

WATERSHED NEWS

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

11th May 2026



***GOOD LUCK
TO THE 2026
WICKEPIN FOOTBALL,
NETBALL & HOCKEY
TEAMS***



SAFE TRAVELS AND GOOD GAMES

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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



Recent Power Outages

The Council thanks residents for their patience during the recent power upgrade works.

Please note that Western Power will continue upgrade works through to September; however, specific details and scheduling are not yet available.

The Shire will continue assisting Western Power to keep the community informed of any future power disruptions as information becomes available.

For outage information, please check the Western Power outages website at www.westernpower.com.au/outages/

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.

Council Meetings

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

Corporate Business Plan - Draft

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

Any feedback on the Corporate Business Plan is welcomed.



If you spot a water leak, please call the Water Corp Faults and Emergencies line on 13 13 75

Use of Shire facilities

Staff have recently noticed an increase in people using the Shire facilities but leaving rubbish and other items around, which must 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 always be ready for others to use.

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.

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

SHIRE OF WICKEPIN

COMMUNITY GRANT FUNDING PROGRAM
2026/2027

NOW OPEN

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.

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

Contact Us
9888 1005
admin@wickepin.wa.gov.au

APPLICATIONS CLOSE FRIDAY 22 MAY, 2026



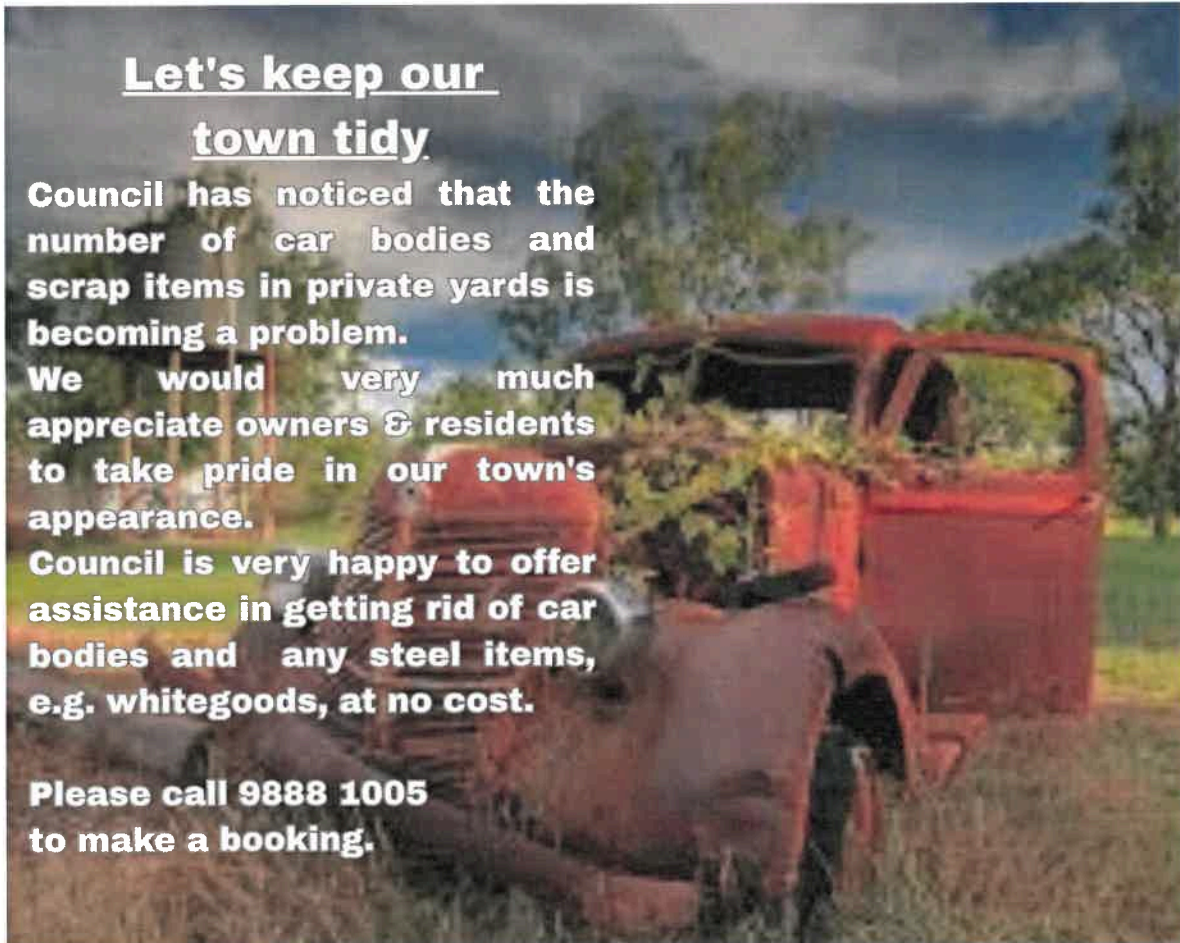
Let's keep our town tidy.

Council has noticed that the number of car bodies and scrap items in private yards is becoming a problem.

We would very much appreciate owners & residents to take pride in our town's appearance.

Council is very happy to offer assistance in getting rid of car bodies and any steel items, e.g. whitegoods, at no cost.

Please call 9888 1005 to make a booking.



HOUSING PROJECT LETTERS OF SUPPORT

The Shire is currently working with RoerOC for a joint business case for additional housing in our towns.

We are reaching out to all businesses (including farms) that have had difficulty in employing a local or housing an employee.

If you have had this difficulty and would like to give the Shire a Letter of Support for the business case (signed and on letterhead if possible), please contact the CEO at the Administration Office, on mobile 0429 207 855 or email ceo@wickepin.wa.gov.au.

Letters are required by 15th May 2026

Thank you for your assistance.

D Burton
Chief Executive Officer



Embracing Community Growth

SHIRE OF WICKEPIN

Waste Facility Hours

WICKEPIN

SATURDAY 8am - 12pm
SUNDAY 1pm - 5pm
WEDNESDAY 1pm - 5pm

HARRISMITH

OPEN FROM TUESDAY 8am
UNTIL WEDNESDAY 5pm

YEALERING

OPEN FROM FRIDAY 4pm
UNTIL MONDAY 8am

TINCURRIN

OPEN FROM FRIDAY 4pm
UNTIL MONDAY 8am

COMMUNITY NOTES

May Birthday Wishes to:

- 11th Mia Ewen
- 15th Cody Jarvis, Allan Hemley
- 18th Archer Miller
- 19th Caleb Murray, Leonard Bushby
- 20th Kristy Mail
- 21st Stacey Halstead, Gemma Pauley
- 22nd Jarrad Wing, Tatum Anderson
- 24th Lara Marchei, Sarah Butler, Rob Mullan

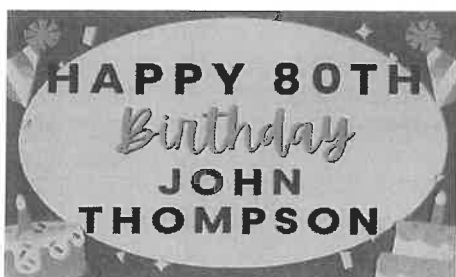


Condolences

It is with great sadness that we share the passing of long-time Wickepin resident, Philip Fleay, aged 95, at St John of God Bunbury Hospital, on Friday 1st May 2026

Philip was a proud member of the Wickepin community for more than 75 years, where he worked tirelessly and built a life centred around family, community and hard work. He will be remembered by many for his dedication, kindness and quiet strength.

As per Philip's wishes, a private funeral will be held.



Birthday Wishes

Happy 80th Birthday to John Thompson on 4th May 2026. John celebrated with friends at the Wickepin Hotel on Thursday 30th April. A surprise for both John and Coleen as they walked into the hotel to see their son Steven sitting at the bar. On Sunday 3rd they also had a family celebration in Perth.

Pre-wedding Celebrations

Sally-Mae Downing had a gathering of friend to celebrate her hen's night in Perth on Saturday night, before her upcoming wedding to Aiden White in Ireland in July.

Hurt to Help

A registered charity supporting regional families facing medical issues, natural disasters, domestic violence and other crises. Founded in the Wheatbelt, Hurt to Help raises funds and awareness through grassroots sporting initiatives and endurance events, maintaining strong ties to regional WA communities. To date, they have raised over \$300,000 and helped 15 recipients.

Two families from Merredin have received funds in time of need. One family was able to travel to America for their 4-year-old daughter's lifesaving treatment. She is now back and attending pre-primary. The other family received funds for funeral expenses etc after suddenly losing their very young son.

If possible, consider supporting this wonderful local charity. Small donations can go a long way to changing lives. A flyer is included in the Watershed. www.hurttohelp.com.au

"Games and Afternoon Tea"

Thursday the 14th April

At the Yealering CWA

Come for a catch up, chat or a game of Rummy O, Mahjong, Scrabble, Chess, or Cards.

If games aren't your thing, bring a hand craft project (knitting, crochet etc) that you are working on, or just come along from 1pm or any time after for a catch up. Hope to see you there!



HURT TO HELP

Real People. Real Stories. Real Impact

hurt
to
help
LIMITED

WHAT IS HURT TO HELP?

Hurt to Help is a grassroots charity supporting rural WA families doing it tough.

100% of donations go directly to those in need

We provide immediate, practical financial relief to people facing:

- Serious illness
- Accidents
- Natural disasters
- Domestic violence

When tragedy strikes in rural WA, distance and isolation make everything harder.

We're here to ease that burden - when it matters most.



THE IMPACT

Over \$300,000 donated to 15 recipients across regional Western Australia.



WHAT'S NEXT?

- 1 Hurt to Help Charity Ball**
12 September 2026
📍 Crown Hotel
- 2 Bin to Bin Marathon**
28 February 2027
📍 Mount Walker to Narembeen (5km - 42km)



GET INVOLVED

- Become an Ambassador
- Host a Fundraiser
- Nominate Someone in Need
- Donate or Sponsor

Community funded
100% donated
Supporting rural WA families

Email: admin@hurttohelp.com.au
Call: 0497 011 725
www.hurttohelp.com.au
[@hurttohelp](https://www.instagram.com/hurttohelp)

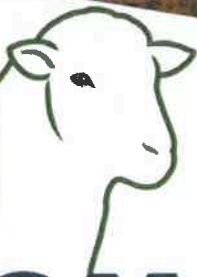
HEROES *for* HOPE

HURT TO HELP
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Back your mates,
support your community.



BEYOND THE FLOCK



EXPLORING WHAT'S NEXT FOR
SHEEP ENTERPRISES IN WA

22ND
JUNE
2026

*Practical insights, emerging tools, and
the future of WA's sheep industry.*



Australian Government

Natural
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South
West
NRM



FACEY GROUP



South West NRM's FEaST2030 project is supported by the Australian Government through funding from the Natural Heritage Trust under the Climate-Smart Agriculture Program.



FACEY GROUP

AUTUMN UPDATES

What We're Sowing and Testing This Season

Seeding is well underway across the district, and Facey Group trials are now in the ground at several local sites. This year, a key focus is on understanding how we can make better decisions under variable autumn conditions, particularly regarding moisture and timing.



What we're looking at:

Deep-sown oats

Continuing work on how sowing depth interacts with stored soil moisture, herbicide packages, and establishment. This is especially relevant in seasons with early rainfall, such as that delivered by Cyclone Narelle.

Time of sowing decisions

We are seeding oats at various times across the season to better understand the trade-off between early sowing opportunities and frost risk later in the season.

Soil improvement practices

Trials will be sown soon, following liming and the application of other novel lime products, to assess their effects on crop performance over time.

Nitrogen decisions

Ongoing trials aim to better understand the value of different nitrogen rates and soil responses to amelioration.



Why it matters

Many growers are facing the same question each year:

Do I go early on limited moisture, or wait for a better break?

Our aim is to turn local trial results into **clear, practical guidance** that helps reduce that risk, rather than just adding more information.

A quick seasonal note

With crops now being sown on stored moisture in some areas, the next 2-3 weeks will be critical in determining how the season sets up.

What's next

We'll be tracking crop establishment and early growth over the coming weeks and will share updates as the season unfolds.

Give us a wave if you see the Facey Group utes out and about!

THE BEST CREAMY CORN SOUP

Ingredients

1 medium white onion, chopped
1 cup diced celery
1 cup diced carrots
3 tablespoons butter
1 tablespoon minced garlic, minced
1/2 teaspoon dried parsley
1/2 teaspoon dried thyme
3 tablespoons all-purpose flour
4 cups chicken broth
2 cups whole kernel corn, fresh or frozen
1 398 ml can cream style corn
1 large Russet potato, cubed in small pieces
1/2 cup heavy cream
salt and pepper to taste
minced green onions for topping



Instructions

In a large stockpot over medium heat, combine the onions, celery, carrots, and butter. Sauté until the vegetables are softened. Add in the garlic and parsley, sauté until fragrant, around 2 minutes. Sprinkle the parsley and thyme over the vegetables and mix in. Sprinkle the flour over the vegetables, stirring into the butter. Cook for 2 minutes until the flour smells nutty and is slightly browned. Slowly whisk in the chicken broth, making sure there are no lumps. Add in the corn, creamed corn, potatoes, and then salt and pepper to taste. Bring to a low simmer and cook until the potatoes are tender and falling apart. Stir in the cream, whisking to ensure there are no lumps. Cook for another 2-3 minutes. Remove from the stove and ladle into bowls to serve. Top with minced green onions if desired.

Notes

To make this dairy-free, saute the vegetables in olive oil and skip the cream at the end. Thanks to the creamed corn this soup is rich and thick on it's own.
Make it vegetarian by using vegetable broth instead of chicken

BAKED BANANA & SULTANA OAT BARS

Ingredients

3 Ripe Bananas, mashed
2 eggs, lightly beaten
1/2 cup Wholemeal plain flour
1/2 cup rolled oats
1/2 cup sultanas
1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1 teaspoon vanilla
1 teaspoon baking powder

Method

Preheat oven to 180°C/160°C fan-forced. Grease and line a 20cm square cake pan with baking paper. Place all ingredients in a large bowl. Stir gently until just combined. Spoon mixture into prepared pan and spread out evenly. Bake in oven for 40 minutes or until golden and cooked through. Cool completely in pan. Cut into 12 bars. Store in an airtight container in the fridge





Wickepin Kids Corner

SPORTS AND HOBBIES CROSSWORD



Crossword grid with numbered squares for clues.

Down:

1. Producing musical vocal sounds.
3. Riding ocean waves board.
8. Performing in plays or films.
10. Sleeping outdoors in tent.

Across:

2. Riding bicycles for sport.
3. Stitching fabric with needle.
4. Cultivating plants and flowers.
5. Riding on wheeled board.
6. Propelling body through water.
7. Practicing self-defense forms.
9. Catching fish from water.
11. Visiting different places.



COCONUT BERRY MUFFINS

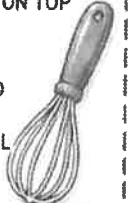


INGREDIENTS:

- 2 CUPS SELF RAISING FLOUR
- ½ CUP COCONUT OIL, MELTED
- 1 CUP WARM WATER
- ¼ CUPS MAPLE SYRUP
- 1 CUP FROZEN MIXED BERRIES
- DESICCATED COCONUT, TO SPRINKLE ON TOP

METHOD:

1. PREHEAT OVEN TO 180 DEGREES AND GREASE A 12 HOLE MUFFIN TRAY
2. IN A BOWL, ADD FLOUR, COCONUT OIL AND MAPLE SYRUP, POUR WARM WATER IN THERE AND GIVE A GOOD STIR.
3. ADD A SPOONFUL OF MIXTURE INTO THE BASE OF THE MUFFIN HOLES, GIVING YOURSELF A LITTLE MIXTURE LEFTOVER.
4. PLACE A FEW FROZEN BERRIES ON TOP OF THE MUFFIN MIX AND THEN TOP WITH THE REMAINING MIXTURE, SLIGHTLY COVERING THE BERRIES
5. TOP WITH COCONUT AND BAKE FOR 20-25 MINUTES. SERVE WARM OR WAIT TIL THEY ARE COOL AND FREEZE.



FUN FACT!

DID YOU KNOW?

AN AFL FOOTBALL CAN BOUNCE IN ANY DIRECTION BECAUSE OF ITS OVAL SHAPE - THAT'S WHY AFL PLAYERS HAVE TO BE SUPER QUICK AND READY FOR ANYTHING!

JOKE OF THE WEEK!

WHY DID THE SOCCER BALL QUIT THE TEAM?

BECAUSE IT WAS TIRED OF BEING KICKED AROUND!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

OUR BIRTHDAYS!

EVAN PODMÓRE

MASON BUSHBY

MAY 17

LET'S CELEBRATE!

ANOTHER YEAR OLDER, ANOTHER YEAR AWESOME!



St John

Upcoming first aid course

HLTAID011 - Provide First Aid

Course type: Accredited | Duration: 1 day in class + Online learning

Price: \$180.00

When: Thursday 27 August - 8:30AM - 4:30PM

Where: Wickepin Community Centre, Campbell Street, Wickepin WA 6370



Understand first aid

Learn about first aid theory and action plans



CPR and defibrillation

Practise CPR skills and how to apply a defibrillator.



Injury management

Treat and manage injuries in interactive training scenarios.



Ready to make a difference?

Book a first aid course with us

 **St John First Aid Training**

St John Ambulance (Western Australia) Ltd. RTO Code: 0392



St John Ambulance Western Australia Ltd - ACN 165 969 406; ABN 55 028 468 715



St Johns Anglican Church

Johnston Street, Wickepin

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

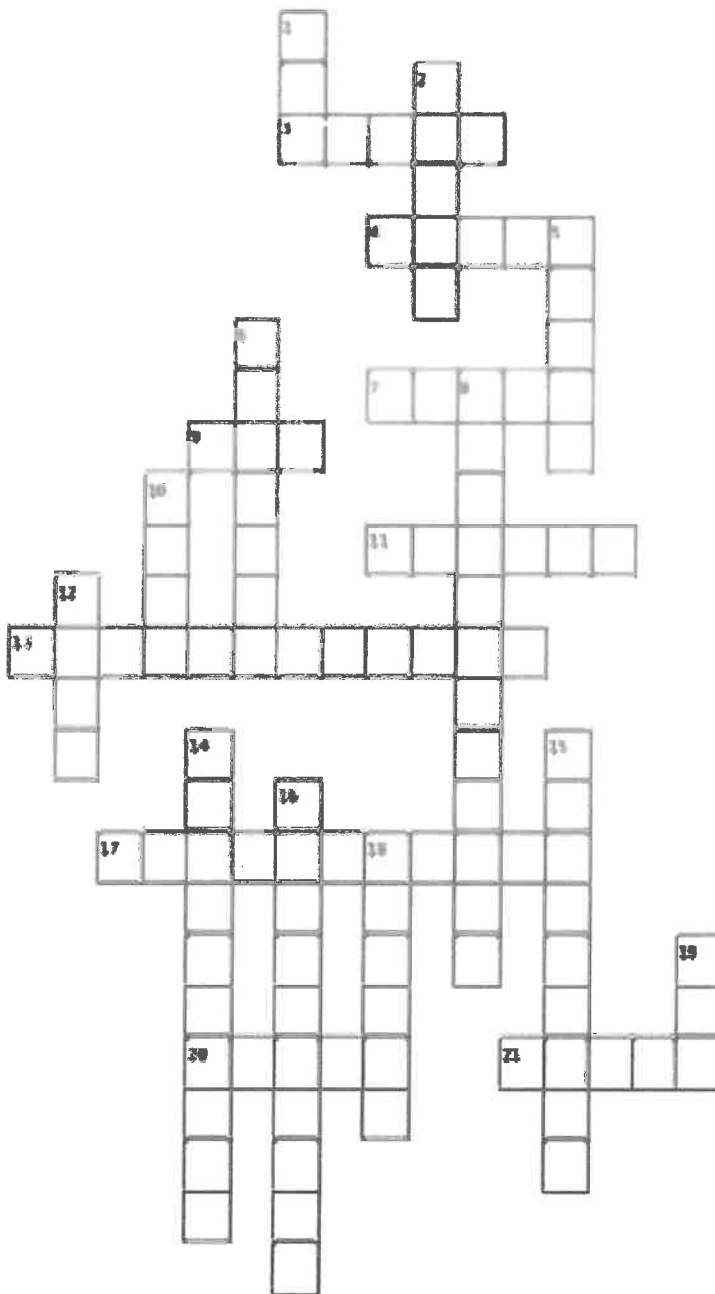
Morning tea served after service

All Denominations Welcome

Enquires: Irene -0437 801 025 or Elaine -0428 698 025



Field Hockey



Across

3. A neutral re-start to play following a stop in the action, much like a face-off in ice hockey. The ball is placed on the ground between two players, one from each team. The player's alternate taps to the ground with taps to the flat side of their opponent's stick, three times, before going for the ball.
4. The lifting of the ball off the ground by placing the head of the stick under the ball and shoveling the ball forward.
7. The playing field, 100 yards by 60 yards, divided by a center line and a 25-yard line of each half of the field.
9. Moving the ball following a swinging movement of the stick.
11. Number of players on the team as a word (i.e. "three").
13. The soaking of the artificial surface in all international matches. A wet turf "holds" the ball to the ground better than dry turf and it is better for the health of the athletes.
17. An infraction for shielding the ball from an opponent with a player's body or stick. All players must have an equal chance to gain control of the ball as it is dribbled or passed down the field.
20. A long, hard pass, made with hands close together at the top of the stick.
21. To get past an opponent without losing possession of the ball.

Down

1. To poke the ball, turn the stick so the flat side is facing up; only legal from the front.
2. Pushed ball that is raised off the ground.
5. Moving the ball along the ground by a movement of the stick.
6. To move the ball down the field and keep it near your stick.
8. Any action or non-action which prevents play from continuing or commencing within a reasonable time.
10. Hit taken for any foul not committed inside the striking circle. Taken by the team that did not commit the foul at the location of the foul. Everyone on the opposing team must be five yards away.
12. Made of solid plastic, usually white in color.
14. Offenses such as rough or dangerous play, intentional offenses, time-wasting or any bad behaviour. (In addition to any penalty, umpires may issue warnings (Green Card) or suspension (Yellow or Red Card)).
15. Play Any action that could result in danger or injury to the player or another player. Could include a raised ball, arm illegal tackle or playing the ball while lying on the ground.
16. Turf First used for Olympic field hockey at the 1976 Games in Montreal. Today all international matches are played on a synthetic surface.
18. pass A pass from the center of the field used to start the game or restart the action following halftime or a score.
19. D Slang for the striking circle. The area formed by the 16-yard semicircle line of the striking circle joining the goal line.

RECOMMENDATION

THE MERGER

A hilarious and heartfelt comedy.

With The Castle-esque Aussie humour, *The Merger* takes a light-hearted look at a serious issue. Bodgy Creek is a town in decline, and their cash-strapped Aussie Rules footy club is about to fold. That is, until they recruit some local refugees. Can the characters of Bodgy Creek overcome their differences, and win more than a game? Watch on 7+ for free



2 GREAT WORKSHOPS

1 CONVENIENT DAY

Tuesday 26 May @ Wickepin CRC

NDIS Walk-In Sessions

10:00am - 12:00pm

Want to learn more about the NDIS?
Take the opportunity to drop by and
connect with the NDIA team to discover
how they can support you.

Road Safe Journeys

11:00am - 1:00pm

Free community education and legal
support covering road rules, fines, licences,
and your rights.

Avoid fines. Protect your licence.



Department of
Primary Industries and
Regional Development

WICKEPIN PUBLIC LIBRARY

NEW BOOKS!

ADULT MYSTERY THRILLER: *Antihero* - Gregg Hurwitz

Two problems:

A tech-billionaire whose psychological crisis could have catastrophic implications for the global order. And the abduction of vulnerable young woman, Anca, seized from the New York City Subway, held, hurt, then discarded like trash.

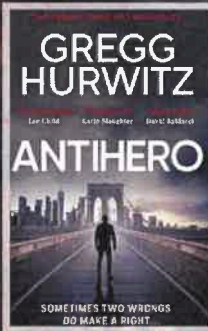
One solution:

Evan Smoak, a former black ops assassin codenamed Orphan X, now dedicated to helping the desperate with nowhere else to turn.

But saving the world from a powerful man who has lost his mind while pursuing justice for an innocent survivor will test Evan like never before. Especially when complicated by Anca's inconvenient insistence that he show some measure of mercy to the men who abducted her.

Because if the world's greatest assassin cannot kill, then this mission just got a whole lot more daunting and dangerous.

As lethal threats mount, Evan may have to choose between upholding a higher code . . . and his own life.

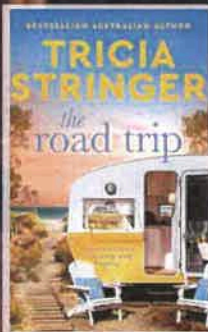


LARGE PRINT CONTEMPORARY WOMEN'S FICTION: *The Road Trip* - Tricia Stringer

Sharyn Tregonning wanted a holiday somewhere glamorous for her 60th birthday. So when her husband Barry surprises her with a caravan trip from Adelaide to Broome, she is furious - and bitterly disappointed. Even worse, Barry's annoying friend Ray, and Ray's reclusive sister Kathleen are coming along.

Kathleen Allenby has become a recluse. As the end-of-life carer for three family members she has become anxious. She doesn't expect this trip to offer her much. Sharyn has always looked down on her, and Kathleen has never liked her.

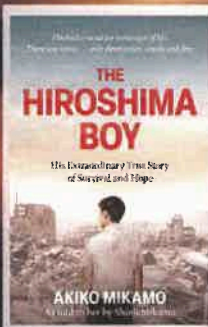
But as a series of mishaps, the two women share a bottle of gin and bond over the highs and lows of caravan life and their irritation with their menfolk as they travel through the Kimberly towards magical Broome. When a dead body surfaces at a luxe resort, it brings their grudges and hurts out into the open, and the women realise that it's not just the men's future - or behaviour - that needs to change.



HISTORICAL NON FICTION: *The Hiroshima Boy* - Akiko Mikamo

Shinji Mikamo, a teenager, is on the roof of his house, working with his father, when there is a blinding flash. When he regains consciousness, he is severely injured, burned all over his body, and buried in the rubble of a building. Somehow, his father manages to pull him out, and together they begin to search for help. They were - it turned out - only 1200 metres away from the centre of the explosion.

The *Hiroshima Boy* tells the story of Shinji and his father's journey through Hiroshima as they come face to face with the utter destruction of the city and meet neighbours, friends and strangers enduring unimaginable agony. Running from an enormous fire engulfing their neighbourhood, they reach the banks of the Kyobashi River. But the water provides little comfort, and the scenes they find there are devastating. For the next four days, they roam, searching for food, water and refuge in excruciating pain. Eventually, they reach a village outside Hiroshima City, where Shinji is able to be transferred to a hospital. But to do so he must leave his father, not knowing whether he will ever see him again.



LYNDA RECOMMENDS...

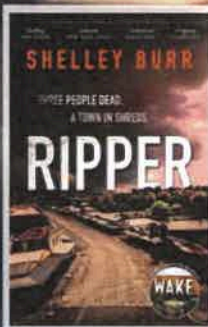
AUSTRALIAN CRIME MYSTERY: *Ripper* - Shelley Burr

Gemma Guillory knows her once-charming town is now remembered for one reason, and one reason only: that three innocent people died. For Gemma, that taint is personal. The last stop on the Rainier Ripper's trail of death seventeen years ago was her innocuous little teashop.

She also knows that the consequences of catching the Ripper still haunt her police officer husband - and their marriage - to this day. At the same time, she can't ignore the growing desperation among some of her neighbours, who are struggling enough to embrace a dark tourism company keen to cash in on Rainier's reputation as the murder town.

When the tour operator is killed by a Ripper copycat on Gemma's doorstep, the unease that has lurked quietly in the original killer's wake turns to foreboding, and Gemma is drawn into the investigation. Unbeknownst to her, so is a prisoner named Lane Holland.

Gemma knows her town. And she knows her people. Doesn't she?





*Wickepin Community Resource Centre
and Wickepin News & Cozy Groves*

*Raffles
and
Prizes*

*\$5
Entry*

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@wickepincrc.com.au**

WHAT'S ON AT WICKY CRC?

MAY

Friday
1st

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

Friday
5th

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

Sunday
17th

Welcome to Wickepin
Community Lunch
Wickepin Hotel
12:30pm

JULY

Tuesday
26th

NDIS Walk-in Sessions
Wicky Public Library
10:00am - 12:00pm

Friday
3rd

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

Tuesday
26th

Road Safety Journeys
Wicky CRC Meeting Room
11:00am - 1:00pm

Thursday
28th

Biggest Morning Tea
Wickepin Community Centre
10:30am



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



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School Office: 9888 2300

School Email: Wickepin.PS@education.wa.edu.au

WICKEPIN PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Working together to learn, grow and succeed



From the Principal

Welcome to Term 2. I am delighted to begin with reflections on Term 1, which finished with a remarkable swimming carnival that showcased strong participation and outstanding sportsmanship. My heartfelt thanks go to Miss Betteridge for coordinating such a fantastic event.

This term promises to be incredibly busy and exciting for our students. Highlights include Mother's Day celebrations, footy and golf clinics, Pancake Days, Crazy Hair Day, Grandparents' Afternoon, National Simultaneous Storytime, the District Cross Country, a sporting team-building program with Yealering Primary School, a Musica Viva incursion, and a Winter Carnival in Narrogin.

Today, our Year 5/6 students have headed off to Nanga Bush Camp, and we are very excited for them. The camp promises a range of fun and challenging activities, including the climbing wall, adventure course, zip line, and a visit to Amaze in Mandurah. It will be a wonderful opportunity for students to build friendships, challenge themselves, and bond as a group. We can't wait to hear all about their adventures when they return.



ANZAC Service

We were extremely impressed by the respectful and confident manner in which our Year 6 student leaders hosted the ANZAC ceremony last Friday for our whole school community. It was a privilege to hear community member, Mr Des Pauley, share his personal reflections on the meaning of ANZAC Day, which added great depth and significance to the service. The Year 6 students' ANZAC poems were thoughtfully presented and well received by all in attendance. We also greatly appreciated the attendance of the Wickepin Local Vocals, whose singing enriched the ceremony it was wonderful to have Mrs Emma Everett perform a special solo of Waltzing Matilda, which was a moving highlight of the afternoon. Also thank you to Tania Ewen on supplying the rosemary for the Ceremony.

GARAGE SALE

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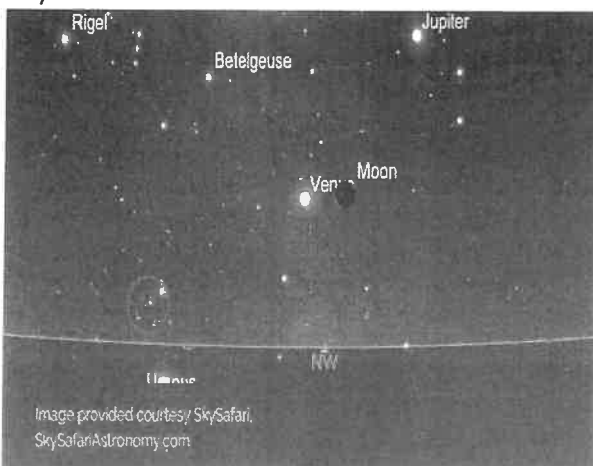
COME ALONG WITH CASH \$\$\$

The Dance of the Planets | 19th May – mid June

From 19 May to mid-June, stargazers are in for stunning evening night sky views: we think it's the best stargazing all year! The planets Venus, Jupiter, and Mercury will put on a nightly show, and if you watch from evening to evening, you'll see our Solar System's motion in action.

The night of 19 May is delightful, with bright Venus appearing alongside a wonderful crescent Moon, and Jupiter higher above. But Mercury is nowhere to be seen...yet!

As the evenings progress, Venus will appear to get closer to Jupiter, making its closest approach on 10th June. Mercury will appear lower on the horizon in late May, climbing higher in the night sky to join Jupiter in mid to late June. Venus will appear to overtake Jupiter and climb higher into the night sky.



Enjoy this wonderful spectacle of some of the best naked-eye planets dancing across the evening sky.

When and where to look:

Start watching after sunset from 6.00pm, 19 May.

Something Interesting

The planets appear to move faster across the sky than stars because they're much closer to us. This means that planets change their position in the sky regularly. The Moon is much closer to us than the planets, and as such, it appears to move through our sky even

SPORTS NOTES

WICKEPIN FOOTBALL CLUB

Round 2

Sunday, 03 May 2026

Played at Wickepin Town Oval

FOURTHS

Wickepin

25 4.1

Williams

22 3.4 Wickepin Fourths won by 3 pts

RESERVES

Wickepin

24 3.6

Williams

91 13.13 Williams Reserves won by 67 pts

LEAGUE

Wickepin

77 11.11

Williams

15 2.3 Wickepin League won by 62 pts

Round 3

Saturday, 09 May 2026

Played at Pingelly Town Oval

FOURTHS

Brookton/Pingelly League

60 8.12

Wickepin

38 6.2 Bkton/Pingelly Fourths won by 22 pts

RESERVES

Brookton/Pingelly League

47 7.5

Wickepin

104 15.14 Wickepin won by 57 pts

LEAGUE

Brookton/Pingelly League

49 7.7

Wickepin

74 11.8 Wickepin won by 25 pts

WICKEPIN NETBALL CLUB – THE STEERES

Congratulations to the Steere family and their involvement in the Wickepin Netball Club.

Wickepin Netball Club hosted a day of home games against Williams for the first round of the Narrogin & Districts Netball Association winter competition.

Kelly played with daughter Marley in Wickepin's A2 side.

Daughters Abbey & Tyler teamed up as shooters in the A1 side.

The day rounded off with awards for each grade and socializing with a few drinks and nibbles.

Sports Jokes

A group of friends put together a basketball team to play on the local town league and called the team "bye" So far they have accumulated 4 wins from opponents no-show reporter asked him, "How do you feel about your team's execution?"

He said, "I'm in favour of it."

There was a guy way up in the nosebleed seats at 'your team's' home game. About the end of the first quarter, he spotted an old man and an empty seat down on the 50 yard line. He made his way down to the older gentleman and asked if anybody was sitting there. The man said, "my wife and I have been going to every home game for 40 years, and she passed away." The guy asked if there wasn't a child or cousin or somebody who would have liked to sit there. The old man said, "they're all at the funeral."

IMPROVING EVERY AUSTRALIAN'S LIFE THROUGH SPORT

Sport's impact on the Australian way of life is underestimated. It's at the very heart of every community impacting our culture, society and economy. Sport has the ability to improve the health and wellbeing of all that participate regardless of age, ability, background or gender.

The benefits of sport go well beyond just health. You can't underestimate the positive impact sport has on our culture, society and economy. Our communities are strengthened when we come together to play sport, building a sense of belonging and feeding our national identity.

We all know that physical activity is the key to good health. Regular activity helps prevent a range of diseases, heart attacks, cancer and diabetes, but sport does more than just keep us physically healthy. An entire community benefits from sport participation. From players to family to volunteers, sport brings people together.

This allows new friendships to form and builds a sense of belonging and pride. The confidence that is built from playing sport helps foster important life skills which benefits individuals through to adulthood. Not only do people who play perform better academically, it improves our overall mental health and wellbeing in every aspect of life.



Wickepin Football Club League Premiers 2025



Wickepin D Grade

THERE IS NO "I" IN TEAM

Team sports offer a wide range of benefits, including improved physical health, enhanced social skills, boosted confidence and personal development.

KEITH DONCON- A Local Sporting Legend

Over many years Keith excelled in numerous sports, he has kindly shared his achievements. He retired to Leschenaultia seven years ago.



FOOTBALL

ARTICLE WRITTEN BY RON HEAD, SPORTS WRITER

Keith Doncon enjoyed only a short 75 game career with East Perth, but it was enough to stamp his claims as one of the greatest rovers in the club's proud history, verified in 2006, when the Royals named him in his Team of the Century 1945 – 2005.

The 174cm and 73kg Doncon was all class, a gutsy, hard at it, pacy rover, with a strong overhead mark, complimented by his ability to read the play, and a good sense. A long-distance runner who represented Scotch College in 800m events, his stamina was a feature of his game.

Keith started his football at Scotch College where he played 3 years in the 1st XVIII and was chosen as captain in his final year – 1961. He was also selected in the Scotch College Team of the Century as 'first rover'.

After Keith left school, he went back to the farm. One of his first visitors was legendary East Perth stalwart Hec Stremple, who enticed the young rover back to the city, making his league debut in 1963. After one season travelling to Perth each week, he decided to return to Wickepin.

Keith starred with Wickepin in 1964 and 65, winning Fairest and Best for Wickepin in both years, as well as being voted Leo Graham Medal winner for the Upper Great Southern League. Nearing the end of 1965 season he received another visitor – East Perth and State Coach, Kevin Murray, who persuaded him to have a run with the Royals in their end of season charity match at Bunbury. Murray was impressed in Doncon's performance and immediately set about bringing him back to Perth Oval for the 1966 season.

Keith's return to league football was inspirational. He was third in the Sandover Medal voting, heading the East Perth goal list and played for Western Australia in the Hobart Carnival, gaining "All Australian" selection. The roving trio for WA in that carnival was surely one of the best combinations ever placed on a football field anywhere: Cable, Walker and Doncon. It was also the year that Keith played in a losing grand final, the first of two consecutive disappointing grand finals for him, and the closest he was to getting a league premiership.

In 1968 Keith went back to Wickepin as playing coach, also coaching Upper Great Southern to a Country Carnival success in Perth the same year. Enticed back to Perth Oval in 1969 he was once again a leading player for the Royals and selected in the State side to play in another carnival. He unfortunately had a farm accident and broke his back. After six weeks he recovered and played in a semi-final, resulting in an injury to his knee.

1970 saw him back once again with the Royals at the beginning of the season testing out his knee, but after one game he broke down again. Trying out again with Wickepin, all injury scares were cast aside as he recovered his previous form to be selected for the Upper Great Southern team that competed in the Great Southern Carnival, in which he played two games, was voted Best on Ground on both occasions and was awarded the Caris Medal as best player at the carnival.

Itching to get back into WAFL action, Keith returned to Perth Oval but broke down again at training. He had played only 75 games for East Perth plus six for Western Australia and it was a huge blow to the Royals, as well as disappointing for Keith. "It wasn't what I would have liked" he admitted. "I felt that my best football was in front of me and from that aspect it wasn't great, but I did have the opportunity to play at the top level with some stars of the game, be part of a great club, plus meet some wonderful people, so I have to be grateful for that. Life is like that, you move on."

Keith was a footballer who had the respect of all involved in the game. In a brief but dazzling time at top level, he left a huge impression on the WAFL as well as many memories for the supporters of the East Perth Football Club



BOWLS

A Bowls West Publication written by Neville Faulkner

To amply extol the talents of Wickepin bowler Keith Doncon in this column would not be possible but there is little doubt that Doncon will go down as one of the best bowlers ever to grace the greens.

As shown by his selection in the team of the century Doncon possesses the attributes to reach great heights and just maybe if not retiring from the state scene perhaps prematurely Doncon could have been one of our Australian representatives.

Since 1983 when he won his first state title in the pairs competition it has been a steady process of wins for the likeable farmer who just seems to take top grade sport in his stride.

State fours, Champion of Champions, runner up in State Singles, four Country Week singles, three Country fours, a country pairs and a Rosenthal Medal as the outstanding bowler in the state are just a short tally of Doncon's achievements. The record that will not be broken for many years is outstanding country bowlers award seven times from 1983 to the latest in 2000.

However, it was on the state scene with eight years and 104 state matches that brings the Scotch College educated East Perth, state and all Australian football champions name forward as possible national bowler.

There is little doubt as to Doncon's mental makeup and according to past state teammates Geoff Oakley and Steve Srhoy team camaraderie was one of Doncon's greatest attributes.

Oakley believes a lack of exposure in the east was all that kept Doncon out of the national scene. "Players like myself, Dennis Katunarich and Steve Srhoy competed on a regular basis in the east and were recognized" Oakly said.

"Keith came on the scene at an awkward time. He was not at his best when older players were selected for Australia and reached his peak when younger players were the go" Oakley continued.

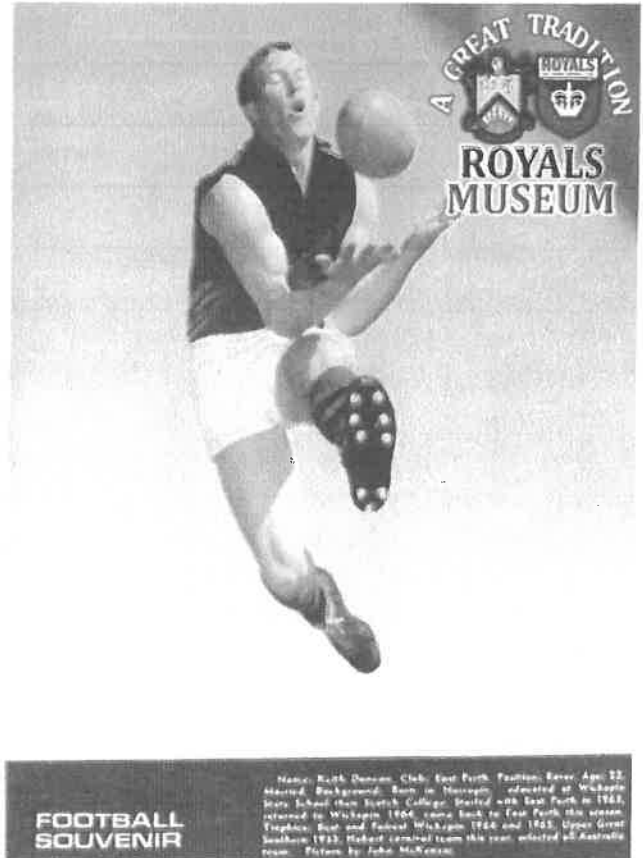
There is little doubt that if Doncon was still playing state bowls he would be a skipper according to Srhoy who rates Doncon as an inspiration to all when playing state bowls.

"Keith was always reliable for the big pressure bowl and a great ambassador" Srhoy added. Whatever the case Doncon has made an indelible mark on bowls in WA and we hope has not finished adding to his tally just yet.



HALL of FAME 2011 KEITH DONCON

State. Won State Pairs 1983.
Won State Fours 1996, 2001.
Won Champion of Champion Singles 1996.
Won Country Week Singles 1993, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2005.
Won Country Week Pairs 1995.
Won Country Week Fours 1992, 1998, 2000.
Winner of the Rosenthal Medal 1996.
Country Bowler of the Year 1983, 1992, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 2000.



CRICKET

Keith started playing cricket for Wickepin in 1961 aged 17 after leaving Scotch College. The 1960s were a difficult time with Wickepin struggling for numbers. By the 1970s Wickepin came into their own winning 3 grand finals and runners-up for 3 seasons. Wickepin Cricket Association progressed from D-grade to A-grade.

Personal highlights were:

- 17 centuries
- Played 11 seasons of Country Week Cricket
- Captain of Wickepin 1965-1972, Captain of the Wickepin Cricket Association 1967-1977
- President of Wickepin 1973-77, President of the Wickepin Cricket Association 1975-1977

“Highlights of my career: Making double centuries in two grand finals: 232 against Dudinin in 1972/73 and 218 not out against Harrismith in 1973/74”

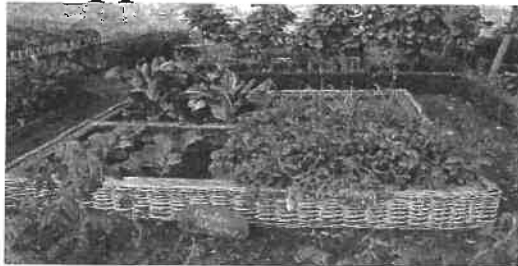
Fundraising: Haycarting at Jim and Enid Roses property was our main money earner over the years and many a heavy and enjoyable night was had after a hard days work. “Memories fade but carting approximately 4000 bales a day by only six or seven players seems to stick in the mind.”

Due to knee injuries Keith had to retire from cricket in 1978 and then started playing bowls.

GOLF

Keith also played golf in the late seventies and eighties, winning the Wickepin championship eight times. He parred the Wagin golf course once and the Wickepin course several times, shooting his best round of 68 off the stick.

Garden Snippets....



....Cool Veggie's

The weather may be cooler, but there's no need to hang up the gardening gloves. Many crops can handle the chill and be ready for harvest during the coming months. Plant up in garden beds or pots with edibles now and you'll have a source of fresh, healthy and tasty food for you and your family.

Prepare: Prepare your vegie patch by firstly pulling out weeds and removing all the old stems and leaves from the summer crops. Once clear, improve the soil by mixing in a rich source of organic matter to replenish the nutrients used up during the summer, boost the soil structure and attract earthworms and other beneficial microorganisms.

Plant: Kickstart your patch by planting vegies that take a few months to mature, such as broccoli, brussel sprouts, cabbage, cauliflower and leeks which have longer maturation periods. While they are growing, sow quick growing vegies such as baby-leaf spinach, baby beets and snow peas. Other fast growing crops include bok choy, lettuce, radish, rocket, mint, coriander and Italian parsley. By growing the herbs over the cooler months they take longer to set seed, and therefore will give you more tasty and fragrant leaves over a longer period.

Stagger Your Plantings: For a regular supply of homegrown produce, stagger your crop sowings throughout the season. This will avoid excess of produce at one given time, reduce waste and ensure an extended harvest window. Sow your vegie's every fortnight until conditions are no longer favourable.

Seedlings or Seeds: You can get a head start on the planting season by using seedlings. They're easy to grow and, as they are young established plants, may have a greater chance of success in the garden. But if you are not in a rush then seeds are great too, as the plants will be grown in the one spot and you will avoid the risk of loss through the shock of transplanting. Sowing by seed is budget-friendly compared to sowing a punnet of seedlings and allows you to control the number of plants you need, when you need them.

Nourish to Flourish: Regular feeding and keeping the soil or potting mix consistently moist are the keys to a successful and bountiful harvest. Liquid feed every 1-2 weeks to promote healthy growth, and add a layer of naturally derived mulch, such as pea straw, to help reduce water evaporation, even in the cooler months. The mulch also helps to add nutrients to the soil as the mulch breaks down and is incorporated by the micro-organisms in the soil.

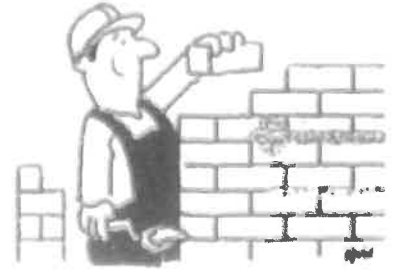
By picking individual leaves of leafy greens, such as spinach and lettuce, you will promote fresh new growth and allow your plants to continue to produce for months.



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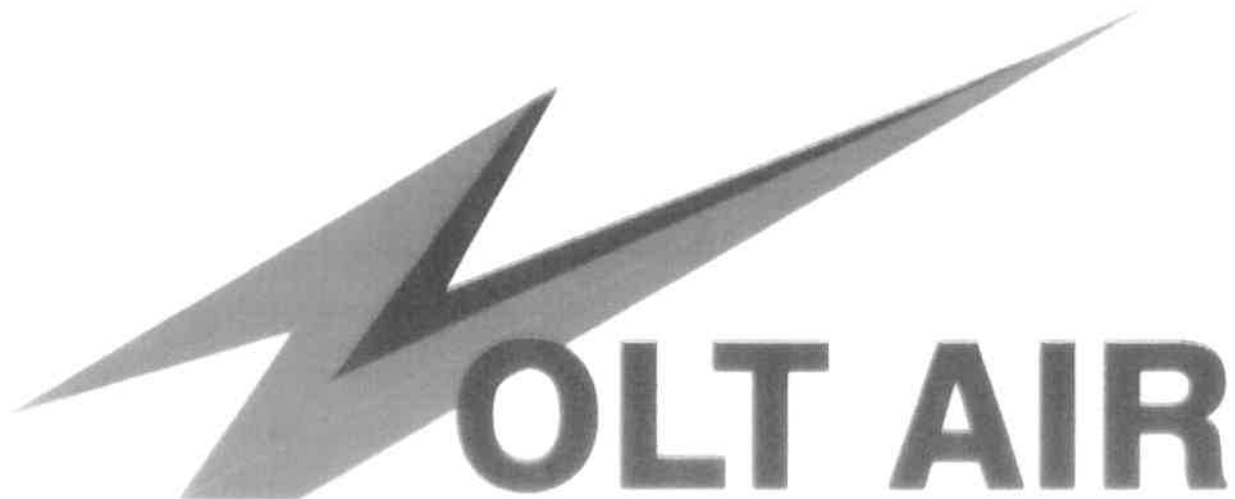


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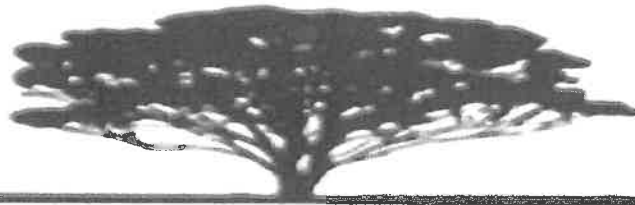


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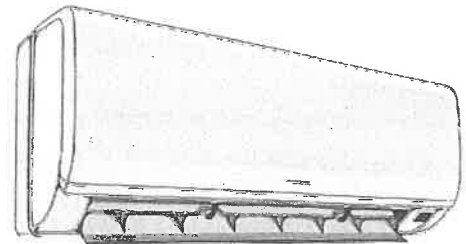
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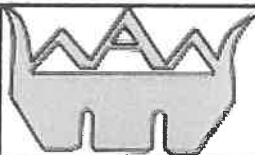
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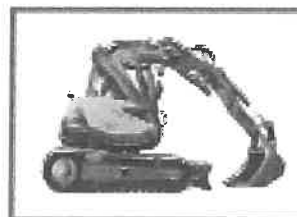
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MONDAY

- 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

MAY

- Sun 17th Community Lunch 12.30pm Wickepin Hotel
- Mon 25th **Watershed News**
- Mon 25th Recycle and Bin Day
- Tue 26th NDIS Walk-In Sessions 10am – 12pm @ CRC
- Tue 26th Road Safety Journeys 11am – 1pm @ CRC
- Thur 28th Australia Biggest Morning Tea for Cancer 10.30am

JUNE

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

JULY

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

AUGUST

- Mon 3rd **Watershed News**
- Mon 3rd Recycle and Bin Day
- Fri 7th Communi-Tea 1.30pm
- Tues 11th CRC Committee Meeting 4.30pm
- Mon 17th **Watershed News**
- Mon 17th Recycle and Bin Day
- Mon 31st **Watershed News**
- Mon 31st Recycle and Bin Day

SEPTEMBER

- Fri 4th Communi-Tea 1.30pm
- Mon 14th **Watershed News**
- Mon 14th Recycle and Bin Day
- Fri 25th School Term Three Ends
- Mon 28th Recycle and Bin Day
- Mon 28th Kings Birthday Public Holiday
- Tues 29th **Watershed News**

