

WATERSHED NEWS

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

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Wishing you a fun-filled St. Patrick's Day overflowing
with good times and good fortune.



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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

March Birthday Wishes to:

- 16th Grayden Bayley
- 17th Jessie Davey
- 18th Shirley Elson
- 20th Callan Sims
- 27th Damien Riley, Jordan McColl



Astrotourism WA

Check Out Mars in the Morning

For the early birds on the 18th March, there's a beautiful view of the Moon and Mars appearing very close to one another with the Moon just nearby. Look to the east at 5.45am.

astrotourismwa.com.au/march-planets/

Seasons Are Changing

The March equinox, on 20th March, marks the transition from our summer to autumn. We will have roughly equal times of daylight and darkness. The equinox is also involved in determining the date of Easter each year!astrotourismwa.com.au/march-equinox/

Morning Swimming 2025-26 Season

This season we were fortunate to have Meeks open the pool from 5.30am to 7am Wednesday and Fridays.

The season commenced on 7th November and concluded on the 6th March.

We had 34 morning swimming days, with 27 different swimmers (some only attended once), two swimmers attended 31 of those swims.

Friday 6th March after our last swim we had coffee & hot cross buns.

Now to patiently wait for November for it to start again.

A Very Exciting Update for the Wickepin Hotel

We are delighted to share some wonderful news with you. The Wickepin Hotel Co-operative has now formally bought in, and we are pleased to announce that we are the majority shareholders of the Wickepin Hotel Trusts. This is a significant milestone for our community and for all of you who have supported this vision from the beginning.

We are also excited to announce that we are currently in final negotiations with a potential lessee, and discussions are progressing very positively. The prospective publicans are an experienced husband-and-wife team who have operated country hotels and understand what makes small towns tick. They are genuinely enthusiastic about becoming part of a close-knit rural community and are keen to be involved in local life, not just to run a business.

They are motivated to get the pub open as soon as possible. There is strong alignment between their vision and ours for a welcoming, vibrant hotel that serves as a social hub for locals and travellers alike.

We are feeling very optimistic about this next chapter. Your investment has helped us reach this point, and we are deeply grateful for your trust and support.

We will provide a further update as soon as negotiations are finalised. In the meantime, thank you for being part of this journey. The excitement is building, and we look forward to seeing the Wickepin Hotel doors open again soon.



Eulogy for Michael Joseph “Mike” Vaughan

On behalf of Mike’s family — his wife Robyn, Greg and Narelle, Rohan and Dinda, Payton and Blayne, Sascha and Tia, thank you all for being here today to honour and remember Mike.

Today we gather to say goodbye to Michael Joseph Vaughan — known to most simply as Mike.

Mike was born on the 11th of April, 1940 in London, to Peggy Vaughan, who was of Irish descent. Life wasn’t easy for Mike in his early years. At just four years old he was placed in an orphanage in Gravesend, and from there spent time in a number of foster homes.

Sometimes a single moment can change the entire course of a life. Just one question. “Who wants to go to Australia?” Of course, Mike put up his hand, thinking he was going on a boat for a day trip. That simple decision changed the course of Mike’s life. And for all of us here today... lucky us.

When Mike arrived in Fremantle, he was placed on the back of a truck that first went to Clontarf — but there was no room. Then on to Bindoon — again, no room. Eventually Mike was taken to Tardun. After spending some time here, Mike was told he was going to a farm in Dudinin. Nina and Chas Turner went to pick Mike up, where he had made the trek down the very long driveway and was standing there waiting with a suitcase near the sign that read Tardun.

Mike went to live on the farm with Nina, Chas, Greg (dec), Christine and Roddy. The Turner family became Mike’s family, and that connection remains strong to this day. Nina and Chas were forever known to Mike and family as Nan and Pa Turner. They played a huge role in shaping the man Mike became, giving him love, guidance and stability.

Family remained the centre of Mike’s world for the rest of his life.

Mike shared a deep love with his wife Robyn. Together they built a life full of laughter, friendship and family. Mike loved his sons Greg and Rohan deeply and was incredibly proud of them.

His pride only grew when his grandchildren Payton, Sascha and Tia came along. He was the best Pa in the world and the kids absolutely adored him. He watched their sport, went on walks, watched the sunsets, had a meal, a beer and told some stories, most of which were not true at all. He once told Payton that he had won a gold medal in the sport of duck diving! Those who knew Mike also knew that he never actually learnt to swim. Later, Pa became PaPa to Hallie and Oakie and he loved watching ‘his twinnies’ growing up.

Mike’s family was always his greatest joy.

Those who knew Mike will remember a man who was fun, a little bit naughty, always happy, and who loved a beer and a good laugh. He had a true larrikin streak about him — the kind that made people smile and kept life interesting. He was resilient and loyal, someone who knew how to enjoy life.

Mike absolutely loved music, very loud music. It played a big part in his life and brought him great happiness. The music you hear today is everything that Mike loved the most. To Mike, music made the world go round.

He loved his friends deeply. If you speak to many of them here today, they will probably tell you the same thing — that Mike was one of their best friends. That was Mike’s gift. He made people feel valued, included, important and had a way of making people feel like they mattered.

One of Mike’s greatest loves was the Wickepin Warriors Football Club. He was a true committee man, spent 4 years as President and was later honoured with a life membership. He was a community man through and through.

Mike was never afraid to adapt when life called for change. He worked hard throughout his life — starting out shearing, then working as a farm hand, and later becoming a business owner. When life shifted again, he found new purpose working as a greenkeeper. This eventually led Mike and Robyn to move from Wickepin to Albany, where they made many more friends.

Mike also carried with him a quiet but strong faith — his own faith. Despite some of the hardships life had dealt him in his early years, he never lost that faith. It helped guide him through challenges, gave him strength when he needed it, and gave his life meaning and purpose.

One of the most special moments of Mike’s life came when he was 56 years old, when he met his biological mother Peggy for the first time in Holland. She was a wonderful woman, and Mike and Robyn made several trips to visit her over the years.

Mike’s life began with hardship and uncertainty. But he rose above those beginnings with resilience,

humour and kindness. He built a life filled with family, friendships, laughter and love. Today we say goodbye to a husband, a father, a grandfather, a great-grandfather, and a friend. Mike, thank you for the laughter, the stories, the music and the friendship you shared so generously. You will be deeply missed but never forgotten. Your stories will be told, your laughter remembered and your spirit will live on in the family and friends who loved you. May you now rest in peace We all love you

A *Celebration* OF THE LIFE OF



MICHAEL VAUGHAN

11.04.1940 ∞ 02.03.2026

13th March 2026 at 1:00pm
Lakes Lawn Cemetery,
115 Stock Rd, Parklands

Order of Service

ENTRANCE
"Always Remember Us This Way" Lady Gaga

WELCOME & INTRODUCTION
Chloe Tornow - Celebrant

TRIBUTE
Celebrant

POEM
Read by grandchildren, Payton and Tia

COMMITTAL
Celebrant

LOWERING OF THE COFFIN
"To Love Somebody" Bee Gees

REFLECTION & PLACING OF ROSEMARY
"Giving It All Away" Leo Sayer
"Sailing" Rod Stewart

CLOSING WORDS & EXIT
Celebrant
"Tiny Dancer" Elton John

THANK YOU

*For being a part of Michael's Celebration and life.
Please join the family following the service at Sid's Place
for the Eulogy and to continue to celebrate Michael's life.*

BOWRA & O DEA GRAPHICSOURCE

The Rogues and Larrkins Football Team.

Mikes personal list of people and players that he held in high esteem. Also known as the Silver Fox's (his nickname at the football club)

An indication of he's sense of humour and love of the Wickepin Warriors.

**THE TEAM
ROGUES & LARRIKANS**

Rocky Bolton	Rod Fleay	Tom Wittwer
David Bennier	Greg Astubry	Graeme Doncon
Michael Bennier	Brendon Mead	Gerald Ugle
Gav Kerruish	Keith Miller (coach)	Ken Mutton
Brett Doncon	Mitchell Beeck	Nick Cheetham
Ken Spark (changing with Bamis)		Bench
Ken Martin		Ian Winmar
Andrew Snow (Captains)		Greg Snow
		Salty Penny
Draft in Spocky Taylor		Geoff Sims
		Brendon Ugle

Trainers
Don Sutherland
Tom Sands
Neville Sutherland
Barrell Wyllie

PRESIDENT Collin Fleay
MANAGER Mike Vaughan

St John



We are changing banking details.

St John Ambulance Wickepin Subcentre has changed to Commbank.

Benefit Fund Memberships renewal notices will be showing our new account details, so please change us on your internet banking while it's fresh on your mind.

BSB 066000

Account 17750886

St John Ambulance Western Australia – Wickepin Subcentre

WICKEPIN ANGLICAN CHURCH

Easter Worship



**SUNDAY 5TH APRIL
8 AM SERVICE
COME CELEBRATE WITH US**



St Johns Anglican Church

Johnston Street, Wickepin

1st and 3rd Sundays of the month @8am

Morning tea served after service

All Denominations Welcome

Enquires: Irene -0437 801 026 or Elaine 0428 898 025





CEO Comments

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

Requests for Assistance from the Shire

We have recently noted that requests for assistance are being made direct to staff members rather than going through the Administration.

While staff are willing to assist where possible, it is important that these requests be direct to:
CEO - David Burton 0429 207 855 or
Manager of Works - Grant Cross 0429 882 871.
The tasks can then be allocated to the relevant staff in an organised manner, reducing the need for staff to prioritise between work requests and their own duties.

Ordinary Meeting Of Council

The next Ordinary Meeting of Council will be held on Wednesday 18 March 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.

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.

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.

Wickepin Swimming Pool

The Wickepin Swimming Pool will be closed from Wednesday 1st April for the 2025/2026 Season. Thank you Meeks for fantastic season!



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 CEO David Burton, ceo@wickepin.wa.gov.au or 9888 1005 to discuss whether you may be eligible to receive funding prior to commencing your application.

Embracing Community Growth

Fuel Facility Wickepin

Please beware that restrictions on fuel limits/access may be imposed by Great Southern Fuels who controls the facility and the distribution at Wickepin.

If advised by Great Southern Fuels of any conditions imposed, the Shire will relay the message through Social Media.



CUSTOMER SERVICE OFFICER

Full Time or Traineeship

Level 3 - Level 4

**Shire of Wickepin LGIA 2020 Industrial Agreement
Depending on Qualifications and Experience**

An opportunity exists for an enthusiastic, self-motivated person to fill the position of Customer Service Officer at the Shire of Wickepin on a permanent basis or traineeship. You will provide effective and professional reception service for staff, visitors and callers to the Shire and efficient administrative support relating to records management and facilities.

The Shire of Wickepin is an equal opportunity employer who actively promotes training and development.

For information on how to apply, please contact the Shire Office on 9888 1005 or email dceo@wickepin.wa.gov.au. Details are also available on the Shire of Wickepin website www.wickepin.wa.gov.au.

Closing date: Friday 20 March 2026. Applications for this position can be emailed to dceo@wickepin.wa.gov.au or posted to the below address. Applications are open until a suitable pool of candidates is received. This means the vacancy may close without notice. If you are interested in this position, we highly recommend you apply as soon as possible.

David Burton
Chief Executive Officer
Shire of Wickepin
PO Box 19
WICKEPIN WA 6370

Details available at
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Shire of
Wickepin



EXECUTIVE SUPPORT OFFICER

Full Time

Level 4 - Level 6

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JUST A FARMER



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

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**FREE
EVENT**

Rated M - mature themes



MOVIE SCREENING



FRIDAY MARCH 20TH

Wickepin Town Hall

LIGHT SUPPER PROVIDED PRE SCREENING

**Doors open at 5:30pm for supper.
Movie starts at 6:30pm**

**Booking Essential - Contact wickepin CRC on
9888 1500 or scan QR code to book online**



**Black Dog
Institute**

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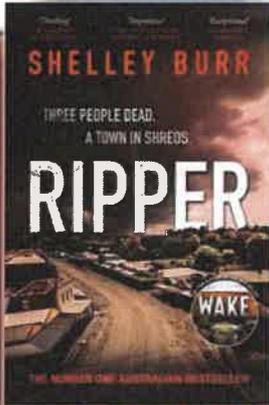


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Regional Development**



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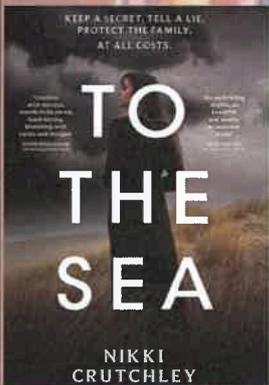
NEW BOOKS!



ADULT AUSTRALIAN CRIME MYSTERY: Ripper - Shelley Burr

Gemma Guillory has lived in Rainier her entire life. She knows the ins and outs of the town, and the people like they are her family - their quirks as if they were her own. She knows her once-charming town is now remembered for one reason, and one reason only. That three innocent people died. She knows that the consequences of catching the Ripper still haunt her police officer husband and their marriage to this day.

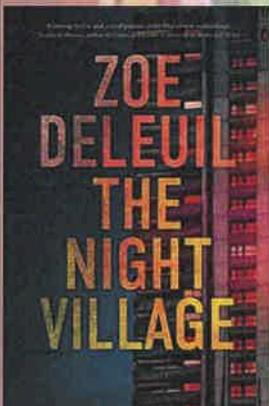
When a dark tourism operator keen to cash in on the town's reputation is killed by a Ripper copycat on Gemma's doorstep, she's drawn into the investigation. Unbeknownst to her, so is a prisoner named Lane Holland. Gemma knows her town. She knows her people. Doesn't she?



ADULT PSYCHOLOGICAL THRILLER: To The Sea - Nikki Crutchley

Iluka has been the only home that 18-year-old Ana has ever known. The beautiful wild pine plantation overlooking the Pacific Ocean where her grandfather builds furniture, her aunt runs an artists' retreat and her uncle tends the land, is paradise, a private idyll safe from the outside world.

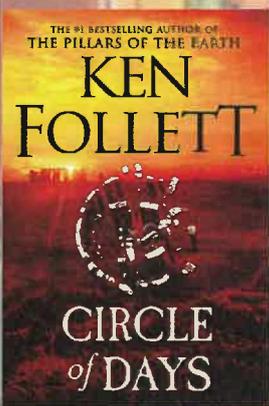
But the place holds a violent secret and when a stranger arrives, Ana will need to make a choice: to protect everything - and everyone - she holds dear or tell the truth and destroy it all.



ADULT SUSPENSE: The Night Village - Zoe Deleuil

When Australian expat Simone moves to London to start a career, getting pregnant is not on her agenda. But she's excited to start a new life with her baby and determined to be a good mother. Even though her boyfriend Paul's cold and grey apartment in the Barbican Estate seems completely ill-suited for a baby. Even though Simone and Paul have only known each other for a year. Even though she feels utterly unprepared for motherhood.

The arrival of Paul's cousin Rachel in the flat should be a godsend, but there is something about Rachel that Simone doesn't trust. Fighting sleep deprivation and a rising sense of unease, she begins to question Rachel's motives, and to wonder what secrets the cousins share.



LARGE PRINT HISTORICAL FICTION: Circle of Days - Ken Follett

Seft, a talented flint miner, walks the Great Plain in the high summer heat, to witness the rituals that signal the start of a new year. He is there to trade his stone at the Midsummer Fair, and to find Neen, the girl he loves.

Joia, Neen's sister, is a priestess with a vision and an unmatched ability to lead. As a child, she watches the Midsummer ceremony, enthralled, and dreams of a miraculous new monument, raised from the biggest stones in the world. But trouble is brewing among the hills and woodlands of the Great Plain.

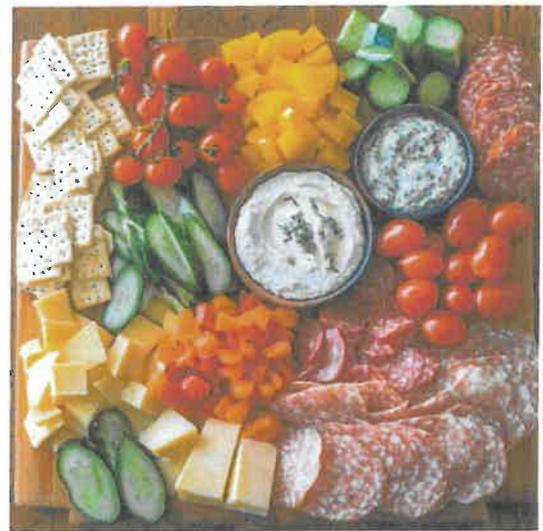
Joia's vision of a great stone circle, assembled by the divided tribes of the Plain, will inspire Seft and become their life's work. But as drought ravages the earth, mistrust grows between the herders, farmers and woodlanders - and an act of savage violence leads to open warfare.

What is St. Patrick's Day Snack Board?

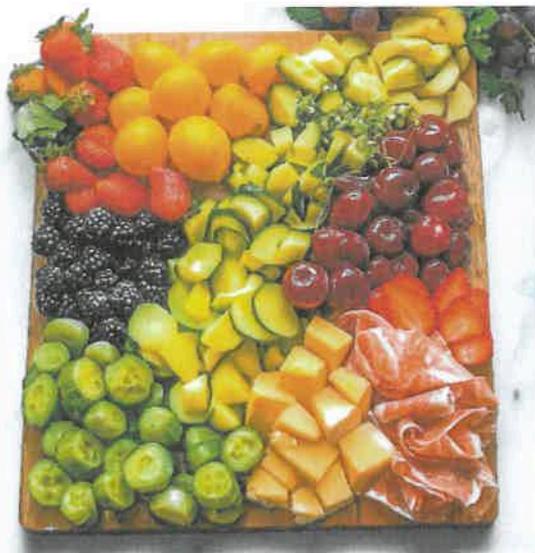
A St. Patrick's Day Snack Board is a festive and fun way to celebrate the holiday with friends and family. This delightful spread includes an assortment of traditional Irish snacks, such as cheese, meats, and various green-themed treats. You can also add fun items like shamrock-shaped cookies or green fruits to create a visually appealing board. The idea is to encourage sharing and enjoyment while celebrating the spirit of St. Patrick's Day in style.



Rainbow Fruit Tray: Arrange fruits in rainbow order with brie or cream cheese "Clouds" for a colourful centrepiece.



Leprechaun Snack Board: Hummus, veggies, crackers green-themed treats for a kid-friendly option



Emerald Isle Cheese Board: A mix of Irish cheeses, savoury meats, fresh accompaniments arranged with green garnishes.

Green-frosted cupcakes, cookies, Lucky Charms, gold-wrapped candies for a sweet celebration.



St. Patrick's Day:

8 facts about Ireland's favourite holiday

Few saints are celebrated quite like Saint Patrick, the Patron Saint of Ireland. Come March 17, it isn't only Ireland that goes wild for a party; cities around the world celebrate St. Paddy's Day with green and Guinness. The Irish Community in New York City puts on the world's largest St. Paddy's Day celebration with a dazzling parade down Fifth Avenue, while Chicago turns the Chicago River bright green.

But why all the fuss? Who was Saint Patrick? Why do we honour him year after year? Before you take a sip of your Guinness, take a look at these fun facts about St. Patrick's Day that you might not know.

1. Irish bars didn't celebrate it until the 70s

It's known as one of the booziest days in the annual calendar, but for much of the 20th century, you couldn't get so much as a tippie in an Irish pub on St. Patrick's Day. The primarily Catholic country was concerned about binge drinking during Lent, so in 1927, the government enforced a religious prohibition stating that all pubs had to close on St. Patrick's Day. The bans were finally wholly repealed in 1970, and Irish bars have played host to a rather different scene on March 17 ever since — just head to Dublin's Temple Bar district for proof.

2. The shamrock represents the Holy Trinity

Nowadays, organizations find memorable logos to represent their brand. Back in the 4th century, it was no different. When St. Patrick came to Ireland as a missionary, he chose the shamrock as a symbol of Christianity. Its three leaves were the ideal symbol of God, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. As for the four-leaf version, legend has it that Eve carried such a clover with her as a memento when she was banished from the paradisaical Garden of Eden.



3. St. Patrick didn't go to Ireland willingly

If you're after good craic on March 17, there's nowhere like Dublin to drink and dance the night away. Yet back in the 5th century, Patrick himself wasn't having much fun in the Emerald Isle. Born in Britain to a deacon, Patrick's home was burnt to the ground by Irish raiders who carried him into slavery in Ireland at 16 years old, where he remained until his 20s. Patrick — or Maewyn Succat, as he was then known — managed to escape back across the Irish Sea and later, driven by his faith, returned with a mission. He is credited with bringing Christianity to Ireland.



4. St. Patrick actually dressed in blue

You'll stand out like a sore thumb if you choose to wear blue on St. Paddy's Day. Yet if Patrick was parading through the streets of Dublin himself, you'd be in good company. Most historians agree that he wore blue, not green. After the 1798 Irish Rebellion against British rule, the shamrock became a symbol of nationalism. Soon, wearing green came to represent the struggle for Irish independence, so there's more to those green costumes than meets the eye.

5. St. Patrick's Day parades began in the US

His name might be synonymous with Ireland, but Saint Patrick's Day celebrations are a global phenomenon. In fact, parades in his honour began in the US when Irish soldiers in the British army began marking the day with marches through New York City in 1762. Nowadays, the NYC parade is the biggest in the world, and the city of Chicago goes so crazy for St. Paddy's Day that it used to dye the Chicago River green — a spectacular sight.

6. Patrick is also the patron saint of a Caribbean island

St. Patrick's Day is the day to dress as a leprechaun and gulp gallons of Guinness, right? On the Caribbean island of Montserrat, it's a little more significant than that. The Irish were some of the earliest settlers on the island, and on March 17, 1768, enslaved people attempted to overthrow the Irish leaders as they celebrated the Feast of Saint Patrick at Government House. Although the plot was discovered and the rebellion failed, and some ringleaders met a grisly end, the rebellion is now marked by a 10-day festival in honour of the uprising. Moreover, along with Ireland, Montserrat is the only other nation to declare the day a public holiday.

7. Another priest made St. Patrick's Day big

When you clink glasses this St. Paddy's Day, say "cheers" to little-known Luke Wadding. Without the influence of this Franciscan priest, it's unlikely we'd still be celebrating the day. Wadding was an advocate for oppressed Irish Catholics at the Vatican. There, he pushed for Saint Patrick to have his own day recognized by the Church. Today, the wild antics on March 17 would be unrecognizable to Wadding — he reportedly marked the day with "great solemnity."

8. The Taoiseach takes shamrocks to the White House

Luck isn't the only thing you need to do the most important job in the US, yet finding a four-leaf clover in a crystal bowl of shamrocks can't harm a president's political career either. Every year since 1952, pandemic aside, the Taoiseach — the Irish head of state — visits DC to gift the American president just that. An offering to sweeten relations after World War II, the first president to receive the diplomatic gift was Harry Truman, and it has been an annual tradition ever since. To mark the event, the White House and its fountain are turned green, and you can hear the sound of bagpipes, too.

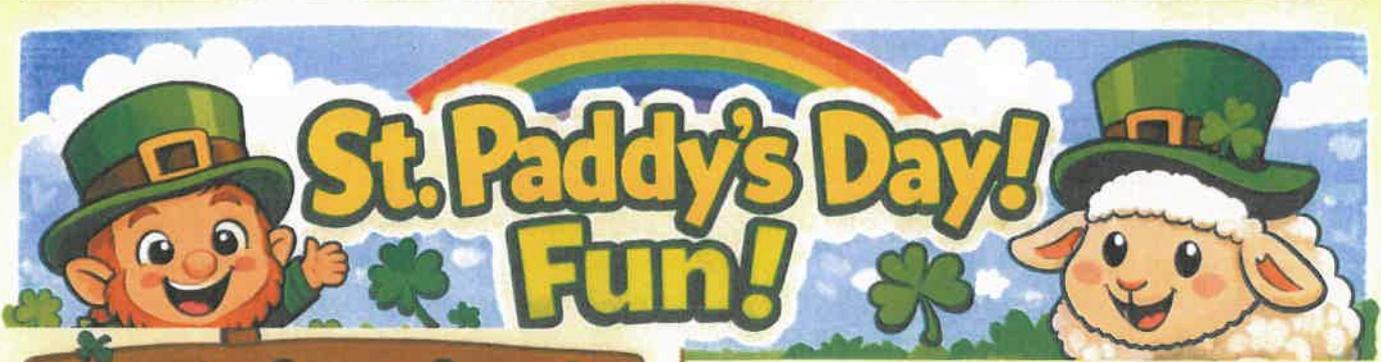




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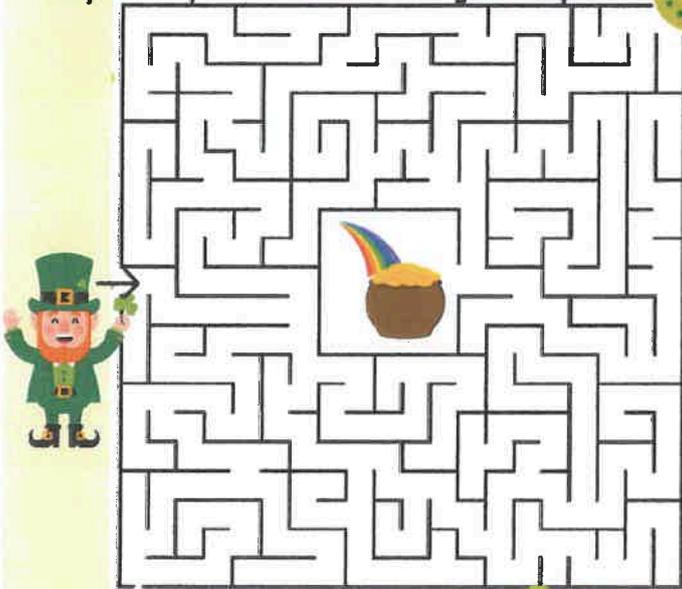


Fun & Games for Our Wickepin Kids!



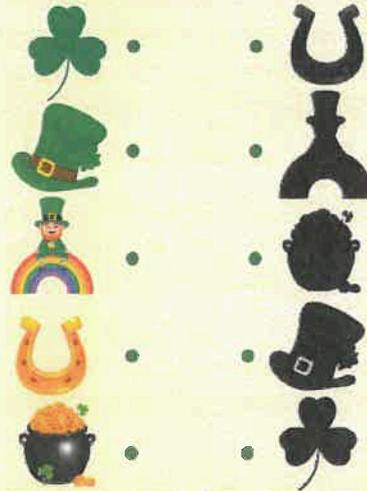
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Help the Leprechaun find his way to the pot of GOLD!

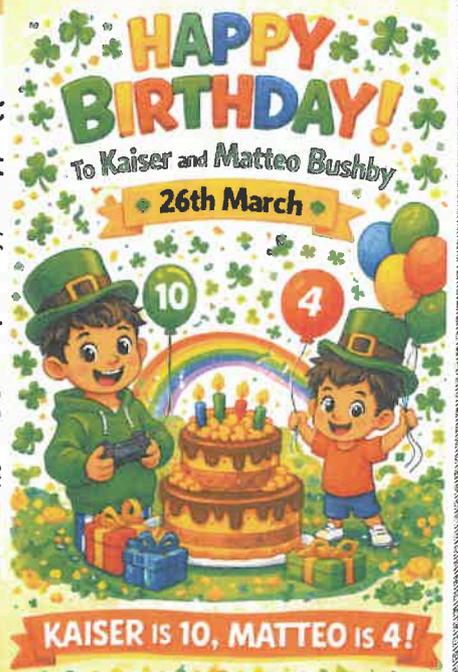


St Paddy's Day MATCH UP!

Draw a line to match the picture



Colour the Picture



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!
To Kaiser and Matteo Bushby
26th March



KAISER IS 10, MATTEO IS 4!

HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY FROM WICKEPIN!

Providing professional support for primary producers

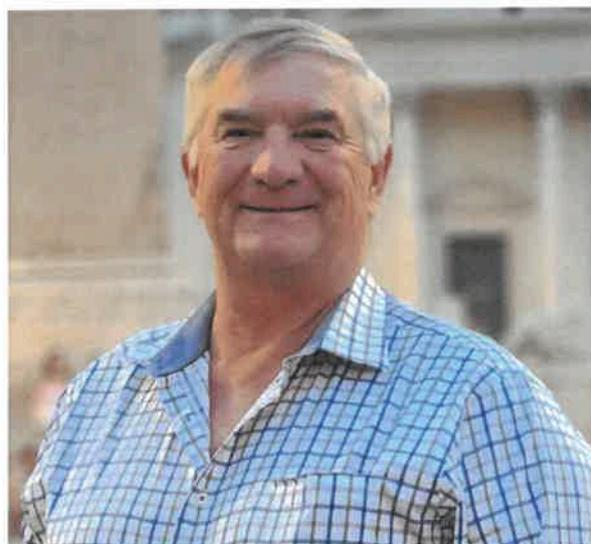
Farm Succession Planning



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FACEY GROUP **Why Starting the Conversation Cant Wait**



Shaping the Future

Succession planning – and the future of our farming legacies – is one of the most important conversations a farming family will ever have, yet it is often the one most easily postponed.

At its core, succession planning is about preparing for the future of both the farm business and the family behind it. It helps create a shared picture of what that future could look like, providing certainty so everyone involved can move forward with confidence.

Why prioritise succession planning?

Without a clear plan, uncertainty can build within families and businesses. Questions about the future of the farm, financial security and roles for the next generation can become difficult to navigate.

Starting the conversation early allows families to:

- Provide security and independence for retiring parents
- Create clarity and opportunity for the next generation
- Align family goals and expectations
- Prepare the business structurally and financially for transition
- Reduce the risk of conflict or unexpected outcomes

Importantly, the process also helps families develop a shared understanding of each person's goals and priorities – strengthening both the business and the family behind it.

Taking the first step

For many families, the hardest part of succession planning is simply getting started.

The Farm Succession Planning Workshop delivered by Agknowledge is designed to help farming families begin that journey in a practical and supportive way.

In this full-day workshop, participants explore what succession planning involves, identify key issues facing their family and business, and develop a pathway forward. The workshop breaks the process into manageable steps and provides tools to help families communicate openly and work towards a shared vision.

Participants leave with practical ideas, a clearer understanding of the process and an action plan to begin the next stage of planning at home.

Every farming family's situation is unique and there is no single formula for succession. What makes the difference is starting the conversation early and creating a process that respects the needs, independence and dignity of all family members.

The Wickepin Festival Committee needs your help

Our small group of volunteers is struggling to keep this much-loved community event alive, and without more people stepping forward, the Festival is at real risk of disappearing altogether.

Why we need more hands

A festival of this size requires many different roles, including:

- Stall coordination
- Children's activities
- Bar operations
- Music and entertainment
- Logistics (including hay bales, signage, equipment, safety requirements) ...and many other behind-the-scenes tasks.
- Games and competitions
- Publicity and communications
- Sponsorships
- Volunteer recruitment
- Site maps
- Planning and co-ordinating of displays

At the moment, these responsibilities are being carried by only a few people. Spreading the workload across a larger committee would make the Festival easier to run and allow it to grow.

About the publicity concerns

Several people have said they "didn't know the Festival was happening" which surprised us, as the event was promoted widely through:

- Posters around Wickepin and surrounding towns
- Daily Facebook posts on multiple community pages in Wickepin and other local Shires
- Notices in the *Watershed*
- Advertising in the *Narrogin Observer*
- Radio announcements
- A coloured flyer delivered to every household
- Large signs in the main street and the Shire's illuminated sign

We welcome constructive feedback on how we can improve, but we also want the community to know that a very significant effort was made to reach as many people as possible.

Ideas are welcome — but we need people to help make them happen

Many residents have wonderful suggestions for future Festivals, and we truly appreciate the enthusiasm. However, ideas can only become reality when there are enough volunteers to plan, organise, and deliver them. We had fantastic help on the day, but the majority of the work happens long before the gates open.

A call to the community

The Wickepin Festival is something special — it brings our town together, supports local groups, and creates memories for families. We don't want to lose it. If you value the Festival, please consider joining the committee or taking responsibility for even one small area. Every extra person makes a meaningful difference.

Without new volunteers for the Committee, the Festival cannot continue

We are asking our community to take pride in this event and help ensure it doesn't become another "endangered or event extinct species" in Wickepin.

If you're willing to be involved, even in a small way, we would love to hear from you.

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WICKEPIN FESTIVAL



Regional Column

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26 February 2026

With Senior Regional Officer for the South West, Annetta Bellingeri

How to avoid a holiday house horror

Staying in a holiday house can be like a home away from home. Unlike hotels and motels, holiday properties are often regular homes or apartments that haven't been designed specifically for accommodation. They may be hosted, where the owner lives onsite, or un-hosted, where guests have exclusive use of the property during their stay.

Travellers usually book these holiday houses through online "sharing economy" platforms like ~~AirBnB~~ and ~~Stayz~~.

Just like with any product or service you buy, your rights are protected by Australian Consumer Law if things go wrong. This means your holiday accommodation must be safe and of acceptable quality, match the advertised description, provided with due care and skill and be fit for purpose. These rights don't change if you booked through a sharing platform, an app or directly with a provider, and they can't be taken away by terms and conditions.

However, it is important to still take the time to read the platform's terms and conditions and check how complaints are handled if something goes wrong and to know what your rights are should you need to cancel. Also make sure you agree with the house rules the host sets out in the listing before you hit the "confirm booking" button.

When you arrive at the holiday house take the time to look around and make sure everything is in order before you start unpacking the bags. If something is broken or not working, take a photo and send it to the host straight away.

Depending on what is wrong, the host should fix the issue within a reasonable time or offer you a remedy. A broken wine glass may not matter but it might be a different story if the pool is out of service.

The remedy you're entitled to depends on whether the problem is major or minor. A problem with a holiday house could be considered "major" if it creates an unsafe situation, or where an issue or series of issues can't be easily fixed or can't be resolved within a reasonable time. In these cases, you could be entitled to a refund or to cancel without losing any money.

If you paid extra for something like a highchair or beach towels and they're not there, contact the host in the first instance and if they can't resolve this quickly you may be entitled to a refund of that hire fee.

If you break something during your stay, honesty is always best and you should also let the host know.

If contacting the host doesn't resolve the issues, you should raise the matter through the platform's dispute resolution process, if one is available. The sharing economy relies on customers reviews, so leaving a factual review can also help warn other consumers.

When all other avenues have been exhausted and the issue remains unresolved, you can lodge a complaint with Consumer Protection for further assistance – 1300 30 40 54.

Since 1 January 2025, providers of short-term rental accommodation within WA must register their property and display the registration number on the listing. You can easily check the holiday house is correctly registered via <https://www.wa.gov.au/organisation/departement-of-local-government-industry-regulation-and-safety/check-if-short-term-rental-accommodation-register-stra-registered>

Garden Snippets...



...Bizarre Bulbs

The bizarre and spectacular Paintbrush Lily – Haemanthus coccineus – bursts forth with an unusual flower cluster that resembles a big, red shaving brush. This hard-to-find exotic South African bulb is related to the Amaryllis and Crinum. Just the oversized, tongue-shaped leaves alone make this plant worth growing! They can reach up to 20 inches long and 6 inches wide, and usually have attractive red markings underneath. The flower stems also have beautiful red markings.

Haemanthus coccineus usually grows in winter and spring, and goes dormant for the summer.

In late summer the bare flower stalk emerges from a split in the top of the large flattened bulb, just before the leaves, similar to Amaryllis belladonna. It grows 6-15 inches tall, and usually has reddish, leopard-spot markings along the lower half. The scarlet bracts open to reveal dozens of golden anthers.

Following the flower, 2 (sometimes 3) fleshy leaves appear from the bulb head.

Eventually the bulb multiplies into an impressive colony of plants, but even if you only grow a single plant in a pot – it is a real eye opener!

How to grow: During summer dormancy, leave the bulb in the ground or pot, but don't water it until the growth pattern starts, after which it should only be watered if the winter is very dry or normal rainfall. Do not let the ground get soggy, otherwise bulbs will rot away.

Where to grow: These bulbs will grow well in both filtered sun or morning sun, but the leaves will grow largest in a shadier position. In warmer climates some protection from hot afternoon sun is a good idea.

These bulbs are very long living, so permanent positions in the garden bed, at the base of a tree, or in large pots are all ideal as long as the soil is free draining and not water-logged.

If grown in pots then make sure the soil is free draining by adding some perlite, gravel stones or bark into the potting mix to make more chunky.

Fertiliser: Very little, if any, fertiliser is needed.

Propagation: Is very easily done by division of the small pups which grow alongside the larger bulbs. Just divide them off the mothers carefully and re-pot them into their own pots. Division can be done every 5-6 years which will improve the growth of the bulbs.

Propagation is also possible from freshly collected seed that is sown directly after collection.

Other Haemanthus species: Includes H. albiflos which has smaller, furry leaves and white paintbrush flowers with yellow stamens, followed by red fruit or berries that can be collected for propagation. It is a lot smaller than H. coccineus and prefers a more shadier site either in pots or in a free-draining garden bed.

H. carneus (pink flower), H. barkerae and H. humilis are also available, but are a bit harder to obtain.



CATALPA

1st April 2026, Wickepin Town Hall, 7.30pm

THEATRE 180 in collaboration with WA Museum tells the incredible true story of the greatest prison break in Australian history: the escape of six Irish Fenians from the fortress of Fremantle Prison in 1876 on board the American whaleship CATALPA.

Known as a living tomb, Fremantle Prison was a place of hellish imprisonment and far from the green fields of Ireland and the land of birth for these freedom fighters seeking independence from centuries of crippling British rule.

Two years in the planning, involving espionage, secret letters, undercover operatives who travelled from Boston to Western Australia to enact the plan, a love affair, a rescue ship masquerading as a whaleboat, a desperate boat chase and the threat of war against the might of America - this story has all the hallmarks of a major Hollywood movie and all the heart of an Irish ballad.

With its sprawling storyline, cast of thousands and epic landscapes from the high seas to 19th century Western Australia, **CATALPA: Flight to Freedom** is the latest in THEATRE 180's successful and immersive CinePlay genre.

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Monday 6 th April	Closed	Easter Monday Public Holiday
Tuesday 7 th April	8am – 5pm	Regular Trading
Saturday 25 th April	Closed	ANZAC DAY
Monday 27 th April	Closed	ANZAC Day Public Holiday
Tuesday 28 th April	8am – 5pm	Regular Trading

Wishing you all a safe and happy Easter

SAVE THE DATE

In the lead up to ANZAC Day we are sharing a very interesting event coming up at Nungarin. Unpowered camping areas available.

Op-shop and markets on the day aswell.

Thanks to Elaine for sharing.

Vintage Rally & Searchlight Party

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THEATRE 180 & WA MUSEUM PRESENT

CATALPA

Flight to Freedom

BY STUART HALUSZ & MYLES POLLARD

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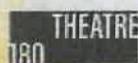
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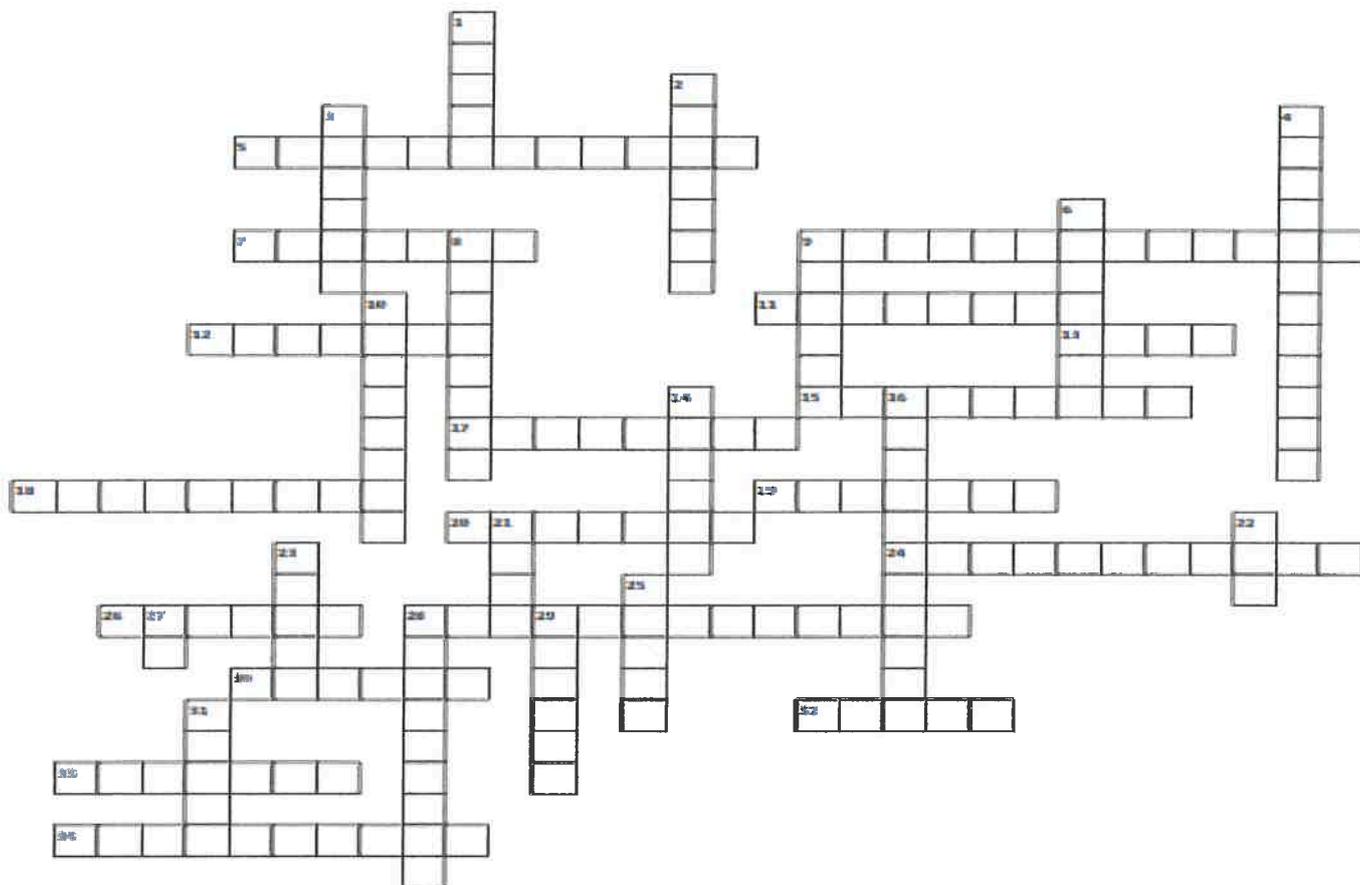
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Grab yours fast!



Irish Crossword



Across

5. Irish actress known for her role in "Brooklyn"
7. Irish language
9. Irish coastal cliffs
11. Irish symbol of love, loyalty, and friendship
12. Irish version of Halloween
13. Irish dance with a fast, energetic rhythm
15. Irish dish of mashed potatoes and cabbage
17. Irish symbol of luck
18. Irish festival celebrating the arrival of spring
19. Irish patron saint
20. Irish spirit distilled from barley or potatoes
24. Irish rock band with hits like "Zombie"
26. Capital of Ireland
28. Irish celebration observed on March 17th / Irish-American holiday celebrating Irish heritage
30. Famous Irish writer of "Dracula"
32. Irish term for a cozy, welcoming atmosphere
33. Traditional Irish sport played with a hurley and sliotar
34. Famous Irish novelist of "Ulysses"

Down

1. Irish literary revivalist and poet of "The Lake Isle of Innisfree"
2. Irish word for "cheers"
3. Irish singer-songwriter known for "Take Me to Church"
4. Irish female pirate queen
6. Irish folk music instrument
8. Famous Irish stout
9. Knot Irish symbol of unity
10. Irish mythical female spirits
14. Irish term for a party or celebration
16. Irish mythological creatures / Irish folk hero known for his pursuit of a pot of gold
21. Irish national symbol
22. Traditional Irish dance
23. Irish author of "Gulliver's Travels"
25. Irish term for a welcoming, friendly person
27. Irish rock band with hits like "With or Without You"
28. Irish folk dance with solo steps
29. County known for its Giant's Causeway
31. Irish playwright of "The Importance of Being Earnest"

RECOMMENDATION

House of Guinness is a historical drama television series created by Steven Knight, that focuses on the Guinness family during the 19th-century. The series premiered on 25 September 2025 on Netflix.

The series is about the family behind the Guinness brewing company in 19th-century Ireland and New York. It follows the consequences of the death of Sir Benjamin Guinness, 1st Baronet, the man responsible for the extraordinary success of the Guinness brewery, and the fates of his four adult children: Arthur, Edward, Anne, and Benjamin.

While the first season concluded on a major cliffhanger, Netflix has not officially confirmed there will be a Season 2.





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WICKEPIN PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Working together to learn, grow and succeed



From the Principal

It has been a wonderful start to the term at Wickepin Primary School. Our students have been exceptionally well-behaved, showing respect, enthusiasm and a positive attitude in all areas of school life. Their commitment to doing their best has been fantastic to see.

Swimming lessons have also been a highlight, with every student participating and giving their all in the pool. The progress they are making is impressive, and their determination in the hot weather has been admirable. A very special thank you to our parent volunteer bus drivers, whose generosity and time make it possible for our students to travel safely to and from lessons.

Breakfast Club continues to be a joyful part of our week, with students arriving eager to enjoy a healthy start to the day and spend time together. The sense of community it creates is truly heart-warming.

Our Kindergarten students are settling beautifully into their stunning new classroom. They have embraced their learning with curiosity and care, and it has been lovely to watch them explore their new space with such excitement and pride.

We are so proud of the positive, caring and hardworking culture our students and families help create every day. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Formal Assembly

The Year 6 leadership assembly will commence at 8:50am on Friday 20th March (week 7).

Our Year 6 leaders have been enthusiastically practising their highly anticipated assembly performance. They are very excited to present a special play written by Mrs Hayes, inspired by the Wicky Way values and key leadership qualities. With a fun Disney theme woven throughout, the item promises to be engaging, entertaining, and a wonderful celebration of student leadership.

Upcoming Events

Wednesday 11-23	NAPLAN
Wednesday 11 th	Wicky Way Assembly
Thursday 12 th	Principal Lunch
Friday 20 th	Year 6 Leadership Assembly 8:50am
	Harmony Day (wear orange)
	Ride to School Day
Friday 27 th	Swimming Carnival

In the lead up to ANZAC Day we are honoured to share a local residents experience.

Yealering Reflections of a child from the 1950's.

The Wickepin and Yealering History Groups have been fortunate to be offered a series of poems that were written by a 7 year old Polish lad who came to Yealering with his family to live in the railway camp in 1950. These very simple poems give us a snapshot of a child's perspective of life in Yealering when English was his second language.

The following gives the background as to how Bill's family came to WA.

Wilhelm Jan Cebula was born on the 3rd June 1943 in Landshut Germany. Prior to his birth, his Polish parents, were forced farm labourers and during this time his father was shipped off by the Germans never to be heard off again. From 1943-1945 Bill with his mother were sent to work on a German farm where they were treated well and lived with the family. His mother often told him, "not all Germans are bad."

They were transferred to a Displaced Persons Camp in 1945 and stayed in several camps until 1950. It was here that Bill befriended a Polish Camp Guard, Stanislaw, and played match maker for his mother following his request for a new father.

In 1950 the family took a train from Austria to Italy to board a ship bound for Geelong. The ship broke down off Rottnest so they disembarked in Fremantle and were transported to the Northam Army camp. Stanislaw was then allocated work at the Railway Camp in Yealering. They lived in "tent city" by the railway line in Yealering in a tent and slept on army cots for the next four years. Bill attended Yealering School where he wrote many of his poems which we will publish over the coming weeks.

Bill went on to join the army and finished an engineering degree. He lived in York with his family where his sister still lives today.

He felt his life in Yealering set the course of his life "from servitude to freedom". It is probably truer to say "from servitude to freedom and to a life of service."

For those Yealering people reading this story these poems were sent to us by Linda Ford and her husband, Mark. Linda is the eldest grandchild of Albert and Mercy Sibley and a cousin to the Jespersen family.



MY STORY

My darling children my mother told me this story
Listen intently but if you do not you may be sorry

In 1939 Germany invaded Poland and occupied one half in the west
Poland was then invaded by the Soviet Union which occupied the rest

Mother's town was now occupied by Russian soldiers day and night
But in 1941 Hitler attacked the Soviet Union which now had to fight

Mother's town was now occupied by the German army
It was now deporting Poles to work in Germany

Mother was taken from occupied Poland
To a Bavarian farm in Nazis Deutschland

Male and female force labourers worked on the farm
The farmer said work hard and you will come to no harm

It was here mother met my father and I was born
He was Polish but mothers' heart was soon torn

I was to be adopted out to a German childless couple living by
Mother cried and cried and held me tight but she had little say

They finally let my mother keep me
She loved me so deeply did she

Mother and I were sent far away to another farm but still we were not free
Where the farmer's young daughter would help my mother to raise me

Mother never saw my father again
She had to bear the terrible pain

The German family was kind and their house was very neat
At mealtimes Mother and I sat with the family to drink and eat

The family were devout Catholics they did say
Mother was too and thanked God each day

Mother had to work hard while I played all day
Not all Germans were bad mother would say

It was a fateful year for the Germans in which I was born
The year the German Sixth Army was defeated and torn

Paulus surrendered his army at Stalingrad after a great human cost
The German people were in shock and realised the war could be lost

Later the same year the Allies invaded Italy and set people free
Yes the year I was born was nineteen hundred and forty three.

*My mother christened me Wilhelm, a popular German name.
Hitler invaded Poland 1 September 1939 and Stalin invaded
Poland 17 September 1939 without a formal declaration of war.
Wilhelm Jan Cebula. June 2024*



Irish Humour

Car Accident:

An Englishman and an Irishman are driving head-on on a curvy, dark road at night. Both are travelling at twice the speed limit for the conditions and collide on a sharp bend in the road. Despite the fact that their cars are both destroyed, they are both unharmed. In order to celebrate their good fortune, both vow to set aside their animosity for the other from that point forward. The Englishman then walks to the trunk and retrieves a 12-year-old bottle of whiskey. He passes the bottle to the Irishman, who shouts, "May the Irish and the English live in peace and harmony forever." The Irishman then tips the bottle and gulps down half of it. Still flabbergasted over the whole thing, he goes to hand the bottle to the Englishman, who replies, "No thanks, I'll just wait till the Police get here!"

Paddy is on his final question for a million pound with Chris Tarrant, he has only one life line left.... phone a friend. 'Which bird does not make a nest,? A sparrow, A swallow, A blackbird or A Cuckoo' Paddy calls Murphy. Murphy answers 'be Jesus its a cuckoo 100%.' Paddy wins the Million. Afterwards Paddy rings Murphy 'how the f did you know that? Murphy says ' well Paddy yer thick git.. it lives in a f clock...

A Texan walks into an Irish pub and clears his voice to the crowd of drinkers. He says, "I hear you Irish are a bunch of hard drinkers. I'll give \$500 American dollars to anybody in here who can drink 10 pints of Guinness back-to-back."

The room is quiet and no one takes up the Texan's offer. One man even leaves. Ten minutes later the same gentleman who left shows back up and taps the Texan on the shoulder. "Is your bet still good? , asks the Irishman.

The Texan says yes and asks the bartender to line up 10 pints of Guinness. Immediately the Irishman tears into all 10 of the pint glasses drinking them all back-to-back. The other pub patrons cheer as the Texan sits in amazement.

The Texan gives the Irishman the \$500 and says, "If ya don't mind me askin', where did you go for that 10 minutes you were gone?"

The Irishman replies, "Oh...I had to go to the pub down the street to see if I could do it first".

Paddy went missing:

Paddy was in trouble. He forgot his wedding anniversary. His wife was really pissed.

She told him, "Tomorrow morning, I expect to find a gift in the driveway that goes from 0 to 200 in 6 seconds, AND IT BETTER BE THERE !!"

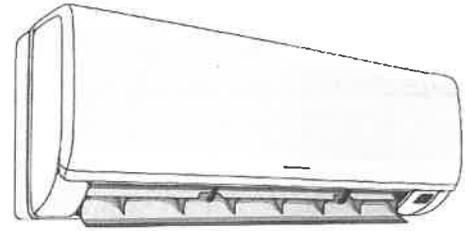
The next morning he got up early and left for work. When his wife woke up, she looked out the window, and sure enough, there was a box gift wrapped in the middle of the driveway.

Confused, the wife put on her robe and ran out to the driveway, bringing the box back into the house. She opened it and found a brand new bathroom scale. Paddy has been missing since Friday.

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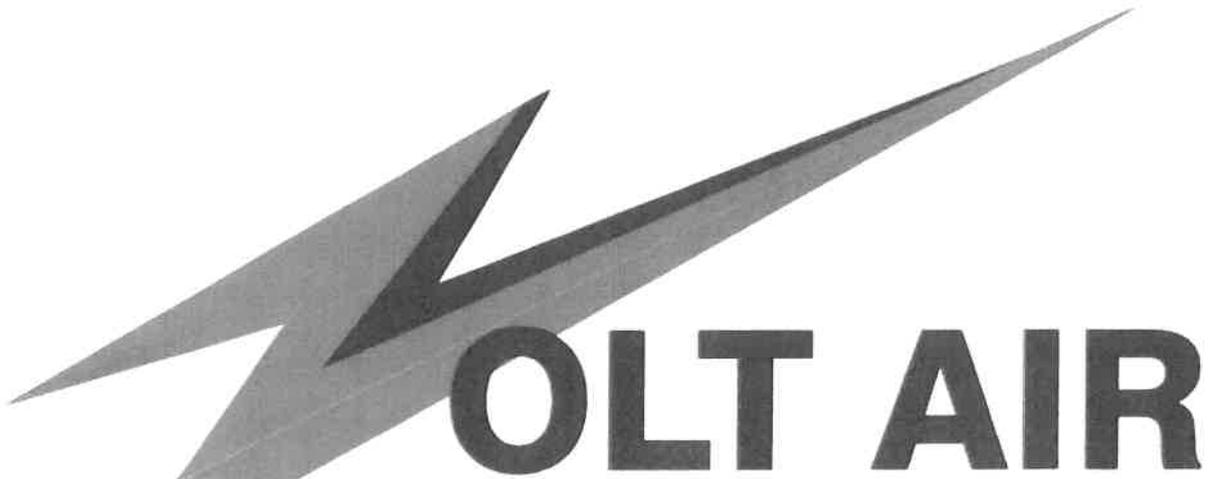
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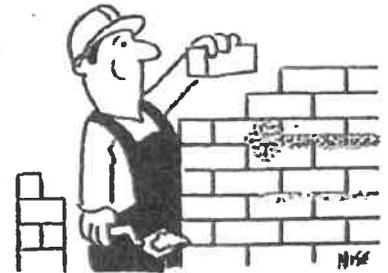
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SPORTS NOTES

LAKE YEALERING BOWLING CLUB

Saturday 7th March 2026

YEALERING v W NARROGIN in Yealering Pennants. Unfortunately, Yealering lost, but only just.

Saturday 14th March 2026

YEALERING v B NARROGIN IN Narrogin. Final game of Pennants for the 2025/2026 Season. Very pleased to announce Yealering won and will now play off in the Pennant Finals of the Upper Great Southern Bowling League on Saturday 21st March 2026 the Preliminary Final in Pingelly and Sunday 22nd March 2026 Grand Final in Narrogin. Best wishes to the teams.



REMEMBER, Wednesday 18th March 2026 Lake Yealering Any Combination Triples (Sponsored by Summit Fertilisers.)

WICKEPIN NETBALL CLUB

Congratulations to Wickepin Netball Club players

Marley Steere and Isabella Corasaniti

on being selected in the NDNA 2026 Rising Stars Teams!

A fantastic achievement — we are very proud of you both

Grading for the 2026 season is complete with 3 competitive teams to go forward in A1, A2, A3 teams in the NDNA senior competition.



WICKEPIN TENNIS CLUB

The Singles Tournament was held on Saturday 14th of March 2026 with 5 men and 5 women competing.

It was the end of an era for Keith whose incredible consecutive 48 year as the tennis club's men's champion, came to an end when he faced Matt in the decider.

Men's champion - Matt Tropiano

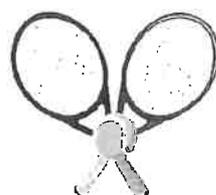
Men's runner up - Keith O'Brien

Women's champion - Nicki Evans

Women's runner up - Jo Priest

Thank you to sponsors of the day's prize money- Jean O'Brien and Wickepin Tennis Club.

There are only a couple more weeks left of the 25/26 season- please note the AGM and social hit will be held on Sunday 29th March. All committee positions are vacant so please consider if you would like to be part of the 26/27 season committee!



WICKEPIN FOOTBALL CLUB

The Members and Committee of Wickepin Football Club extend their sincere condolences to the family and friends of our Life Member, Mike Vaughan
Mike made an outstanding contribution to our club and community over many years, and his dedication, friendship, and passion for country football will always be remembered.
He will be greatly missed and fondly remembered by all who had the privilege of knowing him.



2026 REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN

<https://www.playhq.com/afl/register/2dd724>

5 – 8 Year Olds
\$65 per child includes Auskick pack

Sunday 3rd May 9.30am
Thursday 7th May 5.00pm
Thursday 14th May 5.00pm
Sunday 24th May 9.30am
Thursday 4th June 5.00pm
Saturday 20th June 9.30am
Saturday 27th June 9.30am

Thursday 2nd July 5.00pm
Sunday 19th July 9.30am
Sunday 26th July 9.30am
Thursday 30th July 5.00pm
Thursday 6th August 5.00pm
Sunday 16th August 9.30am

We don't receive any registration funds so our group is supported by the Wickepin Football Club.
Please consider volunteering your time on the oval or in the kitchen to help our club throughout the season!



CONTACT CAEN 0429 831 000 OR LEAH 0457 290 028



UPCOMING EVENTS

17.03.26 – Ladies League Champ Singles–Williams

18.03.26 –Yealering Any Combination Triples

19.03.26 – Club AGM 6.30

20.03.26 – Club Windup

29.03.26 – Men’s League Champ Fours & Singles –Narrogin

31.03.26 - Ladies League Champ 4’s & Presentation –Brookton

Best of luck and great bowling to our singles Champion Robyn O’Brien and Runner-up Robyn Mullan as they represent Wickepin at the Singles Championships in Williams this Tuesday.

Congratulations to Peter Bransby, winner of the Men’s Singles Championship at Wickepin and well done also to Paul Ryan who finished as Runner-up after a great competition. Well played to all competitors and thank you to those who came along to support. Both Peter will represent Wickepin at the League Championships to be played in Narrogin on 29th March. We wish him the very best of luck on the day.

Tuesday 10.03.26 was a proud day for Wickepin!

What a fantastic result for a small club. We are very proud of all the ladies who played throughout this pennant season.

Photographed are Wickepin pennant team Chris Pethybridge, Bev Davidson, Beryl Elphick, Robyn Mullan, Marj White, Judy Lang, Robyn O’Brien, Beryle Holm and Leanne Smith.

Brookton had a strong contest with Williams in the morning and came away from that match as the winning team. The weather improved a little after lunch, just in time for Wickepin to meet Brookton in the Pennant Grand Final. Our team

played very well and won both rinks, 34-16 and 21-19, giving us an aggregate score of 55-35. An enjoyable afternoon tea and presentations followed the game. Thank you to Greg White for the excellent preparation of the greens and for keeping the bar open throughout the day. Many thanks also to Jenny Hemley, who was an amazing help to everyone by preparing the afternoon tea for us to enjoy after the game finished. We are very fortunate to have Jenny’s help, which she has generously given throughout the whole season. We also appreciated our loyal spectators who came along to support us—they certainly added to the wonderful atmosphere of the day.



Following the **AGM on Thursday 19 March at 6.30pm** we have one more roll-up of bowls at 4pm on Friday 20 March. We hope to see as many members as possible at the meeting and our wind-up. Partners are also welcome to join us on Friday for hamburgers and drinks—see you there!

PENNANT RESULTS						
Tuesday	03.03.26	Wickepin	48	4	Brookton	34 0
Saturday	07.03.26	Wickepin	67	5	Williams –W	63 1
Saturday	14.03.26	Wickepin	53	1	Narrogin	78 5

Good luck for Saturday pennant finals		
DATE	VENUE	GAME
21.03.26	PINGELLY	PRELIMINARY FINAL
22.03.26	NARROGIN	GRAND FINAL



C e n t r a l A g c a r e
C O U N S E L L I N G

Free confidential counselling services are available to all. We offer counselling to all age groups from 5 years of age.

Face to face counselling or by phone servicing the Corrigin, Bruce Rock, Narembeen, Kulin, Kondinin, Hyden, Quairading, Brookton, Pingelly, Cuballing & Wickiepin areas.

Art Therapy is available with Joyce Contos in Narrogin by appointment.

We are qualified Family Counsellors who can help individuals, couples and families negotiate their way through distressing experiences and bring understanding to them such as:

Anxiety

Depression

Life changes (physical & mental)

Abuse (past and present)

Loss and grief and

Relationship issues (home & work)

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



C O U N S E L L I N G

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 St
- Pathology Service – By Appointment Only,
Wickepin Health Centre, Phone 9888 2222
- Yoga 6 – 7.30pm, Harrismith Hall. All welcome.
During School terms. Tara: 0427 333 171

WEDNESDAY

- Social Arts & Crafts 9.30, Joyner Street
- Chair Aerobics 9.00 – 10.00am, Wickepin Health Centre
- Indoor Bowls 1pm, Wickepin Community Centre.
- Wickepin Sports Club opens 5pm for Happy Hour 6-7pm

THURSDAY

- Fit Pursuit 5.45 – 6.30am, Wickepin Community Centre
- 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

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

MARCH

Wed 18 th	Wickepin Shire Ordinary Council Meeting
Wed 18 th	Lake Yealering Bowling Club, Midweek Any Combination Triples
Wed 18 th	Ordinary Meeting of Wickepin Shire Council
Thu 19 th	Wickepin Bowling Club AGM 6.30pm
Fri 20 th	Movie, "Just a Farmer" Wickepin Town Hall 5-10pm
Sat 21 st	Ty Miller "Up all Night" walking challenge Fundraiser
Mon 23 rd	Facey Group-Succession Workshop – 8.30am-4.30pm @ Wickepin
Thu 26 th	Ukulele Club Grand.Finale Show
Mon 30th	Watershed News
Mon 30 th	Recycle and Bin Day

APRIL

Wed 1 st	Wickepin Swimming Pool will close for the 25/26 Season
Wed 1 st	CATALPA Flight to Freedom -Theatre Wickepin Town Hall 7.30pm
Thu 2 nd	School Term One Ends
Fri 3 rd	Good Friday Public Holiday
Sun 5 th	Wickepin Anglican Church, Easter Worship 8am
Sun 5 th	Easter Sunday
Mon 6 th	Easter Monday Public Holiday
Fri 10 th	Communi-Tea @ 1.30pm
Mon 13th	Watershed News
Mon 13 th	Recycle and Bin Day
Tues 14 th	CRC Committee Meeting 4.30pm
Mon 20 th	School Term Two Starts
Sat 25 th	ANZAC Day
Mon 27 th	ANZAC Day Public Holiday
Mon 27 th	Recycle and Bin Day
Tues 28th	Watershed News

MAY

Fri 1 st	Communi-Tea 1.30pm
Sun 10 th	Mother's Day
Mon 11th	Watershed News
Mon 11 th	Recycle and Bin Day
Mon 25th	Watershed News
Mon 25 th	Recycle and Bin Day

JUNE

Mon 1 st	Western Australia Day Public Holiday
Fri 5 th	Communi-Tea 1.30pm
Mon 8th	Watershed News
Mon 8 th	Recycle and Bin Day
Tues 9 th	CRC Committee Meeting 4.30pm
Mon 22nd	Watershed News
Mon 22 nd	Recycle and Bin Day



My grandmother always said...

- Don't go where you're not invited.
- Don't talk about what you don't know.
- Don't interfere with things that are none of your business,
- Do not open the fridge in someone else's house.
- Don't call after 10pm.
- Don't go see someone at lunchtime
- Don't enter other people's bedrooms without permission

They were the rules of good manners and they still are, because manners never go out of fashion!

