WATERSHED NEWS

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Monday 16th February	Monday 30th March	Monday 11th May		
Tuesday 3rd March	Monday 13th April	Monday 25th May		

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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

December Birthday Wishes to:		January Birthday Wishes to:				
7^{th}	Tammy Rance	2 nd	Jayden Podmore Smith,	19^{th}	Bruce Dixon	
10 th	Chad Russell,		Graham Bushby,	20^{th}	Jayden Ballard,	
	Coleen Thompson,		Neale McLean		Amanda Heaney,	
	Leanne Holmes-Martin	3^{rd}	Eliza Murray		Alice March	
11^{th}	Maus Preedy,	4 th	Lucy Lansdell,	22 nd	Alister Murray	
	Samantha Dawes		Cameron Lang	25 th	Morgan Spark	
12^{th}	th Joshua O`Brien,		Abbey Steere	27 th	Lucas Snow	
22 nd	Keisha Pawsy,	7^{th}	Waylon Hallett,	30 th	Marley Steere,	
23 rd	John Menegola		Lilly Hallet,		Jordee Pike,	
24^{th}	Hannah Flood		Alexander Wilson	31 st	Toby Russell Makenzie Rance	
26^{th}	Candance Edwards	8 th	Rhys Thorley		uary Birthday Wishes to:	
31 st	Lynda Gaull	11^{th}	Lexi Mutton	1 st	Eva Mead,	
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Would you like to have your birthdays included in the Watershed News? Email wickepinwatershed@gmail.com For kids under 13 include the birthdate.

Wickepin Harvest Breaking Records

The Wickepin CBH grain receival site set a new daily site receival record in late November 2025, as part of a busy harvest period where several CBH sites across Western Australia broke records due to high yields and favourable harvest conditions.

Cricket Camp at Wickepin Oval

Noticed on Tuesday 25th and Wednesday 26th cricket being played on the Wickepin oval. These were students from Kent Street Senior High School Cricket Academy on a cricket camp, they played against Kennedy Baptist College on Tuesday and John Forrest on Wednesday.

Ex Locals Back in Town

Good to see a couple of ex Wicky guys back in town helping with harvest – Steve Hill at Bird's and Glenn Leeson at Wyatt's.

Good to see Tammi Yardley (nee Fulford) in town on the weekend, she came to the Seniors lunch and helped in the kitchen, advantage was she was able to see her great niece and great nephews performing with the school singing Christmas carols.

Also seen over the weekend Anthea Hill.

Well Wishes

Get Well wishes goes to Gary Thompson, hope to see him out and about more very soon.

Also, speedy recovery to Jean from the Newsagency after her second eye operation.

CHRISTMAS TRADITIONS

The Watershed team would like to share our Christmas traditions and recipes.

- Christmas Tradition for us is a salad that I made when the family was young and is a must at all family get togethers, especially Christmas. <u>Macca Salad.</u>
 It consists of grated carrot, grated cheese (it must be Kraft Cheddar Cheese, no other) and diced orange, all mixed together, no dressing.
- Nana's trifle, the way she made it, is also a must. Too involved to explain how to assemble but it has all the usual Trifle essentials and is yummy. Very similar to picture.
- At Christmas lunch we go around the table and each person says your high and low for the year.
- Everyone uses decorated champagne glasses no matter what they are drinking.
- An old family favourite is toothpicks, a mix of cheese, gerkins, pinapple and cocktail onions.
- Punch is a favourite drink. The old punch bowl must come out once a year.

BEST CHRISTMAS PASTA SALAD

500gm bowtie pasta

4 bacon rashers

2 medium red capsicum

1 cup drained sundried tomatoes

1 tablespoon olive oil

250gm mozzarella cheese, cubed

½ cup pine nuts, toasted

2 tablespoons chopped fresh oregano

1/4 cup chopped fresh chives (spring onions is fine)

250gm cherry tomatoes, halved

DRESSING

1/3 cup olive oil

2 tablespoons white vinegar

1 teaspoon sugar

1 tablespoon balsamic vinegar

1 clove garlic, crushed

2 teaspoons French mustard

Add pasta to pan of boiling water, boil uncovered, until tender, drain, rinse under cold water, drain well. Cut bacon, capsicums and sun dried tomatoes into thin strips. Heat oil in pan, add bacon, capsicum & tomatoes, cook, stirring, until capsicums are soft, cool. Combine pasta, capsicum mixture, cheese, nuts, herbs and tomatoes in bowl, add dressing, mix well

Dressing: Combine all ingredients in jar and shake well.

Serves 10

This salad can be made the day before and it keeps well

CEO Comments

Harvest is in full swing and we ask people to take extra care on the roads as more trucks are around and farmers are shifting machinery at various times.

Council Meeting - November 2025.

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

- Accounts for payment were presented.
- Monthly Financial Reports were presented.
- Meeting dates for 2026 were set by the Council.
- The Local Planning Policy no. 10.3.7 Wind Farm and Renewable Energy Facility Policy was adopted by Council.
- The Shire of Wickepin Parking and Parking Facilities Amendment Local Law 2025 was adopted.
- Council approved a budget amendment for upgrading the electricity supply to the Yealering Tennis Club.
- Tenders for Stabilisation Works and Sealing Works were approved by Council.
- The Shire of Wickepin has joined the Shires of Corrigin, Kondinin, Kulin and Narembeen in RoeROC, a Regional Organisation of Councils.
- An application for camping on a property was approved.
- Council Policies 2.1.1 to 2.1.32 were reviewed and amended as required.
- Council considered lodging an application for Housing Funds.
- A Planning Application for Lot 7438 Stock Route Road was approved.
- Tenders for Asphalt works were rejected, but will be looked at through competitive quotes as it is under the tender threshold.

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

Christmas / January Office Closures

The Shire office will be closed from the 22nd of December; however, staff will still be working on the 22nd and 23^{rd,} with full closure from the 24th of December.

The Office will re-open on the 5th of January 2026.

Licensing Services Unavailable

Due to staff shortages Department of Transport licensing services will be unavailable at the Shire of Wickepin from Monday 15 December 2025 until the end of January 2026.

Services will be available from surrounding shires including the Shires of Narrogin, Cuballing, Corrigin and Kulin.

Wickepin Swimming Pool Christmas Hours

The pool will be closed on:

- Christmas Day 25 Dec
- Boxing Day 26 Dec
- New Year's Day 1 Jan
- Our usual Tuesdays, which fall on:
 - o Tuesday 16 December 2025
 - o Tuesday 23 December 2025
 - o Tuesday 30 December 2025
 - o Tuesday 6 January 2026

Staff Changes

We would like to take this opportunity to say farewell to Alyssa Burnane. Alyssa has taken on another role outside of local government, and we wish her every success.

The Shire will also be saying farewell to Jordyn Harvey at the end of this week, as she is moving back to the city.

We thank both of these staff for their efforts and dedication to the Shire of Wickepin, and they will surely be missed from the Administration Office.

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



2025 CHRISTMAS LIGHTS COMPETITION

Entries for the Shire of Wickepin 2025 Christmas Lights Competition close on the 11th December 2025. Entry forms are available through the Wickepin Shire Website or at the admin office over the front counter. Don't miss out on a chance to light up the streets and win good prizes!







PUBLIC NOTICE





In accordance with section 3.12(6) of the Local Government Act 1995, public notice is hereby given that the Shire of Wickepin has resolved to adopt the Shire of Wickepin Parking and Parking Facilities Amendment Local Law 2025.

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

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

This local law was published in the Government Gazette on 28 November 2025 and will come into operation on 12 December 2025.

A copy of the local law is available at www.wickepin.wa.gov.au. Alternatively, a printed copy can be obtained from the Shire of Wickepin Administration Office, 77 Wogolin Rd, Wickepin during opening hours.

David Burton Chief Executive Officer

Embracing Community Growth

ORDINARY MEETINGS OF COUNCIL 2026 DATES

Council meetings are held on the third Wednesday of the month

- February 18
- March 18
- April 15
- May 20
- June 17
- July 15
- August 19
- September 16
- October 21
- November 18
- December 16

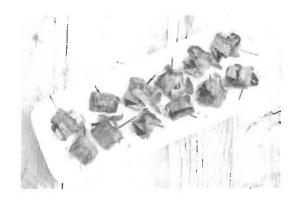
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Easy Bacon, Pesto and Haloumi Bites

Ingredients (5)

8 thin rashers streaky bacon, halved crossways 2 tbsp basil pesto 16 large fresh basil leaves, plus small sprigs to serve 225g haloumi, cut into 16 pieces 1 tbsp extra virgin olive oil



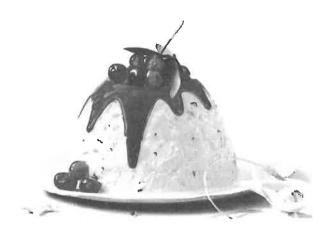
Method

Preheat oven to 220C/200C fan-forced. Line a baking tray with sides with baking paper. Place 1 piece of bacon on a board. Spread with a little pesto. Top 1 end of bacon with 1 basil leaf and 1 piece of haloumi. Roll up bacon to enclose cheese, securing with a toothpick. Place on prepared tray. Repeat with remaining bacon, pesto, basil and haloumi. Drizzle with oil.

Christmas ice-cream cake

Ingredients (11)

445g (21/2 cups) Sunbeam Mixed Fruit
65g (1/2 cup) Sunbeam Slivered Almonds, toasted
60g (1/3 cup) icing sugar mixture, sifted
2 tbsp brandy, sherry or liqueur of choice
1 orange, rind finely grated
1 lemon, rind finely grated
1 tsp mixed spice
2L vanilla ice-cream, softened slightly
200g dark cooking chocolate, chopped
Sunbeam Glacé Cherries, to serve
Chocolate shards, to serve



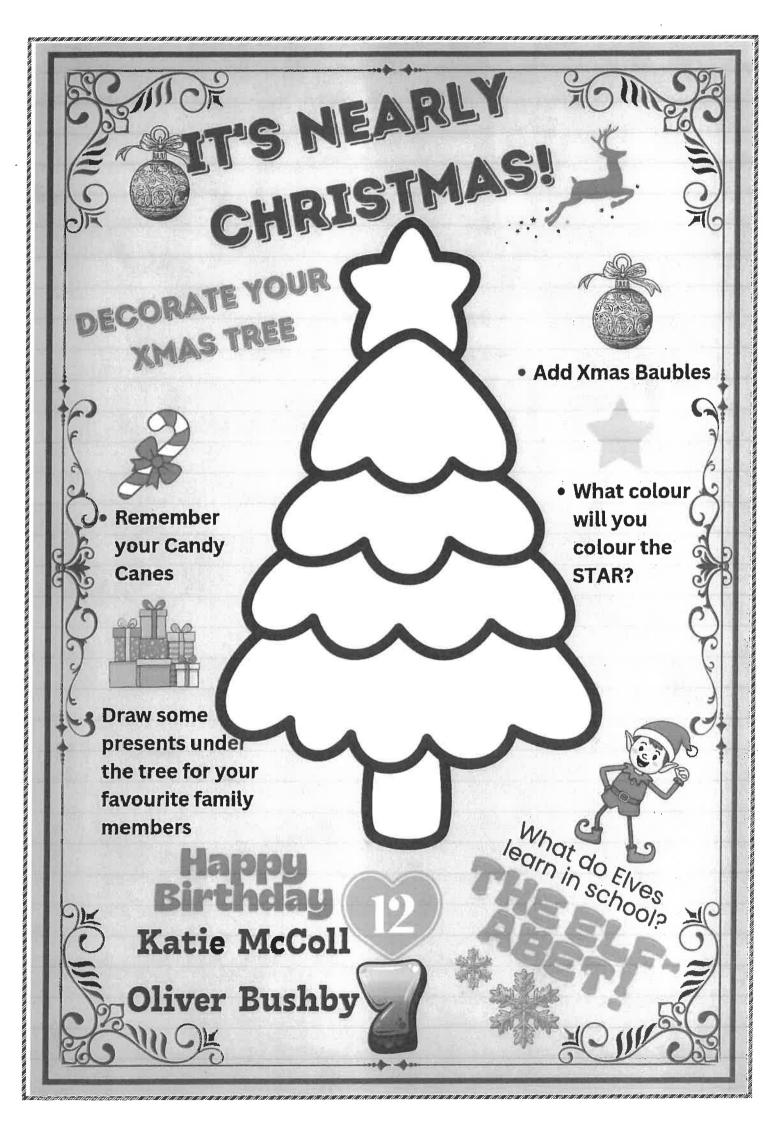
Method

- 1. Grease a 1.5L (6 cup) pudding basin and line with plastic wrap, allowing it to overhang the side. Combine the mixed fruit, almonds, icing sugar, brandy, orange rind, lemon rind and mixed spice in a large bowl. Set aside for 1 hour to macerate.
- Add the ice-cream to the fruit mixture and stir until well combined. Spoon into the prepared pudding basin and smooth the surface. Cover with plastic wrap and place in the freezer overnight to set.
- 3. Place chocolate in a heatproof bowl over a saucepan of simmering water, making sure the bowl doesn't touch the water. Stir until melted and smooth. Set aside for 10 minutes or until cooled and thickened slightly.
- 4. Dip the base of the pudding basin in hot water and turn the ice-cream cake out onto a serving plate. Spoon over the cooled melted chocolate. Top with glacé cherries and chocolate shards. Serve immediately

CHRISTMAS TIME JOKES

- 1. What do sheep say to each other at Christmas time? Merry Christmas to EWE
- 2. What do you get if you cross a snowman and a dog? Frostbite
- 3. What do you call an old snowman? Water!
- 4. What do elves use to take photos? An "elfie" stick!
- 5. Why did the Christmas tree go to the barber? It needed a trim!
- 6. What do you call people who are afraid of Santa Claus? Claus-trophobic!
- 7. What does Santa do when his sleigh breaksdown? He gets a new one "sleigh-tly"used.
- 8. What do you get if you eat Christmas decorations? Tinsilitis.
- 9. Why didn't the skeleton go to the Christmas party? He had no body to go with.
- 10. Why did the turkey join the band? Because it had the drumsticks.
- 11. What's a snowman's favorite dessert? Ice cream!
- 12. Why are Christmas trees so bad at sewing? They always drop their needles.
- 13. What did the gingerbread man use to fix his roof? Icing!
- 14. How does Santa stay up-to-date with technology? He uses "Claus-d" storage.
- 15. What do you call a cat on Christmas morning? Santa Claws.
- 16. Why does Santa go down chimneys? Because it soots him!
- 17. What do you call an elf who sings? A wrapper.
- 18. Why don't penguins fly during Christmas? They're not on Santa's flight list.
- 19. What's Santa's favorite type of music? Wrap music.
- 20. What do snowmen wear on their heads? Ice caps.
- 21. Why did the Christmas cookie go to the doctor? It was feeling crumby.
- 22. What's Santa's favorite kind of cereal? Frosted flakes!
- 23. What do you call Santa when he's on a break? Santa Pause!
- 24. What do you get when you cross a snowman with a dog? Frostbite!
- 25. What's a sheep's favorite Christmas song? Fleece Navidad!
- 26. What do elves use to make toys? Elbow grease.
- 27. What does a gingerbread man put on his bed? A cookie sheet.
- 28. What do you call a Christmas tree that knows math? A geome-tree!
- 29. What do you get if you cross a bell with a skunk? Jingle smells!
- 30. Why are Christmas trees so fond of math? They love square roots.
- 31. Why was the turkey invited to join the band? He had the drumsticks!
- 32. What's a snowman's favorite game? Ice hockey.
- 33. What's Santa's favorite kind of sandwich? Peanut butter and jolly!
- 34. Why did the Christmas light go to school? It wanted to be brighter!
- 35. What do you call Santa when he takes up gardening? Saint Prune.
- 36. Why does Santa love karate? He's a black belt in "wrapping."
- 37. What do you get if you mix a snowman and a vampire? Frostbite!
- 38. What do you call a reindeer with bad manners? Rude-olph!
- 39. Why did Santa go to school? To improve his present-tation skills!

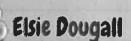






- · Built A Cubby in the Garden?
- Visited the Wickepin Pool for some water fun?
- Gone for a ride on your bike around wickepin and the Arts Trail?
- Made our scrummy chocolate chip muffins?

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Emma Rance

Noah Plowman

Maddie Moxham

Clayton McLean

Jaxon Turner



Chocolate Chip Muffins

Ingredients (Makes 12 muffins)

- 2 cups (300g) self-raising flour
- · 1/2 cup (110g) white sugar
- ½ cup (90g) milk chocolate chips (plus extra for topping)
- 1 cup (250ml) mllk
- ½ cup (80ml) vegetable oil (or melted butter)
- · 1egg
- . Itsp vanilla essence





Yestructions

- 1. Preheat oven to 180°C (fan forced 160°C).
- 2. Line a muffin tray with 12 paper cases.
- 3. In a big bowl, mix the dry ingredients:

Flour, Sugar, Choc chips.

- 4. In another bowl, whisk wet ingredients: Milk, Oil, Egg and Vanilla.
- 5. Pour wet into dry and gently mix with a spoon. It's OK if the batter is a bit lumpy!
- 6.Spoon batter into muffin cases.
- 7. Sprinkle a few extra choc chips on top.
- 8.Bake for 18-20 minutes until lightly golden.
- 9.Cool for 5 minutes before eating.









The team at Facey Group warmly invite all our members, valued sponsors & their families to join us for an evening of festive cheer at our

Facey Group 2025 Christmas Party Wednesday, 17th December 2025





Facey Group Update

Growing Knowledge, Connections and Strong Farming Futures

Wishing our community a safe and happy Christmas

As the year draws to a close, the Facey Group team would like to thank everyone in the Wickepin district and wider region for the support, generosity and community spirit shown throughout 2025. The strength of the Facey Group depends on our growers, partners, volunteers, sponsors and community members. Thank you for being part of the Facey Group story in 2025. We look forward to working with you again in 2026 to keep building strong farms and strong futures.

Our work across the region

Many people see our name in event notices and trial updates, but may not know what the Facey Group is or the role we play locally. Facey Group is your grower-led research, development and extension organisation. Our purpose is simple. We help farmers make better decisions by bringing practical, local and relatable research into the paddock, supporting innovation, and strengthening our region's capacity to farm profitably and sustainably.

Facey Group runs local field trials, workshops, harvest forums and seeder setup days that give growers access to the latest knowledge, tools and independent advice. We work closely with national partners such as Grains Research and Development Corporation (GRDC), Grower Group Alliance (GGA), Soil CRC, CSIRO, Murdoch University, University of WA (UWA) and Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD) to ensure that our growers benefit from high-quality science tailored to local conditions.

We also play a broader role in the community. Our team works across soil health, crop establishment, frost and heat risk, new technologies, weather monitoring, and livestock systems. We bring researchers, agronomists, industry specialists and growers together so that the Wheatbelt region continues to lead the way in problem-solving and future-focused farming.

Our place in the community

Facey Group is committed to remaining a local asset that keeps knowledge, learning and opportunity close to home. By hosting events, attracting funding, supporting young people into agriculture and working with local businesses, we help keep our district vibrant and connected. Strong local research and extension make the region more resilient through good seasons and tough ones.

Most importantly, our work reflects the strengths of this area. Practical, innovative farmers. A community that pulls together. And a pride in local agriculture that spans generations.

To all in our district, we wish you a safe harvest finish, a restful break and a very Merry Christmas.

Warm regards,

The Facey Group Team

Tina Astbury, Franco Renteria, Erin Murray, Iréne Digard, Mel Grieve, Tina Morony and Katrina Gray

















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Hello Wickepin,

Merry Christmas, drive safe, stay safe, look out and check on those who are on their own over the holiday break.

Celebrate in moderation, alcohol can be relaxing or ruin a great day. We would prefer to give you a cheery wave over Christmas rather than an unpleasant trip to the cells.

Sgt Milne has been back on board after a six week break and wants to acknowledge Acting Sgt Spencer for doing a great job in holding down the fort.

A reminder to all that the speed limit through town is 50 km and doesn't change until the next sign out of town. Slow down through roadworks and remember we all have to share the road to get home to our loved ones, especially during harvest.

Keep an eye on your neighbourhood, and don't give the opportunists a chance, everyone works hard for their belongings and some things from family and friends are irreplaceable.

Keep cool as the weather heats up and take advantage of the beautiful swimming pool in town under the watchful eye of Meeks.

It's been a great year for most, and flown by, but here's to a great 2026

Regards and festive best wishes Phil MILNE and Andy SPENCER Your Wickepin Police







PRESENTS

WICKEPIN FESTIVAL

21-02-26

From 11am at Wickepin Oval









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ALL AGES EVENT

Live Music

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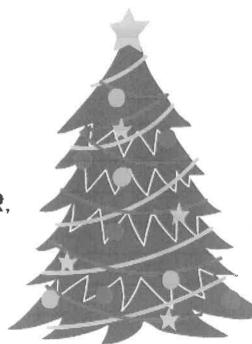
Kids Art Display

Sheaf Toss

And More...



21DECEMBER, 2025



WICKEPIN COMMUNITY CENTRE

4:30pm Santa Arriving at 4:45pm

BYO Drinks & Nibbles
Sausage Sizzle available for purchase

Registration list of children plus colouring in competition sheets at the Wickepin Newsagency.
\$4 per child

Gift - less than \$20 wrapped and labelled with name and age to be left at the Wickepin CRC by Thursday 18th Dec.

CONTACT - Maree Dougall 0448103747











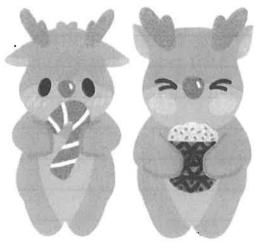






















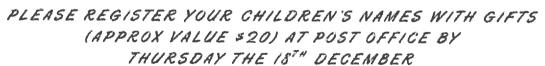








FOLLOWED BY A BBQ AT THE BOWLING CLUB
BYO MEAT AND A SALAD TO SHARE















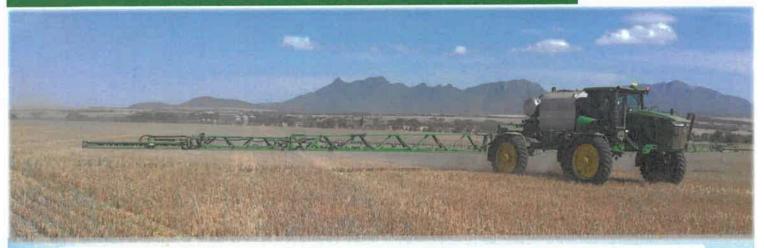






GRDC Spray Application Workshop





Facey Group

invites all growers and spray applicators to this open workshop

Setting-up Sprayers, Calibration + Demonstrations

DATE Thursday, 12th February 2026

TIME 9:00am - 5pm

COST FREE TO ATTEND - Lunchprovided | Sundowner to conclude workshop

PRESENTER Bill Campbell, Application Specialist

TOPIC Sprayer equipment set-up, calibration and best practice application for efficiency and efficacy

Growers are aware of the importance of their spray equipment for delivering correct chemical application and minimising drift. This workshop will address knowledge gaps around appropriate sprayer setup and calibration requirements for the different spraying systems so they can effectively and efficiently apply chemicals. Includes hands on, in paddock practical sprayer demonstrations.

RSVP by Tuesday, 10th February 2026

To https://events.humanitix.com/grdc-spray-application-workshop or scan the QR code below:















GRDC | Facey Group WA Supply Chain Insights Tour

Join us for a Members Exclusive insider look at the WA grains supply chain!









DAY ONE

19th February 2026

Tour ...



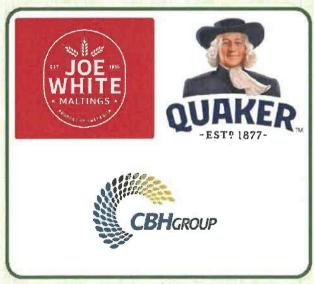
- Tolga Farm Kulin
- South West Liquids
- Rabo Research
- Demeter Grains
- Gage Road Brewery

DAY TWO 20th February 2026 Tour ...

- Joe White Malting Plant
- Quaker Oats
- CBH Australian Grains Centre
- CBH Metro Grains Centre

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INTEREST





Approx cost - **\$175 per head** inc. all food, accommodation & transport

NOVEMBER FUNCTION CROSS

Taking Control of Your Hereafter

We had the pleasure of hosting Jenny Wilcox for a very useful session on the importance of getting your affairs in order. Not just for people nearing the end of life, this practical workshop covered everything from wills and Powers of Attorney to digital legacies and funeral planning. Thank you, Jenny, for equipping us with the knowledge to make future transitions as smooth as possible!



Paint & Sip

What a blast! Our recent Paint & Sip event with Pingelly artist Di Mainwaring was a huge success and a truly fun experience. Forget following a template! Di encouraged us to make individual creative choices, guiding us through a few basic painting techniques (with varying degrees of success!) rather than mass producing copies of one masterwork. Di's secret weapon? If anyone doubted their skills, she'd take their canvas and instantly frame their "amateur" efforts into legitimate works of art! A huge thank you to Di for an entertaining, uplifting, and creative afternoon. We can't wait to do it all again!



Seniors Week - Pionic on the Porch

Our Pionic on the Porch was the perfect way to celebrate Seniors Week 2025! Made possible through a successful grant from the Department of Communities, this funding not only covered a delicious catered lunch but also allowed us to invest in lovely new artificial plants to beautify our verandah. We kept the pionic vibe going with of Giant Jenga and Giant Connect Four, and a wonderful afternoon was had by all!

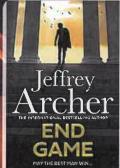


To see what we're up to in December, check our Facebook page, email us at admin@wickepincrc.com.au, call us on 9888 1500, or drop in for a chat!





Wiekepin Public Library



ADULT CRIME THRILLER: End Game - Jeffrey Archer

London, 2012. The eyes of the world are on Britain as the country prepares to host the Olympic Games.

But the glare of the spotlight makes London a target for some of the most dangerous people on earth. And the moment the bid is won, an international conspiracy is set in motion to unleash a devastating attack that will leave the world in chaos.

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JACK REACHER L E E C H I L D ANDREW CHILD EXIT STRATEGY

ADULT MYSTERY THRILLER: Exit Strategy - Lee Child & Andrew Child

Jack Reacher will make three stops today. Not all of them were planned for....

First - a Baltimore coffee shop. A seat in the corner, facing the door. Black coffee, two refills, no messing about. A minor interruption from two of the customers, but nothing he can't deal with swiftly. As he eaves, a young guy brushes against him in the doorway. Instinctively Reacher checks the pocket holding his cash and passport. There's no problem. Nothing is missing.

Second - a store to buy a coat. Nothing fancy, just something he can discard when he heads for warmer climates. As he pulls out his cash, he finds something new in his pocket. A handwritten note. A desperate plea for help.

Third - wherever this bend in the road takes him. Impressed by the guy's technique and intrigued by the message, Reacher makes it his mission to find out more...

ADULT MYSTERY AUDIO BOOK: Murder Takes a Vacation - Laura Lippman

Mrs Blossom is good at blending into the background, which was handy during her days assisting PI Tess Monaghan. But when she finds a winning lottery ticket in a parking lot, she is determined to see the world that she sometimes feels is passing her by.

When she booked her French river cruise on MS Solitaire, Mrs Blossom didn't expect to meet Allan on her flight over. He is the first man who's sparked something in her since her husband passed. She also didn't expect Allan to be found dead, twenty-four hours later in Paris, a city he wasn't supposed to be in.

Now Mrs Blossom doesn't know who to trust, especially when a mystifying man, Danny, keeps popping up around every corner, always present when things go awry. He is convinced that Allan was transporting a stolen piece of art, and that Mrs. Blossom knows more than she 's letting on.

Mrs. Blossom's questions only increase as she sails down the Seine. Is being followed? Who was Allan, and why was he killed? And alarmingly, why do these mysterious men keep flirting with her?



ADULT NON FICTION: The Mushroom Tapes - Helen Garner, Chloe Hooper & Sarah Krasnostein

In July 2023, in the town of Leongatha, Victoria, Erin Patterson invited her husband's devoutly Christian family to lunch. Within days, three of her guests were dead and the fourth was in a coma. They had all been poisoned by death cap mushrooms.

Two years later, Patterson stood trial, accused of three counts of murder and one of attempted murder. The court case gripped the nation and fascinated people all over the world.

Three writers: Helen Garner, Chloe Hooper and Sarah Krasnostein, joined the daily media scrum at the Latrobe Valley Law Courts, spending long days immersed in the case's sinister and complex themes: love, hate, jealousy, revenge, marriage, money, mycology and murder.

This is a true-crime book like no other - a unique study of Erin Patterson and our collective obsession with her strange and terrible crime.

The Mushroom Tapes

Considerate the Colored Chice Hooper Sarah Krastostein

Don't let your reading list get lonely this festive season! Stock up on all your holiday reading, watching, and listening materials before we close on December 19th for our Christmas break. Happy holidays and happy reading!

An invitation
from Kate Osra Price

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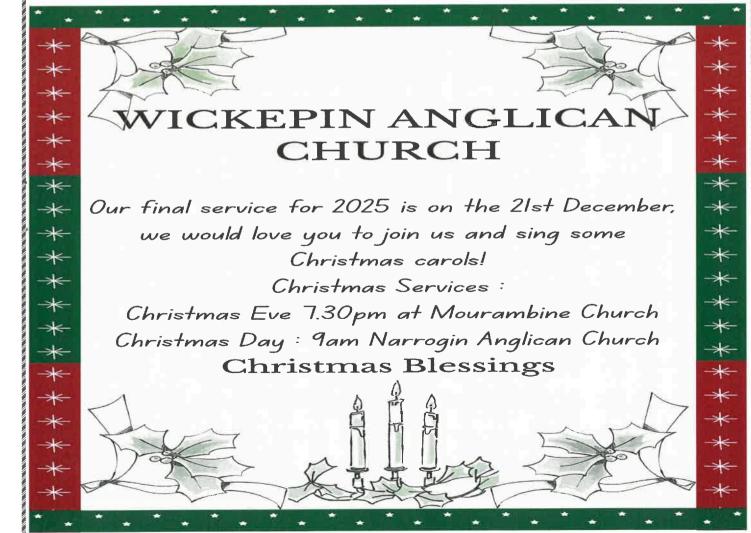
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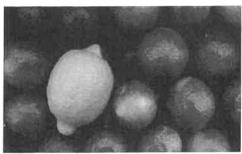
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Garden Snippets...



...Lime or Lemon

What is the Real colour of a Lime?

It's Green – Right?...That's how you tell it apart from a Lemon?... *Not So!!*

You may be surprised to learn that the Green Limes that we are so familiar with on the grocery store shelves are not fully ripe; and that a Lime left on the tree to ripen will turn yellow.

So – What is the difference between Green and Yellow Limes?

Green coloured Limes will give you a sour splash to your recipes, and are used in such things as salsas and marinades

Lemon coloured Limes are sweeter, but also have a higher level of citric acid, so their taste is a bit more on the tart side.

So, it is a matter of personal preference as to which colour (therefore level of ripeness) Limes that you use for your planned dishes.

So - Why are Limes sold Green?

All ripened citrus fruits are too soft to travel well, so farmers always pick the fruits while they are green and under-ripe as they are more firm.

Oranges and Lemons will continue to ripen on their way to the supermarket, but a quirk of biology means that Limes stop ripening once they are picked, and so they remain as a green colour.

And - Do Limes turn into Lemons?

NO!, Limes do not turn into Lemons.

They are distinct types of citrus fruit. While both can turn yellow when ripe, they remain separate species with different characteristics.

Limes are generally smaller, rounder and greener, with more intense, tangy flavor than lemons.







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With Senior Regional Officer for the South West Annetta Bellingeri

One ride can change everything

Quad bikes are not toys and along with the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC), Consumer Protection is encouraging farmers, partners, parents and carers to protect their loved ones when riding these powerful machines.

Ahead of the summer holidays the ACCC has launched the 'One ride can change everything' safety awareness campaign. Although some quad accidents will be relatively minor, others can have devastating, lifelong consequences for the rider and their families.

Since 2011, 235 Australians have died in quad bike incidents, with men accounting for more than 80% of fatalities, figures from <u>SafeWork Australia</u> show. Twenty-three of those deaths occurred in Western Australia, with two of them being children aged under 10. In fact, Australia-wide children under-16 make up more than a quarter of all emergency department presentations relating to quad bike injuries.

You should never let kids ride quads made for adults, even as passengers. When they ride an adult-sized quad bike they are often over-confident in their ability to control the bike. Children also don't have the skills or physical strength to handle the power of these bikes and it can have catastrophic outcomes.

Despite being marketed as "all-terrain vehicles", quad bikes cannot safely go anywhere and everywhere. Steep slopes or rough terrain increases the risk of a roll over. Even at slower speeds, these bikes can topple over and crush or suffocate the rider with the hundreds of kilos these machines weigh.

Side-by-sides are another all-terrain vehicle growing in popularity and unfortunately this means so are the incidents. Many fatalities and serious injuries occur when occupants don't use or remove safety features from their vehicles such as seatbelts, doors or netting. Coronial inquests into fatalities involving side-by-sides have found that if victims had been wearing seatbelts at the time of the accident, they would not have been thrown from the cabin.

There are three golden rules to follow when using quad bikes to help you, your loved ones, friends and work colleagues stay safe. Always wear a helmet, but make sure it's the right fit, and done up firmly. Adult-sized helmets don't protect child-sized heads, and no helmet works if it's left in the shed.

Make sure your quad bike is fitted with rollover protection, also called an operator protection device (OPD), if the quad topples over it will be held off the ground to provide a crawl out space. Finally, children under the age of 16 should never ride an adult quad bike, even when an adult is present.

When it comes to side-by-sides, always wear a seat belt and never let children drive, it's also worth checking the manufacturer's advice before letting children ride side-by-side vehicles as passengers.

One ride can change everything. Don't risk it, ride safe every time. Learn more with the national quadbike and side-by-side vehicle guide - productsafety.gov.au/quadbikes

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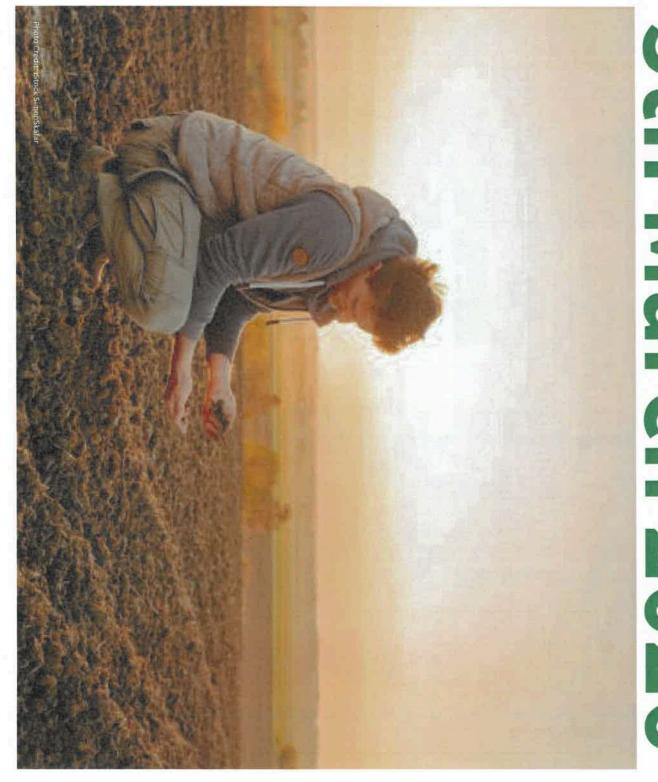
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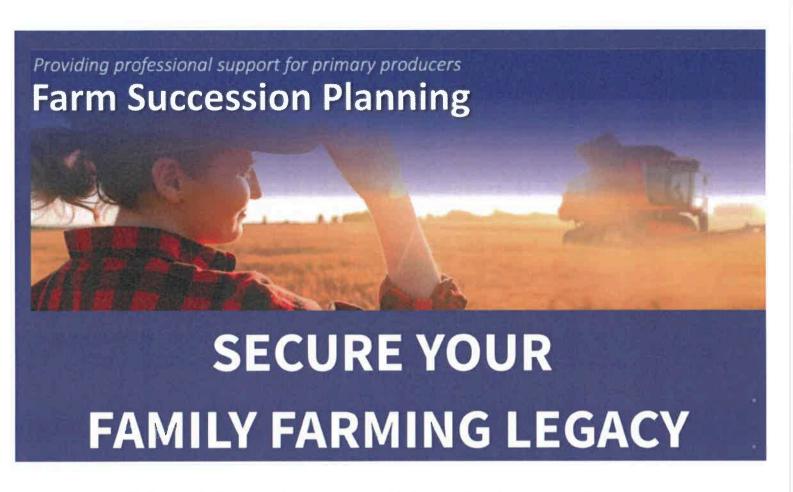
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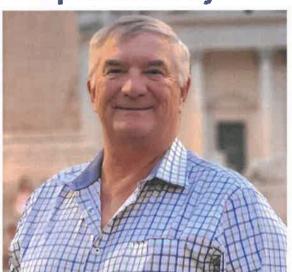
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MR RICK WILSON MP FEDERAL MEMBER FOR O'CONNOR

3 December 2025

Parliamentary Committees seek your views on Aged Care Reforms

Rick Wilson Federal Member for O'Connor is encouraging older residents, carers, families and aged care providers across the electorate to share their experiences of the aged care reforms.

With the Labor Governments significant changes to Aged Care the Senate Community Affairs References Committee has two separate inquiries reviewing different aspects of home care.

"Communities right across O'Connor rely on flexible, reliable and affordable in-home aged care services and your experiences are critical to shaping a system that works for regional people," Rick Wilson said.

"I strongly encourage individuals, families, carers and providers to make a submission and ensure our region's voice and experience of the transition is heard."

Submissions close on 30 January 2026 for the "Transition from the Commonwealth Home Support Program to the Support at Home Program". Issues of service accessibility, wait times for assessments, the \$15,000 cap on home modifications and the unique challenges facing thin markets in electorates such as O'Connor will be examined.

The implementation of "The Support at Home Program" will be the focus of a broader inquiry that has a closing date of 31 July 2026. Issues such as affordability, availability and quality of in-home aged care will be considered along with co-payment arrangements, financial hardship assistance and pricing impacts.

A technical review of the *Aged Care Rules 2025* and associated transitional rules under the *Aged Care Act 2024*, is also in progress with the Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee. Providers with direct expertise may choose to contribute and submissions close on 23 January 2026.

Please visit the Australian Parliament House website and search for the relevant committee inquiries to access the full terms of reference and submission details.

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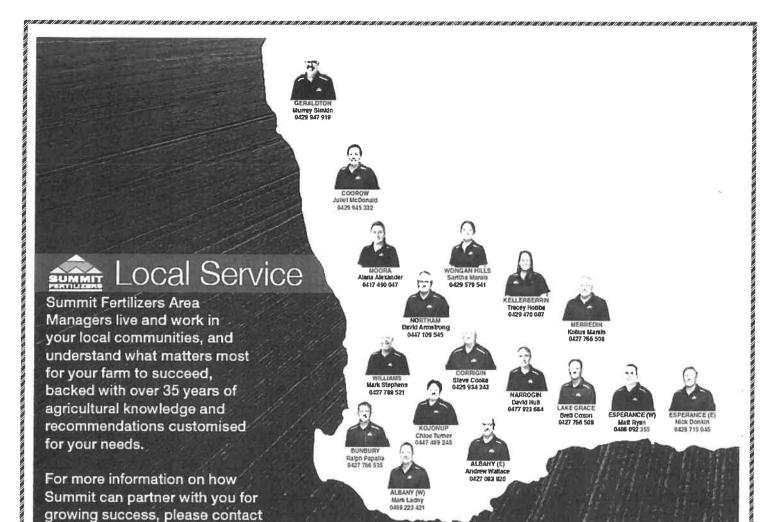
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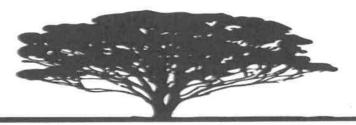
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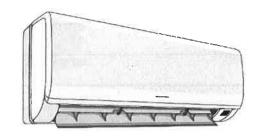
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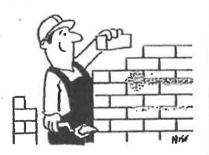
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UPCOMING EVENTS

9th and 10.12.25 - Merino Fours

14.12.25 – Mens League Champ Triples & Pairs-Wickepin
18.12.25 – Narrogin Christmas Ham Pairs

19.12.25 - Scroungers

SEASONS GREETINGS
FROM THE
Wickepin
BOWLING CLUB

Congratulations to the ladies Upper Great Southern team on finishing second at the Interleague Round Robin Pairs in Brookton.

We are especially proud of Kayleen Lansdell from Pingelly bowling Club and Val Cliff from Brookton, who went through undefeated in their five matches and have been selected to play in the Zone at Katanning.

Super proud of Robyn Mullan and Robyn Narducci from Pingelly, and Robyn O'Brien and Charmaine Duff from Williams who also combined very well, finishing with 3 wins each.



PENNANT RESULTS

SATURDAY 29.11.25 WICKEPIN (69) 5 WILLIAMS BLUE (59) 1

TUESDAY 02.12.25 ROUND 5—MATCH POSTPONED

SATURDAY 06.12.25 WICKEPIN (52) 0 PINGELLY (75)



Please note changes to the fixtures as shown below

TUESDAY PENNANT FIXTURE

20.01.25 PINGELLY Wickepin v Brookton

27.01.25 WILLIAMS Williams v Wickepin

SATURDAY FIXTURE

13.12.25 WILLIAMS W V WICKEPIN

20.12.25 NO PENNANT

The Merino Fours will start tomorrow, Tuesday 9th and continue on Wednesday 10th December.

Eighteen teams have nominated— Great bowling and good luck to all bowlers

Wickepin Junior Cricket

Junior Cricket v Kukerin/Dumbleyung

On Sunday 30th November we went to Kukerin for our 3rd game of the season. We bowled 1st. Our bowling has improved a lot, whilst still a lot of wides, when we do put the ball on the pitch, they are on the stumps with some kids even getting the ball to seam and swing a bit. Mason Edwards took a wicket by bowling someone out and there were a few dropped catches from some good bowling. Mason Pike was very good behind the stumps when wicket keeping. Heath Taylor bowling well for his 2 overs and making 7*. Vinny Martin made a sharp run out. Fletcher Miller made 6 until he was run out, with running between the wickets being next on the to do list at training which will be Thursday the 11th. Next game will be at home on Sunday 14th December 9.30am.

LAKE YEALERING BOWLING CLUB

Saturday 29th November 2025 YEALERING had a BYE Saturday 6th December 2025 YEALERING v PINGELLY at Yealering. Pingelly won. First Home Game since the beginning of the Season.

Saturday 13th December 2025 YEALERING v W NARROGIN

Sunday 14TH December 2025 League Championship Pairs and Triples at WICKEPIN

Sunday 21st December 2025

Looking forward to the YEALERING COMMUNITY XMAS TREE CELEBRATION 5.30pm at the Lake followed by a BBQ at the Bowling Club. The request is to please BYO meat and salad to share.

Saturday 31st January 2026 (Please note - Date change from 17th January 2026 to 31st January 2026)

Only 1 Pennant game in January YEALERING v B NARROGIN in Yealering



Best wishes for a happy, safe, enjoyable Christmas and holiday season to everyone from the Members of the Lake Yealering Bowling Club.

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	26.0	5	346.6
December	0	0	346	December	0	0	

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WICKEPIN PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Working together to learn, grow and succeed



From the Principal

Kaya parents, carers, and community members,

What a fantastic two weeks we have had at Wickepin Primary School! There has been so much learning, laughter, and achievement across our classrooms and beyond.

Swimming Success

We wrapped up our final week of swimming lessons, and we could not be prouder of the progress every student made. Despite the challenges of walking to the pool twice and coping with unexpected water outages, our students showed resilience and positivity. When the pool was unavailable, our instructors came to school to deliver important water safety sessions, a great example of turning challenges into opportunities! Certificates were presented to celebrate achievements, and students enjoyed a well-deserved icy pole treat at the end of the day.

Supporting Crowth and Development

Our Child Development Services team visited recently to meet some of our Kindy children and conduct milestone screenings. These early checks are so valuable in identifying any areas where support might be needed. The team also worked with our senior students as part of the health curriculum, exploring topics around growth and development.

Welcoming Our New Kindy Kids

Last week, we welcomed our newest little learners for their first Wicky Wrigglers orientation session. The children enjoyed outdoor play while our early years team observed gross motor skills and social interactions. This Wednesday, the next session will be held indoors, focusing on fine motor skills and providing a chance for parents to chat with the team.





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Wed	10 th	CRC Committee Meeting 5.30pm
Fri	12 th	Communi Tea 1.30pm Wickepin CRC
Wed	l 17 th	Facey Group 2025 Xmas Party @ Community Centre 5pm
Wed	l 17 th	Movie afternoon Wickepin CRC 2pm
Thu	18 th	Term 4 Ends
Sun	21 st	Lake Yealering Community Christmas Tree @ 5.30pm
Sun	21 st	Wickepin Playgroup Christmas Tree @ 4.30pm
Mon	22 nd	Recycle and Bin Day
		JANUARY 2026
Mon	5 th	Recycle and Bin Day
Mon	5 th	Watershed AGM @ 10am
Mon	19 th	Recycle and Bin Day
		FEBRUARY 2026
Mon	2 nd	Watershed News 1st Edition for 2026
Mon	2 nd	Recycle and Bin Day
Sun	8 th	Restricted Burning Season starts
Thu	12 th	Facey Group GRDC Spray Application Workshop @ 9.30am
Mon	16 th	Watershed News
Mon	16 th	Recycle and Bin Day
Thu	19 th	Facey Group GRDC WA Supply Chain Insights Tour Day 1
Fri	20 th	Facey Group GRDC WA Supply Chain Insights Tour Day 2
Sat	21 st	Wickepin Festival from 11am
		MARCH 2026
Mon	2 nd	Recycle and Bin Day
Tue		Watershed News
Thur		Facey Group Trials Evening
	12 th	Facey Group Setting-up Sprayers, Calibration, Demonstration 9am-5pm
	16 th	Watershed News
	16 th	Recycle and Bin Day
	23 rd	Facey Group Farm Succession Planning
	31 st	Watershed News
Mon	31 st	Recycle and Bin Day
		APRIL 2026
	13 th	Watershed News
	13 th	Recycle and Bin Day
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