

Shire of Wickepin ★ Newsletter

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HARVEST AND VEHICLE MOVEMENT BANS FOR THE CHRISTMAS PERIOD

An automatic Harvest and Vehicle Movement Ban will be in place for Christmas Day (25th December), Boxing Day (26th December) and New Years Day (1st January) to reduce the likelihood of a fire during this time.

REPORTING EMERGENCIES AND ISSUES

When reporting any emergencies or incidents during the holiday period, please make sure you are contacting the correct department. This saves valuable time in an emergency.

Emergencies for Fire, Ambulance and Police	000
Non-emergency contact for Police	131 444
Water Corporation leaks	131 375
Power Outages – Western Power	131 351

Reporting Road Incidents -

Incidents on main roads (Williams - Kondinin Road) -
Main Roads WA 138 138

Incidents on local roads – Shire of Wickepin

Works Manager 0429 882 871
CEO 0429 207 855



Christmas Lights Competition

WINNERS!

1ST SHANÈ NEL
2ND LEANNE & CLAUDIA BRANSBY
3RD EWEN FAMILY

SHIRE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome to a special edition Shire of Wickepin Newsletter.

With the 2025-26 harvesting season in full swing, there is an increase in the number of heavy, and oversized vehicles on our local and regional roads. Council is very mindful that our road conditions are needed to be suitable for these vehicles, as well as the normal vehicles of traffic flow, and so we are very thankful to our Shire management and works crews who ensure that our roads are kept in tip-top condition especially at this busy time of the year.

We have experienced some very hot, windy and stormy weather conditions this bushfire/harvest season. Council is very grateful to our volunteer Bush Fire Control Officers and all active members of our Bush Fire Brigades for their efficient and diligent work to prevent and reduce the severity of fires. Also to our St John Ambulance and Emergency Volunteers who are always on hand at the drop of a hat to attend to any emergencies that may occur due to unforeseen circumstances. A sincere thank you to you all for your dedication.

Friday 5th December saw the annual Wickepin Shire sponsored event, the Senior Citizen's Christmas Lunch, held at the Wickepin Community Centre where approximately 70 guests celebrated the upcoming festive season with their friends and acquaintances.

Many thanks to the Wickepin Community Resource Centre for organising a very festive event with a lovely meal and to the fantastic team of volunteers who assisted with their time to make the day a wonderful one for the senior residents of our shire.

Council recently resolved to join the Shires of Corrigin, Kondinin, Kulin and Narembeen in RoeROC, a Regional Organisation of Councils. The joining of RoeROC will have several benefits to the Shire of Wickepin. As an established ROC, it has a governance structure and forward planning that our Shire can fit into due to the similarities within our own visions and Strategic Community Plan and the plans of the other Shires. By working together with "big picture future planning", our Shire could benefit from any future funding opportunities for our larger projects, where a single Shire has limited access to funding successes.

Myself and CEO Mr David Burton attended the Wickepin Primary School end of year presentations on Wednesday 10th December. Thank you to Cr Allan and Cr Corke who represented Council at the Yealering Primary School end of year presentations on Wednesday 17th December. Congratulations to all the award recipients and to all of the school staff, students and parents on a wonderful year's work. Best of luck to those students who are moving on from primary school and into the secondary part of their schooling.

I would like to extend my thanks to our CEO and all Shire staff for accomplishing a wonderful year's work. Council is very proud to have a great staff who are committed and focused on achieving our shared goals. I would also like to acknowledge and Thank my fellow councillors for their dedication and service to our community.

Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year to all.



CEO COMMENTS

Christmas is finally here, and many of us will be attending family gatherings and taking a well-earned break.

I would like to thank the community of the Shire of Wickepin for the warm welcome I have received since starting with the Shire in June, and I look forward to 2026 and working with the Council Members, Staff and Community to progress projects for our towns.

I want to thank the staff for their continuing efforts and dedication to their duties. Our crews take pride in their work, and it shows in our towns.

I would also like to thank the Council Members for their efforts and assistance with progressing the projects for our towns and the many hours spent in Council Meetings, Committee Meetings and Forums as we work together to discuss and plan future projects. Councillors spend a great deal of time reading reports and information to assist in the decision-making process of the Council Meetings.

We wish all our Ratepayers and Residents a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Council Meeting – December 2025

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

- Accounts for payment were presented.
- Monthly Financial Reports were presented.
- Consideration of Recipients of the Australia Day Awards was finalised. Names will be withheld until after the event.
- The 2024/25 Annual Report was adopted by Council
- Consideration of Funding for joining RoeROC Projects was approved.
- The Shire of Wickepin Growth Strategy was adopted in full.
- Alternative dates for the King's Birthday were rejected to ensure Wickepin is in line with most areas and has the same day noted.

Minutes are available on the Shire of Wickepin website www.wickepin.wa.gov.au if you would like further information on the items discussed.

Christmas / January Office Closures

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

The Office will re-open 5th January 2026.

Due to staff shortages, licensing services will not be available at the Wickepin Administration Office through to the end of January 2026.

Annual Report / Annual Electors Meeting

A copy of the 2024/25 Annual Report is available for viewing at the Shire Administration Office and will also be available online via the Shire's website.

The Annual Electors Meeting will be held on 4th February 2026 at the Council Chambers from 5.30pm.

Australia Day Celebrations

A reminder that the Australia Day Breakfast will be at the Wickepin Community Centre at 7am on 26th January 2026.

Additional activities will be held at the Swimming Pool with free entry for the day.

Parking & Parking Facilities Local Law

The Shire of Wickepin Parking and Parking Facilities Local Law is now enforceable.

Infringements will be issued for persons who are in breach of the Local Law for items such as:

- Parking across or on a footpath
- Parking in a disabled area without a permit.

Infringements will be issued and followed up with fines enforcement.

Please adhere to parking signs.

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.



MANAGER WORKS & SERVICES REPORT

First of all I'd like to wish everyone in the Shire a Merry Christmas, enjoy this time with family and friends.

We have had a big year with many projects completed:

- Sealed final 5km of Fence Rd.
- Completed swimming pool upgrades and repairs.
- Sealed 2 x layby areas, on Wickepin-Harrismith Rd and a new pull over parking bay in Harrismith townsite.
- Replaced gutters on the Wickepin Town Hall.
- Installed new sub mains power to the Yealering Tennis Club and ablution block.
- Completed ramp and concreting at Yealering ablution block, now fully complete and operational.
- Installed new lighting at Wickepin Tennis Club.
- Completed 2 x runs of maintenance grading of the whole Shire.
- Purchased new Fuso 6 wheeler truck.
- Verge and tree clearing.
- Our gardeners have been busy keeping our gardens in all townsites maintained and looking great, as well as the Wickepin oval.
- General maintenance throughout the Shire.



HOLIDAY OPENING HOURS & SERVICES INFORMATION

ADMINISTRATION OFFICE

MON 22 DEC	CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC
TUE 23 DEC	CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC
WED 24 DEC - FRI 2 JAN	CLOSED
MON 5 JAN	OPEN 8.30AM - 4.30PM

LICENSING SERVICES

LICENSING SERVICES ARE UNAVAILABLE AT THE SHIRE OF WICKEPIN UNTIL THE END OF JANUARY 2026

WICKEPIN SWIMMING POOL

THE POOL WILL BE CLOSED ON -

CHRISTMAS DAY	25 DEC
BOXING DAY	26 DEC
NEW YEARS DAY	1 JAN
EVERY TUESDAY	23 & 30 DEC 6, 13, 20 & 27 JAN

NORMAL
OPENING HOURS 11AM - 6PM

EXTENDED OPENING
HOURS 11AM - 7PM
FRI & SAT
30 JAN - 14 MAR

EARLY MORNING
SWIMMING 6AM - 7AM
WED & FRI
26 JAN - 14 MAR



WASTE FACILITIES

WICKEPIN

WED 24 DEC	CLOSED
SAT 27 DEC	OPEN 8AM - 12PM
SUN 28 DEC	OPEN 1PM - 5PM
WED 31 DEC	CLOSED

REGULAR OPENING HOURS FROM HERE ON.

SATURDAYS	9AM - 12PM
SUNDAYS	1PM - 5PM
WEDNESDAYS	1PM - 5PM

HARRISMITH

TUE 23 DEC OPEN 7AM - CLOSURES WED 24 DEC 5PM
TUE 30 DEC OPEN 7AM - CLOSURES WED 31 DEC 5PM

TINCURRIN

TUE 23 DEC OPEN 8AM - CLOSURES MON 29 DEC 3PM
FRI 2 JAN OPEN 8AM - CLOSURES MON 5 JAN 3PM

YEALERING

NORMAL HOURS APPLY
FRI 4PM - MON 8AM

GREAT SOUTHERN WASTE

THERE IS NO CHANGE TO THE REGULAR
COLLECTION DATES.



SENIOR'S CHRISTMAS LUNCH

On Friday 5th December, our seniors lunch was a joyful afternoon filled with laughter, music and festive cheer.

Over 40 local seniors joined us to share a traditional Christmas roast and Christmas pudding, served by Wickepin Primary School year 6 students, and enjoy good company in a beautifully decorated, festive atmosphere.

The afternoon was full of entertainment including bush poetry by Frank and Tim Heffernan, Tim Dawes who performed both original and classic favourites on acoustic guitar and had everyone swaying and singing along. And a very special performance by Wickepin Primary School students who brought the Christmas spirit and delighted everyone with some wonderfully performed Christmas Carols, a definite highlight of the afternoon.

The event wrapped up with Christmas cake, a cuppa and a very special guest, Santa, who made sure everyone left with a gift.

Thank you to the Wickepin CRC who organised this year's lunch on behalf of the Shire of Wickepin. This event would not be possible without the generosity and dedication of our wonderful volunteers and supporters.





Australia Day

Reflect. Respect. Celebrate.



MONDAY 26 JANUARY, 2026

SHIRE OF WICKEPIN

AUSTRALIA DAY

BREAKFAST

and

COMMUNITY AWARDS PRESENTATION

8AM ONWARDS

WICKEPIN COMMUNITY CENTER

FREE

**BBQ BREAKFAST COOKED BY
SHIRE OF WICKEPIN**

AFTERNOON AT WICKEPIN POOL

POOL AND LAWN GAMES!

FREE ENTRY

1PM - 6PM

IGNITE
WICKY
PRESENTS

WICKEPIN FESTIVAL

21-02-26

From 11am at Wickepin Oval

ALL AGES EVENT

Live Music

Market Stalls

Free Kids

Entertainment

Food Trucks

Birds of Prey and
Critters Up Close

Caricaturist

Games

Blade Shearing
Display

Arthur Russell Art
Display

My Favourite
Wheels Display

Tractor Tug

Kids Art Display

Sheaf Toss

And More...



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WICKEPIN FESTIVAL

21-02-26

From 11am at Wickepin Oval



Arthur Russell Art Exhibition

Arthur Russell's art is
coming home!

We are very excited to have an exhibition of artworks by Arthur Russell, who grew up in Wickepin, at the Festival in February. His art journey started at Malyalling School in the 1930's and he then went on to devote his life to art, teaching and inspiring generations of Australian artists for around 60 years.

Join us at the Wickepin Festival Arthur Russell Art Exhibition to celebrate this local man's legacy and remarkable talent.



This activity has been made possible thanks to the support of the Shire of Wickepin Community Grants.

WICKEPIN FESTIVAL

21-02-26

From 11am at Wickepin Oval

Wise Up for Wildlife Wickepin Against Litter



Animal Exhibit and School Art Display

Join us at the Wickepin Festival to learn about the negative impact of litter on local wildlife. Explore exhibits from Critters Up Close and WA Birds of Prey, and admire the wildlife and anti-litter artwork created by the students of Wickepin and Yealering Primary Schools.

