

WATERSHED NEWS

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

12th October 2026

Be Fire Ready

RESTRICTED BURNING PERIOD STARTED

1 OCTOBER

Now is the time to prepare your property,
check your equipment and make sure you
and your family are ready for fire season.



PREPARE YOUR PROPERTY

- ✓ Mow or slash long grass
- ✓ Remove leaves, bark and other flammable material
- ✓ Clear gutters and roof areas
- ✓ Cut back overhanging branches
- ✓ Keep woodpiles and rubbish well away from buildings
- ✓ Ensure access tracks are clear
- ✓ Have a working fire pump, hose and water supply

FIRE SEASON REMINDERS

- Check the Fire Danger Rating daily at emergency.wa.gov.au
- Never leave fires unattended
- Obtain a permit before lighting any fire
- Follow local fire restrictions
- Report smoke or suspicious activity – 000



*A little effort now
can protect what
matters most.*



IN AN EMERGENCY
DIAL 000



Thank you to our volunteers
Your dedication protects our community.

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- All submissions would be preferred in Word.
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WATERSHED NEWS 26/27 PUBLICATION DATES

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Monday 9 th November	Monday 8 th February	Monday 22 nd March	Monday 3 rd May
Monday 23 rd November	Monday 22 nd February	Monday 5 th April	Monday 17 th May

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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/October Birthday Wishes to:

1 October — Dante Kuhl
2 October — Lane Mail
7 October — Riley Spark
10 October — Claire Bayley
11 October — Kyle Angwin
14 October — Couper Spark
16 October — Steven Podmore; Louisa White;
Irene Moore; Meg McLean
18 October — Barry Green; Rebecca Podmore;
Elaine Bushby; Tasma Doncon; Brent Bennier
19 October — Gary Lang
20 October — Sue Drayton
22 October — Sarah Corke
23 October — Kathy Altham
24 October — Mercy Matthews



Birthday

Thankyou from Mavis McColl to family and friends who helped her celebrate her 73rd birthday on 24th September.

Thank you

Thankyou to the five boys who helped put Des McColl in the Norseman cemetary on the 25th September. People came from far and wide. Thanks to Des's sister Pauline and husband who did most of the things their end. A Big thanks to Jeremy, Grant, Owen, Andrew and Rodney who were the Paul Bearers, who sent Des (their father) on his merry way. Celebrations went on until the early hours of the morning. RIP

Condolences

Ellie Parsons

The Lake Yealering Bowling Club would like to extend best wishes to Beryl Poultney on the passing of her dearly loved old Mum, Ellie Parsons who was 106 years old.

Mrs Ellie Parsons

—♡—

The Funeral Service to farewell the late Mrs Ellie Parsons will be celebrated in the Pingelly Family Church on **WEDNESDAY 14/10/26** commencing at 11.00 am.

—♡—

Following the Church Service you are invited to attend the PRACC for refreshments.

You will be joined by the family following a Private Family Burial Ceremony.

Mulvie Rosalie Corke 1929-2026

In accordance with her wishes, a private funeral attended by family was held at Cottesloe on the 15th September 2026.

The following eulogy was read.....

Today, we gather to remember and give thanks for the life of Mulvie Rosalie Corke, a much-loved mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, friend, community member, and a woman whose life was built on family, determination, hard work, generosity, and a deep connection to place.

Mulvie passed away on 3 September 2026 at Sister Mary Glowrey Residential Aged Care in Belmont. While today is a day of sadness, it is also a time to celebrate a remarkable life.

It was a life that began in the Wheatbelt, grew through family and friendship, and left a lasting mark on Yealering and on all those who knew and loved her.

Mulvie was born Mulvie Rosalie Budge in Southern Cross on 26 April 1929. She was the fifth of eight children born to Joseph William Budge and Rosalie Rowe. Her early years were shaped by the country, by a large and lively family, and by the resourcefulness required of life during the Depression years.

The family lived on a small farm west of Southern Cross. Conditions were simple. There was a cow, chooks, a vegetable garden, and plenty of children finding their own adventures.

The older children did not begin school straight away, but a love of reading grew within the family. It was something that stayed with Mulvie throughout her life.

Mulvie's early life was shaped by a large family, country living, and the changing places her family called home. Her father's work as a Church of England minister along the Trans Line took the family through regional Western Australia, while her mother, Rosalie, was a skilled homemaker who loved needlework and crochet, played the piano, and made sweets for fêtes and community events. These early experiences helped form Mulvie's practical nature, her love of family, and her lasting connection to community.

When the family moved to Armadale, Mulvie remembered the beauty of the change. She remembered the tall gums, colourful gardens, streams coming down from the hills, spring wildflowers, and the first time she heard a kookaburra laugh. It was there that she met Judy, a friend whose place in her life endured for more than 70 years. That long friendship says much about Mulvie. She valued people, stayed connected, and made relationships that lasted.

Mulvie also showed her independence early. At eleven years old, after her family moved from Gingin to North Fremantle and she was left behind to finish her scholarship year, she decided she could not bear being separated from them. With great courage and a good deal of planning, she packed a small suitcase, hid it under a bridge, and made her way by train to Perth and then to the family's rectory at North Fremantle.

When she arrived late that night, the police were looking for her. Her father may not have been pleased at first, but in the end, she was allowed to remain with her family and complete her primary schooling there. It is a wonderful story because it captures something essential about Mulvie. She was determined, resourceful, courageous, and deeply attached to the people she loved.

She continued her education at Perth College and later at Iona Convent in Mosman Park, where she made friendships that lasted for many years. She then began working life, first undertaking teacher training and working as a school monitor at Dudinin, before choosing another path. She worked as a waitress in Perth and Dowerin, and in 1948 found work she loved at the Lake Yealering Co-op as a drapery assistant.

It was around Yealering that the next great chapter of her life began. At the Boxing Day Sports, when Mulvie was 17 and Doug was 19, she met the man who would become her husband. They kept in touch by letter, and on 30 September 1950 they married at St Matthew's Church in Guildford.

Together, Mulvie and Doug made a home and a life on the family farm, Rolvenden, at Yealering. They began in a modest four-room mud-brick house, with a long passage and verandah. There was no electricity. Kerosene lamps provided the light, and washing was done by hand in a large copper. Doug made cement bricks, with Mulvie's help, to build a larger living room and later a bathroom.

It was not an easy life, but it was a life they built together, patiently, practically, and with love. In time, electricity, a refrigerator, and appliances made life easier, but the values established in those years remained. They made do, pitched in, cared for family, and built something lasting.

Mulvie and Doug raised five children: Janie, Barry, Alison, Lindsay, and Alan. Their family grew to include grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Family was always at the centre of Mulvie's life. She took great pride in their achievements, found joy in time spent together, and remained closely connected to the people she loved.

After Doug's passing on 26 August 2024, Mulvie carried his memory with her, along with the life and family they had created together.

Beyond her family, Mulvie gave generously to Yealering. She involved herself in sporting and community groups, served on many committees, and was President of the Yealering History Group. She was also involved with the Townscape and Centenary committees. She loved cooking, sewing, reading, writing, and the company of family and friends.

Her life reminds us that a person's legacy is not measured only by the large occasions, but by the countless quieter things. The home built and kept, the meals made, the letters written, the friendships maintained, the committees served, the stories remembered, and the encouragement given to the next generation.

Today, we give thanks for Mulvie's long and meaningful life. We remember her determination from an early age, her hard work, her love of family, her service to the Yealering community, and the warmth she brought to the people around her. Her influence will live on through her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and through the many people whose lives were enriched by knowing her.

Rest peacefully, Mulvie. You will be dearly missed, always remembered, and forever loved.



CLASSIFIEDS

WANTED

Goldfish

Does anyone have any spare goldfish any number, any size for 600 litre outdoor pond?



Lavender seedlings



Phone Hazel Green 9888 1156

FOR SALE

- Big Iron Gun Safe** \$150
H150cm - W34cm - D38cm
 - DeWalt Cut Off Saw** \$150
 - Ryobi 2400W Generator** \$150
 - 2 Bed Side Chest Draws** \$10pr.
 - Wardrobe** \$50
Half side hanging / half side draws
H134cm - W46cm - D51cm
- Phone Wendy or John: 0419 734 037

Yealering Primary School P and C Association Presents:

TWILIGHT CHRISTMAS MARKETS



Friday 4th December 4:00pm - 4pm

Yealering Primary School



- * Feet with Flair
- * Plants
- * Jams/Chutneys
- * Art
- * Christmas Decorations
- * Patchwork
- * Baked Goods
- * Displays
- * Christmas Cakes
- * Cool Drinks
- * Sausage Sizzle
- * Games
- * Students Performances and MUCH MORE

For info or if you are interested in holding a stall contact

Janine 0400085235

Janine.Anderson@education.wa.edu.au

Celebrate the Season a help fundraise for our P and C also!

St John's Anglican Church

Johnston Street, Wickiepin

1st and 3rd
Sundays
@ 8.00am

Morning tea
served after service



All denominations welcome

Enquiries:

Irene — 0437 801 026
or
Elaine — 0428 898 025

RAINFALL

As of 12/10/2026

2025	mm	Days	Total	2026	mm	Days	Total
January	7	2	7	January	0	0	0
February	5.2	1	12.2	February	10.8	3	11
March	41.4	3	53.6	March	32.2	6	43.2
April	24	7	77.6	April	16.8	9	60.4
May	12.2	5	89.8	May	17.2	4	77.6
June	22	10	111.8	June	46.8	14	124.4
July	76.8	13	188.6	July	12.2	8	136.6
August	87.8	14	276.4	August	52.4	11	189.0
September	32.4	7	308.8	September	19	11	208
October	11.8	3	320.6	October	5.1	4	213.1
November	26	5	346.6	November			
December	0	0	346.6	December			

**BUSHFIRE SEASON – FIREBREAKS AND FIRE HAZARDS – RANGER HAS COMPLETED INSPECTIONS**

Just a reminder for all residents that the Restricted Burning Period has come into effect as of 1 October 2026. Properties have been inspected by the Shire of Wickpin Ranger Guy Maley on 1 October 2026.

First and final warning letters have been issued this week for properties that have been found to present a potential fire hazard. Please be advised that you have until **1 November 2026** to remove and clear your property of fire hazards. Should the property not comply with Shires requirements, infringements of **\$250.00** will be sent for the property.

Further penalties may apply, increasing costs for non-compliance. The Shire also has the right to remedial action if deemed necessary. This would be done at your expense.

If you require an extension of time, or if you require further information regarding this matter, please contact Shire Office on (08) 9888 1005 during normal business hours.

SHIRE OF WICKEPIN - SURPLUS ITEMS FOR SALE

The Shire of Wickpin has some surplus items for sale. They include:

- John Deere Tractor
- 6 x Apple iPad Air 2 128gb (items sold separately, no chargers or cables)
- Various filing cabinets

A more detailed list will be available on the Shires website and Facebook page.

Items will be allocated to the respondent offering the best price. Items must be removed from the Shire grounds within two (2) weeks or the next quote will be accepted.

The Shire does not guarantee any condition of the items sold. They are sold in 'as is' condition and the buyer will be responsible for the items.

If you are interested in purchasing any of the items for sale, please submit a written response to eso@wickepin.wa.gov.au by 30 October 2026.

🚧 ROADWORKS WICKEPIN–CORRIGIN ROAD 🚧

The Shire of Wickpin has commenced road construction works on Wickpin–Corrigin Road. Traffic management measures, including temporary traffic lights, are in place, and motorists should expect delays.

⚠️ DANGEROUS DRIVING BEHAVIOUR WILL NOT BE TOLERATED ⚠️

Shire workers have observed motorists failing to comply with traffic management measures, including driving through red lights. **Ignoring red lights in a roadwork zone puts the safety of our workers and other road users at serious risk. This behaviour is dangerous and unacceptable.** All motorists must obey traffic signals and always follow the directions of traffic management personnel.

Please:

- Allow extra time for your journey.
- Reduce your speed and exercise caution when approaching the work area.
- Stop at red lights and wait until it is safe and you are directed to proceed.
- Follow all traffic management signs, signals and instructions.

We appreciate your patience and understanding while these important works are underway. The Shire aims to complete the project as efficiently as possible while maintaining a safe working environment for everyone.

DOG AND CAT REGISTRATION – RENEWALS AND NEW REGISTRATIONS DUE 31 OCTOBER 2026

Dog and Cat registration renewals have been issued this week. Please ensure payment is made by 31 October 2026. For new registrations, please visit the Administration Office with your proof of microchip and sterilisation. If you have any queries, please contact the Shire on 9888 1005.

**MOSQUITO FOGGING – WICKEPIN TOWNSITE**

The Shire has been trying to arrange mosquito fogging in the Wickepin townsite but has been unable to find anyone available to carry out the work.

If you are interested in undertaking the required training to perform mosquito fogging, please contact the Shire for further information.

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 or email eso@wickepin.wa.gov.au to register your interest. No guarantees of property purchase can be offered; this is just to register interest.

RUBBISH SERVICES – CHANGES TO TIPS

The Shire is currently reviewing the processes for running all our waste facilities. We are concerned that there seems to be a lot of waste for our small community and are concerned that waste is coming in from other areas.

Possible changes may include:

- A pass for access
- Yealering manned and reduced hours
- All vehicles being stopped before dropping waste
- CCTV Cameras installed

We will keep the public advised of ideas and progress before it is actioned, but these steps are required to ensure the Shire is not being made to cover costs for items that are not from the Shire of Wickepin.

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.

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



LOCAL PUBLIC NOTICE

Shire of Wickepin Local Laws Review

Notice is hereby given under section 3.16 of the *Local Government Act 1995* that the Shire of Wickepin proposes to review the following local laws:

- Health Local Law 2008
- Bush Fire Brigades Local Law 2000
- Dogs Local Law 2000
- Local Government Property Local Law 2000
- Pest Plants Local Law 2000
- Harrismith, Toolibin, Wickepin, Yealering Cemeteries Local Law 2000
- Standing Orders 1998

The above local laws are available on the Shire's website at www.wickepin.wa.gov.au. A copy of the local laws may also be obtained from or inspected at the Shire of Wickepin administration office, 77 Wogolin Rd, Wickepin.

Submissions about the local laws may be made to the Chief Executive Officer of the Shire of Wickepin and can be made as follows:

By mail or in person: Addressed to the CEO, Shire of Wickepin, 77 Wogolin Rd,
Wickepin, WA 6370

By email: admin@wickepin.wa.gov.au

Submissions will be accepted up until **4.00pm on Friday 6 November 2026** (being not less than 6 weeks after this notice is given).

David Burton
Chief Executive Officer

17 September 2026

Shire of Wickepin



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

WICKEPIN SWIMMING POOL

2026-2027 SEASON

SEASON OPENS 1ST NOVEMBER 2026

WE WELCOME BACK MEEKS AS POOL MANAGER

MORNING SWIMMING TIMES WILL BE DEPENDANT ON WEATHER



ENTRY FEES

Adult - \$3.00
Child - \$2.00
Spectator - \$2.00
Pensioner - \$2.00



OPENING HOURS

Mon	1pm - 6pm
Tues	CLOSED
Wed	1pm - 6pm
Thur	1pm - 6pm
Fri	1pm - 6pm
Sat	1pm - 6pm
Sun	1pm - 6pm



SEASON PASSES

(Only available at the
Shire Admin Office)

FAMILY - \$150.00
ADULT - \$95.00
CHILD - \$70.00

Snake Awareness

As warmer weather arrives, snakes are starting to come out. Stay alert and give snakes space.

The Shire of Wickepin is unable to deal with snakes as it does not have a trained or authorised snake handler available. Residents who encounter a snake should avoid approaching or attempting to handle it and contact an appropriately trained snake removal service.

Snake handler - Peter | Pingelly | 0400 615 154



DOGS/CATS REGISTRATION RENEWALS

Renewals have been sent out and are due by

October 31, 2026.



New registrations: All animals must be microchipped and microchip paperwork must be provided.
All cats must be sterilised.



Cats must be sterilised and registered from 6 months of age.



Dogs must be registered from 3 months of age.



If your dog or cat has passed away, please inform the Shire so we can cancel the registration and keep our records up to date.



NOTICE OF AGM

Wickepin Community Resource Centre will be holding
our Annual General Meeting on

Tuesday October 13th
4:30 PM

In the meeting room at the CRC

The CRC plays an important role within our community,
and we are looking for enthusiastic people to join our
committee.

If you'd like more information, give us a call on
9888 1500, or pop in and have a chat.



Wickepin Community Resource Centre 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 20 OCTOBER!

RULES:

- You may enter up to 4 photographs
- Photos must be in LANDSCAPE orientation and be high resolution (at least 1 MB)
- Photos must be taken in the bush
- Photos should be taken in the Shire of Wickepin
- Heavily edited or enhanced photos may be excluded
- Photos can be submitted to the Wickepin CRC on a USB or emailed to admin@wickepinrc.com.au
- The 12 photos receiving the most votes will be featured in the calendar and each winning photographer will receive one free calendar.



SEPTEMBER

@WICKY CRC

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

AUTHOR VISIT AT COMMUNI-TEA

Our Meet the Author afternoon tea was a big hit, attracting so many attendees that our meeting room felt very cramped. Historians and authors Jeffrey A. Peirce and Chris Handley shared insights about their book, *Great War Stories 1914–1919: Light Horsemen & Cameleers of South Western Australia*, which highlights the lives of soldiers from the 10th Light Horse Regiment and the men from the Wickepin area featured in the book.

EVERYDAY AI WORKSHOP

Our A.I. Workshop gave community members the chance to explore and download artificial intelligence. Participants had a hands-on introduction to A.I. tools, learning how they can help with everything from writing and research to ideas, planning and everyday tasks. There was plenty of opportunity to have a go, ask questions and discover what A.I. can actually do.

DRIVE SAFE WICKY MARKET DAY

We had a fantastic Drive Safe Wickepin Market Day, despite initial rain that cleared for lovely weather. Wogolin Road buzzed with market stalls, socializing, and kids enjoying free mini golf and balloon art. It was great to see the main street bustling with support for road safety, an important cause given the lives lost on WA roads. Thanks to all attendees, stallholders, and helpers for making it a success.



Wickepin
Community Resource Centre
Your local connection


*Proudly supporting
our community*



Department of
**Primary Industries and
Regional Development**

FIREY FOODS @ HOME

Firehouse Chili with Smoked Sausage

Ingredients:

500g mince
500g smoked sausage, sliced
1 large onion, diced
3 cloves of garlic, minced
2 cups of kidney beans, drained and rinsed
1 can (14.5 oz) of diced tomatoes
1 tablespoon chili powder
1 teaspoon ground cumin
Salt and pepper to taste
1/4 cup of water

Instructions:

1. Brown the ground beef in a large pot over medium-high heat, breaking it up with a spoon as it cooks.
2. Add the sliced smoked sausage and cook until browned, about 5 minutes.
3. Add the diced onion, minced garlic, chili powder, cumin, salt, and pepper. Cook until the vegetables are soft, about 5 minutes.
4. Stir in the kidney beans, diced tomatoes, and water. Bring to a simmer.
5. Reduce heat to low and let cook for at least 30 minutes, allowing the flavours to meld together.



Spicy Buffalo Chicken Wings

Ingredients:

1 kilo chicken wings
1/2 cup Frank's RedHot sauce
1/4 cup butter, melted
1 tablespoon vinegar
1 teaspoon garlic powder
Salt and pepper to taste
Celery sticks and blue cheese dressing for serving (optional)

Instructions:

1. Preheat oven to 400°F (200°C).
2. Rinse the chicken wings and pat dry with paper towels.
3. In a large bowl, whisk together melted butter, hot sauce, vinegar, garlic powder, salt, and pepper.
4. Add the chicken wings to the bowl and toss until they are fully coated in the spicy mixture.
5. Line a baking sheet with aluminium foil and spray with cooking spray. Arrange the chicken wings on the baking sheet in a single layer.
6. Bake for 30-35 minutes or until cooked through, flipping halfway through.
7. Serve hot with celery sticks and blue cheese dressing for dipping (if desired).





Design Your Own FIRE TRUCK!

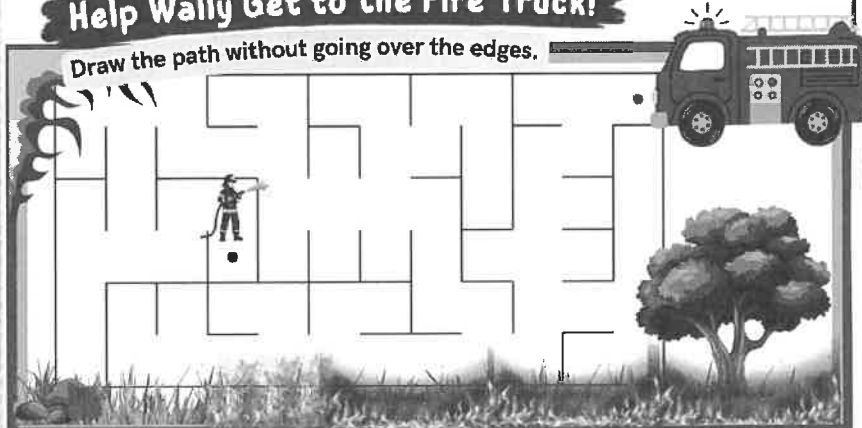
Colour in the fire truck and add these details:

- X Your name on the side
- X A super-long hose
- X A ladder



Help Wally Get to the Fire Truck!

Draw the path without going over the edges.



Wally's Bushfire Brain Busters

1 What should your family do if your bushfire plan says it's time to leave?

- A Wait until you see flames.
- B Leave early as planned.
- C Hide in the shed.

*Leave early.
It can save
lives!*

2 Which weather can help a grass fire spread quickly?

- A Hot, dry and windy.
- B Cool and rainy.
- C Still and damp.

3 Where can you find official WA bushfire warnings?

- A A friend's guess.
- B Emergency WA.
- C A random social media post.



4 Who decides when it's time for your family to leave?

- A The children.
- B The family follows its plan and official advice.
- C The family waits for flames.

Wally's Joke!

What do you call a wombat who's always prepared for bushfire season?

A Wally-wise wombat!



YOUR MISSION THIS WEEK!

Become a Bushfire Safety Superstar!

Ask a grown-up to help you:

- ☐ Find out about your family's bushfire plan.
- ☐ Find where your emergency kit is kept.
- ☐ Choose a safe meeting place outside. Learn how to check for official warnings. Ask about your pets and farm animals.

**Real plans.
Safer families.
Stronger communities.**



000 in an emergency

Check official warnings at Emergency WA www.emergency.wa.gov.au

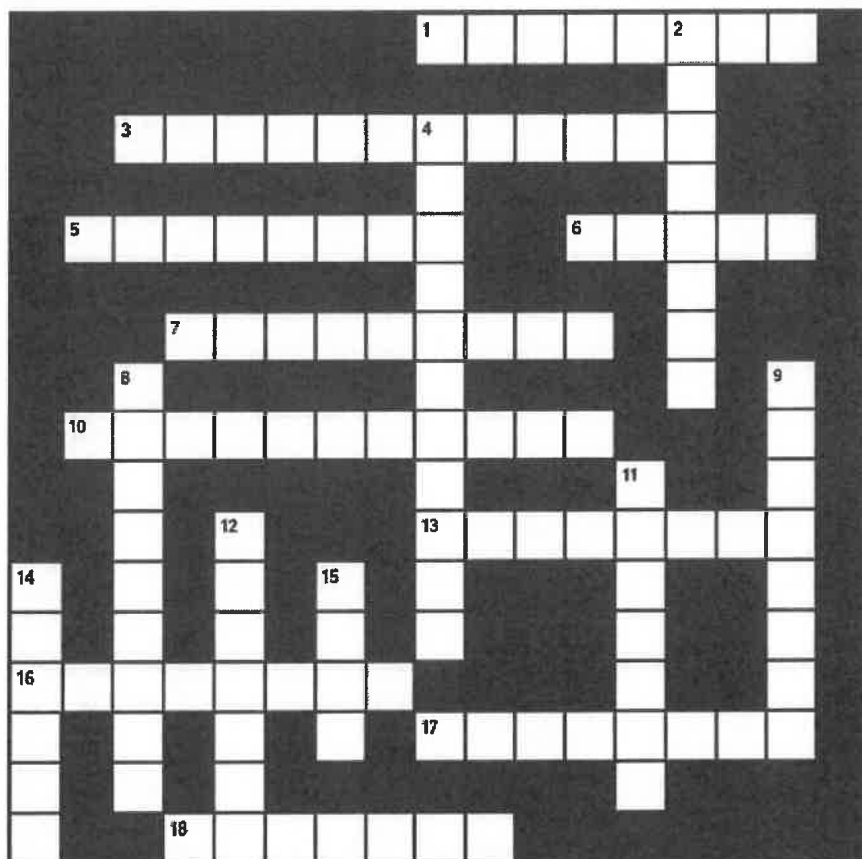


FIRE SAFETY CROSSWORD



Be aware. Be prepared. Stay safe.

AUSTRALIAN BUSHFIRE PREPAREDNESS



ACROSS

1. Embers carried beyond the main fire front — the phenomenon of fire _____. (8)
3. The highest Australian Fire Danger Rating: a truly disastrous prospect. (12)
5. On the lee side — with the wind behind you. (8)
6. Wireless set useful when smoke or distance defeats a phone. (5)
7. Removal of vegetation; also permission to proceed. (9)
10. Wind, temperature, humidity and other conditions governing fire behaviour. (11)
13. Leave a threatened area — before the last safe moment. (8)
16. The quantity of burnable vegetation available to a fire. (8)
17. Lowest named Australian Fire Danger Rating. (8)
18. Lack of moisture that can help a fire run harder. (7)

DOWN

2. An event requiring an emergency response. (8)
4. Invisible energy that can ignite a surface before flames arrive. (11)
8. Cleared strip intended to slow or stop a fire's spread. (9)
9. Designed or managed with bushfire risk firmly in mind. (8)
11. Roof channels that should be kept free of leaves and debris. (7)
12. Place of refuge when conditions make staying outside unsafe. (7)
14. What some prepared residents may choose to do to a property. (6)
15. Decide beforehand what you will do, where you will go and when. (4)

For current warnings and Fire Danger Ratings, follow official emergency information in your area.





Historical Information Needed

Harold CUMPSTEY – Yealering

Harold CUMPSTEY (also Compsty, Cumstey and other spellings) was born in England and lived and worked in the Yealering area approx. 1928 to 1940. It is known that he played soccer for Yealering and the Hotham Valley club. Harold may have had a connection to the Elsegood family as a newspaper notice in 1944 states that they received a letter from him.

He enlisted for WW2 in 1941 and returned to WA in 1945 after being a POW for 3 years.

I am looking for anyone who can provide additional information about Harold Cumpstey's life – particularly his connection to Yealering and his whereabouts after WW2.

The information is being sought by an ex-POW commemoration group.

If you can assist please contact Stefie Green on 0428 144 802 or stefieb@googlemail.com

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History Group

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Our Stories
Our History*



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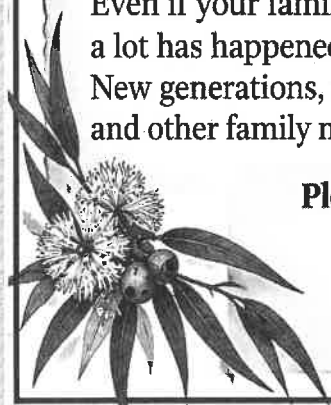
The History Group is collecting and updating family histories connected with Wickepin, and we would love to hear from you.

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.

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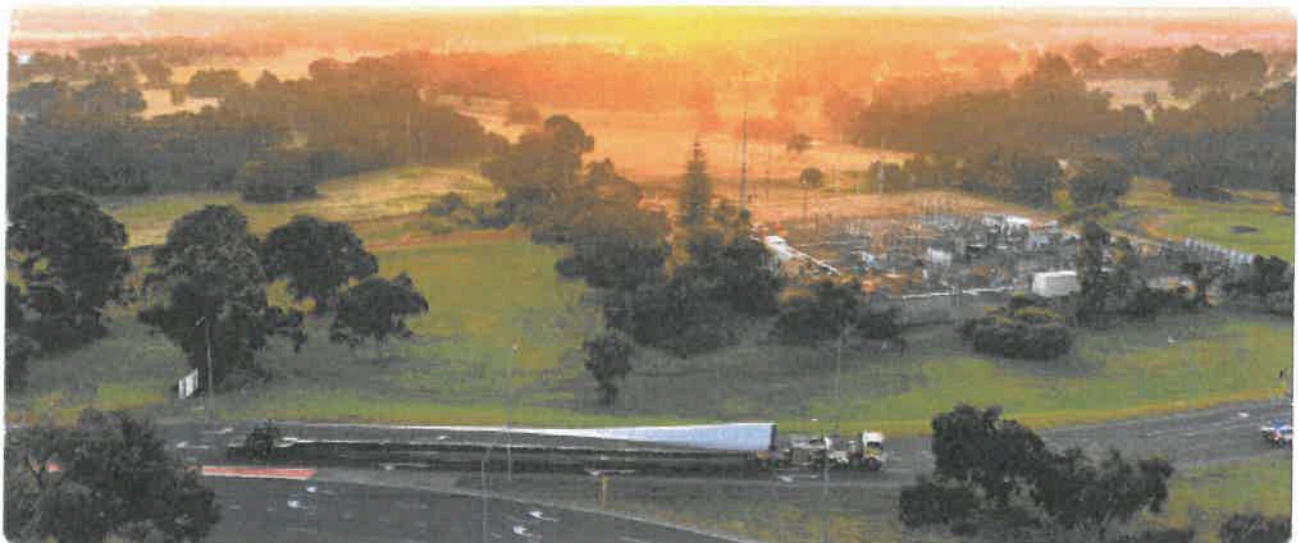
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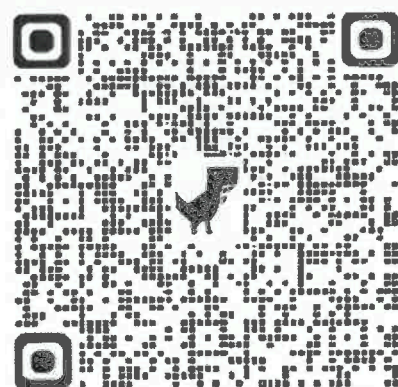
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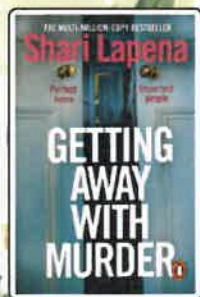
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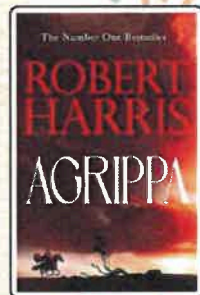
ADULT CONTEMPORARY THRILLER: **Fellow Creatures - Emma Lowther**

Shannon Bell is a nobody. But she can act. So when she's accepted into one of London's most elite drama schools, it feels like her chance at a life that's far from her drab home town.

There, Shannon meets dazzling, wealthy, beautiful Victoria. The two become inseparable, Victoria the shining centre of Shannon's new world.

And suddenly, Shannon is no longer a nobody. Instead, she's on the inside, part of Victoria's exclusive set of promising young somethings. They spend their days competing for roles, and their nights vying for each other's affections.

But when Victoria's privilege begins to single her out from her peers, Shannon finds their friendship - and her jealousy - spinning out of control, with fatal consequences.



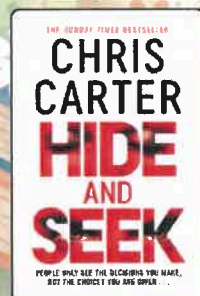
ADULT HISTORICAL THRILLER: **Agrippa - Robert Harris**

He was born feet first, a dangerous way to enter the world. His mother did not survive, and the nickname, Agrippa—mother killer—stuck. But the schoolyard taunting only served to harden his resolve and hone his predilection for aggression. In time, the name lost its sting and became instead a mark of his invincibility. It came to shape his destiny.

Agrippa was a mere commoner, a plebeian, his father a humble Stoic, but he earned the respect and fear of his peers. He defended a bullied young boy, Octavius, who turned out to be the nephew of Caesar himself, a chance encounter that would change the trajectory of his life.

He eventually joined the ranks of the legionnaires and marched against their enemies. His prowess on the battlefield spoke for itself, and Caesar relied on him to protect his favoured nephew. When Caesar was murdered in the Senate, Octavius inherited the empire in name only. To assume the mantle, he would have to fight for it, and Agrippa, forever by his side, would be his closest adviser and the merciless agent of his military will.

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ADULT MYSTERY THRILLER: **Hide and Seek - Chris Carter**

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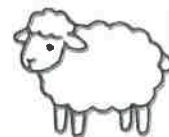


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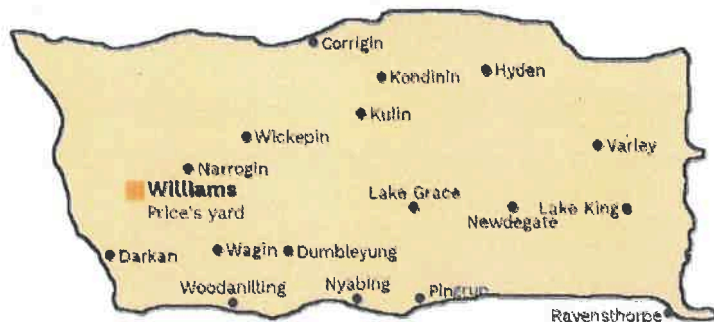
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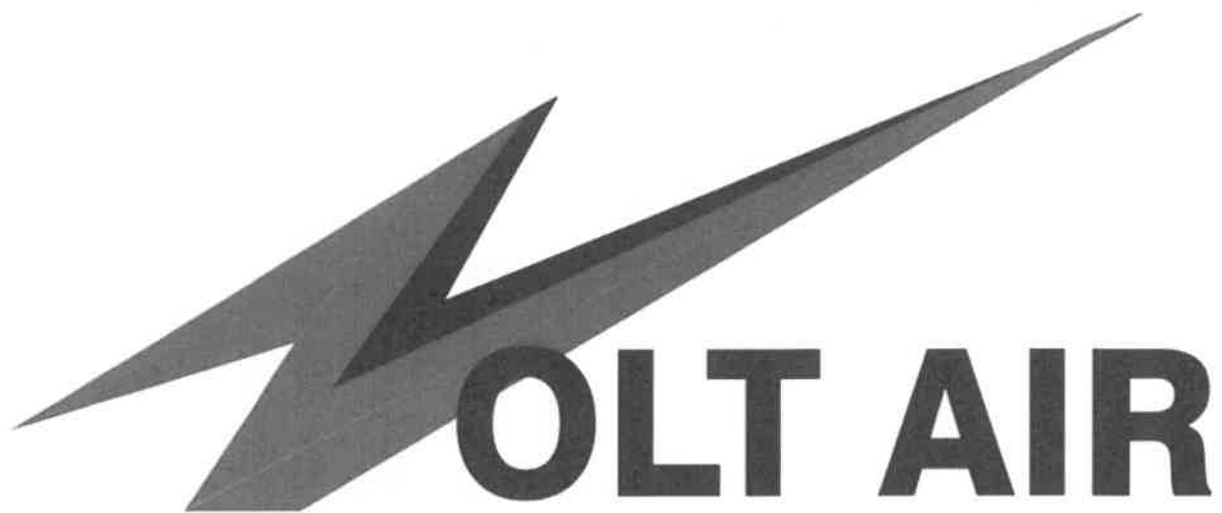
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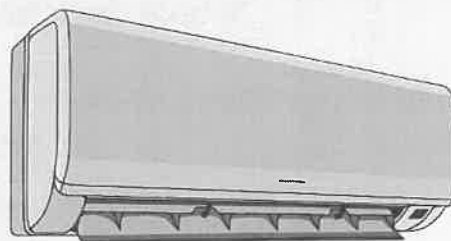
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SPORTS NOTES

LAKE YEALERING BOWLING CLUB

Sunday 4th October 2026

A very successful opening day for the 2026/2027 Season was held. Ten bowlers attended, doesn't sound many BUT there were a few Members away, and some of the ten were possible new Members. Everything looking promising for the new Season.

Sunday 11th October 2026

Social Bowls afternoon. Eleven attended, two new Members. Fantastic. The Club is looking forward to a good year. Still maintenance work to be done but the work already done is looking great. The patio extension and concreting should be completed by the Club Open Day Triples on Sunday 8th November 2026.

Saturday 17th October 2026

First Pennant competition day, Yealering against Pingelly at Yealering. Welcome to anyone who is interested in Bowls to come and watch the competition, cheer on the local team.

RAFFLE

The Lake Bowling Club are running a raffle for big prize money.

Tickets are \$50.00 each. There are only 200 tickets.

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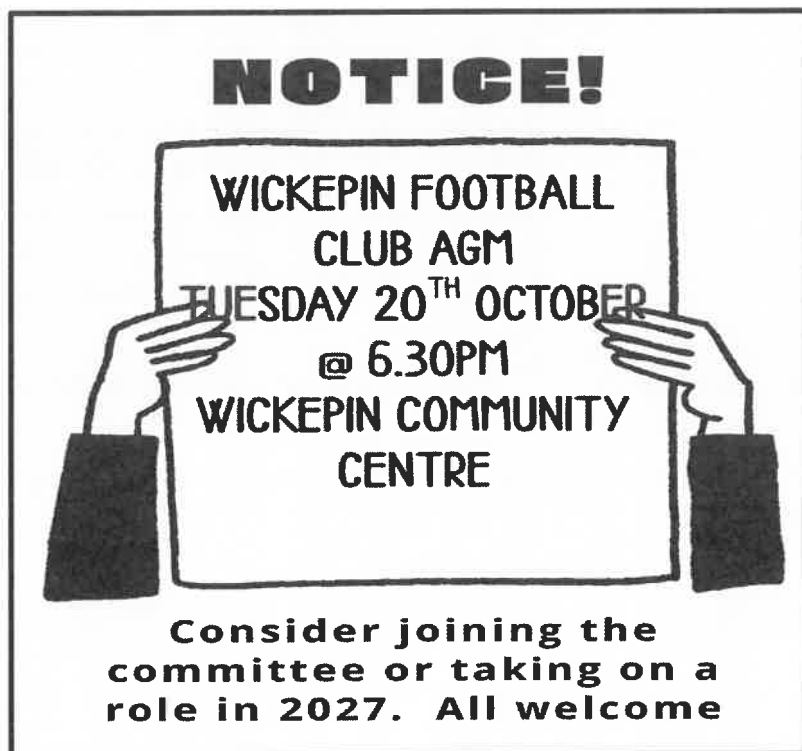
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WICKEPIN FOOTBALL CLUB





Wickepin Bowling Club

NEWS AND RESULTS

Members of the Wickepin Bowling Club warmly welcome new residents to town and invite you to join us at the club for a social drink or a roll on the green. For information on club opening hours, please contact President Greg or for bowls information, contact Captain Aaron on 0457 180 553.

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A BIG THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

BETWEEN GAMES

Sunday 04.10.26 - Perfect weather greeted twelve players for the first roll of the season on opening day with two games of 2-bowl triples. It was a fun afternoon with plenty of laughs around the green.

Winners were Aaron Bransby, Peter Bransby and Marj White with 6 points +3 shots, and Runners-up Leanne Smith, Geoff Sims and Dennis Bransby on 3 points + 3 shots.

Sunday 11.10.26 - Congratulations to Peter Mullan and Chris Moore, winners of Patrons Day with 6 points +5 shots! A big thank you to Greg White for his work preparing the green for us today.

Next Sunday 18.10.26 is an opportunity to show your skills in the 2x4x2 Vera Watson Pairs. Please be there by 1pm if you intend to play in this sponsored event.

PENNANT FIXTURES

ROUND	DATE	PENNANT	VENUE
ROUND 1	SATURDAY 17.10.26	WILLIAMS WHITE V WICKEPIN	WILLIAMS
	TUESDAY 20.10.26	PINGELLY V WICKEPIN	PINGELLY
ROUND 2	SATURDAY 24.10.26	WICKEPIN V NARROGIN	WICKEPIN
	TUESDAY 27.10.26	WILLIAMS V WICKEPIN	WILLIAMS

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Wickepin – Harrismith Cricket Club

2026-27 Season

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

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Wickepin Blast Queries – Maree Dougall 0448 103 747



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WICKEPIN NETBALL CLUB

2026 Season Wrap Up

2026 was another successful season for the Wickepin Netball Club, with three teams competing across all three grades.

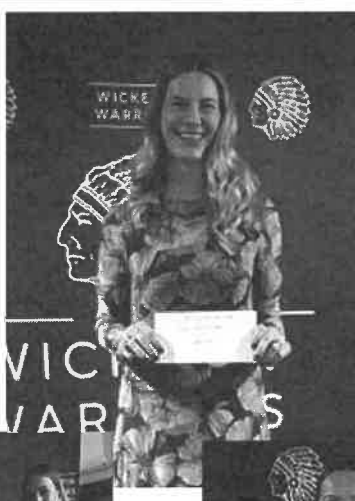
Our A3 team finished 4th, A1 secured 3rd place and A2 finished runners-up after an incredibly hard-fought and tightly contested Grand Final.

Thanks to all our players, coaches, volunteers, supporters and families for another great season. See you all in 2027!

WNC 2026 AWARDS

Congratulations to all of our 2026 award winners. Also, a big thank you to our generous award sponsors for your continued support of our club.

Award	Sponsor	Award Winner 2025
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A1 NDNA Top Vote Getter	Tincurrin Rural Services	Isabella Budby
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A2 Runner Up Fairest & Best	FarmWorks Narrogin	Claudia Bransby
A2 Coaches Award	Rutherglen Merino Stud	Hayley Forsythe
A2 NDNA Top Vote Getter	Toyota Narrogin	Marley Steere
A3 Fairest & Best	Elders Wickepin	Alyce Tropiano
A3 Runner Up Fairest & Best	Ewen Rural Supplies	Samantha Flavel
A3 Coaches Award	Grayden & Cheryl Lang	Jessica Angwin
A3 NDNA Top Vote Getter	Wickepin Newsagency	Alyce Tropiano



WHAT'S ON IN THE WICKEPIN SHIRE

MONDAY



- **Fit Pursuit** 5.45 – 6.30am,
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TUESDAY



- **Wickepin Community Shed** 8am – 12noon,
Old Recycling Shed, Richter St
- **Pathology Service** – By Appointment Only,
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WEDNESDAY



- **Social Arts & Crafts** 9.30am, Joyner Street
- **Chair Aerobics** 9.00 – 10.00am,
Wickepin Health Centre
- **Wickepin Local Vocals** – Fortnightly 6pm,
Anglican church, Johnson St
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THURSDAY



- **Fit Pursuit** 5.45 – 6.30am,
Wickepin Community Centre
- **Badminton** 6pm, Wickepin Community Centre

FRIDAY



- **Wickepin Playgroup** 9 – 11am,
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Playgroup Building, Campbell St

SATURDAY



SUNDAY



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All welcome.



Spring into Community

LOCAL PEOPLE • LOCAL PLACES • A BRIGHTER TOMORROW



COMMUNITY CALENDAR 2026

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.
Tue 20 th	Wickepin Football Club AGM. 6.30pm @Wickepin Community Centre
Mon 26th	Watershed News
Mon 26 th	Recycle and Bin Day
Tue 27 th	NDIS 10.00am – 12pm

NOVEMBER

Sun 1 st	Swimming Pool Opens
Tues 3 rd	Melbourne Cup
Fri 6 th	Communi-Tea 1.30pm
Mon 9th	Watershed News
Mon 9 th	Bucket Beats 3.15pm @ CRC
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

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JANUARY

Fri 1 st	New Years Day
Mon 4 th	Recycle and Bin Day
Mon 18 th	Recycle and Bin Day

FEBRUARY

Mon 8th	Watershed News
Mon 8 th	Recycle and Bin Day
Mon 22nd	Watershed News
Mon 22 nd	Recycle and Bin Day

MARCH

Mon 1 st	LABOUR DAY — PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Mon 8th	Watershed News
Mon 8 th	Recycle and Bin Day
Mon 22th	Watershed News
Mon 22 th	Recycle and Bin Day
Fri 26 th	GOOD FRIDAY — PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Mon 29 th	EASTER MONDAY — PUBLIC HOLIDAY

18 DRYNESS
17 MODERATE
16 FUELLOAD
15 PLAN
14 DEFEND
13 EVACUATE
12 SHELTER
11 GUTTERS
10 FIREWEATHER
9 FIREWISE
8 FIREBREAK
7 CLEARANCE
6 RADIO
5 DOWNWIND
4 RADIANTHEAT
3 CATASTROPHIC
2 INCIDENT
1 SPOTTING
ANSWER LIST