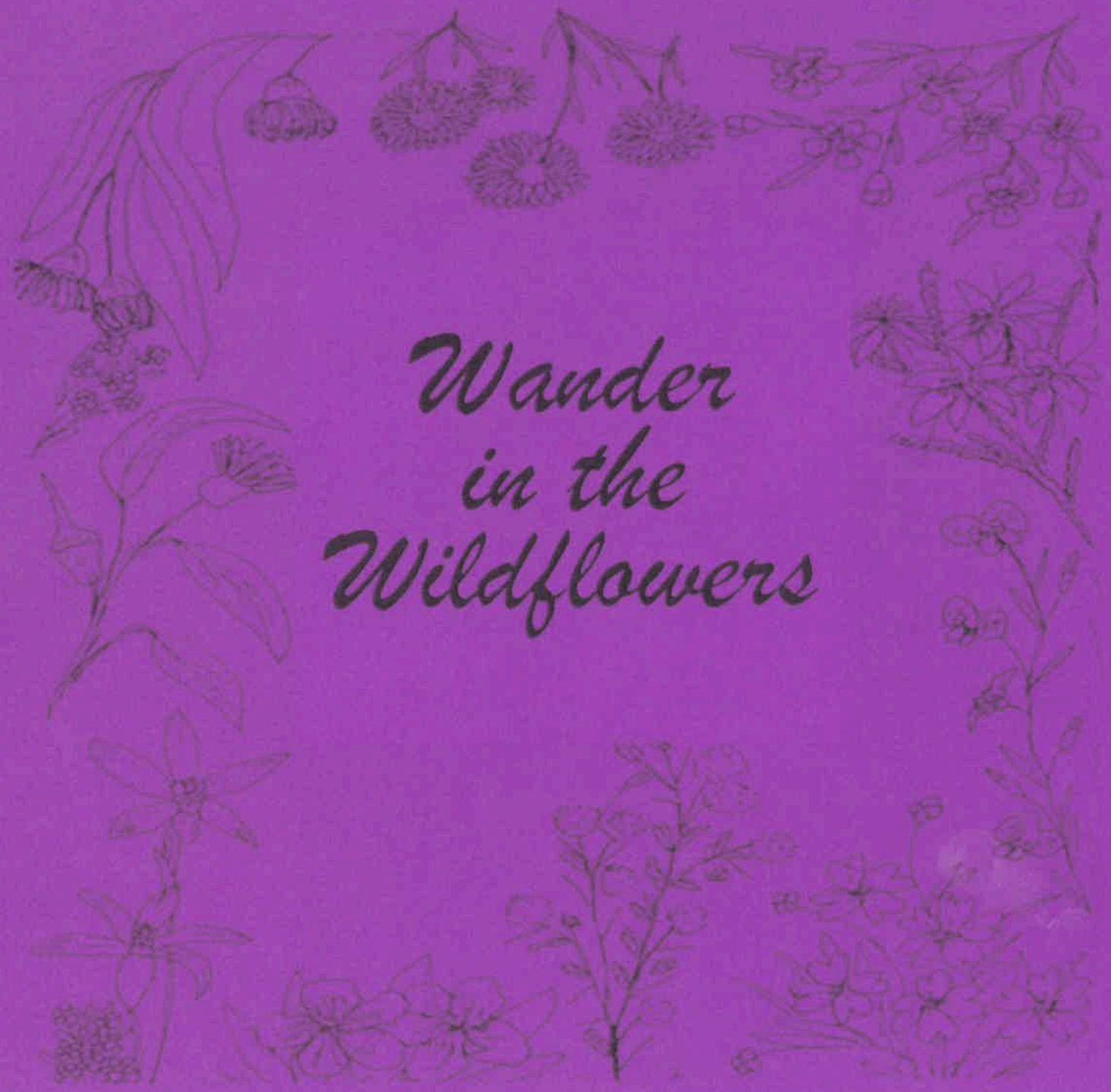


WATERSHED NEWS

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

17th August 2026



*Wander
in the
Wildflowers*

WATERSHED NEWS INC- COMMUNITY NEWSPAPER

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The views expressed in the publications of the Watershed News are not necessarily those of the editor/s or other volunteers who produce it. We reserve the right to not print articles that are inappropriate.

We want your Classified Advertisements

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

August Birthday Wishes to:

17th Trent O`Brein
21st Caleb Leeson, Jackie O`Neil
24th Zoe Mullan
25th Jayden Bushby
26th Matthew Podmore, Emily Doncon, Julian Williamson .
27th Mark Altham
29th Matthew O`Brein
30th Kirralee Mallett, Rory Mc Dougall



The Watershed News



The Watershed News Team are in urgent need of extra volunteers. With Ruth's departure and different days when others are away for various reasons it has come to crisis point. The Team need 5 in the morning to cover the requirements. Can be done with less BUT easier with more.

2 Typists, (Knowledge of Word programme)
1 Printer, (Can be taught)
1 Organiser, Odd jobs. (Can be taught)
1 Proofreader. (Attention to detail)

The Team need 6 in the afternoon (1pm to 2.30ish)

4 Collate
1 Stapler
1 Organiser?

With more numbers it would not be necessary for the present volunteers to be on duty every issue, all day, hoping someone else was coming in at 1pm to help. The duties are not hard, the atmosphere is friendly and any help would be appreciated.

Wickepin History Group

The Wickepin History Group would sincerely like to thank the Narrogin Lions Club for their generous donation. This will help with the printing of a tourist drive map showing the historical sites within the Shire.

RECOMMENDATION

The **Sober Mermaid Podcast** is an honest, raw audio show hosted by Rebecca Presley. It features real talk about sobriety, personal healing, vulnerability, navigating relationships, and learning how to experience life and intimacy without alcohol.

About the Show

- **Host:** Rebecca Presley (@sobermermaidpodcast)
- **Core Themes:** Deep personal reflection, unmasking hidden struggles, dating and loneliness in recovery, and mental health.

Format: Real-life conversations, raw truths, and thoughtful discussions.

Where to Listen

- Available to stream on major platforms including Spotify and previewed/clip-shared via her Instagram Profile.

Rebecca recently visited her sister Amy and interviewed her and two local personalities (Ralph and Tim). Well worth listening to.

Eulogy – Ronald James McLean

As the Roaring Twenties drew to a close and the world entered a new decade, the Wall Street Crash of 1929 had prompted a rather depressing start to the thirties. While the hope and prosperity of the twenties seemed to have dissolved, 1930 was still a year full of interesting and positive events.

1930 was the year that the first football World Cup took place, Mickey Mouse made his first appearance in comic form, and Pluto was officially discovered and named as a planet.

But more significantly, Ronald James McLean was born on the 17 January 1930 at Wickepin to parents Kate Maria and Thomas Percy McLean. He was their second born child, having an older sister Nina.

Ron's father founded the farm "Hazeldene" east of Wickepin in 1908 and through much hard work on the farm, working away share farming and as a shearer, Ron became a much respected and profitable farmer on Hazeldene.

Farming came a long way during Ron's life from working 9 horse teams to driving massive tractors and other machinery. All the while staying in touch with new farming techniques and technology.

Ron was very mechanically minded and loved tinkering with cars and machinery; his first car was an Austin A40. In his 20s he had an accident when working under a car on the farm. The car fell on him and was crushing him so he called out to his mum and luckily there were some well diggers a couple of hundred yards away and his mum yelled for them. They came running and were able to lift the car off him. A close call.

In the 1970s Ron bought property at Lake Biddy and the Wickepin farm was subsequently sold in the 1990s, and the farming operations all moved there. Ron was actively involved in farming until he was 90 and was passionate about it. It was the best job in the world to him.

He also had a great interest in politics, firstly with the National party and later with One Nation. He loved dancing, music and sang with gusto off key. It was just as well he had a great sense of humor.

Away from the farm Ron enjoyed his tennis, golf and growing fruit and vegetables for the table. He enjoyed reading, he was a sponge for learning new things and absorbing information, and part of this was listening to the ABC radio news and programs as well as the television.

Ron was a councilor on the Wickepin Shire for a number of years, a foundation member of the Wickepin Lions club, as well as being a representative on the Farmers Union when it existed.

Ron married 3 times and with his first wife had 4 children – Gordon, Helen, and twins Shirley and John. Through the children's marriages, there are 4 grandchildren Steven, Cathy, Phillip and Carol and 7 great grandchildren Hayley, Lochlan, Harrison, Scarlet, Oscar, Riley and Callan. Children always brought a sparkle to Ron's eye.

Ron was a wonderful father to the children, and they always looked forward to the post-harvest summer holidays when they would go away to Albany or Perth for a well-deserved family break. He always encouraged his children with regards to their education and their sporting interests.

Shirley recalls fondly how her and Helen would sing around the house and Ron liked that as he really enjoyed music. He played tennis and encouraged the children to as well. He also got Shirley into square dancing as well as ballroom and new vogue dancing, the last two which he did himself for years.

Prior to his dementia diagnosis, he lived with Shirley for several months. He was very active, liked to be social and drove many kilometres. She had to buy him tomato sauce as he was fond of that, he'd also always salt his food and used tooth picks a lot! He showed gratefulness for meals, he'd always say thank you for dinner to express his appreciation.

Ron was highly thought of and admired by many. The staff at Aegis aged care in Murdoch where Ron spent his last years said he'd be sorely missed as he was a favourite there, and it was there that he passed away on the 22nd June at the age of 96 years and 5 months.

Rest In Peace

Daffodil Day 2026 in Australia will be observed on Thursday, 21 August, as a major fundraising event supporting cancer research and patient services.



Cancer Council
Daffodil Day

21 August

Daffodil Day was first introduced in Australia in **1986**. The daffodil was chosen as a symbol because of its resilience and ability to bloom after harsh conditions, reflecting the **strength and hope of cancer patients**. Funds raised support research that improves **prevention, detection, and treatment** of cancer, as well as services that assist patients and families during challenging times. By participating, individuals contribute to a collective effort to reduce the impact of cancer and provide hope for a **cancer-free future**.



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

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Moving House Sale

Furniture, Tools, Clothes-Shoes-Bags,
Knick Knacks, Fish Tanks, Toys, Plants.
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Call Rikky-Lee 0477 064 169 for more details.

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

**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 on 9888 1005 or email eso@wickpin.wa.gov.au to register your interest.

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

2026/2027 Rates Notices

The 2026/2027 rates will be issued in the coming weeks. 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.

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.

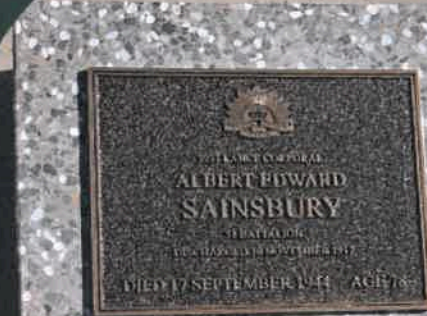
Fees are as follows:

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.

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.wickpin.wa.gov.au



Thanks to the Department of Veterans' Affairs 'Marking (First World War) Private Graves' grants program, the Shire are pleased to announce that we have been able to place commemorative plaques on the previously unmarked graves of two of our World War 1 veterans in the Wickepin Cemetery.



Thank You

A big thank you from the Shire to the Yealering Progress Association for their tireless efforts in cleaning the Yealering Hall following the recent works. Your hard work and dedication, especially in getting the hall ready for a wedding, are greatly appreciated. Thank you for helping make the hall look its very best for such a special occasion.



LGIS INTER-MUNICIPAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Open Day · Lake Yealering Golf Course

WEDNESDAY 2ND SEPTEMBER 2026

1:00 PM Sausage Sizzle

2:00 PM 9 Hole Scroungers · Tee Off

\$20 Entry · Payable on the day

Great prizes on offer!

Followed by dinner & drinks at the Lake Yealering Golf Club

NOMINATE NOW

Contact Emma at the Shire Office

Phone: 9888 1005

Email: eso@wickepin.wa.gov.au

**This day is proudly sponsored by
Nutrien Harcourts &
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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)

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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

W.A. Wildflowers

Western Australia is home to over 12,000 wildflower species, with 60% unique to the region, offering a spectacular bloom from June to November across diverse landscapes.

Wildflower Season and Timing

The **wildflower season in WA** begins in the **north around June and July** and gradually moves south as spring approaches, finishing on the south coast by **October or November** depending on rainfall and temperature . **August** is ideal for northern regions, while **September and October** are best for the south, including Perth, Margaret River, and the South Coast Seasonal variations mean blooms can differ year to year, so checking local reports is recommended.

The images of wildflowers opposite are a very minor selection of the species that can be seen in Western Australia. Numbered left to right.

- 1 Diuris Donkey Orchid
- 2 Anigozanthos Manglesi Red and Green Kangaroo Paw
- 3 Fluffy Purple Mulla Mulla
- 4 Lechenaultia Macrantha Wreath Plant
- 5 Fringe Lilly
- 6 Kalbarri Pink Poker
- 7 Colstream Conservation Park, everlastings
- 8 Fairy Orchid
- 9 Everlastings Kings Park
- 10 Spider Orchid
- 11 Donkey Orchid

SPRING WILDFLOWERS

Wildflower season is almost here and all over Western Australia there will be an abundance of wildflowers to be seen. It is recommended that bookings are made well ahead.

Wildflower festivals around Western Australia 2026

Nannup Flower and Garden Festival August 7th to 16th

Outback Bloom – Mullewa Wildflower Festival August 27th to 30th

Great Southern Bloom Festival September 12th October 11th November

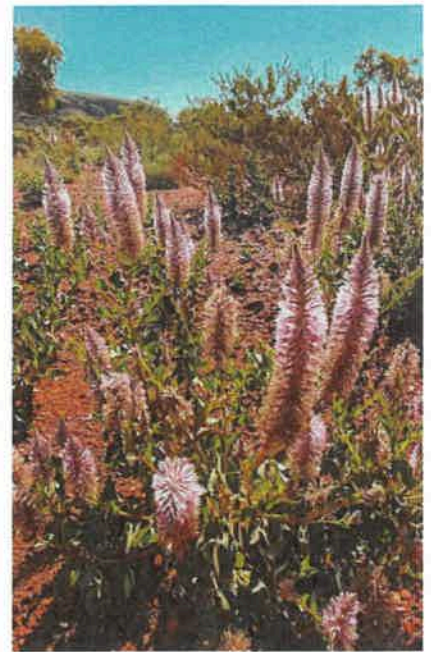
Ravensthorpe Wildflower Show September 7th to 19th

Everlasting Kings Park Festival September 18th to October 4th

Djilba Wildflower Festival Esperance September 19th to 23rd

Albany Wildflower Show September 23rd. to 27th

Reynoldson Reserve Wildflower Festival – Wongan Hills October 30th to November 1st



Local Wildflower Trails

Malyalling Reserve

Rare and unique wildflowers are on display at the Malyalling Reserve during spring and summer. Spider and donkey orchids can be found at the reserve located 15km north of Wickepin.



Harrismith Walk Trail

Harrismith is internationally recognised for the wide variety of wildflowers that grow in the area including; orchids, verticordias, grevilleas and banksias. A well defined walktrail with informative signage surrounds the town and showcases the magnificent display of wildflowers.



Tincurrin

Tincurrin is located 50km south of Wickepin. Like most small towns it has seen a decline in population over the years; however it still maintains a wonderful community spirit.

In spring the Tincurrin area has a stunning display of wildflowers and is especially renown for the verticordias.



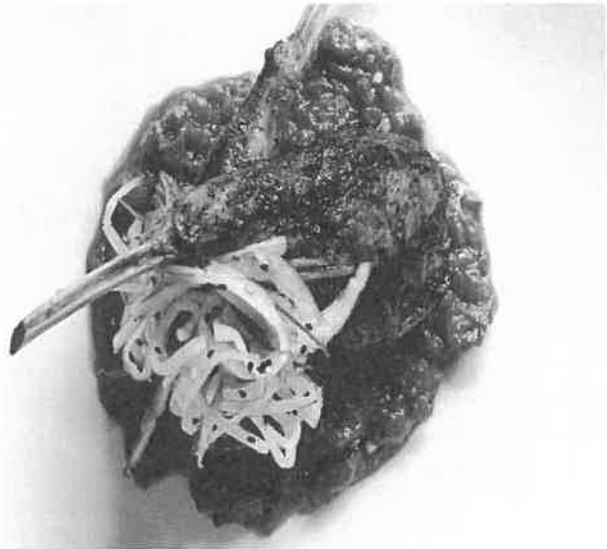
Lamb Rack with Harissa and Cucumber and Wattleseed Salad

Ingredients (15)

1 Lebanese cucumber, thinly sliced
1 small red onion, thinly sliced Handful mint leaves
1/2 tsp wattleseeds
Juice of 1/2 lemon
1/4 cup (60ml) olive oil, plus extra to drizzle
8-cutlet French-trimmed lamb rack
1 onion, finely chopped
2 garlic cloves, finely chopped
400g can chopped tomatoes

Harissa (makes 1 1/4 cups)

1 capsicum and long red chilli, chopped
2 tsp each ground cumin and caraway
1 tsp smoked paprika
1 tsp chilli flakes
4 garlic cloves, finely chopped
1/2 cup (125ml) olive oil



Method

For the harissa, place all the ingredients in a food processor and whiz to combine.

Combine cucumber, onion, mint and wattleseeds in a bowl. Season and toss with lemon juice and 1 tbs oil. Set aside.

Season the lamb and drizzle with oil. Preheat the oven to 180°C. Heat an ovenproof frypan over medium-high heat. Add lamb and cook, turning, for 3-4 minutes until browned. Transfer to the oven and roast for 6-8 minutes for medium-rare or until cooked to your liking. Rest, loosely covered with foil, for 5 minutes, then slice into cutlets.

Meanwhile heat remaining 2 tbs oil in a frypan over medium heat. Cook onion for 3-4 minutes until softened. Add garlic and 1/3 cup (80ml) harissa, and cook for a further 2 minutes or until fragrant. Add tomato and cook for 3-4 minutes until flavours infuse.

Serve lamb with warm harissa and salad.

Wattleseed

Wattleseed has a rich, roasted flavour reminiscent of coffee, chocolate, and hazelnuts, making it ideal for both sweet and savory dishes. It can be ground into baking recipes, added to ice cream, or used as a caffeine-free coffee alternative.

Wattleseed is also nutrient-dense, containing protein, fibre, and essential minerals, making it a versatile pantry staple for desserts, spice rubs, and slow-cooked meats



Wickepin Kids Corner

Learn • Create • Explore • Grow

HELLO WICKEPIN!

➤ Draw a line to the correct flower ➤



 **PINK FAIRY ORCHID**



 **BANKSIA**



 **KANGAROO PAW**



 **STURT'S DESERT PEA**

WILDFLOWER HUNT

TAKE THIS PAGE OUTSIDE AND SEE WHAT YOU CAN SPOT!

- ☐ SOMETHING YELLOW
- ☐ SOMETHING PINK
- ☐ SOMETHING PURPLE
- ☐ A FLOWER SMALLER THAN YOUR FINGERNAIL
- ☐ A FLOWER BIGGER THAN YOUR HAND
- ☐ A BEE OR BUTTERFLY
- ☐ AN INTERESTING LEAF
- ☐ A FLOWER YOU'VE NEVER SEEN BEFORE

DRAW YOUR OWN WILDFLOWER, WHAT COLOURS WILL IT BE? DOES IT SMELL NICE WHERE WILL IT GROW? WILL IT HAVE PETALS? OR WILL IT RESEMBLE AN ANIMAL? WHAT WILL YOU CALL IT?

Let your imagination grow!

WILDFLOWERS
MAKE WICKEPIN
BLOOM! ♥

Same town...
so many
amazing flowers!

What did the flower say to the bee?
"I'm Pollen for you!"

DID YOU KNOW?

YOU DON'T HAVE TO TRAVEL FAR TO FIND AMAZING WILDFLOWERS! WILDFLOWERS CAN BE FOUND AROUND WICKEPIN CEMETERY, MALYALLING CRICKET GROUND AND ALONG THE WICKEPIN SELF-DRIVE WILDFLOWER TRAIL.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

ETHAN HARRIS

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AUSTIN EWEN

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Wally
Wickepin Wombat



WHAT IS AI? HOW CAN WE USE IT?

AI Basics Workshop

Have you wondered what AI is, or how people are using it in everyday life? Join us for an easy-to-understand introduction to AI. Learn how to use it safely, and when it's best to be a little cautious!



Thursday 20th August



10.30am



Wickepin CRC

Learn how AI can:

- ✓ Create images or alter photos
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- ✓ Help you understand a specific subject
- ✓ Brainstorm ideas



Book your spot today



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Craft Workshop

DIY Yarn Dolls

Join us for a relaxed and creative morning making your own adorable yarn doll!
Choose her dress colour. Choose her hair colour.
Add some gems and jewels. Make her your own!

No experience needed — just bring your imagination and enjoy a little crafty fun!

**Everything
supplied!**

**\$10
each**



Thursday



September 10th



10:30am



Contact the CRC on 9888 1500 or
admin@wickepinrc.com.au to register



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CELEBRATING 25 YEARS

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25 YEARS OF TECHNOLOGY

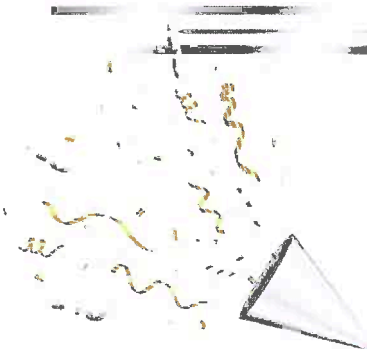
As Wickepin CRC celebrates 25 years, we are reflecting on how technology has changed and the role our Centre has played in helping local residents keep up with those changes.

Originally Wickepin Telecentre, the Centre was created to bring technology and internet access to the community at a time when few households had access. The Telecentre provided a room full of computers, dial-up internet, printing services and computer lessons. As computers, internet access and mobile technology became more affordable and common in homes, the Centre expanded its focus into community events, training and local services. However, technology continued to evolve, and we have seen the shift from dial-up internet to high-speed broadband, from desktop computers to smartphones and tablets, and from paper-based services to online banking, government services, healthcare, education and communication.

Today, technology is woven into almost every aspect of daily life, and many services are now primarily delivered online. In many ways, the CRC has come full circle, while the technology itself has changed, the need for support remains. We now assist locals and with phones, tablets, online forms, government websites, apps, scams, and digital services on an almost daily basis. The CRC also continues to provide public access to technology through public Wi-Fi, computer access, printing and scanning services.



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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...



FIELD WALK

25 YEARS OF GROWER-LED RESEARCH



Thursday, 20 August

MEET THE RESEARCHERS



Richard Bell

*Professor
Murdoch University*



Meredith Guthrie

*Senior Research
Scientist
DPIRD*



Wendy Vance

*Senior Lecturer
Murdoch University*



Dr. Yvette Oliver

*Senior Experimental
Scientist
CSIRO*



Allan Rattey

*Senior Oat Breeder
InterGrain*



Hassan Sadar

*Agricultural Scientist
Murdoch University*



Manish Sharma

*Research Associate
University of WA*



Scan to Register



FIELD WALK | 2:00pm - 5:00pm
Celebrations to begin immediately after the Field Walk



Facey Group GRDC Shed



FIELD WALK

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Thursday, 20 August



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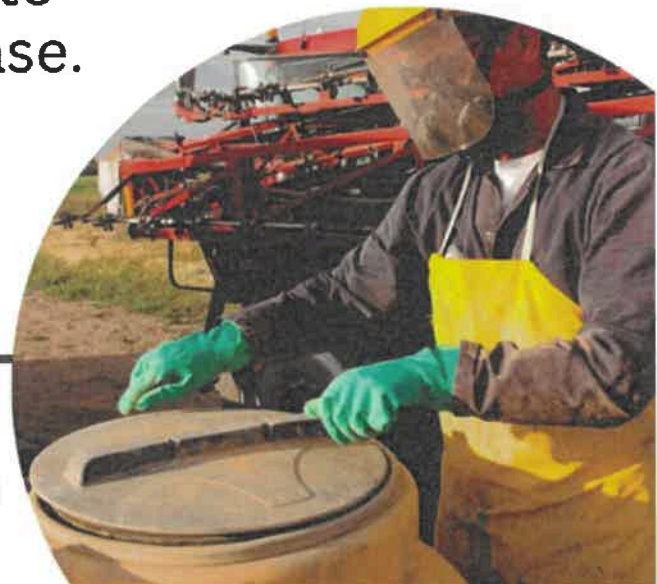
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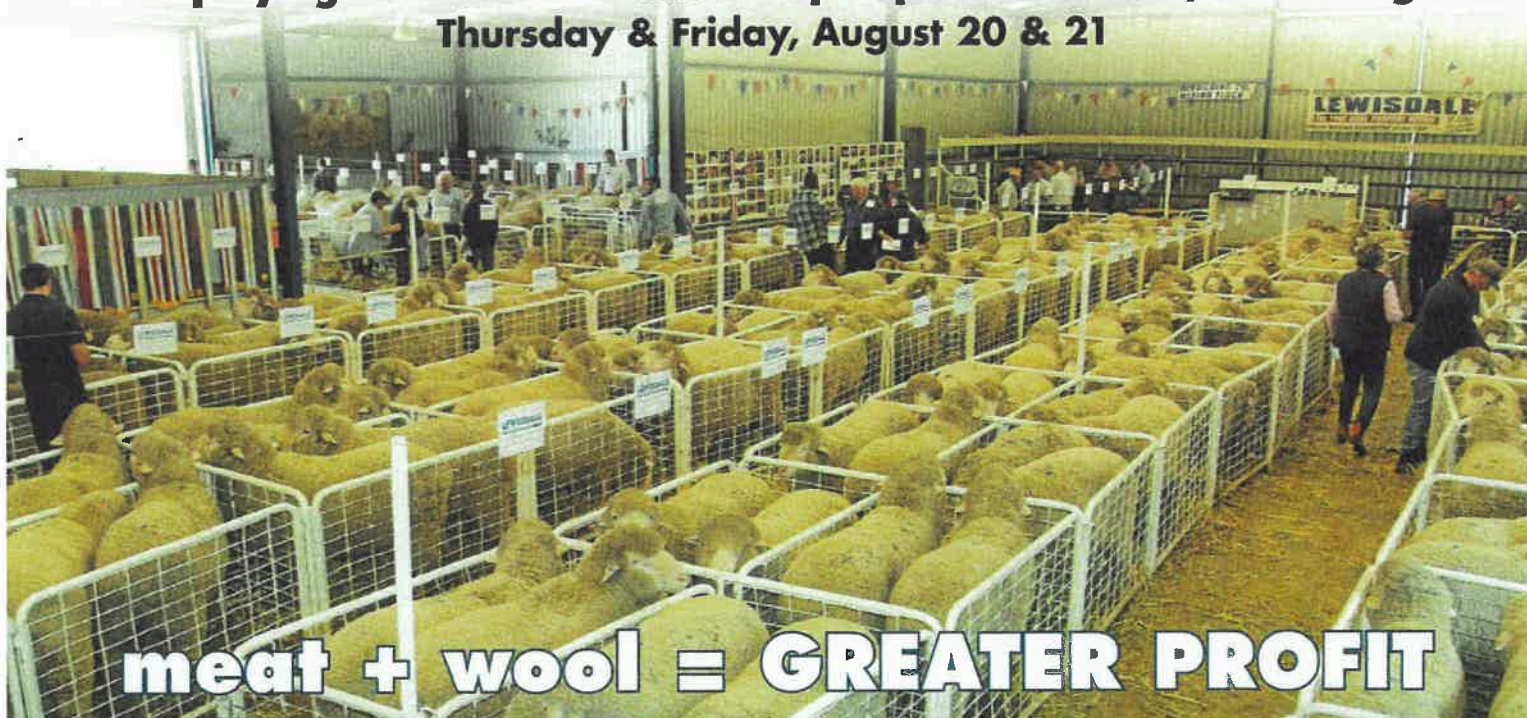


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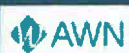


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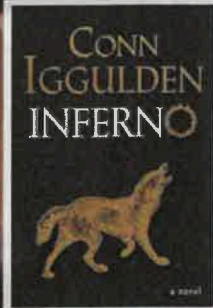


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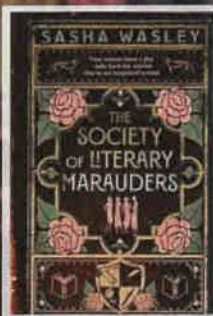


ADULT HISTORICAL FICTION: *Inferno* - Conn Iggulden

Nero Claudius Caesar is Emperor. He is feared for his temper. He is known to be intoxicated by the power he wields. And why not? The Roman Empire stretches from the wilds of Britain to the deserts of Parthia. Nero is god of all he surveys.

Yet dangerous traitors lie close at hand. Generals commanding legions. Senators whispering in corridors. The people cheer in the circus - but curse him in the streets. As word of Nero's cruelties and corruption spreads, they spark trouble in the north - Queen Boudicca revolts - and the ever unruly Gauls rebel.

Nero's empire is aflame. Rome - his city - is a tinderbox. Perhaps it is time for a cleansing fire. But no one, not even an emperor, can escape its touch.

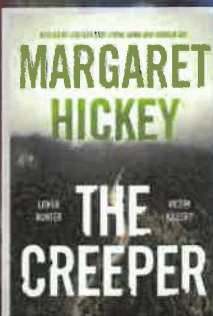


ADULT FICTION: *The Society of Literary Marauders* - Sasha Wasley

At Oxford University, 1928, four young women make a secret *I hereby undertake to take and read any book kept away from nice young ladies*.

They've come from unlikely corners of the British Empire: brickworker's daughter Annie, wealthy flapper Ridley, refined Parsi aristocrat Dorelia and disheartened schoolteacher Norma. They call themselves the Society of Literary Marauders and the price of entry is having stolen a book.

Their illicit meetings rapidly become a lifeline in a world where knowledge is power, and women are fed lies and half-truths. They start with small misdemeanours - getting their hands on banned books, stealing back historical records claimed by the men's colleges. But over time, they become aware of a true literary injustice - and they slowly formulate a plan to put this historical wrong to right.



ADULT LARGE PRINT THRILLER: *The Creeper* - Margaret Hickey

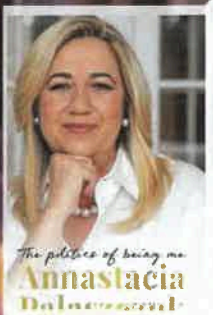
For the last decade, the small mountain town of Edenville in Victoria's high country has been haunted by the horrific murders of five hikers up on Jagged Ridge. Also found dead near the scene was Bill 'Creeper' Durant, a bushland loner and expert deer-hunter.

murder-suicide. Case closed.

But as the ten-year anniversary of the massacre draws near, Detective Constable Sally White - the only officer at Edenville's modest police station - finds herself drawn into the dark world of the notorious Durant family.

Lex Durant, in particular, has started to publicly protest his brother's innocence and accuse the police of persecution.

As Sally combs the investigation to prove him wrong, it becomes all too clear that each murdered hiker had skeletons in their closet - and possible enemies in their past.



NON FICTION BIOGRAPHY: *The Politics of Being Me* - Annastacia Palaszczuk

Annastacia Palaszczuk made history when she became the first woman to win the premiership of Queensland from opposition. She made history again when she became the first female premier in the nation to secure three consecutive terms. But her journey to the top was anything but easy.

She defied every stereotype of a political leader - her name was hard to pronounce, she came from Brisbane's hard-scrabble suburbs, she lacked 'polish', she wasn't a man.

Yet, against the odds, she rose to become Australia's longest-serving female premier, steering Queensland through monumental challenges like the global COVID-19 pandemic, the devastating 2022 floods, and the triumphant bid to host the 2032 Brisbane Olympics.

JULY @ WICKY CRC

= A look back at what we've been up to =

FUEL SUPPORT PAYMENT ASSISTANCE

Throughout July, we helped many members of our community lodge their applications for the WA Fuel Support Payment. Navigating the ServiceWA app and online claim process can be very difficult, so we were happy to provide one-on-one help to make the process easier. If you still haven't claimed, and need some assistance, pop in. We can help!

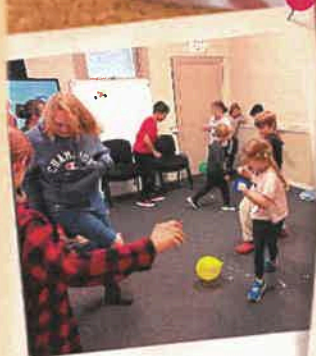


SCHOOL HOLIDAY POPSTICK CRAFT

Our wonderful Trainee, Lexi, hosted a small but enthusiastic group for a fun, creative morning of building with popsticks. And although Lexi arrived with a plan, the children had ideas of their own and decided to make rafts instead. The results were fantastic! Decorated with pom-poms, glitter and plenty of imagination, they were some of the most colourful popstick rafts we've ever seen!

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PARTY GAMES

We had a big turnout for our Party Games these school holidays! We played Pin the Tail on the Lamb - where, of course, absolutely no one peeked through the mask - along with Pass the Parcel, Musical Chairs and Musical Bobs. We finished with a fast-paced Rock-Paper-Scissors Showdown, with players facing off until only one champion remained! And what's a party without food? We enjoyed fairy bread and fruit boxes to round out a thoroughly fun morning.



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YEALERING PRIMARY SCHOOL

Kaya,



We have had the best time at Yealering Primary School this past fortnight. Apart from all the learning we have done we celebrated Book Week with a dress up day and a book fair run by Miss Sands. Bridget Lee has written an article on the book week celebrations below. 'The Day the Crayons Quit' was the staff's book choice.



Yealering Primary School P&C are celebrating our annual 'Intergenerational Morning Tea' at the Yealering Town Hall, Tuesday 18th August, at 10am. Come along and for a donation enjoy morning tea and watch the students perform their item.

From the Senior Room...

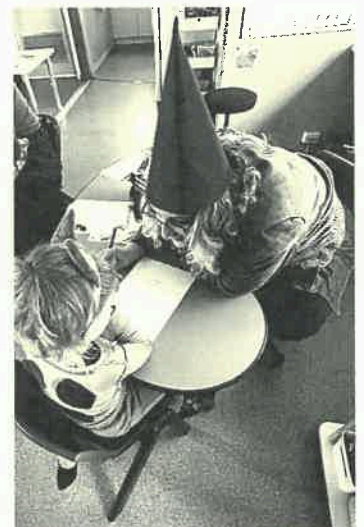
On Thursday the 6th of August, Yealering Primary School students and staff members held Book Week and Book Fair. Teachers and students dressed up in costumes. The teachers came as crayons, and two students were Bluey and Ruimy from K-pop Demon Hunters.

Before recess, Miss Sands gave the students a quiz. The quiz was all about books. Some of the questions were quite silly but some were also difficult!



After lunch, the kids went on a scavenger hunt to look for book characters outside near the oval. For example, Pigeon from Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the bus, and The Very Hungry Caterpillar.

After the scavenger hunt, the students walked in a line showing their families their funky costumes. It wasn't just the students though, the teachers joined too, they all dressed as The Day the Crayons Quit!



At the end of the day everyone bought some books from Book Fair for their families. It was a fun and crazy day, we love books!

Written by Bridget Lee (Yr 3)



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WICKEPIN PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Working together to learn, grow and succeed



From the Principal

It has been wonderful to welcome our new students and their family to our school this week, bringing our total enrolment to 72 students. We are delighted to see our school community continuing to grow and extend a warm Wickepin welcome to our newest members. Across the school, it has been pleasing to observe students consistently striving to do their very best, whether in the classroom, on the playground, or through their involvement in school activities. Students are demonstrating a strong commitment to their learning and taking pride in producing work to the highest standard possible. Their positive attitude, effort and determination are to be commended, and we are proud of the way they continue to embrace our school values each day.

We are delighted to welcome **Olivia Moyses** as our new **Student Wellbeing Officer (SWO)**.

Olivia will be at Wickepin Primary School on **Wednesdays and Fridays**, supporting students with their social, emotional and spiritual wellbeing, friendships, and school engagement. Working alongside our staff, she will help foster a safe, caring and supportive environment for all students. The SWO is not a counsellor but provides a supportive space for students to connect and discuss any challenges they may be facing. Students may request to see Olivia, or staff may suggest a visit if they feel additional support would be beneficial.

A consent form will be provided to all families, giving parents and carers the opportunity to either:

1. Give permission for their child to meet with Olivia individually or in small groups; or
2. Opt out and not give permission for their child to participate.

Please note that in urgent situations involving a student's safety or wellbeing, the school may still act in accordance with its duty of care responsibilities.

Please join us in giving Olivia a warm Wickepin welcome!

From the Principal continued

Wicky way role model

Congratulations to Reid Ewen for being selected as our Wicky Way Role Model this month. Reid has been recognised for consistently demonstrating kindness, care and responsibility within our school community. He is always willing to lend a helping hand and regularly volunteers to take on the role of Quiet Garden, even when it is not his rostered day. Reid has also shown great care to our Kindy students as they transition into the big school, actively looking out for them and modelling the Wicky Ways through his actions. He is a kind, approachable and thoughtful student who always ensures those around him feel happy, supported and included.



Wicky way work award winners

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



Room 9 Year 3 Elijah Joldescu
Room 3 Year 6 – Noah Plowman
Room 4 Year 1 – Fredick Ashton

Lucky draw recipients Wicky Way

A big well done to Neka Wilson-Carson, Oliver Bushby, Freddie Taylor, Arianna Williams, Eleanor Bird and Charlie Russell 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.



Year 6 Leaders

This term, our lunchtime clubs have been a huge success, and it has been wonderful to see so many students getting involved, having fun, and trying new activities. As Year 6 leaders, we have enjoyed planning and running the clubs and watching everyone participate with enthusiasm. After talking with students across the school, we think the Blue Blocks Club has been the most popular so far! Next week, students can look forward to Board Games Club on Tuesday, Blue Blocks Club on Wednesday, and Art Club on Friday. We are also excited to announce that our club tournaments will begin in Week 5. Thank you to everyone who has supported and attended our clubs. We have loved creating these opportunities and seeing students enjoy themselves.

Thanks,
The Year 6 Leaders



YEALERING PROGRESS ASSOCIATION 26/27

After the AGM was held on
Wednesday 6th August please
welcome our new committee panel

President - Ben Hankinson
Secretary - Sam Hankinson
Treasurer - Greg Smith

For any enquires please call
Ben on 0439 106 450

**100 years of memories, community
and celebrations ~ and 2027 is
going to be one to remember!**

**We've got some exciting events planned
to celebrate.**

Brides through time - Saturday 13 March

Yealering Primary School Disco - March 2027
Date TBC

A Ball in the Hall - Saturday 31 July

Back to Yealering - Saturday 9 October

**Thank a Volunteer Christmas Tree - December
2027 Date TBC**

**Keep an eye on our socials for all
the announcements!**

LAKE YEALERING HALL

Lake Yealering Hall has undergone a kitchen revamp, which has taken the better part of 6 months. Everything was removed into the middle section of the Hall while work was being done.

Wednesday 12th August was the time to finally get everything back in place. It was all needed to be cleaned and stacked away. Fridges, dishwasher etc put in place and tested. Time was running out for the refurbishment to be completed as a wedding was scheduled to be held in the Hall on Saturday 15th August 2026.

Phew!!! It took a mammoth effort with Community involvement to get everything that had to be done completed.

Friday 14th August another group of the community were setting up the Hall for the coming celebration. Hoping for photos of the wedding in the next edition of the Watershed News



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Boy: "Will you marry me?"
 Girl: "Do you have a house?"

Boy: "No."

Girl: "Do you have a BMW?"

Boy: "No."

Girl: "How much is your salary?"

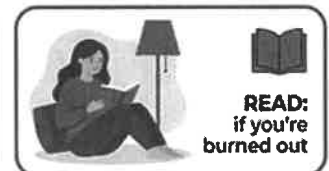
Boy: "I don't have a salary, but..."

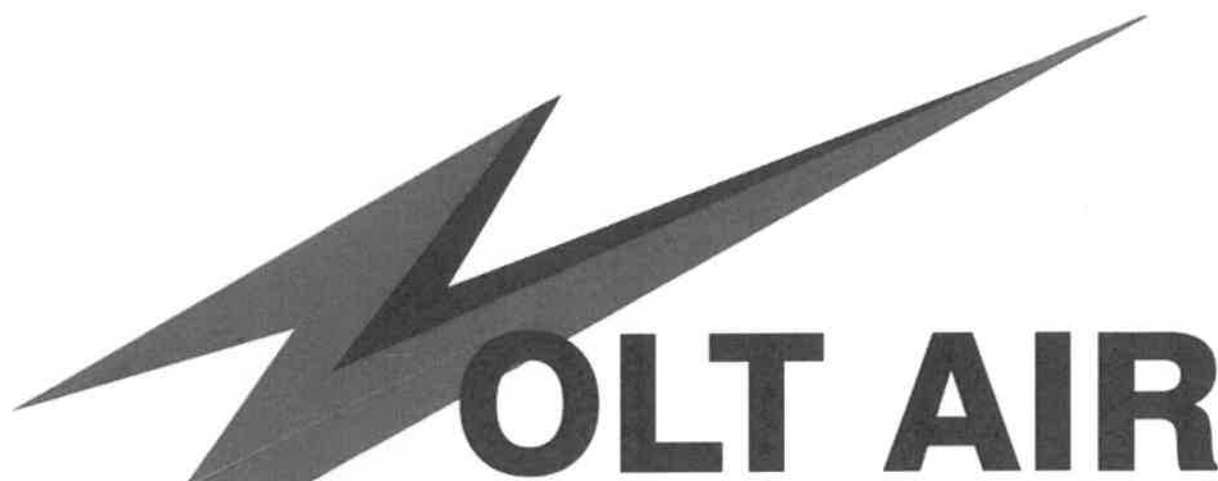
Girl: "No butts. You have nothing. How can I marry you? Please leave!"

Boy (talking to himself): "I have a villa, three plots of land, three Ferraris, and two Porsches. Why would I need to buy a BMW? And how can I get a salary when I am actually the boss?"

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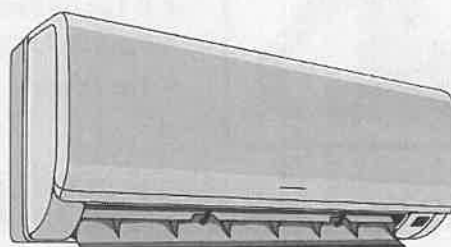
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SPORTS NOTES

YEALERING GOLF CLUB

Saturday 8th august saw the 5th and last qualifying round with a good field of 14 showing up to contest a stroke round sponsored by Gavin Hill from allied finance.

Four groups went out on a rather cold windy day and a touch of hail all up with some pretty good scores.

The top 3 scores where 70 Stableford , but after a count back Toddy won from Adam then Hank. Well done guys.

Net winner of the day was Hank on 92.

The novelties' when two to Crazy and Dixie and Gav.

Thanks very much Gavin and Allied for the day the sponsorship is appreciated.

To finish of the night Tanya organised Chicken Kiev and mash also greatly appreciated

We now all wait for captain Chipper to give us the grades we will be playing in sometime in September.

Saturday the 15th there was no golf at the club with some going to Cuballing, and a wedding with the rest taking the day off

GOOD GOLFING

WICKEPIN NETBALL CLUB

Round 11

A1 - Wickepin defeated Williams by 51

A2 – Wickepin defeated Williams by 64

A3 – Wickepin defeated Williams by 36

WICKEPIN FOOTBALL CLUB

Round 13

D Grade

D grade lost 33 points to 1 point.

Coach Blake gave awards to Logan Pike, Banjo Anderson and Maysen Smith.

Other good players were Phil Turvey, Noah Plowman and Heath Taylor.

Reserves

The boys rolled into the cattery with Wade's team of 10 and by getting some help from some unsuspecting netballers' husbands and some Williams C Graders we put a team on the park. Lucky Mitch Wiles had 3 cupcakes before the game leading him to 3 goals and Ryan Decelis getting a snag in the tn's. Cowboy put on a show for the Williams Rodeo girls. The boys missed out on the win by bugger all going down to the cats: Wicky 4 goals 6 to Williams 23 goals 14. Best players named as Kade Kulker, Mitchell Wiles, Dylan Miller, Cameron Graham, Joe Dowling and Tom Cowboy Martin

League

The raindance from Landcruiser Row near the away dugout was successful as the league match started with wet and windy conditions. Somehow we kicked into the wind for the first 2 quarters so captain Wittwer is in the gun for that one but hats off to Williams who came with a greater intensity and put a 34 point space on us by half time. The only highlight being Kayle Kirby's goal from the boundary line, which he celebrated by pointing menacingly towards the Williams BP bain marie. We ended up losing by 23 points but the 2nd half showed some promising signs with youngsters Ferris and Sermon being thrown into the midfield. Callum Hardie, Blake White and Regan Wilson were amongst the best

Round 14

Whitey's Warriors had to win to make the finals and against the top side. Katanning kicked the 1st 2 goals but it was all us from then on in. 11.15 to 4.7. Awards went to Justin Ugle, Phil Turvey and Degen Spurling. Other good players were Jo Riley, Jasper Steere and Spencer Spurling. So, we booked a home final on Sunday against Brookton.

A close game in the Seconds with Wade Angwin once again threatening to play all week but then turned up at halftime of the Reserves game and went straight into the changerooms. 16 a side this week which gave us a couple on the bench. Good to see Tristan back in the red and white and with a few mates to help make a side. Kurtis won the toss and kicked with the breeze, for a change. Dylan Miller, Matty Wyatt and Kurtly Butler got the awards. Cowboy had a good game, Mitch Wiles kicked a couple and Roger was good across half back. Cameron Graham touched the ball a lot but must have forgotten the grippo. His best kick was one he launched 60m in the wrong direction. Jamie Miller must think B grade is like baseball, where the coach gets all dressed up in uniform like the players but only goes on the ground during breaks to talk to his players. We went down by 30 points.

Round 13

Saturday 8th August 2026

Played at Williams Town Oval

FOURTHS

Williams

5.3 33

Wickepin

0.1 1

Williams won by 32 points

Best Players

Logan Pike, Maysen Smith, Banjo Anderson, Phillip Turvey, Noah Charles Plowman, Heath Taylor

RESERVES

Williams

23.14 152

Wickepin

4.6 30

Williams won by 122 points

Best Players

Kade Kulker, Mitchell Wiles, Dylan Miller, Cameron Graham, Joe Dowling, Tom Martin

LEAGUE

Williams

10.10 70

Wickepin

6.11 47

Williams League won by 23 points

Best Players

Sam Fortini, Callum Hardie, Blake White, Bailey Ferris, Mitchell Sermon, Regan Wilson

Round 14

Sunday 16th August 2026

Played at Wickepin Town Oval

FOURTHS

Wickepin

11.15 81

Katanning

4.7 31

Wickepin won by 50 points

Best Players

Justin Ugle, Phillip Turvey, Degen Spurling, Joseph Riley, Jasper Steere, Spencer Spurling

RESERVES

Wickepin

6.5 41

Katanning

10.11 71

Katanning won by 30 points

Best Players

Dylan Miller, Kurtis Butler, Mitchell Wiles, Cameron Graham, Roger Ballard

LEAGUE

Wickepin

26.20 176

Katanning

8.5 53

Wickepin won by 123 points

Best Players

Kayle Kirby, Ryan Babich, Dion Anthony, Regan Wilson, Mitchell Sermon, Blake White



Rohan Kerruish Memorial Trophy 2026

Nominations Now Open!

Wickepin Football Club is calling for nominations for the Rohan Kerruish Memorial Trophy – Best Club Person 2026.

Do you know someone who has gone above and beyond this year? Someone who puts the Club first, helps without fuss, and keeps things running smoothly behind the scenes?

We want to hear about them.

Nominations close: **Monday 31st August**

Anonymous nominations welcome

Send to: Sue Spark (Secretary) – wickepinfc@live.com.au

Let's celebrate the people who make our Club special.

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

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, Lake Yealering Golf Club
Fri 4 th	Communi-Tea 1.30pm meet the Author
Wed 9 th	Facey Group Feed to Finish Bus Tour 8am – 4.30pm Wickepin
Thur 10 th	Craft Workshop DIY Yarn Dolls-10.30am @ Wickepin CRC
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 Final Edition
Mon 7 th	Recycle and Bin Day
Tues 8 th	CRC Committee Meeting 4.30pm
Thu 17 th	School Term Four Ends
Mon 21 st	Recycle and Bin Day
Fri 25 th	Christmas Day
Sat 26 th	Boxing Day
Mon 28 th	Boxing Day Public Holiday

JANUARY

Mon 4 th	Recycle and Bin Day
Mon 18 th	Recycle and Bin Day

