your child safe when in, on or around water.

It is important to discuss water safety with your child and set some rules about what to do around water and how to use them consistently in all water environments. This includes teaching them to check for and remove water hazards.

Water familiarisation involves teaching your child basic water safety and survival skills to build their confidence around water.

Water awareness or familiarisation classes focus on the gradual introduction of very basic skills for children aged 6 to 36 months like moving in the water, getting the face wet and blowing bubbles. The next level teaches water confidence to children aged 3 to 5 years.

Remember that even a child who can swim can still drown so there is no substitute for supervision.

Respond

Learn how to carry out <u>cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR)</u> and call Triple Zero (000) in an emergency.

CPR involves stimulating the heart and breathing air into the lungs to preserve or restore life. Resuscitation involves establishing or maintaining an airway, breathing and circulation.

If your child is ever missing always check water locations both inside and outside before looking elsewhere. A family member is usually the first on the scene in an emergency situation. In fact, many children are alive today because their parents knew how to perform CPR and responded quickly.

Royal Life Saving encourages everyone to learn CPR – it can mean the difference between life and death. Make the time to complete a **CPR course** and refresh your skills regularly.

FOR SALE

Tyre bead breaker- \$5

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

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

KinCrome Mechanics Creeper - \$30

Pedestal drill - 240v - \$150

48" Hi Lift jack - load limit 1000kg - \$80

Oxy welder on trolley - \$80

2 x 240v fans - \$25 for 2

Engel 29lt fridge/freezer with cover - \$250

Steel post air operated rammer - \$300

Suzuki Boulevarde C50 Motorbike – 800cc engine With panniers and windscreen. Good tyres. 45,000kms Licensed for 5 months - \$4,500

5 tyres on 6 stud Land Cruiser rims, 50% tread - \$30 ea

3 x 7.50 16 8ply tyres on 5 stud rims for Land Cruiser – near new - \$50 ea

5 x 285 x 70 R17 6 stud tyres on rims. Near new tread - \$300 the lot

5 Mickey Thompson Badger RTZ 265/75 16 tyres – on rims for Land Cruiser – 5 stud - 70% tread \$350 the lot

Fire fighter on tandem trailer with Land Cruiser wheels. 2000 litre tank with hoses & Robyn engine driven pump. Good condition - \$1,500

Tandem wheel trailer – 10ft x 6'6" with 48" crate. 8 ply tyres. Licenced 1TFR.645 - #3,500

Phone 0428 884 040 or 0428 898 025

Recommendation

NYAD

A remarkable true story of tenacity, friendship and the triumph of the human spirit, NYAD recounts a riveting chapter in the life of world-class athlete Diana Nyad. Three decades after giving up marathon swimming in exchange for a prominent career as a sports journalist, at the age of 60, Diana (four-time Academy Award nominee Annette Bening) becomes obsessed with completing an epic swim that always eluded her: the 110 mile trek from Cuba to Florida, often referred to as the "Mount Everest" of swims. Determined to become the first person to finish the swim without a shark cage, Diana goes on a thrilling, four-year journey with her best friend and coach Bonnie Stoll (two-time Academy Award winner Jodie Foster) and a dedicated sailing team.



Losing sleep over the threat of cyber attacks? © CyberWardens.

Free Cyber Awareness Webinar

Everyday scams and cyber attacks are an increasing risk to every small businesses.

Cyber Wardens is a free, national program supported by the Australian Government, Telstra, and Commonwealth Bank. It's designed to help small business teams build quick and simple, effective cyber safety habits.

We are hosting a 30-minute online meeting for all WA regional small business owners and employees at 10am and 3.30pm on November 3rd 2025.

Spaces are limited. Please RSVP below https://cw0311.eventbrite.com

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We are here to help.

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Anne Hague: 0427 133 711

Joyce Contos: 0428 891 244

Email: ceagcare@bigpond.com





Zucchini and Asparagus Salad with Egg

Ingredients

- 4 eggs
- 1 cup (120g) frozen peas
- 2 zucchini, peeled into ribbons
- 1 bunch asparagus, woody ends trimmed, finely shaved lengthways
- 1/4 cup (60ml) extra virgin olive oil
- 2 tbsp apple cider vinegar
- 1 tbsp honey
- 1 tbsp wholegrain mustard
- 1 head green oak leaf lettuce, leaves separated
- 1/2 cup (70g) hazelnuts, toasted, coarsely chopped



Method

Cook eggs in a saucepan of boiling water for 6 mins for soft yolks or until cooked to your liking. Refresh under cold water.

Meanwhile, cook the peas in a large saucepan of boiling water for 2 mins or until heated through. Refresh under cold water. Drain well.

Place the zucchini, asparagus and peas in a large bowl. Combine the oil, vinegar, honey and mustard in a screw-top jar. Season. Seal and shake well to combine. Drizzle half the dressing over the zucchini mixture. Gently toss to combine.

Arrange the lettuce on a serving platter. Arrange zucchini mixture over the lettuce. Sprinkle with hazelnut. Peel each egg and cut in half. Arrange over the salad. Season. Drizzle with the remaining dressing to serve.

Two-ingredient Ice-cream Muffins Ingredients

- 750ml (3 cups) strawberries and cream ice-cream, softened slightly, plus 12 small scoops extra
- 225g (1 1/2 cups) self-raising flour
- · Chopped fresh strawberries, to serve (optional)
- Chocolate sprinkle, to serve (optional)

Method

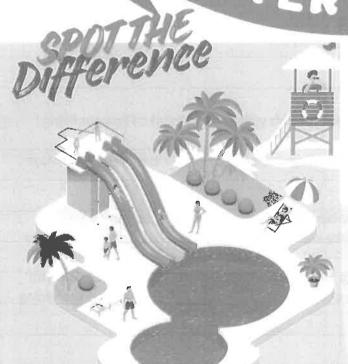
Preheat oven to 180°C/160°C fan forced. Line twelve 80ml (1/3 cup) muffin pans with paper cases.

Place the ice-cream and flour in a large bowl. Stir until well combined.

Spoon the mixture evenly into the prepared muffin pans. Bake for 12-15 minutes or until a skewer inserted in the centres comes out clean. Transfer to a wire rack to cool completely. Top each muffin with a scoop of extra ice-cream, strawberries and sprinkles, if using.







WATER SAFTEY

1. Walk, don't run around water!

2. If you see someone in trouble in the water, get help! Don't jump in.

3. Keep pool gates closed, pool fences and gates are there for a reason.

4. Watch out for your friends

5. Have fun!

What did 1 wave say to the other wave?
"Sea you later"
"Sea you later"



Grab your friends, uncork your creativity, and join us for an afternoon of fun and laughter, nibbles and sips.

Pingelly artist Di Mainwaring will help unleash your inner painter and guide you while you create your very own masterpiece.

No experience necessary...just come ready to have a good time!

Where: Wickepin Community Centre

Campbell St, Wickepin

When: Saturday 8th November from 1:30pm

Cost: \$65pp - includes all paints and

painting materials

BYO: Drinks and nibbles!

RSVP: Thursday 30th October

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









Join us and Jenny Willcox to take control of your future! Join this practical workshop to learn how to get your personal, legal, and health affairs in order. From wills and powers of attorney to funeral planning and digital legacies - discover what really matters and how to make things easier for your loved ones.

Where: Wickepin Community Centre When: Thursday 6th November 9.30am-3pm Cost: \$15 Per person includes light lunch **RSVP: Booking Essential contact** Wickepin CRC on 9888 1500

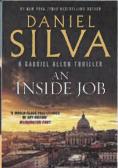






New books at the Wickepin-Public-Library





Gabriel Allon has been hired to restore one of the most important paintings in Venice. But when he stumbles across the body of a mysterious woman floating in the waters of the Venetian Lagoon, he finds himself in a desperate race to recover a lost masterpiece by Leonardo da Vinci.

The painting, a portrait of a young girl, has been gathering dust in a storeroom at the Vatican Museums for more than a century, hidden beneath a worthless picture by an unknown artist. Because no one knows that the Leonardo is there, no one notices when it disappears during a suspicious power outage. No one but the ruthless mobsters and moneymen behind the theft...and the mysterious woman whom Gabriel found in a watery grave in Venice. A woman without a name. A woman without a face.

The action moves at breakneck speed from the galleries and auction houses of London to an enclave of unimaginable wealth on the French Riviera, and finally, to a shocking climax in St. Peter's Square, where the life of a pope hangs in the balance.

ADULT FICTION - AUSTRALIAN ROMANCE: Gemma's Bluff - Karly Lane



Smart and reliable, Gemma Northcote has always done what's expected of her. So it's not surprising that after uni she defers to her father's wish that she join the family business.

Gemma's best friend, Jasmine, is a different personality altogether. Spontaneous and unpredictable in all the best ways, Jasmine has generally pursued her own path.

When Gemma and Jasmine decide to spend a working holiday on a large rural property, their friends and family are surprised. Neither has any experience of country life (unless you count Jasmine's love of McLeod's Daughters) and they're not exactly farming types.

Away from her family, Gemma feels liberated. The longer she's away, the more she questions what she really wants to do with her future. Ultimately, she realises she needs to choose between duty and what's right for her in life - and love.

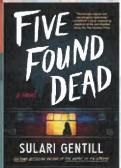
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DVD MOVIE - ACTION: High Rollers

After narrowly escaping a whirlwind of a heist, mastermind Mason (John Travolta) has retired from the criminal world with his gang of thieves and the love of his life, Decker (Gina Gershon).

Their happy days are short lived when Decker is kidnapped by the notorious Salazar, who is hell bent on extracting revenge on Mason.

Mason has no choice but to execute a risky heist inside a luxurious New Orleans casino, putting him and his crew on a collision course with rivalling criminal syndicates and the FBI. Fighting unimaginable odds to double cross Salazar and save his love, Mason will have to gamble his life in the treacherous casino labyrinth and make an impossible choice.



LYNDA'S PICK - AUSTRALIAN MURDER MYSTERY: Five Found Dead - Sulari Gentill

Australian crime fiction author Joe has finally finished his cancer treatment. Hoping to inspire him to get back to writing, his twin sister Meredith books them passage on the most famous of all trains, the iconic Orient Express.

Upon awakening after their first night on board, Joe and Meredith discover the cabin next door has become a crime scene, bathed in blood but with no body in sight. With no authorities to help, the pair are asked to join a group of fellow passengers to look into the mysterious disappearance of the man in Cabin 16G. But when the bodies start to pile up and with a deadly strain of Covid is discovered to be on board, Joe and Meredith find themselves in a fight for their lives.

This wonderful murder mystery is full of twists and turns, and I promise the final outcome will surprise you!

Progressive Agriculture Award

Facey Group in partnership with the **Shire of Wickepin** recognise the importance of sustainability, thinking outside the square and dedication to the rural community and agricultural industry on a whole.

To celebrate this, the Facey Group Progressive Agriculture Award is presented each year as part of the Shire of Wickepin Australia Day Awards.

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Nominations close: Friday, 7 November 2025







Facey Group 2025 Christmas Party

Wednesday, 17th December 2025

Wickepin Community Centre

Mark your calendars and check them twice!

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Full details will be announced closer to the date.

We look forward to celebrating the year that was with you all!





Announcing the 2025 Community Photographic Calendar Winners!

The votes are in and we are proud to present the 12 stunning photographs chosen to feature in the 2026 calendar.

Let's give a round of applause to Tamara Ward, Kirsty Prescott, Julie Russell, Jillian Tilbrook, Bill Hope, Dixie Dougall, Tia Dunn, and John Meddings.

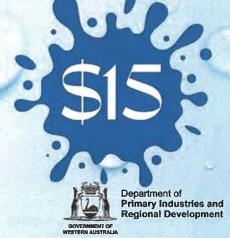
Special congratulations to Tamara Ward, whose thirsty sheep received the most votes and will be featured on the front cover.

Thankyou to all our photographers who entered this year's contest. We received so many outstanding entries! Thankyou also to everyone who voted, and congratulations to the lucky winners of our prize draw, Heather Tobin and Helen Sands.





Available at the CRC: November





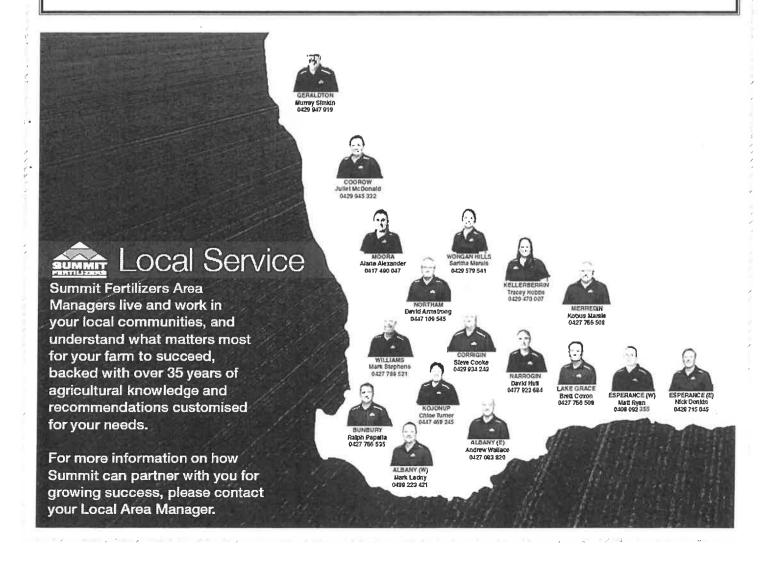
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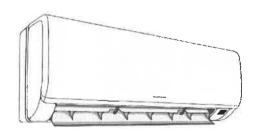
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SPORTS NOTES

LAKE YEALERING BOWLING CLUB

Saturday 18th October 2025 First Pennant Game for 2025/2026 Season

YEALERING v BROOKTON (Home Game) Very strong swirling wind wasn't kind to the bowlers, making the game extremely difficult. Brookton won the Day

Saturday 25th October 2025. Yealering have a Bye

Saturday 1st November 2025. Pingelly v Yealering at Pingelly

A very enjoyable get together was held on Sunday 19th October 2025 to help celebrate the **70th Anniversary** of the Bowling Club. Luncheon, supurbly catered for by Christine Hill, was well received, followed by the cutting of a large cake, which then became the desert. Life Members Kevin Coxon and Sue Richards were invited to cut the cake. The Club Rooms were looking at their best with a display of photos and trophies, which had been cleverly set up by Lois Shipley. Several Members and Visitors then enjoyed a roll of bowls before the weather got a bit too cold. Unbeknown to many, Todd Hill capably shifted an unwelcome visitor in the form of a bobtail who wanted to be in on the fun.



Standing:- President Brian Shipley, Sue Richards and Kevin Coxon



Kevin Coxon and Sue Richards



70th Anniversary Cake

Wickepin/Harrismith Cricket Club

Cricket - Opening Round

Cricket got off to an early start this year as we hosted Towns at the Wickepin Snake pit, which was looking a picture. We started the season where we left off last season- with an honorable loss but we claimed the moral victory. How did we do that? No one is sure.

We won the toss and Capt. Dizzy Pockran had us batting 1st with usual opening pair WG Grace Bayley and Ty Miller getting to 15 before Kim was out for 8. Debutant Mitch survived a 1st ball duck when the fielding team failed to review the caught behind decision which had Snicko showing an obvious nick behind. Anyway, Mitch made them pay by going on and recording a 6 ball duck instead. Ty 10, Bryce Pauley a swashbuckling 25 and Brock 16 all got starts. This then put together Jimmy and Booza who were having trouble running between the wickets together and survived a few bad mix ups. Jimmy was trying to achieve a rare feat of the 'Dugite trifecta'. Shear 100 lambs, drink 5 cans of export and then make a 50. Another 26 runs and he would have etched his name into the records books all right in front of his son who would have been so proud. Unfortunately, there is only so many runs you can make from bottom edges outside off stump. Must have been batting with Booza for too long as he also bottom edged his way to 6. Andy Spencer on debut switched his work uniform for the cricket uniform and hockey flicked his way to 9 runs. Danngers Angwin has found his spot at number 9 where he was proving harder to get out than a set of keys off the Wickepin Shire. Dylan Miller showed restraint beyond his years and didn't look like he wanted to play a shot as he left anything outside off stump and then anything over off stump, unfortunately departing for a 9 ball duck, but with that sort of concentration he looks to be a batsman of the future for the club. After nearly 40 years as a B grade footballer and 330 games, Tommy Johnson made his debut in cricket. Most people have never laid eyes on Tommy, but everyone knows about his exploits on the footy field. 4 runs off 12 balls and his cricket career is away. Noah Bodie was 12th man and wasn't required to bat. A total of 147 seemed ok for a 1st up hit out.

Next was arvo tea with Ricky Foodall texting in from Ascot asking, not for the score update, but for the arvo tea update. We thought it a bit much when he asked for photos and we drew the line at giving a critique of each offering. Booza Bayley was in charge of hitting catches before we took the field and he seemed to want to practice slow spinning catches that only just went 5m off the bat.

Captain Dizzy (0/30) opened the bowling with Bryce (1/43) and the 1st wkt fell at 18 with Bryce extracting a leading edge to Copper Spencer who snavelled it, good thing Booza had us practicing just for that. We are not sure whether Bryce decided to wear long white shorts, or he has grown 5 inches during the winter as his pants only came to just below his knees. Mitch (1/32) looks more comfortable as a 1st change bowler than as a no. 3 batsman. We were struggling to get the 2nd wicket and when the ball was being thrown around the field after an over it landed with Copper Spencer who thought it was an invitation to bowl and promptly walked up to the umpire with his cap and marked his run up. In what can only be viewed as an Alpha move, he claimed a wicket second ball with Danggers taking a catch. When we came in to celebrate the wicket Capt. Dizzy asked Copper "who asked you to bowl anyway"? And the reply was simply, "I'm the Sheriff in this town and if I want a bowl, I'll bloody have a bowl!". Dizzy walked off with his tail between his legs and the other thing between his legs was 2 balls. Cricket balls that is. As he later misfielded one that went straight thru his legs and then later dropped a catch that went between his legs. Copper Spencer dropped one that went straight to him, and he immediately blamed the sun but as we all turned to see the sun well and truly covered by thick cloud, we all in unison said, "yeah fair call mate". At training the under 13's have a shorter crease marked on the pitch at the nets and seems our extremely fast bowlers have been bowling off that instead of the full adult length pitch as Bryce 1x NB, Dizzy 1x NB and Mitch 2 x NB were overstepping the mark too often. We believe Copper Spencer was overstepping as well but the umpire was too scared to call it and decided to let him off. Wise move. Copper Spencer 1/21 and Danggers 1/13 and Dylan Miller 0/8, all worked hard but could only get 4 wickets as they passed our score.

We managed to get through the game with no injuries other than Bryce getting sunburnt calves. This weekend on the 25th October we have a bus trip to Lake Grace if anyone would like to play a game of cricket or to watch some entertaining cricket, let us know, if you are lucky, we may even let you drive. plus, also great to see Wickepin oval alive on Thursday afternoons from 4pm with over 12 kids plus parents at Cricket Blast for under 9's and 15 kids training for Under 13's at the nets plus some helpful parents, and then over 12 men at seniors training. Also, the Wicky pub is open after training on Thursday afternoons so come along to join in training and then head to the pub.

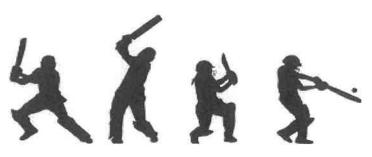
Cricket v Lake Grace 25th Oct

An early start on Saturday for our trip to Lake Grace with the Harrismith Golf Windup on afterwards we decided on an 11am start. We lost the toss and went into the field. We had dropped 3 catches by the 4th over. Inzi Quartermaine running at breakneck speed from 1st slip all the way to just behind the keeper to drop one claiming, "I was just happy to get there". Caen's dropped catch leaving a cherry mark on his new shoes. Brock decided to go one handed at one that was smacked at him thinking that it will look harder if I only use one hand when I drop it. Nuttsy dropped a long one on the boundary and Steve Conlan dropped a sitter hit straight to him. I think there was a couple more but with so many it was hard to keep count. Maybe some fielding practice this Thursday? We got our 1st breakthrough with the score on 116 with Inzi claiming an LBW on his way to 10 overs 1/42 and I can only imagine how sore he will be today and for the rest of the season as I'm sure we'll hear about. Boc Taylor the pick of the bowlers with 7 overs 1/20. Unfortunately, everyone else took some stick, Dizzy Pockran 10 overs 0/59, Mitch 4 overs 0/29, Dane Angwin 8 overs 2/64, Liam Blechyndon 6 overs 0/51. After the 45 overs we would have to chase down 271 for a win.

Food Gastronome Dougall was again absent, but photos were sent thru of the Lakes spread. The sausage rolls were homemade – tick, there was lots of them – tick, they were a bit burnt – cross, all the cakes were bought – cross, we didn't bring the leftover Tim Tams back to Wicky – big cross. Something to work on.

Wicky regular openers Ty and Kim strode to the crease looking for a good start to try to chase down this huge total. Kim then strode back to the pavilion after making a 7 ball duck, after steering one straight 2nd slip. Ty out for 6. We actually had the same luck batting as Lakes as they also dropped some catches, but the difference was, they also caught some. Dizzy dropped by the keeper on his way to 10. Dane smacked one back into the bowler's hand and then it ricocheted onto the stumps to have Dizzy runout. When Dane went for 4, WinViz had us at 50% chance of winning as we slumped to 4/20. Its then we realised we hadn't changed the batteries in the WinViz machine, and it was it just pointing straight down. Inzi LBW for 10 but came in telling us all that he hit it. Steve copping the dreaded stare down from Inzi Quartermaine he must have learnt from Cousin Perrin. When opposition player Caleb Dewing was instructed to go the boundary he thought he missed the last shot and the ball had gone to the boundary and he went out there and started looking for the ball when it was already in the bowlers hands (this actually happened last week but I forgot about it and decided to add it to this game). Mitch dropped 3 times for 8, Liam 7, Tom Johnson (Steve Thomson) 3, Jonny Nutter 6 ball duck, Booza 3. Caen our only real contributor making a great 80 not out, and clear Man of the Match. All out for 138 in the 37th over.

We have a bye next weekend and then play a home game at Yealering Oval on the 8th of November. Get along to training on Thursdays and enjoy the weekend off.





UPCOMING EVENTS

O2.11.25- Yealering Any Combo Triples
O4.11.25- Coral Weir Pairs-Pingelly
O9.11.25-Championship Triples
16.11.25-Captains Triples
23.11.25-Powerplay Singles
30.11.25-Championship Pairs

Unfortunately, our first game of Scroungers was called off due to rain. Hopefully the weather will be more favourable on 31st —either way, come for a roll, for the company, or just for some Friday Fun.

BAR OPEN

NEXT GAME 31.10.25 at 4pm - See you there!

Many thanks to Jean McInnes and family for sponsoring the Vera Watson meat pack pairs on 19.10.25
Winners of the day were Greg White & Marj White (substitute: Aaron Bransby) with runners-up being Chris
Moore & Beryl Elphick. Congratulations & well done bowlers for your commitment to play on such a windy day.

Reminder - All bowlers are encouraged to nominate for the triples championship event - and ladies for the Coral Weir Pairs. To nominate Call Beryl on 0427 869 971 and Aaron on 0457 180 553 or add your name to nomination sheets at the club. Don't forget it's the Yealering Any Combo Triples on Sunday.

PENNANT RESULTS:

Saturday 18.10.25 Wickepin 64 - Brookton 71
Tuesday 21.10.25 Wickepin 47 - Pingelly 29
Saturday 25.10.25 Wickepin 62- Williams-8 53

In cool weather, our Ladies Pennant team enjoyed a good win against Pingelly at Williams with a 4 point win (54—29). Hopefully our next game in Pingelly against Williams will be just as convincing.

TUESDAY PENNANT FIXTURE

28.10.25 <u>PINGELLY</u> Williams V Wickepin 11.11.25 WICKEPIN Wickepin v Brookton

SATURDAY PENNANT FIXTURE & KITCHEN ROSTER

01.11.25 PINGELLY V Wickepin -08.11.25 WICKEPIN V Williams-w M. White

GOOD LUCK AND GOOD BOWLS TO OUR PENNANT TEAMS:

<u>Tuesday 28.10.25</u>: Robyn O'Brien, Judy Lang, Leanne Smith, Chris Pethybridge. Robyn Mullan, Bev Davidson, Marj White, Beryle Holm. Reserve: Beryl Elphick.

Saturday 01.11.25: Greg White, Robyn O'Brien, Robert Bennier, Lloyd Arundle.

Peter Bransby, Aaron Bransby, Peter Mullan, Dennis Bransby. Graham O'Brien, Robyn Mullan, John Thompson, Chris Moore.

I bumped into an old school friend today, she started showing off, talking about her well paid job and expensive sports car.

Then she pulled out a photo of her husband and said, "He's so handsome isn't he.

I said, "If you think he's handsome you should see my husband

She said, "Why? Is he a stunner?"

l said, "No, he's an optician."

Wickepin Tennis Club

Wickepin Tennis Club Ladies Day

On Friday 17th October, 32 women participated in the Wickepin Tennis Club Ladies Day. Despite the heat and wind, there was brilliant tennis played and the day was enjoyed by women of all tennis ability. The team who came out on top was - Rhiannon Mouritz, Caitlin Mouritz, Georgia Dawes and Sarah Corke. Runner up team - Nicki Evans, Izzy Kilpatrick, Maz Dougall and Sarah Hyde. Best dressed pair went to Jo Priest and Sophie Stevens.

Thank you to all sponsors of the day- Wickepin Shire, Hon. Steve Martin, LDC, Narrogin Nutrient, Ewens Rural Supplies, Min Studio, The Remedy Physio and Pilates, Narrogin Nursery and Cafe, Fit Pursuit & Duffy Eletrics.

Thank you to all who were involved in the day- particularly our food helpers Sandie, Ammers, Anika and Michelle. We wouldn't be able to put together a day like the Ladies Day without you all!







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WICKEPIN PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Working together to learn, grow and succeed



From the Principal

Kaya parents, carers, and community members,

Welcome Back to Term 4 at Wickepin Primary School!

We are delighted to welcome our students and families back to school for Term 4. We hope everyone enjoyed the beautiful spring weather and cherished time with loved ones over the break. It has been wonderful to see our students return with big smiles and a positive attitude, contributing to a smooth and settled start to the term.

This term, we warmly welcome Miss Sophie Smith to Room 4, where she will be teaching our Kindy to Year 1 students while Mrs Ewen is on leave. Families of Room 3 have received an introductory letter from Miss Smith, and she will be hosting a Parent Information Session on Wednesday at 2:30pm to connect with families and share her plans for the term.

Room 4 has also had a fresh update with new lino flooring, giving the space a bright and refreshed look—perfect for our youngest learners!

In Room 3, Miss Conway has launched an exciting Reading Challenge and recently held a parent meeting to outline her vision for the term. This initiative brings renewed energy and reassurance following the staffing changes in Term 3.

Over the weekend, Ms Williams proudly represented our school at the Narrogin Show, showcasing a wonderful selection of student artwork and science projects. A big thank you to Ms Williams for her time and dedication, and to Mrs Joldescu for her support with setup and transport.

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

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		OCTOBER				
Thur	30 th	Games & Afternoon tea @ Yealering CWA from 1 pm				
		NOVEMBER				
Sat	1 st	Prohibited Burning Season Starts				
Sat	1 st	Wickepin Swimming Pool Open 1pm-6pm				
Sun	2 nd	Lake Yealering Bowling Club Any Combination Triples				
Thu	6 th	Taking Control of Your Hereafter 9.30am-3pm, Wickepin Community Centre				
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		Watershed News				
Mon		Recycle and Bin Day				
	11 th	Remembrance Day				
Thur		Picnic on the Porch 12pm CRC				
Mon		Watershed News				
Mon	24 th	Recycle and Bin Day				
		DECEMBER				
Fri	5 th	Senior Citizens Lunch @ 11.30am Community Centre				
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				
Wed		Facey Group 2025 Xmas Party @ Community Centre				
-	18 th	Term 4 Ends				
Mon	22 nd	Recycle and Bin Day				
		JANUARY 2026				
Mon	5 th	Recycle and Bin Day				
Mon	5 th	Watershed AGM @ 10am				
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		FEBRUARY 2026 day by day,				
Mon	2 nd ,	FEBRUARY 2026 Watershed News 1st Edition for 2026 day by day, and be Grateful				
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Mon 1	16 th	Watershed News				
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Wickepin Community Shed

Mon 16th

Sat 21st

Mon 24th

Recycle and Bin Day

Recycle and Bin Day

Wickepin Festival

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