

WATERSHED NEWS

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

30th March 2026



Happy Easter



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Advertising in the Watershed Classified section is free for two weeks, so send in your ads.

Email to wickepinwatershed@gmail.com, or drop them into the Community Resource Centre.

What's Happening in and around the Wickepin Shire?

Send in your news. Others would enjoy reading about your family news, milestone birthdays, events, travels etc. Eulogies of our local residents and the ones who have moved away, are gratefully received. The community cherishes the chance to read their life stories.

Help Us Celebrate Our Own Unsung Heros and Local Legends

We know there are many unsung heroes right here in Wickepin — past and present — whose stories are waiting to be told. We'd love to hear about them. If you have someone in mind, please send in a short story. Let's shine a light on those who've been keeping our community strong — quietly and humbly.

All contributions are welcome



CEO Comments

Thankfully, Tropical Cyclone Narelle did not make it down to our area, but we did get some nice rain to fill our dams and prepare the soil for the seeding season.

If you notice any road damage or trees down, please advise the Shire administration and we will try to effect repairs as soon as possible.

Council Meeting – March 2026.

The following items were discussed at the February Ordinary Meeting of Council:

1. The Monthly payments for February were presented.
2. The Financial Statements for February were presented.
3. Recommendations from the Bush Fire Advisory Committee were presented to Council and adopted.
4. The Elected Members, Committee Members and Candidates Code of Conduct was amended to allow for regulation changes with the new Local Government Inspector.
5. Council approved the request to seek funding for upgrading of our Bush Fire Brigade buildings.
6. Cr T Miller was accepted as the Shire Representative to the RoeROC Key Worker Housing Lobbying Group.
7. Policy 3.1.5 – Sponsorship, Contributions and Donations to Sporting, Not-for-Profit and Community Groups was amended for the next round of funding.
8. The Shire has new fees and charges for the hire of the Shire Marquee.
9. Additional Building Regulations fees have also been adopted by Council.
10. The Mid-Year Budget Review was adopted by Council.
11. An Item was prepared to present to the Central Country Zone concerning the buildup of grass on rail reserves.

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

Bush Fire Brigade Buildings Funding

The Shire of Wickepin has applied for funding through the Local Government Grants Scheme (LGGs) for funding to improve the Bush Fire Brigade buildings. The shire has applied for Yealering, Townsendale (including an appliance), Tincurrin and Wickepin facilities to be upgraded.

Close of Swimming Pool Season

The Swimming Pool season is coming to an end.

We would like to thank Meeks and the Contract Aquatics crew for their efforts and entertainment through the summer season and look forward to their return at the end of the year.

Fuel Services

A reminder that fuel is still an issue for the area, and we request that people only take what they need as they need it.

Working together we can ensure fuel remains for all members of the community.

Requests for Assistance from the Shire

We have recently noted that requests for assistance are being made direct to staff 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

Tasks can then be allocated to 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 15 April 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

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



COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

Part Time

**Shire of Wickepin LGIA 2020 Industrial Agreement
Level 4 - Level 6
Depending on Qualifications and Experience**

An opportunity exists for an enthusiastic, self-motivated person to fill the position of Community Economic Development Officer at the Shire of Wickepin, on a basis of 48 hours per fortnight (currently 3 days per week but may be extended in the future).

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 1 May 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
www.wickepin.wa.gov.au

Shire of
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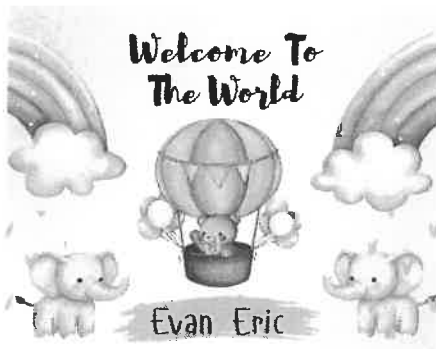
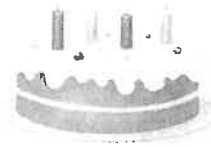


COMMUNITY NOTES

March/ April Birthday Wishes to:

- 31st Brigette Bayley, David Graf
- 1st Derek Taylor
- 2nd Katherine Thompson
- 3rd Daphne Tetlow
- 4th Kate Bennier
- 6th Isabel Avery
- 7th Cooper Bennier, Stacey Buttigieg, Scott Bayley
- 9th Baxter Cowcher
- 11th Darcy Martin
- 12th Zen Turner, Robert Bennier

HAPPY
BIRTHDAY



BIRTH

Congratulations to Brody Bransby & Tara Collard on the arrival of their second son Evan Eric Bransby on Saturday 14th March, weighing 7lb 6 oz a brother for George.

CONDOLENCES

Deepest sympathy to Janet Draper (nee Williamson) on the passing of her husband Eric on Friday 20th March

Heartfelt sympathy to the family and friends of Micheal Gunn

With Deepest
Sympathy

Wickepin Community Shed

Expressions of Interest for workshops to be conducted at the Wickepin Community Shed. Please email us at wickshedders@gmail.com and advise what you would be interested in learning from our members.

If anyone has small odd jobs that need doing, and our members can help, please email to the above address. These will be done for no charge for the local townsite but will exclude any materials needed.

For a small fuel charge, our members are willing to travel to other areas, in the Shire, if required. If you are unable to email us, please drop down to the Shed and speak to our members concerning jobs you may need doing.

FUNDS RAISED FOR RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE

Team Thommo

Raised
\$63,237

Our Goal
\$50,000

The Up All Night Walk to raise funds for Ronald McDonald House was held on Saturday night 21st March 2026. Team Thommo consisting of Steven Thompson, Ty Miller, Nicole Thompson, John Ditchburn and Noel Miguel who walked in Memory of Steve and Nyssa's boys Roy and Alby. Individual amounts raised, John Ditchburn \$11,072.00, Nicole Thompson \$8,916.00 and Noel Miguel \$5,370.00. Their overall total raised as of Thursday 26th March 2026 was \$63,237. A remarkable achievement for a Team of 5. (One team had 28)



Steven was the overall individual fund raiser with \$18,266.00 and Ty was third with \$14,532.00. Their team total was second highest with the top team ahead by only \$138.00.

Also, on that weekend Steve and Nyssa's son Beau with three other Broome little athletes competed in Fuel to Go & Play Little Athletics WA Challenge for under 9's. Beau competed in four events. He was placed eighth in both shot put and discus and achieved a personal best in his 200m. He then made the hurdles final, qualifying fourth fastest. He went on to win the final with another personal best to become State Champion. Well done everyone.



WICKEPIN NEWSAGENCY

Welcome to the new owners of the Wickepin Newsagency, Brian and Traci who have come to Wickepin with some of their family, Harrison, Savannah and Isaac, leaving 3 children in Perth. They intend to carry on Jean's tradition and at the same time introduce new incentives. The food section of the business is called Cozy Groves and will be open late on Thursdays when the Wickepin Hotel is open. Open late on Saturdays and maybe in the future open Thursday, Friday and Saturday until late. Brian is employed at a FIFO worker and will be in Wickepin on days off, Traci trained as a pastry cook and is looking forward to seeing what the Community needs are.

After servicing the community for 12 years best wishes to Jean in her retirement,



Cozy Groves

• OPENING HOURS •

Monday	6:30 to 17:30
Tuesday	6:30 to 17:30
Wednesday	6:30 to 17:30
Thursday	6:30 until <i>Late</i>
Friday	6:30 to 17:30
Saturday	8:00 until <i>Late</i>
Sunday	8:00 to 17:00



Call to Book: (08) 9888 1070

This poem from Wilhelm is about his journey to Yealering.
There are more poems of his time in the camps in Poland and his travels to Australia
which we will publish from May.

TOWN OF YEALERING

Yealering was a small inland wheatbelt town beside a large lake
There were many native birds and different sounds they make
There were coloured parrots their feathers glistening in the sun rays
Parrots called twenty eights with their yellow band were seen some days
Many native animals came out at night
During daytime many remained out of sight
The town was usually quiet on a working day
But on weekends people came to town to play
On the oval cricket was played by men wearing clothes white
Women sitting under pine trees watched and stayed out of sunlight
There was a post office shops hotel and a primary school
The weather was hot in summer and in winter generally cool
Pine trees grew near the oval and along the Main Street
Standing under them I could feel the pines needles with my feet
They provided more shade and are safer than the native tree
Which can drop their branches the ones you do not always see
In the Main Street there was a milk bar a small boy's dream
Where I liked to sit and enjoy spiders and vanilla ice cream
The spiders were delicious and a real treat for my friends and me
They consisted of Fanta poured into a glass containing ice cream
There was a rubbish tip outside the town next to a small dam
It was said some boy drowned when one day in the dam he swam
My father and I visited the dam and it looked frightening and dark
It was full of rubbish and fallen tree branches some with rotting bark
Tall trees overlooked the dam like there was something they were guarding
When a strong breeze blew the branches hissed and swayed with a warning
I never went near that dam again after that unforgettable day
To swim in it was silly and very dangerous people did say

Wilhelm Jan Cebula 2024





Calling all Community Groups and Volunteers

ACT LOCAL WEBINAR SCREENINGS AT THE CRC

Join us for a group screening of 1 (or all!) of the below webinars. They're perfect for volunteer groups, sporting clubs, and community organisations who want to reduce volunteer burnout and keep their organisation thriving.

Volunteering - More than Scones and Raffles Wed, 25 Mar, 1pm - 2pm

We only had a small number of people attend our first Webinar but they found the session insightful and relevant, offering fresh thinking on how to build stronger, more sustainable community groups into the future. If you think you or your community group could benefit from one of the below presentations, give us a call to register. They're free!

TAKE THE SPARK CHALLENGE Volunteer retention and recruitment Wed, 1 Apr, 1pm - 2pm

This engaging webinar discusses practical changes to make volunteering easier, more rewarding, and sustainable. Attendees will learn to streamline operations through automation, AI tools, and efficient systems to save time and reduce burnout. It's designed for those willing to challenge old habits and invest in smarter solutions. Come ready to rethink your practices and inspire change.

How to Write a Succession Plan in 20 Minutes Wed, 8 Apr, 1pm - 2pm

In this session we will:

- ~Learn a simple 20-minute framework for a practical succession plan
- ~Identify key roles and knowledge that need to be shared
- ~Discover easy documentation and handover tools
- ~Leave with templates you can use immediately with your committee

Email us at admin@wickepinrc.com.au
or call 9888 1500 to register your interest!



Department of
Primary Industries and
Regional Development

MARCH FUN AT WICKY CRC



Pilot Course

As always, Wicky CRC were happy to provide the venue for our locals to renew, or obtain, their Heavy Vehicle Pilot License. This year's course was well attended, with everyone walking away happily certified. Well done, well done!!

Communi-TEA

This month, we took Communi-TEA on the road, and we hit the Wicky Pool! It was a gorgeous sunny day, so we set our chairs up and kicked our shoes off to enjoy the grass between our toes. A wonderful afternoon was had by all. Thanks to Meeks for letting us enjoy this gorgeous oasis!



Just a Farmer Movie Screening

We had a fabulous turnout for our free screening of the Australian movie, Just a Farmer. This thought-provoking film shines a light on the mental health challenges our farmers face, and the devastating ripple effects suicide has on families, friends and rural communities. Many thanks to Chris from Rural Aid for coming along and providing support, and to the wonderful ladies of the Wickepin Netball Club for providing the catering.



Volunteering Webinar

We recently hosted this webinar from Town Teams. The session looked at how volunteering is changing, and why we need to think beyond the traditional ways of getting people involved. It offered simple, practical ideas to make volunteering more flexible and appealing, offering fresh thinking on how to build stronger, more sustainable community groups into the future.



Ukulele Club Grand Finale Show

A concert for family and friends - what a great way to wrap up Ukulele Club! Over the course of the program, the kids built up their skills, grew in confidence, and most importantly, enjoyed making music together. It was clear how much they learnt, and how much fun they had along the way. Thanks to everyone who came along to support them and celebrate the final showcase.



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



Wickepin Kids Corner



Happy Birthday!



Charlie Marsh - 7th April (11)

Ellena Orchard - 9th April (8)



COLOUR ME!



EASY EASTER NESTS! INGREDIENTS:



- 2 CUPS OF CORNFLAKES
- 200G OF MILK CHOCOLATE
- MINI CHOCOLATE EGGS

DIRECTIONS:



1. MELT THE CHOCOLATE
2. MIX IN THE CORNFLAKES
3. SPOON INTO CUPCAKE CASES
4. ADD MINI EGGS ON TOP. LET THEM SET AND ENJOY!



Joke of the Week!



Why did the Easter egg hide?

Because it was a little chicken!

Easter Fun Fact!

Did you know?

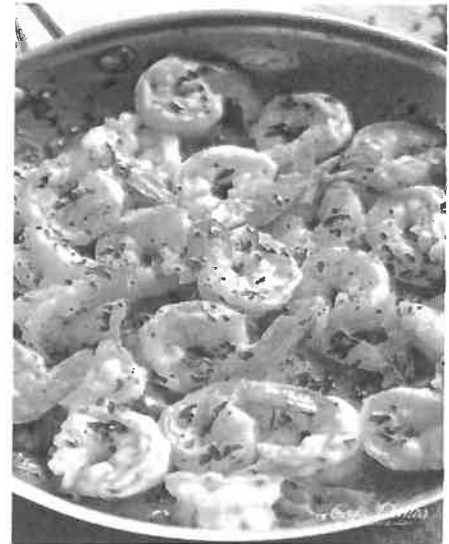
Rabbits are born with their eyes closed and without any fur!



Garlic Butter Prawn Scampi

Ingredients

2 tablespoons olive oil
4 tablespoons butter
4-5 cloves garlic large, minced, or 1 1/2 tablespoons minced garlic
1/5 kilo large prawns, shelled with tails on or off
1 pinch salt to taste
1 pinch cracked pepper to taste
1/4 cup dry white wine or broth
1/2 teaspoon red pepper flakes crushed, or to taste – optional
2 tablespoons lemon juice
1/4 cup fresh parsley chopped



Instructions

Heat olive oil and 2 tablespoons of butter in a large pan or skillet.

Add garlic and sauté until fragrant (about 30 seconds – 1 minute). Then add the prawns, season with salt and pepper to taste and sauté for 1-2 minutes on one side (until just beginning to turn pink), then flip.

Pour in wine (or broth), add red pepper flakes (if using). Bring to a simmer for 1-2 minutes or until wine reduces by about half and the shrimp is cooked through (don't over cook your prawns).

Stir in the remaining butter, lemon juice and parsley and take off heat immediately.

Serve over rice, pasta, garlic bread or steamed vegetables (cauliflower, broccoli, zucchini noodles).

Chocolate Easter Egg Nest Cakes

Ingredients

225g/8oz dark chocolate or a mix of dark and milk chocolate, broken into small pieces
2 tbsp golden syrup
50g/2oz butter
75g/2 3/4oz cornflakes or puffed rice cereal
36 mini chocolate eggs

Instructions

Line a 12-hole fairy cake tin with paper cases.

Melt the chocolate, golden syrup and butter in a bowl set over a saucepan of gently simmering water (do not let the base of the bowl touch the water). Stir the mixture occasionally until smooth. Remove the bowl from the heat and gently stir in the cornflakes until all of the cereal is coated in the chocolate.

Divide the mixture between the paper cases and press 3 chocolate eggs into the centre of each nest. Chill in the fridge for 1 hour, or until completely set.



SCHOOL

Holiday

CRAFT

at the CRC

**THURSDAY
APR 9TH**

10.30 - 12.00

**ANZAC
Day
Craft**



**THURSDAY
APR 16TH**

10.30 - 12.00

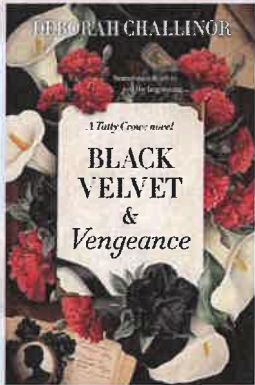
**Mother's
Day
Craft**



**\$5 per session
Contact Wickipin CRC to
book 9881500**

WICKEPIN PUBLIC LIBRARY

NEW BOOKS!

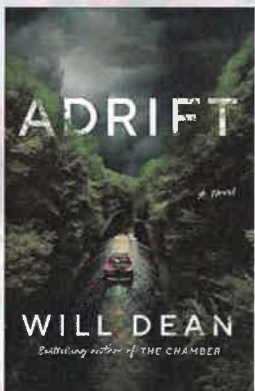


HISTORICAL AUSTRALIAN FICTION: Black Velvet & Vengeance - Deborah Challinor

Late 1872. When twenty-five-year-old Sydney undertaker Tattiana Crowe travels to Auckland to embalm the body of Evan Hunter's father events go horribly wrong, leaving Tatty stricken.

Back at home, Tatty has some enormous decisions to make, but finds herself facing challenges both personal and professional. When bodies start to go missing, seemingly snatched from the funeral train en route to the cemetery, it looks like someone is targeting Tatty's business and everything she holds dear.

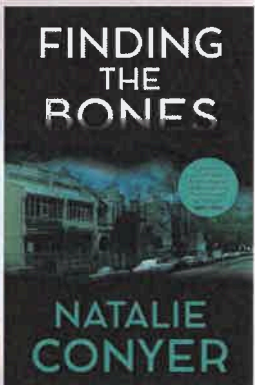
Who has a vendetta against Tatty, and why? With the aid of the family she has made for herself among the misfits of Sydney she must fend off extortion demands, an irate grieving mother, Darlinghurst Gael tittle-tattlers and the threat of ruin.



ADULT MYSTERY THRILLER: Adrift - Will Dean

Peggy and Drew, both aspiring writers, move to an isolated canal boat with their fourteen-year-old son. Peggy is the glue that holds their family together, even as their son is bullied relentlessly for his physique and his family's lack of money. But when Drew becomes frustrated by his wife's sudden writing success, he moves their boat further and further from civilization.

With their increasing isolation, personal challenges become harder to ignore, even as they desperately try to break toxic generational patterns. But when Drew's gaslighting becomes too much for Peggy to take, it sets off a catastrophic series of events.



AUSTRALIAN CRIME THRILLER: Finding the Bones - Natalie Conyer

Belle Fitzgerald, young, rich and spirited, lives in Kings Cross. When she learns of plans to demolish her street and evict its residents, she commits to fighting the development, even though this brings her up against the Cross's crime lords and corrupt local cops. Against her better judgment, she embarks on a passionate affair with one of those cops, Sergeant Stanton Rose.

Then Belle goes missing. Her disappearance becomes one of the nation's great mysteries.

Stanton Rose, now retired, is celebrated for his undercover work in the Cross. Jackie Rose, his daughter, is a homicide detective, uncompromising and ambitious.

When Belle Fitzgerald's bones are discovered, Jackie is given the very cold and very public case. But what she uncovers threatens to turn her life - and the lives of those closest to her - upside down.

LYNDA RECOMMENDS...

AUSTRALIAN CRIME MYSTERY: East of Eden - Annie Seaton

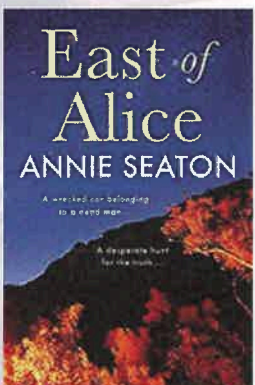
Gemma has returned to her hometown of Alice Springs for a new job as a primary school teacher. It's been six years the disappearance of her twin brother, Ethan, and the scars still run deep.

At the same time, Saul, the man she once loved but who disappeared from her life without explanation after Ethan went missing, is transferred from Parks and Wildlife in Darwin to Alice. When an old car wreck is uncovered, washed down the river to Ruby Gap, Saul investigates only to find that the wreck belonged to Ethan - and there's a coded note for Gemma in the glovebox.

Joining forces, they trek through the rugged outback, piecing together clues that not only bring them to the attention of a criminal organisation, but lead them to uncover an even older puzzle about Gemma and Ethan's family...one that had been lost to the history books.

With targets on their backs, will they unearth the truth in time?

I loved this book, and read it in just a couple of days. If you enjoy a good mystery, this one's for you!



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 891 026 or Elaine 0428 898 025



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Application Deadline has been extended to the 20th of April

The Meaning of Easter:

A Deeper Look Into Its True Origins



Easter is often associated with chocolate eggs, pastel colours, and springtime celebrations—but beneath the modern traditions lies a rich and layered history, deeply rooted in ancient spirituality, renewal, and rebirth. For many, Easter is a central Christian holiday celebrating the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Yet the origins of this sacred time stretch far beyond the walls of any church, touching ancient pagan festivals, seasonal cycles, and the human longing for light after darkness.

The Christian Heart of Easter

In Christian tradition, Easter marks the resurrection of Jesus, three days after his crucifixion. It is the culmination of Holy Week, which begins with Palm Sunday and includes Maundy Thursday (the Last Supper) and Good Friday (the crucifixion). To believers, Easter represents not only the triumph of life over death, but also the promise of eternal life, forgiveness, and spiritual rebirth. It is the cornerstone of Christian faith, symbolising hope even in the face of deep suffering.

A More Ancient Celebration

Pre-Christian cultures around the world celebrated this time of year as a season of renewal long before people knew it as Easter. In the Northern Hemisphere, it coincided with the spring equinox—when light and darkness briefly stand in balance before the days begin to lengthen. For ancient peoples, this marked the return of fertility to the land, the end of winter's grip, and the rebirth of life.

People believe the word Easter has roots in *Ēostre* (or *Ostara*), the name of an Anglo-Saxon goddess of spring and fertility. Festivals, in her honour, celebrated the return of life, symbolised by hares (symbols of fertility) and eggs (symbols of new beginnings). These natural symbols carried powerful meanings long before Christianity adopted and adapted them.

Blending Traditions

As Christianity spread through Europe, it often absorbed and reinterpreted existing pagan customs to ease the transition into the new faith. Easter is one of the most prominent examples of this blend. The holiday timing—linked to the Jewish Passover and the spring equinox—merged with older seasonal celebrations, allowing both traditions to coexist and develop.

Thus, the resurrection story aligned with the earth's cycle of dying and returning to life, offering a universal message: that from darkness comes light, from death comes renewal, and that life—however fragile—continues.

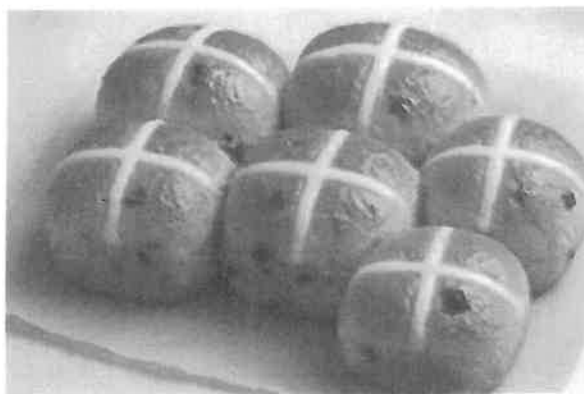
A Time for Inner Renewal

Beyond the religious and historical layers, Easter holds a spiritual message that transcends doctrine. It's an invitation for each of us to consider: What in me is ready to rise again? What am I being called to release, and what new life is trying to emerge within me?

Whether you celebrate Easter in a church pew, with a sunrise walk in nature, or simply in silent reflection, its essence is the same: transformation. It's a time to honour both endings and beginnings, to reflect on the struggles we've survived, and to welcome the growth that follows.

Easter, Then and Now

The history of Easter reminds us that while traditions may evolve, their deeper meaning endures. It is a season not just of faith, but of feeling—a time to reconnect with the rhythms of life, to find meaning in the cycles of loss and renewal, and to trust in the possibility of rebirth, both around us and within us.





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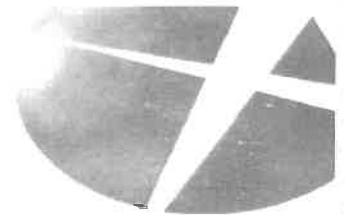
Easter & ANZAC Opening Hours 2026

Thursday 2 nd April	8am – 5pm	Regular Trading
Friday 3 rd April	Closed	Good Friday Public Holiday
Saturday 4 th April	Closed	Easter Weekend
Sunday 5 th April	Closed	Easter Sunday Public Holiday
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



April Stargazing



Why Does the Date for Easter Change?

Easter is almost here! Have you ever wondered why the date changes every year? It's all to do with astronomy. Easter Sunday is the first Sunday after the full Moon, following the March Equinox. The March Equinox is always on or around 22nd March each year. This year, the March Equinox is on 20th March. The full Moon after this date is on 2nd April and therefore Easter Sunday is the following Sunday, 5th April!

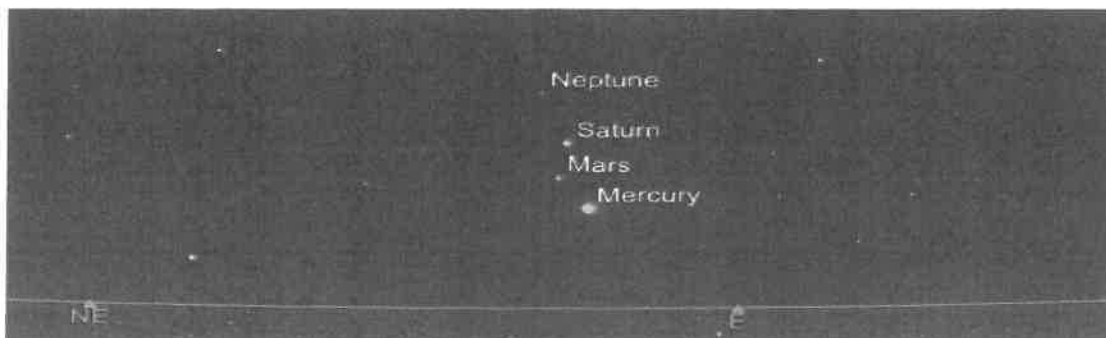
International Dark Sky Week 2026

After Easter, it's time to "Go Dark" for International Dark Sky Week – a great time to join the global celebration of the night! Discover more and get involved by signing a pledge to protect the night with the Five Principles for Responsible Outdoor Lighting. Take the pledge at <https://idsw.darksky.org/pledge>. The target is 2,000 signatures.

Anzac Dawn in the Stars

The history and poignancy surrounding Anzac Day dawn services is immense. If you regularly attend dawn services, you'll know that the view of the stars and planets change from year to year. This year, there are three naked-eye planets visible in a celestial line up.

Saturn appears as the highest. Below is red-coloured Mars and then further towards the horizon is Mercury. Look towards the eastern horizon from 6am on 25th April. Over coming weeks you'll see them appear to move away from each other. If you watch regularly, you'll be marvelling at the motion of our amazing solar system.



An alignment of planets will watch over dawn services on Anzac Day. Image provided by SkySafari, a Simulation Curriculum Company. All rights reserved www.simulationcurriculum.com.

For more what's up in the night sky, visit www.astrotourismmwa.com.au. Happy stargazing!

Communi-TEA

Despite this Friday being Good Friday... we're still putting the kettle on!



Communi-TEA is going ahead as usual, and everyone is invited to pop in for a cuppa and a catchup.

Before the rush of Easter hits, why not swing by and enjoy some delicious cake, some good coffee and best of all, some wonderful conversation.

A small plate to share would be greatly appreciated.

See you all there!



**1 pm at
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CRC**



Call the CRC on 9888 1500 for more information!



On Friday the 20th of March, around 40 people came together at the Town Hall for a community screening of *Just a Farmer*, an inspiring and thought-provoking film that highlights the realities of life on the land and the importance of mental health in rural communities.

It was a powerful opportunity to pause, reflect, and maybe start some conversations that don't always come easily.

We were fortunate to have Chris from Rural Aid join us, sharing the vital work they do and the support available for farmers and regional communities, particularly around mental health and wellbeing.

A big thank you to the Wickepin Netball Club for the incredible catering, with a fantastic spread of grazing platters, sushi, pastries and sweet treats that helped create a warm and welcoming atmosphere.

It was a meaningful night for our Community, made possible thanks to the Shire of Wickepin Community Grants and Black Dog Ride.

If you or someone you know is struggling, support is available. You can contact Lifeline on 13 11 14 or reach out to Rural Aid for assistance, no one has to face it alone.



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FACEY CONNECT E NEWS



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Tuesday April 14th 10 - 11am

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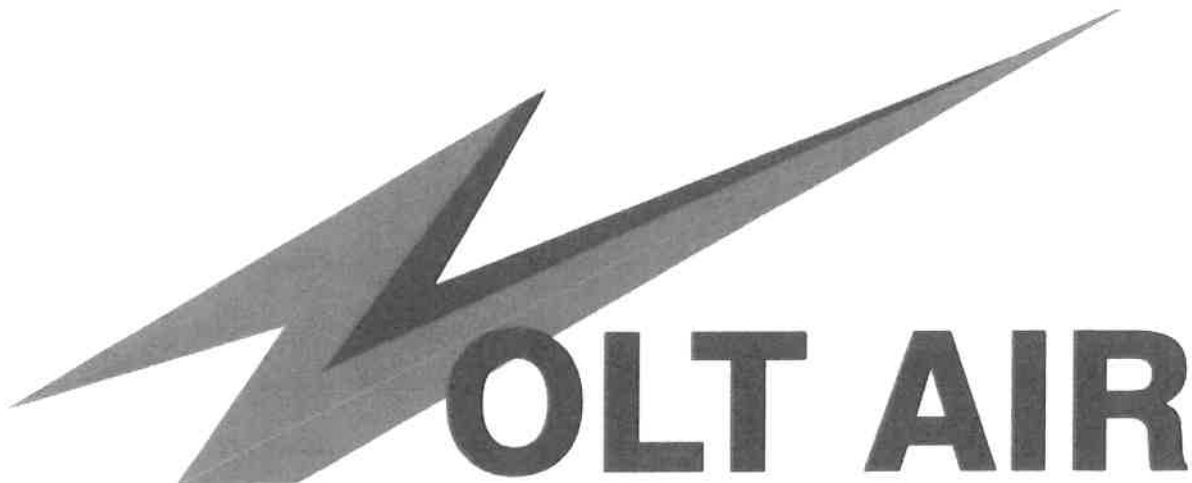


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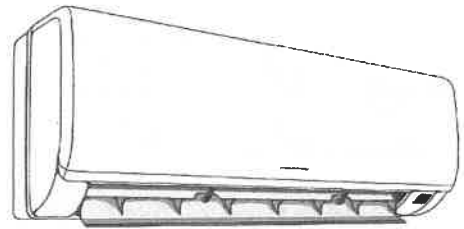
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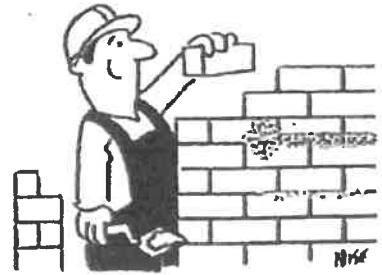
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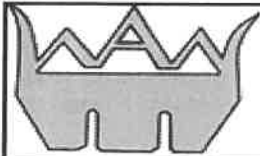
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2025	mm	Days	Total	2026	mm	Days	Total
January	7	2	7	January	0	0	0
February	5.2	1	12.2	February	10.8	3	11
March	41.4	3	53.6	March	32.2	5	43.2
April	24	7	77.6	April			
May	12.2	5	89.8	May			
June	22	10	111.8	June			
July	76.8	13	188.6	July			
August	87.8	14	276.4	August			
September	32.4	7	308.8	September			
October	11.8	3	320.6	October			
November	26	5	346.6	November			
December	0	0	346.6	December			

SPORTS NOTES

LAKE YEALERING BOWLING CLUB

Wednesday 18th March 2026

Midweek Any Combination Triples Open day. Weather a little hot but 10 teams enjoyed the day congratulating Yealering on the efficient running of the event and commenting on the excellent lunch.



Inside Club Rooms - Lunch



Bar Area – Afternoon



Third place - Karlgarin Team



Second Place – Kulin Team



Winners – Bryce Nicholls Team (two players from Warnbro)

Saturday 21st March 2026

Upper Great Southern Bowling League Second Division Pennant Preliminary Finals in Pingelly. Yealering v Narrogin Gold. Very pleased to say well done to Yealering for a very close game resulting in a WIN on a very extremely hot day. Congratulations.

Sunday 22nd March 2026

Upper Great Southern Bowling League Second Division Pennant Grand Final in Narrogin. Brookton v Yealering. Unfortunately Yealering lost to Brookton, **but** Runner-up in the Pennant Final is a fantastic effort for a small club. Well done everyone.

Sunday 29th March 2026

League Championship fours were held in Brookton. Yealering Fours team of Lois Shipley, Brian Shipley, Kevin Coxon and Graeme Poultney defeated Williams in their first game, defeated Narrogin in their second game and were defeated by one on the last end against Pingelly. Well done, great effort.

LAKE YEALERING GOLF CLUB

After finally getting our members together we held our AGM in early March
As a result of this the committee for this year will consist of

President: Craig (Crazy) Jespersen
Vice Pres: Steve Baker
Sec/Treasurer: Peter (Stribbo) Stribling
Captain: Alan (chipper) Manton
Vice Cap: Scott Dicks

Graeme (Toad) Manton will be looking after the bar and Tanya Sands will be keeping us fed during the year

Other business from the meeting.

We now have a permanent email address: yealeringgolf@gmail.com
could all correspondence now be directed to this site please.

Also, our open day format will be a stableford, still over 27 holes and be open to ladies as partners or as a team.

We will also be attempting to use Golf Connect throughout the season. Members are asked to get the app you will need your Golf Australia member number, then follow the prompts. It's a stylised G with the A inside it with a white background, good luck.

The season will start on Saturday the 11th of April, names in by 12.30pm, followed by a meal. Lookout for details on Facebook.

All welcome day or night on game day

THERE WILL BE AN ALL DAY BUSY-BEE ON FRIDAY 10th of April.

All members are asked to attend, put your apologies to the president

Good Golfing



AUSKICK AGES 5-7
(9.00AM - 12.00PM)

SUPERKICK AGES 8-12
(12.00PM - 3.00PM)



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UPCOMING EVENT

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

Williams Bowling Club turned on a fantastic day for the Ladies League Singles Championship, with great bowls, great company and plenty of encouragement all round!

Big congratulations to our Ladies League Singles Champion Robyn O'Brien of Wickepin and Faye Allington from Brookton finishing as runner-up. Well done ladies!

The greens were alive with some excellent play throughout the day and it was wonderful to see spectators adding to the atmosphere. Congratulations to Robyn Mullan on her win in the Consolation Singles, and Val Cliff from Brookton Runner-up. A fabulous day of bowls and a great reminder of what our bowling community is all about.

Well done also to our Men's Champion Singles winner Peter Bransby, who represented our club at Brookton yesterday. Dave Harris from Narrogin took out the win, with Alan Hodges (Pingelly) Runner-up.

Congratulations to our Men's Fours Championship winners — Graham O'Brien, Paul Ryan, Peter Mullan and Robert Bennier on their great 20-11 win at Brookton. Well done team, a fabulous result!

Our Saturday Pennant team may not have reached the finals this season, but it's been built on commitment and good bowls. A strong foundation as we look ahead to an even better 2026/27 season.

Congratulations to Narrogin 1st division for taking home the pennant shield and to Brookton for winning 2nd division - both games were alive with encouragement from the sidelines.

Thank you to our members who attended the AGM—its always great to see support for our Club.

All positions have been filled once again, and we sincerely appreciate those who have stepped up to take on roles and help keep the club running smoothly.

A big thank you to the following members for accepting key roles: Greg White, Robyn Mullan, Peter Mullan, Robyn O'Brien, Aaron Bransby and Peter Bransby. All other positions will be listed in the 2026/27 Fixture Book.

What a great wind-up evening we had at the club! It was so good to see everyone together. The night began with a social game of bowls and finished with a relaxed catch-up over some very tasty hamburgers and drinks with Beryle Holm and Judy Lang before they each head off on their next chapter.

A wonderful reflection of Judys 40 years at the club was shared — and what a contribution it has been serving as President for five years, Secretary for two years and Ladies Captain for three years.

Many good times were enjoyed in the Pennant teams that she was a part of and our Country Week team with a standout result in 2023, finishing 'runner-up'.

Her achievements on the green speak for themselves. Judy was Singles Champion in 2001 and is a strong team player, winning the Pairs and Triples seven times each, and being part of the winning Fours on nine occasions. A wonderful contribution to our club—thank you Judy.

It was also a pleasure to see Beryle acknowledged for her valued presence and contribution to our club.

Wishing our ladies all the very best on Tuesday in the Championship Fours at Brookton — play well and enjoy the day. We look forward to the League wind-up and presentations with our lovely bowling friends from Brookton, Pingelly and Williams.



WICKEPIN PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Working together to learn, grow and succeed



From the Principal

I would like to acknowledge our Year 6 Student Leaders. I am very proud of the way they have stepped into their leadership roles this year. In just seven short weeks, they have shown maturity, kindness and responsibility. They have embraced every opportunity, supported one another, and have already become strong role models for our younger students.

They committed themselves with enthusiasm at Friday's assembly. They learned their lines carefully, practised with determination, and took feedback on board with a positive attitude. Their effort truly shines through, and I want to congratulate them on the wonderful start they have made. To acknowledge their mature approach towards their role as young leaders in our school the Year 6s were presented with another special leadership badge to wear on their collar.

Wicky way role model

Congratulations to Vinny Martin (Year 6) for being selected as our Wicky Way Role Model this month. Vinny has been recognised for demonstrating outstanding responsibility and for stepping confidently into his role as a leader within our school. He has shown a new level of maturity as a Year 6 leader and consistently models the Wicky Ways and values for the younger students at Wickepin Primary. He is actively embracing his leadership role through his involvement with Blue Blocks at lunchtime and by supporting the new and younger students in the playground. His positive example and leadership are wonderful to see. Well done, Vinny!

Wicky way work award winners

This month, we are excited to celebrate our Wicky Way Work Winners. The following students who have impressed us with their outstanding presentation skills and excellent quality of work:

- Room 4, Year 1 – Eleanor Bird
- Room 3, Year 5 – Ellie Turner
- Room 9 Year 4 - Molly Williams
- Indonesian – Year 4 – Jessica Everett



Upcoming Events

Friday 27 th	Swimming Carnival
Wednesday 1 st April	Narrogin Arts Town Hall Room 3
Thursday 2 nd	Last Day of School
Friday 3 rd	Good Friday- School Holidays
Monday 20 th	Students Commence School
Thursday 23 rd	Hockey Clinic PP-Year 6
Friday 24 th	ANZAC Assembly



WHAT'S ON IN THE WICKEPIN SHIRE

MONDAY

- Fit Pursuit 5.45 – 6.30am, Wickepin Community Centre

TUESDAY

- Wickepin Community Shed 8am – 12noon,
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

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
Thu 9 th	School Holiday Craft at the CRC 10.30-12.00 noon
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
Thu 16 th	School Holiday Craft at the CRC 10.30-12.00 noon
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
Thur 28 th	Australia Biggest Morning Tea for Cancer


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

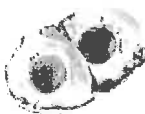
JULY

Fri 3 rd	School Term Two Ends
Fri 3 rd	Wickepin CRC 25 th Year Anniversary
Fri 3 rd	Communi-Tea 1.30pm
Mon 6th	Watershed News
Mon 6 th	Recycle and Bin Day
Mon 20 th	School Term Three Starts
Mon 20th	Watershed News
Mon 20 th	Recycle and Bin Day


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