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Newsletter of Wickepin Shire Council

THE SHIRE...



Its a grave situation..

The Yealering Cemetery Upgrade is finally complete, with all the plaques and cremated remains from the existing wall relocated to the new wall.

This has been a major project completed by the Community Development Officer Natalie Manton during 2012/2013, with help from various designers, architects and contractors. A special thanks goes to all the Shire workers that took part in the construction of the cemetery upgrade.

The cemetery upgrade formed one of the six 2010/2011 Royalties for Regions - Country Local Government Funding Local Projects. The project was also supported with funding from the Norm and Ellen King Trust Fund

Make sure you come and visit the new cemetery in Yealering, it definitely isn't a grave situation at all!



Letter from the Editor

For those of you that know me know that I went home to England for Christmas time year. On a family trip to Wales, a small coastal town called Llanfairfechan on the North Coast of England, lives my Welsh family. We don't get to see them all that often but my Father promised me that Auntie Margaret never changes...and put a bet on that she would put out a spread of cold tinned salmon sandwiches. That she did!

It was whilst eating these sandwiches that Uncle Embo asked me where about I lived in Australia. Before I could reply he said.. "The only place I've heard of in Australia is Narrogin". Well wasn't that a shock! He then went on to explain to us that the reason he knew Narrogin is because he had read 'A Fortunate Life' By A.B. Facey! We asked him if he had heard of Wickepin, and he had (of course)!

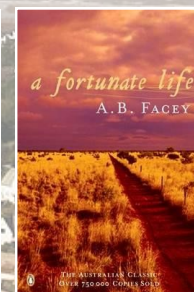
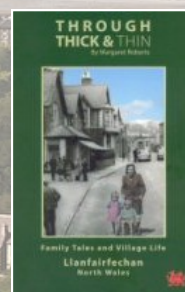
Well weren't we in absolute shock! We had to explain to him how small Wickepin is in comparison to Australia.. He then went on to tell us that 'A fortunate Life' was picked up at a car boot sale or something of the like and that it is such a good read that it is getting passed around my Welsh family! Fancy that!

I don't like to admit the fact that I haven't even read the book yet, even though I live so close...but I endeavour to. Copies are available from the Newsagency so go pick one up for a really good read!

Auntie Margaret is a writer herself and has written a similar book 'Through Thick and Thin', an outline of our family tales and village life. Its a very humorous read, I read it in a few days as I couldn't put it down! I definitely learnt a lot about my Welsh side of the family!



Leah Pearson
Executive Support Officer



YOUR ROADS...



Council will be continuing with the Black Spot Projects in 2014/2015!

Network 4 RAV Permit System

Simon Wakeling, Heavy Vehicle Operations from MainRoads, has advised that the following roads have been added to the Network 4 RAV Permit System.

Local Government:

429 Wickepin

Road No.	Road Name	From Intersection	From SLK	To Intersection	To SLK	Special Conditions
4290163	Stock Route Rd	Wickepin - Harrismith Rd	0.00	Rabbit Proof Fence Rd Sth (Kulin)	6.24	CA07. No operation during school bus hours. Transport operators are to contact the local schools to obtain bus hours.
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4290010	Toolibin North Rd	Wickepin - Harrismith Rd	15.58	Yilliminning Rd	20.14	Northbound - No left turn into Wickepin Harrismith Rd
4290002	Wickepin - Harrismith Rd	Toolibin North Rd	8.36	Stock Route Rd	27.65	CA07. No operation during school bus hours. Transport operators are to contact the local schools to obtain bus hours. West bound - No left turn into Baker Rd (intersection no.15746). - No Right turn into Toolibin Nth Rd (intersection no. 6007). East bound - No left turn into Toolibin Nth Rd. - No left turn into Baker Rd
4290004	Yilliminning Rd	Narrogin - Harrismith Rd (Narrogin)	0.00	Line Rd	5.30	Maximum Speed 70km/h
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THE OASIS HOTEL CHRISTMAS PARTY



2012



Outdoor Movie Night & Thank a Volunteer Event

Thanks to all those that made it along to Harrismith Golf Club for the Movie Night, The Sapphires. Apart from a few technical hiccups, the evening was a success & enjoyed by everyone!



Thank you to all the volunteers that helped organise the event and those who helped out during the evening.



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WHAT IS THE DIGITAL SWITCHOVER?

AUSTRALIA IS MOVING TO DIGITAL TV TO IMPROVE VIEWING EXPERIENCE, KEEP UP-TO-DATE WITH TECHNOLOGY AND TO FREE UP BROADCAST SPACE FOR OTHER INNOVATIVE SERVICES, LIKE HIGH-SPEED MOBILE BROADBAND. BY THE END OF 2013, ANALOG FREE-TO-AIR TV SIGNALS WILL BE SWITCHED OFF ACROSS AUSTRALIA AND FREE-TO-AIR TV WILL BE BROADCAST IN DIGITAL-ONLY.

REGIONAL AND REMOTE WA WILL BE THE ELEVENTH REGION IN AUSTRALIA TO SWITCH TO DIGITAL. ONCE THE REGIONAL AND REMOTE WA SWITCHOVER IS COMPLETE, OVER 5 MILLION HOUSEHOLDS IN AUSTRALIA WILL HAVE MADE THE SWITCH TO DIGITAL-ONLY TV.

ON 25 JUNE 2013 ANALOG TV SIGNALS WILL BE SWITCHED OFF ACROSS REGIONAL AND REMOTE WA AND FREE-TO-AIR TV WILL BE BROADCAST IN DIGITAL-ONLY.



SWITCHING TO DIGITAL TV

TO KEEP WATCHING FREE-TO-AIR TV AFTER ANALOG SIGNALS ARE SWITCHED OFF PEOPLE WILL NEED A TV CAPABLE OF RECEIVING DIGITAL TV SIGNALS BY EITHER:

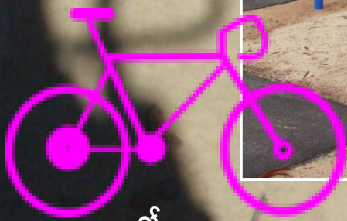
CONNECTING A SET-TOP BOX OR DIGITAL RECORDER TO AN EXISTING ANALOG TV; OR

UPGRADING TO A DIGITAL TV WITH AN IN-BUILT DIGITAL TUNER.

FOR MOST PEOPLE SWITCHING TO DIGITAL WILL BE STRAIGHT-FORWARD AND INEXPENSIVE. SOME PEOPLE MAY NEED TO UPGRADE THEIR ANTENNA SYSTEM; A LOCAL AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT ENDORSED ANTENNA INSTALLER CAN ASSIST WITH THIS.

TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT DIGITAL TV PEOPLE CAN ENTER THEIR ADDRESS INTO THE *MY SWITCH* TOOL AT WWW.DIGITALREADY.GOV.AU OR CALL THE DIGITAL READY INFORMATION LINE 1800 20 10 13.





The Shire of
Wickepin
worked with the
Yealering Pro-
gress Association
and Bike Track
Committee dur-
ing 2011-2012 to
plan and install a
bike skills track
on the site of an
old unused tennis
court in the
Yealering Rec-
reation Precinct.

After much
planning and
community con-
sultation a design
for the track
was finalised
and funding se-
cured for the
construction of
the track.

Yealering Bike Track

YOUR AGED HOUSING...

Senior Citizens Homes - Survey Results 2012 / 2013

The Shire of Wickepin recently sent out a survey regarding Senior Citizen Housing.

The response rate from the community was extremely good, and the results have been collated, analysed and sent off to the Wheatbelt Development Commission.

Council and the Lifestyle Retirement Committee would like to say thank you to all those that participated in the survey; your in-put will be used when decisions are made regarding the future development of aged care homes. We think it is extremely important that the community have their contribution to such major decisions with the Shire of Wickepin, especially when it is you who are effected.

The next process will be the Community Consultation—Wheatbelt Aged Care Plan which will be held on Tuesday 4 June 2013 at 2.30pm at the Wickepin Community Centre.



Community Consultation

Wheatbelt Aged Care Plan

The Shire of Wickepin has committed \$5,000 to participate in a Regional Aged Care Planning process to develop and assist in the implementation of an Integrated Wheatbelt Aged Care Plan, with the Wheatbelt Development Commission.

The Plan will build on our existing services and infrastructure while finding methods in which our residents can age in their homes and communities for longer.

Funded through a partnership between the Wheatbelt Development Commission, the WA Country Health Service's Southern Inland Health Initiative (SIHI), and Local Government, the Wheatbelt Integrated Aged Support and Care Solution/s (WIASCS) is a proactive process which will produce Shire specific Needs Studies and an overall Wheatbelt Integrated Regional Aged Care Plan.

The Plan will look at all facets of Aged Care from Aged Friendly Communities, Aged Persons Housing, Community Care and Residential Care.

Melbourne Consultants Verso have been appointed to carry out this work and have prepared a summary of aged housing and care needs for our Shire. Verso would like to present these findings to the community to receive our thoughts and inputs, this will also provide a more accurate account of what will work and what is important to our community.

This is an invitation to all community members who access Aged Care services or have experienced the delivery of Aged Care services in our community to attend.

The community consultation will be held on Tuesday 4 June 2013 at 2.30pm at the Wickepin Community Centre.

Anzac Day Service

*All members of the public are
invited to the*

Wickepin Anzac Day Service

at the Wickepin War Memorial
commencing at 9.30am

Thursday, April 25 2013



*Please bring a plate to share for Morning Tea.
To be held in the Wickepin Town Hall afterwards.*

*Please contact the Shire of Wickepin Administration Office for more
information on 9888 1005.*



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WA Country Health Service



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COMMUNITY AWARDS...



The Australia Day BBQ Breakfast was held in Yealering this year, and was very well attended. A big thank you goes to the Councillors and volunteers who helped out with the cooking and cleaning-up, which makes the day an enjoyable and a successful event.

The Annual Community Awards were presented at the Australia Day breakfast. Congratulations to the winner of the 2012 Community Awards, Lee Parker who won citizen of the year.

Lee has been involved in the Wickepin community since her arrival here in the early 1990's in very different areas ranging from sporting groups, to the development of cultural events and the school community.



A congratulations goes out to Luke, Mathew and Shirley Ledwith for winning the 2012 Progressive Agriculture Award for demonstrating leadership and innovation in Agriculture, chosen and supported by the Facey Group.



YOUR COUNCIL...

A word from the CEO...

As I'm sure you have all enjoyed a busy start to 2013, I thought I would bring you up to speed on the happenings around the Shire.

The new reticulation on the Wickepin Oval is finished and the oval should be getting back to the great condition it was in before the upgrade of to the reticulation system. Congratulations to Peter and his staff for doing a great job.

The Wickepin 24 hour fuel facility is nearly fully operational and should be operating by the first week in May 2013.

This quarter has only seen a minor change to Council Staff with Mr Michael Fradsham leaving the Wickepin Workforce to take up a position with the Shire of Murray. Council would like to thank Mike for his time with the Shire of Wickepin and wish him well with the Shire of Murray.

Council has sent out applications for the Annual 2013/14 Shire of Wickepin Community Grants so please make sure you get your community grant applications in by 4.00pm on Friday 26 April 2013.

To the St John Ambulance volunteers; thank you for all the free volunteer time you give to ensure we are all looked after and get the necessary medical treatment and care when needed the most.

To all the Bushfire volunteers; thank you for keeping us safe during the past fire season and ensuring all the fires were kept to a minimal impact. A thank you also to Tim Heffernan for the excellent work as the as Chief Bush Fire Control Officer for the Shire of Wickepin and to all the Fire Control Officers thank you for taking on these important positions.



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