

WATERSHED NEWS

A free fortnightly paper for the areas of
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14th September 2026



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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

September Birthday Wishes to:

- 15 — Alex White
- 17 — Stephen Rance
- 18 — Claudia Bransby
- 21 — Hayley Ballan, Leanne Smith
- 22 — Eleanor Lang
- 24 — Mavis McColl
- 25 — Hayley Doncon, Sam Doncon
- 26 — Melanie Pike, Glen Sands, Kieran Harris
- 27 — Donelle Bird, Tristan Vitalone; Margaret Watkins



Condolences

Mulvie Corke

Many were saddened to hear of the passing last week of Mulvie Corke at the age of 97. Her beloved husband Doug predeceased her two years ago. She was the mother of Janie, Barry (dec) Alison, Lindsay and Alan.

Her mind was sharp to the end, and she enjoyed visits and phone calls from friends holding lively conversations. Mulvie made a continuing contribution to the Yealering community over a longer timespan than most. She was for many years, when her children were young, correspondent for the Narrogin Observer sending the weekly Yealering news to that paper, when towns surrounding Narrogin all contributed this way.

Her main interest was the preservation and recording of history, and as President of the local history group, she initiated and took part with others in a few notable projects. One was the Extensive Photographic collection, which was on display in the Yealering General Store, another was the restoration of Yealering's first cemetery, with the names of graves recorded. She also wrote the story of Mrs Lee, a very early pioneer who settled at the Kirk Rock area. These are to name a few.

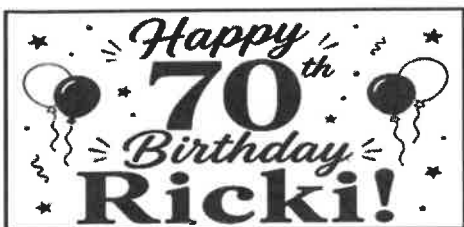
Doug and Mulvie moved to the family home in Cottesloe about 10 years ago, then in 2024 to Mary Glowery Nursing home in Belmont. A wonderful citizen is at rest. Deepest sympathy is extended to her family.

Claude Simpson

Our heartfelt sympathies are extended to Tina, Lou and Michael on the loss of their husband and father. Claude will be sadly missed by the Wickepin and Yealering communities. Sympathy also to his extended family and many friends.

100 Years Celebration of Echo Farm

The Pauley family farm South of Wickepin known as Echo Farm reached 100-year milestone on 31st August 2026. The Land was purchased in 1926 by Edward "Ned" Pauley and been in the family since for 3 generations. Ned and Rita. Fran and Heather and currently Brad and Mandy. Many changes in farming have been seen over that time.



Milestone Birthday Congratulations

Ricki Turner celebrated his 70th on the 12th September 2026

Wickepin Local Vocals

Our Wickepin Local Vocals will be performing at the Cuby Groovefest on Saturday 19th September at 9:45am in the Cuby Hall.

Emma Everett will also be running a "Make Music Marquee" during the day, a great opportunity to pop in for a sing, strum or drum through the day! Lots of free entertainment during the Saturday as well as the ticketed evening events. More info online

Emma and the singers would love to see some Wickepin friends there.

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Be safe*

3 THINGS TO REMEMBER



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Independently confirm who is contacting you. Use a trusted phone number or website – not the details in the message.



PROTECT

Never give your passwords, PINs or verification codes to someone who contacts you unexpectedly, even if they seem genuine.

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Unexpected requests for money

Such as paying a bill, fine or debt.



Requests for gift cards or cryptocurrency

Scammers often ask for payment in gift cards, iTunes cards or crypto.



Links to click on

Messages with links asking you to log in or provide your details.



Threats or pressure

They may say something bad will happen, such as your account being closed, a fine or even arrest, unless you act immediately.



Requests to move money

They may ask you to transfer money to a "safe account" or for "security reasons".



Pretending to be someone you know

They may pretend to be a family member or friend in trouble and urgently need money.

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- 2** Change your passwords if you think your accounts may be compromised.
- 3** Report the scam to Scamwatch.



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Help stop scams – report them.

**Shire of Wickepin Public Health Plan – Community Survey**

The Shire of Wickepin is currently in the process of developing a Public Health Plan to help identify and address the health and wellbeing needs of our local community.

As part of this process, we will shortly be circulating a survey to the community and are seeking your valuable input to help inform the development of the Plan.

We encourage all members of the community to take the time to complete the survey and provide your feedback. Your input will help us better understand local priorities and ensure the Public Health Plan reflects the needs of our community.

Once completed, surveys can be returned to the Shire of Wickepin:

- **In person** at the Shire Administration Office; or
- **Via email** to admin@wickepin.wa.gov.au

We appreciate your time and contribution and look forward to hearing from you.

Registration of Interest - Property

The Shire has received advice from Development WA that our application for funding for development of land has moved to the next stage, which will include due diligence for the project.

If you are interested in purchasing land or know someone interested in purchasing land in Wickepin, please register your interest with the Shire. 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.

/// ROADWORKS – WICKEPIN–CORRIGIN ROAD ///

The Shire of Wickepin has commenced road construction works on the Wickepin–Corrigin Road. Traffic management measures are in place, including traffic lights, and motorists should expect delays. Please allow extra time for travel, exercise caution and follow all traffic management directions while travelling through the work area.

We appreciate your patience and understanding while these important works are underway and hope to have the project completed in a timely manner.
Thank you for your cooperation.

2026/2027 Rates Notices

The 2026/2027 rates have been issued. If you haven't received your rates notice in the mail within the next week, please contact the Shire on 9888 1005.

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



LGIS Inter Municipal Golf Day September 2026

Following a win in Kellerberrin last year, the Shire of Wickpin had the honour of hosting the 2026 LGIS Inter Municipal Golf Day, bringing together teams from across the region for two days of golf, good company and plenty of friendly competition.



Day One got off to a great start, with warming soups, what seemed like an endless supply of savouries and a delicious steak dinner to finish the day. Thankfully, the weather was largely on our side, with the rain keeping its distance for most of the day.

The Harrismith Golf Course was looking a picture and provided a fantastic setting for the tournament. Along the way, players took on a range of novelty events, with a sausage sizzle on the course providing some much-needed fuel and an opportunity to recharge before tackling the next few holes. There was no shortage of laughs, friendly banter and, of course, a few questionable golf shots!

Day Two got underway with a hearty breakfast—the perfect way to fuel up for another day on the course. One of the tournament's standout moments came when Ron Dadd from the Shire of Goomalling achieved an impressive hole-in-one, much to the delight of fellow players.

Players were once again well looked after throughout the day, with Men's Mental Health kindly providing a sausage sizzle to keep everyone fuelled and refreshed on the course. With more novelty events, plenty of laughs and a strong sense of camaraderie, Day Two was a fantastic way to round out the tournament.

The Shire of Dandaragan ultimately took out the tournament, securing the title and earning the honour (and challenge) of hosting the 2027 event.

The tournament was a resounding success and a wonderful opportunity to showcase our region and the hospitality of our local community. A huge part of that success was thanks to the phenomenal efforts of the Harrismith Golf Club. From the beautifully presented course to the incredible catering and welcoming atmosphere, their hard work was evident throughout the event.

While the Harrismith Golf Club team and their wonderful volunteers made everything look effortless, the time, planning and commitment required to deliver an event of this scale should not be underestimated. A sincere thank you to everyone involved for their generosity, dedication and hospitality.

We would also like to extend our thanks to all of the event sponsors for their generous support and for providing fantastic gift bags and prizes that added an extra element of excitement to the tournament.

Finally, thank you to the Shire of Wickpin staff for their hard work behind the scenes, from planning and coordination through to ensuring everything ran smoothly across the event.

Events such as the LGIS Inter Municipal Golf Day are a fantastic way to bring communities together, build connections and showcase everything our region has to offer. The Shire of Wickpin was proud to host the 2026 event and looks forward to seeing the tournament continue its journey in 2027.





THE SHIRE OF WICKEPIN

Seniors Christmas Lunch



THE SHIRE OF WICKEPIN IS LOOKING FOR AN
INDIVIDUAL, COMMUNITY GROUP OR
ORGANISATION TO TAKE ON THE PLANNING AND
COORDINATION OF OUR ANNUAL SENIORS
CHRISTMAS LUNCH

♥ INTERESTED IN GETTING INVOLVED? WE'D LOVE TO
HEAR FROM YOU!

☎ CONTACT THE SHIRE OF WICKEPIN FOR MORE
INFORMATION.

cedo@wickepin.wa.gov.au
(08) 9888 1005



SHIRE OF WICKEPIN VEHICLE IDENTIFIER STICKERS



Valid October 2026–
September 2028



PREPARING FOR FIRE SEASON?

Application forms available on the Shire of Wickepin website or Shire office:

- Brigade membership application
- Personal protective equipment information
- Harvest and Vehicle Movement Ban SMS information
- Vehicle identifier stickers application

eso@wickepin.wa.gov.au

(08) 9888 1005



WICKEPIN *History Group*

*Our People
Our Stories
Our History*



We need your family stories!

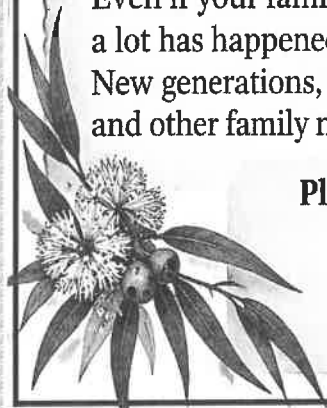
The History Group is collecting and updating family histories connected with Wickepin, and we would love to hear from you.

Please write your family's story as it relates to Wickepin. It can be as short or as long as you like.

Even if your family's history was included in *Other Fortunate Lives*, a lot has happened in the last 20 years, so please send us an update. New generations, marriages, births, deaths, moves, achievements and other family milestones can all become part of the updated history.

Please email or phone Jenny Hemley or Hazel Green
with your family history or update.

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Libby is getting a new computer so we need to
update our information.



*Keeping
Wickepin's stories alive*

CLASSIFIEDS

WANTED

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Morning tea
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The Wickepin Community Resource Centre hosted 39 attendees to the book launch

Light Horsemen and Cameleers of South Western Australia

Jeffrey A Peirce and Chris Handley



The book introduces 59 amazing short biographies chosen from over 900 local men who left their homes in the South West to join the Light Horse Regiments and Imperial Camel Corps.

Jeff and Chris alternated stories and images in their presentation of tragedy, gallantry and humour which affected us all. Thirty-three men from Wickepin volunteered to join the Light Horse. Nine did not return.

Clarrie Russell along with his brother Wally joined up. Wally later farmed in Corrigin.

Clarrie's Biography is featured in this book which Ann Patrick nee Russell wrote and researched.

The authors introduced Clarrie's granddaughter, Ann, to reflect on her personal memories of her grandfather. This written text below is a copy of her introduction to Clarrie.

Thankyou Jeff and Chris for giving me the opportunity to write and research the Clarence George Russell story in your book.

My name is Ann Patrick nee Russell.

Today I will share my personal anecdotes on Clarrie Russell as my grandfather.

Clarence George Russell was born in Kosciusko, Victoria, 10th November 1898 to Frederick and Amelia Caroline Russell nee Hille. He was the youngest of three boys-Arthur, Walter and Clarence. During the early part of their marriage the young family moved from Victoria to Esperance where Frederick was contracted to build the jetty.

The family eventually moved to Greenbushes and Frederick decided to join the goldrush in Kalgoorlie. Amelia remained in Greenbushes and started a boarding house to help support their young family. Amelia was a very hard worker and a 'savvy' businesswoman. Sadly, a couple of years later Amelia had a visit from her family friend who informed her that Frederick had died a year prior due to complications from appendicitis.

We can only but imagine the effect this tragedy would have had on three young brothers losing a loving Father at such a young age.

Later Amelia married Charles Henry James. They returned to WA and moved to Noman's Lake. During this time the three young boys attended Wickepin Primary School for approximately 2-4 years each. Despite their limited education each one of the brothers achieved success in life.

Three more stepbrothers were born. Clarrie got on very well with all of them, especially Charlie James, and there were many social occasions shared.

Clarrie and Wally found it difficult to live with the new stepfather and three more step siblings, so they ran away to find Arthur who was already clearing land and sinking dams in the Narrogin district. Clarrie was 13 years and Wally 15 years.

Approximately twelve months later the three young teenagers applied to clear a block at "Jilican" near Kulin and were successfully allocated land to clear on this farm. They worked back at Wickepin and Narrogin to earn money for the venture.

They had already at a young age set up a business. They had to buy horses, carts and wagons and bring it back to "Jilican" to complete the contract. They also purchased food products such as tinned jam and meat. These items were sold from a shed Wally had built to serve as a shop front for the customers. Despite their young age the boys were already young 'entrepreneurs', looking at an assortment of different ways to support themselves.

Clarrie was extremely good with difficult horses, and he was called upon to take the owner of "Jilican" to Narrogin hospital as he had his eye blown out of his socket by the dynamite they were using when he was standing too close to the tree root. Clarrie harnessed the temperamental horse and took the patient on a two-day journey to Narrogin where the eye was put back in its socket and returned by another two-day journey with the recovering patient.

Clarrie's, Wally's and Arthur's lives dramatically changed when Australia was plunged into World War One. Whilst many volunteers were caught up in the romance of joining the cavalry, it's possible the three brothers were looking for a change of life after clearing land at "Jilican" Kulin. Plus-they were excellent horseman and good shots!

I would like us all to reflect on these three young boys and the physical and emotional hardships they must have endured clearing land and living on their own. They certainly did not lead the life a teenagers do today.

Arthur, Wally and Clarrie had already endured episodes of enormous courage, sacrifice and determination against the odds. There certainly would have been 'dark' times that would have taken them to their limits. They had to be resourceful and show initiative in surviving in the bush of which they were already experienced in from a very young age.

Clarrie came with the added skills of breaking in horses for which he was initially engaged, along with his brother Wally, in the 10th Light Horse Regiment.

Arthur Russell joined the 3rd Pioneer Battalion and served in England and France. In May 1917 he was gassed, bayoneted and taken prisoner in a shell hole in France. He returned to Perth and worked at Fremantle Harbour. In his spare time, he wrote plays which were performed at His Majesty's Theatre

Our research tells us that Clarrie's involvement in the 10th Light Horse Regiment further improved his knowledge of horses. He passed on these dressage skills to Val and Colin and there are many accounts of Clarrie taking them to Sunday competitions around the Malyalling area. They both won many events and I can recall my father Colin getting on a horse and was shocked and delighted at his riding skills - he seemed to ride like a professional jockey.

After the war Clarrie returned to Wickopin and married Annie Blackburn in 1920. Annie was also a product of an entrepreneurial mother who had arrived from England as a maternity nurse, and initially became the district maternity nurse in Narrogin.

The first Wickopin Private Hospital was set up by Annie's mother, Henrietta. It accommodated 14 patients. An extract from her biography "Henrietta", recorded her daughters Annie and Louise performing nursing duties at their mother's private hospital. Prior to this Mrs Henrietta Blackburn set up a maternity hospital in Wickopin at 28 Henry Street registering it for 19 beds. Annie also had come from a hardworking and entrepreneurial background.

Annie and Clarrie took up a 900 acre allotment at Malyalling on a WW1 Soldier Settlement Scheme. They had four children; Valerie, Walter (Colin), Arthur, Joy and eventually 11 grandchildren. Clarrie named both of his sons after his brothers. They started a horse breeding stud which turned out to be an unsuccessful enterprise. They went through the Debt Adjustment Act and remained on the farm as they had nowhere else to go. With advice they turned to Peppin Merino sheep.

They were a hardworking couple in the Wickopin district as they battled harsh bushland, isolation, and the gruelling physical labour to eventually carve out a wheat and sheep farm. Teams of draught horses were used for heavy hauling and cropping tasks. We still have a photo of these horses resting and drinking on the dam's edge. I still recall Clarrie saying "*feed and water your animals before yourself*".

Social events involved tennis matches with their neighbours, the Langs, and to help make ends meet on the farm they took the schoolteacher in as a boarder. He was Fred Chaney, later Minister for Navy. Colin said it was very difficult for the 4 siblings as they could never truant. They all shared the horse and sulky to Malyalling Primary School together with Fred driving!

In 1951 CG Russell and Son purchased a property in Richter St Wickepin. As grandchildren, we have extremely fond memories of this house as every second Sunday in Winter all the first cousins would meet after a home football match, Annie would serve cheese macaroni and coleslaw salad. After dinner Clarrie would show slides. The lounge room would be darkened, and the projector would start, jam and then re start. The theme of the slide show was always sheep and their beautiful garden. We thought this was wonderful and those nights are vivid in my memory bank.

Boxing Day was celebrated at the McBurney's farm in Pingelly. I can still clearly see and hear the laughter of the adults while the grandchildren swam in the large cement tank totally unsupervised! Clarrie and Annie were popular in Wickepin and had regular visitors and often hosted a sing a long on a Saturday night with Jack Chance singing.

Often Annie and Clarrie would pick me up from school and Clarrie would make me afternoon tea which was a very fresh bread, cold lamb and tomato sauce sandwich, still my favourite food to this day. Always using Baker Bill's bread. Hard boiled lollies followed: What more could a grandchild want? Wonderful memories.

When his daughter Valerie died, he said, "the pain was too hard to bear." Janet, Karen and Keith (Val's children) stayed there over the school holidays, and they recall that after meals he would drive them into town to buy a choc wedge.

Clarrie and Wally shared a bond that remained all their lives. Margaret Bongers nee Russell tells the story many times that when Clarrie visited Wally in Corrigin to help class his sheep and cattle they would both get up early and drink many cups of tea and talk constantly. The family used to lie in bed and listen to these two brothers sharing and enjoying each other's company. This friendship with Wally lasted until Clarrie's death. When they had both moved to Perth, they had lunch together every day.

Then in the 1960 they bought "The Oaks" together in Esperance and the partnership was shared very amicably until Clarrie died.

In conclusion, Clarrie was noted as a very successful farmer, sheep breeder and stockman and had the ability to judge fine sheep, wool and cattle all over Australia.

As our Grandpop, he was the best!

What Clarrie did for Wickepin, along with all the other 10th Light Horse Regiment returned soldiers, should never be forgotten and I commend Jeff and Chris for this publication.

I also thank the Community Resource Centre for hosting this wonderful occasion which was extremely well attended with 39 people coming from Wickepin, Narrogin and Perth.

Ann Patrick nee Russell



FERN PARK POLL MERINO

On Property Ram Sale

1135 Pauley Road, West Wickepin

Thursday
September 24th 2026

1.00pm

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80 Rams offered

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- Andrew Kittow 0428 632 533
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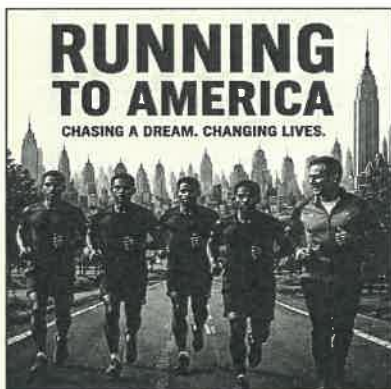


Athletics Quiz

- How many laps of a standard 400-metre outdoor track make up a 10,000-metre race?
 - 30 laps
 - 25 laps
 - 40 laps
 - 20 laps
- Which event is NOT part of the men's Olympic decathlon?
 - 1500 m
 - Discus throw
 - Pole vault
 - Triple jump
- What is the standard distance of the men's and women's Olympic steeplechase?
 - 1500 m
 - 2000 m
 - 5000 m
 - 3000 m
- In which athletics event would you encounter the Fosbury Flop?
 - Pole vault
 - Triple jump
 - Long jump
 - High jump
- Which throwing event uses the heaviest implement in senior men's international athletics?
 - Hammer throw
 - Discus
 - Javelin
 - Shot put
- Which race is exactly one quarter of a 400-metre outdoor track lap?
 - 200 m
 - 110 m
 - 400 m
 - 100 m
- At the Olympic Games, the men's 110-metre hurdles contains how many hurdles?
 - 10
 - 12
 - 9
 - 8
- Which event concludes the men's decathlon?
 - 1500 m
 - Javelin throw
 - 400 m
 - 110-metre hurdles
- A marathon is 42.195 km. How much farther is it than four consecutive 10 km races?
 - 2.195 km
 - 2.500 km
 - 4.195 km
 - 1.195 km
- Which athletics event includes a water jump?
 - 3000-m steeplechase
 - 1500 m
 - 5000 m
 - 400-metre hurdles

MOVIE RECOMMENDATIONS

RUNNING TO AMERICA



This Australian documentary follows young Indigenous men from remote Australian communities who are selected and trained by Australian marathon legend Robert de Castella.

After an intensive eight-month training program, the goal is to compete in the New York Marathon.

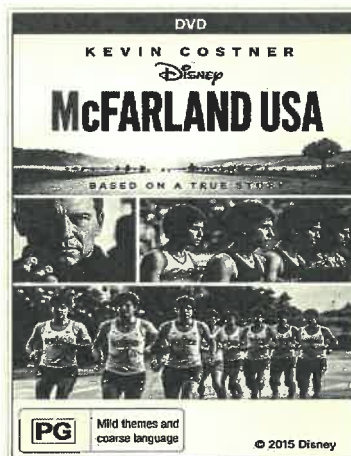


RUN TIME: 60 minutes
A powerful and uplifting true story.



WHERE TO WATCH:
Available to stream on Apple TV (Australia) and may also be available on DocPlay (availability can change).

McFARLAND, USA



Keeping with our school sports theme...

Based on a true story, *McFarland, USA* follows a coach who forms a cross-country running team at a small high school in a farming community.



It's an inspiring story about **determination, teamwork, community spirit** and young people discovering what they can achieve.



A great family movie — and a fitting watch during school sports carnival season.



WHERE TO WATCH:
Available to watch on **Disney+**
Also available to rent or buy on Apple TV, Google Play and YouTube.

STARRING:

- ★ Kevin Costner
- ★ Ramiro Rodriguez
- ★ Carlos Pratts



SAFE FARMS, STRAIGHT TALK & CHAT



HOW DOES FARM SAFETY WORK IN THE REAL WORLD?

Join other grain growers for an honest, practical conversation about what helps, what gets in the way, and what would make safety easier on farm.

WHAT WE'LL DISCUSS

- What farm safety looks like in practice.
- Barriers to making improvements.
- What motivates action.
- Support that could make safety easier.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

Grain growers and farm managers from farms of every size—whether you have a formal safety system or are just getting started.

Thursday, 17 September 2026

5:30 pm

Wickepin Hotel

Dinner & welcome drink provided!

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AN ALL-ROUNDER!

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eo@faceygroup.org.au or
9888 1223 for more information.

Happy Birthday Fossil

It's way out east of Wickepin on Eighty Six Gate Road,
Not far from all the floodways where the Wogolin Creek once flowed.
You'll see a rusty tractor in a driveway near the gate,
And down that road lives Fossil, who I'm proud to call a mate.

His farm is called 'Gingining' and it's seen its share of strife,
But these are things that Fossil claims are all just part of life.
The droughts and floods will come and go, it's always been that way,
And things that do not kill you, make you stronger he would say.

Now Fossil's shed is famous if you drop in for some beers,
I'm not the first to notice that the time there disappears.
With lots of jokes and laughter it's the only place to be,
Advice to politicians always given out for free.

Of course, the one thing Fossil loves is anything that's Ford,
And years ago, he bought a few he'd like to have restored.
And out the back there's engine blocks and engine parts galore,
Though when he plans to fix these cars, nobody can be sure.

He's always swinging spanners, it's the thing he loves to do,
And always keen to lend a hand to help a mate or two.
Then often when he's finished it's accompanied by a smile,
And then a couple beers come out, and that can take a while.

And sometimes then he'll reminisce about the days of old,
The classic cars he used to own, the ones he crashed and rolled.
And just a hint of sadness at the bargains that he missed,
That XY GT Falcon always high up on the list.

But Fossil is contented and he'll tell you from the heart,
He's proud of Ralph and Amy and has gladly played his part.
He's always there to lend a hand to help in any way,
And watching grandkids growing up brings joy to him each day.

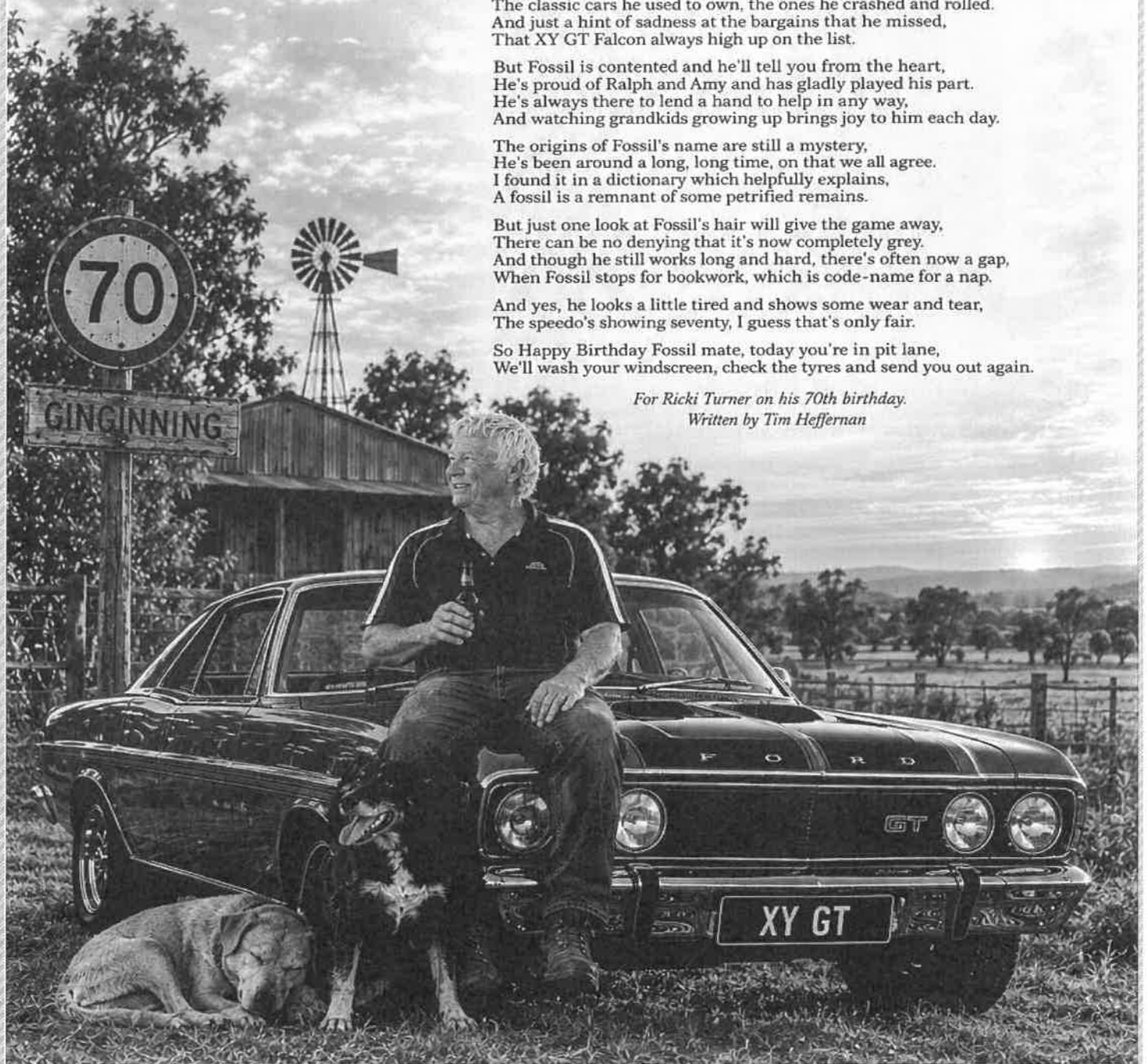
The origins of Fossil's name are still a mystery,
He's been around a long, long time, on that we all agree.
I found it in a dictionary which helpfully explains,
A fossil is a remnant of some petrified remains.

But just one look at Fossil's hair will give the game away,
There can be no denying that it's now completely grey.
And though he still works long and hard, there's often now a gap,
When Fossil stops for bookwork, which is code-name for a nap.

And yes, he looks a little tired and shows some wear and tear,
The speedo's showing seventy, I guess that's only fair.

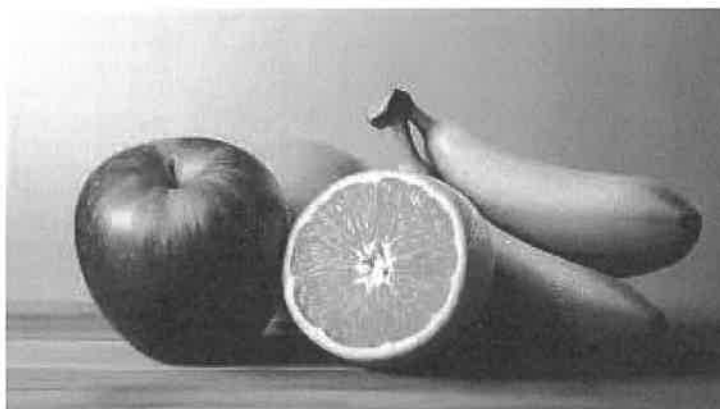
So Happy Birthday Fossil mate, today you're in pit lane,
We'll wash your windscreen, check the tyres and send you out again.

*For Ricki Turner on his 70th birthday.
Written by Tim Heffernan*



Quick Energy-Boosting Foods for Athletes

1. **Water** – Dehydration can cause fatigue and headaches, so drinking a glass of water can instantly improve alertness and energy levels
2. **Bananas** – Rich in natural sugars, fibre, and potassium, bananas provide a quick yet sustained energy release, making them ideal for a fast snack
3. **Nuts and Seeds** – Almonds, walnuts, and pumpkin seeds supply protein, healthy fats, and magnesium, supporting steady energy and preventing crashes
4. **Fruits like Apples and Oranges** – Provide natural sugars, fibre, and vitamin C, which help maintain energy and reduce fatigue
5. **Honey** – A natural sugar source that can be quickly absorbed for an instant energy boost
6. **Fatty Fish (Salmon, Tuna)** – Rich in omega-3 fatty acids, which support brain function and reduce inflammation, indirectly improving energy levels



Tips for Maximizing Energy

- **Combine carbohydrates with protein or healthy fats** to avoid rapid sugar spikes and crashes.
- **Stay hydrated** throughout the day, as even mild dehydration can reduce energy.
- **Avoid highly processed sugary snacks**; they provide a quick spike but lead to a crash later
- **Incorporate small, frequent snacks** like fruit, nuts, or yogurt to maintain steady energy levels.

By choosing these foods strategically, you can achieve both **immediate energy boosts** and **sustained vitality** throughout the day.



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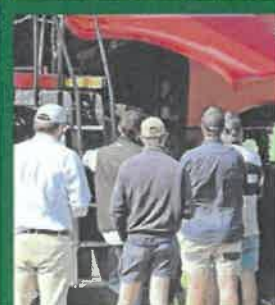
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2 Ingredient Banana Oatmeal Cookies

Ingredients

1 cup quick oats, quick oats because old fashioned and steel-cut oats need more time to cook.

1 large overripe banana, mashed to a liquid-like consistency

1/2 cup chocolate chips or other add-ins of your choice, **optional**

Instructions

Preheat oven to 350°F. Line a baking sheet with silicone baking mat. In a large bowl, add oats and mashed bananas. Mix with a fork until it becomes an evenly mixed, thick batter. If you plan on using add-ins like chocolate chips, mix them into the cookie batter at this time.



Make 8 round balls out of the cookie batter. Place onto baking sheet, spacing about 2 inches apart. Gently press down on each ball so that it flattens into a round disc. Cookies will not spread much during baking, so keep that in mind when shaping and flattening your discs. Bake for about 15 minutes or until cookies are lightly brown and set. Cookie bottoms should also be brown and easily come off baking sheet. Let cookies cool before eating. Store uneaten cookies in the fridge.

Easy Orange Chicken

Ingredients

Orange Sauce

1 cup orange marmalade

1 cup BBQ sauce

2 tablespoons soy sauce

For the Chicken

500g package fresh chicken thighs

2 eggs, beaten

1 cup milk

1 1/2 cups flour

1 tablespoon Season all seasoning

Vegetable oil for frying



Instructions

To make the chicken, slice the meat into bite-sized chunks. Beat the eggs and milk in a medium bowl. Stir the flour and seasoning mix in a separate bowl. Transfer the chicken to the egg bowl and mix until well-coated. Then, remove the pieces one by one (letting the excess drip off) and coat well in the flour. Pan fry in a large skillet with oil over medium heat until golden brown, about 3-4 minutes per side. Add the sauce and cook until hot. Sauce, combine the orange marmalade, BBQ sauce, and soy sauce. Turn the heat to medium and cook, stirring frequently, until thick and smooth, about 15-20 minutes.

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-  RELAY
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- POWER
- TEAMWORK
- SPEED

WALLY'S POWER-UP BARS

RECIPE: SPORTS CARNIVAL POWER BARS
I'D DEFINITELY MAKE THE RECIPE THE STAR OF THE PAGE. SOMETHING HIGH-PROTEIN BUT STILL KID-FRIENDLY, RATHER THAN A SUPER-PROCESSED "PROTEIN BAR".

NO-BAKE POWER BARS

YOU'LL NEED:

- 1 CUP ROLLED OATS
- 1/2 CUP PEANUT BUTTER
- 1/3 CUP HONEY
- 1/2 CUP SKIM MILK POWDER
- 1/4 CUP SUNFLOWER SEEDS
- 1/4 CUP PUMPKIN SEEDS
- 1/4 CUP MINI CHOC CHIPS
- 2-3 TBSP MILK, IF NEEDED



METHOD:

-  MIX EVERYTHING TOGETHER IN A BOWL.
-  PRESS FIRMLY INTO A LINED CONTAINER.
-  REFRIGERATE FOR 1-2 HOURS.

CUT INTO BARS.

GRAB ONE BEFORE OR AFTER SPORT!

POWER TIP:

THE OATS GIVE YOU CARBOHYDRATES FOR ENERGY, WHILE THE PEANUT BUTTER, MILK POWDER AND SEEDS ADD PROTEIN TO HELP KEEP YOU FULL.

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- LONGJUMP
- SACKRACE
- RUNNING
- SHOTPUT
- HURDLES
- DISCUS
- RELAY

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

TANNER JOHNS

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ELLIE TURNER

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★ SPORTY KID TIP ★

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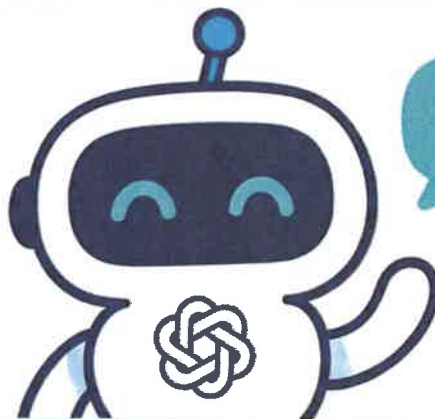


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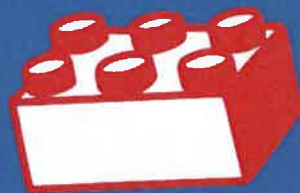
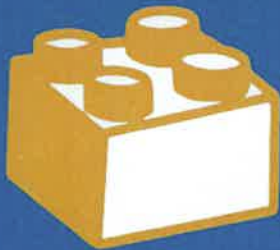


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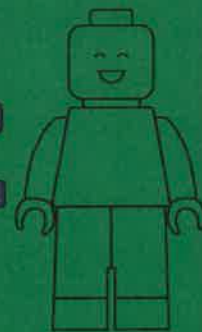
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Thursday 1st October

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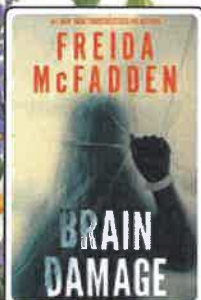
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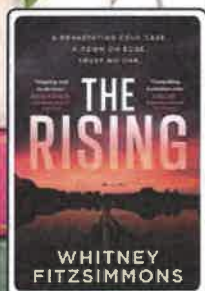
ADULT MYSTERY THRILLER: **Brain Damage - Freida McFadden**

Dr. Charly McKenna had the perfect life: a thriving dermatology practice, a luxury apartment overlooking Central Park, and a handsome husband who adored her.

Until the night a bullet tore through her skull... and stole everything.

Now Charly wakes in a rehabilitation hospital unable to walk, speak, or remember her own name. All she knows is that someone tried to kill her—and they may still be out there. As fragments of memory surface, so do unsettling questions about the people around her, including the attentive man who keeps appearing at her bedside.

The truth of what happened that night lives somewhere inside her brain. And as Charly pieces together the jagged edges of her past, she begins to realise the most terrifying possibility: the person who wants her dead might be the one she once trusted most.



ADULT CRIME THRILLER: **The Rising - Whitney Fitzsimmons**

After floods devastate the rural NSW town of Birradurra, journalist Bec Carter and paperboy Jeremy Collins uncover the bones of a baby buried 20 years ago next to the local church.

Two weeks later, Bec's close friend, Harry Adams, winds up missing after a violent attack. Blood is found at Harry's house, with no weapon or body to be seen, and Bec finds herself covered in dried blood, but with no memory of why.

Bec is left with two huge problems: Harry was about to tell her crucial information about a devastating cold case that would unravel their rural community – and now she's the lead suspect in his disappearance.



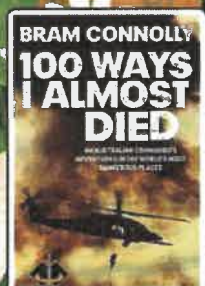
ADULT CONTEMPORARY FICTION: **Can Nothing Save Us? - Irvine Welsh**

A divided Las Vegas family is forced to confront the past and reckon with a dangerous future.

Molly and George Warburton are used to living life their own way. Now, in the ferocious heat of Sin City, the couple are facing up to their failures and final years.

They announce that their grandson Luke – college dropout, aspiring writer, electronic dance music aficionado – will inherit their millions. It is sudden news that leaves their daughter Gina hell-bent on revenge.

Yet Luke's good fortune will not last. When a strange newcomer to the neighbourhood insinuates himself into the Warburtons' world, it is the beginning of a chain of chilling events that could split the family permanently and put all their lives at risk.



NON FICTION AUTOBIOGRAPHY: **100 Ways I Almost Died - Bram Connolly**

Incredible stories of combat and survival from over twenty years in the Army and Special Forces.

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Both a cautionary tale and a tribute to the resilience of those who serve, Bram offers a rare and gripping insight into the hidden and the hard-won lessons forged in moments where life hangs in the balance.



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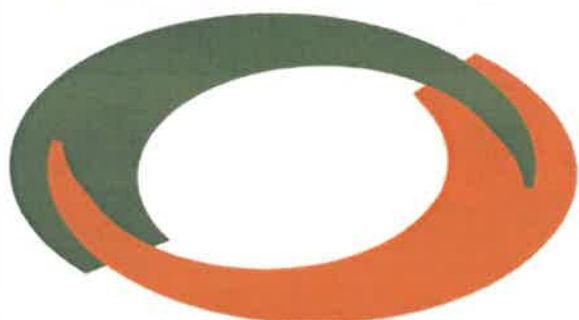


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WHAT WE DO

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2027 Calendar Competition

This year's theme:

BEAUTIES IN THE BUSH

Keep your eyes open and your camera ready.
From wildlife to wildflowers and sunsets to scenic views,
if it's in the bush and you think it's beautiful, we want to see it!

ENTRIES CLOSE 20TH OCTOBER!

RULES:

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



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The CRC are looking for a wildflower enthusiast

Each wildflower season we receive enquiries from visitors travelling from out of town who want to know what's blooming, where they can see the wildflowers, and what the best local spots to visit are. We're looking for a local volunteer who knows wildflowers and can be a point of contact for visitors wanting information during wildflower season.

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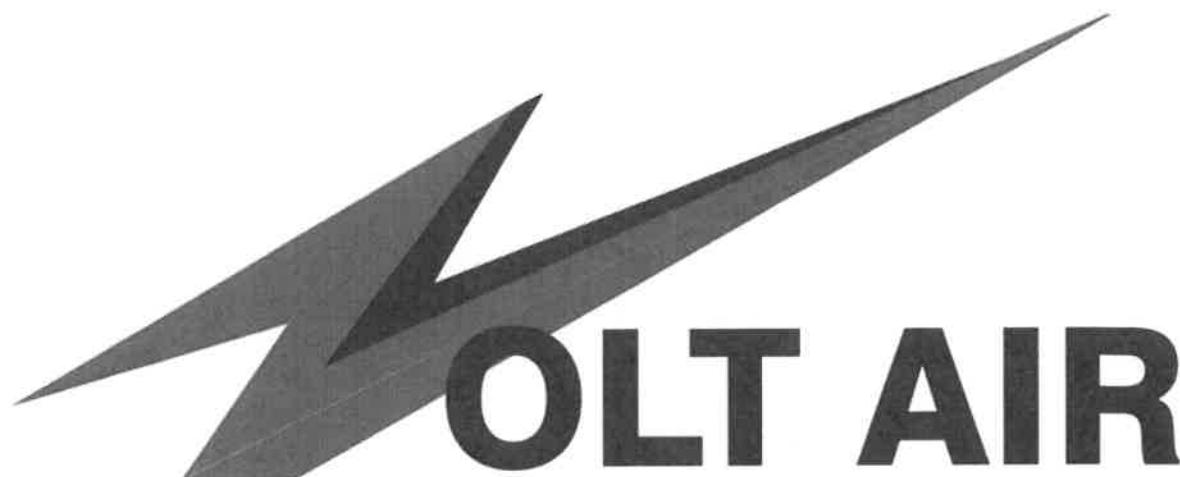


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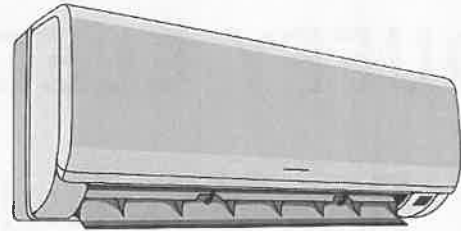
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Tuesday 22 September
Wickepin Tennis Club

4:00 - 4:45pm: Junior Coaching 6-8 Years
4:45 - 5:30pm: Junior Coaching 9+ Years
5:30 - 6:15pm: Cardio Tennis

SMS Nicki to register: 0418 719 401



Hello everyone.. I just want to thank those who have already donated to the "Christmas Child Boxes." For those who are assembling their own box: these can now be left at the Wickepin CRC.

Or if you prefer to buy items to contribute our community packing day ... we will need colouring pencils, biros, exercise books, sharpeners, rubbers, small toys: (marbles skipping ropes, Yo-yos, soft toys), face washes, toothbrushes, (no soaps or toothpaste), hair combs & accessories, jewellery, sunglasses, clothing (Tee-shirts, shorts, socks etc.), These too, can be left at the CRC.

Our Community Assembly Day is scheduled for Tuesday 22nd September 2026 (Venue: Craft Centre, Time: 9.30am)

We would love you to join us and also enjoy a Devonshire morning tea with us.

For more info check out the website: Samaritanspurse.org.au or contact Irene Moore: 0437801026



Yealering inter-school Sports on Yealering Oval 1950s

Inter-school sports days were always a highlight on the district calendar. Schools from across the area would come together for a day of competition, team spirit and good country fun.

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*Can you help identify the year
or any of the people in this photo?
We would love to hear from you!*



SPORTS NOTES

WICKEPIN NETBALL CLUB

It's been a fantastic season for Wickepin Netball Club, with **all three of our teams making finals this year!**

Our A3 team's season came to an end after an incredibly close **one-point loss in their semi-final**, while our A1s fought hard through to the **preliminary final**, where they went down to a strong Williams side.

Our A2 team is still flying the flag for Wickepin and is through to the Grand Final!

They'll take the court this **Saturday, 19 September at 2pm in Pingelly.**

We'd love to see plenty of red and white on the sidelines cheering them on as they play for the premiership. **Good luck A2s!**

WICKEPIN FOOTBALL CLUB

Grand Final

Sunday 6th September 2026
Played at Boddington Town Oval

LEAGUE

Narrogin

9.15 69

Wickepin

10.7 67

Narrogin won by 2 points

Wickepin Best Players

Sam Fortini, Dion Anthony,
Kayle Kirby, Blake White,
Domenic Misiti, Ryan Babich



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**To the Wickepin Warriors
League team on a heartbreaking
2-point loss in the Grand Final.**

You came so close on the biggest day
of the season. It is tough, but you can be
incredibly proud of your effort,
determination and the season you have had.

**Well done to the players,
coaches and supporters
of the club.**



LAKE YEALERING BOWLING CLUB

Hi everyone, 2026/2027 Bowling Season is fast approaching.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Committee Meeting Monday 14th September 2026 will decide on the
Club Opening for the 2026/2027 Season

First Pennant Day **Saturday 17th October 2026.** Home game against Pingelly.

Any Combination Open Day Triples **Sunday 8th November 2026.**

LAKE YEALERING GOLF CLUB

With open days golf season over the past month not much golf has been happening on the course. We did however managed to send some of our members of to Corrigin, Kulin, Kweda, Cuby & Harrismith who receipiticated and showed up to our open day on the 29 august.

Once again Hutton and Northey sponsored the day with Moylan silos putting up the hole in one trophy, we thank them.

This year we changed the format to a 27 hole any gender 4BBB Stableford, which proved popular as 52 showed up in maybe not the best weather but proved to be good for golf.

The winner of the day on 72 were Henry Blechynden Josh Hobley, followed by Peter Stribling and Todd Hill on 69 from a count back to Cam Nelson and Roger Butler & then followed in by Jack Price and Brayden Fairhead on 68. The PM winners were Graig and Adam Jespersen with a creditable 48 & the gross winners Geoff Poultney and Ashley Coxon with a 4 over followed by Cean Taylor and Arron Quartermaine on 5 over.

With the 18 novelties of meat packs evenly distributed the prizes for the day were spread through out the field and a good day was had by all.

After keeping us all feed and refreshed throughout the day Tanya and her bunch of helpers finished the night off with a hearty meal from the spit roast prepared by the Fairheads. Thanks kitchen and bar staff.

Thanks to Hutton Northey Sales, Moylan Silos and everyone that travelled to make this day the success it was.

A couple of weeks later, on the 12th of September we held our match play championship playoffs, ranging from A through to D. With a total of 8 players, a good turnout for our small club.

With some close and not so close games the winner of the club champion for this year is Scott Dicks over Steve Baker, well done Dicksey.

The other results where "B" Mick Lee over Ben Hankinson followed by "C" Martin Stone (a new player) over Cam Nelson then "D" Peter Stribling over Mike Marshall. All played in good humour and good golf.

Our next big day will be the grand final Family Day, keep an eye out for more info on face book.

GOOD GOLFING



Wickepin – Harrismith Cricket Club

2026-27 Season

- Under 13 Team
- Under 17 Team
- B Grade Seniors Team

Please register ASAP with Ty Miller 0429881108

Training will be on Thursdays for Under 13 at 4:15pm commencing 15th October.

Wickepin Blast Queries – Maree Dougall 0448 103 747



IMAGINE THE FUN

Wickepin-Harrismith Cricket Club Blast

Ages 5+ | Cost \$68

Starts: Thursday 15 October

4:30pm - 5:00pm | 6 Weeks



Play Cricket



WICKEPIN HOCKEY CLUB J11s

Wickepin vs Williams

23rd August 2026

What a game to finish off the season! Our J11 Wicky's took on Williams on 23rd August and, while the scoreboard didn't quite go our way, the team showed plenty of **grit, determination, teamwork and good old-fashioned hustle** right until the final whistle.

First Quarter

The game got off to a fast start, with **Darcy Fulford** putting in a huge effort chasing down the ball and refusing to give up the contest. **Vinny Martin and Ellie Turner** were equally determined, putting in some fantastic tackles and making sure they didn't stop until they had won the ball back.

Williams earned two short corners during the quarter and managed to score a goal.

Second Quarter

Darcy moved into centre and absolutely ran her heart out, covering plenty of ground and keeping the pressure on. **Vinny Martin and Mason Edwards** worked brilliantly together, hustling for possession and showing some great teamwork.

Banjo Anderson really stood out this quarter, chasing the ball from player to player and showing off some fantastic hockey skills. There was some great defensive work down the Williams end, including an excellent save from **Ollie Bird** off a short corner.

Eli and Linc also put in some great defensive work, keeping Williams under pressure.

Williams managed another two goals in the quarter, while their short corners were starting to become a bit of a recurring theme!

Third Quarter

The third quarter was another high-energy battle, with a fantastic scramble happening right in the Wickepin D. **Banjo** came very close to getting one into the back of the net — so close! Bad luck, Banjo! Williams continued to pile on the pressure with short corner after short corner, with one of their players unfortunately picking up an injury along the way.

Ollie Bird put plenty of pressure on the Williams players, while **Eli Joldescue** showed great composure in defence, making an excellent stop in the D from a short corner.

And at the other end, **Fletcher Miller** was certainly earning his goalie stripes, pulling off some fantastic saves and getting a serious workout!

Fourth Quarter

The final quarter was every bit as fast-paced and competitive. At one point, the Wickepin players were all gathered around the ball in what can only be described as a Wicky traffic jam!

There were no goals for Wickepin, but that certainly didn't reflect the effort being put in. The team continued to chase, tackle, defend and support each other right until the final whistle.

Williams finished with the win, 5–0, after earning a whopping 13 short corners throughout the game.

But the real win was seeing how much the team has grown throughout the season. The J11s showed teamwork, hard work, grit and determination, and most importantly, they kept fighting for the win.

Game Awards

A big congratulations to our award winners:

 **Coaches Award:** Darcy Fulford

 **Sportsmanship Award:** Dimitrie Joldescu

2026 J11 Season Wind-Up

On 4th September, we wrapped up our J11 season with our presentations and celebrated what has been a fantastic year for the team.

A massive congratulations to all of our award winners:

 **Fairest & Best:** Banjo Anderson

 **Runner-Up:** Seth Butcher

 **Highest Goal Scorers:** Banjo Anderson & Darcy Fulford

 **Coaches Award:** Ellie Turner

 **Most Improved:** Ollie Bird

Congratulations to every single player — you should all be incredibly proud of yourselves! A huge thank you also goes to our wonderful coaches and manager, **Jess Joldescu, Renae Bransby and Jessica Gunn**, for giving up their time and energy throughout the season. From coaching games to running training sessions — including those sessions where the kids somehow managed to have way too much energy and sass — you have been amazing!

And of course, we couldn't run the season without our fantastic hockey families.

Thank you to all the parents who helped with **game recording, canteen, tech bench and the fruit roster**, as well as everyone who made sure the kids got to games and training each week.

And a special thank you for the countless reminders of:

"Have you got your stick?"

"Where are your shin pads?"

"Did you pack your mouthguard?"

Because apparently, remembering hockey equipment is a skill that takes an entire season to master!



Thank you all for your support, encouragement and commitment throughout the year. It has been wonderful watching this group of young players develop their skills, confidence and teamwork — and, of course, make plenty of memories along the way.

🏒 **Congratulations Wickepin J11s on a fantastic 2026 season!**

We hope to see all our Wickies back on the field for the **2027 season**.

Until then... enjoy the break, keep those hockey sticks somewhere you can actually find them, and we'll see you next season! 🏒





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WICKEPIN PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Working together to learn, grow and succeed



From the Principal

Celebrating Our Dads

Last Friday, we also enjoyed a fantastic morning celebrating the special dads and father figures in our students' lives. Families gathered for a delicious sausage sizzle, expertly cooked by Jenna and Luke Landsdell. We are incredibly grateful for their time and effort!

After enjoying lunch together, dads joined students in a range of sporting activities. There was plenty of fun, friendly competition, laughter, and teamwork as everyone got involved and made the most of the activities on offer.

It was wonderful to see so many families attending and sharing quality time together. Events like these help strengthen the strong sense of community that makes Wickepin Primary School such a special place. Thank you to everyone who attended and helped make both celebrations memorable occasions for our students. We look forward to creating many more wonderful memories together throughout the year.

School Culture Survey

Please take a few minutes to complete the following survey and answer the questions relating to School Culture. Your feedback is valued and by completing the survey, you are helping to create a positive, supportive, and successful school for both staff and students. Every response is valuable and will help guide our future planning and decisions. Responses are requested by Monday, 14 September (Week 9). Thank you for taking a few minutes to share your feedback.

Survey link:

https://doeallschools.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_dcZrm02b2m93ivA

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

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

SUNDAY

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



COMMUNITY CALENDAR 2026

SEPTEMBER

Thurs 17 th	Wickepin CRC Learn the Basics of AI 10.30
Thurs 17 th	Facey Group Safe Farms, Straight talk & Chat. Wickepin Hotel 5.30pm
Fri 18 th	Interschool Sports Carnival Yealering
Tues 22 nd	Community Assembly Day for "Christmas Child Boxes" 9.30am
Tues 22 nd	Wickepin Community Tennis Activation, Wickepin Tennis Club, 4-6.15pm
Thurs 24 th	GRDC Harvester Set-Up Workshops Kukerin 8.30am – 2.30pm
Thurs 24 th	Fernpark Poll Merino Sale 1pm
Fri 25 th	School Term Three Ends
Sun 27 th	Wickepin CRC Market Day, Wogolin Road from 10am
Mon 28 th	Recycle and Bin Day
Mon 28 th	Kings Birthday Public Holiday
Tues 29th	Watershed News
Wed 30 th	Wickepin CRC School Holiday Junior Lego Masters 10am – 12pm

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OCTOBER

Thurs 1 st	Wickepin CRC School Holiday Junior Lego Masters 10am – 12pm
Fri 2 nd	Communi-Tea 1.30pm
Mon 12 th	Facey Group AGM 6pm. Hear from two Industry Leaders
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
Fri 16 th	25 Year Celebration of Wickepin Community Resource Centre from 5pm
Tue 20 th	Beauties in the Bush Photo Competition closes.
Mon 26th	Watershed News
Mon 26 th	Recycle and Bin Day

NOVEMBER

Tues 3 rd	Melbourne Cup
Fri 6 th	Communi-Tea 1.30pm
Mon 9th	Watershed News
Mon 9 th	Recycle and Bin Day
Wed 11 th	Remembrance Day
Mon 23rd	Watershed News
Mon 23 rd	Recycle and Bin Day

DECEMBER

Fri 4 th	Senior Xmas Luncheon
Mon 7th	Watershed News Final Edition 2026
Mon 7 th	Recycle and Bin Day
Tues 8 th	CRC Committee Meeting 4.30pm
Fri 11 th	Communi-Tea 1.30pm
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
Thur 31 st	New Years Eve



DID YOU KNOW?

— YEALERING —

*Lake Yealering once had
its own horse-racing track –
on the lake bed!*

The Yealering Turf Club held its first meeting in 1918, and the lake track became regarded as one of the better country racecourses of its time.

Special trains brought racegoers from Wickepin and Corrigin.

When the lake became too wet to race on one year, the course had to be moved! Racing there had finished by 1923.