

Australia Day

The Australia Day BBQ Breakfast was held in Harrismith 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;

- ◆ John McDougall for being awarded Citizen of the Year
- ◆ Ray Lewis for Senior Citizen of the year and;
- ◆ Wickepin CRC for being awarded Community Group of the year.

Your contribution to the community is truly valued and admired by all. Well Done!



A congratulations goes out to Steve and Linley Rose for winning the 2017 Progressive Agricultural Award for demonstrating leadership and innovation in Agriculture, chosen and supported by the Facey Group.

Letter from the Editor

Happy New Year!

It has been a long while since the Shire had a newsletter—3 years to be exact! We all thought it would be a great idea to bring it back! Keep all our residents up to date with the goings-on here at the Shire.

There has been a lot happening within the Shire of Wickepin, especially in the last few months. We have had a few employee changes, including myself, taking over the role of ESO from Leah Taylor as Caen and herself welcomed their first baby into the world.

Sadly we are also saying goodbye to Nat and Pete. Nat has taken on the role of CEO at the Shire of Corrigin, we wish her all the best and we know she will do an amazing job.

Pete is off to the Broomehill-Tambellup Shire to continue on in his role of Manager of Works. Pete you will be missed not only in the office but around the community!!

Best of luck to you both.

Agatha Prior
Executive Support Officer

HAPPENINGS AROUND YOUR SHIRE...

The Wickepin Heritage Trail, across the railway line from the Albert Facey Homestead, has seen some more action. The hot-mix path extends just that little bit further now - making it easier for your prams and bicycles to get around. If you have not explored that side of town, you are really missing out. A great natural playground for your children. Great paths, bridges, sculptures and seating all set amongst the historical buildings and bushland. This is a Townscape and Cultural Planning initiative. Plans are in place to continue the path and complete one bridge, among other little projects. Get walking...

WICKEPIN BIRD PARK



HAPPENINGS AROUND YOUR SHIRE...

Works Crew

The boys are busy out on the grader around the Shire, concentrating on cleaning up the drains and clearing corners out on the roads. They are only grading where necessary as the roads are still a bit too dry. Be sure to give Plumby a wave if you see him in your area.

Aged Housing

A quick update on the Wheatbelt South Aged Housing Alliance.

Along with a few of our neighbouring Shire we have submitted applications for funding at both State and Federal level.

What this means for Wickepin is 6 Independent living homes in Johnston Park

Here's hoping for success!

Finance Manger

The Shire would like to extend a warm welcome to the newest member of the team, Erika Clement.

She will be joining us shortly and taking up Nat's role.

Big shoes to fill but we have faith she will be great.

Recycling!

Don't forget to recycle, although we will not be here forever—we would like the Earth to live on for many generations to come.

You can do your bit by reducing what goes into landfill by recycling!!

RECYCLING

It's good for the Environment



Reducing waste and recycling helps to conserve and protect our natural resources.

It also helps conserve and protect the environment, nature and wildlife for our future generations

See our flyer below to find out what items are recyclable!



Residential Recycling

Curb-side recycling is available to all residents in town.

Recycling bin collections are every 2nd Monday, public holidays included.

Remember to wash out your empty plastics, glass and metal recyclables! We can't accept Dirty ones

Non-residential Recycling

We have recycling stations in each town; Wickepin, Yealering and Harrismith for those Shire residents who do not get curb-side collection.



RECYCLE

Magazines, paper & flattened cardboard



Aluminium & Metal Cans



Glass Bottles & Jars



Plastics



Foam Containers & Packaging



Plastic Bags & Wrappers



Coated Containers & Cartons



Soiled Containers



Electronics & Hazardous Waste



COUNCIL NOTES.....

Please Remember

To be courteous to the users of the foot-path's and walk trails around the Shire and refrain from parking your vehicles on them.

We'd really appreciate it

Yealering Transfer Station

To make our job easier, we would like to remind residents using the Yealering transfer station to place rubbish in the correct location.

Harrismith Cemetery

The Townscape and Cultural Planning Committee met on 7 March for their first meeting of 2018.

Kym Smith was elected as chairperson for the committee.

A lot was discussed about events and goings-on around the Shire, however one very important matter was tabled for the meeting—The revised Harrismith Cemetery concept plan.

The committee are happy with the concept plan and are confident that the greater community will be, too. They would like feedback from the wider Harrismith and Tincurrin Community before it is implemented.

Send your thoughts and comments to our Admin Office either by email or post.

Email—admin@wickepin.wa.gov.au

Post—PO Box 19, Wickepin WA 6370

If you have any further queries, please contact us on 9888 1005.

**WATCH
THIS
SPACE**

— HERE'S WHATS —
GOING ON
SAVE THE DATES

LESLEY BARRETT IS BACK.
ONE WEEKEND. ONE SCULPTURE WORKSHOP.

DATE: 7 & 8 April 2018

VENUE: He Shed She Shed on Richter Street, Wickepin

COST: \$25/day

CONTACT: Lee at the Shire of Wickepin 9888 1005

Wednesday 25 April 2018
Wickepin War Memorial

Campbell Street

Commencing at 9.30am

WE WILL
REMEMBER
THEM

Sat 12 May
and
Sun 13 May

dryandra makers trail
mothers day weekend



The Dryandra Makers Trail is a self-drive trail held over the 2018 Mother's Day weekend in the region surrounding the Dryandra Woodlands.

Eleven official venues will open from 10am til 4pm on both Saturday 12th and Sunday 13th May.

Venues are located in the towns of Cuballing, Narrogin, Popanyinning, Wickepin and Williams. Entry to all venues is free.

Visitors will be able to enjoy a selection of the art, craft, music, local produce, food and wine available in this region.

Over 100 artists, artisans and producers will have items on display, much of which will be offered for sale.

Wickepin Town Hall will be the official venue for our Shire.

Local sculptors, photographers, creative girl boss businesses, artists, primary schools and caterers will all be selling their work.

YOUR BUSH FIRE INFO...



Burning Periods 17/18

Restricted Burning

8 Feb 2018 to 28 Apr 2018

So far this season we have been extremely lucky around the Shire as far as bush fires go!

However, as always—prevention is the best way to ensure we keep “getting lucky”

A big thank-you to all our volunteer fire-fighters, your efforts are always appreciated.

Bush Fire Volunteers Protective Clothing

Protective clothing is free to members of a Bush Fire Brigade, one per person. A uniform consists of fire retardant jackets and pants and a badge for each brigade.

To obtain protective clothing, come into the Shire admin office where various sizes are kept. The uniforms are designed to be worn over clothes.



Shire of Wickepin Alerts via SMS

The SMS (Text) alert service is a great way to receive notifications from the Shire. If you have not registered your number previously, please contact the Shire office on 9888 1005 or email

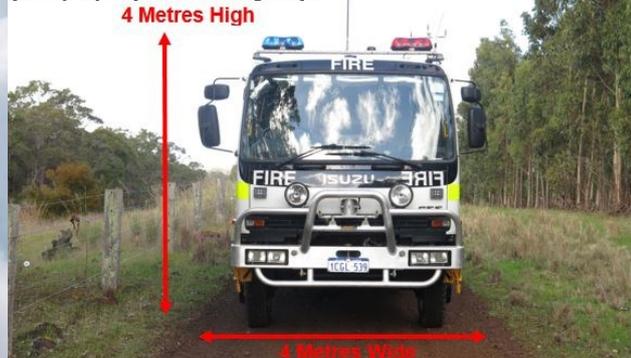
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to get your details added to the system.

Chief Bush Fire Control Officer
Dave Stacey

Deputy Chief Bush Fire Control Officer
Roger Butler

Would this fire truck be able to access your property in an emergency?



IN CASE OF FIRE RING 000

Harvest Ban Hotline: 9888 1312

Johnston Park Exercise Equipment



Work has almost been completed at the Healthy Precinct in Johnston Park. The hot-mix pads have been laid underneath the newly installed exercise equipment including suggestions for exercise routines.



A really brilliant addition to our town. The equipment is top quality and very secure with a range available for strength training and flexibility. Seating and a water refill station are there for your convenience.



This is wonderful intergenerational initiative brought to with funding support from Royalties for Regions, Wheatbelt Development Commission. Get out there and get exercising!!



YOUR COUNCIL...



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Chief Executive Officer—Mark Hook

Finance Manager—Erika Clement

Finance Officer—Amanda Smith

Executive Support Officer—Agatha Prior

Customer Support Officer—Sam Dawes

Community Development Officer—Lee Parker



Pool Opening Hours 1pm—6pm

Don't Forget!

Final rates instalments are due by
3rd April 2018



To avoid interest charges, be sure to make your payment before the due



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