

WATERSHED NEWS

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

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*HAPPY
MOTHER'S
DAY*

10TH MAY

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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. 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

COMMUNITY NOTES

April/ May Birthday Wishes to:

- 28th Will Lansdell, Greg Snow
- 29th Danika Butler
- 1st Gavin Fleay, Clinton Hemley
- 2nd Ken Heaney, Lily Dunn
- 3rd Kylah Leeson, Jade Leeson
- 7th Georgia Dowdell



Thanks

Sincere thanks to all who assisted and supported at the recent fire on the Wickepin Pingelly Road. The immediate and continued volunteering and support from fire fighters to caterers in this community has been humbling and absolutely appreciated. We can not overstate our gratitude for the network that saw it through beside us. Our sincerest thanks. The Butler Family

Condolences

It is with deep sadness that we inform you all of the passing of Gwen Kirby age 94. She had been a long-time resident of Wickepin. She will be greatly missed by Stan & Leonie, Des & Di, Phyllis, Irene & Serge, John, Hilton, Wayne & Fiona, 15 grandchildren & 20 great grandchildren. It is now time to rest peacefully Gwen. 💔💔

In accordance with Gwen's wishes there will be a private funeral.

Margaret Sims passed away 23rd April at Karinya Aged Care Home, aged 89½ years. Condolences to Peter, Di and Geoff and their families.

Congratulations









On Monday 13th of April BRENT BENNIER & RENAE BRANSBY participated in the Hyrox Doubles Mixed competition at the Brisbane Convention Centre.

Along with support and company from James Wilson and Emily Bennier.

They had to run 1km together, then one had to do the challenge, then run 1km together, then the next do the challenge to the end.

They set a time that they thought they could do it in of 1 ½ hours, they did it in 1 hour 23 minutes. The course consisted of the following:

THE COMPETITION

 <p>01 1000 m SkiErg</p>	 <p>02 50 m SLED PUSH</p>	 <p>03 50 m SLED PULL</p>	 <p>04 80 m BURPEE BROAD JUMPS</p>	<p>START ↓ 1 km RUN ↓ 01 ↓ 1 km RUN ↓ 02 ↓ 1 km RUN ↓ 03 ↓ 1 km RUN ↓ 04 ↓ 1 km RUN ↓ 05 ↓ 1 km RUN ↓ 06 ↓ 1 km RUN ↓ 07 ↓ 1 km RUN ↓ 08 ↓ FINISH</p>
 <p>05 1000 m ROWING</p>	 <p>06 200 m FARMERS CARRY</p>	 <p>07 100 m SANDBAG LUNGES</p>	 <p>08 100 x WALL BALLS</p>	

Mother's Day Celebration: Mother's Day Around the World

The celebration of Mother's Day, both in the United States and around the globe, demonstrates the day's versatility and widespread appeal, rooted in diverse cultural traditions yet united in its core purpose. The inaugural official Mother's Day in the United States, celebrated in 1908, was not merely an isolated event but an important moment in the broader recognition and appreciation of mothers' roles in society. This initial celebration, spurred by Anna Jarvis to honour her late mother and the broader concept of motherhood, quickly gained national recognition, leading to President Woodrow Wilson's 1914 declaration that earmarked the second Sunday in May as a day of national observance for all mothers. This formal acknowledgment was a significant milestone that underscored the collective need to honour the sacrifices and love of mothers.

In contrast, the United Kingdom's observance of Mother's Day has its roots in the Christian tradition of "Mothering Sunday," a practice distinct from the American Mother's Day yet sharing similar sentiments of maternal honour and recognition. Mothering Sunday, falling on the fourth Sunday of Lent, originally provided an opportunity for people to return to their 'mother church'—the main church or cathedral in a family's area. Over time, this religious tradition gradually merged with the American Mother's Day concept, transforming into a secular celebration that mirrors the U.S. holiday in spirit but occurs in March.

These historical and cultural nuances of Mother's Day celebrations underscore the holiday's adaptability and its capacity to resonate across different societies, each incorporating its unique traditions into maternal appreciation. While the U.S. and U.K. represent key points in the holiday's evolution, Mother's Day has found a place in many other countries, each with its own customs, yet all sharing the universal theme of honouring motherhood.

This expansion of Mother's Day around the world signifies not just the adaptability of the holiday but also the universal recognition of mothers' integral roles in families and societies. The celebration has transcended its initial advocacy for peace and reconciliation, advocated by Ann Reeves Jarvis, to become a global day of appreciation for mothers' unconditional love, sacrifice, and enduring influence. The choice of May for its celebration in the U.S., motivated by Anna Jarvis's personal tribute to her mother, and the adaptation of Mothering Sunday in the U.K. to align with this sentiment, both highlight the deeply personal yet universally shared respect for mothers.

As Mother's Day continues to be celebrated worldwide, it remains a poignant reminder of the shared human experience and the universal appreciation for the women who shape our lives. This day, regardless of the specific traditions or the date on which it is celebrated, serves as a testament to the timeless and borderless homage to motherhood.





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 – April 2026.

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

1. The Monthly payments for March were presented.
2. The Financial Statements for March were presented.
3. Council Policies 3.1.1 to 4.3.1 were reviewed and updated.
4. Council agreed to a Water catchment MOU with Mr Ray Lewis.
5. The Draft Corporate Business Plan was adopted and will now be available for comment before final adoption.

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

Corporate Business Plan - Draft

The Shire of Wickepin draft Corporate Business Plan is now available for viewing on the Shires website.

If you are interested in looking at the projects the shire is considering over the next 4 years and cost considerations for these projects, please have a read.

Many of the Capital Works Projects require additional funding from external sources to reduce the financial impacts and ensure the Shire remains sustainable for the future.

Any feedback on the Corporate Business Plan is welcomed.

ANZAC Service

Many thanks to those who assisted and attended the ANZAC Service. It was pleasing to see so many in attendance.

LEST WE FORGET

Fire Permits no longer required.

Fire Permits are no longer required for burning, but residents are reminded to note the weather conditions before lighting any fires. The Fire Danger rating is available on the Emergency WA Website.

Permit season will open again later this year.

Use of Shire facilities

Staff have recently noticed an increase in people using the Shire facilities but leaving rubbish and other items around which have to be picked up.

If you are using the oval and parks to walk your dog, please ensure you remove any faeces left by your animal. Dog pouches have been provided at several locations around town.

Please supervise children in the playground areas and ensure they do not leave rubbish around the playground. If we all put the rubbish in the bins provided, then the playground will be ready for others at all times.

Several items of clothing and water bottles have been left at the oval. Please make sure you have all your clothes and equipment before leaving.

Community Grants

The Shire of Wickepin Community Grants for 2026/27 are now open. Please check the conditions of eligibility before submitting your request.

Further information on the grants is available from the Shire website.

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



**1 X GENERAL HAND /PLANT OPERATOR
1 X GENERAL HAND/GARDENER/OFFICER**

PERMANENT FULL TIME POSITIONS

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

An opportunity exists for an enthusiastic, self-motivated persons to fill the positions of 1 x General Hand /Plant Operator and 1 x General Hand/Gardener at the Shire of Wickepin.

Works department staff currently work a 9-day fortnight. The position is classified as a Level 4 in accordance with the Local Government Industry Award 2020 Industrial Agreement. A Heavy Rigid (HR) or (HC) license is highly desirable.

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 8 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
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Details available at
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Shire of
Wickepin



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.

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SHIRE OF WICKEPIN

CORPORATE BUSINESS PLAN - DRAFT

The Shire of Wickepin has released the draft Corporate Business Plan for the Shire to look at projects and programs for the next four years.

This program does rely on external funding, but gives the Shire Members and Staff a guide for major items spaced over the next four years to reduce the financial impact to the Shire.

Public submissions to the Corporate Business Plan will be open until 14th May 2026 and can be sent to the Chief Executive Officer at the administration centre or ceo@wickepin.wa.gov.au.

Copies are available from the Shire of Wickepin website or Administration Office

D Burton
Chief Executive Officer

Embracing Community Growth

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.

RESPONSIBLE DOG OWNERSHIP

Dog owners are reminded to be responsible when walking their pets in public areas. Please ensure you clean up after your dog to help keep our community spaces clean and pleasant for everyone. Let's work together to maintain a tidy and welcoming environment for all.





SHIRE OF WICKEPIN

COMMUNITY GRANT FUNDING PROGRAM 2026/2027

Applications for Shire of Wickepin's Community Grant Funding Program are now open for not-for-profit groups, to assist in delivering projects/events that directly benefit our community.

NOW OPEN

For more information visit the Shire of Wickepin's website www.wickepin.wa.gov.au

Contact Us

9888 1005

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APPLICATIONS CLOSE FRIDAY 22 MAY, 2026

WICKEPIN WASTE FACILITY

HOURS

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

HARRISMITH WASTE FACILITY

HOURS

TUESDAY 8AM TO WEDNESDAY 5PM

YEALERING WASTE FACILITY

HOURS

FRIDAY 4PM TO MONDAY 8AM

TINCURRIN WASTE FACILITY

HOURS

FRIDAY 4PM TO MONDAY 8AM

@home 

Lemon Ricotta Pancakes

Ingredients

2 cups chopped fresh or frozen rhubarb
1/2 cup water
1/3 cup packed brown sugar
1 cup all-purpose flour
1 tablespoon sugar
1 teaspoon baking powder
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 cup ricotta cheese
1 cup whole milk
2 tablespoons lemon juice
2 teaspoons grated lemon zest



Directions

For

Rhubarb sauce, combine the rhubarb, water and brown sugar in a small saucepan. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat; cover and simmer for 10 minutes or until rhubarb is tender.

Meanwhile, in a large bowl, combine the flour, sugar, baking powder and salt. In another bowl, combine the ricotta cheese, milk, lemon juice and zest. Stir into dry ingredients just until combined.

Drop batter by tablespoonfuls, 2 at a time, onto a greased hot griddle. Cook over medium heat for 1-2 minutes on each side or until lightly browned. Serve with rhubarb sauce.

Chicken Salad with Grapes

Ingredients

1/2 cup mayonnaise
2 tablespoons sour cream
1 tablespoon lemon juice
1/8 teaspoon salt
1/8 teaspoon pepper
4 cups shredded rotisserie chicken
1-1/4 cups seedless red grapes, halved
1/2 cup chopped pecans
1/2 cup chopped celery
1/4 cup chopped sweet onion, optional
Lettuce leaves or whole wheat bread slices, optional



Direction

In a large bowl, combine the first 5 ingredients. Add the chicken, grapes, pecans, celery and, if desired, onion; mix lightly to coat. If desired, serve with lettuce leaves or whole wheat bread



♥ **HAPPY** ♥
MOTHER'S DAY!
 My mum is special because...



My mum loves...

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To all amazing mums...

Thank you for your love,
 your hugs, your kindness
 and everything you do!

♥
You're the best!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

OUR BIRTHDAYS!



Ava Harris



Austin Podmore



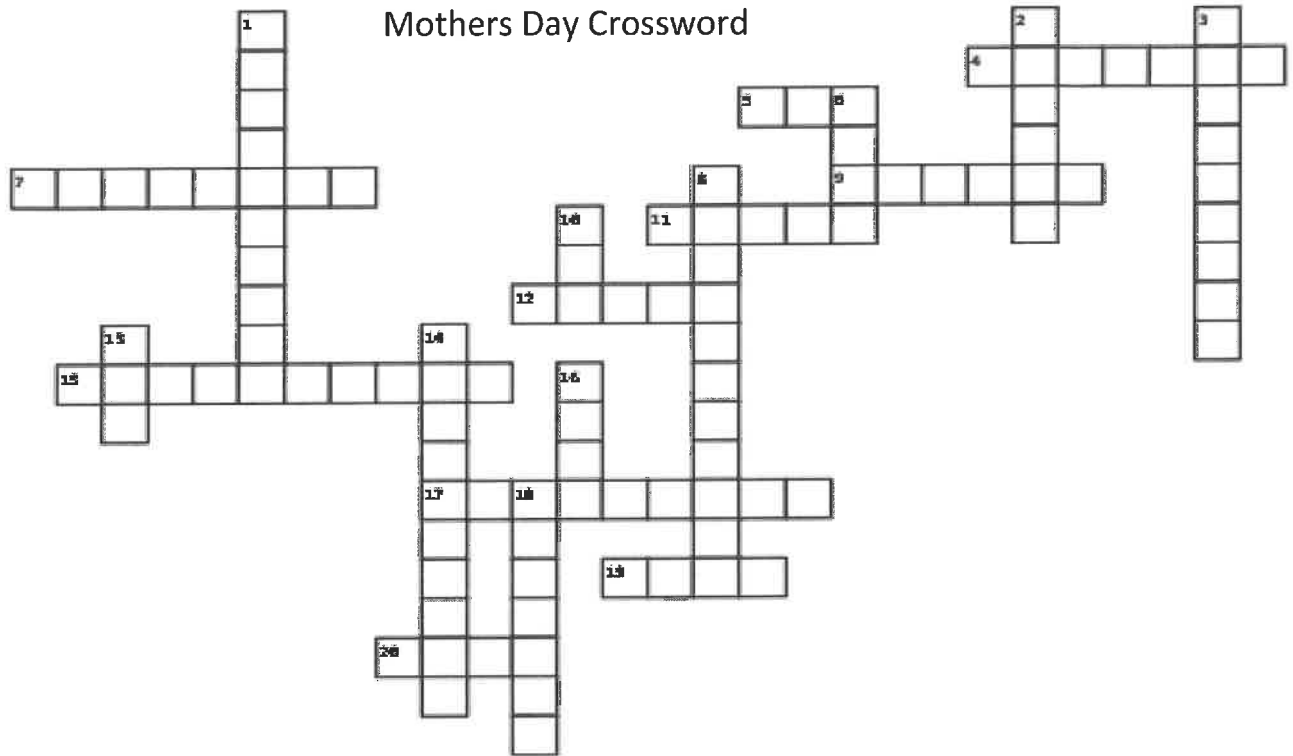
JOKE OF THE WEEK!

What did the baby corn say
 to the mama corn?

WHERE'S POPCORN



Mothers Day Crossword



Across

4. Always there in times of need.
5. Warm gesture of affection.
7. Trait often associated with mothers.
9. A unit often celebrated on Mother's Day.
11. Symbol of love and compassion.
12. What a mother's love brings to one's face.
15. The journey of being a mom.
17. Tender love and care.
19. Close connection between mother and child.
20. What mothers give unconditionally.

Down

1. To show gratitude towards mothers.
2. Warm embrace.
3. Feeling thankful.
6. Something special for mom.
8. What Mother's Day is all about.
10. A special woman in one's life.
13. What mothers bring to our lives.
14. Understanding and empathy.
16. What mothers provide endlessly.
18. Common Mother's Day gift.

Mothers Day Recommendation

The Joy Luck Club

In San Francisco, a group of aging Chinese women (Kiều Chinh, Tsai Chin, France Nuyen, Lisa Lu) meet regularly to trade familial stories while playing Mahjong. In a series of sixteen vignettes that spans generations and continents, this adaptation of Amy Tan's bestselling novel explores cultural conflict and the often-turbulent relationships between four first-generation Chinese-American women (Ming-Na Wen, Tamlyn Tomita, Lauren Tom, Rosalind Chao) and their mothers.



St John's Anglican Church

Johnston Street, Wickiepin

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





On 14th April the Wickepin Health Service hosted Lifespan Dance with the generous support of the Wickepin Shire in allowing us complimentary use of the beautiful Town Hall. Lifespan Dance classes are a wonderful way to connect in the shared experience of dance, with the classes are led by professional teaching dance artists, trained in Dance for Parkinson's Methodology. The classes offer physical, cognitive and social benefits and have been enjoyed by many! Despite the small attendance numbers the experience of the joy of movement in a seated dance class was thoroughly appreciated. Its not every day we have access to a professional dance class and the benefits are pure joy - good for your body, your brain and your wellbeing! Many thanks to Kulin Kondinin Ladies who travelled and to all the locals who participated and added to the sumptuous morning tea. Thanks for your support.



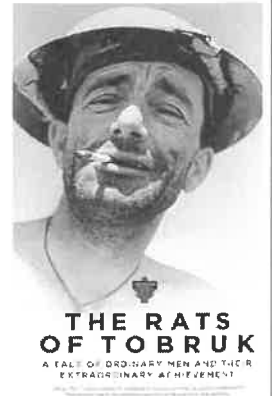
Lifespan Dance gratefully receives funds from Creative Partnerships Australia through the Australian Cultural Fund.
Lifespan Dance is endorsed by Dance for Parkinson's Australia





Kojonup Memorial Hall Centennial Exhibition The Rats of Tobruk

Official Opening Sunday 3rd May 12.30 pm
Memorial Hall,
Albany Highway,
Kojonup 6395



A Tale of Ordinary Men and Their Extraordinary Achievement

This remarkable exhibition commemorates both the Centennial Year of Kojonup's Memorial Hall in August 2026 and the 85th Anniversary of the Siege of Tobruk which began on 10th April and ended after 242 days on 27th November 1941.

Resolute Australian, Polish and Czechoslovakian forces led by Australian Major General Morshead '*Ming the Merciless*' held the Libyan Port of Tobruk against the numerically mighty German Afrika Corps under Field Marshall Rommel '*The Desert Fox*'. Enthusiastically adopting the name, '*The Rats of Tobruk*' given to them by German Propagandist Lord Haw Haw, their determination led to the ultimate defeat of Rommel's forces in the Afrikan campaign and was the key not only to north Afrika but the entire war.

Explore this fascinating exhibition showcasing the bravery and celebrating the lives of 14,000 Aussie troops who were members of the 9th Australian Division, many of whom were from WA.

Open: Friday's 10am – 2pm; Saturday's 10am – 12 noon & Sunday's 10am – 2pm

Mum's Clothes Line Rules

- ✂ The clothes line must be wiped before hanging clothes.
- ✂ Socks must be hung by their toes.
- ✂ Hang sheets and towels on the outside line so you can hide your 'unmentionables'.
- ✂ Clothes must hang in order - whites with whites and hung first.
- ✂ Shirts must always hang by the tail - never the shoulders.
- ✂ Lining up the clothes so that each item shares one of the clothes pegs with another item.
- ✂ It doesn't matter if it is sub-zero outside, the clothes will go out and just freeze.
- ✂ Pegs must be gathered up when taking down clothes - never leave them on the line.



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Behind all your stories
is always your mother's
story, because hers is
where yours begins.

—
MITCH ALBOM

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Wilhelm Cebula wrote this poem about his time in the displaced persons camp in 1945, Poland, prior to arriving in Yealering, Western Australia

BAD REICHENHALL. 1

A bus took us south to another camp far away
I was excited and can still recall the trip today

There were fields and forests to see here
And a large American military base near

We arrived at the famous Bad Reichenhall alpine resort
Here the Americans and the German forces fought

A beautiful town before the war
But much death and horror it saw

Bombed out buildings were everywhere
But some untouched stood here and there

We were given a hut and it felt like home
Mother and I were no longer just on our own

One day father brought some pickled herrings for tea
We ate them with rye bread and we loved them especially me

Even today herrings and rollmops are my favourite food
Whether the herrings are pickled or smoked using the right wood

For us boys it was an exciting adventure
To the damaged buildings and forests we did venture

Some ruins held slimy water with large green toads we could see
The toads were sunny themselves and like us they were free

One day I and a group of boys poked a long wire into a socket
We felt a tingle and the boy holding the end fell back like a rocket

We played in some haystacks standing upright
Which gleamed proudly in the sunlight bright

Some collapsed and a farmer saw us we got a fright
We ran away and we knew what we did was not right

Soon we had to go on a long trip
South to Italy by train to meet a ship

Wilhelm Jan Cebula June 2024



APRIL FUN AT WICKY CRC



ANZAC Baking With Ian

With ANZAC Day around the corner, we thought the time was right to bake a batch of ANZAC Biscuits! A big THANKYOU to Ian, who kindly offered to lend us his baking skills for the day, and in typical Ian fashion, it wasn't enough to just bake biscuits. Everyone got to cook home made orumpets as well...yummo!! We hope they tasted as good as they looked!



Sally-Mae's Daycare Visit

Sally -Mae and her gorgeous gaggle of charges dropped into the CRC this month to thank us for everything we do for the Community. They brought us a handmade card, and some handmade treats, which were enjoyed by all of us! Thankyou for the visit, Sally-Mae, and thankyou for everything YOU do! Where would all our working parents be without you??



Mother's Day Craft

We can't say too much, because we don't want to ruin the surprise, but suffice it to say the kids had a ball making a couple of presents to give to mum for Mother's Day. The hardest part is going to be keeping them hidden until the big day! A big THANKYOU to Elaine and the Wickepin Craft Group for providing their supplies!



Free Native Trees

For the third year in a row, Graeme has kindly donated a number of native trees for people to adopt and plant on their property. Graeme has a passion for growing natives. He collects seeds from native plants in the area and propagates them himself, offering them to the public to beautify their yards, and the town as a whole. Graeme, you're truly a local legend!



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

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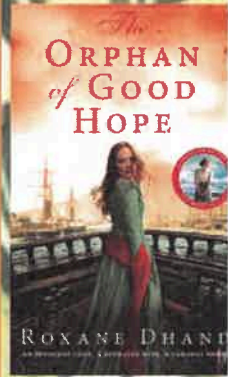
NEW BOOKS!

ADULT HISTORICAL ROMANCE : Orphan Of Good Hope - Roxane Dhand

Life is gruelling for the young women in Amsterdam's civic orphanage. The sole light in Johanna Timmerman's existence is her forbidden love for Frans, an orphan in the boys' section who has a smile like sunshine. Then he is gone, whisked across the globe to the Dutch East India Company's nascent colony at Good Hope.

Floriane Peronneau's privileged world is pleasant and fulfilling until she discovers that it is all built on manipulation and lies. Far from being the devoted gentleman he seems, her husband Claes is a womanising degenerate who has led them to the edge of utter ruin. The forces closing in on him are pitiless, and time is short.

While Johanna's anguish drives her to sell off her future in a desperate bid to retain hope in the present, Floriane is caught up in a terrifying game of cat and mouse. The two women's lives could not be more different. Yet, on the long, dangerous voyage to the southern tip of Africa, they will become the best of friends – and co-conspirators...

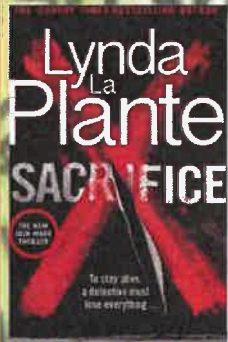


ADULT CRIME THRILLER: Sacrifice - Lynda La Plante

Detective Jack leads Scotland Yard's fledgling art fraud unit, its survival hinging on exposing a suspected forgery - a multimillion-dollar Basquiat.

When his informant, gallerist Ester Langton, is brutally murdered, Jack's hunt spirals into obsession. Clues point to Adam Border, a reclusive genius hiding in a decayed Sicilian villa haunted by Mafia ties and violent secrets.

As Jack abandons family and duty to pursue him, he's drawn into a world where brilliance and madness collide, masterpieces mask psychosis, and death stalks every shadow. In chasing the truth, Detective Jack Warr must decide which side of the law he's on . . . once and for all.



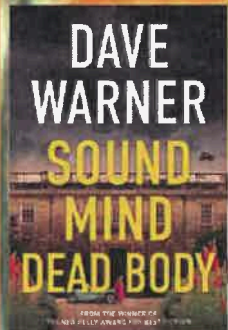
ADULT HISTORICAL MYSTERY: Sound Mind Dead Body - Dave Warner

A manor house cosy crime with all the hallmarks of an Agatha Christie-style murder mystery.

Devon, 1929. Members of the Pedhurst and de Reve families gather to hear unpopular matriarch Julia Pedhurst (nee de Reve) read from her late husband's will.

One of the house guests is fighter pilot Fred Willets, now an inspector in the Kalgoorlie Gold Squad, who has come to the UK as a beneficiary of the will. When Julia dies before the reading, and another death follows soon after, everybody in the manor house is a possible suspect.

It is up to Willets, assisted by the bright young pharmacist Prudence Meadows, to crack this whodunnit.



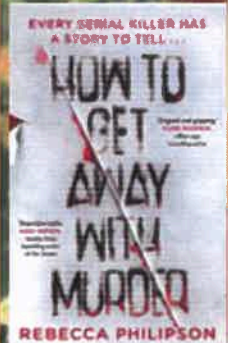
LYNDA RECOMMENDS...

ADULT CRIME MYSTERY: How to Get Away With Murder - Rebecca Philipson

Detective Inspector Samantha Hansen has been on leave for six months, recovering from a breakdown she suffered at work. When fourteen-year-old Charlotte is murdered in a local park, Sam jumps at the chance to return to the job and prove that she's still got what it takes to be a successful homicide detective. One of the only leads in the case is a copy of a self-help book found in the victim's backpack called How To Get Away With Murder by a man named Denver Brady.

Brady claims to be the most successful serial killer of all time, which is why no one's ever heard of him. Chapter by chapter, he details his methodology and his past victims, and as the investigation progresses and details of the book go viral, Sam begins to suspect that there's more to the author than what he's revealed.

How To Get Away With Murder is truly unique. The chapters of the self-help book are interspaced between chapters of the actual book, so you're getting two stories for the price of one, as well as a surprise ending! You won't regret choosing this one. I couldn't put it down!





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*Raffles
and
Prizes*

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Australia's
**Biggest
Morning
Tea**

*Morning
Tea
Provided*

All Proceeds Go To



Thursday 28th May
10.30am

Wickepin Community Centre
Campbell Street

Raffle and Food Donations Welcome
Contact Wickepin CRCR
Phone: 9888 1500
Email: admin@wickepinrc.com.au

Wickepin Community Resource Centre

2027 Calendar Competition

This year's theme:

GET YOUR
CAMERA
READY!



BEAUTIES IN THE BUSH

Beauty is in the eye of the beholder so if it's in the bush and you think it's beautiful, we want to see it!



RULES:

- You may enter up to 4 photographs
- Photo's must be in landscape orientation and of sufficient resolution (1mg or larger)
- Photo's must be taken in the bush
- Photo's should be taken in the Shire of Wickepin
- Heavily edited or enhanced photo's may be excluded
- Photo's to be submitted to the Wickepin CRC on a USB or emailed to admin@wickepincrc.com.au
- The 12 photo's that are awarded the most votes will be used in the calendar, and winners will receive a free copy



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Join us for Wicky's monthly

Communi-TEA

This Friday May 1st

Come along for an afternoon dedicated to celebrating four essential elements of life: good Cake, good Coffee, good Conversation, and most importantly, amazing Community.



Mark your calendar with Communi-TEA dates for 2026
Time 1.30 pm at the CRC



May 1st
June 5th
July 3rd
August 7th

September 4th
October 2nd
November 6th
December 11th



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NEIGHBOURHOOD

CENTRE WEEK

11-17 MAY 2026

your place to
connect



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WELCOME to WICKEPIN COMMUNITY LUNCH

An Event for the Whole Community:
New and Long Term Residents



Get to know your neighbours
and connect with the community

12.30pm
Sunday 17th May
Wickepin Hotel

Everyone is Welcome! Lunch is **FREE** !

Drinks available for purchase thanks to
the Wickepin Hotel Community Group

Booking is essential for catering
Contact Wickepin CRC on 9888 1500

Wickepin Community Resource Centre

CELEBRATING 25 YEARS

25

Celebrating 25 years of supporting our Community!

Over the coming months, we're shining a light on the full range of services we offer - there's more available than you might realise.

In the Spotlight

One on One Technology Lessons

Need a hand with your phone, tablet or computer?

Do you want to learn to use an app?

Whether it's something specific or just building confidence, we're here to help.

Book a one-on-one session with the CRC and learn at your own pace in a relaxed, supportive environment.

\$20 for 30 minutes | \$15 for members

Bookings Essential

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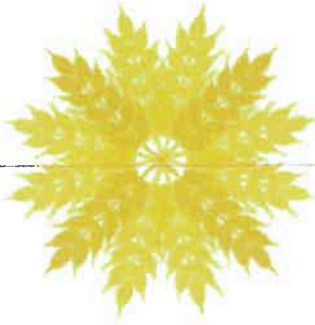
Built by the Community for the Community

The CRC opened on July 3rd 2001 as the Wickepin District Resource and Telecentre following significant effort from local volunteers and the founding committee. Founding chair Aaron Capp reflected in his first Chairman report that "many a late night was had with volunteers cleaning and painting to get the first half of the building ready for the official opening day."

Do you have a memory or fun fact about the CRC from over the years? We would love to hear it...

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Email: admin@wickepinrc.com.au



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Contact our Counsellors:

Marie Meehan: 0456 294 765

Anne Hague: 0427 133 711

Joyce Contos: 0428 891 244

Email: ceagcare@bigpond.com



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• OPENING HOURS •

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Sunday	8:00 to 17:00



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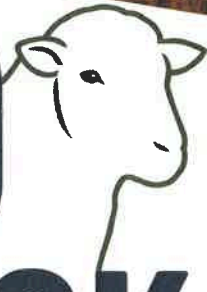
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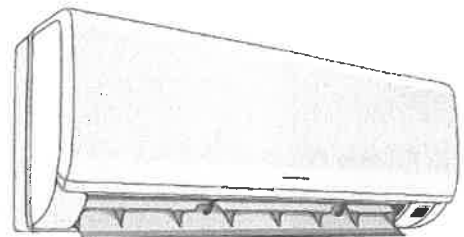
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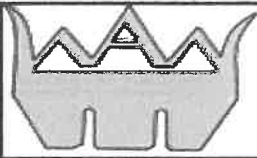
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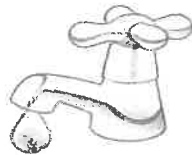
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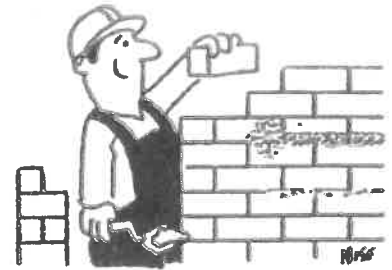
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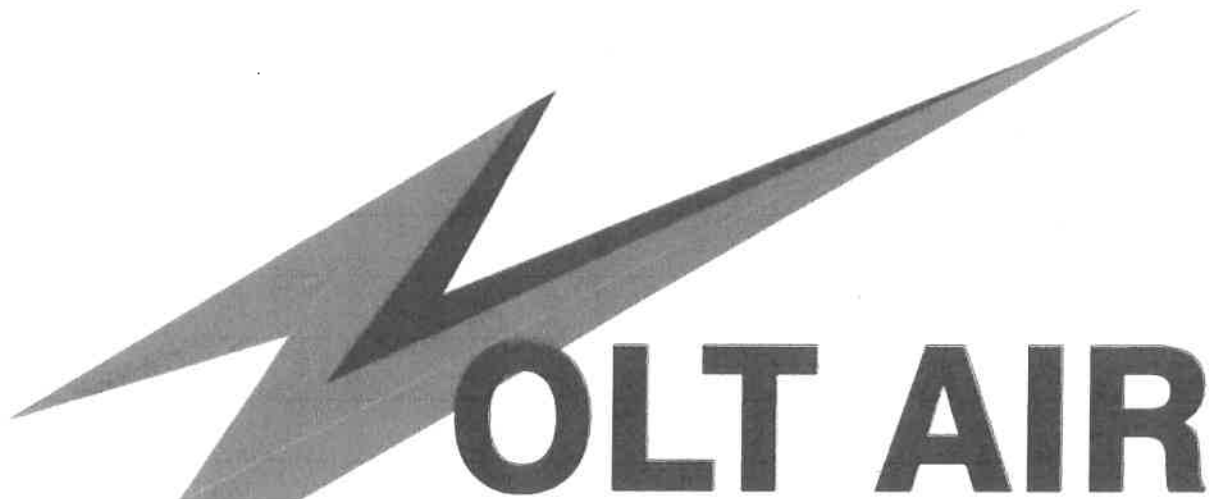
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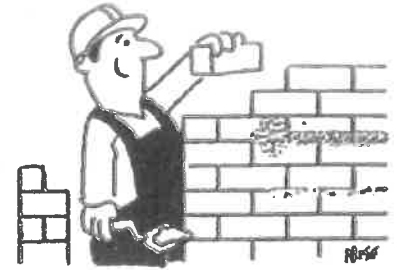
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23th MAY AND 24th MAY

9.00AM TO 4.00PM

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May the Fourth be With You! 4th May

It's Star Wars Day. May the fourth be with you! Of course it's a wonderful turn of the phrase "May the force be with you" from the Star Wars movies!

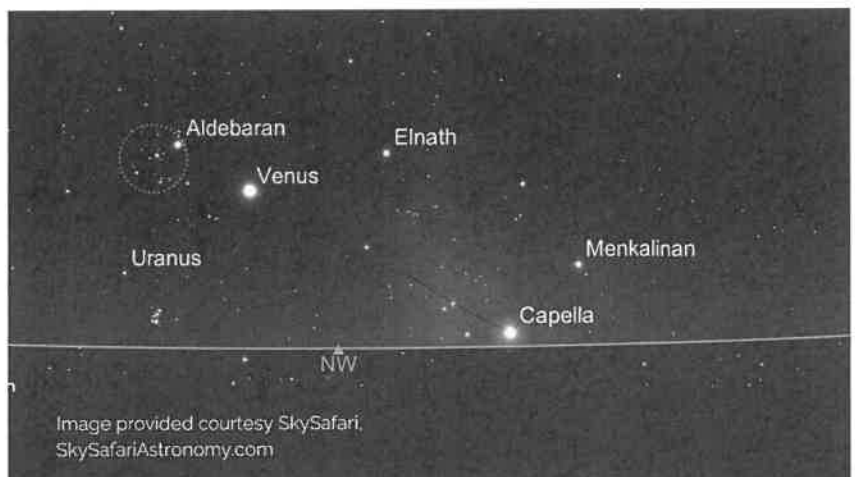
And it's a great time to get out under the stars and gaze into our wonderful Universe. On Star Wars Day, Venus is bright on the north west horizon after sunset. It is dazzling and appears near the constellation of Taurus.

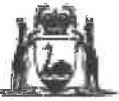
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When and where to look:

From 6pm on the 4th May, look to the north western horizon.





2026 Influenza Vaccines

**Free influenza vaccines for all community members
are now available at the Wickepin Health Service**

Clinic dates:

Wednesday 6th May 10am – 4pm

Monday 11th May 10:30am – 2pm

Wednesday 13th May 10am – 4pm

Child and Adult vaccines available

Including needle-free FluMist for children aged 2 - <12yrs

Appointments preferred but not essential

***Please phone the Wickepin Health Service on 9888 2222 to
make an appointment or discuss your eligibility.***

Get in touch

Wickepin Health Service

28 Johnston St

Wickepin WA 6370

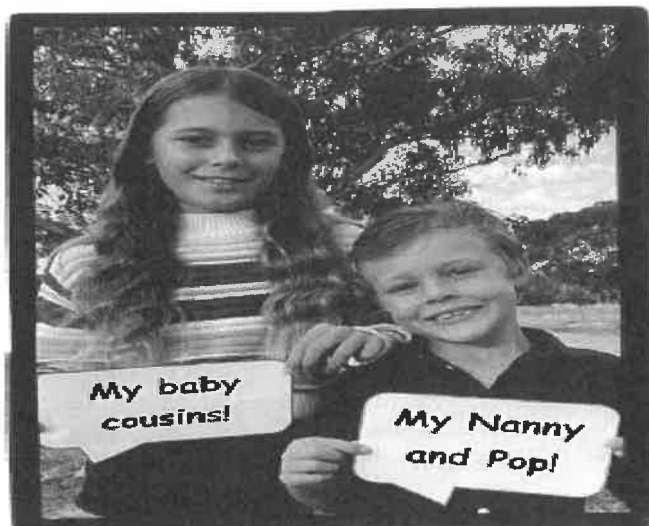
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“ I get my flu immunisation for



the people who matter ”

Flu clinic location

Wickepin Health Service

Date: Wednesday 6th May 2026

Time: 10am - 4pm

Phone: 98882222

**Appointments preferred but not essential



Find out about
FluMist

World Hand Hygiene-May 5th Tuesday

World Hand Hygiene Day is celebrated annually on May 5th. It is a global campaign initiated by the World Health Organization (WHO) to promote the importance of hand hygiene in healthcare settings and in everyday life. The day is part of a broader effort to improve infection prevention and control (IPC) practices, emphasizing how clean hands can save lives.

Why May 5th?

The date, May 5th, was strategically chosen to represent the five fingers on each hand, symbolizing the crucial role hand hygiene plays in healthcare and daily life. This symbolic gesture helps reinforce the importance of maintaining clean hands to stop the spread of infections.

The Goals of World Hand Hygiene Day

The campaign aims to:

- Encourage healthcare workers to practice proper hand hygiene at critical moments to reduce healthcare-associated infections.
- Educate the public on proper handwashing techniques and their importance in preventing illnesses.
- Highlight global IPC efforts and their role in reducing the spread of antibiotic-resistant infections.

**Wash Your
Hands**



Everyone has a role to play in promoting clean hands for a safer, healthier world. World Hand Hygiene Day serves as a reminder that maintaining proper hand hygiene is a simple yet powerful way to prevent the spread of diseases and improve health outcomes globally. Everyone can contribute by spreading awareness and ensuring clean hands in all aspects of life.

Woolworths 

**NET
SET
GO!** 

NDNA NetSet Program

Who: Children born in 2018 - 2021

When: Saturday 2 May for 9 weeks
8:30am - 9:30am

Where: Narrogin Regional Leisure Centre

Cost: \$66.63 including T-Shirt & Netball

Kidsport available - Have your code ready before registering

How: Register via Play HQ

<https://www.playhq.com/netball-australia/register/7fa443>



Contact Catherine Thornton 0428365553 or
ndnajuniorcoordinator@gmail.com for further information

Date for the Diary
LAKE YEALERING BOWLING CLUB
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Sunday 24th May 2026, 2pm at Club Rooms.

RAINFALL

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	15.6	7	58.8
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			

As of the 28th of April at the Wickepin Post Office

SPORTS NOTES

Wickepin Football Club – 2026 Season Fixtures

Round	Date	Versus	Location
2	Sunday, May 3 rd	Williams	Wickepin
3	Saturday, May 9 th	Brookton/Pingelly	Pingelly
4	Saturday, May 16 th	Narrogin	Narrogin
5	Sunday, May 24 th	Kukerin/Dumbleyung	Wickepin
6	Saturday, June 6 th	Wagin	Wagin
BYE – GREAT SOUTHERN COLTS CARNIVAL 13th/14th June			
7	Saturday, June 20 th	Boddington	Wickepin
8	Saturday, June 27 th	Brookton/Pingelly	Wickepin
9	Saturday, July 4 th	Kukerin/Dumbleyung	Kukerin
BYE – NUTRIEN AG SOLUTIONS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS 10th – 12th July			
10	Sunday, July 19 th	Narrogin	Wickepin
11	Sunday, July 26 th	Wagin	Wickepin
12	Saturday, August 1 st	Boddington	Boddington
13	Saturday, August 8 th	Williams	Williams
14	Sunday, August 16 th	Katanning	Wickepin
2 nd Semi Final	Saturday, August 22 nd	Williams	
1 st Semi Final	Sunday, August 23 rd	Wickepin	
Prelim Final	Sunday, August 30 th	Pingelly	
Grand Final	Sunday, September 6 th	Boddington	

Round 1

Saturday, 25 April 2026

Fourths

Katanning Wanderers Fourths

48 6.12

Wickepin Fourths

13 2.1

Katanning Wanderers Fourths won by 35 points

Reserves

Katanning Wanderers Reserves

50 7.8

Wickepin Reserves

99 14.15

Wickepin Reserves won by 49 points

League

Katanning Wanderers League

65 9.11

Wickepin League

149 22.17

Wickepin League won by 84 points



LAKE YEALERING BOWLING CLUB

Friday 17th April 2026

The Wind-up Dinner and Presentation evening held in the Club Rooms went really well and was superbly catered for by donations of casseroles, sweets and nibbles. Impressive assortment.

Very hard to hear anything as everyone talking and laughing, a very friendly gathering. A few of the Members were unable to attend for various reasons. Sue Richards, in hospital, was wished all the best along with Jim Williams, in Perth for treatment.

So nice to see some Sponsors Clint and Rachael Hill (Hillco), Kim and Robyn Packer attending. Sponsors play a very important role in any organisation and are very much appreciated by the Lake Yealering Bowling Club.



Club Singles sponsored by Elsegood Family since 1957.
Winner Darrel Sims



Winners of Hillco Sponsored Club Triples.
Left to Right: Todd Hill, Kevin Coxon, Rachael Hill (Hillco) Carl McCombe



Club Pairs Sponsored by Ric & Shirley Elson
Lois Shipley, Kevin Coxon
(Photobombed by Darrel Sims)



Winners of Club Fours Sponsored by Sue Richards
Left to Right: Graeme Poultney, Lois & Brian Shipley
Darrel Sims (Captain) and Carl McCombe

IMPORTANT DATE: LAKE YEALERING BOWLING CLUB AGM
SUNDAY 24TH MAY 2026 2pm at Club Rooms



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
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