

# SHIRE OF WICKEPIN

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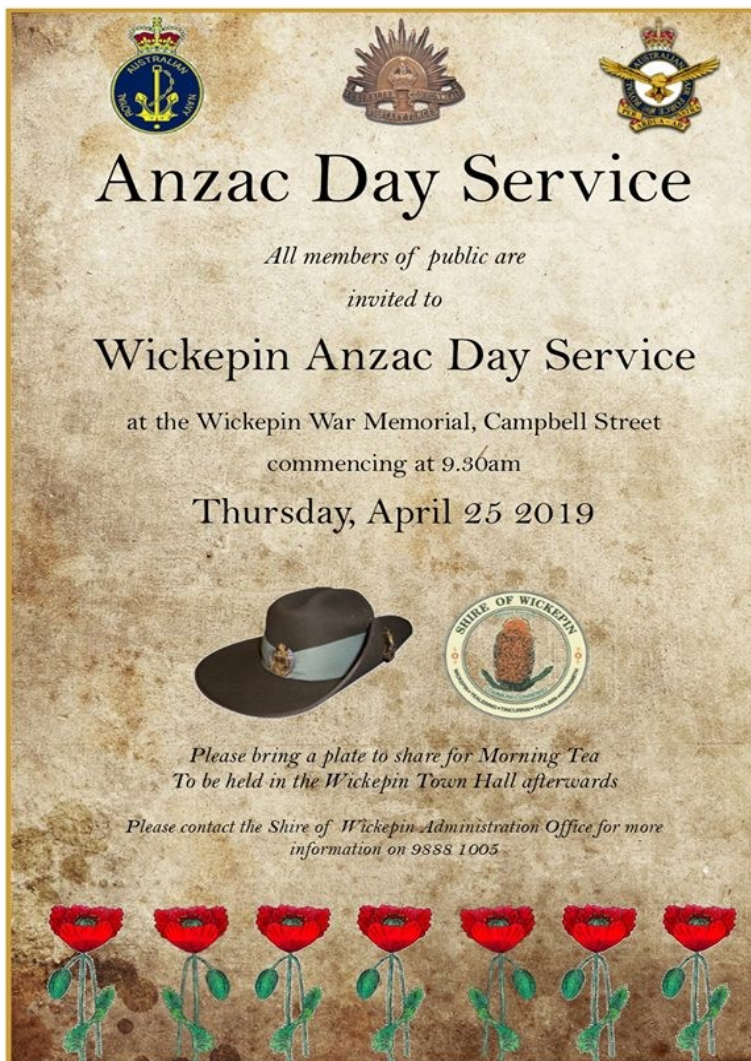
## **LETTER FROM THE EDITOR**




There has been a lot happening within the Shire of Wickepin, especially in the last few months. We have had Australia Day celebrations with citizen awards, Tanya Dupagne of Camp Kulin as Guest Speaker at the annual Farmer's Forum, the Interschool Swimming Carnival, the publication of Fallen but Not Forgotten and so much more.

We will endeavour to keep you up-to-date throughout the year with Instagram, Facebook and Shire pages in the Watershed. If you 'like' us on Facebook, you can be easily kept up to speed with all the happenings.

Remember! Community Grants close Friday 24 May. Download your application form on [www.wickepin.wa.gov.au](http://www.wickepin.wa.gov.au).

Rebecca Pauley  
Executive Services Officer





## Anzac Day Service

*All members of public are  
invited to*

### Wickepin Anzac Day Service


at the Wickepin War Memorial, Campbell Street  
commencing at 9.30am

Thursday, April 25 2019



*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*



*Saturday* *From 10am*

*May 11*

## Mothers Day Markets

in the  
**WICKEPIN MAIN STREET**

### Stall Holders Wanted

*For more information, or to register your stall  
contact the Wickepin CRC on 98881500 or  
email us: [wickepinlibrary@westnet.com.au](mailto:wickepinlibrary@westnet.com.au)*





# Australia Day Yealering Hall

The Shire of Wickepin celebrated Australia Day with a tasty breakfast celebrating the contributions of these community members:

2018 Citizen of the Year ***Stefie Green***

2018 Senior Citizen of the Year ***John Menegola***

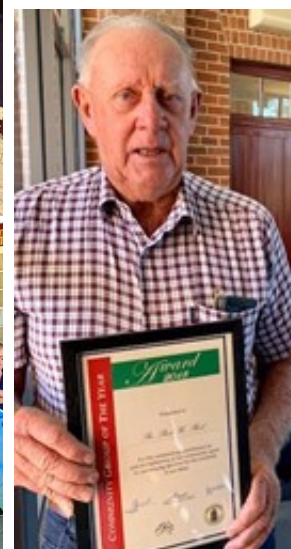
2018 Community Group of the Year ***She Shed He Shed***  
(accepted by Dave Astbury)

2018 Progressive Agriculture Award Facey Group ***Dr Kelly Pearce***

A huge thank you to the community and volunteers who helped with the organising, preparation and assistance on the day! A special thank you to the Councillors who cooked up a storm of delicious bacon and eggs to enjoy.



**Stefie Green**



**Dave Astbury**





# ***Wickepin Winter Weekend***

***of Country Music and Dancing***

**21, 22 & 23 June 2019**

***Old Time Dance, Line Dance, Square Dance  
at the***

**WICKEPIN TOWN HALL**

**FRIDAY NIGHT: 7.30pm OLD TIME DANCE with Campfire Country**

**SATURDAY:** Dance Sessions - 10am to 4pm  
Square Dancing (Tony Gray)  
Line Dancing (Geoff Tuke & Doug and Audrey)  
Old Time/New Vogue Dance (TBA)

**FUNDRAISING LUNCHEON AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE**

**SATURDAY NIGHT - 7.00pm GUEST ARTIST CONCERT**  
Featuring: Sarah Broome, Ric Davies, Di Harris, John Orr,  
Dave Burgess, Kevin Lansdell & Campfire Country

**SUNDAY MORNING: Dance Sessions - 10 till midday**

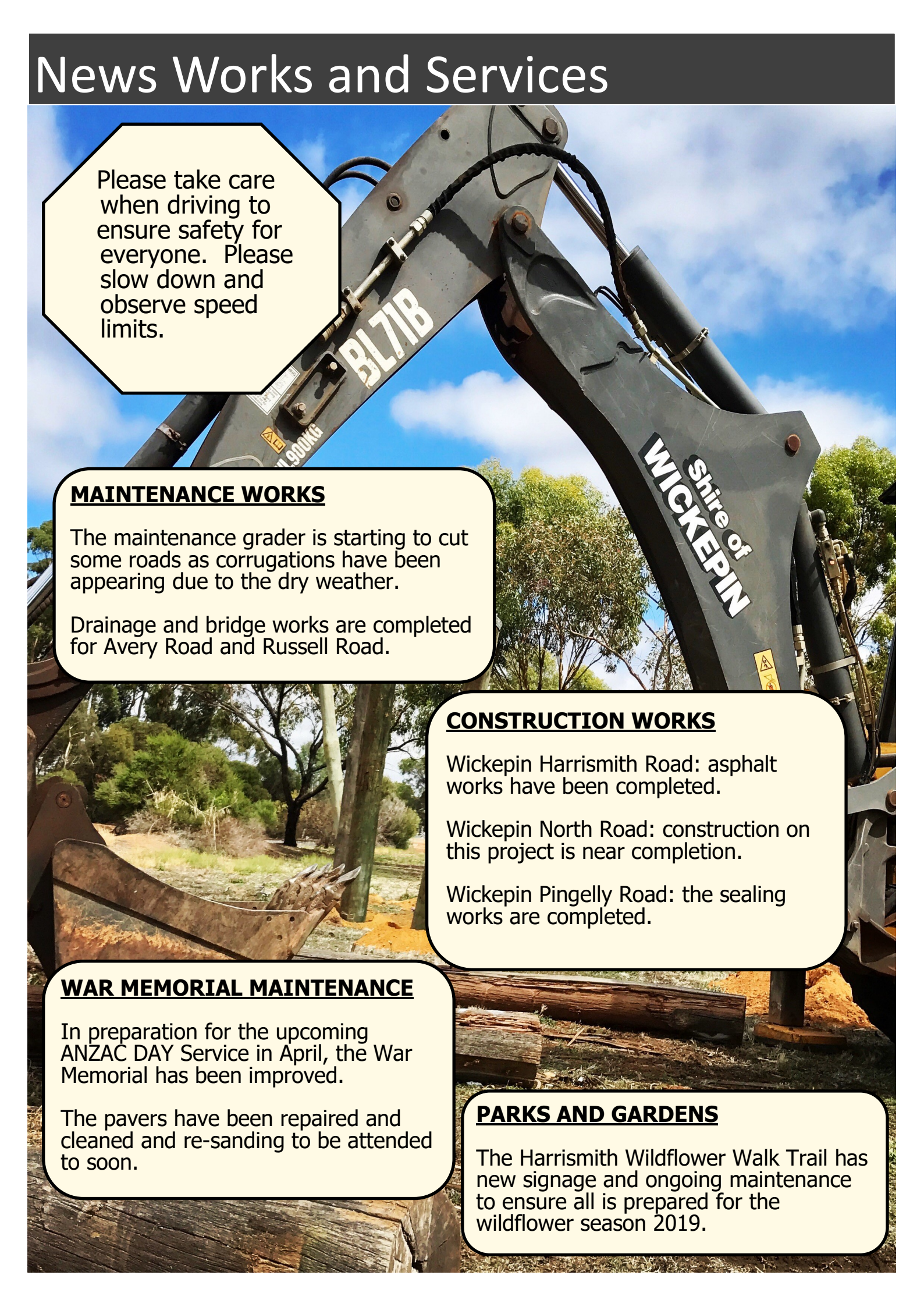
**Caravan Parking (toilets and showers included) available at the Wickepin Community Centre (opposite the Town Hall) \$10 per van per night, payable at the gate.**

**Other accommodation available:** Wickepin Hotel 9888 1192;  
Wickepin Caravan Park 0428 177952

\$10 Friday Night only  
\$10 Saturday 10am - 4pm  
\$10 Saturday Night only  
Or \$25 Weekend ticket  
Payable at Door



# News Works and Services



Please take care when driving to ensure safety for everyone. Please slow down and observe speed limits.

## **MAINTENANCE WORKS**

The maintenance grader is starting to cut some roads as corrugations have been appearing due to the dry weather.

Drainage and bridge works are completed for Avery Road and Russell Road.

## **CONSTRUCTION WORKS**

Wickepin Harrismith Road: asphalt works have been completed.

Wickepin North Road: construction on this project is near completion.

Wickepin Pingelly Road: the sealing works are completed.

## **WAR MEMORIAL MAINTENANCE**

In preparation for the upcoming ANZAC DAY Service in April, the War Memorial has been improved.

The pavers have been repaired and cleaned and re-sanding to be attended to soon.

## **PARKS AND GARDENS**

The Harrismith Wildflower Walk Trail has new signage and ongoing maintenance to ensure all is prepared for the wildflower season 2019.



# BLUE TREE PROJECT

The Blue Tree Project began in Western Australia and encourages people to choose a dead tree that needs a "blue lease on life" and paint it in memory of a friend who lost their life to depression or battled the illness.

Trees have since been painted across the country, including in remote locations in the Northern Territory and New South Wales.

**We have the paint. Do you have the time and brushes?**

Let's get together and talk about it while painting.

Let us know if you are available and willing to be part of this. 98881005.

A big shout out to the Astbury family in Harrismith/Tincurrin and the Smith family in Yealering for getting on board and being part of the blue movement raising awareness of suicide and being part of the conversation.

Follow the story on social media here:

<https://www.facebook.com/bluetreeproject.com.au/>

<https://www.instagram.com/bluetreeproject>

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*Emergency on 000 (or 112 from a mobile phone)*

*Lifeline on 13 11 14*

*Veterans and Veterans Families Counselling Service 1800 011 046*

*Kids Helpline on 1800 551 800*

*MensLine Australia on 1300 789 978*

*Suicide Call Back Service on 1300 659 467*

*Beyond Blue on 1300 22 46 36*

*Headspace on 1800 650 890*

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# News CEO

## **GRANTS AGED HOUSING**

Council appointed Tammy King, Principal Grants Consultant of Grants Empire to prepare the Business Case for the Wheatbelt South Aged Housing Alliance and submit the grant application to the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development.

The Aged Housing Project will deliver 14 (2-bed, 1-bath) in-situ independent living units across four local governments in the Wheatbelt South region in 2019/20. The \$5,098,300 project will facilitate ageing in place for the growing number of older people in the region and provide an alternative to prematurely entering residential aged care facilities both regionally and in the metropolitan area.

The Project will incorporate the principles of universal and dementia enabling design to promote functional and social independence, allowing people aged over 65 years (and Aboriginal people aged over 55 years) requiring additional support to remain in their community as long as possible.

All independent living units built as part of the Project will also conform with all relevant building codes and guidelines.

The grant application was forwarded to the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development on the 14<sup>th</sup> December 2019 and Council is awaiting a response in relation to this grant application. The Shire of Wickepin has requested a meeting with the Honourable Alannah MacTiernan MLC, Minister for Regional Development; Agriculture and Food; Minister assisting the Minister for State Development, Jobs and Trade to discuss the application.

## **CONSULTANTS FOR AGRICULTURAL FEASIBILITY**

The Shire of Wickepin has advertised for consultants to attract and promote Agricultural based Industries and Businesses to the Shire of Wickepin.

The main objectives and aims of the consultants are to assess opportunities for the development and expansion of new and existing agricultural industries, activities and events within the Shire of Wickepin to establish the Shire as a hub for agricultural research, extension and education.

It is anticipated that the successful consultants will be appointed by the end of May 2019 to start this exciting process.

## **BUDGET PRODUCTION**

The process for the 2019/2020 budget are underway so if you wish Council to consider any project or require any specific grants please put in your submission to the CEO by the end of June 2019.

## **DOG LICENCING**

All dogs must be registered with the Shire of Wickepin. The Shire's Ranger has been ordered to collect all unregistered dogs and impound them, releasable upon payment of all fees applicable. Failure of owner's responsibilities will result in fines being issued. All dogs must be registered with the Shire of Wickepin.



# News Community Development



## **JAMES GIDDY**

James Giddy has left his mark around Australia and further afield. James is inspired by the natural environment and by subjects encountered on his journeys.

James spent a few days in the Shire exploring all we have to offer. He painted two huge sheep with local landscape contained in each.

This was a wonderful initiative and has created great conversation among locals and visitors alike. Spot the Willy Wagtail next time you are in town. A big thank you to Jean Chalmers and the Wickepin Newsagency for commissioning this fantastic work of art on their wall.

## **PROPOSED WOGOLIN PARK UPDATE**

Feedback from the community on how they would like to see the recreational space around the Albert Facey Homestead developed has been passed onto the Landscape Architect working on a concept plan for the park.

Wish items identified include a flying fox, pump track and/or skate park, tall climbing tower with slides of different heights, net swings, nature play spaces and a community garden. A feature survey of the site has been created. A draft concept plan will be ready by the end of April and will be brought to the public for comment.

Shire will have to source grants to fund the park. Community groups and individuals will be asked to be involved in this process. A collective investment and belief will enable the project to move forwards and become a reality. Anyone in the community who would like to be involved with the development of the park please contact our Community Development Officer, Lee Parker

## **BUILDING SUSTAINABLE CLUBS**

Wickepin has partnered with Narrogin in the Building Sustainable Clubs Program. The Program's purpose is to support and enhance the sustainability, capacity and capability of our clubs in the Upper Great Southern region through a range of strategies. As part of this program Caroline Robinson from the Wheatbelt Business Network will facilitate a workshop in Wickepin – tentatively set for May 7 at 1pm. This will be a short and sweet workshop concentrating on:

- Succession planning
- Member recruitment – especially younger people
- Meeting procedures
- Forward planning

It will be an informal mix & match session with lots of resources, tips, templates and tangible items that groups can take home, including intellectual information. This workshop is not limited to sport clubs as all community groups will benefit from the information. There will be an opportunity to do Q & A around constitutions - Caroline is happy for people to bring their constitutions along to check that everything is in order.

Call the Community Development Officer, Lee Parker, at the Shire for more information.



# Social Media

The Shire of Wickepin is active on Facebook and Instagram.

To keep up to date with our news, follow us <https://www.facebook.com/shireofwickepin/> ; [https://www.instagram.com/wickepin\\_shire/](https://www.instagram.com/wickepin_shire/)

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**Shire of Wickepin**  
Yesterday at 3:55 pm ·

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Thanks to the @narroginobserver for this great article on a family-owned and run business reducing waste while providing a wonderful shopping experience 🙌

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### Pantry cuts waste, adds convenience

Michael Trail

A family-owned business in Yealering opened this year, offering shoppers environmentally friendly and locally sourced products.

Inspired by thriving businesses in Perth, the Yealering Pantry uses the bare minimum of plastic packaging in their products and lets customers choose the exact quantity they want.

Instead of conventional packaging or plastic shopping bags, glass jars and tins are used to transport, then store, products from the Yealering Pantry's shelves to local homes.

"We'd seen the concept of these stores in Perth... we were interested in the waste-free concept, which is trendy at the moment, if you like," owner Matt Pockran said.

"We had seen what our eldest daughter, Chloe, had done (after shopping at a waste-free store).

Instead of boxes and bags, we have containers and just refill them.

Matt Pockran with the reduction of rubbish at her place. She's down to a litre a week of rubbish. Instead of boxes and bags, we have containers and just refill them."



Once entering the store, shoppers fill up reusable containers, either their own or ones supplied by the store, with products they want to buy before heading to the counter, where it is all weighed and paid for.




From cleaning products to stationery, the Yealering Pantry can invest in more products for their customer base.

Offering waste-free alternatives to the region was not the only reason the Pockran family to open the business. "We decided one of us, either my wife or myself, want to do something to help daughter Alex, who is 17 now and is on the autism spectrum," he said. "It's obviously hard for someone to get a job here, there's no job opportunities, there's no services and everything is far away."

Shoppers take as much as they need at the Yealering Pantry.



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**Thank you to my hometown of Wickepin for all the support! @wickepin\_shire**

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Couper Spark:  
Labourer and Gardener



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Phillipa Ellis



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