

# WATERSHED NEWS

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

16th February 2026

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PRESENTS

## WICKEPIN FESTIVAL

21-02-26

From 11am at Wickepin Oval



ALL AGES EVENT

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Entertainment

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Evening

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Cocktail Hour

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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

## February Birthday Wishes to:

- 17<sup>th</sup> Sophie Jespersen
- 19<sup>th</sup> Cara Borthwick
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Lara Bayley
- 26<sup>th</sup> Stella Martin, Stefie Green, Liam McDougall
- 27<sup>th</sup> Logan Pike, Catherine Pauley
- 28<sup>th</sup> Bradley Bunter



A banner for "MEGA MOVIE NIGHT" featuring a play button icon on a screen in the background. The text "MEGA MOVIE NIGHT" is in large, bubbly letters. Below this, a white box contains the event details: "WICKEPIN SWIMMING POOL", "FRIDAY 6 MARCH 2026", "6.30PM - 9PM", "SWIM UNTIL 7PM", and "MOVIE STARTS AT 7.15PM". At the bottom, it says "NOW SHOWING Shark Tale" with characters from the movie.

**PAY IT FORWARD.**

**Make  
someone's day.**

**17th February 2026**

### **Random Act of Kindness Day**

- **Give Compliments:** Offer sincere compliments to friends, family, and even strangers to brighten their day.
- **Pay It Forward:** When you're at a coffee shop or drive-thru, pay for the order of the person behind you.
- **Send Thoughtful Messages:** Send uplifting messages or notes to friends, reminding them of your appreciation and support.
- **Help a Neighbor:** Assist a neighbor with tasks like mowing their lawn, or grocery shopping.
- **Donate to Charity:** Contribute to a charitable organization or cause that you're passionate about.
- **Visit the Elderly:** Spend time with elderly individuals in nursing homes or assisted living facilities, offering companionship and a listening ear.
- **Volunteer Your Time:** Volunteer at local charities, shelters, or community events to make a positive impact.

## CLASSIFIEDS

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### FOR SALE

The Wickepin Festival will have small bales of oaten hay for sale for \$10 after the Festival.

If you would like to buy some bales contact Libby on 0427886046.

No delivery's, pick up only.



### FOR SALE

Easy cook appliance \$40.00 O.N.O

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### RATES PAYMENTS REMINDER

Are your rates instalments up to date?

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. *It 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.*



### ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL

The next Ordinary Meeting of Council will be held on Wednesday 18 February 2026, Council Chambers, 77 Wogolin Road, Wickepin.

Council welcome community participation during public question time. Members of the public are able to ask questions relating to the business of the Council.

#### 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

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

*Embracing Community Growth*



**IGNITE WICKY**

The Shire of Wickepin will be having a tent at the Ignite Wicky Festival 21<sup>st</sup> February 2026. Drop in and have your say on any road problems or any ideas you may have for the Shire of Wickepin. Wickepin, Yealering, Tincurrin, Toolibin or Harrismith.

**WICKEPIN WASTE FACILITY HOURS**

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

**YEALERING WASTE FACILITY HOURS**

FRIDAY 4PM  
 TO  
 MONDAY 8AM

**HARRISMITH WASTE FACILITY HOURS**

TUESDAY 8AM  
 TO  
 WEDNESDAY 5PM

**TINCURRIN WASTE FACILITY HOURS**

FRIDAY 4PM  
 TO  
 MONDAY 8AM

**WATER LEAKS & MAIN BURSTS**

All water mains located outside of property boundaries are owned and maintained by Water Corporation. If any issues arise, Water Corporation is responsible for repairs. Should anyone in the community notice a leak in a main water pipe, please contact the Water Corporation emergency line at 13 13 75 or 13 13 85.

**FALLEN TREE? KNOW WHO TO CALL:**

Fallen tree or branches that have damaged your home or vehicle, making it unsafe:	Fallen tree or branches over your fence or in your yard:	Fallen tree or branches across a minor street or road:	Fallen tree across a major road or highway:
<b>SES</b> ☎ 132 500	<b>Private Tree Removal Company</b>	<b>Local Government</b>	<b>Main Roads WA</b> ☎ 138 138

For more storm safety information visit: [dfes.wa.gov.au/storm](https://dfes.wa.gov.au/storm)

# National Tim Tam Day 16<sup>th</sup> February 2026

This day celebrates Tim Tams, a type of chocolate biscuit that consists of two malted biscuits separated by a light, hard chocolate cream filling and then coated in a layer of textured chocolate. It's a confection that's been around for over 58 years and one that continues to please those who have had the pleasure of eating it.

## The History of Tim Tam Day

In 1958, Ian Norris and Alan Morrow took a world trip to find inspiration for new products. When they arrived in Britain, they discovered Penguins—biscuit bars containing chocolate cream and coated in milk chocolate—and they decided they could make them even better.

They developed the first Tim Tams, and in 1964, these biscuits would end up going on the market. They were named by Ross Arnott, who had just attended the 1958 Kentucky Derby and noticed that the name of the winning horse, Tim Tam, was perfect for this confection.

## Some Facts You Might Not Know About Tim Tams

Some people are such big fans of Tim Tams they believe they know everything there is to know about them. Others may have never even heard of this product. To satisfy both camps, we decided to list the following facts about Tim Tams.

They will give newcomers to these biscuits a little bit more information about them, and they will provide hardcore fans with some facts that may be a little more obscure. Let's check out these facts below.

- Every year, Australians consume almost 50 million packets of Tim Tams.
- The chocolate in Tim Tams is supposed to have a slight caramel flavour.
- The Tim Tam factory in Sydney, Australia, produces 3,000 biscuits a minute.

### WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE TIM TAM?????



In 6th place is White Chocolate, with 9% of Aussies voting that this is their go-to Tim Tam. (Psst, if this is you, you might want to check out our White Chocolate and strawberry Tim Tam tart).

Choc Mint (you all know how we feel about choc mint) scored a solid 5th place on the leaderboard at 10%. It seems like we're not the only ones with a serious obsession with this combo.



Dark choc lovers rejoice because the Dark Chocolate Tim Tam placed 4th in the rankings. (Fun fact, Arnott's research shows those in VIC are the biggest fans of this flavour – how do all our Victorian followers feel about that?)

It seems like Aussies think that double the choc means double the fun, with 13.55% of Aussies voting for the Double Coat Tim Tam, making it 3rd in the rankings.



With 14% of Australians favouring the Chewy Caramel flavour, it has only JUST beaten Double Coat to become runner up (literally by only .45%). That irresistible gooey inside definitely scraped it over the line.

And finally, crowned as the best Tim Tam flavour by a whopping 37% of Aussies is.... ORIGINAL! We can't lie, nothing beats the O.G Tim Tam that we all grew up loving, so we can't pretend that this is a shock.





MILANO CORTINA  
2026



# Milano Cortina 2026 Olympic Sports

Commences Feb 6th, 2026

**Cortina d'Ampezzo** (Italian pronunciation: [kor'ti:na dam'pettso]); sometimes abbreviated to simply **Cortina**, is a town in the heart of the southern (Dolomitic) Alps in the province of Belluno, in the Veneto region of Northern Italy. Situated on the Boite river, in an alpine valley, it is an upscale summer and winter sport resort known for its skiing trails, scenery, accommodation, shops and its jet set dominated après-ski scene

Winter view of Cortina d'Ampezzo



Cortina d'Ampezzo in June 2019



The Olympic Winter Games return to Europe, the birthplace of Alpine Skiing encompassing a large portion of Italy's breathtaking mountains and covering an area of 22,000 square kilometres.

**From 6<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2026**, around 2,000 athletes from over 90 National Olympic Committees will compete in 116 events on ice and snow, in 8 sports and 16 disciplines.



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# Wicky CRC Sponsored Events at the 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 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.

## International Volunteer Day Caricaturist



Calling all Wicky Volunteers!  
Marion le Crayon will be at the  
festival to celebrate local  
volunteering.  
Join us to receive your  
complimentary caricature as a  
token of appreciation for your  
volunteer work!



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# WE'RE HIRING!

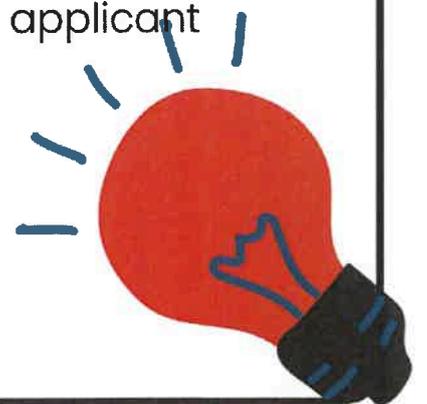
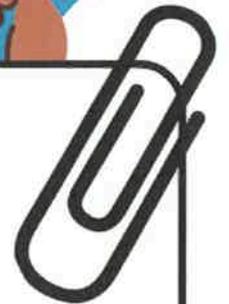
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To apply, please email your resume and a cover letter to  
[eo@wickepinrc.com.au](mailto:eo@wickepinrc.com.au)

Looking for more information? Email us or call us on 9888 1500.

Application close 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2026.



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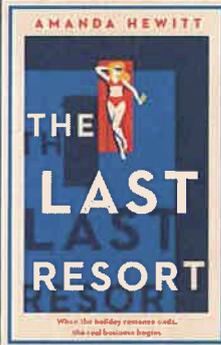


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## NEW BOOKS!

### ADULT CONTEMPORARY ROMANCE: *The Last Resort* - Amanda Hewitt



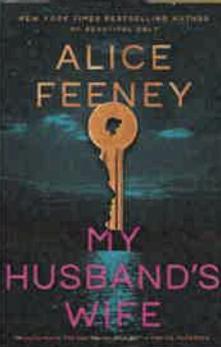
Abbey Parker escapes to an idyllic island resort in the Maldives after the breakdown of her marriage, determined to reset her life with champagne and the Indian Ocean. Instead, she ends up being rescued from drowning by brooding Londoner Nick Northby, a fellow guest who prefers solitude to sunshine. Their attraction is instant, and a holiday romance is inevitable.

Back in Sydney, Abbey struggles to find her footing at home and at work, only to discover her company's new English owner and CEO is Nick. But Boss Nick is nothing like Holiday Nick: he's all business and boundaries.

As Abbey finds her voice and opens her heart, Nick slowly sheds his layers. She discovers a guarded, damaged man, who manages his heart like a high-risk venture. Nick is determined not to fall for her. So why does he keep creeping past the line they drew in the white Maldivian sand, marking the end of their affair?

If they're going to have a future together, they'll need to decide whether their self-imposed boundaries are a strength or a weakness – and if falling in love is worth the risk.

### ADULT MYSTERY THRILLER: *My Husband's Wife* - Alice Feeney



Eden Fox, an artist on the brink of her big break, sets off for a run before her first exhibition. When she returns to the home she recently moved into - Spyglass, a lovely old house in Hope Falls - nothing is as it should be. Her key doesn't fit. A woman, eerily similar to her, answers the door. And her husband insists that the stranger is his wife.

One house. One husband. Two women. Someone is lying.

Six months earlier, Londoner Birdy, reeling from a life-changing diagnosis, inherits Spyglass. This unexpected gift from a long-lost grandmother brings her to the pretty seaside village of Hope Falls. But Birdy stumbles upon a shadowy London clinic that claims to be able to predict a person's date of death, including her own. Secrets start to unravel, and as the line between truth and lies blurs, Birdy feels compelled to right some old wrongs.

*My Husband's Wife* is a tangled web of deception, obsession, and mystery that will keep you guessing. Prepare yourself for the ultimate mind-bending marriage thriller and step inside Spyglass – if you dare – to experience a story where nothing is as it seems.



### DVD: *1923 Season 2 - A Yellowstone Origin Story*

A cruel winter brings new challenges and unfinished business to Jacob (Harrison Ford) and Cara (Helen Mirren) back at Dutton Ranch. With harsh conditions and adversaries threatening to end the Dutton legacy, Spencer (Brandon Sklenar) embarks on an arduous journey home, racing against time to save his family in Montana. Meanwhile, Alexandra (Julie Schlaepfer) sets off on her own harrowing trans-Atlantic journey to find Spencer and reclaim their love.

Includes over two hours of special features, with two bonus featurettes highlighting heartwarming cast and crew interviews, stunning behind-the-scenes footage, and the sets, costumes and props that authentically bring 1923 to life.

## LYNDA RECOMMENDS...

### ADULT CRIME THRILLER: *Above Suspicion Anna Travis #1* - Lynda La Plante



Anna Travis is a rookie female detective freshly assigned to the Murder Team, investigating a potential serial killer. The method of killing is identical, the backgrounds of the girls very similar - all are prostitutes - and the murders couldn't be more gruesome. The seventh body and most recent victim has the exact same MO, but is a young student. Anna stumbles on a vital piece of information that links one man to the killings, a well-known, much-loved actor. His protestation of innocence is convincing, and Anna might be succumbing to his flattering attention. What if he is arrested, the media erupts, and he is the wrong man?

Don't be surprised if this rings a bell. There's been a television series made of this book - something I didn't realise until I was well into it and some of the scenes were sounding familiar! However, as with most film adaptations, there's a lot more going on in the book than on TV, and it's well worth the read. The book *Anna Travis* is much more interesting than the TV *Anna Travis*!

# Spot THE DIFFERENCES

# 8

## DIFFERENCES TO FIND



Bunny &  
Lily Marsh

# 10

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Jazmin  
McLean

# 2

Liam  
McLean

# @home

Italian recipes in recognition of the Winter Olympics being held in Cortina Milan, Italy

## TORTELLINI SOUP

### Ingredients

- 2 cans chicken broth, divided
- 1 500g package cheese tortellini
- 1 teaspoon olive oil
- 1 345g package mild Italian sausage
- 1 small onion, chopped
- 2 tablespoons minced garlic
- 2 tablespoons Italian seasoning
- 1 can tomato puree
- 1 bunch fresh spinach, chopped



### Method

Pour 1 can broth into a small saucepan and add tortellini; bring to a boil. Cook tortellini until tender yet firm to the bite, about 5 minutes.

Heat oil in a large stockpot over medium heat; cook and stir sausage, onion, garlic, and Italian seasoning until sausage is browned and crumbly, 5 to 10 minutes.

Add tortellini-broth mixture, remaining can of broth, tomato puree, and spinach to sausage mixture; cover stockpot and simmer until flavours blend, about 30 minutes.

## Best-ever Italian lemon cake

### Ingredients

- 125g butter, chopped, at room temperature
- 155g (3/4 cup) caster sugar
- 1 tbsp finely grated lemon rind
- 250g fresh ricotta, crumbled
- 3 eggs
- 100g (2/3 cup) self-raising flour
- 60g (1/3 cup) polenta
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 80ml (1/3 cup) fresh lemon juice
- Icing sugar, to dust



### Method

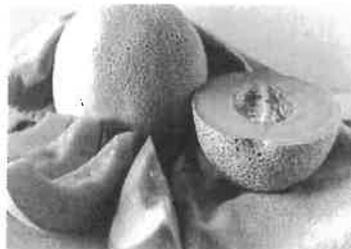
Preheat oven to 170C/150C fan forced. Grease and line the base of a 20cm (base size) round springform cake pan with baking paper.

Use electric beaters to beat the butter, sugar and lemon rind in a bowl until pale and creamy. Gradually add the ricotta and beat until just combined. Add the eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition (don't worry if it looks curdled at this stage)

Add the flour, polenta, salt and lemon juice to the butter mixture. Use a large metal spoon to fold until just combined. Transfer mixture to the prepared pan and smooth the surface.

Bake for 45 minutes or until the cake springs back when lightly touched in the centre. (The cake will rise slightly but will sink back to a flat surface when cooling). Set aside in the pan for 10 minutes before transferring to a wire rack to cool completely. Dust with Icing Sugar to serve.

## Garden Snippets...



## ...Melon-Ready

*After weeks of watering and nurturing your vegie patch...How do you know when your melons are ready? They look big enough, they certainly has been there for ages – and there's plenty of them...So when is the right time to harvest?*

*Well, all you need to do is:*

### **For Watermelons:**

**Look at It** - A ripe watermelon will have a dull (not shiny) rind, the “field spot” (which is where it sat on the ground) will be a creamy yellow colour (not white) and it will have a dry brown curly tendril near the stem.

**Feel It** – A ripe watermelon will be heavy for it's size, which indicates maximum water content and juiciness.

**Tap It** – A ripe watermelon will have a deep, hollow sound when tapped – which also points to sweetness and juiciness.



### **For Canteloupe (RockMelon):**

**Look at It** – A Ripe Rockmelon should have a creamy-yellow (not green) rind under it's thick, raised netting skin.

**Feel It** – A ripe rockmelon will feel heavy for it's size, indicating maximum water content and juiciness, and the blossom end (opposite the stem) should have a slight but firm “give” when you gently press it.

**Tap It** – A ripe rockmelon will have a hollow sound when you tap it, which indicates high moisture content and ripeness.

**Smell It** – A ripe rockmelon will have a sweet, musky aroma when smelt.

### ***If all these tests add up.... Pick your Melons and Enjoy!***

*Beware! If you happen to pick your melons too early, they will not ripen off the vine in the way that many other fruits do. Unripe = Forever Unripe. Once they are picked, they will soften and become jucier, but their sugar content will remain low and sweetness will not increase. This is because the melons are “non-climacteric”, meaning they do not produce the ethylene gas that triggers ripening in fruits like bananas, tomatoes and peaches.*

*However, you can use unripe canteloupes for soups, making melon jam or chutney, or use as a thick base for a smoothie.*



# Do you love to sing?

- Join with other locals for a “sing-together” in a supportive and relaxed environment.
- Sing a range of popular music
- People “who can’t sing” are most welcome 😊



- Fortnightly on Wednesdays 6:30pm from Feb 11
- Gold coin donation
- Contact Emma for venue and other details  
0478 595 635



PLEASE JOIN US AT

## 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](mailto:wickepinplaygroup@gmail.com)

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



# Seeder Setup Workshop



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23 February – South Stirling  
24 February – Ravensthorpe  
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26 February – Merredin  
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# 2026

## Topics:

- \* Air cart calibration & distribution testing.
- \* Depth control, press wheels & seed placement.
- \* Liquid system setup & fault-finding.
- \* Seeder bar maintenance & set-up fundamentals.

## All Workshops

9:00am - 1:30pm

*Lunch & Refreshments  
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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



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.

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## Future Farming & Drone Technology

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

FACEY GROUP



*Shaping the Future*

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.

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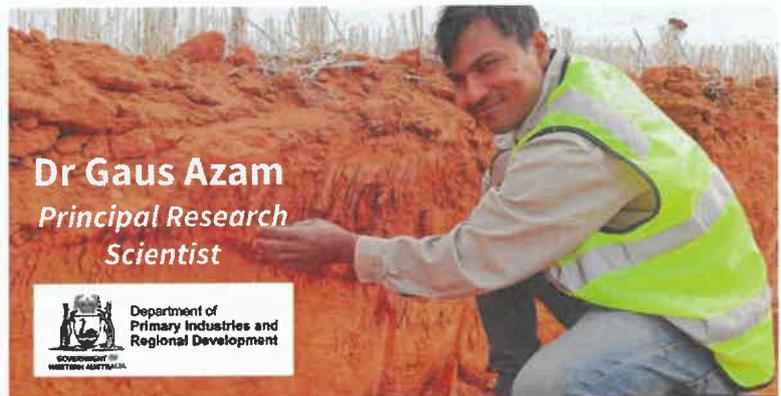
## Smart Farming & AI in Agriculture

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

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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# 2026 TRIALS REVIEW & PRE SEEDING CATCH UP

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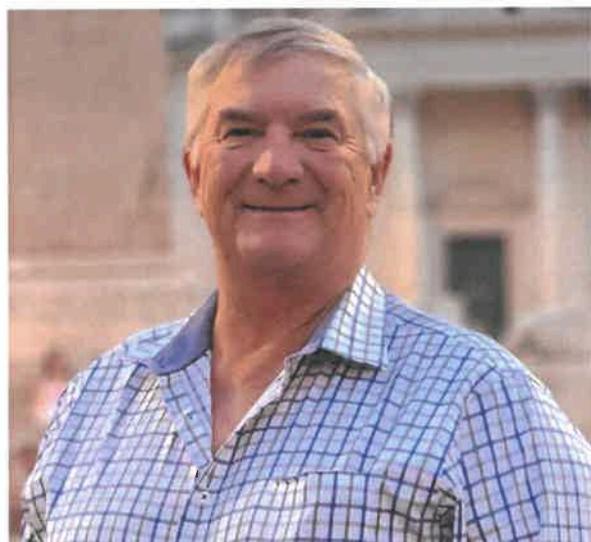
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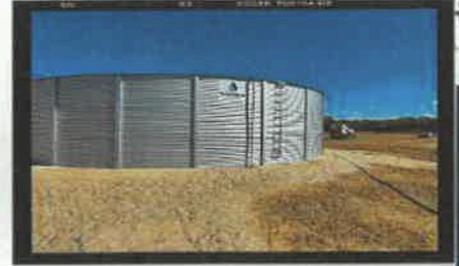
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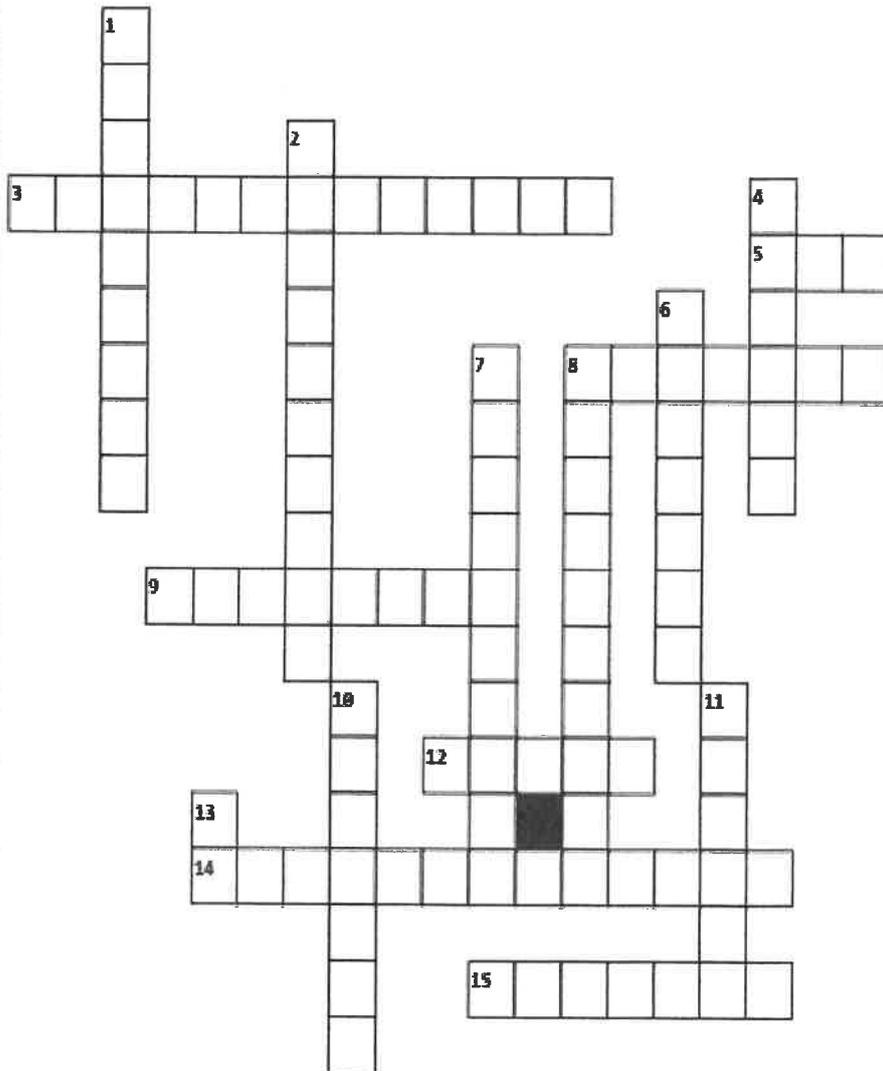
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# PICKLEBALL



## Across

3. Creator of pickleball, also a congressman
5. Another word for a ball that hits outside of any part of the boundary line
8. Form of the game played in teams of two
9. Creator of pickleball, also a successful businessman
12. Any action that stops play because of a rule violation is called a \_\_\_\_
14. Area within 7 feet of both sides of the net
15. A form of the game played in teams of one

## Down

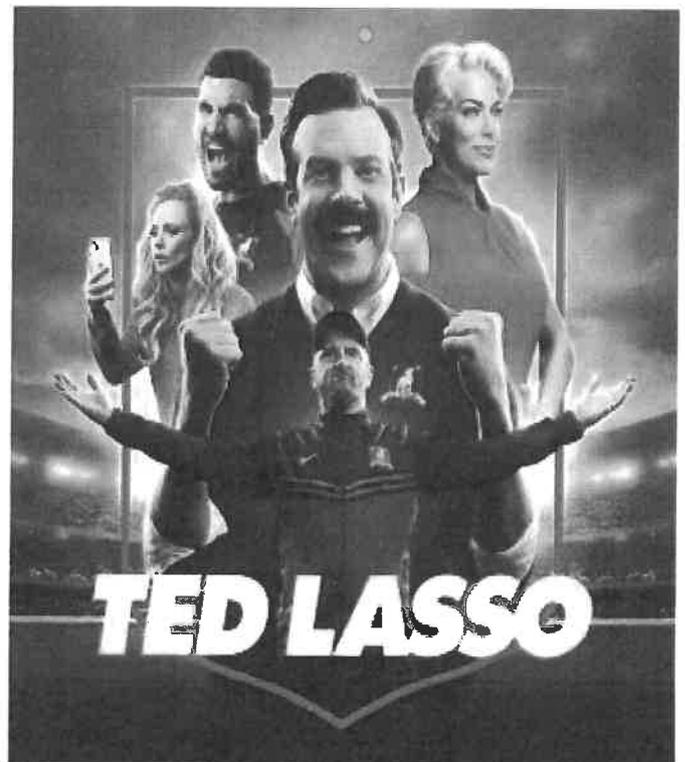
1. You can either serve in an upward arc, or \_\_\_\_
2. A ball used for pickleball is called \_\_\_\_
4. A term used for hitting the ball in the air before it bounces
6. The town where the first pickleball tournament was held
7. The fastest growing sport
8. When serving, you serve \_\_\_\_ from you
10. team Points are scored only by the \_\_\_\_
11. When the ball is served the receiving team must let the ball \_\_\_\_ before returning
13. Another word for a ball that contacts any part of any boundary line

## RECOMMENDATION

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Apple TV also has a highly recommended sports comedy TV series called Ted Lasso. The show follows Ted Lasso, an American college football coach who is hired to coach an English soccer team whose owner secretly hopes his inexperience will lead it to failure; instead, Lasso's folksy, optimistic leadership proves unexpectedly successful.

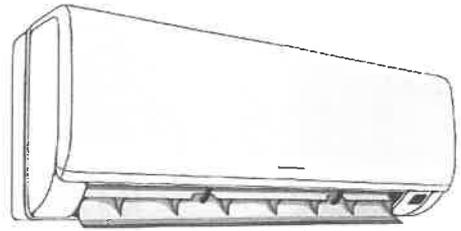
The Ted Lasso series is returning soon for a fourth series. Ted returns to Richmond, taking on his biggest challenge yet: coaching a second division women's football team. Throughout the course of the season, Ted and the team learn to leap before they look, taking chances they never thought they would.



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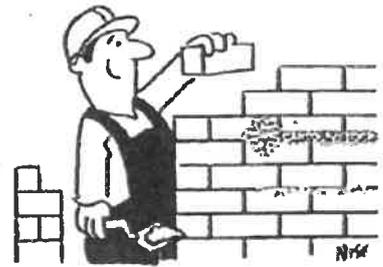
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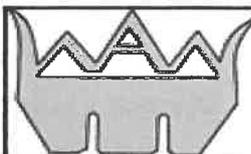
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# SPORTS NOTES

## WICKEPIN/HARRISMITH CRICKET CLUB

### V Cuby 31<sup>st</sup> Jan

Our 1<sup>st</sup> game back after the break and we thankfully won another toss and batted. We got off to a bad start and then it got worse from there. All out for 93. Crazy Jesperson top scoring with 28, Dangles Angwin 14\*, and Ethan a golden duck and Hunter Cowcher also failing to trouble the scorers. Obviously no one had time to do any shopping after holidays as arvo tea was a packet bonanza with everyone lucky culinarian Ricky was not playing. Cuballing made our score only 1 wicket down in the 12<sup>th</sup> over. Baxter Cowcher picking up the only wicket with a caught and bowled.

### V Lake Grace 7<sup>th</sup> Feb

Thankfully we have only bowled 1<sup>st</sup> twice this season as after the 1<sup>st</sup> innings we were chasing 301 for victory. We actually had them 6 down and if not for a few dropped catches things may have been different. Mitchell Sermon 2/58, Cooper Bennier 1/47, Sheriff Spencer 2/42, Ty Miller 1/45, Fletcher Miller 0/8 off 1 over and Dane Angwin 0/26 off 1 over, (yes you read that correctly). We all thought arvo tea was a show piece, but Ricky Foodall said it was a pass mark only. In reply we managed to get to 121 in the 37<sup>th</sup> over before getting bowled out. Better scores were Dane 21, Mitchell Sermon 35, Ty 38\*. Fletcher Miller made 4 runs on debut and shared a 10 run last wicket partnership with his dad. The record for the slowest strike rate for the day was by far Ricky Dougall with 12.5. Ducks belonged to Ethan and Brock.

### Under 13's V Boddington 1<sup>st</sup> Feb

After bowling 1<sup>st</sup> we restricted Boddington to 4/107. This included 2 good runouts. Mason Edwards 1/18 and Hudson Ballard 1/25 the wicket takers. Vinny Martin and Heath Taylor both bowling well. It was tough conditions bowling into a strong wind and the boys did well. Better run scorers were Hudson Ballard 9 & Noah Plowman 7\*. We were bowled out for 51 but we went back thru the batting order again and everyone made some runs the 2<sup>nd</sup> time around.

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## WICKEPIN TENNIS CLUB

Come & Try Pickleball 🗨️🗨️ at the Wickepin Tennis Club  
Such a beautiful Sunset evening of learning all about Pickleball with friends, fun and community connection

Missed Week 1? No worries ✅👍

Drop in sessions are available for the next 2 x Thursdays 🦅👏👏

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QUOTE: " It was just so much FUN "

Pickleball is THE fastest growing activity in Australia and is an alternate format of Tennis. Its also low impact, SO inclusive and highly addictive.



## LAKE YEALERING BOWLING CLUB

### **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2026**

Night Bowls got off to a fabulous start with 19 players taking part on a reasonably cool evening that turned quite cold. Great to see so many participating, it is definitely the place to be among friends and new comers. All in all a very friendly place to be.

### **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2026**

YEALERING v BROOKTON in Yealering. The Yealering Club had a fantastic win over Brookton, the current reigning leader on the ladder. So good for a win.



### **Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2026**

The Overall Winners of the CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP FOURS Sponsored by Sue Richards was the Team comprising of **Lois Shipley, Brian Shipley, Graeme Poultney and Carl McCombe**. Well Done.

### **Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2026**

The Overall Winners of the CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP TRIPLES Sponsored by Hillco, Clint and Rachael Hill was the Team comprising of **Todd Hill, Kevin Coxon and Carl McCombe**. Carl had a great day, well done.

### **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2026**

Second time for Night Bowls, first one was so successful, the place to be on Wednesday evenings in February is under the lights at the Bowling Club mingling with friends and enjoying a hamburger meal.

10 Players and once again the weather was freezing, very different to past years and February evenings.

Next Night Bowls is Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> February and everyone wishing for a warmer evening and seeing lots of friendly faces. Do not have to play, just come down, have a chat, hamburger, couple of drinks etc. See you there.

### **Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2026**

YEALERING had a Bye

### **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2026**

Club held the CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP SINGLES Sponsored by T & J Elsegood.

Winner: **Darrel Sims**

Runner-up: **Todd Hill**



### **Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2026**

PINGELLY v YEALERING in Pingelly Pennants

Long Weekend of the 28<sup>th</sup> February 2026, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2026 is a Long Weekend and Men's Country Week Carnival in Perth. No teams from Yealering are attending.

### **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2026**

YEALERING v W NARROGIN in Yealering Pennants

Date to remember **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2026** Lake Yealering Any Combination Triples (Sponsored by Summit Fertilisers.) Time to start organising Teams.

# WICKEPIN GOLF CLUB AGM

Wednesday March 4<sup>th</sup> 2026  
Wickepin District Sports Club

Open to members and anyone planning on playing golf in the next few years  
to discuss the future of our club.

Please come along with your ideas.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

01.03.26 – Ladies. Club Champ Singles continued

08.03.26 – Men. Club Championship Singles

17.03.26-Ladies League Champ Singles-Williams

31.03.26 -Ladies League Champ 4's & Presentation -Brookton

On Sunday, five ladies played their **championship singles** up to halfway through. We will complete our next round on 02.03.26.

The men also played their **Championship Fours** with some absolute cracking games across three rounds. In the first game, Greg White, Aaron Bransby,

Dennis Bransby and Lloyd Arundel scraped home in a nail biter—winning by just one shot on the last end, 18 -17 setting the tone for a competitive challenge. Not to be outdone, Graham O'Brien, Peter Bransby, Chris Moore and Peter Mullan hit back in the second game, winning by 2 shots on the last end to force a third and deciding play-off. It was competitive bowls all the way with both sides giving it everything. In the last game on the 14th end, Greg drives and puts the jack out of bounds, killing the end! Following the replay of that end, Gregs team were leading 15-14 but Grahams team were holding - needing 1 shot to draw the game. With his final bowl, Graham knocked his own bowl through for 2 shots, clinching a one shot win. Congratulations to Graham and his team on winning, and well done to Greg and his team as runners-up - it could have gone either way and was a fabulous Sunday of bowls for the club.

Good luck and good bowling to the Wickepin Ladies who will be playing in the **Interleague Round Robin Fours** from February 20—23 . Hopefully Kulin turns it on for us—no sauna, no swimming pool, no rain— just sunshine without the sizzle!

SATURDAY PENNANT FIXTURE	ROSTER
21.02.26 <u>PINGELLY</u> V Wickepin	
07.03.26 <u>WICKEPIN</u> V Williams-W	L Smith
14.03.26 <u>NARROGIN</u> V Wickepin	-

TUESDAY PENNANT FIXTURE		
24.02.26	<u>BROOKTON</u>	Wickepin v Williams
03.03.26	<u>WILLIAMS</u>	Brookton v Wickepin
10.03.26	<u>WICKEPIN</u>	<b>FINALS</b>

PENNANT RESULTS					
<b>Saturday</b>	07.02.26	WICKEPIN (57)	4	Brookton (54)	2
<b>Tuesday</b>	10.02.26	WICKEPIN (42)	3	Pingelly (35)	1
<b>Saturday</b>	14.02.26	WICKEPIN (49)	0	Williams B (75)	6



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WICKEPIN PRIMARY SCHOOL

# NEWSLETTER

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## From the Principal

As the new principal, I am genuinely excited to greet you and share my enthusiasm for an exceptional year ahead. I firmly believe that 2026 can be outstanding for every member of our school community, and I am committed to partnering with you in our vibrant, safe, and inclusive school. I look forward to welcoming your family onto our beautiful grounds, hearing your stories, and working together as we continue our journey of learning and shared success. I wish you a fantastic start to the term!

## ECE Teacher

We are thrilled to welcome Mrs Claire Graham, a new, dedicated, and highly experienced ECC teacher, to our school. Mrs Graham will join Year K/PP/1 on Thursdays, bringing exceptional expertise and a warm, student-centered approach that will enrich our early years learning environment. We look forward to the positive impact she will have on our students, families, and staff. Welcome to Year K/PP/1, Mrs Graham!

## Census

Friday 13 February is Census Day. The school records student numbers on this day, which influence funding from the department. Please ensure your child is present so they can be counted.

## SCITECH

On Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February SCITECH is visiting our school. All students will have the opportunity to participate in performances with interesting effects, illusion and to inspire curiosity.

## Swimming lessons

Swimming lessons will take place for students PP-Year 6 during Weeks Four and Five, starting Monday 23 February - Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March. Please ensure permission notes and swimming lesson enrolment forms are returned to the office as soon as possible.

## Swimming Carnival

This year's swimming carnival will be held on Friday 27 March at the Wickepin Swimming Pool. Miss Williams is planning a successful day and will be seeking volunteers to assist on the day. This year, Year PP-Year 6 students will attend as usual.

# 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

Lake Yealering Night Bowls. Evenings through February. Names in by 6.30pm

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



