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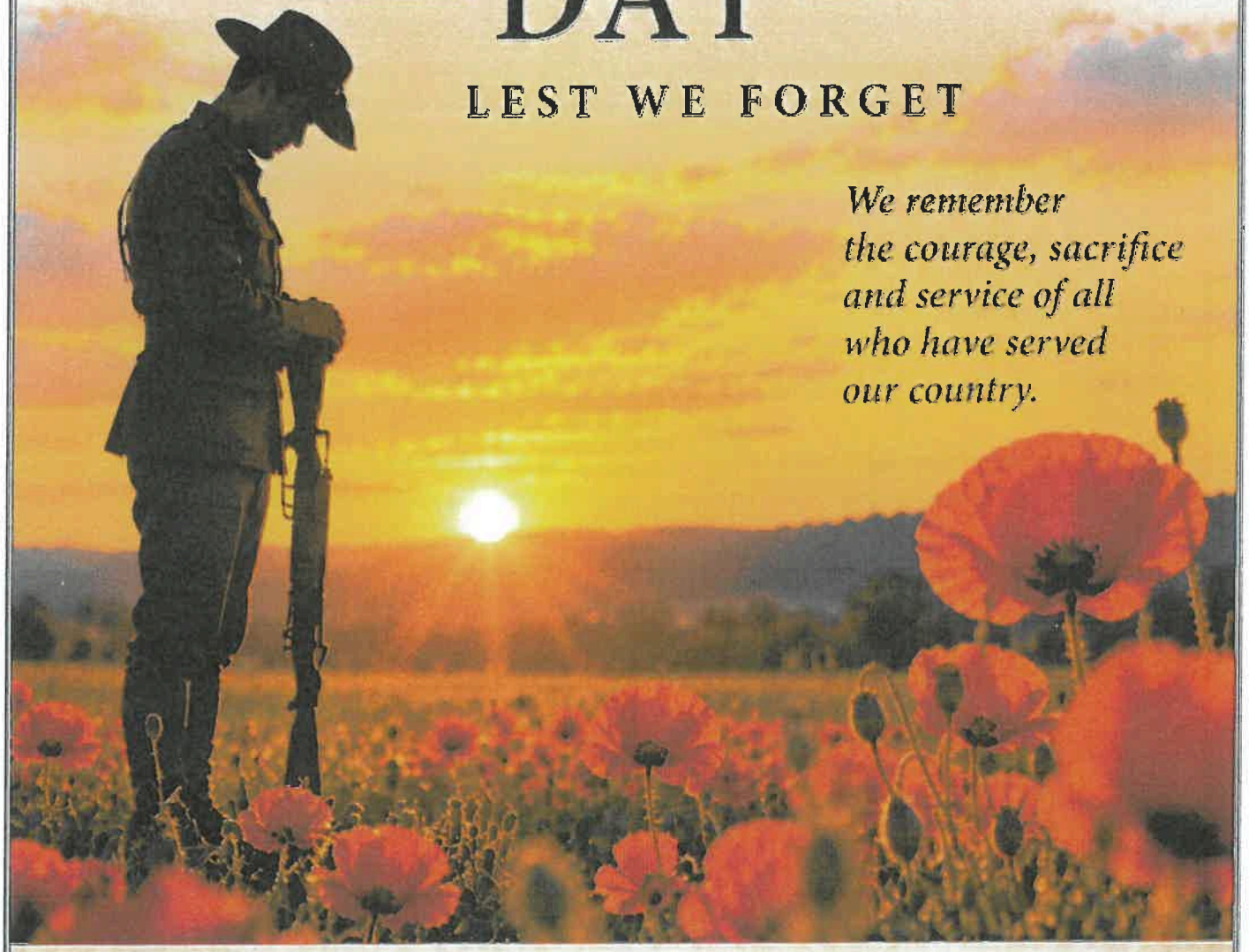
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A FORTNIGHTLY NEWSLETTER
FOR THE RESIDENTS OF THE WICKEPIN SHIRE

MONDAY 9 NOVEMBER 2026

Remembrance DAY

LEST WE FORGET



We remember the courage, sacrifice and service of all who have served our country.

"At the going down of the sun and in the morning we will remember them."

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What's Happening in and around the Wickepin Shire?

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

Help Us Celebrate Our Own Unsung Heros and Local Legends

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

All contributions are welcome

COMMUNITY NOTES

November Birthday Wishes to:

10th — Frazer Mead; Lee-Ann Mullan; Archie Mullan
11th — Ruth Parker
14th — Phoenix Turner; Zoe McColl
16th — Michael Green; Amelia Holmes-Thorne
17th — Jody Dunn
18th — Jorja Hill
19th — Tyler Steere; John McKenzie
20th — Jessica Hughes; Stacey Richards; Lauren Thompson; Lindsay Corke
21st — Leo White; Harvey White
22nd — Kathryn Hill



MORNING SWIMMING HAS COMMENCED
Wednesday and Friday Mornings 6am to 7am
The water has been glorious, come and join us.
WICKEPIN AQUATIC CENTRE

SAVE THE DATE

A *"Games and Afternoon Tea"* event at the Yealering CWA will be held on

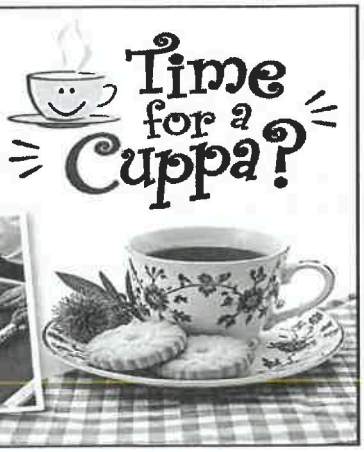
Thursday 19th November 2026.

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

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







Remembrance Day

11 November

Remembrance Day is observed in Australia on 11 November each year to remember and honour the men and women who have served and died in wars, conflicts and peacekeeping operations.

Pause at 11 am

Take a minute of silence at 11 am to remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice.

Flag Protocol

On Remembrance Day, the Australian National Flag is flown as follows:

- 8:00 am – Raised to the peak of the flagpole.
- 10:30 am – Lowered to half-mast.
- 11:00 am – One minute's silence.
- 11:02 am – Raised to the peak for the remainder of the day.

The Ode of Remembrance

They shall grow not old, as we
that are left grow old;
Age shall not weary them,
nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun
and in the morning
We will remember them.

Lest We Forget

EULOGY-CLAUDE SYDNEY SIMPSON

June 19 - 1952 - September 12 - 2026

Danni Sims

Welcome to everyone who has come together to be with Tina, Louey, Michael, Kirsty, Jud, Henry and Wendy, to show that we care for them, and to remember the talents, qualities, antics and experiences, that all combined to make Claude Simpson.
Claude was a supportive and loving husband to Tina, who also gave her the space to be her own person. He was a fun-loving Dad to Louey and Micael, who encouraged and supported their interests, and the much-loved Bubi of Jud and Henry. Claude was a quietly generous man, part of the fabric of the Wickepin community, and had a wide range of friends and friendship groups he had made and maintained through various periods of his life.
Seeing the number of people here today, it is evident just how much Claude was loved, the high regard in which he and his family are held.Today is to be a Celebration of Claude. Of all the many traits, habits and quirks that made him so likeable, and we will hear about these from two of his oldest friends. He was a very funny man with a dry sense of humour. Claude was what you would call laid back. He would go with the flow unless it was something he strongly disagreed with. A man of integrity, some one you knew would always do right by you. Having lived here all his life, he was our local Wickypaedia. There was nothing wrong with his memory, If you wanted to know who was related to who, how something came about, or the story behind some local event or saga, he was your man. He would entertain you for hours with his recounting of events, adventures and misadventures, and it would often start "I'll tell you a story about that." But now it's the turn of Claude's lifelong and truly loyal friend Stephen Rose, to share with us some of

Claude's story.

Presented by Stephen Rose

To Tina, Louey and Clyde, and apologies from Clyde who couldn't be here today. Maichel and Kirsty, Jud and Henry, my heartfelt thoughts and loving sympathy are with you all. Today it is an honour to have this opportunity to talk about Claude. My association with Claude has been lifelong and I feel 'immensely privileged that he has asked me to reflect on his life today. And...it started with a message from Tina a couple of months ago.

It Read: "Hi Steve, Claude has asked me to see if you would give his eulogy, he's wanted to give you the heads up so you could INTERVIEW him, coz he knows my memory of events is poor and you probably got up to a bit of Shenanigans with your group of young lads. It will be a "Celebration of his life" so light-hearted, with a bit of humour. "Thanks Tina.
Well!! That was easier said than done. Somehow every time I asked Claude a question, the conversation would wind its way back to football, centered of course on the Eagles!
So, I have titled today: **"A Conversation with Claude"**
Claude Sidney Simpson was born on the 19th June 1952 at Valima Hospital in Narrogin to Andrew Downie and Gytha dalton (nee Ward) Simpson. Claude was one of three children, with older sister Sue and younger sister Wendy. Over the years Claude was affectionately known as Claude, young Drew, Simmo and his most favourite "Babi" by his beloved grandchildren Jud and Henry.
My first real memories of Claude were back in about 1958 as little boys going to school together on the school bus.
Our family farms were only minutes away from each other at Gillimanning. We both attended Wickepin Primary school, and I remember one day there was an incident at school, involving Claude with a much bigger boy!
I was only about nine at the time but didn't hesitate to step in and protect my mate. "It was worth the cane!" We have been good mates ever since. After Primary School, Claude went onto Guildford Gramma where he spent four years at high school. I asked Claude did he ever have guitar lessons and he said,
"Nah, mum tried to teach me the piano, but "I just couldn't manage left and right hand on the keyboard". "So, she bought me a guitar instead." He said he learnt the guitar by just picking it up from the other boys at school.
Claude loved the guitar and it was at Guildford that he was in his first band.
Talking toClaude he recalled" "The first band I played in was Recreation which later became The Third Estate. Our first gig was playing at a school social; they paid up $10.00 but really, we played for nothing as we had to hire an amplifier and that cost us $10.
Chatting with one of the band members, Chris Davis, he said, "Claude was the driving force behind the band, he was the lead guitarist and had an incredible ear for music." He said "We thought we were plenty good! So, we applied to go on Young Talent Time, and they said... ..yes, we'll get back to you soon ....But the phone never did ring !" In recent years, after fifty apart the band members regained contact and enjoyed regular catchups together. Well, So I don't confuse you all too much, there were actually three Claude Simpson 's! Claude's grandfather Claude (senior), his uncle Claude (junior) and of course our Claude!
The "Tatiara" farm was taken up in 1920 by Claude Downie Simpson (senior) - Claude's grandfather, as a Soldier Settlement farm after the First world War. Claude (senior) and his wife Elizabeth, known as Betty, had six children, Three girls - Winifred, Fiona and Cynthis and three boys - Andrew, Claude (junior) and Ian. Sadly Claude (junior) died in 1944 at the age of 20 on a Lancaster bomber during the Second World War.Claude's father was Andrew Downie Simpson, always known as Drew."Claude recalled - there was no room on the farm after the war for his dad as his brother Ian was farming with his father Claude (Senior). .. so Drew joined the Post Office, then took up a job humping bags of super at one of the
super works loading the railway trucks. He applied for a war service farm in the northern wheatbelt, but about the same time the farm known as Gillimanning which adjoined Tatiara became available as a war service farm. Claude (senior) said he would be able to make his equipment available, and this helped with Drew being successful in taking up this location.
Sadly, after surviving the war Ian died tragically in 1950 in the Amana Air crash near York aged 26. Claude has a huge interest in history and loved talking to Louey bout the family history, so I hope I have got it right Louey. Drew and Gytha lived in the home on the Gillimanning farm and Claude came home to the property on leaving school at the end of 1968.

Claude farmed Gillimanning and Tatiara farms with his father Drew and together they managed a very productive farming operation. Clearing land, cropping and a large sheep flock. I still remember how proud Claude was in our Primary school days when the new shearing shed complex was built on the farm. Claude and tina married on the 21 st November 1981 and lived at the Tatiara farm where they created a wonderful home for their family. They welcomed Louey in 1985 and Michael in 1987. They continued their successful farming operation together, before leasing in latter years. Claude loved his sheep and always ran a large flock of wethers, producing lots of wool. It was a highlight each year for Claude when he visited the Wool Stores to see the annual wool clip sold. He commented recently, "I am very glad I am not farming now with what the current Labor government has done to the sheep industry."

In our younger days Claude and I talked a lot about farming and football, and I distinctly remember going to a WAFL footy grand final, we were only about 17 and 18 at the time. On the way down to Perth Claude wanted me to drive to a shop so he could get a ww-wa and a fuzz box. Not knowing what Claude was talking about I thought he must have wanted to perhaps visit a "different sort of shop," however I was soon to find out we were going to end up at a music shop.

All the musicians in the room will clearly understand, But I had no idea what a wa-wa and fuzz box were. That night at our hotel room, Claude had these gadgets attached to his guitar and he was in seventh heaven.

Music was a huge part of Claude's life.

Claude has played in many different bands over the years. The Recreation and the third Estate while he was at school.

He continued with some of his school mates in the Heritage Band playing mostly around the Gnowangerup area until around 1972. Speaking with Liz Wallace, she said Claude was a talented musician and a true gentleman, she did recall, on one occasion after playing late, that she and Ned suggested he stay overnight. Somehow that stretched out to three days.

We both agreed that time was of no essence to Claude! No doubt a lot of music was played.

Claude joined the Remnants band in about 1973. He played in many other bands including Scorpio, Blues Attic, Judge Jeffreys, Three's Company and Cash Only. In about 1997 he joined The Last Stand band with Ned and Liz, Hastie. Geoff Rowe, Kim Hough, Mick Douglas and later son Michael and I am sure all the musicians here today will be able to add to my list.

Some of Claude's favourite artists and their songs were:

Santan - Evil Ways and Black Magic Woman, Doobie Brothers - Long train running

Creedence Clearwater Revival - Green River and I Put a Spell on You, Dire Straits- Sultans of Swing, Money for Nothing, Cold Chisel - Bow River, Khe Sanh and Choir Girl, Easy Beats - Friday on my Mind, Doors - Love her madly, Roadhouse Blues, Beatles – Various.

A well accomplished guitarist, Claude provided entertainment throughout the district and beyond and made many strong and lasting friendships with many artists. Claude proudly recorded with Graeme and Sue howe, and he also played the base guitar with the band "The Swamp Riders" for a recording at Planet studios in Perth. Claude recounted one-night when they were playing at the Wickepin Hotel the drummer couldn't play, so Michael had to step up and make his debut playing the drums in the band. He was still at Primary School. Michael is an accomplished musician just like his dad.

Louey loved to sing and she enjoyed special times when Claude was teaching he to play the guitar. Claude said, "yah know some blokes get to play footy with their boys, but I got to play music with both Louey and Michael."

Some of his proudest moments and happiest times.I asked Claude, "What was _his most memorable gig" and he quickly replied, "ah definably the Harrismith Christmas Party and the Last Stand Band."

During the evening, he asked Russell, "how many do you think are here?" Russell said well 1100 tickets were booked but thought there were probably and 3-400 had turned up. Claude said it was clearly the biggest crowd he had played to. He loved it!

Claude was widely known, highly respected and valued throughout the local wider community.

He said, I didn't ever want to take on leadership roles like the old man (Drew), but I liked to be involved, I like to participate, happy to serve on committees or go to working bees." Claude played basketball, and football for the Wickepin Football Club.

He played golf, doing a term as Treasurer and for many years he continued to sponsor the Simpson Cup at the Wickepin Open Golf Day that his grandfather had started.

Claude served as a Volunteer Bush Fire Control Officer for the Shire of Wickepin representing the Townsendale Brigade. Back in the early nineties both as FCO's, for Townsend ale Brigade we developed a Brigade structure around 2/way radio connectivity - before mobile phones were available. Claude managed group A and me group B. It was around this time the Townsendale Brigade led the way with the Annual Pump Start before harvest the. It was a great gathering of all the families in the Brigade and Claude always oversaw the "Pump start." After the Pingelly fires, one day Claude and I went around and painted the two-way numbers on everyone's fire tanks with the endeavour to improve communication. Claude was an integral and valued member of the Brigade and made sure he was always around for the annual get together, even after he retired as an FCO.

Football — well one could probably write an essay on Claude's love of football. Claude was an inaugural and very passionate member of the West Coast Eagles. So, for the last 40 years Claude has ridden the highs and lows of the Eagles football journey. However, I do remember back in the mis-sixties, Claude as a Guildford Grammar boy was a Collingwood supporter! From attending games to following the latest on all the teams, Claude was never short of conversation not just during the season but anything that happened off season. My whole life, has been a conversation with Claude, going to school together, hanging out together, playing basketball, football and golf together. Best man at each other's wedding, kids going to school together, community , farming in close proximity and many coffee hours chatting, especially after we both had leased our farms and ironically, we were only a few minutes apart in Perth and more coffees! These latter weeks we spent some great time reminiscing, and Claude would say "do you remember when.....

I will now share with you a few of his memories....

We were at the Corrigin pub after a pre-season footy carnival in Corrigin. The evening session was over, and talk was there was a party. Somehow, we had lost one of our crew Ted Astbury. We found a party and we said, "we are looking for Ted Astbury," but we were denied entry and sent on our way.

So then, we headed up to the hospital to look for him, but the late Michael Daey and ross Mcnab started pushing each other around an old patient trolley, we soon got short shifted from there. Off driving around again and we stopped in the main street. A car pulled up beside us. Out gets this bloke, "My name is Sgt Brown." Claude said, "well my name is Claude Simpson, and we are looking for Ted Astbury" "Well, he said, I don't know any Ted Astbury and you guys. . . . Need to leave town.. ...NOW!" Sgt Brown followed us until we were well out of Corrigin. Claude said - "Well I never did ask Ted where he got to that night!"

Claude was highly regarded for his talent with a guitar. However, he was equally capable with a rifle. As young blokes we would quite often go out shooting, usually Claude, Old Poppy, Bob Read, Alan Mutton and myself.

One night while the vehicle was stopped for someone to open a gate, the spotlight picked up a rabbit about 50m away, however it didn 't stay stationary and started hopping around as rabbits do. "Claude said it's alright I've got it and without taking aim held the rifle at his hip like he was playing a guitar and pulled the trigger, the rabbit sprang in the air and never moved again." Many fun nights spent together.

Another occasion Claude said do you want to be a "Roady" and help carry some gear in and set up in Narrogin at the Town Hall, it's the Miss Netball Cabaret night and there is shore to be heaps of young sheila's there."

So off we went and during one of the breaks Claude and "Steve —e I am really hungry, I haven't had any tea, and I didn't have much lunch either" I said yah! No worries, Claude, I had noticed a small room off to the side of the stage was a table loaded with platters of chicken, sandwiches and a few other goodies. Claude said, "geez that was kind of them putting on supper for the band." We were all around the table helping ourselves when a group of women and their partners walked in. well the noise and language from one of the women made us all think.... Our last says had come!! On leaving Claude casually said, "Oh well we had a good feed." Lastly Claude did say he liked to be involved...He recalled this story with a lot of mirth and a big chuckle at the end!

One Friday night, last night of the basketball season, the keg had run out, and most had gone home. Light drizzly rain had been falling, and a discussion took place between Ron Miller, Geoff Shaddick. Claude and myself to who had the quickest vehicle. Claude suggested a race to settle the argument. A circuit was agreed upon and two laps to finish in front of the Shire Hall. Lots of engine noises and tyres squealing on the corners. We couldn't actually remember who the winner was but fortunately we had decided that we probably should all go home. Ron and Geoff headed out the Harrismith Road and Claude and I over the railway line out the Pingelly Road, only to be met by an oncoming car - the local policeman, fortunately for us he didn't stop. The next day on Saturday the talk ALL around town was "That last night, it was that bloody Bob read who was cutting up the town!" I can still hear Claude chuckling now.

Claude and Tina shared 45 wonderful years together, their lives were always full of adventures and lots of travel, including holidays in Singapore, UK, Norway, Egypt, Vietnam, New Zealand and Kununurra. Their home was always _filled with activity with the pool, and the big music room provided a space for everyone to enjoy their music, and perhaps a little peace and quiet for tina! They enjoyed many travels with Louey and Michael throughout Australia.

Claude's favourite destination was London which he enjoyed many times. Louey lover her trip with Claudee exploring the Uk and Scotland.

And . . . a few thoughts from Tina

"When I first met Claude I had no interest in AFL, but I soon realised I'd have to adapt. We used to love going to the home games at Subiaco with my brother Phil and my mum and dad, and Tom and Helen having dinner at a different restaurant each fortnight, When we travelled Claude could navigate in any country, I'd find these unusual places to go and He's have it worked out in no time how to get there using public transport, it always amazed me. He knew the London tubes like a local, I would never find my way around without him. We've travelled many a time with Brian and Tina, which worked well, Brian's navigation skills were equal to mine and Tina's skills to Claude, so it worked out well when we went separate ways. Claude loved following Louey and Michael in their sports.. ... He was proud of them in every way. He was a great friend, husband and supportive dad.

In closing. . . . I am sure you can see Claude's smile and his enthusiasm on greeting you. His head tilting, and the expression around his mouth, when he spoke to you. Take time... to reflect and treasure the conversations YOU had with Claude. An extraordinary person and friend to us all.

To Tina, I admire your strength, your positive attitude and the support you always showed Claude. As you both always said to each other: IT IS WHAT IT IS. Claude was so attached to the farm, and it was fitting that his last days were with you, Louey and Michael in his happy place. May the music play on in your home, Michael drumming, Jud drumming and strumming on his guitar.

Louey on the guitar and singing along with Henry. "Thanks, for the conversation Claude."May you Rest in Peace

Danni Sims

Music and guitars were a big part of Claude's life, his great passion and one of his talents, and incredibly, despite his later hearing loss, he could still sit down and play a song by ear. Possibly a gift he may have passed on. Perhaps one of Claude's lesser-known interests or hobbies was his quirky knowledge of the location of public toilets just about anywhere.

He always liked to know where they were. So, if you were in need, he could usually tell you. Perhaps this started on his overseas trips where he was confronted with some of the more dubious and interesting ones and was on the lookout for a better alternative.

Many of these holidays Tina and Claude went on with their great friends Brian and Tina Elsegood. When he was in Perth, Claude would often meet up for breakfast with Brian, and they could still be there to order morning tea and sometimes even lunch.

During these chats they would catch up on news, analyse the footy and offer their sage advice, relive past adventures plan new ones. To share some of these tales with us is the often very cheeky Brian Elsegood. Brian Elsegood

Thank you, Tina, Louey and Michael, for giving me the opportunity to share a few stories relating to Claude. Judging by the large crowd here today Claude had many friends indeed and you will all have enjoyed some great memories as well.

I always saw Claude as a modern-day gentleman and he and Tina are some of the most generous people I know. We have shared so many laughs over the years and now I hope to share some of those with you all. I first came across Claude when we both had the misfortune to be sent as boarders to Guildford Grammar School in the mis 1960's.

Claude's academic achievements were very similar to mine; they were very few and very far between. Claude perfected the art of looking straight ahead in class while communicating with his neighbour through the corner of his mouth. This was something that he continued throughout his life.
His greatest claim to schoolboy fame was through his passion for music and this continued throughout his adult life as Steve has alluded to very nicely. Claude was the captain of our under 16 football team. We won more games of footie that year than any other team at school. Claude loved being captain and we all thought it was because he could lead the team onto the ground, toss the coin, point which was we were going to kick and just generally star in the ruck.
Most recently he revealed the reason he loved being captain was because every Thursday he walked to the coach's house to select the team and then the coach would offer him a glass of port! !
Which of course he accepted and I imagine that Claude would have been very disappointed when the season ended.
Claude liked a drink, He could make a mean cocktail, he liked a cold beer, and he was a whisky connoisseur
On one occasion we both overindulged at Clancy's near the Canning Bridge. One of us, I don't recall who, decided "Let's go for top shelf?' And several whiskies later we had another bright idea, "Let's get a tattoo!"
Conveniently the tattoo shop was right next door. So, we sat down in the queue, several drunks waiting in front of us - when suddenly Louey magically arrived to cart us home. I can't remember how or why, but she turned up and saved us from being inked. Thanks Louey.

Claude was a very keen Eagle supporter up until 2020. Claude saw them play in Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne, Adelaide and even in Alice Springs. If he went to a Freo game, he always wore the scarf of the opposing team. You wouldn't see a Fremantle supporter do that. I'm sure! Between us we had all 1 8 scarves. Vietnam This is where Claude discovered he was a good-looking man. We were walking up a hill and coming down were some schoolgirls. They stopped and looked at him. One said: Handsome.... Old They took one look at me . . . not a comment, I was devasted, then they scampered off down the hill. Claude's hearing or should I say lack of hearing has provided a lot of entertainment. I'll share a couple of my favourites.

Claude and I, we were driving past Fremantle hospital, and I pointed up to the hospital and said "That's where half my tonsils are!" Anyway, we drove on a little bit further then Claude says "Who's Arthur Thompson?

So, then I'm sitting there and I say, "I don't know who he is."Then Claude says, You said Arthur Thompson was up there.
"No Claude," I said, half my tonsils are up there. And the funny thing about it is a few months later rang me and said, "Have you seen the death notices in the paper?" "No, I haven't!" I replied Claude said, "Arthur Thompson's in there today". And he was!

Another time we were in Melbourne towards the end of 2001. This is my favourite story.
It was after Brisbane, those miserable bastards, had just won the premiership in 2001 and the twin towers had been knocked down. So we were in a taxi, the two Tinas myself in the back and Claude riding shotgun at the front. Anyway, there was a little bit if idle chatter then suddenly Tina S pipes up and asks the driver: "What's is your religion?"
And the driver says "Muslim" So Claude, turns to his and says..."Gee, you blokes have had a pretty good year!" So then we were sitting in the back thinking Oh no, this is not good. A bit of awkward silence for a while.
Then Claude says, "Well, he said he barracked for Brisbane, didn't he?"
My last outing with Claude and Tina was up to Sewell's Rock for a family BBQ. Only a few weeks ago. I just loved time he and I spent sitting around the fire talking footie and other interesting shit. That was about as deep as Claude and I ever got.
We all go through life with a number of friends and acquaintances Claude was and always will be the top of my list. If there is such a thing as life after death, then I look forward to meeting Claude again. Thank You.

Danni Sims

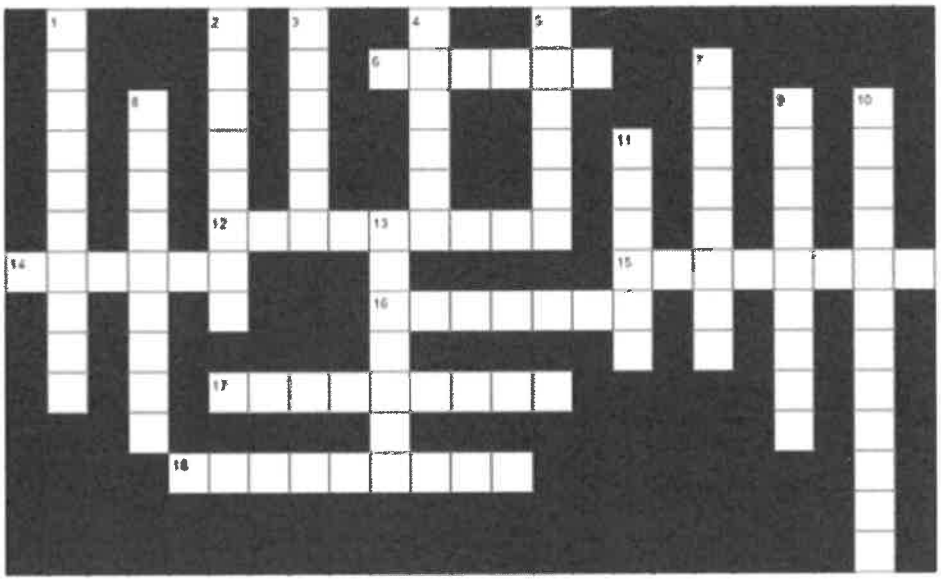
Tina, Louey and Michael have taken the time to put together a collection of photos of Claude throughout many of the special moments and events of his life. The music accompanying them was hosen by Claude.
They hope these photos, give some context to the stories we've just heard from both Stephen and Brian, and together with the music may evoke your own memories of Claude.
I would just like to read a message of thanks from Tina.
Claude and I would like to thank all our amazing friends and family for their love and support. We wouldn't have got through the last six years without them.
Thank you to the Yealering Progress Association and the Wickepin Football club for your involvement today, and to the band of friends who did such a beautiful job preparing all this yesterday.
In his retirement, Claude took on a voluntary position which he threw himself into wholeheartedly. So much so, that tina awards him the title of Professional Mourner. He went to a lot of funerals, and he could critique these funerals. Often exchanging opinions and scores with Win Snow over a cuppa. There were criteria. There couldn't be too many songs, photos or boring speeches. But the category that carried the most weight in the final score was the quality of the refreshments provided.
So, with the pressure of attaining a good score weighing heavily on tina, she engaged the Yealering Progress Association, a group renowned for the quality of their catering, to provide a light luncheon. So, if you are able at the conclusion of the service, please stay and share in this, and also of your fond and perhaps funny memories of Claude.

Presented by Danni Sims

A personal thank you from Tina after Claude's funeral. Tina, Louey and Michael would like to thank everyone who attended the Celebration of Claude's life. I would like to thank all my amazing friends for their support and expertise in the beautiful flower creations. Danni for being the Master of her job as MC, cleaning and setting up the community centre, transporting chairs to and from Narrogin. Stev and Brian for their precious time spent writing interesting and entertaining Eulogies.
The Yealering Progress Association for their professional catering and abundant supply of food. Dawson's for doing a seamless job prior and on the day.

REMEMBRANCE DAY

CHALLENGE | Campaigns, service and the Australian home front



ACROSS

6. Libyan port whose 1941 siege fixed the Rats sobriquet on its defenders.

12. Town captured in the charge that opened the southern Palestinian front in 1917.

14. Papuan route linking Owers Corner with the village that gave it its name.

15. CAC-built Australian aircraft used for armed reconnaissance and training.

16. Island staging base for Australian-led Borneo landings in 1945.

17. Instrument signed at Compiegne; hostilities ceased on 11 November 1918.

18. Western Australian base from which Allied submarines patrolled the Pacific.

DOWN

1. Australian mounted formation whose 4th Brigade charged at Beersheba.

2. Papuan airstrip area where Japanese forces were repelled in 1942.

3. Western Australian town attacked from the air on 3 March 1942.

4. Corps commander behind the 1918 attack at Hamel; surname only.

5. Transport ship that brought British internees to Australia in 1940.

7. Somme village whose 1916 fighting became Australia's costliest battle.

8. Civilian system that allocated scarce staples by coupons and entitlements.

9. Fall of this fortress in 1942 captured thousands of Australian troops.

10. Island where Australian forces fought a separate campaign from late 1944.

11. Northern city struck in major air raids beginning 19 February 1942.

13. Gallipoli stretcher bearer, formally John Simpson Kirkpatrick; surname.

MOVIE PICK

THE DAM BUSTERS



Based on a true story...

The Dam Busters tells the incredible true story of 617 Squadron's daring raid in 1943 to destroy key German dams in the heart of the Ruhr valley.

The film follows the development of the innovative "bouncing bomb" and the bravery of the airmen who took part in this dangerous mission.

A powerful story of courage, teamwork and sacrifice, and a remarkable chapter in Australian and Commonwealth history.

RUN TIME: 124 minutes

WHERE TO WATCH: Available to rent or buy on Apple TV, Prime Video and YouTube.

PG Mild war themes and some dramatic scenes.

STARRING:
★ Richard Todd
★ Michael Redgrave
★ Ursula Jeans

MOVIE PICK

BENEATH HILL 60



A remarkable true story...

Beneath Hill 60 tells the incredible true story of a group of Australian miners who became military tunnellers during World War I.

Working deep underground beneath the German lines, they risked their lives to dig a series of tunnels and place explosives in a daring plan to break through the enemy stronghold.

A gripping tale of mateship, courage and sacrifice.

RUN TIME: 123 minutes

WHERE TO WATCH: Available to stream on Stan, and also available to rent or buy on Apple TV, Google Play and YouTube.

MA 15+ Strong war themes and violence

STARRING:
★ Brendan Cowell
★ Gyton Grantley
★ Aden Young

CEO Comments

Harvest has started, and we remind all to take care on the roads, as the number of trucks will be increasing. For the truck drivers, please slow down and help maintain our roads.

COUNCIL MEETING – OCTOBER 2026.

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

1. The Monthly payments for September were presented.
2. The Financial Statements for September were presented.
3. Christmas trading hours for the Shire and Depot were approved by Council
4. The Council approved an item to be presented to the Zone for funding for Local Government
5. The Council approved an item to be presented to the Zone to protect the Dadour Provisions for amalgamations.
6. Council has adopted a new policy banning smart Glasses from the pool at all times.
7. Council endorsed a submission for the Main Roads AMMS Network Sustainability Review.

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

BUSHFIRE SEASON – FIREBREAKS AND FIRE HAZARDS

The Ranger has just done the second round of checking properties for bushfire hazards and clutter. Those who have not complied with the previous request for works will likely be handed an infringement without any further warning.

Please ensure your back yards are fire safe and free of clutter.

SHIRE INFRASTRUCTURE – CONCERNS AND COMPLAINTS

The Shire has recently had several concerns about the state of our current infrastructure and the maintenance of the buildings, as well as concerns with their general state.

The Council and staff are taking this on board to lift the maintenance and also the standards of our buildings where possible, but this will take some time as we only have limited budget funds.

Staff are looking at costs for a 'deep clean' of some of our facilities, and this is likely to be a high cost if contractors are used. If members of the public are willing to assist us in lifting the level of our buildings so they can be maintained better, then please register your interest with Emma at eso@wickepin.wa.gov.au. We will be trying to arrange clean-up days as soon as possible, depending on resources.

We are also asking the users of our facilities and the community to be more responsible and to assist in maintaining the standard of our buildings. A cleaning checklist has been created, listing the expectations for users for cleaning before leaving. This form needs to be returned with the key. This will ease the burden on the cleaner and allow them to look after other areas. Bonds will be enforced and a check list provided to ensure users of the facilities are leaving the premises as tidy as when they arrived, so the cleaner does not have to clean up after them. Extra cleaning charges of $70 per hour will be applied if extra cleaning is required.

The Shire wants to work with our community to ensure we present our centres in the best way possible, but it will take effort from all of us.

2026/2027 RATES INSTALMENT PAYMENTS

The next due date of the 2026/2027 rates instalments is **2 December 2026.** If you have any queries regarding rates payments, please contact the shire office on 9888 1005.

WICKEPIN SWIMMING POOL SMART GLASSES POLICY

Council and Contract Aquatics have introduced a new policy that Smart Glasses & Recording Eyewear are banned at the Wickepin Swimming Pool.
The policy is to protect the privacy of patrons from unknowingly being photographed, filmed or recorded while using the facility.
Failure to comply with this policy will result in refusal of entry, even if the items are not being used at the time.

SENIORS CHRISTMAS AFTERNOON TEA 2026

Over the last month, the Shire has been working hard to secure volunteers to do the catering for the 2026 Seniors Christmas Lunch. Unfortunately, we had little response, and so the decision has been made to forego the lunch and instead host an afternoon tea in conjunction with the Wickepin CRC.



At this stage no date has been confirmed for the event, but we will make sure to keep the community updated once the date, time and location are confirmed.

SHIRE OF WICKEPIN - SURPLUS ITEMS FOR SALE – SUCCESSFUL SUBMISSIONS

We would like to thank everyone who submitted offers on our surplus items we had for sale. All successful submissions have been notified via email.

Just a reminder to all successful buyers that you have until Monday 16th November to pay for and pick up your items from the Shire Administration building, otherwise those items will be offered to the next best submission we received. For any questions regarding how to pay for or pick up your items, please contact the Shire on 9888 1005.

2026 COMMUNITY AWARDS – CITIZEN/COMMUNITY GROUP OF THE YEAR

Nominations are now open for the 2026 Citizen/Community Group of the Year Awards. Persons/Groups who have made a noteworthy contribution during the current year and/or given out-standing service to the community over a number of years, be it through commerce, tourism, sport, volunteer work etc, shall be eligible.
Nominations must be received by no later than **4:00pm on Friday 27th November 2026.** Nomination forms are available from the Shire Administration Office or via our website wickepin.wa.gov.au. Please submit your nominations either in person at the Shire Office or via email to eso@wickepin.wa.gov.au.

2026/2027 BUSHFIRE SEASON

Preparing for bushfire season is everyone's responsibility. Our volunteers, Shire staff, and the Department of Fire & Emergency Services work hard to keep us safe. Property readiness is essential for effective emergency response.
Residents in rural areas should understand their bushfire risk and develop a survival plan to protect their families and livelihoods. Consider factors like weather and proximity to emergency services. Communicate your plan with family, employees, and neighbours.



HARVEST BAN ALERTS

The SMS (text) alert service will again be in operation over the coming harvest/bushfire period. If you would like to register your number to receive these messages or have your number removed from the system, please contact the office on 9888 1005 or email your details to admin@wickepin.wa.gov.au.

DOG & CAT REGISTRATIONS – REMINDER

Dog and cat registrations were due on **31 October 2026**. This includes all new Dogs and Cats not previously registered with the Shire.
If you have not yet paid your registration fees, please contact or visit the Administration Office to arrange payment as soon as possible.
Please be advised that the Ranger will be visiting town and may be conducting random spot checks.
Thank you for your cooperation in ensuring all pets are registered and up to date.

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

HOLIDAY OPENING HOURS
& SERVICES INFORMATION

ADMINISTRATION OFFICE

THUR 24 DEC - FRI 1 JAN CLOSED

MON 4 JAN - RESUME NORMAL OPEN HOURS
8.30AM - 4.30PM

LICENSING SERVICES

LICENSING SERVICES WILL RESUME AS NORMAL MONDAY 4 JANUARY 2027

WICKEPIN SWIMMING POOL

THE POOL WILL BE CLOSED ON -

CHRISTMAS DAY	25 DEC
BOXING DAY	26 DEC
NEW YEARS DAY	1 JAN
EVERY TUESDAY	22 & 29 DEC 5, 12, 19 & 26 JAN
NORMAL OPENING HOURS	11AM - 6PM
EXTENDED OPENING HOURS	11AM - 7PM FRI & SAT 30 JAN - 14 MAR
EARLY MORNING SWIMMING	6AM - 7AM WED & FRI

WASTE FACILITIES

WICKEPIN

WED 23 DEC	OPEN 1PM - 5PM
SAT 26 DEC	CLOSED
SUN 27 DEC	CLOSED
MON 28 DEC	OPEN 8AM - 5PM (CLOSED 12PM-1PM)
WED 30 DEC	OPEN 1PM - 5PM

REGULAR OPENING HOURS FROM HERE ON.

SATURDAYS	8AM - 12PM
SUNDAYS	1PM - 5PM
WEDNESDAYS	1PM - 5PM

HARRISMITH

TUE 22 DEC OPEN 8AM - CLOSES WED 23 DEC 5PM
TUE 29 DEC OPEN 8AM - CLOSES WED 30 DEC 5PM

TINCURRIN

SAT 26 DEC OPEN 8AM - CLOSES MON 2 DEC 8AM
SAT 2 JAN OPEN 4PM - CLOSES MON 4 JAN 8AM

YEALERING

SAT 26 DEC OPEN 8AM - CLOSES MON 28 DEC 8AM
SAT 2 JAN OPENS 4PM - CLOSES MON 4 JAN 8AM

GREAT SOUTHERN WASTE

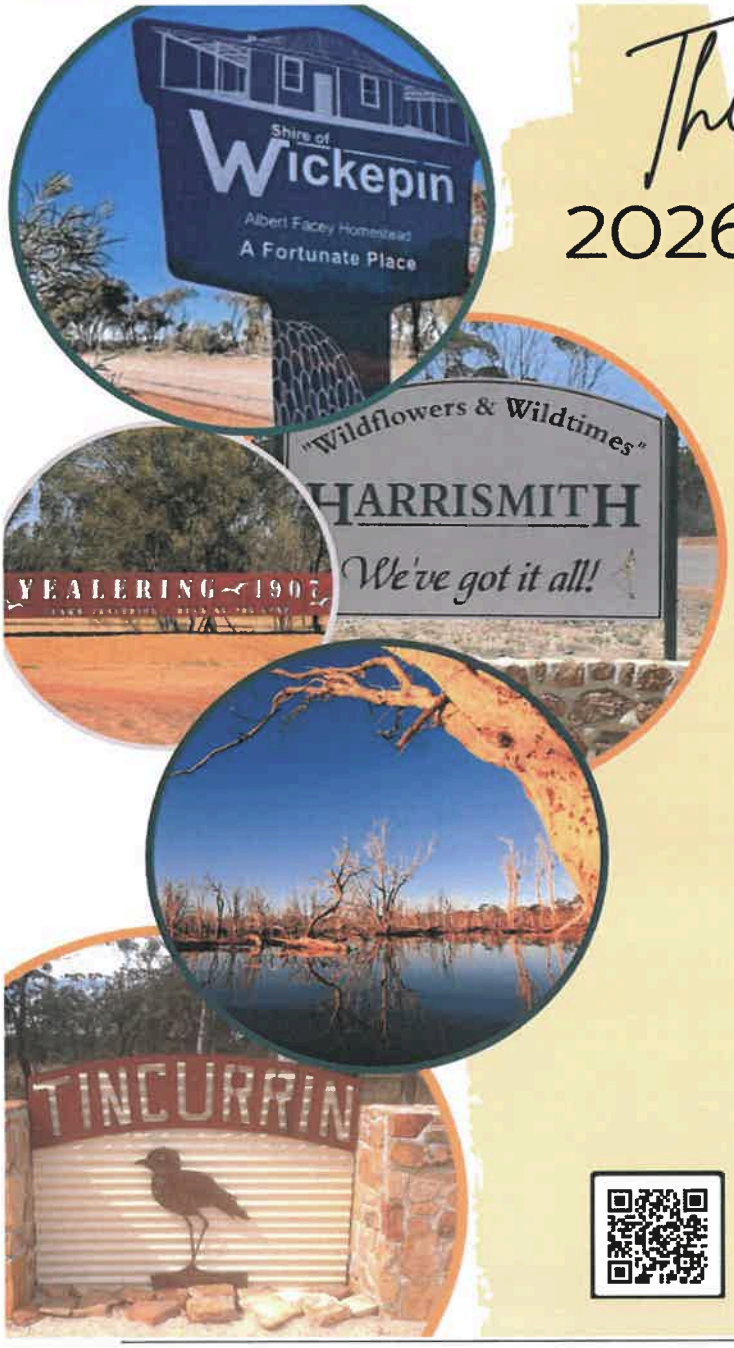
THERE IS NO CHANGE TO THE REGULAR COLLECTION DATES.

77 Wogolin Road, PO Box 19 WICKEPIN 6370
Phone: 9888 1005 Fax: 9888 1074
admin@wickepin.wa.gov.au www.wickepin.wa.gov.au

REMEMBRANCE DAY

WEDNESDAY 11 NOVEMBER 2026

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them



The Shire of Wickepin
2026 Community Awards

Nominate an individual or group for the 2026 **Citizen/Community Group of the Year Award.**

The award will be presented at the 2027 Australia Day Event in Harrismith.

Nomination forms and more information are available at www.wickepin.wa.gov.au

Nominations close 4.00pm Friday 27th November 2026

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SHIRE OF WICKEPIN

Christmas Lights COMPETITION

Entry forms available from the Shire Administration Office or www.wickepin.wa.gov.au

Entries close
4pm Friday 11 December 2026

Judging will take place
Saturday 12 December - Tuesday 15 December
between 7pm - 9pm

1ST PRIZE $250

2ND PRIZE $150

3RD PRIZE $100



WICKEPIN SWIMMING POOL

2026-2027 SEASON

ENTRY FEES

Adult	$3.00
Child	$2.00
Spectator	$2.00
Pensioner	$2.00

OPENING HOURS

Mon	11am-6pm
Tues	Closed
Wed	11am-6pm
Thur	11am-6pm
Fri	11am-6pm
Sat	11am-6pm
Sun	11am-6pm

SEASON PASSES

Family	$150.00
Adult	$95.00
Child	$70.00

(Only available at the Shire Admin Office)

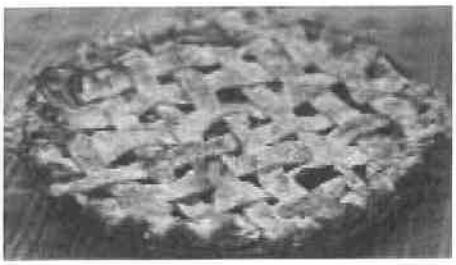
MORNING SWIMMING · WEDNESDAYS AND FRIDAYS · 6.00am – 7.00am

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Garden Snippets…





Tarty Rhubarb…

Rhubarb is one of those rare plants that provides as much aesthetic value in the garden as it does tasty ingredients for the kitchen-and it's hard to decide which purpose is more important. In the garden, the dramatic green leaves bring contrast and architectural structure to the landscape. In the kitchen where rhubarb is stewed and used as fillings in pies, strudels, crumbles and compotes it offers tart contrast to sweet desserts.

The whole rhubarb plant is a herbaceous perennial growing from short, thick rhizomes (or crowns) which have a long life span. It produces fleshy, edible stalks which are cooked but the leaves are considered inedible due to their high concentration of oxalic acid, which can cause vomiting and diarrhoea. Rhubarb is a vegetable, but in 1947 it was classified as a fruit in the US to save on tariffs, as vegetable tariffs were much more costly than those for fruit.

Many gardeners are fortunate to have inherited this worldly veg from Grandma's garden or a previous homeowner. But you can start your own tradition by purchasing a "crown" from garden centres.

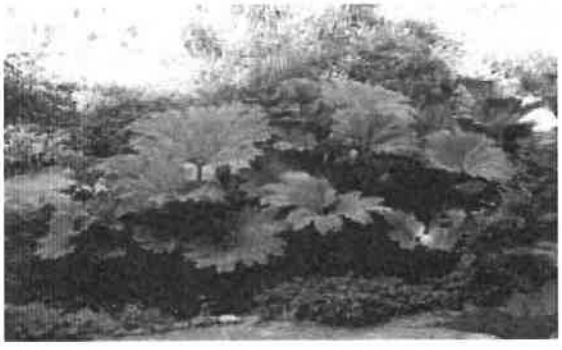
How to Grow: Due to it's long life span, choose a permanent position in the garden, preferably with full sun. Enrich soil with well-rotted manure or compost. Plant crowns in spring, just below the soil surface, allowing room for growth as plants can reach 1-1.5m.

Water new plants regularly and established plants only when needed – usually during hot dry months.

Harvest in early spring and summer. Avoid picking during the first year as rhubarb needs time to establish prior to harvest, and never pick more than a third of the stems, selecting the strongest, healthiest ones to cook. Harvest by pulling and twisting to remove the entire stem from the base. This reduces the likelihood of any disease or infection in the crown. Store your fresh, uncut stems in the fridge for up to a week, or in an airtight container in the freezer for up to 12 months.

Rhubarb can be divided in late winter every 4-5 years to maintain healthy plants and good sized stalks. Be gentle and split into individual crowns with a decent portion of rhizome and foliage attached. Replant or pot up as a gift.

Long-lasting and easy to grow, a striking foliage plant and a brilliant last-minute dessert, Rhubarb certainly deserves a permanent place in every garden.



@ HOME

REMEMBERANCE DAY COMFORT FOOD

While many foods hold honour in days of rationing, thoughts of France led to popular French comfort foods to commemorate the day, in particular, Boeuf/Beef Bourguignon. This dish is essentially an upstairs version of a simple beef stew.

In America, it was Julia Child taught us how to make his famous dish, further popularized in the movie Julie and Julia. I keep saying food is about love and being inspired to share that love and comfort with others through food... so cook and remember

The Best Boeuf Bourguignon

Ingredients

6 ounces bacon chunk
3 1/2 tbsp. extra virgin olive oil
3 pounds stewing beef I prefer smaller 1" pieces
1 large carrot sliced
1 medium onion sliced
1 pound white mushrooms fresh and quartered
1 pinch salt and freshly ground pepper to taste
2 tbsp. unbleached white flour
3 cups red wine young and full bodied
2 1/2 - 3 1/2 cups brown beef stock
1 tbsp. tomato paste
2 cloves garlic mashed
1/2 tsp. thyme dried
1 small bay leaf crumbled
18-24 small white onions but not pearl
3 1/2 tbsp. unsalted butter
1 satchel herb bouquet 4 parsley sprigs, 1/2 bay leaf, 1/4 tsp. thyme, tied cheesecloth
3 tbsp. parsley chopped, for garnish

Instructions

Prepare the Bacon

Remove bacon rind and cut into lardons (sticks 1/4-inch thick and 1 1/2 inches long). Simmer rind and lardons for 10 minutes in 1 1/2 quarts water. Drain and dry.

Sauté lardons in 1 tablespoon of the olive oil in a dutch oven for 2 to 3 minutes to brown lightly. Remove to a side dish with a slotted spoon.

Prepare the Beef

Preheat oven to 450 F degrees

Dry beef in paper towels; it will not brown if it is damp. Heat fat in your dutch oven until almost smoking. Add beef, a few pieces at a time, and sauté until nicely browned on all sides. Add it to the lardons on the side dish.

In the same fat, brown the sliced vegetables. Pour out the excess fat.

Return the beef and bacon to the dutch oven and toss with 1/2 teaspoon salt and 1/4 teaspoon pepper. Then sprinkle on the flour and toss to coat. Place the uncovered dutch oven in your prepared oven for 4 minutes,

Toss the meat again and return to oven for 4 minutes (this browns the flour and coves the meat with a light crust). Remove your dutch oven, place on the stove, and turn the oven temperature to 325 degrees.
Sprinkle on the flour and toss again to coat the beef lightly. Set the dutch oven uncovered in middle position of preheated oven for 4 minutes and remove from the oven.
Stir in wine and 2 to 3 cups stock, just enough so that the meat is barely covered.
Add the tomato paste, garlic, herbs and bacon rind. Bring to a simmer on top of the stove.
Cover casserole and set in lower third of oven. Regulate heat so that liquid simmers very slowly for 3 to 4 hours. The meat is done when a fork pierces it easily.

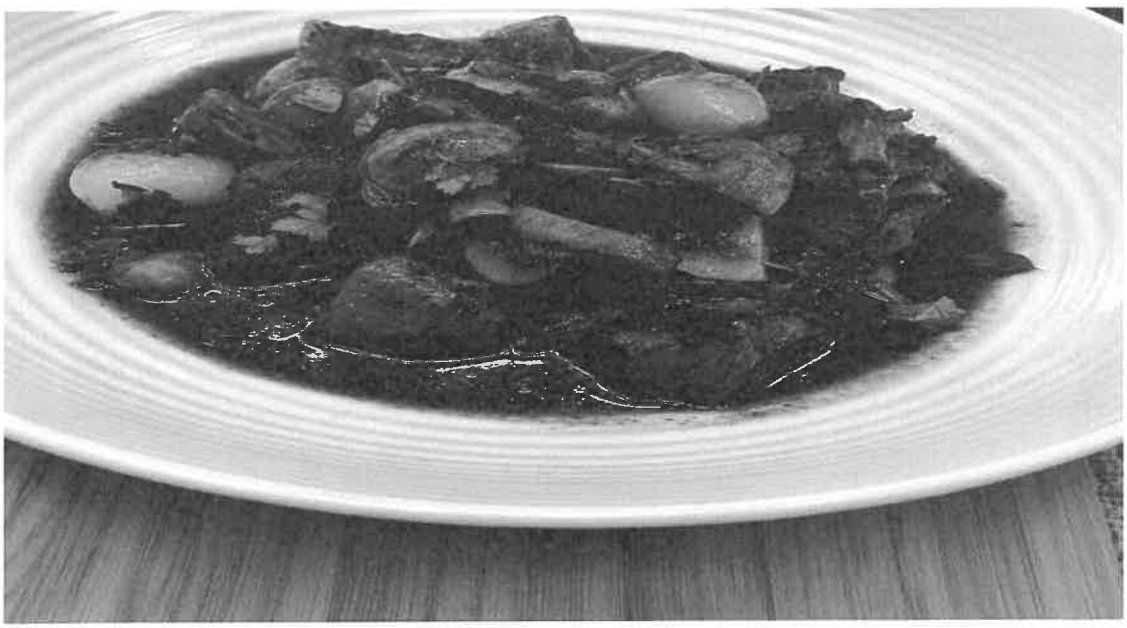
Prepare the Onions and Mushrooms

Heat 1 1/2 tablespoons butter with one and one-half tablespoons of the oil until bubbling in a skillet.
Add onions and sauté over moderate heat for about 10 minutes, rolling them so they will brown as evenly as possible. Be careful not to break their skins. You cannot expect them to brown uniformly.
Add 1/2 cup of the stock, salt and pepper to taste and the herb bouquet. Cover and simmer slowly for 40 to 50 minutes or until the onions are perfectly tender but hold their shape, and the liquid has evaporated. Remove herb bouquet and set onions aside.
Wipe out skillet and heat remaining oil and butter over high heat. As soon as you see butter has begun to subside, indicating it is hot enough, add mushrooms. Toss and shake pan for 4 to 5 minutes. As soon as they have begun to brown lightly, remove from heat.

Finishing

When the meat is tender, pour the contents of the dutch oven into a sieve set over a saucepan. Wash out the casserole and return the beef and lardons to it. Distribute the cooked onions and mushrooms on top.
Skim fat off sauce in saucepan. Simmer sauce for a minute or 2, skimming off additional fat as it rises. You should have about 2 1/2 cups of sauce thick enough to coat a spoon lightly. If too thin, boil it down rapidly. If too thick, mix in a few tablespoons stock. Taste carefully for seasoning. Pour sauce over meat and vegetables.
Cover and simmer 2 to 3 minutes, basting the meat and vegetables with the sauce several times.
Serve in your dutch oven, or arrange stew on a platter surrounded with potatoes, noodles or rice, and decorated with parsley.
You can serve right away, but I always find it always tastes better the next day so hopefully you will have some leftovers!

HOW TIMES HAVE CHANGED - This would be a challenge to make and take all day.



Wickepin Kids Corner

REMEMBRANCE DAY!





Poppy Patch BISCUITS

Makes: 12–15 biscuits | Preparation: 15 minutes | Baking: 10–12 minutes



What you'll need

- 125 G BUTTER, SOFTENED
- ½ CUP CASTER SUGAR
- 1 EGG
- TEASPOON VANILLA ESSENCE
- 1/4 CUPS PLAIN FLOUR
- ½ TEASPOON BAKING POWDER

FOR DECORATING:

- 1 CUP ICING SUGAR
- 1–2 TABLESPOONS WATER
- RED FOOD COLOURING
- 12–15 DARK CHOCOLATE BUTTONS

LET'S GE'T BAKING!

1. CREAM IT TOGETHER: BEAT THE SOFTENED BUTTER AND CASTER SUGAR UNTIL LIGHT AND FLUFFY.
2. ADD THE GOOD STUFF: MIX IN THE EGG AND VANILLA ESSENCE.
3. MAKE THE DOUGH: ADD FLOUR AND BAKING POWDER, MIXING UNTIL A SOFT DOUGH FORMS.
4. SHAPE YOUR FLOWERS: ROLL OUT THE DOUGH ON A FLOURED SURFACE AND USE A FLOWER-SHAPED COOKIE CUTTER.
5. BAKE: PLACE ON A LINED BAKING TRAY AND BAKE AT 180 °C FOR 10–12 MINUTES UNTIL LIGHTLY GOLDEN. ALLOW TO COOL COMPLETELY.
6. CREATE YOUR POPPIES: MIX ICING SUGAR, WATER AND RED FOOD COLOURING TO MAKE A THICK ICING. SPREAD OVER EACH BISCUIT.
7. ADD THE FINISHING TOUCH: PLACE A DARK CHOCOLATE BUTTON IN THE MIDDLE OF EACH FLOWER TO CREATE YOUR POPPY CENTRE.

Wally's baking tip

ARRANGE YOUR FINISHED BISCUITS TOGETHER N A PLATE TO CREATE YOUR VERY OWN POPPY PATCH! ASK AN ADULT TO HELP WITH THE OVEN AND HOT TRAYS.



DID YOU KNOW?

The red poppy is a symbol of remembrance. We wear or display poppies to remember and honour those who served and those who lost their lives in wars and conflicts.

Let's bake, remember and be thankful. ♥

WORDSEARCH

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- COURAGE
- THANK YOU
- KINDNESS
- REMEMBER
- NOVEMBER
- SOLDIER
- PEACE
- POPPY

WICKEPIN BIRTHDAYS

ARCHIE MULLAN

NOVEMBER 10

HAPPY BIRTHDAY ARCHIE!

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Supporting our local community ♡

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR TRADING HOURS 2026 – 2027

Date	Hours
Tuesday 22 December 2026	8:00am – 5:00pm
Wednesday 23 December 2026	8:00am – 5:00pm
Thursday 24 December 2026	8:00am – 5:00pm
Friday 25 December 2026	**CLOSED – CHRISTMAS DAY**
Saturday 26 December 2026	**CLOSED – BOXING DAY**
Sunday 27 December 2026	**CLOSED**
Monday 28 December 2026	**CLOSED – PUBLIC HOLIDAY**
Tuesday 29 December 2026	8:00am – 5:00pm
Wednesday 30 December 2026	8:00am – 5:00pm
Thursday 31 December 2026	8:00am – 5:00pm
Friday 1 January 2027	**CLOSED – NEW YEAR'S DAY**
Saturday 2 January 2027	8:30am – 12 Noon

Good People Stronger Communities ♡

Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year ♡

FRESH PRODUCE ORDERS
Please contact us for an order form for fresh produce.

We wish all our wonderful customers and their loved ones a safe and enjoyable festive season.

38 Wogolin Rd, Wickepin | 9888 1002 | ewenrural@ewenruralsupplies.com

Yealering Community Christmas Tree

Sunday 20th

Visit from Santa
5 pm at the Lake Foreshore

From 5:30 at the Bowling Club
BYO Barbecue food and a salad to share

Name book at the Post office,
$15 limit

Please leave gifts at the post office by Friday 18th.

Yealering Primary School P and C Association Presents:

TWILIGHT CHRISTMAS MARKETS

Friday 4th December 4:00pm – 7.30pm

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!

CLASSIFIEDS

FOR SALE

VEHICLES & WALL UNITS

2002 MITSUBISHI PAJERO 4X4
380,000 kms • Leather interior • Woodgrain dash
Dual battery system • Roof-mounted camper top
$5,000

1999 HOLDEN RODEO TWIN CAB V6 2WD
330,000 kms • Removable fibreglass canopy • New tyres
$1,500

2004 VZ HOLDEN ONE TONNER
224,000 kms • Legally modified exhaust system
• 18" low-profile wheels
$5,000

2 x WALL UNITS
Top display • Bottom drawers & cupboards • Each unit in 2 pieces
Cupboard 1: 2050H x 1380L x 450D
Cupboard 2: 2100H x 2180L x 450D
$400 EACH

PHONE NOW!
DANNY 0475 627 953
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St John's Anglican Church

Johnston Street, Wickepin

1st and 3rd Sundays
@ 8.00am

Morning tea
served after service





All denominations welcome

Enquiries:
Irene — 0437 801 026
or
Elaine — 0428 898 025

RAINFALL

2025	mm	Days	Total	2026	mm	Days	Total
January	7	2	7	Januray	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	11.5	10	219.5
November	26	5	346.6	November	0.2	1	219.7
December	0	0	346.6	December			

RAFFLE

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

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

First Prize of $3,000.00

Second Prize of $1,500.00

Third Prize of $500.00

Tickets are available from Members.

Drawn at the Community Xmas Evening, 6pm 20th December 2026.

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Sunday 20th

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Yealering Primary School

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January	7	2	7	Januray	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	11.5	10	219.5
November	26	5	346.6	November	0.2	1	219.7
December	0	0	346.6	December			

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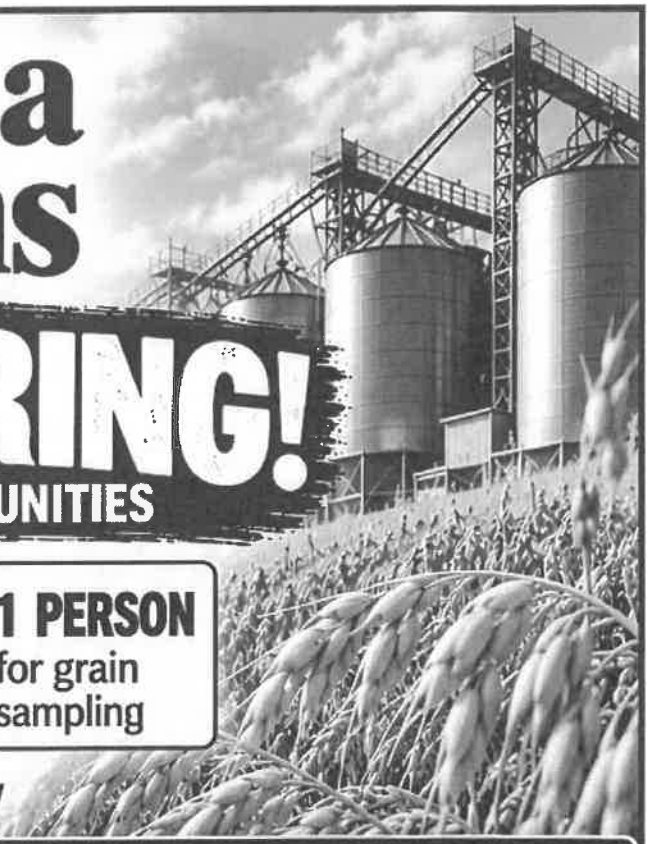
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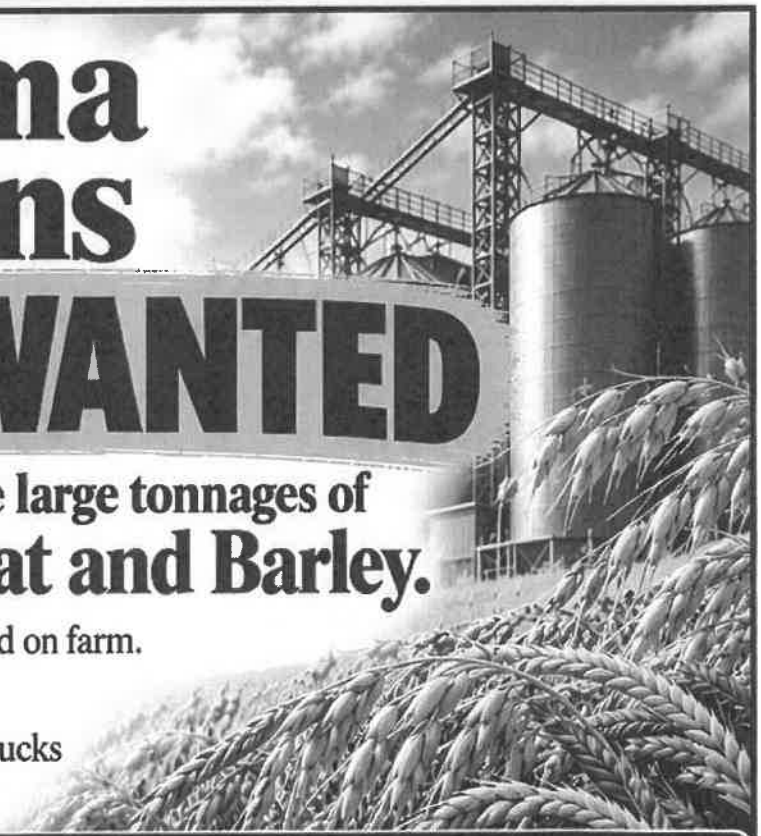
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SATURDAY 9TH OCTOBER

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CHRISTMAS Special Menu

Monday 23rd November 2026

Two courses menu for $40 per person
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Main
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Christmas Pudding
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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.



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with your family history or update.

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Free Event

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Christmas Afternoon Tea

Friday 4th December
1.30pm
Wickepin Community Centre

Please RSVP to the CRC by 20th November by contacting Wickepin CRC on 9888 1500

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SHIRE OF WICKEPIN

Christmas GIFT WRAPPING Workshop

SAVE THE DATE!

Thursday 26th November 2026

Wicky CRC 24 Wogolin Road

Gather your gifts and come along for some wrapping fun, with plenty of ideas to help make them look extra special under the tree.

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Wickepin CRC AGM Update

Our Annual General Meeting was held on the 14th of September, giving us an opportunity to reflect on the past year and review what has been happening at the CRC. Our 2025-26 Annual Report is now available for public viewing at the CRC.

We would like to thank our community for your continued support throughout the year. We would also like to thank our outgoing committee members for their time, commitment and contribution to the CRC, Jackie O'Neill, Therese Milne, and Latisha Fraser.

We are pleased to introduce our committee for the 2026-27 year:
Heather Tobin - Chair Person
Audrey Bird - Vice Chair & Tresurer
Tina Astbury - Secretary
Julie Russell
Pam Carden
Charlotte Astbury

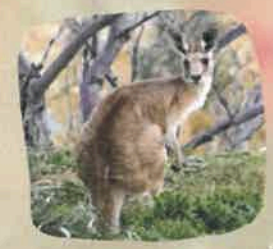
Our next committee meeting will be held on 15 December. We are always keen to welcome new committee members and encourage anyone interested in learning more about what happens behind the scenes at the CRC to get in touch.

There is absolutely no pressure to join at your first meeting. Come along, have a listen and see what it's all about. New faces and fresh ideas are always welcome!

2027 Calendar Competition



BEAUTIES IN THE BUSH







VOTE NOW!!

Vote for your 3 favourite photos for a chance to win a 2027 calendar!

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OCTOBER @WICKY CRC

A look back at what we've been up to

JUNIOR LEGO MASTERS

Our LEGO Masters school holiday activity was a huge hit, with 12 children joining us on the first day and 15 on the second.

The kids got very creative, making everything from cars and houses to a beautiful garden and a zoo.

A huge thank you goes to Ian for so generously giving his time, setting everything up, helping the kids with their creations and lending us his massive LEGO collection.

We really appreciate his help in making the activity such a success.



25TH ANNIVERSARY SUNDOWNER

We celebrated 25 years of the Wickepin Community Resource Centre on Friday 16 October, with current and former staff, committee members, CRC members, Shire representatives and community members joining us for the occasion.

Audrey Bird, Dave Astbury and Hazel Green shared a few words and memories, reflecting on the early days of the Centre, the work involved in getting the building up and running, and the people who have helped shape the CRC over the years.

Thank you to everyone who joined us to celebrate this special milestone, and to all those who have supported the CRC along the way.





NDIS VISIT

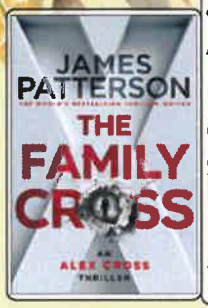
We recently had two NDIS reps spend the morning at the CRC, giving locals the chance to pop in for for a chat about the NDIS.

Five community members took advantage of the visit, including the Principal of Wickepin Primary School, and were able to get information and answers to their questions face-to-face.

It was great to be able to offer this kind of support locally, and we thank the NDIS team for making the trip to Wickepin.

Wickepin Public Library

New Books for November

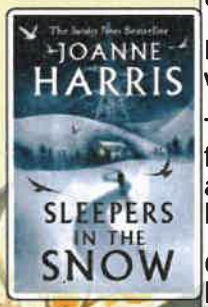


ADULT MYSTERY THRILLER: The Family Cross - James Patterson

Alex Cross is a psychologist who hunts criminals for the FBI and the DC Metro Police.

Family matriarch Nana Mama is proud of the man she raised, but that doesn't stop her worrying every time he ventures into the shadowy underworld of Washington DC – despite his promise to always be careful. When a man is found shot and burned beneath an overpass, Cross is pulled into a brutal murder investigation.

But with every step closer to the truth, he risks breaking his promise to Nana Mama… and putting the entire Cross family in the line of fire.



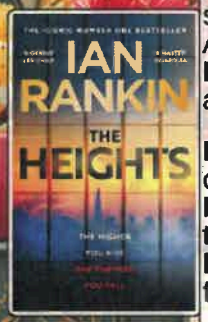
ADULT MYSTERY THRILLER: Sleepers in the Snow - Joanne Harris

Out on the moor, in the snow, a house stands beneath a pylon.

It is a house full of memories, and full of old things. And, in the dark, when the pylon sings in the wind, it is a house full of ghosts and fading memories . . .

The house, Kirkhill, has a new occupant - just moved in, fresh from a bitter divorce and looking for a fresh start. The moor is the perfect place for isolated, beautiful in the changing seasons, peaceful, and with just enough of the previous owners belongings that it's a perfectly self-contained and cosy home.

Only as nights start to draw in, and the weather takes a turn, so does the house. The cosy isolation becomes menacing, animals begin acting strangely, and it seems someone could be watching the house. Soon, the diaries of the previous owners begin to reveal a terrible tragedy which befell Kirkhill - one which its new occupant may be unable to escape.



ADULT CRIME THRILLER : The Heights - Ian Rankin

Facing Hyde Park, The Heights is London's most coveted luxury high-rise apartment—designed to satisfy every need, with a gym, infinity pool, cinema, and more, where self-made owner-developer Allan Franklyn himself has claimed the penthouse duplex. His neighbours include some of "Money London's" biggest personalities: a wealthy art dealer, a young heartthrob pop star, a foreign heiress and a gangster's wife. The residents are used to service, deference, and privacy, all on their terms.

But when nighttime concierge Dwayne Hogarth is found dead in the lobby, none of that is in their control anymore, and everyone's under the unwelcome scrutiny of Detective Sergeant Gillian Gish. Her questions begin with the party on the 4th floor the night Dwayne died, which ended with a fight; the missing key to one of the apartments; and a mysterious gap in the security camera footage. Before long, Gish uncovers the unsavory truths and dark secrets that lurk beneath the glittering facades of the building and its inhabitants.

Filled with shocking twists and unforgettable characters, The Heights confirms Ian Rankin's status as one of the most original and compelling crime writers of our time.



ADULT CONTEMPORARY FICTION: The Paradise Resort - Tricia Stringer

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Worse, Nelda has heard there is a spy in their midst - and they will have to be dealt with. Because a spy could uncover Nelda's secret, and if that happens, it could ruin the resort and destroy the livelihoods of all who depend on it.

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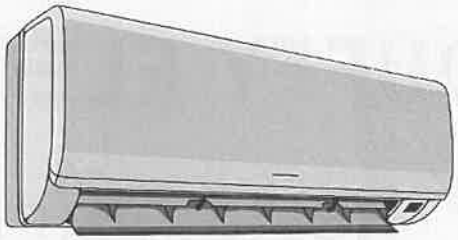
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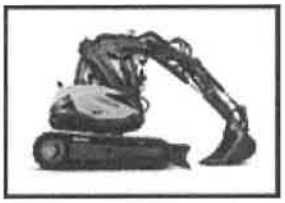
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TUESDAY

- **Wickepin Community Shed** 8am – 12noon, Old Recycling Shed, Richter St
- **Pathology Service** – By Appointment Only, Wickepin Health Centre, Phone 9888 2222

WEDNESDAY

- **Social Arts & Crafts** 9.30am, Joyner Street
- **Chair Aerobics** 9.00 – 10.00am, Wickepin Health Centre
- **Wickepin Local Vocals** – Fortnightly 6pm, Facey Group

THURSDAY

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

FRIDAY

- **Morning Swimming** 6 – 7am, until end of February.
- **Wickepin Playgroup** 9 – 11am, during school term. Ages 0 – 5, Playgroup Building, Campbell St.

SUNDAY

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



SPORTS NOTES

WICKEPIN /HARRISMITH CRICKET CLUB

Cricket – Junior Dugites V Boddington 1st Nov

With a few less numbers but more keen junior cricketers this year we played our 1st game after a couple of training sessions. We took the field with everyone bowling a lot less wides than last year. Mason Pike the pick of the bowlers taking 3/4 with Fergus Taylor 2/2, Sam McColl 1/14 and Noah Plowman 1/4 the other wicket takers. We also got 2 runouts from great teamwork. Last year we only took 2 or maybe 3 wickets per game and this game we bowled a team out. Boddington 9/75.

In a 1st we had no ducks, 3 had to retire after facing 20 balls and 2 not outs. We batted out our 30 overs and were only 5 down for 62 runs just 13 short of the target. Vinny Martin 10 and Noah 10 the highest run scorers and Flynn Ballard 4 not out.

Thanks to the parents who supplied a great morning tea and lunch for our supporters and opposition players. Next game at home against Wagin Sunday 15th November.

Cricket v Wagin Halloween game

Rd 3 saw us take the bus to Wagin where we met Cozy Bennier at the game, where he was still the last one there. After losing the toss we took the field with another opening bowling combination of Cozy (7 overs 0/36) and Buckets Sermon. At drinks they were 0/50 and we were looking for some answers. Although Cozy did have 2 dropped catches in the slips where Ty dropped one that should have seen keeper Jimmy move to his right, maybe? Booza Bayley didn't drop his, more accurately ducked out the way and then removed himself from the slips and trudged down to fine leg. Sheriff kept it tight with 4 overs 0/6. After drinks with Wagin having to press on as we dried up the runs Grayden Bayley took 2/13 off his 8 overs. A smooth mover in the shape of his old man Booza, maybe? We managed to take 8 wickets in the 19 overs after drinks with Dylan Miller 1/8. Buckets promised wickets everywhere if he got to bowl with the wind, he didn't get to, but he still took 3/20. Comeback kid Chad Rusty 0/4 off 2. Ty 1/8 off 4 with Dane dropping a sitter on the boundary but then Cozy Bennier launched himself into the air to pluck an unlikely screamer. Trapper took 1/9 off his 2, Dane 0/1 off 1 and then had a small tantrum when he was removed from the attack for bowling a wide. Jimmy 0/2 off 2. With 10 of the 11 bowlers used it's a hard bowling unit to break into which might see missing players Tommy, Dizzy and Bagger struggling to get a bowl next week. Wagin 8/109 after 40 overs.

A great spread in the new shed whilst it rained solidly during the innings break. Ricky was not present to critique the performance but photos were sent to him. He did manage to comment on Crazy's lunch box who was also on the header.

The Cozy and Dane opening partnership was undone on 7 with Cozy trying to lift the rate which really wasn't needed but he knows no other way 6 (10).

Jimmy played and missed one, or so he thought, with Booza putting his finger up halfway and then when he saw Jimmy shake his head, so he put it up the rest of the way. Jimmy 2 (11) and our 2nd tantrum of the day. Ty and Dane put on 23 until Dane got out to a 9 yr old and then told everyone it was unplayable. Ty and Chad then put on 33 for the 4th wicket with the Chad making 24 of them off only 12 balls. 2 x 6's in a row that landed on the trotting track and then bounced over the 2m high fence. The young guns in Dylan and Grayden came and went in the same over without troubling the scorers. Patience boys, patience. Buckets made 17 (27) to go with his 3 wickets but when he got out, we still needed 8 runs with 3 wickets in hand. Ty called for a quick single on a misfield with Booza facing the wrong way and what followed was a race between a ball that was underarmed along the ground and Booza who looked like he was on a treadmill. It was neck and neck with ball managing to win the race by a few inches. Yes, Booza got BBQ'd. 6 runs to win with 2 wickets in hand. Sheriff and Ty at the crease and Trapper sitting in the bus looking like he'd rather be at the top of a 40m tree with his apprentice sawing away at the bottom of the trunk. Sheriff managed to stonewall for 11 deliveries, and we got the runs with 2 wickets in hand and in the 28th over. Sheriff 0*(11) and Ty 27* (52). Trapper lost 2 kgs just watching.

Great to have a game go down to the wire. Thanks to Darren Wilson for providing the drinks stop at the halfway point on the way home. Hopefully you can be home next time. Next weekend we are on the road again but this time to Cuballing.

WICKEPIN TENNIS CLUB





YEALERING TENNIS CLUB

Sunday 1st of November saw 12 people enter The Yealering Tennis Club courts to play social tennis. The atmosphere was set for some great social tennis.

After 4 sets of tennis, there was excitement in the air when the International players from NZD and AUS took the court.
Rachael and Sarah for team AUS and Anna and Will for team NZD.

The game started slow from AUS and Will with his ferocious serve took NZD to a lead of 5-3. Match point was now at stake, the crowd yelled to Team AUS to do something and fast.... So they did Team Aus pulled their fingers out, had a quick chat about tactics and saved the first match point, within this game there was about 10 match points which Team AUS saved much to the disgust of Team NZD. Finally, Team Aus was back in the match 5 all, 2 more games and Team AUS took the trophy 7-5.

When asked, Team AUS said it was all about the reward for winning which was having their dinner cooked, a piece of home-cooked vanilla slice for dessert and maybe the bragging rights! They also said it was definitely the quiet crowd that got us over the line. Unfortunately, there can only be one winner and credit to NZD they did try hard, but not enough this time.

Apparently there is a rematch in the planning so get on down to Yealering Tennis Club to see all the action in the second game of International Tennis.



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PENNANT - KITCHEN ROSTER

14.11.26	O'BRIEN
21.11.26	BENNIER
05.12.26	BRANSBY
06.02.27	WYLLIE
20.02.27	SMITH
06.03.27	WHITE

When it's your rostered turn, please pre-order and collect four loaves of bread & sandwich fillings. Contact Robyn Mullan if you have any queries.

CORAL WEIR PAIRS - 10.11.26

Please bring your own lunch and a plate for afternooon tea.

Good luck and good bowling

A big thank you to everyone who lends a hand - your contribution is always appreciated !

Wickepin Bowling Club

NEWS AND RESULTS

Members of the Wickepin Bowling Club warmly welcome new residents to town. Come along for a social drink or a roll on the green -we'd love to meet you! For club opening hours contact President Greg. For bowls information, contact Aaron on 0457 180 553.

BETWEEN GAMES

Our all seasons bowling buddies, Bev Davidson and Robyn Mullan enjoyed the Manning Gala Day along with Irene Leahy from Kalgoorlie and Carol Ashworth from York. There's always another green calling these two! Next came the State Fours, teaming up with Bridget Michel from Newdegate, and Ali Ford from Williams. 2 wins and a draw - a great day on the green and plenty to smile about. Well done Robyn and Bev!

Greg White, Peter Mullan and Geoff Sims flew the flag for Wickepin at the Elders Men's Fours in Williams. No chocolates were brought home this time, but it was a great day out!

Sunday social 2 bowl pairs winners were Peter Bransby & Marj White on 9 points +18 shots and runners-up Robyn O'Brien & Lloyd Arundel on 9 points +15. Our new fines jar is off to a good start with a lovely little kitty already building up! Many laughs were enjoyed afterwards as the days misdemeanors came to light - all part of what makes an afternoon of bowls so enjoyable!

Marj White, Bev Davidson, Robyn Mullan and Kerry White from Manning braved the wind at Quairading, losing just one game and finishing 6th out of 26 teams. Well done girls - there's always a lot of fun to be had a gala day .

Chris Pethybridge travelled together with Tania Harris of Narrogin, to Katanning for the Classic, where the chilly weather caught everyone by surprise! Some overnight visitors resorted to layering their pyjamas under their bowls uniforms - the only warm clothing they'd packed! Who knew the Classic would turn into a pyjama party.

MENS CHAMPIONSHIP PAIRS

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR WINNERS, GREG WHITE AND CHRIS MOORE, AND RUNNERS-UP PETER BRANSBY AND AARON BRANSBY. WELL DONE EVERYONE!

PENNANT FIXTURES & RESULTS

DATE	PENNANT	VENUE
TUESDAY 27.10.26	*WILLIAMS 0/32 - WICKEPIN 4/44*	*WILLIAMS*
SATURDAY 31.10.26	BROOKTON 5/61 - WICKEPIN 1/57	BROOKTON
TUESDAY 03.11.26	*WICKEPIN 0/33 - BROOKTON 4/40*	*WICKEPIN*
SATURDAY 07.11.26	WICKEPIN 1½ /57 - PINGELLY 4½ /67	WICKEPIN
SATURDAY 14.11.26	WICKEPIN V WILLIAMS-BLUE KITCHEN - O'BRIEN	WICKEPIN
TUESDAY 17.11.26	*PINGELLY V WICKEPIN*	*BROOKTON*
TUESDAY 24.11.26	*WILLIAMS V WICKEPIN*	*PINGELLY*

LAKE YEALERING BOWLING CLUB

Saturday 31st October 2026

Lake Yealering against G. Narrogin at Narrogin. Closely fought game, two of Yealering teams won but unfortunately went down overall.

Saturday 7th November 2026

Lake Yealering against Brookton at Brookton. Not a good day for Lake Yealering, a big loss.

Sunday 8th November 2026 LAKE YEALERING ANY COMBINATION TRIPLES Sponsored by Afgri. The Club was very happy to have 12 Teams nominated, unfortunately 2 teams dropped out. Teams came from Quairading, Pingelly, Narrogin, Corrigin, Brookton. Very happy crowd played bowls and enjoyed the extension of the patio area. More space. The event was superbly catered for by Lois, Beryl, Christine, Cindy, Daphne and Cheryl (from Narrogin who took over the dish washing.) Bar Services Todd and helpers and Darrel the Captain for the day.



First: Quairading Team



Second: Pingelly Team



Third: Corrigin Team



Wooden Spooners, next years winners. B. Shipley, E. Masson, K. Coxon.



New Patio Extension. Fantastic.

Saturday 14th November 2026, Yealering have a bye

Please note the Club Championship Pairs and Triples have been postponed from November 14th to maybe the following Sunday, 22nd November. Crop Harvesting is taking priority.

Saturday 21st November 2026 Pennant Yealering against Pingelly at Pingelly

YEALERING PRIMARY SCHOOL

End of Term 3

Small Schools Athletics Carnival



In Week 9 of Term 3, we hosted the Small Schools Athletics Carnival which included Wickepin PS, Dumbelyung PS and Kondinin PS. What a fantastic day it was! We would like to thank all our students, staff, Parent helpers, volunteers and all involved in making the day run so smoothly, especially our P & C and Yealering Progress Association. It was a pleasure to see all the students from all the schools try their best and enjoy the carnival! Congratulations Wickepin PS, winning the day!



Community Golf Day

Term 3, the students were working hard learning new golf skills through the Sporting Schools Grant. They put their skills to the test in Week 10 with a Community Golf Day. Parents and community members were invited to join the students at the Yealering Golf Course where they tested their skills competing against their family members. What an incredible opportunity it was to use our town facilities with the community!

Term 4

In the Junior Room...



The Junior students were amazed on the first day of Term 4 when they stumbled upon our new dramatic play space! Since returning to school, our students have become veterinarians healing any animals that are brought into the vet. They have been x-raying, measuring heart rates, bandaging and giving animals medicine! (Even the teachers have been bringing their "pets" in for a checkup).





In the Senior Room...

We have been learning to make two 2-D shapes into 3-D shapes in Art! We call them form. We are using cardboard, newspaper, masking tape and the Chomp Saw to create our masterpieces! We are learning techniques that are going to help us design our mini golf courses in Design and Technology. It's so much fun! Next week we are heading on the combined small school's camp, and we are so excited for that and so grateful to our P and C for their wonderful support.

Twilight Christmas Markets

Speaking of P and C, they are hosting our Twilight Christmas Markets are on FRIDAY DECEMBER 4, 4pm -7:30pm at our lovely School Grounds. This is a great fun way to take time out from harvest and enjoy music, games, stalls such as plants, Christmas cakes, decorations and goodies. There will also be face painting, sausage sizzle and cool drinks. Denise Sturges from Feet with Flair will be there as will Terryle from Thermomix. Please contact our Senior Room Teacher, Janine via the school for more info or if you are interested in being a stall holder.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

2026

NOVEMBER

Mon	9th	Bucket Beats 3.15pm @ CRC
Mon	9th	Recycle and Bin Day
Wed	11th	Remembrance Day
Thur	19th	Games & Afternoon Tea @ Yealering CWA 1pm
Mon	**23rd**	**Watershed News**
Mon	23rd	Recycle and Bin Day
Thur	26th	Christmas Gift wrapping Workshop @ CRC

DECEMBER

Fri	4th	Yealering School Christmas Markets, 4-7.30pm
Fri	4th	Senior Citizens Christmas Afternoon Tea @ CRC 1.30PM
Mon	**7th**	**Watershed News Final Edition 2026**
Mon	7th	Recycle and Bin Day
Tues	8th	CRC Committee Meeting 4.30pm
Fri	11th	Communi-Tea 1.30pm
Fri	11th	Carols by Candlelight @ Facey Homestead
Sat	12th	Judging of Christmas Lights
Fri	13th	Mega Splash 3-6pm
Thu	17th	School Term Four Ends
Mon	21st	Recycle and Bin Day
Fri	25th	CHRISTMAS DAY
Sat	26th	BOXING DAY
Mon	28th	BOXING DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Thur	31st	New Years Eve

2027

JANUARY

Fri	1st	NEW YEARS DAY
Mon	4th	Recycle and Bin Day
Mon	18th	Recycle and Bin Day

FEBRUARY

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

MARCH

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

APRIL

Mon	5th	**Watershed News**
Mon	5th	Recycle and Bin Day

DOWN		ACROSS	
01	LIGHTHORSE	06	TOBRUK
02	MILNEBAY	12	BEERSHEBA
03	BROOME	14	KOKODA
04	MONASH	15	WIRRAWAY
05	DUNERA	16	MOROTAI
07	POZIERES	17	ARMISTICE
08	RATTONING	18	FREMANTLE
09	SINGAPORE		
10	BOUGAINVILLE		
11	DARWIN		
13	SIMPSON		