

WATERSHED NEWS

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

22nd June 2026

Wickepin Winter Weekend

Fundraising for St John Ambulance

@ Wickepin Hall

Old Time & Line Dancing

Friday/Saturday/Sunday

26/27/28 JUNE 2026



LET'S
Dance



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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

COMMUNITY NOTES

June/July Birthday Wishes to:

- 23rd Adam Jespersen
- 24th Judy Lock
- 26th Cejay Hill
- 27th Ruth Bailey
- 28th Jacqui Martin, Jasper Steere
- 30th Kyle Flavell
- 2nd Aiden White, Jade Bushby
- 3rd Lucy Miller
- 5th Andrew Cooke-Bennier



A FEW FAREWELLS

A Cheerio to Cath McDougall who was hospitalised for a few days with Pneumonia, however she is up and about ready for her and Ross to head to Queensland where they will be living but will be back periodically. All the best for your shift and to be closer to your girls.

To Beryle Holmes who will be finishing up as Manager of the Caravan Park in the next couple of weeks, for her next adventure. She will be hooking up her caravan and heading in whatever direction she feels like at the time. Beryl has been involved in the community for several years, playing bowls, working at the post office, and running a small gardening business. All the best Beryl enjoy your travels.

EVERYONE WELCOME

Drinks and Nibblies at Wickepin Hotel, Thursday 2nd July 2026 for Beryle's goodbye.

WANTED

To the person who brought the Meat Mincer from Fisher Street Garage sale. Please contact me as you left behind spare blades. 0434 172 002

SAVE THE DATE

A "Games and Afternoon Tea" event at the Yealering CWA will be held on Thursday 2nd July 2026.

Please come for a catch up, or a game of Rummy O, Mahjong, Scrabble, Chess or cards from 1pm or anytime for a cuppa and chat.



Hope to see you there. Remember **THURSDAY**.

WICKEPIN PLAYGROUP INVITES YOU TO
JOIN US FOR A MORNING OF PLAY WITH

WHEATBELT
**GIGGLE
& GROW**

FRI, 3RD JULY | 9.30-10.30AM
Wickepin Community Centre

\$10 PER CHILD - PLEASE RSVP BY
FRI 26TH IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND
BEC: 0458241005

MEMAX

**Why must I prove that I am me
to pay my bills over the phone?
Do strangers call to pay my bills?
and if they do, why don't
you let them?**



St John's Anglican Church

Johnston Street, Wickepin

1st and 3rd Sundays
@ 8.00am
Morning tea
served after service



All denominations welcome
Enquiries:

Irene—0437 801 026 or
Elaine—0428 898 025



CEO Comments

It is great to see some rain coming through and helping the crops grow.

Please remember that when gravel roads are wet, large vehicles will do damage to them. Please consider this and help us maintain the road network by staying off wet gravel roads with large vehicles.

Council Meeting – June 2026.

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

1. The Monthly payments for March were presented.
2. The Financial Statements for March were presented.
3. Council adopted fees and Charges applicable from 1st July 2027.
4. The Shire's Equal Employment Opportunity Management Plan for 2025-2030 was adopted.
5. Camping on a property was approved, subject to EHO approval.
6. The 2026/27 Community Grants were presented to Council. Applicants will be notified shortly of the results, but these still need to be adopted in the 2026/27 Budget for final approval and the funds spent.

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

Fight the Bite – Mosquito Program

With the rains and moisture, mosquitoes are becoming a problem. The Shire will be following our Mosquito Management Plan for control methods, which may include the use of fogging.

If you do not want the fogger operating near your house, please advise the Administration Office.

Queries on Works

We have been advised that members of the public are asking staff about what works are being undertaken and when. If you have any queries of this nature, please contact the Manager of Works or the CEO as listed below.

Works: Grant Cross 0429 882 871
CEO: David Burton 0429 207 855

The Works Manager and CEO are responsible for determining what works are done and when and can better respond to your queries.

⚠️ Please Slow Down – Our Crews Are At Work ⚠️

This is a reminder to all road users to slow down and drive with caution when approaching any of our work crews operating on or near the roadside. This applies to both the works crew and our gardeners/town maintenance crew. Our staff are often out on foot or in vehicles carrying out essential maintenance and improvement work, their safety depends on your awareness.

Please:

Thank you for doing your part to help keep our crews safe while they work. 🙏

RATES – END OF FINANCIAL YEAR & 2026/2027 RATES

30th of June is fast approaching to the end of financial year. If you are a pensioner and have not yet paid your rates, please contact us at admin@wickepin.wa.gov.au for assistance.

The 2026/2027 rates will be issued in the coming months. To ensure you receive your rates notice and to alleviate possible interest charges on late payments, please make sure we have your correct postal address on record and advise if any changes of ownership are required.

New Weather Rating on our Website

We have a new fire weather rating on the homepage of the Shire website- wickepin.wa.gov.au

Dog Registrations

There have been a few dogs that have picked up around town that are not registered with the Shire of Wickepin. If you have a dog or cat within our Shire, they MUST be registered to the Shire of Wickepin. Application forms are available on our website, or at the Administration Office.

Red Tape Cut for Low Risk Sheds, Carports and Garages

From the 1 July 2026, the WA Government is cutting red tape for lower-risk sheds, carports and similar non-habitable buildings valued under \$50,000 by removing the need for registered builders to do the work.

Currently, a registered building contractor is generally required for building work worth more than \$20,000. The threshold will increase to \$50,000 for projects such as sheds and carports.

Building permit requirements remain unchanged.

For further information, please contact the Shire on 9888 1005.

Further Information

For further information on what is happening in the Shire or information from the Council Meetings, please check the Shire website at www.wickepin.wa.gov.au



EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST MANAGEMENT OF WICKEPIN CARAVAN PARK



Council seeks expressions of interest from interested persons to manage the day to day operation of the Wickepin Caravan Park. Expressions of interest must include all proposed terms and conditions, for the management of caravan parks.

Key responsibilities of the role are;

- Park and accommodation unit bookings;
- Cleaning and upkeep of park amenities and park grounds to an acceptable standard as determined by Council;
- Positive promotion of the Wickepin Shire community and tourist opportunities for visitors.

“Private & Confidential, EO1 01/26- Management of Wickepin Caravan Park”
PO Box 19, Wickepin WA 6370

Or email eso@wickepin.wa.gov.au .

Expressions close with the undersigned 4pm, 26th June 2026

David Burton
Chief Executive Officer

Embracing Community Growth



DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT SERVICE NOTICE

Sometimes due to unforeseen circumstances, the Shire is unable to provide Department of Transport services. We are endeavouring to rectify this situation by sending new staff for DOT training over the coming months. That way we will be able to return to providing full time Department of Transport services Monday – Friday.

Until then to avoid disappointment or a wasted trip to town, please call the Shire Office on 9888 1005, or check our Facebook page to confirm if licensing services are available on the day you wish to visit.

We sincerely apologise for any inconvenience caused, and we thank you for your understanding.

Shire of Wickepin Admin Office:
9888 1005



The next DrumMuster will be held on **Tuesday, 14 July 2026**

Collection is between the hours of 8:00am & 4:00pm by appointment only.

Collection Point: Wickepin Rubbish Tip

Contact the Shire of Wickepin Administration Office on 9888 1005 to make a booking, advising number of drums.

You will be assigned a time for drop off once you have registered with the Shire.



**Rinse them out
Round them up
Run them in**



**Remember, every
container counts!**

Find your nearest drumMUSTER location

77 Wogolin Road, PO Box 19 WICKEPIN 6370

Phone: 9888 1005 Fax: 9888 1074

admin@wickepin.wa.gov.au www.wickepin.wa.gov.au



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Old Time & Line Dancing

Friday/Saturday/Sunday

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Friday Night 7.30pm Old Time Dance with Campfire Country
 Saturday 10 - 4 Dance Sessions & Guest Artists
 Saturday Night 7pm - Guest Artists
 Sunday 9.30am - 11.30am

Music by **CAMPFIRE COUNTRY**
DEREK & JULIE / CACTUS ROSE
ANNIE JOHNSON

WEEKEND TICKET \$40
FRIDAY DANCE \$10
SATURDAY (DAY) \$15
SATURDAY (NIGHT) \$20

Friday: Please bring a plate of supper to share

Accommodation:
 Wickepin Caravan Park 0434 172002
 Wickepin Hotel (ring Therese)
 Camping at the Sports Oval

Sessions by:
 Krystyna (Albany)
 Graeme & Sharon (Manjimup)

RAFFLES

FUNDRAISING LUNCH
SATURDAY
BUY YOUR TICKET
FRIDAY NIGHT

David & Therese
 0429 109 334 / 0448 387878

campfirecountry@gmail.com

FIGHT the BITE

PROTECT YOURSELF *against* **DISEASE-CARRYING MOSQUITOES**

COVER UP. REPEL. CLEAN UP.

- WEAR LONG, LOOSE-FITTING, CLOTHING.
- USE INSECT REPELLENT.
- REMOVE THE WATER THEY BREED IN.

Mosquitoes can spread serious and potentially deadly diseases. For more information contact the Department of Health or visit www.healthywa.wa.gov.au/FIGHTTHEBITE

Government of Western Australia
 Department of Health

COMMUNITY GROUP CONTACT DETAILS

HELP US STAY CONNECTED

We're updating our records and need your help!
 If you're part of a community group in the Shire of Wickepin,
 please make sure we have your current contact details.

Please send your group name, contact person, phone
 number and email to:
admin@wickepin.wa.gov.au





2026-2027 WASTE AND RECYCLING CALENDAR

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General Waste Only

Recycling and General



FORTNIGHTLY
Recycling

WHAT CAN GO IN YOUR RECYCLE BIN

Recycling materials include aluminum and steel cans (lids removed), milk and juice cartons (lids removed), plastic bottles (lids removed), all papers, and glass jars and bottles (lids removed)



SHIRE OF WICKEPIN WASTE FACILITY HOURS OF OPERATION

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

77 Wogolin Road, PO Box 19 WICKEPIN 6370

Phone: 9888 1005 Fax: 9888 1074

admin@wickepin.wa.gov.au www.wickepin.wa.gov.au

Easy Dance Night Recipe

Lemon Garlic Salmon

INGREDIENTS

- ½ KILO salmon fillets
- 3 medium lemons, 2 squeezed + 1 sliced
- 2 tsp lemon zest
- 3-4 garlic cloves, minced
- 2 tbsp. extra virgin olive oil
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1/2 tsp. freshly ground black pepper – plus additional to taste
- Finely chopped fresh parsley

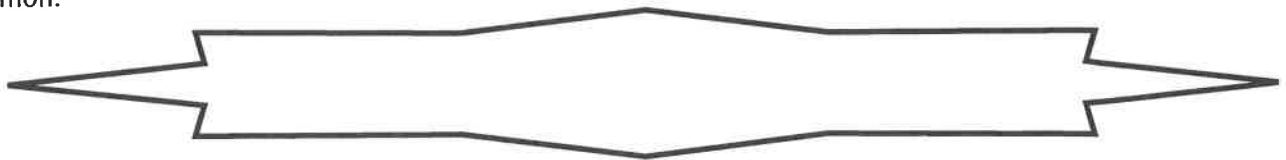
METHOD

Preheat the oven to 180 and grease a baking dish that can fit all pieces of salmon with some oil.

Whisk lemon juice, garlic, oil, salt, and pepper into a bowl.

Place the salmon fillets into a Ziploc bag and pour over the lemon marinade. Seal the bag and move the pieces of salmon to get them evenly coated with the marinade. Let marinate for at least 30 minutes.

Now layer the lemon slices into your prepared dish and arrange the salmon on top. Lay a few slices of lemon on top. Bake the salmon for about 12-15 minutes until cooked through. Depending on the thickness of your salmon.



Fresh Green Bean Almondine

INGREDIENTS

- ½ teaspoon fine sea salt
- 250g green beans, trimmed
- 1 tablespoon butter
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- ¼ teaspoon black pepper
- ¼ cup sliced toasted almonds
- 1 ounce Parmigiano, shaved



METHOD

Fill a large sauté pan two-thirds full with water. Add the salt, and bring to a boil.

Add the green beans, and cook for 4 minutes. Drain.

Place the sauté pan back on stove and heat the butter, lemon juice, and pepper over medium-high heat. Add the beans and cook for 3 minutes.

Plate and garnish with the almonds and the Parmigiano-Reggiano cheese.

Serve and enjoy.

Benefits of Dancing: Boost Mood, Health, and Fitness

Balance and coordination

While you may feel pretty solid on your feet now, there's no denying the fact that as we age, balance and coordination seriously deteriorate. It's one of the reasons that older adults are so prone to falls.

However, the ability of dancing to improve these markers of health in older folks is promising.

One study on people over the age of 80 years found that social dancing helped improve balance and walking speed, as well as contributing to a more stable walking pattern.



Boosts learning, memory, and all-around brain power

Feeling mentally stuck or indecisive? Shake it out!

One study found that Zumba — the Latin dance-inspired workout — helped improve cognitive skills, like visual recognition and decision making, along with mood.

Other research suggests that dance can help create new connections between brain regions involved in long-term memory and executive function (and you thought the “Macarena” made you lose brain cells).

And some doctors have even recommended dance and dance-style workouts to assist in recovery after brain injury.



May reduce dementia risk

Dance can help ward off more serious memory problems, too. This may be especially true for dancing in a group or with a partner.

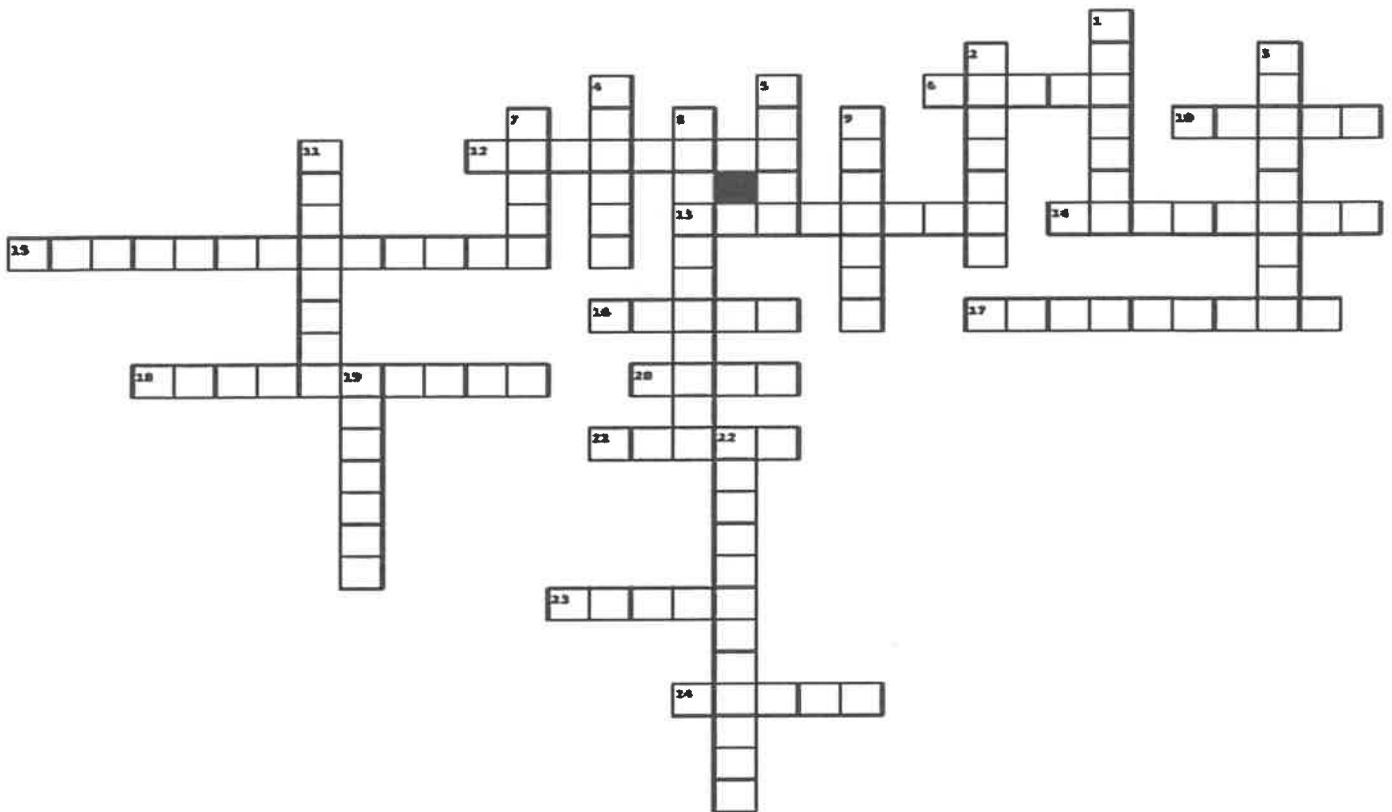
One study found that out of 11 different types of exercise (including dance, swimming, golf, cycling, tennis, and others) dance was the only one associated with a lower risk of dementia for people in the study.

Experts believe the benefit was due to a combo of social interaction and mental focus.

Another study from 2017 found that dance can increase the amount of white matter in the brain. White matter typically breaks down as a person ages, which may contribute to cognitive decline.



Dancing



Across

6. A vibrant Latin dance with syncopated steps.
10. The rhythm and melody that dancers follow.
12. A formal event for dancing.
13. Rehearsing dance steps to improve.
14. The style of partner dancing popular in formal settings.
15. A faster version of the waltz with elegant turns.
16. A playful and energetic dance style.
17. A lively and fast-paced ballroom dance.
18. The area where people dance.
20. A fast and energetic dance popular in swing music.
21. A structured series of movements to music.
23. A passionate and dramatic dance with sharp movements.
24. A lively Brazilian dance with a carnival feel.

Down

1. A lively Latin dance with quick steps.
2. Someone you dance with in ballroom.
3. A dramatic Spanish dance imitating the bullfight.
4. A slow and romantic dance.
5. A sensual and rhythmic Cuban dance.
7. A graceful dance in triple time.
8. Events where dancers showcase their skills.
9. The attire worn by dancers in performances.
11. A lively Dominican dance with simple steps.
19. A smooth, flowing ballroom dance.
22. The sequence of steps in a dance.

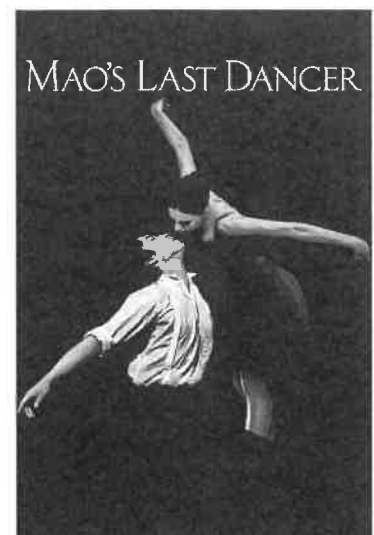
RECOMMENDATIONS

Mao's Last Dancer

The true, rags-to-riches story of Chinese ballet dancer Li Cunxin - from rural China to ballet stardom as one of the world's greatest dancers.

In 1972, the 11-year-old Li (Huang Wenbin), living with his family of six siblings in eastern China, is selected as a student with promise by representatives of Madame Mao's Beijing Dance Academy. He attends their harsh and unforgiving school and becomes one of its star pupils. In '81, Li (now played by Chi Cao) is chosen to travel to the United States as part of a student exchange with the Houston Ballet Company. There he becomes a star when given a key role in a televised production of *Die Fledermaus*. Loving life in his new home, Li falls for fellow dancer, Elizabeth (Amanda Schull), and makes the decision to leave his old life behind and pursue a life of personal and creative freedom in America.

Filmed in China, USA and Australia. Directed by Australian Bruce Beresford





WHAT IS THE BIG FREEZE?



THE BIG FREEZE IS A FUN AUSTRALIAN FUNDRAISER WHERE BRAVE PEOPLE SLIDE INTO AN ICY POOL TO RAISE MONEY AND AWARENESS FOR MOTOR NEURONE DISEASE (MND). THE EVENT WAS STARTED BY NEALE DANIHER AND HAS HELPED RAISE MILLIONS OF DOLLARS FOR RESEARCH AND SUPPORT FOR PEOPLE LIVING WITH MND.



LET'S MAKE A SPLASH FOR MND!

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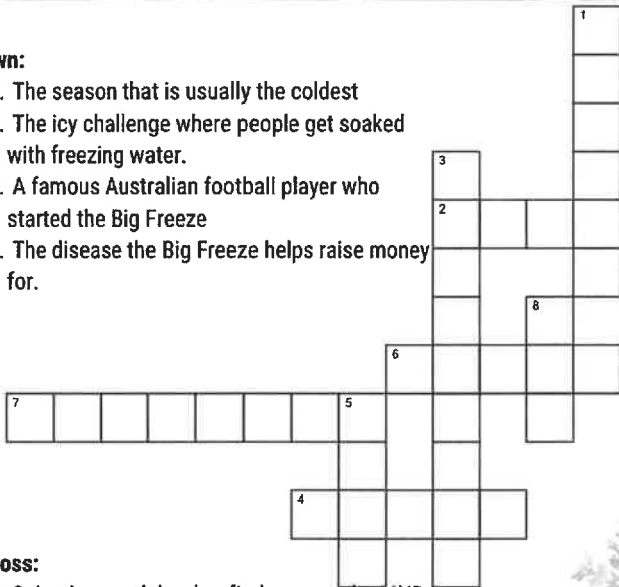
UNSCRAMBLE THESE BIG FREEZE WORDS:

1. EANIBE _____
2. ECI _____
3. EUBL _____
4. DINKSENS _____



Down:

1. The season that is usually the coldest
3. The icy challenge where people get soaked with freezing water.
5. A famous Australian football player who started the Big Freeze
8. The disease the Big Freeze helps raise money for.



Across:

2. Scientists work hard to find a _____ for MND
4. What many people dump over their heads during the Big Freeze.
6. The colourful costumes worn by Big Freeze sliders are often very _____.
7. People give this to help support MND research.

ONE-MINUTE KINDNESS CHALLENGE

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DO ONE KIND THING TODAY AND TICK IT OFF

- CARRY SOMETHING FOR SOMEONE
- SAY "THANK YOU" AND MEAN IT
- INVITE SOMEONE INTO YOUR GAME
- MAKE A CHEERFUL DRAWING FOR A NEIGHBOUR OR GRANDPARENT
- HELP PACK UP WITHOUT BEING ASKED
- BIG FREEZE REMINDS US THAT SUPPORT MATTERS - KINDNESS IS A GREAT PLACE TO START.



JOKE OF THE WEEK

WHY DID THE ICE CUBE GO TO SCHOOL?

BECAUSE IT WANTED TO BE A LITTLE COOLER

FUN FACT

YOUR BRAIN SENDS MESSAGES THROUGH YOUR BODY FASTER THAN A FORMULA 1 RACE CAR CAN DRIVE! MOTOR NEURONE DISEASE AFFECTS THE NERVES THAT CARRY THESE IMPORTANT MESSAGES FROM THE BRAIN TO THE MUSCLES. THAT'S WHY RAISING MONEY FOR RESEARCH IS SO IMPORTANT.

DESIGN YOUR OWN HAT!

MAKE IT COLOURFUL, COOL AND FULL OF HOPE



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

ZANE KNIGHT-DUNN

PAIGE EWEN



Freeze-tastic Finish

Be kind, Wear Blue, Play On

Wickepin Local Vocals Up and Singing

Wickepin Local Vocals started in January 2026, with conductor Emma Everett joining a group of local singers who were keen to re-start a singing group in Wickepin and invite new singers to join in.

Some of our members have sung in choirs around Australia and overseas, while others sing "only in the shower!" Our focus is to enjoy music and provide a supportive atmosphere for everyone who attends.



Earlier this year we enjoyed performing at the Wickepin Primary School Anzac Day ceremony, singing an Anzac Day arrangement of "I am Australian" by Bruce Woodley. It was lovely to be a part of the school ceremony and see the students so engaged with this important occasion.

In May, we combined with singers from Williams and Narrogin to sing ABBA's "Thank you for the Music" with the Albany City Wind Ensemble, on their Great Southern tour which was named after the ABBA classic. Singing with a 30-piece concert band was a unique experience and it was a special opportunity to meet other singers from around the region.



Coming up, we will be performing at a community music showcase at Cuby GrooveFest in September - we would love to welcome new singers to join us for this event! We are also hoping to find an excuse to bring out some Christmas tunes later in 2026.

We are grateful to the Anglican church on Johnson Street who have been lending us their venue for rehearsals (what great acoustics!). We may move into the town hall temporarily in the colder months so get in touch with us if you plan to visit.

We'd love to invite new singers to visit us - just get in touch with Emma for our next rehearsal date. We are singing a wide variety of popular music, with tunes from a range of artists including the Beatles, Crowded House, Powderfinger and Shaboozey. No prior music knowledge is needed and we always leave with a smile!

Join us at Local Vocals:

- Rehearsing fortnightly Wednesdays 6pm
- Gold coin donation
- Contact Emma 0478 595 635 for next rehearsal date & general info



19 June 2026

With Senior Regional Officer for the South West, Annetta Bellingeri

Cheap today, costly tomorrow

Bitumen bandits and other travelling conmen continue to **target** households with cheap offers for home maintenance and repairs. From driveway sealing and roof repairs to painting and paving, these operators often arrive uninvited, sometimes claiming they were 'working in the area' and have leftover materials they can use at a discounted rate.

While the offer may sound tempting, these deals can quickly turn into an expensive mistake.

Travelling conmen typically pressure consumers into making a quick decision, saying the cheap price is for "today only". They may demand cash payment upfront and even offer to drive people to the bank to withdraw the money, or push consumers into agreeing before they have had time to think it through.

In many cases, the work is left unfinished or completed to a shoddy standard. Once the money has changed hands, the traders are quick to leave town and can be impossible to contact again.

These travelling conmen are breaking the Australian Consumer Law (ACL) by ignoring the required 10-day cooling-off period for unsolicited work. During this time, no payment should be made, and no work is legally permitted. You can also change your mind without penalty.

Western Australians should be cautious of anyone who unexpectedly knocks on the door offering home repair services for cash at too-good-to-be-true prices. Instead, turn them away and let Consumer Protection know so they can track their whereabouts.

If it is safe to do so, try to collect helpful information for investigators, including vehicle registration numbers, the make and model of cars, descriptions or names used by the traders, and copies of any flyers or business cards they provide.

Consumers can also help protect their community by warning neighbours, friends and family members, particularly older relatives who may be more vulnerable to high-pressure sales tactics. Remember word-of-mouth is a powerful tool.

So, if you are looking for someone to do some jobs around the house, take the time to research and ask friends and family for recommendations. Getting multiple written quotes and checking any relevant licences can help avoid costly problems later.

It's worth considering displaying a "Do Not Knock" sticker at your front door, as it can also help deter unwanted sales approaches. A salesperson must leave immediately when asked to by the person who lives in the property – whether it's in-person or via a sticker on the door. Report travelling conmen to Consumer Protection via consumer@lgirs.wa.gov.au or call 1300 30 40 54.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY

ACTIVITIES

At Wicky CRC

POPSTICK CRAFT

Thursday 9th July
10-10.30am

CRAFT



\$5
per
child

PARTY GAMES

Thursday 16th July
10-10.30am



Booking Essential
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Communi-TEA

Friday 3rd July 1:30pm

Join us at the CRC for an afternoon of coffee, cake and conversation!



A small plate of afternoon tea to share is appreciated, but not required.

Mark your calendar with these 2026 Communi-TEA dates:



July 3rd
Aug 7th

Sept 4th
Oct 2nd

Nov 6th
Dec 11th



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Our September
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Will Feature a
Special Guest

Meet the Author

Jeffrey A Peirce and Chris Handley

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WICKEPIN PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Working together to learn, grow and succeed



From the Principal

What a busy and rewarding few weeks it has been at our school! As always, I would like to begin by acknowledging and expressing our deep gratitude for the incredible work of our P&C. In a small school like ours, their dedication, generosity and willingness to step in wherever needed makes an enormous difference. From funding valuable learning opportunities, to supporting events, volunteering their time, and even lending a hand with practical tasks, their contribution is felt every single day. We are truly fortunate to have such a committed and hardworking group of parents supporting our school community.

We are also incredibly proud of our students' efforts at the District Cross Country, where Wickepin Primary School performed wonderfully, finishing in 5th place overall. This achievement reflects the commitment of our staff, who have been training and encouraging students since the beginning of term, building their fitness, confidence and resilience.

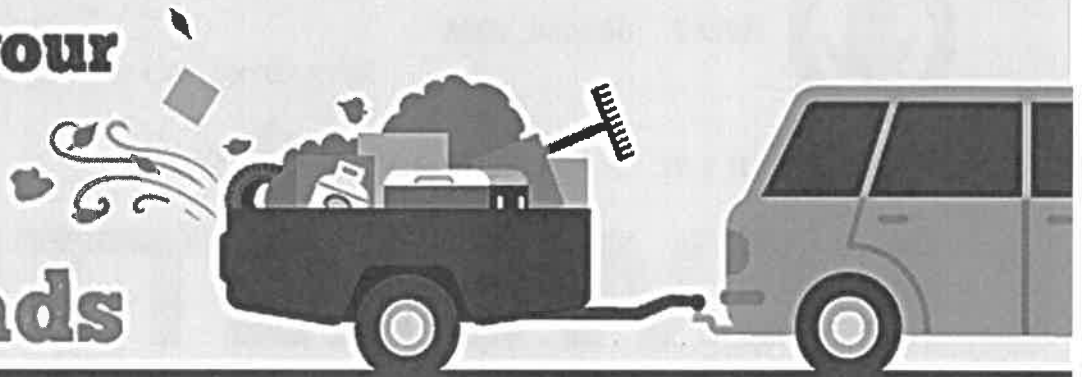


Our recent Inflatables Day was another highlight, full of laughter, teamwork and school spirit as we joined with Yealering Primary School. Events like this are only possible because of the support behind the scenes. A huge thank you to Mr Mike Cornish for organising such a fantastic day, and to our P&C for providing a delicious sausage sizzle and contributing to the cost of the event.



Secure your Loads

Protect our Roads



What is an unsecured load?

Materials being transported on the back of vehicles such as utes, trailers and trucks that are not completely covered or secured can fly off whilst driving and become litter.

Why should I care?

- Litter on our roads can enter the environment where it impacts on flora and fauna.
- Roadside litter has a high chance of entering the stormwater system where it can cause damage to local waterways, flooding and blockage of drainage systems and threats to areas such as swimming beaches and urban wetlands where water is discharged.
- We must significantly reduce the amount of litter in our environment to protect the health, safety and visual quality of the environment, people and wildlife.
- Unsecured loads can pose major safety risks to other drivers and cyclists.
- Litter from unsecured loads is a hazard that can cause fishtailing and damage such as a flat tyre or even a traffic accident with injury or death.
- At highway speeds, even small debris can be deadly.
- The most common ways that road debris contributes to accidents is by either causing a driver to lose control of his vehicle, or by being launched by the tyres of a car into the windscreen of another vehicle.
- If items on the roadway are particularly large, they can necessitate sudden braking or require drivers to change lanes, increasing the risk of a collision.

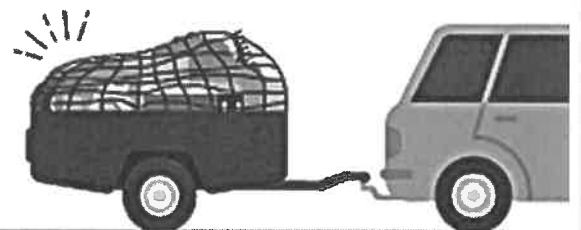
Littering is illegal

A load that hasn't been secured properly, including sand, soil and small debris, which leaves a vehicle and becomes litter is illegal under the *Litter Act 1979*. You can be fined \$200 on the spot.

Tie down before you take off!

What you can do to help reduce litter from unsecured loads

- When transporting any materials, always tie down your load before you take off.
- Cover garden refuse with a tarpaulin or trailer net.
- Restrain furniture and white goods with good quality straps.
- Use webbing or straps to restrain cardboard boxes.
- Don't carry loose tools in the back – use a restrained toolbox.
- Larger tools (e.g. garden tools like shovels) should be restrained by ropes, straps or a trailer net if they are not adequately contained by the body.
- When carrying loads, periodically inspect your vehicle to make sure it is safe and secure.



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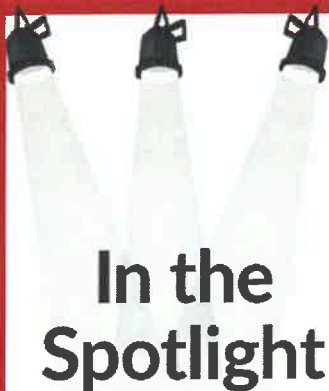
Wickepin Community Resource Centre

CELEBRATING 25 YEARS

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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**

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We can also help with admin services like typing
documents, designing invitations, and creating booklets
or bookmarks.

CELEBRATING 25 YEARS

From Telecentre to CRC

The CRC originally opened as the Wickepin District Resource and Telecentre, part of a statewide network supporting regional communities with access to technology and essential services.

As the role of centres grew beyond technology into training, community development and local support, the network evolved. In 2010, we changed our name to the Wickepin Community Resource Centre as part of a network wide rebranding to better reflect the work being delivered. 16 years later, many people still refer to us as the Telecentre.

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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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WICKEPIN PUBLIC LIBRARY

NEW BOOKS FOR JUNE

ADULT PSYCHOLOGICAL THRILLER: *The Missing Mother* - Mali Cornish

When Elspeth returns from New York to her hometown of Geelong, it's not for a holiday - it's because her mother, Simone, has vanished without a trace.

Elspeth moves in with her sister, Aoife, and old wounds reopen as they circle around their father's death years earlier. But Elspeth's own behaviour soon unsettles those around her. She's jittery, secretive - and the police begin to wonder if she's hiding something more than grief.

Desperate to prove her innocence, Elspeth teams up with Steve, a local crime reporter, to hunt for the truth. Their search leads them to Simone's unfinished memoir, which includes letters that expose long-buried betrayals and dangerous secrets.

But as the investigation tightens, so does the net around Elspeth. Is she an investigator, a daughter, or something more dangerous?

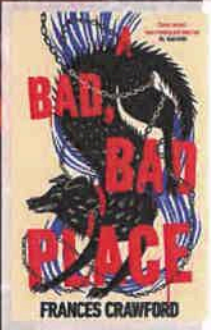
Because in a family built on lies and betrayal, digging too deep can be deadly.



ADULT MYSTERY THRILLER: *A Bad, Bad Place* - Frances Crawford

If it hadn't been for her wee stupid dog, Sid Vicious, twelve-year-old Janey Devine might never have stumbled upon the corpse of Samantha Watson. And then maybe she'd still be able to sleep at night. And maybe her nana wouldn't be so worried all the time. And maybe Billy "The Ghost" Watson, a notorious gangster, wouldn't be on her tail—for it's Billy's daughter who was left for dead on those train tracks, and now Billy wants answers.

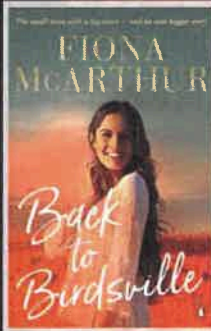
Fear and gossip have spread through the tight-knit community of Possilpark, and while Janey swears she can't remember the details of that morning, the cops think she's hiding something—and indeed, there's something she knows that she's not quite ready to tell anyone, not even her nana, who won't rest until this whole thing is behind them.



LARGEPRINT ROMANCE: *Back To Birdsville* - Fiona McArthur

When midwife and emergency nurse Phoebe McFadden fled her family dramas at age sixteen, she thought she'd left Birdsville for good. But when her cousin Scarlet asks her to be bridesmaid in her wedding party, Phoebe knows it's time to make her way home ... and face the past.

As Phoebe settles back into town, she keeps crossing paths with Atticus Bow, the latest Birdsville cop – no longer the skinny kid she remembers but an irresistible man she does not want to be attracted to. The last thing she needs is to become attached to this place again, but as she starts to let Birdsville – and its people – back into her heart, she discovers secrets that have remained locked away for far too long. Can she right the wrongs of the past before Scarlet's special day?

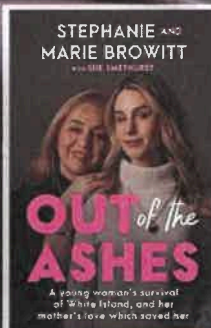


NONFICTION AUTOBIOGRAPHY: *Out Of The Ashes* - Stephanie and Marie Browitt

When the White Island volcano erupted in New Zealand in 2019, it shattered the lives of Stephanie and Marie Browitt.

Stephanie, just 23 years old, suffered horrific burns to 70 per cent of her body and lost her younger sister, Krystal Eve, in the tragedy. Both Stephanie and her father, Paul, were placed in an induced coma, leaving Marie to face the the potential loss of her entire family. As Marie ran from one ICU room to another, Paul lost his battle to survive.

Out of the Ashes is the extraordinary story of how Stephanie miraculously fought back, with her remarkable mum beside her every step of the way, and how mother and daughter were forced to find strength in each other to survive the unthinkable.



SPORTS NOTES

WICKEPIN J11 HOCKEY

Thanks to Ty and Amy for two very interesting reports on this game.
As always, all contributions to the Watershed are welcomed.

Wickepin VS Williams



On Saturday 13th of June, we hosted the Devils in front of a large, cold but vocal crowd. With a couple of players away Fergus Taylor played J7's and then backed up and made his debut in the older grade and looked very comfortable at the higher level.

Our defence worked hard to restrict the opposition to 3 goals, unlike the opposition goalie who looked quite bored for most of the match. We did have one opportunity to score with the ball right on the goal line, but it didn't quite cross over. Mason Edwards coped a nasty ball to the ankle defending the goal line and had to go off late in the game but after 6 snakes, 4 jellybeans, 14 jelly babies and set of lolly teeth, he seemed quite ok. Fletcher Miller thought he was still playing footy as he spent most of the time either on the ground or kicking the ball but worked

hard all day. Elijah Joldescu did well to keep out a few more goals and keep the score respectable. A few of the players seemed to be taking big divots when trying to strike the ball, either they had been playing a lot of golf or were finding it hard to see the ball due to sideline coach Renae Bransby's new shiny bright pink boots. Surprise packet and find of the season Vinny 'Duck Devil' Martin again played well in only his 1st season and only his 4th game.

Our best player for the day was Dimitrie Joldescu who managed to get the ball out in the open and created lots of opportunities up forward which we unfortunately couldn't capitalise on. Our sportsmanship award went to debutant Fergus 'Stone Cold' Taylor who was unfazed by the bigger kids and strong in defence.

In an update to our team's goal scoring title – before the game Darcy Fulford had the lead on 1 goal –and after the game the updated goal scoring list – well there was no change to the goalscoring list.

Next week we are back on the Narrogin turf on Friday arvo where hopefully we don't make as many divots in the grass. Get along and support both our junior teams and if you are lucky there are usually plenty of lollies to go around, thats if Seth Butcher doesn't eat them all!!



The Wickepin J11s faced a tough challenge against Williams this week, with goalkeeper Eli certainly earning his keep! Williams didn't come to play, they came to win. With relentless attacks and an incredible **14 short corners** throughout the game, Eli had his work cut out for him from the very first whistle.

The defensive trio of Mason, Dimitrie and Linc worked tirelessly, putting up a brick wall and holding off wave after wave of Williams attacks. Wickepin kept the pressure on in the Williams D, showing plenty of determination.

The second quarter saw short corner after short corner for Williams, with three goals finding the back of the net despite several great saves from Eli.

In the third quarter, Fletcher and Mason linked up with some nice passing and strong runs. Seth showed off his ball skills, working hard to drive the ball forward, but Williams always seemed to have a player magically appear in exactly the right spot. Banjo had some great tackles, blocking balls and chasing every contest. The hockey gods weren't smiling on his hits today, but that didn't stop him charging back in for the next challenge.

By the fourth quarter, the heat was taking its toll, but the Wickepin players kept battling. Darcy and Fletcher pushed the ball deep into attack and into the D, but unfortunately couldn't get it into goals.

The final score was **7-0** to Williams, but the scoreboard doesn't tell the whole story. Every Wickepin player dug deep, showed great determination, and never gave up despite the heat and constant pressure.

Sportsmanship Award: Eli Joldescu

Best Player: Seth Butcher

Not the result we were chasing, but every game is a chance to learn, improve and sharpen those hockey sticks for next week. Keep your heads up, Wickepin—you showed plenty of grit and team spirit out there!

J11 Hockey – Wickepin vs Lakers

Wickepin took on Lakers on the turf this week, with Linc bravely stepping into the goalkeeper gear and ready to defend the goals at all costs!

The first quarter saw some great defence from Mason, Ollie and Ellie, who made life difficult for the Lakers attackers. Seth kicked off a beautiful passing chain to Darcy, then onto Vinny, with the ball moving down the field like it was on a guided tour. Banjo was in fine form, weaving through Lakers players with some great dribbling and absolutely launching a few rocket-like hits.

The hard work paid off when Banjo fired the ball into the D to Darcy. Although Darcy's first shot just missed, Dimitrie was right where he needed to be, pouncing on the rebound and pushing it into the goal. A fantastic team effort and a perfect example of being in the right place at the right time. Wickepin was off to a flying start!

In the second quarter Ollie was everywhere — stopping the ball, defending strongly, and dribbling around Lakers players like they were traffic cones. Fletcher kept the pressure on with relentless running and stick work, even throwing in an accidental tumble for extra entertainment. Lakers managed to sneak in two goals during the quarter, but Wickepin never stopped applying pressure.

By the third quarter, the sun was beginning to set and the game was heating up. Wickepin worked hard to move the ball forward, but Lakers' fullback seemed determined to send everything straight back the other way. Just when it looked like the quarter would end quietly, Dimitrie passed to Banjo, Banjo passed to Darcy, and Darcy calmly slotted the ball into the goal. The scoreboard now read 3-2 to Lakers, but Wickepin wasn't done yet.

The final quarter was full of determination. The team pushed hard for an equaliser, earning a couple of short corners along the way. After a few near misses, Dimitrie stepped up once again and secured another goal for Wickepin.

What a game! From strong defence and tough tackling to great passing and constant pressure, every player contributed to an exciting game. The final score finished 3-3, and while it wasn't a win on the scoreboard, it certainly felt like one for team spirit and effort.

Well done, Wickepin! You should all be proud of the way you played and never gave up.

Sportsmanship Award: Mason Edwards

Best Player: Ollie Bird



YEALERING GOLF CLUB

13th June Played our 3rd qualifying round attracting a good field of 12 played in calm sunny weather.

Crazy came in with a net score of 82 and followed by one of Hanks mates, Darcy with an 83.

The gross winner was Mike with a 100-31-69 closely followed by Hank on 94-22-72 and the rest of the field not far behind.

Birdy winner was Adam Jespersen and dad not to be out done snapped up a couple of novelties' and the other two going to Darcy and Cam.

A good day had by all with Tanya providing another delicious meal of chicken burgers

The weekend of the 20th June we sent a contingent of members to attack the Corrigin golf course but could not tame it, as there were not too many players around to mount a competition the course was left for anyone to play a social round.

Next week is Summit Fertilizer stableford see you all there.

GOOD GOLFING

WICKEPIN FOOTBALL CLUB

Round 7

Saturday 20th June 2026

Played at Wickepin Town Oval

FOURTHS

Wickepin

4.8 32

Boddington

2.2 14

Wickepin won by 18pts

RESERVES

Wickepin

12.9 81

Boddington

2.5 17

Wickepin won by 64pts

LEAGUE

Wickepin

36.14 230

Boddington

1.2 8

Wickepin won by 222pts



WICKEPIN NETBALL CLUB

Round 6 -

A1 - Wickepin 31 def by Williams 63

A2 - Wickepin 48 def Cuballing 43

A3 - Wickepin 57 def Flames 23

Round 7 -

A1 - Wickepin 62 def Wagin 34

A2 - Wickepin 46 def Pingelly 39

A3 - Wickepin 52 def Olympics Turquoise 20

What a weekend for the Wickepin Netball Club!

Despite every team being a little short on numbers this week, our club spirit shone through. We had multiple players backing up for two games and some fantastic fill-in players helping out across the grades, ensuring every team could take the court.

A huge thank you to everyone who stepped up and helped out – it truly shows what being part of a club is all about whether this be playing, coaching, umpiring or catering the footy dinner fundraiser last night. We're incredibly proud of the support, teamwork and community spirit we continue to see week after week.

Moments like these make us proud to be Wicky.



Wickepin Gymnasts Attend Elevate Bunbury Competition

Wickepin's talented gymnasts travelled to Bunbury over the weekend to compete at Elevate Gymnastics Club, showcasing the results of their hard work, determination and dedication.

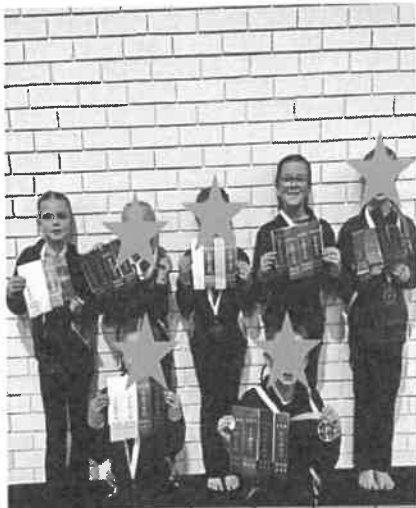
Competing on Saturday were Lila Quartermaine, Abbie McColl, Molly Williams, Arianna Williams and Lily Prescott. The girls delivered some fantastic performances, with Molly and Arianna each earning silver medals, while Abbie secured a bronze. Lily had an outstanding beam routine, scoring an impressive 9.25 to take out first place. Lila also achieved a personal best and was thrilled to successfully remember all her routines.

The girls were well supported by their coaches throughout the season. Kirsty Prescott coaches Lila Quartermaine, Tegan coaches Molly Williams and Abbie McColl, and Shyla coaches Arianna Williams. Their guidance and encouragement have played an important role in helping the girls achieve their goals.

On Sunday, Anabelle Turner, Ellie Turner and Chloe Walton competed in the highly competitive Level 5 division. The girls have spent the term undertaking extra training sessions with Ebony and Talise to prepare for competition and master the many challenging Level 5 skills.

Their hard work paid off, with Anabelle successfully landing her front tuck on floor, Ellie placing fifth on bars, and Chloe achieving third on vault, second on beam and fifth overall. The competition was tough, but all three girls rose to the challenge and should be incredibly proud of their achievements.

A special thank you goes to coach Ebony and assistant coach Natalie Walton, whose dedication, support and countless hours of training helped the girls develop their skills and confidence throughout the season. Their commitment extended beyond coaching skills, helping the girls build resilience and confidence through the highs and lows of competition preparation, often having to be a therapist as well. Congratulations to all the Wickepin gymnasts on a fantastic weekend of competition. Your commitment and perseverance have certainly paid off, and the whole community is proud of your achievements.





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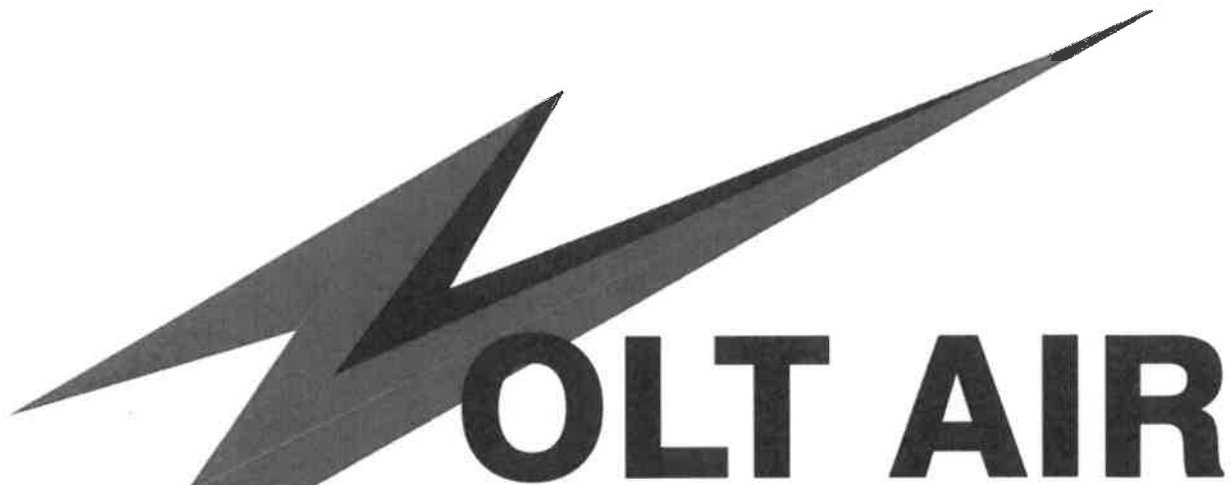
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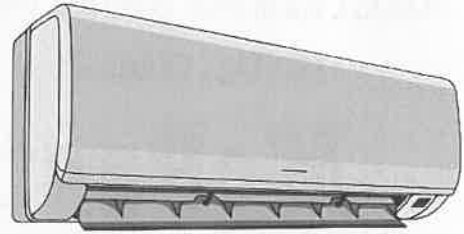
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TUESDAY

- 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
- Wickepin Local Vocals- Fortnightly 6pm
contact Emma 0478 595 635 Anglican church, Johnson St

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

SATURDAY

- Banksia Bowmen Archery – Winter Shoot Time Saturday
12noon-3.00pm, Wickepin Community Centre

SUNDAY

- Anglican Church, 8am every 1st and 3rd Sunday. All welcome



COMMUNITY CALENDAR 2026

JULY

- Thur 9th Popstick Craft 10-10.30am CRC
Thur 16th Party Games 10-10.30am CRC
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

OCTOBER

- Fri 2nd Communi-Tea 1.30pm
Mon 12th School Term Four Starts
Mon 12th Watershed News
Mon 12th Recycle and Bin Day
Tues 13th CRC AGM Meeting 4.30pm
Mon 26th Watershed News
Mon 26th Recycle and Bin Day

NOVEMBER

- Mon 9th Watershed News**
Mon 9th Recycle and Bin Day
Mon 23rd Watershed News
Mon 23rd Recycle and Bin Day

DECEMBER

- Mon 7th Watershed News**
Mon 7th Recycle and Bin Day
Tues 8th CRC Committee Meeting 4.30pm
Mon 16th Recycle and Bin Day
Tue 17th School Term Four Ends
Fri 25th Christmas Day
Sat 26th Boxing Day
Mon 28th Boxing Day Public Holiday

