

WATERSHED NEWS

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

Farewell



RUTH BAILEY

May this new chapter of your life be filled
with relaxation, adventure, and joy.

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What's Happening in and around the Wickepin Shire?

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

Help Us Celebrate Our Own Unsung Heros and Local Legends

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

All contributions are welcome

Ruth Bailey's Memories of Wickepin



Arriving in Wickepin with four daughters in 1964, we began with a broken-down school bus on the Malyalling run. The Education department informed us we HAD to purchase a new bus the following year, which we did. I started driving in 1966, becoming an owner driver of 2 school buses until 1986, a time which was very enjoyable.

Walking many avenues, I found myself, at different times Secretary of St John Ambulance Sub Centre, President then Handicap Manager of the Women Associate Golf Club, Playing International Rules Basketball, Secretary of the Tennis Club in 1979, being part of organising the Open Tennis Tournament. For a short time after establishment of the Telecentre, I filled the position of treasurer. But my computer knowledge was lacking.

In 1990 I went to live in Albany where I attended several workshops, one being Care of the Aged which gave me insight into the plights of older people. This was very handy when I came back to Wickepin and became an Age Care Worker with HACC, Wickepin Health Services.

I have filled various jobs in Wickepin. Wickepin Newsagent during the time of four different owners. Post Office Monday mornings, Wickepin Motors Wednesday afternoon. I worked at Kels Tyres in Wickepin and Narrogin for nearly 25years

I was in the Nightingale Choir for 10 years, travelling to Ireland for the Waterford Choral Festival then over to France to sing at Antibes. We also sang in Brazil, South America for several concerts.

My time with the Watershed stretches from 2016 to 2026. During this time I have been privileged to work with so many keen and dedicated people. Originally taking two days to complete, with modern technology and efficient computer operators, the current paper is ready for distribution by 2pm on Monday.

Stay On Your Feet was my thing for 25 years as was Bowmen Archery Club for 10 years.

A bit of bragging, I won the Wickepin Shire Best overall Garden in 2014 and 2016

This Town has given me a most active environment throughout my 62 years of living here. I thank all those who have helped me to achieve satisfaction.



Eulogy – Des Gray

Desmond Wallis Gray was born at the Narrogin Hospital on the first of May 1957, first born for Don and Bev Gray of Harrismith. He was joined twelve months later by brother Russell and 11 years later in 1968 by sister Michelle.

His parents were both talented sportspersons and it was inevitable that they would follow suit and even at an early age they showed a lot of promise.

I remember Des and Russell as being like twins, usually dressed alike and sporting crewcuts and with endless energy, just wanting to play whatever sport they were attending with great enthusiasm. Des and Russell played cricket, Football, Tennis and occasionally had a bit of golf. They went to golf with Bev, I think mainly to get out of work at home!

He started school at Harrismith Primary School in 1963, his teacher was Graham Cowell, who is with us today. Graham said he was a very diligent and model student and a pleasure to teach. We will hear more about his early schooling shortly and Colin Ward's interpretation of that may be a surprise to even Graham. Colin, could you please come up and tell us of your early years at Harrismith Grammar. Colin Ward-Primary school at Harrismith Grammar. Michelle-early memories

Des finished at Harrismith Grammar in 1969 and followed in his father's footsteps and went to Guilford Grammar School. He handled it well as it wasn't that big a step up! Dennis Warren was one of his school mates at Guilford and has put together some notes about some of the things they got up to at Guilford.

Des was at Guildford between 1970 and 1974 boarding at Harper House. He played First Eleven cricket and First Eighteen football. He was captain of the first XI Cricket in 1974. He also excelled in house sport. One year (1972) in what was unofficially the house football Grand Final, against Henn's House, scores were level at full time. Extra time was provided with the first to score to be declared the winner. A throw in occurred from the boundary near the goal Harper House was kicking towards. The ball was struck into a pack by the ruckman and Des picked up the ball and hurriedly kicked it for a point to win the game. He was thrust upon the shoulders of two teammates and mobbed by spectators from his house. Larry Kickett of Hennis was a dominant player in that match and attended evening roll call at Harper House to congratulate the boys on the win and for being part of a memorable game.

At some inter school matches nonplaying students were given goal umpire duties and Des was known for providing unsolicited advice (some would call it an attempt to assert undue influence) by providing commentary on the trajectory of the ball and demanding that the umpire award a goal for Guildford when it looked close but might readily be adjudged as a point. Similarly, he provided loud commentary and advice when the other school was shooting for goal, exclaiming that kicks for goals were "obviously points."

Des was an above average cricketer. I found him to have a good cricket brain and supportive Captain of the First XI when I made the team in 1974. Decent guy and a passionate and skilled all-round sportsman with country roots from a strong farming and sporting community. Des was always well groomed and spent a significant amount of time in front of a mirror - An activity that did not go unnoticed by his peers.

There was friendly rivalry between Des and his younger brother Russell as to who was the better player. Thank you Dennis. Des passed his leaving exam and left school at the end of 1974. When Des returned to the farm, Russell had already been home since March. He only returned after the Xmas Holidays to finish the cricket season with the First XI then left. By this time, he had accumulated enough money to buy a set of wheels and Des had the driver's license, so they bought a mini minor van. Blue in colour, so when you saw that at any event you knew the Gray Boys were there. They were as thick as thieves, although like most brothers, did have a few disagreements.

The timing of Des coming home coincided with the start of the cricket season and Des was a welcome addition to a fairly strong cricket team at Harrismith. He was a part of our Premiership team that first season. He played in 12 Grand finals, winning 10 including 3 as Captain (Hat trick of Premierships).

He served as Secretary of Harrismith for 9 years, President for 4 years and was Cricketer of the Year on 3 occasions. He was made a life member in 2003. He started a long succession of Country-week Championships then as well, starting in the associations second side in 1975. All up he played 17 Country Week Carnivals representing Wickepin association. Des was a very competent and correct high order batter, mostly opening. He only made two centuries, probably due to his desire to keep the scoreboard ticking over and lacking a bit in patience. He was a medium pacer when he first came home from school and turned to off spin after a few seasons. Turned is probably not the right description as it wasn't spin that got him wickets, more so control and flight. In a game against Wongan Ballidu at Sutherlands Park in Gosnells, he returned his best figures on a wicket that was turning a bit, finishing with 6/41. I was fielding at mid-wicket when the incoming batsman stopped the outgoing batsman after Des had got a wicket and asked the outgoing batter "What's he doing?" the other batter said "He's turning them square". When I told Des, he was overcome with excitement and said in a discussion about cricket at the hospital last year "That was one of my best Country week memories!"

The Wickepin Cricket Association around that time was one of the most successful associations in WA, and when the statewide prudential Country Cup was introduced with Associations right across the South West land Division, from Geraldton to Esperance to Albany to Bunbury and all points in between, Wickepin Association were undefeated for the first three years, winning three Finals on the WACA Ground and three years later played in two more finals on the redeveloped WACA. Des played in all 5 Finals. Des made the claim that we played those last two on the WACA "under lights". They weren't turned on, but Des said that didn't matter, "We were under the lights, and it sounds better". Brian Elsegood made the comment recently that when we wanted someone to bowl with an off-break action and not turn it he would call on Des or Wayne Miller to bowl, as Wayne was once described by Cricket journalist Ken Casellas, as having a "peculiar round arm action."

In 1986/87 season his performances for Wickepin Association were recognised when he was selected in the West Australian Country XI to play in the Toyota Cup Competition against Metropolitan first grade sides and competed in the Australian Country Championships in Dubbo NSW against all the mainland states. He didn't have much luck with the ball but featured in a record breaking Ninth wicket partnership with David Francis of 94 runs. This record stood for many years. Des's other major sport was football, we have heard about his footy at Guilford, now Peter Mullan legendary Dudinin full back will tell us about his contribution to football.

In between all this sport that was going on, Des worked on the farm with Father Don and brother Russell. He started shearing during this time and continued to do that, as most young blokes on farms did to earn a bit of money in the off season. In later years he became a shearing contractor and it earned them good money.

Along with Tom Bayley, Graham Mason, Ken Mead and Bernie Mullan, Des went on a trip to Europe in January to May 1980. They hired a camper bus and terrorised most of Europe for a few months. Des got banned from driving the bus when he got it stuck in an underpass because he couldn't understand the signage directing them to detour. The boys said he was sleeping in a bunk above the fridge and every morning when he woke up, he demanded a can of coke! One morning Mase opened it and put a very generous shot of Strah Rum in it with Des knowing. He was no use to them for the rest of the day. He worked for John Dare for a couple of years in this time as well.

Des met Glenyse in 1978 and they hit it off straight away. They married in 1981 at Guilford Grammar School. Des and Glen purchased a transportable home in 1983 and set about making it their home. When Don and Bev moved to Perth in 1985 the farm was split into two farms and Des and Russell both started farming in their own right. Carrie was born in 1983 and Josh came along two years later to make their family complete.

In 2001 Carrie moved to Perth to work and study. Des decided to sell the farm and move to Perth. In 2002 they had bought a house in Dianella and Des and Josh moved to Perth in 2002 to search for a business opportunity, Glen stayed on the farm to look after the large number of chooks and ducks they had.

One evening when Des and Carrie were having a barbeque and ran out of gas, he rang a gas delivery guy for a refill. His name was Peter Andrews. They got talking after they got the barby going again, about that type of business and Des decided that's what he wanted to do with the rest of his life and started Gas4U. He and Peter worked together for a while and that was the start of Des's gas career.

Another Peter, Peter McLean, who worked with Des for many years has written this about Des and his gas career and asked me to read it for you.

Love and thoughts to Des's mum Bev, Glyn, Carrie, Josh and all family.

I have had the pleasure of knowing Des for the past 14 years through his work at several Gas companies in Perth.

From his beginnings with Elgas and Gas 4 U, to when we began working with him at Supagas. This all came about when Supagas came to Western Australia and purchased part of Hills Gas, for whom Des was currently working. In the transition of the business, Des was informed that if he wanted to stay, he was to become the new sales rep, or the door was there for him to leave. Thankfully Des chose well, and embarked on a new role that enabled his interpersonal skills to shine.

With this new role came a lot more administrative tasks and meetings. Both of which Des had very little time for. Even doing his commissions, from which he financially benefited, was a task, and something that was completed for him. At the start, if it could not be handwritten, it was not going to be done. Glyn, bless her was the PA to Des in all these administrative tasks.

Although his attention administratively to detail was sadly lacking, and needed some polish, what was obvious was the care and concern that he had for his customers and colleagues. No matter what the time or day, to his own detriment, he was always willing to assist, help and deliver gas to those that ran out. Consistently doing deliveries in his own time, and while he was trying to run his own business, Gas 4 U.

Whilst being run from the East Coast, Supagas was managed from here. From this, with Des having Gas 4 U and working at Supagas, we were told to make it work, and the powers to be did not want to hear about it. It was here that the true spirit of Des came out. From his roots of Harrismith, he always gave more back than he received, and always set the bar very low for himself, for fear of not being able to succeed. In fact, I defy anyone to be able to do the things that he did, working 2 x full time jobs, and yet still able to maintain the positive attitude, giving nature and assistance whenever he could, to both his internal and external clients.

We had the pleasure of working with Des at Supagas for 5 years until he left us to go to More Gas when Supagas changed hands. This was quite disappointing for us but a decision that Des made and stuck to. The time at MoreGas was short lived and enabled him to move to OneGas. It was here that he found a business where he was able to spread his time between both Gas 4 U and OneGas. He developed a very strong business and personal relationship with the owners of OneGas, who saw him as an absolute asset to the business.

Throughout Des's time at Supagas and OneGas, he felt an affinity for the Hospitality Industry and Events Industries and really worked hard to, firstly get their business, and secondly keep it. This came down to perseverance in the sales process, (Des could never understand why someone would want to use another Gas company that he was not working with) and the absolute determination to never let someone down. As a result of this he quickly developed a strong client base who didn't always pay the best price for their Gas but certainly received the best service that could anyone provide in WA. I am sure that he has been sorely missed since his diagnosis, not only for the service that he provided, but also the relationships that he had built.

From what I have come to understand from Des over the years, he was always a person that did not like to be managed. He was the perfect person to work with you, not for you. Not that he had an issue with authority, it was more so that he wanted to feel that he was a part of the process. We had this at Supagas, and he also had this at OneGas. They were two organisations that were certainly better off, from having the pleasure of Des working there.

Des, although your time here has been far too short, you have left an indelible impression on all that you have touched along the way. From your cheeky attitude of knowingly doing the wrong thing, to ensure that others benefited, to going out of your way to your own detriment to help people. You are most certainly the most selfless person that I have had the pleasure of knowing and working with, and you will be sadly missed. Peter McLean

Some quotes from messages received by Carrie on Facebook

He truly was the lifeblood of our industry. Every person here has only the most positive memories of him saving our ass when we needed it, bloody superhero.

I hope today is a day for you and your family to reflect on the amazing times, good memories and joy he brought to you all. Pour one out for Des today folks.

Sorry for your loss Des was and absolute legend and all round great guy and I don't think I ever saw him annoyed when having to help out in an emergency

Des always got you out of a bind! Sorry for your loss, he was a good bloke

He was such a genuinely good person, who always did what he could to help out. I really enjoyed our chats. He'll be sadly missed.

These comments highlight how genuine Des was in his interactions with other people. Thank you for that Peter.

Des and Glenyce were very appreciative to all who helped out delivering gas after Des's diagnosis. Especially to neighbour Ron, Uncle Nev, Geoff Taylor, Phil Quartermaine, Alan Watling, Stephen Smeath and anyone else who helped out during that time. To all the staff at the hospitals Des was in over the last 2 years, they were just marvellous. I must add the staff at Leighton Nursing Home in Leederville, who were very caring and made Des as comfortable as he could be and did it with a smile and he really appreciated them. All the staff at these hospitals couldn't get over the number of visitors Des had, which just shows how much he was loved.

I now would like to invite Des's Auntie Liddy Bendall-Harris to lead us in the Lord's Prayer and present a reading. Carrie and Josh would now like to give a tribute to their Dad.

It is time now for a Reflection on Des's life with a photo tribute.

On behalf of all present we express our deepest sympathy to all the family of Des. Firstly, to his wife Glenyce and to Carrie and Dean, Bailey, Oscar and Koa and to Josh, Kirsten and their two boys Caleb and Cooper we give you our love and hope you can remember how much he loved you all and hope you can keep him in your thoughts as you recover from his passing. You can be proud of him, as a husband, father, father in law and Grandad and the amount of people here today is a testament to how well respected he was by many.

Special thoughts to his wonderful Mother who has had to see her two sons pass away from the same insidious disease in the last three years. No Mother should have to go through this, and Bev please be assured that we all will be here to support you, going forward. Glenyce, Carrie and Josh want especially to thank Bev for the many hours over the past 22 months that Bev has nursed and fed Des while he has been in hospital. They appreciate the time that Des has had the comfort of his loving Mother.

To Michelle and Charlie and Darcie, Sasha and Cassidy our thoughts are with you too and we will all be thinking of you. Especially the time "Dr Darc" has spent monitoring his condition and advising the staff.

To Judy, Adam and Trina and Harrison, Tobin and Makayla; to Sarah and Darren, Lilly, Elsie and Ivy and to Jess and Craig, Harlow and Onyx our sincere condolences.

They would also like to thank the numerous visitors he has had which has made his journey just that bit more tolerable.

When Des was diagnosed with brain cancer, his first wish was that his family would be okay. He wasn't angry, as he said "You know what, I've had a good life, I'm just sad that I won't get to spend time with my family and see my Grandkids grow up.

He was offered a position in a trial programme for treatment of that particular cancer. He didn't hesitate to be involved, He said "It won't help me, but it may help someone in the future."

When Bev had Des with her in Narrogin for a few days and a few friends had lunch with Des at the Cornwall, Tom Bayley made the comment to Des that he was unlucky. Des replied "No Tom, I consider myself lucky, because I am getting a chance to say goodbye to my Mates. A lot of people don't get that chance." These comments showed what sort of person Des was.

They don't come much better!

COMMUNITY NOTES

August Birthday Wishes to:

- 3rd Ricky Dougall, Cheryl Groom
- 4th Asher Bushby
- 6th Bailee Pike
- 7th Chris Ewen
- 9th Charlotte Ballard
- 10th Zoe Lang
- 12th Olivia Miller
- 13th Deacon Mullan
- 15th Isla Astbury, Clinton White
- 16th Matthew Sims, Dean Bushby

Happy Birthday

Wishing you a happy birthday
filled with joy!



Yealering Afternoon Tea



Another successful afternoon Thursday 30th July 2026 was held with ladies from Yealering, Pingelly and Bullaring attending. Daphne McKenzie was surprised with a birthday cake and candles to celebrate her 80th which was on the 26th July 2026. The ladies playing Scrabble were not very competitive, helping each other get the best score. Not sure about the players of other games on other tables, it was very quiet, a lot of concentration and competition. A great afternoon of friendly conversation.

WICKEPIN PLAYGROUP - TERM 3

Week 2: 31st July

Play @ Wickepin Park
- bring your bike!



Week 3: 7th August

General Play

Week 4: 14th August

Teddy Bear Picnic



Week 5: 21st August

Book Week - Dress
Up



Week 6: 28th August

Sensory Play



Week 7: 4th Sept

Father's Day BBQ
and Craft



Week 8: 11th Sept

Disco



Week 9: 18th Sept

Pyjama &
Movie Day



Week 10: 25th Sept

Ambulance
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wickepinplaygroup@gmail.com

Friday Mornings, 9am
@ Playgroup Building
Campbell St, Wickepin

Activities are subject to change
(weather depending)

**Registration of Interest - Property**

The Shire is currently working with Development WA on the opening of land in the Wickpin area. Development WA are currently developing the business case to look at 5-12 properties pending on cost and interest.

If you are interested in purchasing land or know someone interested in purchasing land in Wickpin, please register your interest with the Shire of Wickpin. If we can show the level of interest, it may allow for more land to be developed.

Please call Emma at the Administration Office to register your interest.

No guarantees of property purchase can be offered; this is just to register interest.

New Fees for the Dumping of Mattresses and Tyres

The Shire has imposed new fees for the disposal of mattresses and tyres at the Wickpin Waste Facility.

Fees are as follows:

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| • Mattresses (all sizes) | \$40.00 ea |
| • Light Vehicle / Motorbike | \$15.00 ea |
| • Truck | \$35.00 ea |
| • Heavy Plant e.g. Grader/Tractor | \$130.00 ea |

These items can **ONLY** be dropped off at the Wickpin Waste Facility on Wednesdays, 1pm-5pm. You will need to prepay at the Shire Administration Office before attending the waste facility as the attendant will need to see a receipt for proof of payment.

2026/2027 Rates Notices

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.

Pensioner Rebates

If you hold one of the following cards, are a property owner, and living at that property as your "ordinary place of residence" as at July 1 of the rating year, you may be eligible for a State Government rebate on your Rates and Emergency Services Levy.

- Pensioner Concession Card;
- WA State Seniors Card;
- Commonwealth Seniors Health Card and WA State Seniors Card; or
- State Concession Card

For all queries and new pensioner rebate applications please contact the Water Corporation on 13 13 85 or online via www.watercorporation.com.au.

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



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

Closing date: Friday 7 August 2026. Applications for this position can be emailed to works@wickepin.wa.gov.au or posted to the below address. Applications are open until a suitable pool of candidates is received. This means the vacancy may close without notice. If you are interested in this position, we highly recommend you apply as soon as possible.

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

Details available at
www.wickepin.wa.gov.au

Shire of Wickepin



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25. NKAALG EVRRI _____

Recommendations

Ruths' favourite music is Andrew Lloyd Webber, Luciano Pavarotti and Medwyn Goodall.

THE PHANTOM OF THE OPERA

The music of the night

The Phantom of the Opera is a dark romantic story about a disfigured musical genius who lives beneath the Paris Opera House. He falls in love with a young singer named Christine and uses fear and tricks to make her a star, creating a tense love triangle when she falls for a childhood friend.

Cast: Gerard Butler, Emmy Rossum, Patrick Wilson

Director: Joel Schumacher

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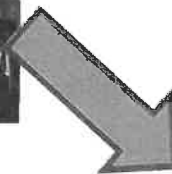
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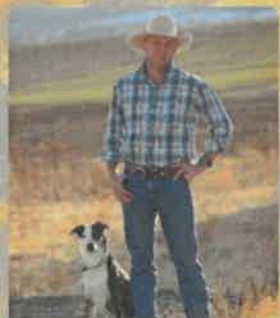
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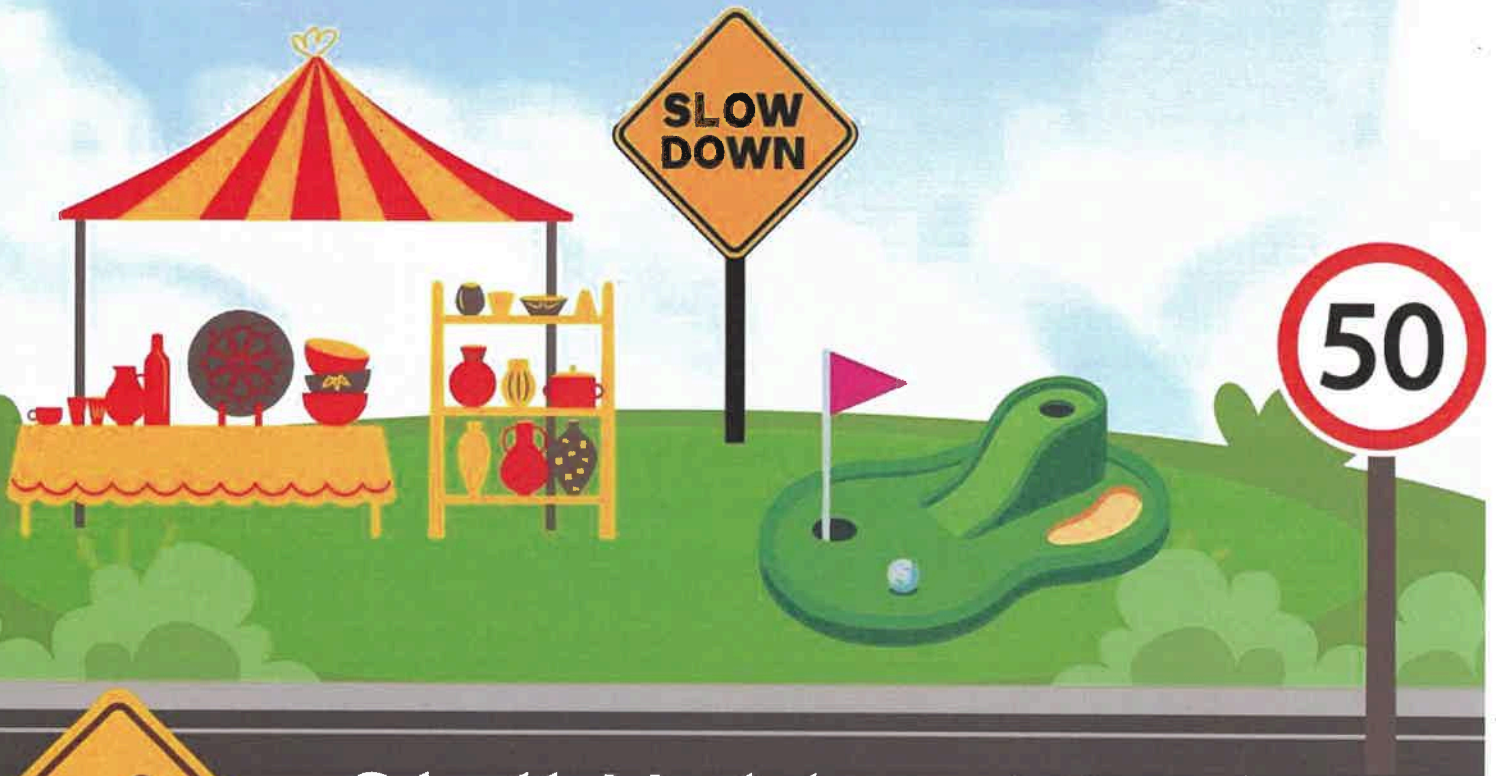
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Garden Snippets...



Organic Potions...

If you are looking for an alternative to spraying toxic chemicals in the garden, try a Homemade Brew, where you don't have to don a spray suit or protective gear when getting rid of pests and fungal problems. Here we look at a small selection of safe and effective organic sprays that can easily be made at home. They are harmful to pests (that is the aim) but are safe for children, pets, wildlife and your soil.

The Residual in all of these recipes is very short-lived. Once in the soil they bio-degrade rapidly and harmlessly, which means they are only effective until heavy rain or irrigation occurs, after which they need to be re-applied. Give them a go!

Vinegar Algicide: Kills green algae which forms on walls and paintwork from using "hose-on fertilisers". Make it by diluting one part white vinegar to three parts water. Spray onto affected areas until at "drip point". The acetic acid in vinegar will kill and bleach the algae and will inhibit further algae growth during dry weather.

Coffee Snail Killer: Lethal to snails and slugs. Make it by diluting one part espresso coffee with ten parts water (Use caffeine-rich espresso coffee, as Instant, De-caf or Re-used coffee grounds are too weak to be effective). Spray the brew onto foliage to "drip-point" and on the soil surface where snails and slugs travel. The pests absorb the caffeine through their mucous membrane and die.

Organic Fungicides: Fungal diseases such as powdery mildew and black spot are best treated by applying fungicides before any sign of the diseases. Chemical fungicides are easily washed off plants, and can harm beneficial fungi in the soil. Try instead the following two homemade fungicides, which can easily be made from household ingredients.

Milk Fungicide: Useful for preventing various types of mildew in vegetables, roses, grapes and begonias. Make it by diluting one part (Full cream un-homogenised or organic) milk with ten parts water. Apply using an atomiser or pump spray in the cool of the morning, and make sure to coat both sides of leaves and stems to "drip-point". It is the antibiotic quality of the whole milk that does the trick.

Bicarb Fungicide: Useful for preventing powdery mildew, black spot and rust on roses, and powdery mildew on peas. It is harmless to insects like predatory wasps and ladybirds that control aphids. Make it by adding two teaspoons bi-carb soda, one drop of horticultural or vegetable oil and a drop of bio-degradable washing up liquid to one litre of water. Shake well to dissolve to bi-carb soda. Apply as per above with the milk fungicide. The detergent helps to spread the mix for even coverage. As the mix dries the oil sticks the bi-carb to the leaf and makes the leaf surface alkaline, which deters the germination of spores.



Wickepin Kids Corner



HELLO WICKEPIN!



Across

2. The path one object follows around another
4. One spin of an object on its axis
5. One trip around another object in space
6. A small rocky object that orbits the Sun
9. A huge group of stars, gas, and dust
10. An event when one object blocks another

Down

1. A large object that orbits a star
3. A force that pulls objects toward each other
7. An icy object that can form a glowing tail
8. A streak of light from space entering air
11. An imaginary line an object spins around
12. A tool used to see distant objects in space

Kids Recipe Solar System Planet Biscuits

- 1 packet round plain biscuits (Marie or Nice biscuits work well)
- 1 tub vanilla icing
- Food colouring (blue, green, red, yellow, orange, purple and black)
- Sprinkles, edible glitter or mini choc chips (for stars)
- Smarties or M&M's (optional)
- Small zip-lock bags or piping bag

INSTRUCTIONS:

- Spread white icing over each biscuit.
- Divide the remaining icing into small bowls and colour each one.
- Decorate each biscuit as a different planet:
- Sun - Yellow and orange icing with yellow sprinkles.
- Mercury - Grey icing with chocolate sprinkles.
- Venus - Yellow and cream swirls.
- Earth - Blue icing with green land shapes.
- Mars - Red and orange icing.
- Jupiter - Brown, cream and orange stripes.
- Saturn - Pale yellow icing with a pretzel or icing ring.
- Uranus - Light blue icing.
- Neptune - Dark blue icing with white swirls.
- Scatter edible glitter or sprinkles over the plate
- to make a starry sky!
- Enjoy your delicious Solar System!



Solar System Word Scramble

Can you unscramble these space words?

TRHEA → _____
 STAURN → _____
 SUNEV → _____
 LPAENT → _____
 YLAGAX → _____
 OONM → _____
 TSEARCIOD → _____
 JUTPIER → _____



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Jai Bransby 3, Sophie Orchard 11

★ Answers to word scramble: Earth Saturn Venus Planet Galaxy Moon Asteroids Jupiter

Ruths` Favourite Recipes

CHORIZO AND VEGE FRITTATA

Ingredients

1 Chorizo sausage / or bacon
2 medium size potatoes, cubed
1 sweet potato, cubed
200 cap brown mushrooms
Red and Green capsicum, 1 of each, cubed
9 eggs and a little cream
30 gram pack taco seasoning

Method

Fry Sausage and put aside.

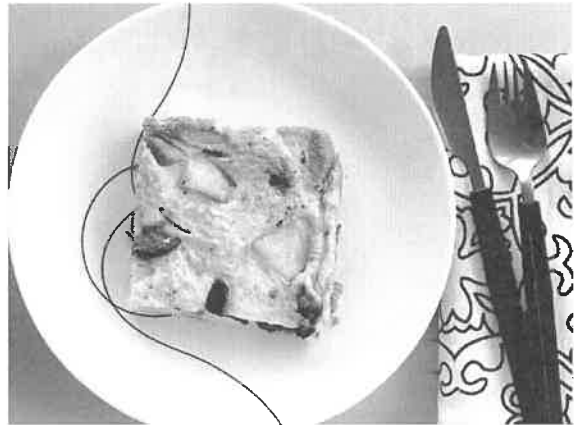
Roast potatoes approximately 15 minutes

Add Sweet potatoes, capsicums and mushrooms. Bake further 15 minutes or until just lightly cooked. Mix in sausage and transfer to ovenproof dish.

Blend eggs, taco seasoning with cream, pepper and salt and some cheese.

Pour over mix in dish, add fresh sweet corn, some frozen peas and a layer of finely sliced cherry tomatoes and pecorino cheese.

Bake until nice and brown.



LEMON DELICIOUS PUDDING

Ingredients

3 Eggs
¼ cup caster sugar,
1 cup milk
1 Tbsp SR Flour
Rind and juice 2 Lemons
1 teaspoon extra caster sugar for egg whites
Pinch of salt

Method

Separate eggs. Beat yolks with the ¼ cup caster sugar. Beat in milk, flour, lemon juice and rind, salt.

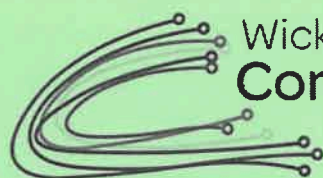
Beat whites of eggs and extra sugar until stiff, but not dry.

Pour into 2 pint casserole dish, place into water jacket.

Bake in moderate oven 50 to 60 minutes

Serve with whipped cream.





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Census



Do you need help with the 2026 Census?

The 2026 Census will be held on Tuesday 11 August, and everyone in Australia needs to be counted. Most households will receive instructions to complete their Census online.

We're available on **Wednesday 12 August and Thursday 13 August** to assist you with accessing and lodging your Census online. Please bring your mobile phone and any Census instructions or details you've received.
A small assistance fee applies for this service.

Need a paper form instead? Paper Census forms must be requested online through the Australian Bureau of Statistics. Visit the Wickepin CRC this week and we can help you submit your request online.

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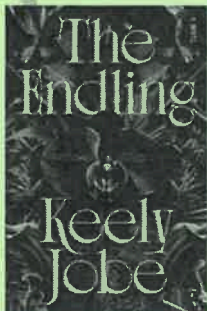
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FEATURED TITLES

ADULT FICTION: *The Endling* - Keely Jobe



On an isolated mountaintop, a small feminist community is splintering under the weight of ideological divides and dwindling numbers. Mila struggles to hold the women together, while deeper in the bush her aunt Frank - an ailing recluse - lives with only her dog, Chicken Midnight, for company. Nearby, an orchid endling approaches its own death, and the extinction of its entire species.

As Frank grows increasingly unwell and secretive about her condition, the community women begin mysteriously falling pregnant. When Mila gives birth to the only boy, their hardline separatist ideals face an impossible test.

Vividly expressed, wildly funny, and wholly original, *The Endling* examines the intersection of community and politics, exploring what happens when the borders we construct between species, between sexes, between self and world prove more porous than we imagine.

ADULT FICTION: *Secrets Between Friends* - Sheila O'Flanagan



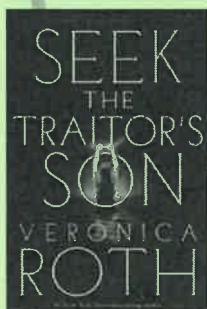
Ailie, Sybil and Rua can take care of themselves. But when they form an unexpected friendship, they discover new perspectives on old problems.

Ailie is recently widowed, and struggling. At least she can cut ties with her toxic Italian in-laws. Except her teenage daughter is joining them in Trieste. Should Ailie follow, and confront the family who can't forgive her?

Sybil has learned to be happy alone. But her younger sister, Tansy, thinks Sybil needs to find a man before it's too late. And she has the perfect candidate. Can Sybil cope with Tansy interfering - again?

Twice Rua has faced the worst, and twice she's started over. All that matters now is protecting her daughter. Yet she's kept the full story from her. Is it time to trust Brontë with the truth?

DISTOPIAN FANTASY: *Seek the Traitor's Son* - Veronica Roth



Elegy Ahn did not ask for destiny to find her.

She is happy with her life as a soldier, defending her small country from the Talusar, a powerful nation who worships a deadly Fever. A fever that blesses half of its victims with mysterious gifts.

But then she's summoned to hear a prophecy—her, and the most ruthless of Talusar generals, Rava Vidar. Brought face to face, they learn that one of them will lead their people to victory over the other...but they don't know which. And at the center of both of their fates: a man. A man that, Elegy is told, she will fall in love with.

In just one day, Elegy's old life—her job, her purpose, and her future—is over. She and Rava are destined to collide, with the fate of their nations hanging in the balance. And when they do, only one will be left standing.

Elegy intends to make sure it's her.

DVD MOVIE: *Song Sun Blue*



A heartfelt musical drama inspired by a true story.

Hugh Jackman and Kate Hudson star as Mike and Claire, two down-on-their-luck musicians whose lives begin to change when they form a Neil Diamond tribute act called Lightning & Thunder.

What starts as a shared love of music gradually grows into a deeply personal partnership, giving them a renewed sense of purpose and the chance to build something meaningful together. As their performances attract attention and bring joy to audiences, Mike and Claire must also navigate family pressures, financial hardship, personal setbacks and unexpected challenges that test both their relationship and their resilience.

Featuring many familiar Neil Diamond songs, the film blends romance, humour and emotion in a warm story about second chances, perseverance and the courage to keep pursuing a dream, even when life has not gone according to plan.



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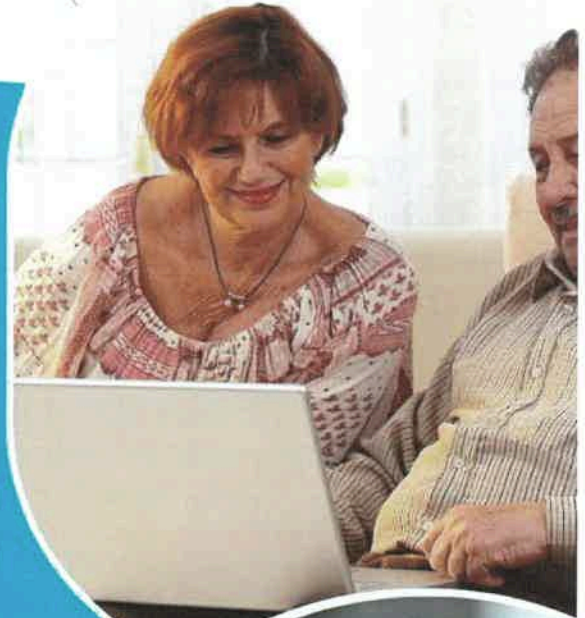
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As Wickepin CRC celebrates 25 years, we are reflecting on the hundreds of information sessions, training courses and workshops we are feeling proud to have provided for local residents.

Over the years, we have delivered a wide range of learning opportunities, including accredited training such as forklift and chainsaw tickets, first aid and mental health first aid, skipper's tickets, pilot licence courses, and heavy vehicle licence training. We have also run practical business and skills sessions covering Canva, business planning, Excel, Xero, farm safety and small business safety.

The CRC has also supported workforce development through traineeships, with nine local trainees successfully completing Certificate III qualifications in Business or Community Services.

We have also hosted a variety of community-focused learning opportunities, including technology and phone skills, scam awareness, snake and reptile awareness, road safety, gardening and home maintenance, mental health and wellbeing, "Cuppa with a Copper", and a wide range of craft and creative activities.

What has been the most useful training you have attended over the years? We'd love to hear your memories and your ideas for future activities.

We advertise our events through The Watershed News, our social media pages and community noticeboards, so keep an eye out for what's coming up.

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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Whether you're already finishing sheep or considering where to start, this tour offers practical ideas, honest conversations and valuable insights you can take back to your own enterprise.

Tour highlights include:

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YEALERING PRIMARY SCHOOL

Kaya,

We have launched into Term 3 with enthusiasm and energy, embracing a busy and exciting start to the semester. In Week 1, our students proudly participated in Schools Tree Day, planting native trees generously donated by Graham. We extend our sincere thanks for this wonderful contribution, which will enhance our school grounds for years to come. Looking ahead, excitement is building as we prepare to host this year's Small Schools Sports Carnival in Week 9. Once again, Yealering Primary School will join forces with Kondinin Primary School, with students already training hard and developing their skills through regular practice sessions and upcoming team games training. This term is shaping up to be full of learning, achievement and community connection, and we look forward to sharing these experiences with you.



Upcoming events... Dates to remember

Week 3 Book Week (This week)

Thursday 6th August – Book Week Fair and Book Week Parade 2 pm
Yealering PS

Tuesday 18th August – Intergenerational Morning Tea – Yealering Hall.
Week 6— Science Week

August 26th – International Lake Appreciation Day (more info to come)

Friday 18th September – YPS is hosting the Small School Sports Carnival – Yealering Oval.

This list will expand; the term is filling fast with activities and events.

We would like to acknowledge and thank Mrs Sam Hankinson for her dedication and valued contribution to Yealering Primary School over the past few years. As Mrs Hankinson embarks on an exciting new chapter in her career at Wickepin Primary School, we extend our heartfelt congratulations and best wishes for her future success.

From the Senior Room.

After a nice break with the holidays, we have started term three with some exciting subjects. In Sport, we have started practising for the Athletic Carnival. So far, we have practised flag races, running and long jump. We are excited for Book Week and the Book Fair in week three. We will all be dressing up as a book character and we will be participating in some book related activities. In Art, we have been learning about Abstract Art. One artist we have learned about is Henri Matisse and how he does a lot of art using bright colours. We have also been learning about the Flora that grows around Lake Yealering in HASS.

In recognition of National Tree Day, we planted native trees at the front of our school. It has been a busy start to the term and we are looking forward to seeing what the rest of the term brings.

By Ruby Lee





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WICKEPIN PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Working together to learn, grow and succeed



From the Principal

We ended Term 2 with such a fantastic NAIDOC celebration, embracing this year's theme, "50 Years of Deadly." It was lovely to welcome our community members who so generously volunteered their time to share in a range of meaningful activities, including art, damper making, Noongar songs and language and jewellery making. It was also wonderful to see former students return to our school to perform the Acknowledgement of Country and play the didgeridoo. It was truly special to see our whole community come together in such a positive and respectful way, celebrating culture, connection and shared learning. A huge thanks to Raylene Bransby, Danielle Bransby, Jamie Holmes, Dylon Kennedy, Laycee Coles, Flynn Anderson and Logan Ratcliffe for their valuable contributions on the day.

We have had a wonderful start to Term 3 and are looking forward to a productive and rewarding term ahead. Tomorrow's Parent/Teacher Interviews will provide a valuable opportunity to celebrate each student's successes while also setting goals for the remainder of the year.

We are delighted to warmly welcome two new staff members to our school community. Miss Rosie Maunder will be teaching phys ed each Tuesday and Mrs Sam Hankinson will be our Mainstream EA in ECC. Both ladies bring a wealth of enthusiasm, fresh perspectives, and a strong commitment to supporting students and colleagues alike. We are confident that their skills, values, and passion for education align beautifully with our school's culture, making them a wonderful fit for our team. We look forward to the positive impact they will have and know they will quickly become valued members of our community.

Our Year 6 leaders have also been busy showing great initiative by creating a timetable of lunchtime and recess clubs for students to enjoy during term 3. These include art club, chess club, sports club and a board games club. These opportunities will provide wonderful interactions for students to connect, try new activities and have fun together.

From the Principal continued

Our annual Book Week Parade in week 6 is always a highlight, showcasing the creativity and enthusiasm of our students through their fantastic costumes. This year's theme, 'Symphony of Stories', promises to inspire imagination and a love of reading. We also look forward to exploring the work of this year's talented illustrator, Briony Stewart, the award-winning author-illustrator of *Gymnastica Fantastica* and many other wonderful children's books. Her vibrant and imaginative characters are sure to delight.

In Week 7, we will enjoy our Footy Colours Day, a special event where we celebrate our dads and share in the fun of kicking the footy together at school.

We will finish the term with our annual Small Schools Athletics Carnival, hosted this year by Yealering PS. This much-loved event is a fantastic celebration of community spirit, sportsmanship and fun, and is always a great way to bring our school communities together.

Wicky way role model

Congratulations to Frankie Evans for being selected as our Wicky Way Role Model at the end of last term. Frankie has been recognised for consistently demonstrating our school values of being ready, respectful, resilient and safe, and approaches all aspects of school life with enthusiasm and a positive attitude. Frankie is a kind and caring friend who plays fairly and cooperatively with her peers, and she always treats others with respect. She is an enthusiastic learner who enjoys applying new skills and knowledge and is a valued member of our classroom. Frankie's positive attitude, thoughtful nature and commitment to doing her best make her an excellent role model for others.



Wicky way work award winners

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

Room 4 Year Frankie Evans

Room 3 Year 5 – Dominic Joldescue

Room 9 Year 2 – Xavier Fulford

Health – Year Eleanor Bird and Lucas Walton



Lucky draw recipients Wicky Way

A big well done to Liam Dob Ewen, Noah Plowman, Damien May, Charlie Priest and Neve Quartermaine who were our lucky draw recipients this month. These students have consistently demonstrated positive playground behaviour and proudly upheld our Wicky Way values. We are very proud of their leadership, kindness and respectful conduct.



Principal's lunch

It's always a delight to celebrate our Wicky Way students with a Principal's Lunch. This special reward recognises those who consistently demonstrate our school values, make positive choices and set a wonderful example for others. The lunch provides a relaxed and enjoyable opportunity to connect, share stories, and celebrate achievements together. What is most enjoyable is hearing students reflect on what they are proud of, the goals they've reached, and the ways they contribute to our school community. Moments like these highlight not just academic success, but kindness, resilience, and leadership qualities we are incredibly proud to nurture.



From the Principal continued



Merit Certificate Winners

Congratulations to all our Merit Certificate recipients recognised at our final assembly for Term 2. It is wonderful to see our students progressing and achieving such outstanding results.

Staff Leaving

Thanks to Jess Joldescu who has been our wonderful mainstream EA for the last 2 years. We truly value the significant contribution Jess has made in her role as an Education Assistant, particularly in supporting our younger years students. Her dedication, patience, and genuine care create a nurturing and inclusive environment where each child feels supported and encouraged to learn. Jess consistently goes above and beyond, building trusting relationships with students and staff alike, and ensuring that every child has the opportunity to succeed. Her positive attitude, reliability, and commitment to the wellbeing and development of our students make her an invaluable member of our team, and we are deeply appreciative of the impact she has on our school community.

Lily Betteridge - We would like to sincerely thank Lily for the outstanding contribution she has made as a pre-graduate teacher. She has stepped confidently into teaching Physical Education lessons, demonstrating initiative, professionalism, and a genuine passion for student engagement. Lily's organisation of the swimming carnival was exceptional, creating an event that was not only smooth and successful but also warmly embraced by our entire school community. Her thoughtful approach ensured that every student, regardless of their swimming ability, felt included, supported, and celebrated. Lily's willingness to step up, her positive attitude, and her commitment to inclusive practice make her a highly valued member of our school, and we are incredibly grateful for the impact she has had.

Volunteer acknowledgement

I would like to warmly congratulate a very valued member of our school community, Mrs Jenny Hemley, for her unwavering willingness to step in and help whenever needed, particularly with our Breakfast Club. Jenny's generosity, reliability, and genuine care for our students ensure that the day begins in a positive and welcoming way for so many. Her quiet dedication behind the scenes makes a meaningful difference to the wellbeing of our children, and her readiness to support the school at any time is truly appreciated. We are incredibly grateful for Jenny's continued commitment and the kindness she brings to our community.

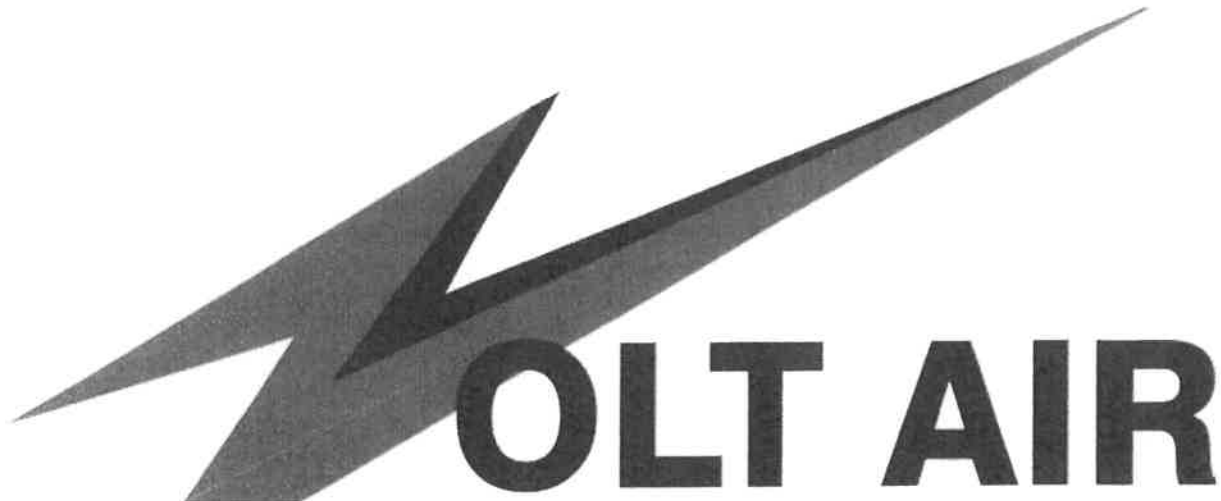
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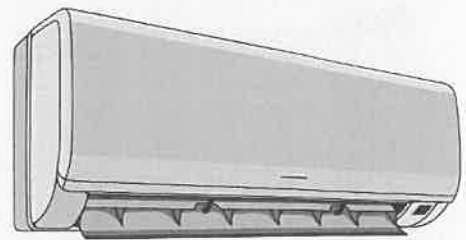
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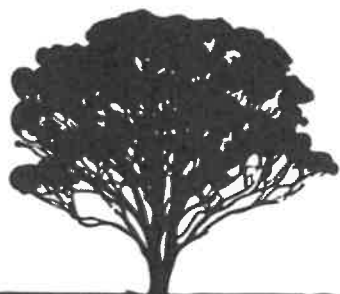
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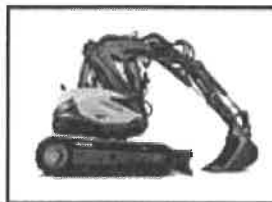




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2025	mm	Days	Total	2026	mm	Days	Total
January	7	2	7	January	0	0	0
February	5.2	1	12.2	February	10.8	3	11
March	41.4	3	53.6	March	32.6	6	43.6
April	24	7	77.6	April	16.8	9	60.4
May	12.2	5	89.8	May	17.2	4	77.6
June	22	10	111.8	June	46.8	14	124.4
July	76.8	13	188.6	July	12.2	8	136.6
August	87.8	14	276.4	August			
September	32.4	7	308.8	September			
October	11.8	3	320.6	October			
November	26	5	346.6	November			
December	0	0	346.6	December			

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

It may sound like a long way off, but Christmas will be here before you know it and so will Operation Christmas Child, proudly and efficiently organized every year by Irene Moore.



We will be packing our Wickepin Community Boxes in September

To help us fill these boxes You can contribute to this by purchasing some of the items from the list below.

Or if you would rather, you can fill the box completely, by deciding on Girl or Boy, age appropriate for 2-4, 5-9, or 10-14 yrs.

Select a 'WOW' item such as a doll, ball or stuffed animal. Then fill your box with fun toys, clothing, hygiene items and school items.

Some Box Suggestions:

Clothes: Boy or Girl shirts/shorts/skirts, thongs, boy jocks, girl undies.

Hygiene: Flannels, toothbrushes, combs/brushes, hair accessories.

Toys: Yoyos, marbles, skipping ropes, music items, small cars and trucks.

Something Special: boy/girl sunglasses, jewellery, small torches with spare batteries.

School Items: Pencils, lead pencils, Red/Blue biros, erasers, sharpeners.



Do Not Include: soap (is no longer allowed in shoebox gifts because of the complications it causes in customs in some nations), candy, toothpaste, gum, used or damaged items, scary or war-related items such as toy guns, knives or military figures, chocolate or food, seeds, fruit rolls or other fruit snacks, drink mixes (powdered or liquid) liquids or lotions, medications or vitamins, breakable items such as snow globes, glass containers, aerosol cans.

Last year nearly 40 boxes were packed in Wickepin each box containing a toy, toiletries, pencils, exercise books, clothes and various other bits and pieces which all needs to be donated.

Please see the ideas above.

Any donation will be gratefully received whether it be monetary or as items to pack into the boxes.

Any questions, please contact Irene Moore 0437 801 026

WICKEPIN DISTRICT SPORTS CLUB

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**Tuesday 18th August @ 7.00pm at the
Wickepin District Sports Club**

**All current and future members are welcome to attend
All Committee positions will be vacated and available for
nomination**

Numbers are required for a quorum

Greg White (Chairperson) 0427 881 057



**YEALERING PROGRESS
ASSOCIATION AGM**

Tuesday, 4th August 2026

@ 6.30pm

Yealering Town Hall

**Come along and hear the latest
update on the Yealering Hall
renovations and our plans for
celebrating the Hall's Centenary in
2027.**

St John's Anglican Church

Johnston Street, Wickepin

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Enquiries:
Irene—0437 801 026 or
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SPORTS NOTES

WICKEPIN FOOTBALL CLUB

Round 11

Sunday 26th July 2026

Played at Wickepin Town Oval

FOURTHS

Wickepin

8.11 59

Wagin

1.2 8

Wickepin Fourths won by 51 points

Best Players

Charles Fulford, Lincoln Turvey, Seth Butcher,
Mason Pike, Logan Pike, Fletcher Miller

RESERVES

Wickepin

0.4 4

Wagin

12.17 89

Wagin Reserves won by 85 points

Best Players

Arron Quartermaine, Couper Spark, Dylan Miller,
Cameron Graham, Rhett Ballard, Roger Ballard

LEAGUE

Wickepin

12.10 82

Wagin

9.5 59

Wickepin League won by 23 points

Best Players

Sam Fortini, Jordan Flavel, Miles Franklin, Blake
White, Bailey Ferris, Dion Anthony

Round 12

Saturday 1st August 2026

Played at Boddington Town Oval

FOURTHS

Boddington

6.10 46

Wickepin

5.2 32

Boddington Fourths won by 14 points

Best Players

Joseph Riley, Reid Ewen, Maysen Smith,
Charles Fulford, Phillip Turvey, Logan Pike

RESERVES

Boddington

3.9 29

Wickepin

6.14 50

Wickepin Reserves won by 23 points

Best Players

Joe Gordon, Joe Dowling, Tom Martin,
Mitchell Wiles, Cameron Graham, Dylan Miller

LEAGUE

Boddington

4.2 26

Wickepin

30.15 195

Wickepin League won by 169 points

Best Players

Dion Anthony, Kayle Kirby, Kyle Medcalf,
Blake White, Bailey Ferris, Sam Fortini

Exciting News for 2027!

It's been a long 16 years but the Wickepin Football Club will be entering a Colts side into the competition for the 2027 season. With good numbers already we will still be looking for more to complete our side. So if you are interested or know of anyone please contact either

Jamie Miller: 0429 890 061

Blake White: 0477 018 811



Footy v Boddington Saturday 1st August.

The D grade had 23 players at bounce down and then 25 players by quarter time after Flick got there late after a sleep in. We got jumped in the 1st term as Boddington piled on 4.2 to no score. We outscored them in the 2nd and 3rd quarters to be just 5 points down at the last break. The young side going down fighting (literally) by just 14 points. We need to win one of our last 2 games to guarantee ourselves a finals place. Coach Blake 'The Junkyard Dog' White gave the choccies to JoJo Riley who played another dominant game, Reid Ewen who played his best game of his short career and has really improved over the last few games and Maysen Smith who has started to show better composure and is realising his potential. Other notable players were Charles Fulford, Phil Turvey and Logan Pike.

July wasn't a good month for the Magoos as they didn't record a win but they always had their noses in front against Boddington and came out winners by 23 points. Skipper Kurtly Butler looked nervous at the toss as he has a record of winning the toss but also a record of choosing to go into the wind. The umpires were left bemused as Captain Kurtly took off his boot and then his sock to hold up in the breeze, so he knew which way to kick. Still think he got it wrong. Kicking 3 goals in the 1st term we set up the win but with some wayward kicking for goal. Joe Gordon 'The Carnarvon ball magnet' was our top player, Joe Dowling taking lots of good marks and let us know about it after the game, Cowboy Tom played his best game for the year as he got a bit excited being so close to the Boddington Rodeo grounds, although celebrating his goal by pretending to ride a bull seemed a bit too much. Mitch Wiles had his kicking boots on in front of goals, but they must have been borrowed from someone from Boddington as he sprayed them to the right every time. Cam Graham and Dylan Miller both had serviceable games thru the middle. Well done to Cooper Bennier who kicked his 1st goal. The 1st attempt went 10m to the right of the point post followed by the usual Cooper profanity. His 2nd attempt saw his knees knocking from being so nervous, but the ball went straight thru the middle but wild celebrations did not follow. A new rule was enforced in the changerooms with players only being allowed to drink the free beer if they aren't touching their bloody phones. Something influencer Cooper Bennier had trouble with, so it was confiscated. Great to see everyone enjoy a few beers and fellowship. The word 'fellowship' had to be explained to Cameron and Campbell as they thought that was when you text each other but in a group chat. Insert SMH emoji here*. 6 goals and 14 points saw us over the line to Boddington 3 goals 9 points.

The A grade was close early but as the game went on the more experienced Warriors pulled away comfortably. In the highlight for the day Kayle Kirby grabbed himself 15 snags and not from the all you can eat BBQ buffet, he kicked 15 goals. Past legend and Wickepin Team of the Century Full Forward Geoff Taylor was watching on and reminisced about kicking 13 goals twice in the 1966 season, a year which he kicked 100 goals. Big Kirbs, who has become a fan favourite of the young kids at the club was best player, Dion, Skinny Medcalf, Junkyard Dog, Bailey Ferris and Sam Fortini also playing well. Bryce Pauley was the players player. We ran out easy winners 30.15 to Boddington 4.2.

We have a C grade team next year so start recruiting and getting players organised as there is room for a few more. Year 9 -12.

Our sponsors day is the last game of the year on Sunday 16th August with free entry, drinks and arvo tea for sponsors.

Next game v Williams on Saturday 8th August.

WICKEPIN NETBALL CLUB

Wickepin Netball Club – Round 9 & 10 Wrap-Up

It has been another strong fortnight for Wickepin Netball Club, with our teams producing some fantastic results across the board.

Round 9 saw our **A3 side** come away with a **39–30 victory over Flames** in a very even, hard-fought contest. Both teams worked tirelessly throughout the game, with Wickepin able to pull away in the closing stages. **A2** enjoyed a well-earned bye, while **A1** fought hard against a strong Cuballing outfit, going down **43–59** despite a determined performance.

The momentum continued into **Round 10**, with all three Wickepin teams recording impressive wins. **A1** defeated **Olympics Gold 52–39**, while **A2** produced a dominant display to defeat **Flames 69–31**. **A3** also extended their winning form, overcoming **Flames 40–22** with another consistent four-quarter effort.

Next Saturday, **8 August**, all three Wickepin teams travel to **Williams** for another exciting day of netball, alongside the Wickepin Football Club, making it a great opportunity for supporters to get behind both clubs.

Match times are:

- **A3:** 12.00 pm
- **A2:** 1.30 pm
- **A1:** 3.00 pm



We'd love to see plenty of red and white supporters make the trip to Williams and cheer on both our netballers and footballers.

YEALERING GOLF CLUB

Sat 11th July Market ag 4th qualifying

Ten tee' ed off with the net winner being Adam with a 69, (he'll be giving his old man a run for his money soon) and the gross winner Dicksey on 86. There were the usual 4 novelties spread over the rest of the field

Sat 18th July a couple of golfers headed to Kweda but with no luck

Sat 25th July saw us have a Stableford with a field of 11. Dicksey carried on with his good work scoring 38 and Cam close behind with 36. Most of the rest of the field were in the low 30's and high 20's, once again we finished the day with some burgers provided by Tanya.

Thurs 30th July we held the Gangells Ag 3 person mixed midweek Ambrose and the weather must been good for golf as 57 players showed up from all around including Wickepin, Corrigin, Narrogin, Kweda, Kulin and others.

Our catering ladies went into overdrive as we hadn't expected so many and they acquitted themselves admirably all dinners very happy

The winners of the day on a net of 53.2 where Curtis Butler, John Norton and Ryley Sermon just beat the other Butlers (Roger and Danika) and Greenie. 3rd Neil Sanders, Ray August and Sean Harris. There where 9 novelties around the course with everyone else getting in on the prizes.

Before dinner the Hartfield country club voucher for 4 players over 18 holes was drawn going to Henry from Kweda.

Thank you to Gangells Ag and Hartfield Country Club for your sponsorship

Sat 1st August saw a field of 11 play again in excellent golf weather for a Stableford . There were some very good scores at the end of the day for Jack on 44, Mike and Tanya 40 each. The captain will be having a good look at this. It was a bring your own mixed dinner enjoyed by all to finish of the night.

Next week sees the last and 5th qualifying round see you all there. GOOD GOLFING

WHAT'S ON IN THE WICKEPIN SHIRE

MONDAY

- Fit Pursuit 5.45 – 6.30am, Wickepin Community Centre

TUESDAY

- Wickepin Community Shed 8am – 12noon,
Old Recycling Shed, Richter St
- Pathology Service – By Appointment Only,
Wickepin Health Centre, Phone 9888 2222
- Yoga 6 – 7.30pm, Harrismith Hall. All welcome.
During School terms. Tara: 0427 333 171

WEDNESDAY

- Social Arts & Crafts 9.30, Joyner Street
- Chair Aerobics 9.00 – 10.00am, Wickepin Health Centre
- 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

AUGUST

Mon 3rd	Watershed News
Mon 3 rd	Recycle and Bin Day
Thur 6 th	Facey Group Rural Women's Day, Wickepin Community Centre 8.30am-3.15pm
Fri 7 th	Communi-Tea 1.30pm
Fri 7 th	Locals supporting Locals 9am – 10.30am Wickepin CRC
Tues 11 th	CRC Committee Meeting 4.30pm
Mon 17th	Watershed News
Mon 17 th	Recycle and Bin Day
Thur 20 th	Facey Group Field Walk 2pm – 5pm
Thur 20 th	AI Basics workshop 10.30am Wickepin CRC
Mon 24 th	Facey Group Auschem Course 8.30am – 4pm, Wickepin Community Centre
Tue 25 th	Facey Group Auschem Course 8.30am – 4pm Wickepin Community Centre
Mon 31st	Watershed News
Mon 31 st	Recycle and Bin Day

SEPTEMBER

Wed 2 nd	LGIS Inter-Municipal Golf Tournament
Fri 4 th	Communi-Tea 1.30pm meet the Author
Wed 9 th	Facey Group Feed to Finish Bus Tour 8am – 4.30pm Wickepin
Mon 14th	Watershed News
Mon 14 th	Recycle and Bin Day
Fri 25 th	School Term Three Ends
Sun 27 th	Wickepin CRC Market Day, Wogolin Road @ 10am
Mon 28 th	Recycle and Bin Day
Mon 28 th	Kings Birthday Public Holiday
Tues 29th	Watershed News

OCTOBER

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

NOVEMBER

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

DECEMBER

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

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