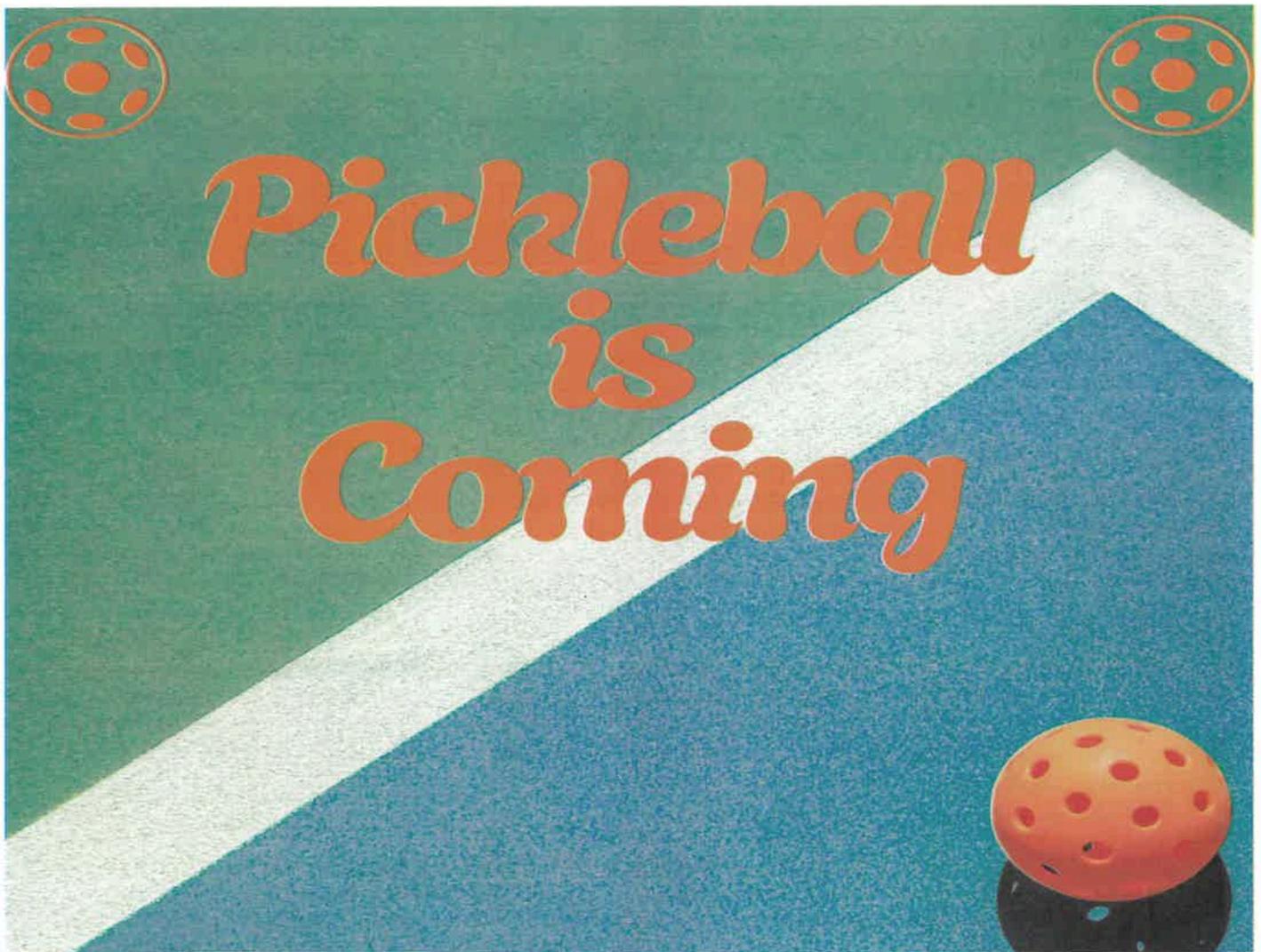


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2nd February 2026



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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

February Birthday Wishes to:

- 2nd Nicola Evans
- 3rd Carl Wilson, Alyce Tropiano
- 4th Aleiah Bushby
- 5th Asha Manton, Darryl Gaull, Lucas Pawsey
- 6th Jordan Flavel
- 7th Cassius Parnell
- 11th Katie Martin
- 13th Chelsea Wing, Pam Carden
- 14th Lincoln Astbury, Mark Wilson
- 15th Rochelle Mead



CONDOLENCES-

Sympathy to the families and friends:

Former Wickepin resident Elliott Green passed away peacefully at his home in Narrogin on 11th January 2026 after a lengthy illness. His funeral service was held in Narrogin on 22nd January and he was buried in the Wickepin Cemetery, close to the family farm. Elliott was older brother to Barry Green and is survived by his wife Madeleine and their three children and families.



Colleen Fulford's mother, Joy Noakes passed away early December 2025

Loui-Jane Gamble resident of Wickepin Caravan Park for 7 years passed away 10th December in Albany aged 69. A beautiful memorial service was held in Merredin 16th January 2026.

Barbie Lawler's mother, Joyce Lawler aged 94, passed away 13th December 2025

Rex Bergin aged 82, Passed away 11th January 2026. A private service and burial will take place in accordance with his wishes.

Jody Matthews Mother Frances Fitzsimmons aged 74, passed away 12th January 2026. Funeral will be held Monday 9th February 10.30am at Brown Chapel Karrakatta Cemetery.

Garry Thompson Passed away, his funeral is to be held at PRACC Pingelly on Wednesday 11th February 11am.

Gerald (Gerry) Walsh passed away on 27th December 2025 after a very long and tough illness, according to his wishes there was no funeral service.

BIRTHS-

Alyce & Matt Tropiano a boy born 9th January 2026
Rory Giovanni Lang Tropiano brother for Max and Sawyer

Riley & Ellie Spark a girl born 20th January 2026
Silvie Grace Spark, a sister for Margo

Mitchell & Olivia Lang a girl born 25th December 2025
Margot (in Seattle, USA).
First Grandchild for Gary and Sue Lang



Welcome back to town to Alyce & Matt Tropiano and family.

Cheerio to Charlotte Astbury who has had to have time in hospital but is back in Narrogin and on the mend and will be home shortly.

Good to see Hazel Green out and about and looking well after her mishap last year.

Happy Birthday to Dave Astbury, he celebrated his birthday Friday 30th January. His family gathered at the New Cornwell Hotel in Narrogin on Sunday to celebrate.

Congratulations to Ron & Shirley Timms

On the 22nd of February 2026, Ron & Shirley Timms greyhound, **Sand Pebbles**, will be inducted into the WA Racing Hall of Fame. **Sand Pebbles** won the Winfield Perth Cup in 1990.

THE WATERSHED NEWS

The AGM of the Watershed News was held on 5th January 2026 at Ruth Bailey's.

The Office Bearers are as follows: -

President:	Ruth Bailey	Vice President:	Daphne McKenzie
Secretary:	Lee-Ann Mullan	Treasurer:	Pam Carden
Co-ordinator:	Margaret McLean	Kids Page:	Amy Turner
Community Notes:	Helen Sands	Garden Snippets	Julie Russell

The Volunteer Members of the Watershed News team are back from a break to resume duties and produce 23 issues of the Watershed News in 2026.

This is a commitment made by a very small number of volunteer members to produce fortnightly issues on behalf of the whole Wickepin Shire Community.

Compiling, typing and printing are more or less organised, but the team are always on the lookout for extra people, there is no guarantee how much longer the current members can keep going.

Publication of the Watershed News requires a minimum of 5 volunteers to complete when it comes to collating. 300 copies of every page (usually 20 pages) are lined up along the table. It then needs 2 people on each side of the table to put the pages together and 1 other person to staple them together. These are distributed around the businesses in Wickepin, Tincurrin and Yealering.

The Team would like to say thanks for the fortnightly input from Wickepin Shire, Wickepin Primary School, Facey Group, Wickepin CRC, Wickepin Playgroup and the support from Shire Sporting bodies and advise that there is always room for more input.



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Eulogy for Elliott Green.

Where do we start.

Elliott Green was a strong and stoic man with a heart of gold, a determined mind and a cheeky sense of humour. It was always "I'll do what I want to do, when I want to do it, there's plenty of time" even to the end.

Elliott Lloyd Green was born to Richard (Dick) Green and Evelyn Ada Green in Wickepin on the 23rd of April 1932 and raised on Oaklands Farm which had been settled in 1904 by his grandfather.

Elliott's early days were spent in Wickepin. As the school was too far away, the first year was done by correspondence. Then a group of friends, about 13 of them from neighbouring farms, all riding push bikes, met along the way going to Wickepin Primary School. You would care for your bike as if it got a puncture you had to end up walking and it was too hard to get tyres or tubes to fix it. Elly went to school till the age of fourteen. To continue onto high school would have meant going to Northam or Albany. Like most young growing boys, when asked to bring a loaf of bread home from the bakers, all that would arrive home was the crust with all the centre eaten out. Another favourite was to jump the fence into Hertle Ebsary's crop of turnips and eat them like apples.

As a young lad Elly can remember an occasional holiday to Perth to visit his mother's family. They travelled on the back of Frank Sansalone's truck. As it was during the war years Elly took an interest in all these aircraft that were flying around. He could tell stories of where camps were stationed, what planes had crashed and where, and where air strips were located. One night at the farm, 4 or 5 big bombers flew over in darkness and made a hell of a noise. Everyone rushed out of the house to try to spot them. We guess this is when Elly created an interest for the colour Khaki, army vehicles, air strips, aircraft and Anzac days. In recent holidays any remote travelling always found an airstrip or somewhere to scrounge around.

When Elliott went to get his driver's licence, in the 1926 Buick, the local policeman asked Elliott to "drive around the block while I go in and write you up your licence". Elly still held a current driving license.

His teen years saw him working the family farm with his father and younger brother Barry. He also had a younger sister, Neta who is no longer with us. This farm work was always hard dusty work as they were still clearing the land of trees and building dams. There were always animals to attend. Sheep work, milking cows, horses to feed. Helping with harvest, stooking hay, cutting firewood, just to name a few jobs that needed doing around the farm. All this attributed to the understanding of how things worked and he could then put those skills into practice.

In 1951 there was a family that arrived in Wickepin from England. This family had an early 20's daughter named Madeleine. Elliott met this young girl. They would rendezvous near the creek opposite Ferrara's house. Love blossomed. On 2nd of April 1955, they were married in Narrogin as this was where Madeleine's parents had settled. The family farm wasn't big enough at the time to support two families, so Elliott took on employment with the Wickepin shire road board grading roads throughout the shire. There are not too many roads in the shire he doesn't know. After a few years he moved into Narrogin and with the support of his father-in-law, he bought a small truck off Mr George Gould and rented a mud brick house near the Narrogin flourmill.

His wife's family eventually moved back to England and Elliott and Madeleine bought their Fairway Street house. This has been the family home ever since and is where Elliott wanted to be until the end. To make ends meet, Elliott would cut and deliver firewood while building up work with his truck. Like a typical farm man of the time, Elliott could turn his hand to anything.

He built himself a crane, from an ex-army Ford Blitz, as there were no cranes around. He started using it around town and the district to do those unusual crane jobs. When this became too small or outdated for his needs, he built himself another two, the third being on an ex-army 1944 GMC which is still in his yard in Narrogin. Elliott had the "help" of a very young neighbour, David Annear, building this crane. While Elliott was laying under the crane and, in Elliott's words, asked David to "chuck me the hammer" to which David did, literally. Elliott was never in a rush. As said earlier, "I'll do it when I'm ready. There's plenty of time". He had a client he had done some work for. This businessperson was expecting a bill for the service provided and been waiting some time. He saw Elliott up the street one day and asked, "when are you going to send me that bill", to which Elliott replied, "why, you're not leaving town are you". That was Elliott.

Elliott left a great legacy of work around the town and district. Some of his work with the crane includes:

- Installation of the town clock in front of Mackie Park. (No longer there)
- Removal of the Dingo Flourmill Tank when the mill was demolished
- Removal of the Presbyterian Church Spire where the Earl St surgery now stands
- Help with building extensions at the Narrogin Hospital, High School and Hostel.
- Installation of swimming pools through the 70's and 80's
- Erecting a multitude of silos for Don Bird just to name a few but there were many more.

From 1956 to 1963, Elliott and Madeleine brought three children into the world. Helen, Vicki and Larry, who are all here today. An anecdotal story I was told was, young Larry used to ride up front in the truck with his dad during town deliveries. One day, Madeleine had Larry in the front of the car and was stopped at the railway crossing by a train. Young Larry promptly said, "bloody buggers", meaning the trains, much to his mother's shock.

Obviously, something he had overheard from his father on the many rounds of town. Many times, Elly had the kids helping bleed the brakes when doing maintenance on the trucks, folding tarpaulins, re-winding ropes.

With the extended family, Elliott is the father of 3, Grandad to 5 and Great Grandad to 8 with another one under construction. He loved them all.

Elliott and Madeleine made many friends over the years through his work, hobbies and the children's sporting adventures. This led to many holidays and travels around the country that were thoroughly enjoyed. Camping at Emu Point in Albany was a highlight of the year with close family friends, John & Audrey Bartlett and children. Much mischief and memories were made there. At times the Murray Reynolds and the Frank Ferrara families joined in the holiday fun. Many an Easter was spent at Margaret River fishing with Mal and Maxine Fletcher and family.

Once retirement came along Dad & Mum could venture further afield, mainly with the Fletchers, and occasionally with Peg and Max Wallis driving as far as Broome. With Vicki and family living in Exmouth they visited every year. Other trips were across the Nullarbor with Larry & Veronica.

More out back excursions were tackled. One being across the Gunbarrel to Alice Springs in the company of his brother Barry, Hazel, John and Pam Satori. The biggest adventure he thoroughly enjoyed was travelling the Kimberley along the Gibb River Road with Helen, Andy, Vicki and Peter. On this trip, Peter's trailer had broken the spring hanger. Luckily there were enough spare parts including a genny and an inverter welder carried by Peter. Elliott put his bush mechanic and welding skills to work and made everything safe to get back on the road. This was out on the isolated Mitchell Plateau. Dad loved the bush, especially if there was a good campfire to sit around. Being old school, he looked at the sky for signs, ants on the ground, birds flying and could spot animal tracks. He was very observant with a great sense of direction. He was very comfortable in his own backyard.

Elliott worked hard all his life and retired around 68 years of age. The hard work paid toll on his body with arthritis being one of his main problems, but this never stopped him.

As already mentioned, Elliott could turn his hand to anything. As a bush mechanic he had knowledge unsurpassed. His shed was his happy place. Nobody dared move anything in the shed as he knew what was in there and exactly where it was. Over many years Elliott restored old vehicles, mainly WWII vehicles. The vehicles being a Willys Jeep, a 1943 White Scout car, a 1941 Bren Gun Carrier, A 1944 Blitz Troup Carrier and an W4 International Tractor. This led to him becoming an inaugural member of the restoration group when they first started in Narrogin. This gave him a place to display his lovingly restored vehicles. Some of these have been taken to shows and used in the street parades in town.

The Restoration group recently bestowed "Life-Membership" to Elliott for his years of dedication to the group.

Elliott had many ailments that he never complained about. With his respiratory issues and arthritis to name a few, Elliott would just take his medication and keep going. He would always say, "if I can clock on in the morning and clock off in the evening, I'm fine".

Unfortunately, in late August 2025, Elliott fell at his back door and suffered a broken pelvis. After one month in hospital Elliott wanted to be at home. With the love and support from all members of the family, he was able to stay in his own home. Once again it was "I'll do what I want to do, when I want to do it"

and he did it his way. Elliott, the ever-stoic man he is, stayed with us until Sunday the 11th of January 2026.

This is where, as a family, we would like to sincerely thank all the caring staff at St Johns Ambulance, Drs, nurses at Narrogin hospital, Dr Sumayya Islam and staff at the Earl Street Surgery, you are amazing, Silverchain nurses and staff, the dedicated Dr's, nurses in the Palliative Care team with special mention to Linda and Dr Scott, and our supporting friends. We couldn't have managed without you. To all these people and many more, Thankyou.

After 93 years of life, he has now clocked off for the last time. His earth journey is complete. We all love you Elly and are honoured and proud to call you Husband, Dad, Grandad and Great Grandad. We know you're in a better place. Rest in peace.



Rest In Peace



Garden Snippets...

...Fresh-in-a-Flash



Grow these fast croppers for patch-to-plate crispness all summer long.

Basic needs of a successful vegie patch start with using your pitchfork to turn the soil so that it is friable and well drained, with added organic matter, compost and manure to give vital nutrients to the root zone, as well as encourage the worms to activate the soil. Regular watering is essential, as is plenty of full sun to part shade and protection from strong winds.

Try these for starters!

Beans: This quick growing plant comes in climbing varieties that need support, or compact bush types that don't. Sow the seeds directly into rich, friable well-draining soil that has been enriched with compost. Choose a sunny spot but protect from wind, and provide a stake, trellis, or cage for the climbing varieties.

Water and feed regularly with fertiliser suitable for vegies. Pods can be harvest-ready in as little as 10 weeks after planting, and pick the beans often to keep your plant producing throughout the season.

Zucchini: A summer crowd pleaser, this crop rewards with an abundance of glossy dark green fruits in as little as six weeks from sowing. Once established, its vines can trail and spread, so provide stakes or a sturdy trellis to lift the fruit off of the ground which can reduce the risk of pests and diseases damaging the fruit. Plant in full sun, in well drained soil, enriched with organic matter, and for best flavour, pick often and when still young.

Rocket: Packed with peppery flavour, this salad favourite produces tender, harvest-ready leaves within weeks of sowing. It thrives in full sun to part shade and prefers rich, well-draining soil. For a steady supply, sow small batches every few weeks. Snip leaves regularly to encourage fresh growth and prevent the plant from going to seed, which can result in bitter tasting leaves. Rocket is also easy to grow in pots or troughs.

Radish: This crunchy root vegie is the ultimate quick win for your summer garden. Sow the seeds in rows and in just a few weeks you will enjoy a crisp, colourful harvest with vibrant red, pink, purple or white roots that brighten salads and sides. The leaves are also edible, have a peppery flavour and are a great addition to your lettuce leaf-mix.

Plant in well draining soil with added organic matter, and thin seedlings early to give each root room to grow.





CEO Comments

The New Year is here and hopefully it is going well for all.

The Shire staff has a skeleton crew at the moment, with staff on leave for the Christmas period.

As part of the reduced staff, we have not been able to assist with Police Licensing, and we do apologise for the inconvenience. We will be getting more staff trained for this service provision as soon as we can.

Council Meeting – January 2026.

There is no Council Meeting for January, so we do not have any Meeting items to report.

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

Annual Electors Meeting

Please note that the Annual Electors Meeting will be held at the Shire of Wickepin Chambers at 5.30 on the 4th February.

The main function of the Meeting is to adopt the Annual Report for 2024/25.

A copy of the Annual Report for 2024/25 is available on the Shires website.

Australia Day Celebrations

Many thanks to the Council Members, staff and volunteers who cooked and helped with the Australia Day breakfast in Wickepin. We had over 70 people in attendance with Citizen of the Year award presentations. The morning was enjoyed by all.

Activities continued at the Wickepin Pool, due to the cold day, most stayed away from the pool. We will be having a few other events at the pool before closing

Completed Roadworks

The programmed roadworks for the Wickepin-Harrismith Road and Lomos Road have been completed. This has made a significant improvement to the road network for safer travels.

Mosquito Fogging

The Shire will be looking at mosquito fogging for Yealering, Wickepin and Harrismith sometime next week, 2nd February to 6th February, with the fogging to be done on a suitable night.

Extended Swimming Pool Hours

The Swimming Pool will be open on Fridays and Saturdays until 7pm from 30th January to 14th March to allow people extra time in the pool while it is still warm and we have enough light. This will be a trial for this year and hopefully something that will continue in the future.

Licensing Services Limited

Due to staff shortages Department of Transport licensing services will be limited at the Shire of Wickepin from Monday 2nd February 2026. Please contact the Shire to make sure that licensing is available on the day required.

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

Staff Changes

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome Mathew Webb – Finance Officer and Melinda Smith – Community Development officer to the Shire

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



RATES PAYMENTS REMINDER

Are your rates instalments up to date?

The third instalment is due, 3rd February 2026.
The next instalment is due 3RD April 2026.

Please make payment by the due dates to avoid any late fees. If you have any questions or would like to pay your rates over the phone, please contact the Shire Office on 9888 1005.

BARKING DOGS – Is your dog missing you during the day?

Barking is a dog's natural means of communication and often signifies its alertness to danger or intruders. At times, however, a dog's continuous barking can affect nearby properties. If a dog's continuous barking is becoming a problem for you then you may need to speak directly to the dog's owner. Often owners are not aware of their dog's behaviour, especially if they are absent when it occurs. On many occasions, the dog's owner is appreciative of the direct approach, and this can resolve the issue and help generate good relations between neighbours.

Keep your pooch happy by understanding their habits. Is your dog bored, lonely or frustrated due to lack of company, exercise or mental stimulation. Left for long periods of time or may have anxiety when alone.

Tips on things to improve your dog's habits.

Take them walking and include on family outings, make the back yard environment more interesting, take your dog to obedience classes, give you dogs some toys and a large raw marrow bone to chew. Make sure you dog is in good health.



NOTICE OF GENERAL MEETING OF ELECTORS



In accordance with section 5.27 of the Local Government Act 1995 the Shire of Wickepin invites electors to attend the Annual General Meeting of Electors.

The purpose of the meeting is to present the Shire of Wickepin 2024-2025 Annual Report, and any other general business.

Date Wednesday 4 February, 2026
Time 5.30pm
Place Shire of Wickepin Administration Office
77 Wogolin Rd, Wickepin

A copy of the Shire of Wickepin 2024-2025 Annual Report is available on the Shire's website (www.wickepin.wa.gov.au).

David Burton
Chief Executive Officer

Embracing Community Growth

2025 CHRISTMAS LIGHTS



HAVE YOU GOT A GREAT IDEA FOR YOUR COMMUNITY GROUP PROJECT OR EVENT BUT REQUIRE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Applications for the 2026/2027 Community Funding are opening soon.

Contact Councils Community Economic Development Officer to discuss whether you may be eligible to receive funding prior to commencing your application

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AUSTRALIA DAY 2026



The Australia Day breakfast for 2026 was held at the Wickepin Community Centre. Thank you to all that attended.

Over 70 people attended and enjoyed the delicious provisions and warm sense of community companionship.

The BBQ breakfast ably cooked by the Councillors and assisted by volunteers was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Congratulations to all recipients and thank you to everyone who helped make the morning a success.

The Wickepin swimming pool held activities for patrons, but the cool weather was not conducive for water activities

Australia Day Address

Shire President – Shire of Wickepin – Julie Russell

Good morning everyone, and thank you for joining us today.

Particular thanks go to Cr Fran, for organising this morning's breakfast, for encouraging us all to get up early and don the aprons, and for those councillors and community members who actually donned the aprons to prepare a wonderful breakfast and fruit platters for us to enjoy together. To Melinda, Grant and fellow Shire employees who assisted to set up tables and chairs and collected the stores, and of course to All of You for attending this morning – Thank You all.

Australia Day is a day that holds different meanings for different people, all of which we acknowledge with respect and compassion, but above all, today is about community.

Today's presentations are an opportunity to recognise and thank all of our community members who participate in activities that endeavour to keep us all safe and connected, and in particular to those individuals who contribute quietly and consistently to our community.

It is also opportunity for us to give thanks to our Emergency Services personnel amongst the Shire – the volunteer Fire Control Officers, Bush Fire Brigades and Volunteer St John Ambulance personnel – who assist in emergencies at the drop of a hat, in order to keep us, and our neighbours, safe and well. Thank You to All.

On behalf of the Shire of Wickepin, thank you for being part of our community, and for the role each of you play within our communities.

I now have the pleasure of proceeding with today's awards presentations.



CITIZEN OF THE YEAR – FOR 2025 is Awarded to

Wendy Butler

Wendy Butler has served as an Ambulance Officer for around 25 years and is one of the most experienced and dependable St John volunteers in the Shire. She is regularly first to step up, attending to emergency call-outs, keeping ambulance supplies organised across the 3 sub-centres within the Shire, and mentoring new officers as they come on board. Wendy is always looking for ways to strengthen the service, and during COVID she took the initiative to secure PPE locally when supplies were hard to find. She also volunteers her time at major community events, providing reassurance and care when it matters most. Wendy's commitment, initiative, and many years of service make her a deeply valued member of our community.

Congratulations Wendy!

SENIOR CITIZEN OF THE YEAR – FOR 2025 is awarded to

HEATHER TOBIN

Arriving in Wickepin in 2024, Heather wasted no time getting involved and quickly became someone many in the community now know and rely on. She has contributed her time and skills to everything from the school's intergenerational program and the Facey Homestead, to hotel renovations, charity projects, and local events. As committee member and recently elected Chair of the Wickepin Community Resource Centre, Heather brings both practical leadership and a strong volunteer spirit. Her energy and willingness to pitch in have helped to bring people together, support local heritage and tourism, and create positive outcomes for residents young and old.

Congratulations Heather!





COMMUNITY GROUP OF THE YEAR - FOR 2025 Is Awarded to

The Wickepin Hotel Committee Community Group

The Wickepin Hotel Community Group is a passionate team of volunteers working together to bring the local Wickepin Hotel back to life. Over the past year, members have poured in countless hours cleaning, repairing, renovating, fundraising, and quietly managing all the behind-the-scenes details that keep the project moving. Thanks to their efforts, major improvements have been made to the bar, kitchen, dining and accommodation areas, as well as the building itself, with much of the labour and materials generously donated. The group also runs regular community openings, creating an important place for people to connect and spend time together. Their shared commitment, generosity, and teamwork are a real credit to the community.

Congratulations!



I would now like to welcome Tina Astbury, Executive Officer of the Facey Group, to present the 2025 Facey Group Progressive Agricultural Award. Congratulations to Brad and Virginia Nichols





Thank You to everyone in attendance today, and I would like to announce our Annual Shire's Elector's Meeting and Annual Report Receival is to be held at the Council Administration Centre next Wednesday 4th February at 5.30pm, where you are all welcome to attend.

I would also like to invite and welcome you to the Wickepin Swimming Pool today for further Australia Day Activities, where there is free entry from 1pm to 6pm 😊.

Wishing you all a wonderful year ahead, Thank You.



WICKEPIN WASTE FACILITY

HOURS

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SATURDAY	8AM - 12PM
SUNDAY	1PM - 5PM
WEDNESDAY	1PM - 5PM

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HARRISMITH WASTE FACILITY

HOURS

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TUESDAY	8AM
TO	
WEDNESDAY	5PM

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YEALERING WASTE FACILITY

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FRIDAY	4PM
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MONDAY	8AM

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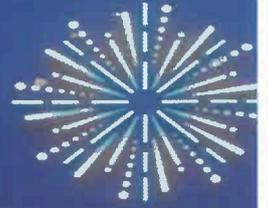
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On 21 March 2026

Hi,

I'm taking part in an amazing event called Up All Night 2026, and I'm hoping you'll consider supporting me!

Up All Night is WA's only overnight walking challenge raising vital funds for WA families with sick kids.

For parents of sick kids, sleepless nights are just part of the deal. I am going to put myself in their shoes by walking through the night, and I need your help! Would you be willing to donate to my fundraising page: <https://www.upallnight.org.au/fundraisers/TyronMiller?>

I'm hoping to raise at least \$5000, can you help me get there by donating online to my walk?

You can see how I'm tracking on my fundraising page

<https://www.upallnight.org.au/fundraisers/TyronMiller>

Thank you for your support, I really appreciate it!

Best wishes,

Tyron Miller

<https://www.upallnight.org.au/s/12157/20013/e> P.S. If you'd like to help me reach my

fundraising target a little more, you could help me get the word out by sharing my Fundraising page: <https://www.upallnight.org.au/fundraisers/TyronMiller>



Ty Miller



My Level:

COSMIC CRUSADERS

This is my 1st year walking Up All Night for WA families with sick kids

I'm walking 42km overnight to raise vital funds for Ronald McDonald House WA

Team Thommo



My Up All Night challenge is in memory of my friend, Roy & Alby Thompson

CLEARING SALE



NARROGIN LIONS CLUB

On behalf of SC & LG Rose

Saturday 14th February 2026, 11am Gate open 9am

1209 Wickepin- Pingelly Rd, Wickepin

Furniture and Sundries:

Table Tennis Table/Bats, Steel Window & Door Frames, 2 Wooden Doors, Mattress's, Fridge, Upright Freezer, Dryer, Washing Machine, Wooden Bookcase, Desk & Dressing Table/mirror, Glass Door Book Cabinet, Antique Writing Bureau, TV Cabinet, 4 Drawer Filing Cabinet, Glass Table & 8 Chairs, Glass Table & 8 Black Chairs, 1 Large Couch, Electric Reclining Chair, Rocking Chair, TV, Canon Printer/Ink, Kenwood Stereo, SteelCraft Portable Cot, Wooden Chest Box, Wheelie Bin of Sporting/Balls etc, Wooden Storage Box on Legs, Antique School Desk/Chair, Chair, Metal Trunk, Dog Kennel & Dog Bed, Golf Sticks/Balls, Small Horse Saddle, Assorted Garden Pots, Large Tent and Camping Gear, Mower, Rotary Hoe, Whipper Snipper, Mulcher, Pneumatic Steel Post Driver, Drop Saw, Chainsaw, Metters No 2 Wood Stove, Pine Posts and Rails, Assortment of Steel Gates, Wake and Beacham Steel Frame Sheep Yard Gates, Wake and Beacham Steel Frame Cattle Gates, Railway Iron, Bricks, Louvers, Water Fittings, Pipe Fittings

Multiple Sundry lots of miscellaneous items too numerous to list.



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Payment by eftpos, cash or cheque on sale day unless prior arrangement with vendor.

Call Scott 0427 836 282 or for Technical details Stephen Rose 0429 884 050

Photos on cockymart.com.au

Lunch and refreshments available



Wickepin Playgroup News

February 2026

Welcome to a new playgroup year we meet weekly during school term on a Friday 9am-11am. We look forward to a fun filled year ahead for the group with some new faces to hopefully join in.

All mums, dads, grandparents, carers, babies, kids ages 0-5 plus expectant mothers are most welcome! Thank you to Ewen Rural Supplies who donate the fruit for the kids to enjoy during the session.

WICKEPIN COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS TREE 2025



Another successful event with Santa arriving in style on the back of Ben Evans Holden Ute. The kids and families enjoyed a great evening with Lollies and Sausage Sizzle Consumed.

A big thank you to our event supporters being the Shire of Wickepin, Wickepin Newsagency, Wickepin CRC, Ewens and Ben

Evans, along with all the volunteers who made the event a success.

AGM - We will hold our AGM in March to elect a new committee with all roles vacant.

For any enquiries please call Bec on 0458 241 005. We look forward to seeing you

New Members FREE PASS

New members are encouraged to attend for three FREE sessions to see what our group is all about.

Come and join us for a chat and a play!

Where: Playgroup Building on Campbell St

Who for: Families with children aged 0-4

President - Rebecca Sims

Secretary - Zoe Mullan

Treasurer - Eleanor Stanyer

wickepinplaygroup@gmail.com

KIDS PAGE

Vegemite & Cheese Scrolls

Makes: about 12 scrolls

Adult help needed: Oven

Ingredients

- 1 sheet puff pastry (thawed)
- 1-2 teaspoons Vegemite (use less for younger kids)
- 1 tablespoon butter or margarine (soft)
- 1 cup grated cheese (cheddar or tasty works best)

Method

1. Preheat the oven to 200°C (180°C fan-forced).
2. Lay the pastry sheet flat on a clean surface.
3. Spread butter evenly over the pastry.
4. Spread Vegemite thinly on top of the butter.
5. Sprinkle grated cheese all over the pastry.
6. Roll the pastry up tightly into a log.
7. Slice into even scrolls (about 2 cm thick).
8. Place scrolls flat on a lined baking tray.
9. Bake for 15-20 minutes until golden and puffy.
10. Cool slightly and enjoy!



back to school Word Scramble

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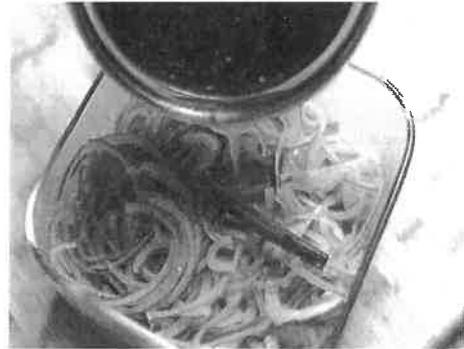
What did mumma
tomato say to baby
tomato when crossing
the road?



The Best Pickled Red Onions

Ingredients

- 1 large red onion, halved and thinly sliced
- 2 cinnamon sticks
- 6 whole cloves
- Pinch crushed red pepper flakes or gochugaru (Korean chili flakes)
- 1 cup (240ml) apple cider vinegar
- 1/2 cup (120ml) freshly squeezed lime juice, 5 to 6 limes
- 1/4 cup (50g) sugar, or more to taste
- 1 tablespoon fine sea salt



Directions

- Add the sliced red onions to a medium bowl. Pour enough boiling water over them so that they are covered. Count to 5, then drain. Add the onions to glass jars (or a food-safe glass container with a lid).
- Toast the cinnamon sticks, cloves, and pepper flakes until fragrant in a small saucepan over medium heat, 3 to 5 minutes.
- Whisk in the apple cider vinegar, lime juice, sugar, and salt.
- Bring to a simmer and cook until the sugar and salt have dissolved, 1 to 2 minutes.
- Taste the brine for sweetness, and then add more sugar as needed.
- Pour the pickle brine over the onions, pushing them down so they are covered. Add the lid and set aside on the counter until cooled.
- Refrigerate for 2 to 3 weeks, ensuring the pickled onions stay submerged in the brine.

Fruity Rice Salad

Ingredients

- 2/3 cup white long-grain rice
- 2/3 cup dried cranberries
- 1/3 cup currants
- 1/3 cup diced apricots
- 2/3 cup slivered almonds, toasted
- 1/4 cup chopped fresh flat-leaf parsley
- 2 green onions, thinly sliced
- 1/4 cup orange juice
- 1 tbsp extra virgin olive oil
- 1 tbsp white wine vinegar



Directions

- **Step 1** Cook rice in a large saucepan of boiling, salted water, following packet directions, until tender. Drain. Refresh under cold water. Drain. Cool for 10 minutes.
- **Step 2** Combine rice, cranberries, currants, apricots, almonds, parsley and onion in a bowl. Place orange juice, oil and vinegar in a screw-top jar. Season with salt and pepper. Secure lid. Shake well to combine.
- **Step 3** Pour juice mixture over rice mixture. Toss to combine. Serve

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21-02-26

From 11am at Wickepin Oval

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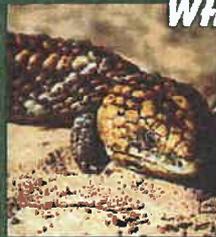
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FEBRUARY

**Monday
2nd**

Wicky CRC normal trading hours recommence

**Friday
6th**

Communi-TEA
Join us for coffee, cake & conversation
1:30pm

**Thursday
12th**

Ukelele Club starts
Thursday afternoons
3:00pm - 4:00pm

MARCH

**Friday
6th**

Communi-TEA
Join us for coffee, cake & conversation
1:30pm

**Friday
20th**

Screening of the movie
"Just a Farmer"
Wickepin Town Hall
5:00pm - 10:00pm

**Thursday
26th**

Ukelele Club
Grand Finale Show

APRIL

**Friday
3rd**

Communi-TEA
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1:30pm



**For more information, or to register for any of
our activities, call us on 9888 1500.**

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This cinematic journey amplifies the often-overlooked voices of rural communities and sheds light on mental health struggles.

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FRIDAY MARCH 20TH

Wickepin Town Hall



BETTER MENTAL HEALTH



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Depression

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We are here to help.

Contact our Counsellors:

Marie Meehan: 0456 294 765

Anne Hague: 0427 133 711

Joyce Contos: 0428 891 244

Email: ceagcare@bigpond.com



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Wickepin Playgroup

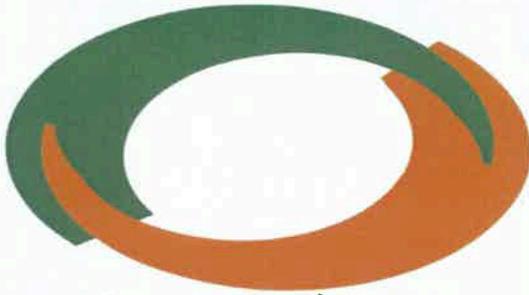


WHEN: Friday's (during school term)
TIME: 9am - 11am
WHERE: Campbell St, Wickepin
COST: 3 Free sessions

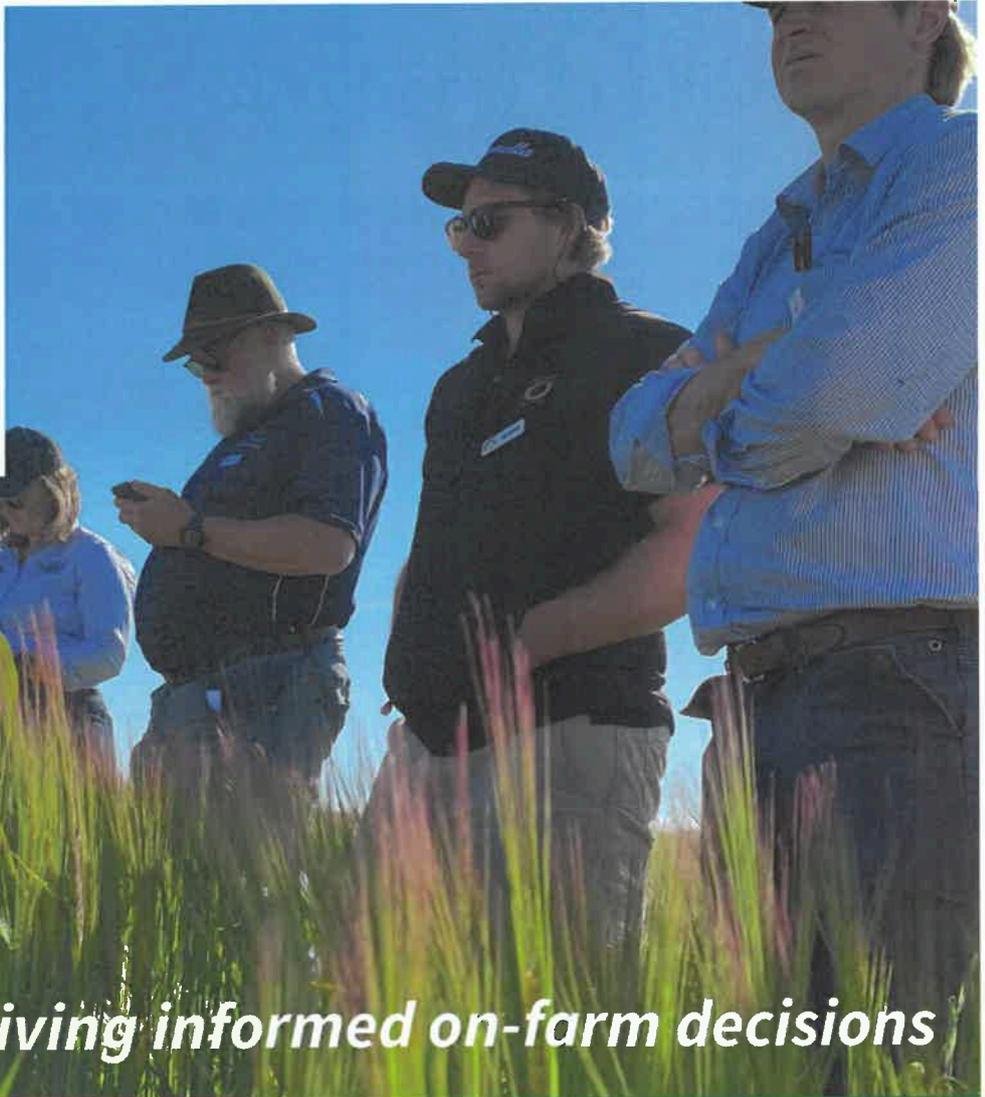
At playgroup you can have fun playing with your child and meet other parents. Come and connect with other families in your community!
For more information, please call Bec Sims 0458 241 005 or email wickepinplaygroup@gmail.com

We would like to thank Ewen's for their continuous donation of Fresh Fruit each week for the kids

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Facey Group

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LOCATION	Wickepin Community Centre + Paddock Demo
DATE	Thursday, 12 th February 2026
TIME	9:00am - 5pm
COST	FREE TO ATTEND - Lunch provided 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

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The RaboTruck is headed west

Rabobank, in partnership with local grower groups, is hosting a series of events using their unique mobile space to share practical insights and connect farming communities. You're welcome to register for one, two, or all three events – whatever suits your schedule and interests.

Research & AgTech in Action

 2.30pm Tuesday 17 February
 Wilcarra – 583 Rigby Road, Bulyee



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In partnership with **Corrigin Farm Improvement Group (CFIG)**, join us for an afternoon at Wilcarra exploring broadacre robotic technology, how drones are transforming weed control, the latest trial data and insights, and a seasonal outlook to help you think differently and plan with confidence.

Future Farming & Drone Technology

 8.00am Thursday 19 February
 Tolga Farm – 420 Haese Road, Kulin



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Together with **Facey Group**, join us for a morning at Tolga Farm exploring low-input farming systems, practical drone technology and farm mapping, along with a sector outlook to support planning for the season ahead.

Smart Farming & AI in Agriculture

 3.00pm Monday 23 February
 Quiet Trees Yards – 1061 Howie Road, Darkan

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Join us for an afternoon at Quiet Trees Yards exploring how artificial intelligence is being applied on farm, with practical insights from OptiWeigh learnings and a seasonal outlook to support informed decision-making.

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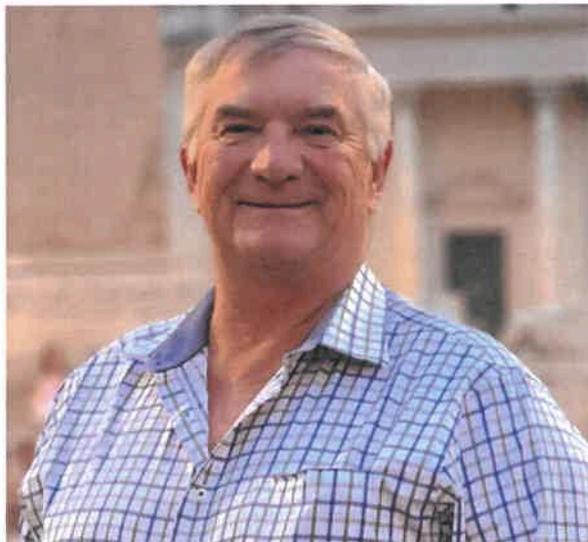
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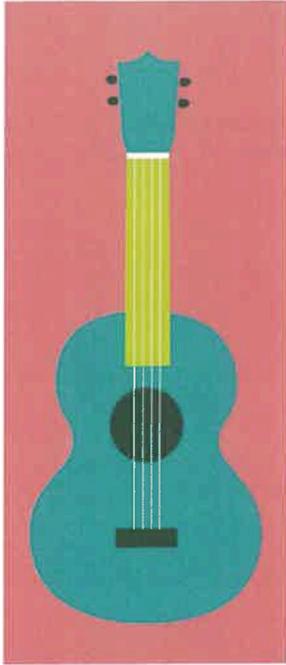


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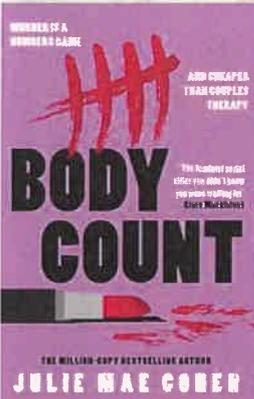
ADULT CRIME THRILLER: *Body Count* - Julie Mae Cohen

Saffy Huntley-Oliver's life is going great. She's got a fabulous new boyfriend, Jonathan, and she has literally got away with murder. And now that she's no longer single, she can get back to her favourite hobby of killing bad men.

Particularly Sir Thomas West, a children's TV star who truly deserves to die.

But there are a few snags. For one, her sister Susie is still dating that toerag Finlay and it is so hard not to kill him. For another, Sir Thomas has a very large bodyguard. And Jonathan has given up his job investigating true crime, despite all the tempting corpses that Saffy keeps putting in his way!

All of this would be easy to ignore in the flush of new love; except Saffy's never been in love before, and it's weird. She's having difficulty separating romance from homicide. Especially when someone discovers Saffy's secret hobby and starts sending Johnathan coded messages about her crimes. Is someone trying to break them up....or hunt her down?



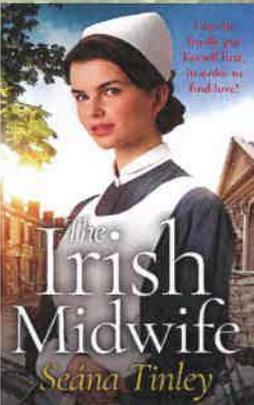
ADULT HISTORICAL FICTION: *The Irish Midwife* - Seana Tinley

Peggy Cassidy is a milly, working in the Belfast linen mills to just about get by. But Peggy also has another job - a secret one. She works as a handywoman - an illegal midwife, tending to the women of her community in their time of need.

When Peggy is offered the chance to leave Belfast to receive formal midwifery training in Dublin, it sets off a chain of events that will change her life forever.

But amongst her middle-class colleagues, Peggy must keep the truth about her past secret. If the realities of her life in Belfast are revealed, she could lose everything she has worked for.

And when she meets a well-to-do doctor down in Dublin, she must make a should she protect her family and her history? Or can she let herself fall in love?

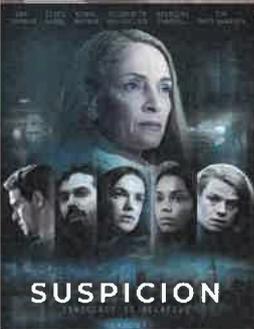


ADULT THRILLER DVD: *Suspicion Season 1*

Innocence is relative.

Five ordinary Brits are accused of kidnapping the son of a prominent U.S. media mogul. They embark on a desperate race against time to prove their innocence, but will anyone believe them - and are they telling the truth?

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LYNDA RECOMMENDS...

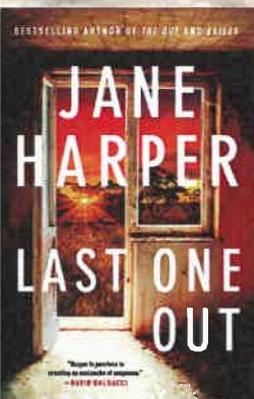
ADULT AUSTRALIAN MYSTERY: *Last One Out* - Jane Harper

Carralon Ridge, once a vibrant and welcoming rural town, is slowly being strangled by the nearby coal mine. The houses and buildings are slowly being bought up by the mining company, much to the consternation of those folk who want to save their beloved town.

After years of scorning those who left the Ridge behind as it fell into ruin, Ro never imagined she'd become one of them. But everything changed when she lost her son. Five years ago, Sam vanished without a trace while visiting during a break from university, leaving behind a rental car with his belongings inside. Sam had loved Carralon Ridge, and had been working on an oral history of the town to preserve its legacy before it vanished altogether. When the Health Centre closed and Ro could no longer work in town as a doctor, she and her daughter Della moved to Sydney, leaving Griff alone in what was once their family home.

But when Ro and Della return to Carralon Ridge to be with Griff on the 5th anniversary of Sam's disappearance, she begins to suspect that something important was overlooked in his case. Because while nothing can stop Carralon Ridge from dying, someone seems to want to make sure that its secrets die with it.

This gripping tale from the author of *The Dry* was hard to put down, and I struggled to stick to my one-chapter-a-night rule. Definitely worth a read!



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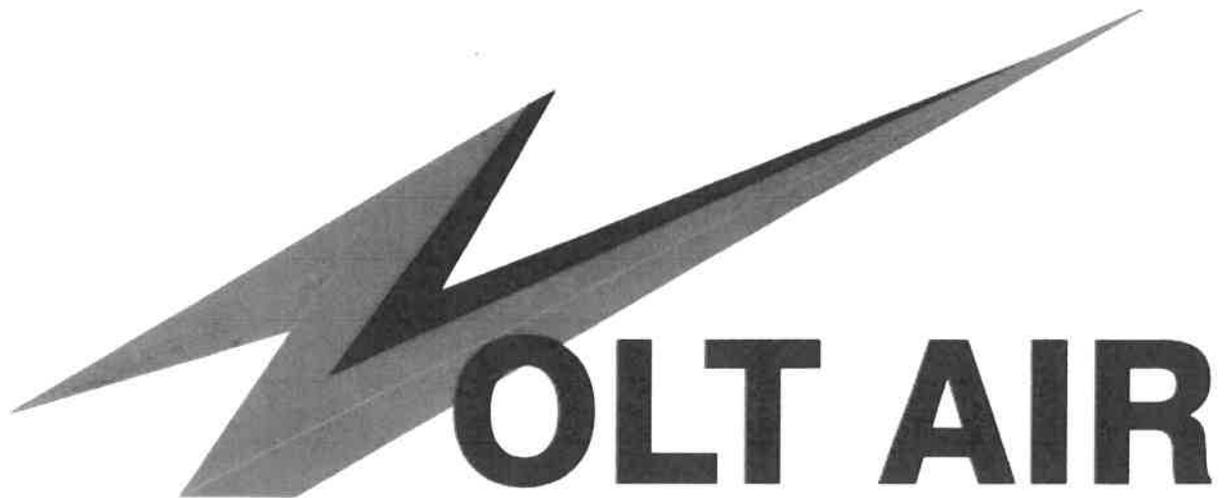
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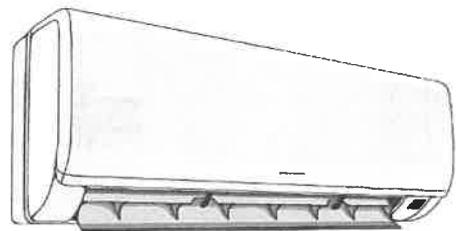
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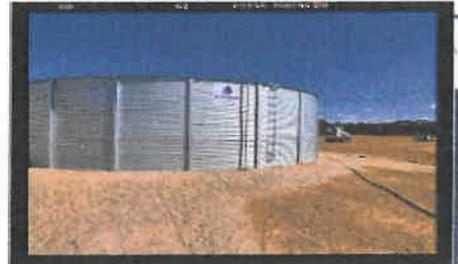
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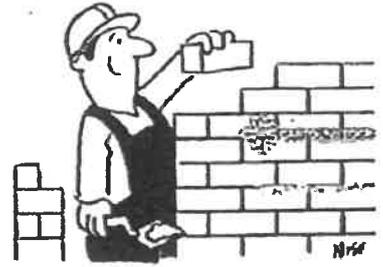
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RAINFALL

2025	mm	Days	Total	2026	mm	Days	Total
January	7	2	7	January	0	0	0
February	5.2	1	12.2	February			
March	41.4	3	53.6	March			
April	24	7	77.6	April			
May	12.2	5	89.8	May			
June	22	10	111.8	June			
July	76.8	13	188.6	July			
August	87.8	14	276.4	August			
September	32.4	7	308.8	September			
October	11.8	3	320.6	October			
November	26	5	346.6	November			
December	0	0	346.6	December			

SPORTS NOTES

Wickepin/Harrismith Cricket Club

Wandering Sat 13th December

We had a much younger team as we bussed it out to Wandering Oval. We won the toss and with our new opening pair modelled off the England team, Ty and Johannes De Bruyn AKA Zac Crawley and Ben Duckett. The opening pair didn't last long with Ty hitting a great cover drive 1st ball of the day, only problem was he thought it was worth 3 runs and Johannes thought it was only worth 2 and sent him back leaving him short of his ground. No 3's when its over 35C the simple rule. This brought Inzi Quartermaine to the crease and he looked focussed all morning which resulted in him making a great knock of 114*. Johannes made 38, Caen 22 and Ilija Stajic 15*, to get us to a very competitive score of 3-207.

Local gastronome Ricky Dougall, who was controversially left out of the team due to a youth policy, missed a great buffet for arvo tea but was sent pictures that left puddles of drool in the Kenworth.

In a great bowling and fielding effort Wandering made the runs with only 2.4 overs remaining and 3 wickets down. Baxter Cowcher bowled well taking 2 wickets. Inzi, who is normally our most economical bowler couldn't back it up after his big innings and got slapped around the park. Young guns Grayden Bayley and Hunter Cowcher (1/23) bowled very well, with praise also coming from our opposition. In a record for the season, we only dropped 1 catch for the innings.

The under-13's won by a forfeit due to the hot weather. So we played an interclub scratch match 7 per side which worked out heaps better. Kids got 3 overs each, a longer bat and it was only 21 overs long which the parents enjoyed too. Thanks to the parents who helped out, there's always parents putting their hand up to do something. Pool was well patronised afterwards.



**WNC
AGM**



Come along and support the club!

Wednesday 11 February
6pm - Fitness 7pm - AGM
at the Wickepin Community Centre

Head over to the Wickepin Netball Club Facebook page for more upcoming season dates.

LAKE YEALERING BOWLING CLUB

Mid-Week Any Combination Triples



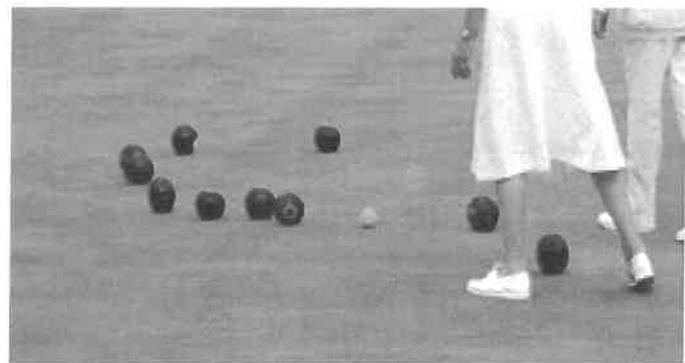
SUMMIT FERTILISERS DAY

Wednesday 18th March 2026

4 Games of 10 Ends, 3 Bowls each

\$90.00 per Team

9.00 for 9.30am start



Morning Tea, Lunch and Afternoon Tea Provided

Entries Close Friday 13th March 2026

Contact Darrel Sims 0482 211 455

LAKE YEALERING BOWLING CLUB

Sunday 21st December 2025

A very successful Community Christmas Tree was held at the Lake Foreshore with Father Christmas arriving by boat at 5.30pm which was then followed by a Barbeque at the Bowling Club. Weather perfect for outdoor gatherings. Winners of the Bowling Club Raffles were Tina Simpson, Georgia Dawes, and Lindsay Corke.

Saturday 31st January 2026

YEALERING v B NARROGIN in Yealering won by B Narrogin.

Saturday 7th February 2026

YEALERING v BROOKTON in Yealering

Saturday 14th February 2026

YEALERING have a Bye



NIGHT BOWLS COMMENCING **Wednesday 4th February 2026** Names in by 6.30pm
Games to start 7pm. Great hamburgers, good company, join in for a fun evening.

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP FOURS Sponsored by Sue Richards will be held on Sunday 8th Feb 2026

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP SINGLES Sponsored by T. & J. Elsegood will be held on Saturday 14th Feb 2026 to be completed on Sunday 15th Feb 2026, if necessary.

WICKEPIN TENNIS CLUB

A great turn out on Friday for first hit of tennis for 2026. As usual we will continue to gauge numbers on WhatsApp leading up to the weekend to decide when social tennis will be (let me know if you want to be added to the group message)

Other dates to put on the calendar

- fast 4 mixed doubles on **Friday 13th Feb**
- Singles championship on **Saturday 14th March**
- AGM and final social hit on **Sunday 29th March**

More details to come for tournaments closer to the date!

Don't forget to register for Pickleball ASAP, first session on the 12th Feb.

Lastly, Keith has generously offered a free junior coaching session this Saturday 7th, followed by social tennis. Please let us know if your child is keen to sign up so we can determine numbers & confirm with Keith.

WHAT IS PICKLEBALL??

Pickleball is a racket or paddle sport that combines elements of tennis, badminton, and table tennis, in which two or four players use a smooth-faced paddle to hit a perforated, hollow plastic ball over a 34-inch-high (0.86 m) net, until one side is unable to return the ball or commits a rule infraction. Pickleball is played indoors and outdoors. It was invented in 1965 as a children's backyard game in the United States, In 2022, pickleball was named the official state sport of Washington.

After its introduction in 1965, Pickleball became a popular sport in the Pacific Northwest and gradually grew in popularity elsewhere. For four years in a row, 2021 through 2024, the sport was named the fastest-growing sport in the United States by the Sports and Fitness Industry Association.

Wickepin Tennis Club

12th, 19th & 26th February 2026, 6-7.30pm

Contact Zoe Mullan 0448 001 958

Wickepin BOWLING CLUB

Welcomes you back to the greens for

2026

MERINO FOURS

After two busy days of Merino Fours, Osborne Park were the winners, with Brookton in second place and Albany third. Fourth place composite: Kevin Crosby, Greg White, Colin Pethybridge, Steven Schulz.

Day 1 winners: Composite—G. O'Brien, K. Jolly, C. Nottle, L. White

Day 2 winners: Safety Bay—R. Parr, J. Mulligan, B. Petchell, H. Wilson

Congratulations to everyone who worked, played and helped to make both days such a success.

A huge thank you to our sponsors, and also to Jenny Hemley for her offer to help the bowling club with our catering.

Winning congratulations to Osborne Park



John Hoge, Colin Fleay, Ian Lilbourne, Graeme O'Neil

UPCOMING EVENTS

03.02.26—Ladies. League Champ Pairs—Pingelly

08.02.26 – Men. Championship Fours

15.02.26 – Ladies. Club Championship Singles

20th – 22.02.26— Ladies. ILRR fours—Kulin

08.03.26 – Men. Club Championship Singles

Congratulations to our Wickepin Bowlers on some great results and selections.

The men's League triples was won by Graham O'Brien, Chris Moore and Dennis Bransby.

The Roger Cook Veteran Pairs title was claimed by Alby White and Brian Sturgess—well played gentlemen!

Congratulations to Robyn Mullan and Leanne Smith on winning the Wickepin Club Championship pairs with runners-up Robyn O'Brien and Chris Pethybridge. Good luck for the League Pairs in Pingelly.

Well done also to Beryl Elphick, Beryle Holm, Robyn Mullan, Robyn O'Brien and Leanne Smith on your selection in the Upper Great Southern Ladies team for 20 -22 February with Marj White appointed Team Manager for the Interleague Round Robin Fours in Kulin.

SATURDAY PENNANT FIXTURE

07.02.26	<u>WICKEPIN</u>	v Brookton	Roster—Judy Lang
14.02.26	<u>WILLIAMS—B</u>	v Wickepin	-
21.02.26	<u>PINGELLY</u>	v Wickepin	-

TUESDAY PENNANT FIXTURE

10.02.26	<u>WICKEPIN</u>	Wickepin v	Pingelly
24.02.26	<u>BROOKTON</u>	Wickepin v	Williams
03.03.26	<u>WILLIAMS</u>	Brookton v	Wickepin

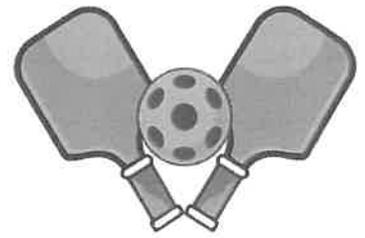
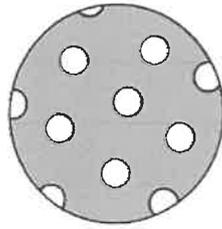
PENNANT RESULTS

Saturday	13.12.25	WILLIAMS-W (60)	4	Wickepin (55)	2
Saturday	17.01.26	WICKEPIN (47)	1	Narrogin (52)	5
Tuesday	20.01.26	WICKEPIN (44)	4	Brookton (29)	0
Tuesday	27.01.26	WILLIAMS (35)	1	Wickepin (39)	3

Ladies Pennant Ladder

Brookton	9
Pingelly	8.5
Wickepin	18
Williams	12.5

A big thank you to our wonderful volunteers & sponsors—your support keeps the club rolling!



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

Morning Swimming 6-7am



THURSDAY

Fit Pursuit 5.45 – 6.30am, Wickepin Community Centre

Badminton 6pm, 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

Morning Swimming 6-7am

SATURDAY

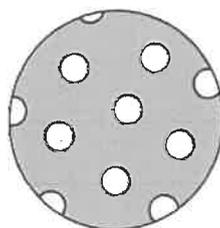
Banksia Bowmen Archery – Summer Shoot Time Saturday

9-12 noon, Wickepin Community Centre

SUNDAY

Anglican Church,

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



COMMUNITY CALENDAR 2026

FEBRUARY

Mon 2 nd	School Term One Starts
Fri 6 th	Communi Tea @ 1.30pm
Sun 8 th	Restricted Burning Season starts
Wed 11 th	CRC meeting 5.30pm
Thu 12 th	Ukelele Club 3-4pm @ CRC
Thu 12 th	Facey Group GRDC Spray Application Workshop @ 9.30am
Thu 12 th	Pickleball, 6-7.30pm
Mon 16th	Watershed News
Mon 16 th	Recycle and Bin Day
Thu 19 th	Facey Group GRDC WA Supply Chain Insights Tour Day 1
Thu 19 th	Pickleball, 6-7.30pm
Fri 20 th	Facey Group GRDC WA Supply Chain Insights Tour Day 2
Sat 21 st	Wickepin Festival from 11am
Thu 26 th	Pickleball, 6-7.30pm

MARCH

Mon 2 nd	Labour Day Public Holiday
Mon 2 nd	Recycle and Bin Day
Tue 3rd	Watershed News
Thur 5 th	Facey Group Trials Evening 4pm
Fri 6 th	Communi Tea @ 1.30pm
Thur 12 th	Facey Group Setting-up Sprayers, Calibration, Demonstration 9am-5pm
Mon 16th	Watershed News
Mon 16 th	Recycle and Bin Day
Fri 20 th	Movie, "Just a Farmer" Wickepin Town Hall 5-10pm
Mon 23 rd	Facey Group Farm Succession Planning
Thu 26 th	Ukelele Club Grand Finale Show
Mon 31st	Watershed News
Mon 31 st	Recycle and Bin Day

APRIL

Thu 2 nd	School Term One Ends
Fri 3 rd	Communi Tea @ 1.30pm
Fri 3 rd	Good Friday Public Holiday
Sun 5 th	Easter Sunday
Mon 6 th	Easter Monday Public Holiday
Wed 8 th	CRC meeting 5.30pm
Mon 13th	Watershed News
Mon 13 th	Recycle and Bin Day
Mon 20 th	School Term Two Starts
Sun 26 th	ANZAC Day
Mon 27 th	ANZAC Day Public Holiday
Mon 27 th	Recycle and Bin Day
Tues 28th	Watershed News

MAY

Mon 11th	Watershed News
Mon 11 th	Recycle and Bin Day
Mon 25th	Watershed News