

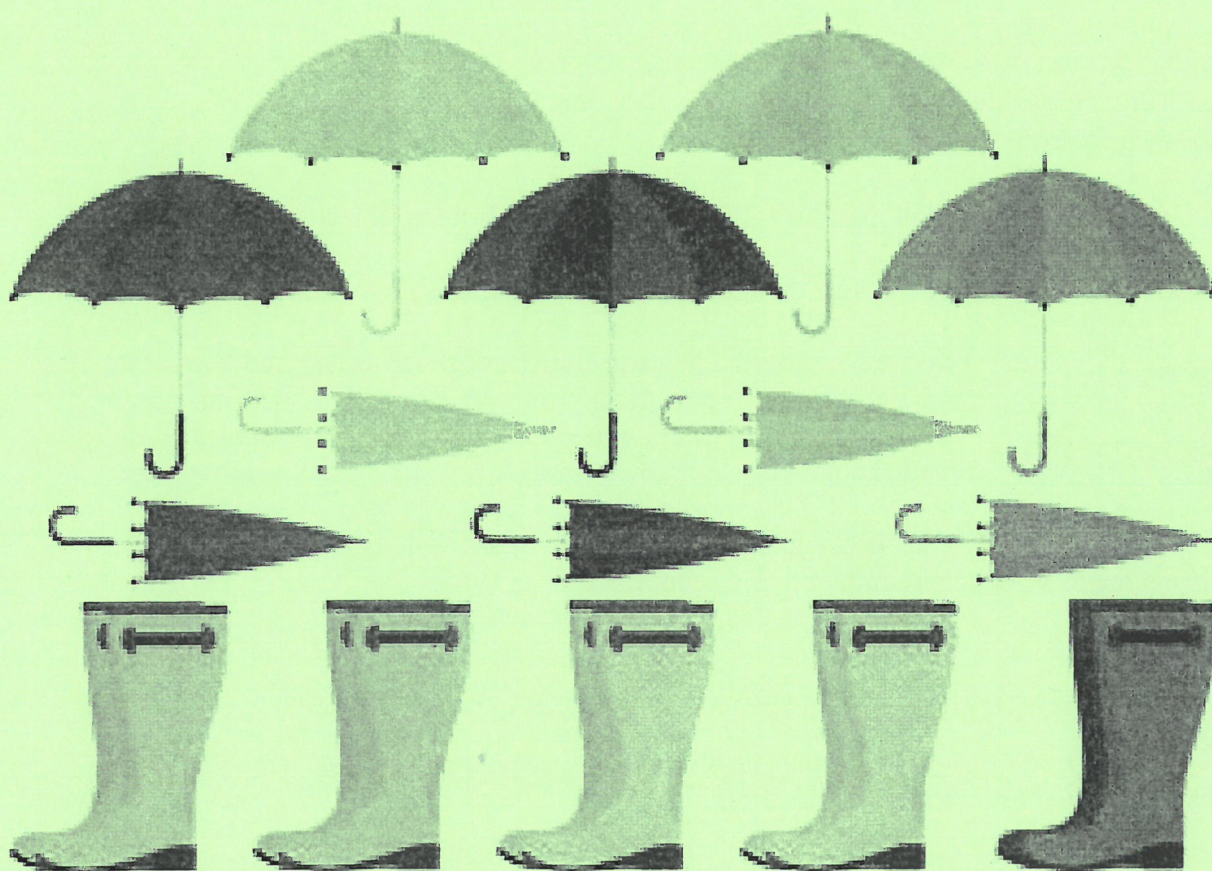
WATERSHED NEWS

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A fortnightly paper for the areas of
Dudin, Toolibin, Tincurrin,
Harrismith, Yealering and Wickpin

30th June 2020



Winter has arrived-
Time to get out the wellies!

Community News



Birthday greetings to Kyle Flavel, Travis Talbot, Sarah Woods, Aiden White, Jade Bushby, Phil Watson, Andrea Cooke-Bennier, Leah Taylor

Chris Lozinicins celebrated turning 60 with a small family gathering on Saturday night at home. He has had his daughter Emilia visiting for a few days.

There was quite a gathering at Andrew McColl's home about a month ago when all the McColl boys and their partners and wives met to help their father Des celebrate his 70th birthday.



Phil Watson is looking forward to his daughter and cousin and their families visiting to help him celebrate his birthday over the weekend.



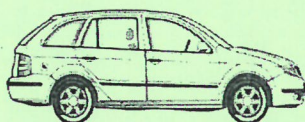
Our sympathy is extended to Wendy Meddings and her sisters following the passing of their mother last week.

Congratulations to Susie and her team of willing workers who produced a very successful and enjoyable morning tea on Friday 26th June. Lovely food and even more lovely gifts from the raffle.



Huge cheerio to Margaret Watkins who is recuperating after a bout of illness.

Great to see Claude Simpson out and about and sending best wishes for your recovery.



Two weeks ago, Phil Watson and Hazel Green welcomed Glen Hemley and Val Whitfield from Albany for a weekend visit. (The car needed a run.) Glen enjoyed catching up with friends and visiting places she had lived and noticing the growth in the town since she had moved away.

Tony Easton was home for the weekend to add to the relative tally Glen caught up with. Glen first came to Wickepin with Hazel as a schoolteacher in 1962.



The front three rooms of the Health Centre were painted last week so it was a little chaotic, but well worth the effort.

School holidays commence this Friday the 3rd July. Wishing all the staff and students a lovely break. School resumes for Term 3 on the 20th July.





The Shire of Wickepin would like to extend a warm welcome to our newest staff member Careese Ranieri who has commenced as our Customer Services Officer. Careese has come from the Shire of Cuballing where she recently completed a local government traineeship.

Administration Office

Although WA has now moved to Phase 4 and COVID restrictions are easing, we please ask the public to still adhere to the signs upon entry to the office and follow the 1.5m social distancing measures in place and practice personal hygiene.

2020/21 Rates Notices

Shire of Wickepin rates will be issued following the August ordinary meeting of council. To ensure you receive your rates notice and to alleviate possible interest charges on late payments, please make sure we have your correct postal address on record and advise if any changes of ownership are required.

Pensioner Rebate

If you hold one of the following cards, are a property owner, and were living at that property as your "ordinary place of residence" as at July 1 of the rating year, you may be eligible for a State Government rebate on your Rates and Emergency Services Levy.

- Pensioner Concession Card;
- WA State Seniors Card;
- Commonwealth Seniors Health Card and WA State Seniors Card; or
- State Concession Card

You may also be entitled to a rebate if you have life tenancy under the terms of a will.

If you have already registered, the rebate will be shown on your notice as "State Government Rebate".

If you were previously registered for a Seniors Rebate and you now have a Pensioner Concession Card or Commonwealth Seniors Health Card, you should

complete a new application to receive an increased rebate amount.

If you have purchased a new property and you had a rebate last year on the property that you sold, the rebate does not automatically transfer to your new property. You must complete a new application.

For all queries and new pensioner rebate applications please contact the Water Corporation on 13 13 85 or online via <https://www.watercorporation.com.au>.

Wickepin Refuse Site

The Wickepin Refuse Site will now only be open Friday 4pm and close Monday 4pm.



drumMUSTER

The next DrumMuster will be held on
Tuesday 7 July 2020

Then the following dates:
Tuesday 8 September 2020
Tuesday 6 October 2020

Collection is between the hours of
8.00am & 3.30pm by appointment only.

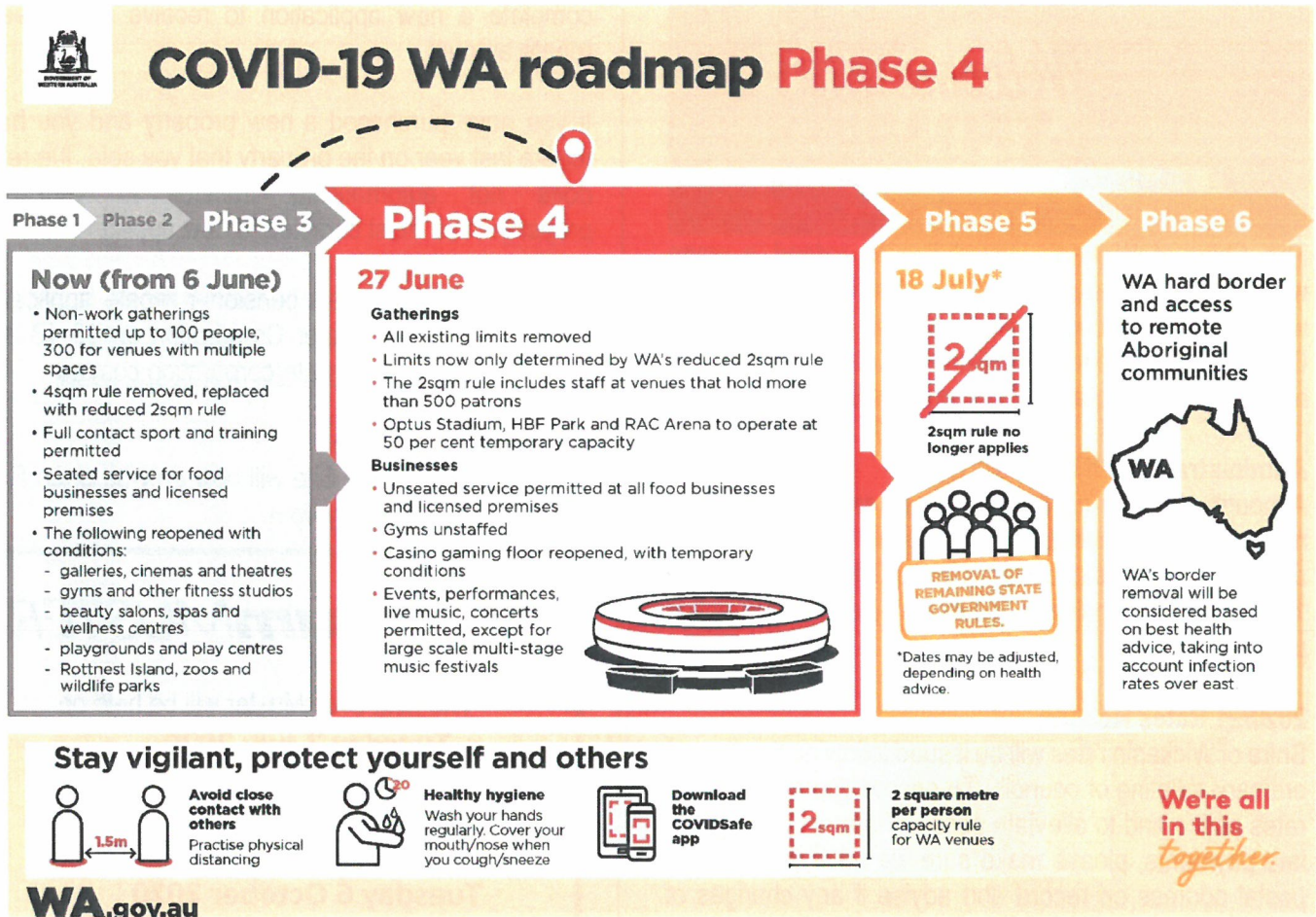
BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL

Contact the shire office on 9888 1005 for appointments advising of number of drums for disposal.



Our website is continually updated to include the latest news and information for the public to access. This includes venue hire forms, fees & charges, council meeting minutes & agendas and many other public documents and information.

www.wickepin.wa.gov.au



DROUGHT COMMUNITY SUPPORT

The Salvation Army is working together with St Vincent de Paul Society to deliver the Drought Community Support Initiative (DCSI) for eligible drought-affected households.

If you're a farmer, farm worker or farm supplier/contractor who is struggling financially because of the drought, you may be entitled to receive a one-off payment of up to \$3,000 funded by the Australian Government's Drought Community Support Initiative Round 2 (DCSI). Visit www.salvationarmy.org.au for further details.



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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT LICENSING

The Shire office continue to provide Department of Transport licensing agency services between the hours of 8.30am – 4pm Monday – Friday. Computer Theory Tests (CTT) & Hazard Perception Tests (HPT) are only available between the hours of 9am – 3.00pm.

Further licensing information and various forms are available via www.transport.wa.gov.au/licensing.

UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS 2020		
Fri 3 July	Lifestyle & Retirement Committee Meeting	10am
Wed 15 July	Ordinary Meeting of Council	3.30pm
Tue 28 July	Bush Fire Control Officer's Meeting	7pm

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Thank you to everyone who came along to Australia's Biggest Morning Tea on Friday. And a big thank you to everyone who donated food and prizes.

We raised over **\$800** for Cancer Council!



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School Holiday activities

@ Wickepin CRC

School's
Out!



Tuesday 7th

Craft Morning

'Amazing Recycling Projects'

10am \$5 each

Includes all your Materials

Remember to wear your
painting clothes

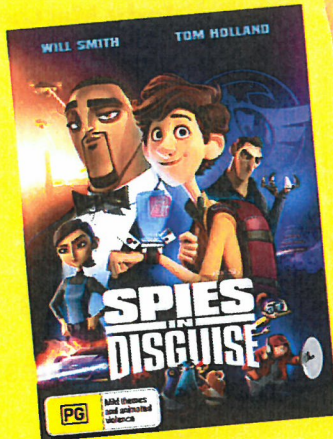


Tuesday 14th
Movie AVO

'Spies in
Disguise'

2pm

\$5 includes
drink and
popcorn



Both events
fully supervised
Please RSVP to
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on 9888 1500

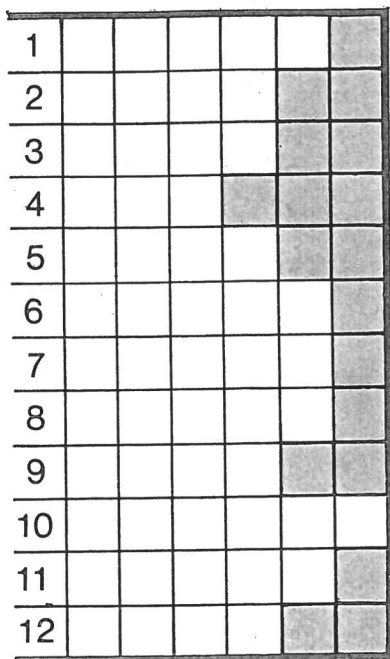


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KIDS CORNER

Can you find the missing words?
They are all in this list.
Write them in the puzzle.

neigh	hiss	bark	croak
grunt	bleat	squeak	buzz
coo	quack	purr	roar



- 1 Ducks—.
- 2 Bees—.
- 3 Cats—.
- 4 Doves and pigeons—.
- 5 Lions—.
- 6 Pigs—.
- 7 Frogs—.
- 8 Horses—.
- 9 Snakes and kittens—.
- 10 Mice—.
- 11 Sheep—.
- 12 Dogs—.

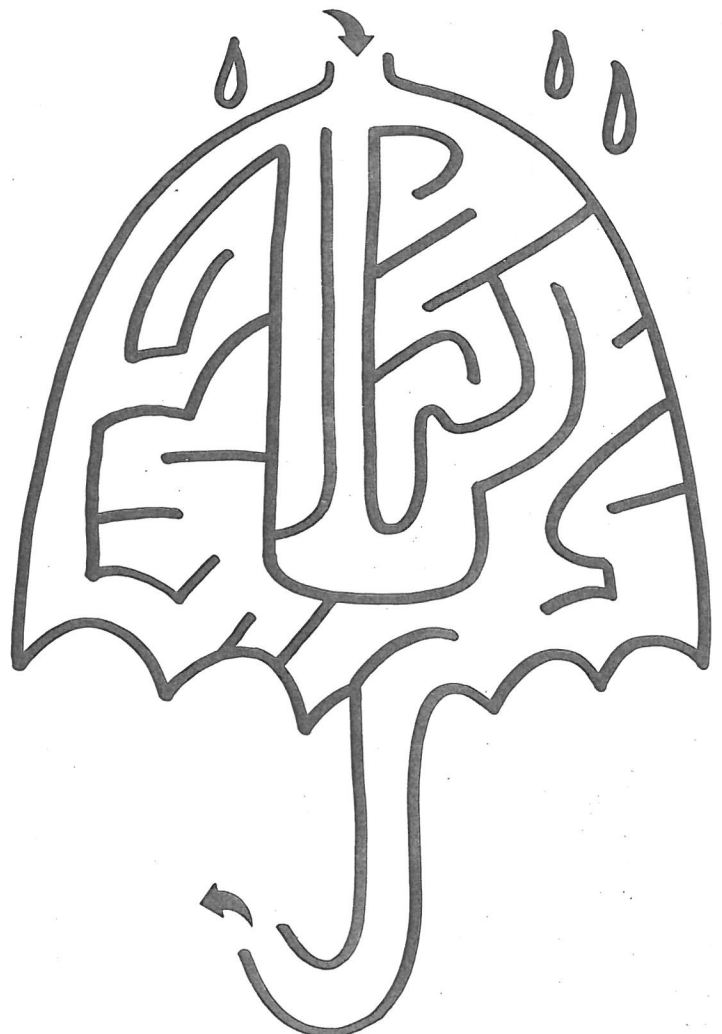
Happy Birthday



Lucy Miller 3/7/2009



Colour Me



Classified

For Sale: Gopher. \$450.
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Lost: Annexe floor mat and Caravan awning privacy screen.
Lost between Wickepin and Corrigin on Monday 22nd June.
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FITNESS GROUPS IN WICKEPIN - 2020

	MONDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
6am - 6.45am	<u>FIT - PURSUIT</u> \$12 per class With -Brooke Hoskin COMMUNITY CENTRE		<u>FIT - PURSUIT</u> \$12 per class With -Brooke Hoskin COMMUNITY CENTRE
10.30am -12 noon		<u>YOGALATES</u> \$20 per class, class numbers are capped, contact Jody Matthews to book your spot 0427 562 077 COMMUNITY CENTRE	
5pm - 6pm	<u>BODY PUMP</u> \$5 DVD COMMUNITY CENTRE Helen Sands		

Rainfall registered at the Wickepin Post Office

2020	mm	Days	Total	2019	mm	Days	Total
January	0.0	0	0.0	January	0.6	1	0.6
February	43.6	8	43.6	February	0.0	0	0.6
March	15.2	3	58.8	March	11.5	6	12.1
April	5.0	3	63.8	April	11.1	7	23.2
May	42.0	8	105.8	May	11.3	3	34.5
June	30.0	7	143.8	June	79.2	13	113.7
July				July	46.4	5	160.1
August				August	52.4	12	212.5
September				September	8.7	4	221.2
October				October	14.0	4	235.2
November				November	6.9	3	242.1
December				December	3.0	1	245.1

As of 29th June 2020

IN THE KITCHEN

Winter warmers

Try this Thai Recipe to help keep you feeling creative in the kitchen!

Instant Pot Thai Curry Chicken

A simple delicious recipe for Curry Chicken and veggies. Fast, healthy and full of incredible Thai flavour!

Ingredients

- 1 tablespoon oil
- 2 shallots, chopped (or 1 onion)
- 2 teaspoons fresh ginger, finely chopped
- 4 garlic cloves, rough chopped
- 750 gm Boneless, skinless chicken thighs or breasts, cut into one-inch pieces.
- 2-4 tablespoons Thai red curry paste.
- 1 x 400ml can coconut milk.
- 1 cube chicken stock
- 2 tablespoons fish sauce
- 2 tablespoons brown sugar.
- 4 kefir lime leaves (optional)
- optional veggies (4-5 cups) cubed potatoes, carrots, cauliflower, capsicum, snow peas, peas, green beans, asparagus or even fresh pineapple chunks! - separate slow-cooking veggies from quick-cooking veggies
- 2 tablespoons lime juice
- garnishes – lime wedge, bean sprouts, ¼ cup fresh basil (a must) and Thai basil really elevates this!

Instructions:

- Set your grain to cook on the stove. Quinoa, rice or noodles!
- In a heavy base pan, heat oil and add shallot, ginger and garlic, and saute until fragrant and golden, about 2-3 minutes. Add chicken, stir, and just give a quick sear, just 2-3 minutes. Add red curry paste (I like about 3 tablespoons for medium spicy), cook one minute, then add coconut milk, chicken stock cube, fish sauce, brown sugar and optional kefir lime leaves. Give a stir to combine. At this point, add any veggies that need longer cooking—like potatoes, parsnips, carrots, cauliflower (cut into larger, 1 inch chunks).
- Simmer sauce down a bit to reduce it, add any quick-cooking veggies- snow peas, capsicum, asparagus and simmer for 3-4 minutes or until veggies are just tender, yet still bright and snappy.
- Add lime juice. Taste, adjust salt and heat (add more curry paste for more spicy).
- Serve over your grain, topping with fresh basil, lime wedge and bean sprouts!

Enjoy !!!



Garden Snippets....



...Bird Haven..

Encourage Native Birds to your garden by installing a BirdBath to keep them cool and hydrated...

All birds enjoy bathing. They love the opportunity to splash, roll and play in puddles of water, and they also need plenty of water to drink all year around, and especially in hotter months.

Clean, cool water under a leafy tree is a great kindness to them, and can sometimes be one of the hardest necessity for birds to find.

So, Install a Birdbath....

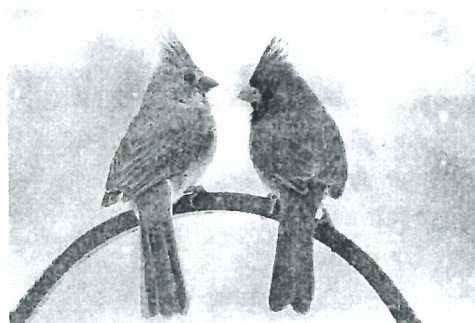
Many people believe that water will attract more birds to your garden than a feeder will, so a birdbath is one of the easiest ways to bring birds up close where you can have a good look at them.

Make sure you keep your birdbath either on a pedestal or hung from a tree to make it easier to clean, and also keep birds safe from predators.

It is very easy to create and make your own using a few rocks, bricks, wrought iron legs of some sort, or other such item for the pedestal, with a suitable sized shallow bowl for the water container.

Place your birdbath amongst shrubbery, for shade, and use a small sprinkler for the water to create a most inviting cool spot for birds to gather.

You will soon have a menagerie of birdlife flitting around your garden.



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What's On In Wickepin Shire

Mondays:

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Fit Pursuit 6am-6.45am @ Wickepin Community Centre.

Body Pump 5pm-6pm @ Wickepin Community Centre

Local Vocals with Mazz - 7pm-9.00pm @ Wickepin Hall

Tuesdays:

He Shed She Shed - @ Old Recycling Shed Richter St- 9am-12noon

Pathology Service~ Appointment Only @ Wickepin Health Centre

Wednesdays:

Every Wednesday- Social Arts & Crafts @ 9.30am ~ Joyner St

Thursdays:

Yogalates @ Community Centre 9.30am-11am (Except school holidays)

Fridays:

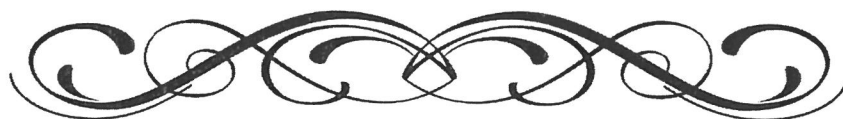
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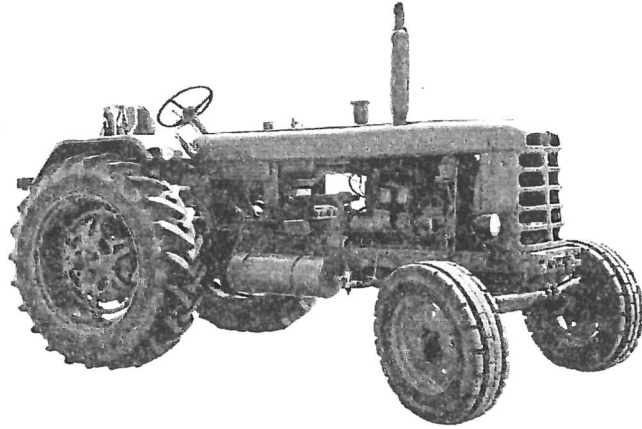
Banksia Bowmen Archery- Wickepin Community Centre @ 9am
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Sundays:

Anglican Church every 1st & 3rd Sunday @ 8am



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KULIN BUSH RACES

CANCELLATION OF THE 2020 KULIN BUSH RACES

03/06/2020



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KULIN HOLDS THE REINS ON 2020 BUSH RACES EVENT

After a complete sell-out in 2019, the Kulin Bush Races Committee has regrettably announced the cancellation of its iconic regional event in 2020 due to COVID-19 restrictions.

For the past 25 years, the not-for-profit event, which is held every October, has attracted around 4,000 punters to the small Wheatbelt community. The event has raised much needed funds for local projects and communities in Kulin, such as, medical facilities, youth programs, the RFDS and other community facilities.

The Kulin Bush Races Committee, a group of local voluntary community members, waited for as long as possible in the hope that circumstances may have allowed them to bring yet another amazing race experience. However, with the uncertainty surrounding COVID-19, a decision was made at their last meeting to formally suspend what would have been their 26th event.

The newly elected Chairman, Tom Murphy, said, "Whilst the committee was incredibly disappointed, the strange new world was forcing the Kulin community and committee to slow down and use this break to focus on other important aspects of our event. We are putting our efforts into a new website and refreshing our branding, as after 25 years, both of these need a facelift and it will also create a better online experience for our race-goers."

Other initiatives would include getting involved in town projects and revamping some of the race-track amenities. Most importantly, the committee were continuing their planning of how to come back bigger and better in 2021.

"The whole reason for the Bush Races is to make Kulin a better place to live and visit," stated Tom.

"We want our patrons to be well looked after when they visit and whilst our committee have already been working tirelessly on an event we will have to cancel, some of the team are actually looking forward to a year off after 25 busy years!"

In the meantime, they urged Western Australians to get out and explore our amazing region, support local businesses and most importantly, start planning their trip

out to Kulin in October 2021 because the community would be ready for them!

Tom Murphy said, "From a personal perspective, it has been a bizarre situation, as I have just taken over the reins from Graeme Robertson who, after 25 years of service to the committee as Chairperson, stepped down after the 2019 event."

"I would never have thought I'd have to cancel my first event as chairperson!"

"But it's such a privilege to be part of a dedicated and community minded committee who, given the opportunity to have a year off, just want to keep going."

Former Chairman Graeme Robertson said, "In all honesty, it has been a difficult decision for all involved, but the committee and community would learn some great lessons from this and would only add to its resilience."

And on reflection of his decision to hand the gauntlet to Victorian-born Tom, Graeme laughed that, "Regardless of COVID -19, the committee has learnt a really valuable lesson in handing over the chair to a Victorian!"

"But in all seriousness, we love running such an iconic event and seeing the joy it brings to our patrons, so bring on 2021!"

In the meantime, the Kulin Bush Races Committee are urging people to keep an eye on their social media as they still have a bit of fun planned for later in the year. They also encouraged all event goers, past and future, to stay safe and they looked forward to welcoming them back to Kulin in the near future.

Photo 1: Kulin Bush Races empty marquee and track.
Photo2 : Tom Murphy with his daughters, Grace and Maggie, at the Kulin Bush Races track.

Contact: Tom Murphy (Chairman, Kulin Bush Races Inc)
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Email: chairman@kulinbushraces.com.au
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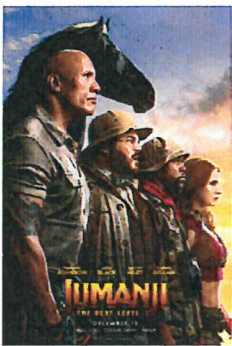
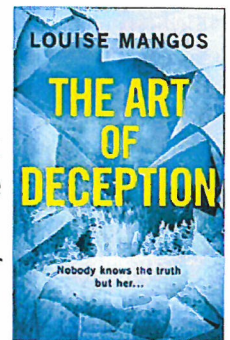


New ARRIVALS

Adult Fiction

The Art of Deception—Louise Mangos The new must-read thriller from the author of *Strangers on a Bridge*, Louise Mangos. Art college dropout Lucie arrives in a Swiss ski resort looking for work – but instead finds Mathieu. Handsome, charismatic and from a good family, Matt seems like the perfect man. But as Lucie soon discovers, he has a dark side – one that will drive their relationship to a dramatic conclusion, and tear the life she has built for herself and their son apart. Left fighting for her freedom in a foreign prison, and starting to lose her grip on reality, Lucie must summon all of her strength to uncover the truth and be reunited with her son before it's too late.

The clock is ticking . . . but who can she trust?



Adult DVD

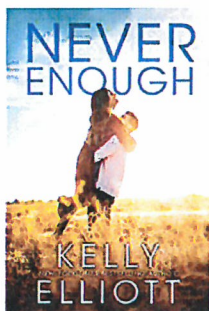
Jumanji The Next Level In *Jumanji: The Next Level*, the gang is back but the game has changed. As they return to Jumanji to rescue one of their own, they discover that nothing is as they expect. The players will have to brave parts unknown and unexplored, from the arid deserts to the snowy mountains, in order to escape the world's most dangerous game.

Adult Non-Fiction

Quilt Modern Curves & Bold stripes 15 Dynamic Projects for All Skills Levels Laced with retro-inspired circles and bold stripes, fifteen modern quilts leave an unforgettable impression. Piecing circles, half circles, and quarter circles is easier than you think, and the authors teach you to add movement and depth two ways—through striped fabric and easy strip sets. These aren't your typical Drunkard's Path quilts, but distinctive quilts for adventurous quilters! With block-based patterns, some improvisational piecing, and layouts ranging from beginner-friendly to complex, there's truly something for everyone.



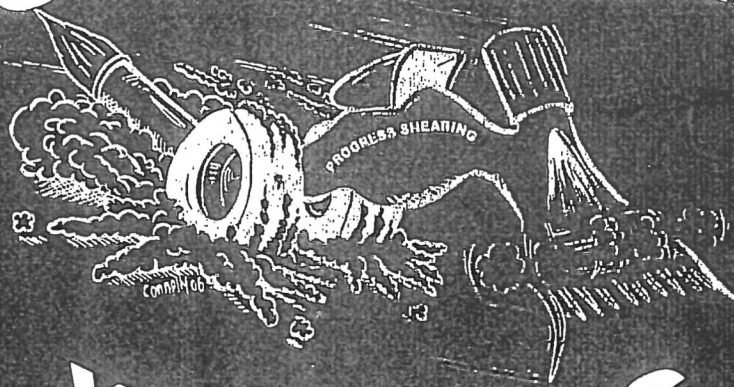
Adult Audiobook



Never Enough—Kelly Elliott Longing to forget the pain of his wife's death, Brock Shaw has immersed himself in the one thing that lets him escape the guilt. Bull riding. But life on the road means leaving his young son at home with his parents. They want him to give up his career and be a father to his child, but Brock needs the adrenaline to get through each day...or so he thinks. Lincoln Pratt needs a fresh start. As a top interior designer in Atlanta, she has everything she could ever want, but she's always at her father's mercy. Something's missing, and Lincoln knows she'll only find it somewhere far away - like the rolling pastures of Hamilton, Montana, where she meets the irresistibly mysterious Brock. In Brock Shaw, Lincoln sees the part of her that's missing. In Lincoln Pratt, Brock sees the part of himself he thought he'd lost. But the pain of his past binds him.

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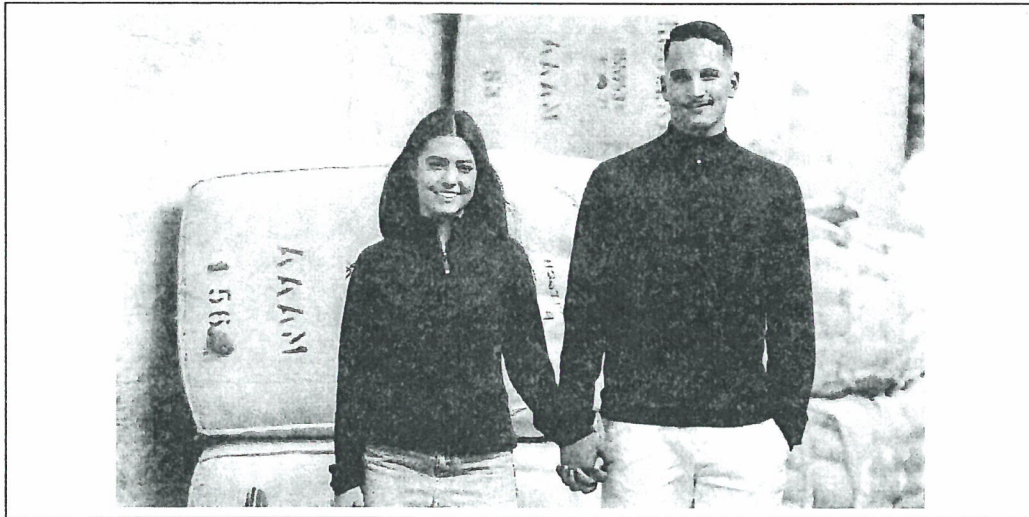


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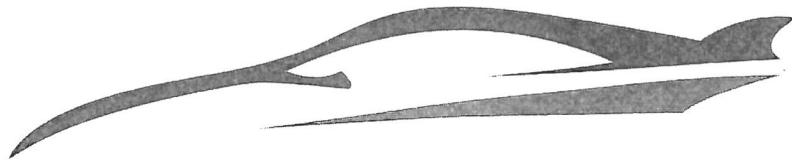
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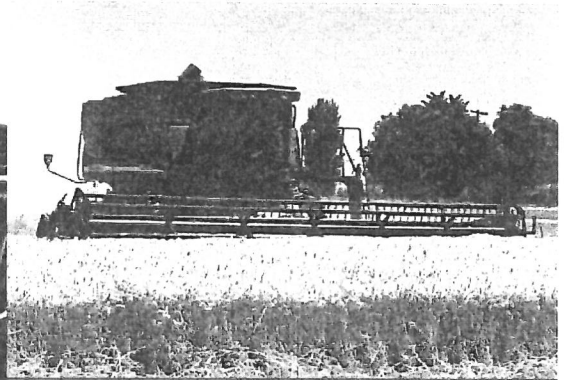
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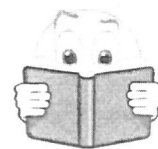
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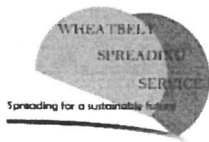
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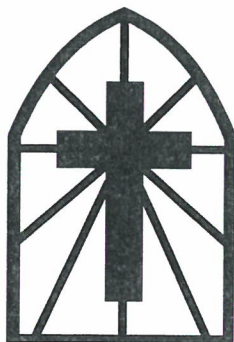
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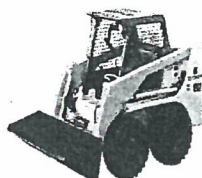
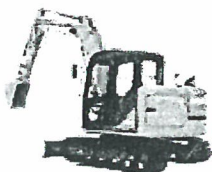


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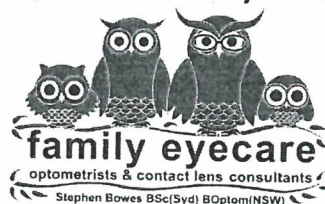
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Harrismith Golf Club

The annual Farmers Centre Mid-Week 4BBB event held at Harrismith Golf Club last Thursday, attracted a large field of enthusiastic golfers from around the wheat belt. They come to enjoy a game of golf and camaraderie coinciding with the easing of social gathering restrictions.

Winners of the net were Caen Taylor and Dan Bayley with 45 points.

More excellent scores were returned on Saturday when a stroke round was played for the President's Trophy.

Winner was Scott Bayley 81-10-71 net.

R/U was Caen Taylor.

Ladies winner was Helen Kirby 95-19-76 net.

R/U was Amanda Davidson.

Many thanks to John and Keith for providing pizzas following play.
The young ones really enjoyed helping the boys serve the pizzas.
Next Saturday there will be a Stableford round.



Wickepin Pot Club News

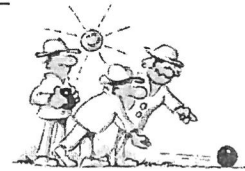
Sunday June 21st

Fourteen came along to enjoy a morning of bowls, the weather was perfect and it was great to see all who were there. The rink winners were Rex Bergin, Alan Cardy, Chris Moore and Dave Astbury. The final playoff winner was Chris Moore.

This last Sunday the 28th was cancelled because of the weather.

Hope to see everyone next Sunday, weather permitting.

Thank-you to the Narrogin players for coming along every week.



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Wickepin junior footy starts this Thursday July 2nd at 5pm.

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Wickepin Football Club Fixtures 2020

Round 1			
18.07.20	Narrogin Hawks	Brookton/Pingelly	Narrogin
19.07.20	Boddington	Katanning Wanderers	Boddington
19.07.20	Williams	Wagin	Williams
19.07.20	Wickepin	Kukerin/Dumbleyung	Wickepin
Round 2			
25.07.20	Wagin	Boddington	Matera Oval
25.07.20	Brookton/Pingelly	Wickepin	Brookton
26.07.20	Kukerin/Dumbleyung	Williams	Stubbs Park
26.07.20	Katanning Wanderers	Narrogin Hawks	Quartermaine Oval
Round 3			
1.08.20	Boddington	Kukerin/Dumbleyung	Boddington
2.08.20	Narrogin Hawks	Wagin	Narrogin Hawks
2.08.20	Williams	Wickepin	Williams
2.08.20	Katanning Wanderers	Brookton/Pingelly	Quartermaine Oval
Round 4			
8.08.20	Wickepin	Boddington	Wickepin
9.08.20	Kukerin/Dumbleyung	Narrogin Hawks	Nenke Oval
9.08.20	Brookton/Pingelly	Williams	Brookton
9.08.20	Wagin	Katanning Wanderers	Matera Oval
Round 5			
15.08.20	Narrogin Hawks	Wickepin	Narrogin
15.08.20	Boddington	Williams	Boddington
15.08.20	Wagin	Brookton/Pingelly	Darkan
16.08.20	Katanning Wanderers	Kukerin/Dumbleyung	Quartermaine Oval
Round 6			
22.08.20	Brookton/Pingelly	Boddington	Pingelly
23.08.20	Williams	Narrogin Hawks	Williams
23.08.20	Wickepin	Katanning Wanderers	Wickepin
23.08.20	Kukerin/Dumbleyung	Wagin	Stubbs Park
Round 7			
30.08.20	Narrogin Hawks	Boddington	Narrogin
30.08.20	Katanning Wanderers	Williams	Quartermaine Oval
30.08.20	Wagin	Wickepin	Matera Oval
30.08.20	Kukerin/Dumbleyung	Brookton/Pingelly	Nenke Oval
2nd Semi Final	5.09.20		Wickepin
1st Semi Final	6.09.20		Boddington
Preliminary Final	13.09.20		Williams
Grand Final	20.09.20		Pingelly

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26 June 2020

STOP PUPPY FARMING BILL HAS TAIL THAT WAGS THE DOG

Member for Roe, Peter Rundle says the State Government's Stop Puppy Farming bill has turned into a dog's breakfast after amendments to recognise farmers' needs for working canines were rejected by Labor.

Mr Rundle said he strongly supported stamping out intensive puppy farming.

The proposed legislation however, caught too many in its net, including farmers who, if the bill is passed, will have to get local government approval to breed pups and ensure a supply of working dogs.

"Puppy farming is reprehensible – it is important we push for improved welfare for all animals and despite what the Premier claims, The Nationals don't oppose this bill, we just want to make it better," he said.

"However, this bill presented by the Labor Government impacts on farmers' ability to breed the specific type of dog needed in their work.

"By ensuring farmers could be granted exemptions to produce farm dogs, which is what The Nationals were seeking, WA would be in line with other States and the legislation would also recognise the vital role working dogs play in our agricultural sector.

"A working dog can be worth as much as \$40,000 to a farm business so the changes were critical to ensuring breeding stock wouldn't be compromised by the legislation.

"While the amendments were defeated last night we will continue to fight for these changes in the Upper House."

Mr Rundle said it was disappointing greyhounds were specifically mentioned in the proposed legislation but the same courtesy wasn't extended to farm working dogs.

The Nationals WA Local Government spokesperson Shane Love put forward the amendments in Parliament after consultation with Dogs West, Pastoralists and Graziers Association WA, WA Farmers Federation and WA Local Government Association.

Mr Love wanted the legislation to exempt working dog owners and Dogs West members from being forced to become registered breeders. Farm dogs would also not be required to be sterilised after two years of age to allow mature breeding.

"Dogs West owners and breeders represent the highest possible standard of dog ownership in Western Australia," he said.

"They already have rigorous processes in place to ensure their membership has the highest standards of animal welfare in place, including restrictions on the number of dogs a person can own and the number of litters a dog can safely have.

"None of these animal welfare standards exist within the Labor Party's proposed legislation.

"In addition, the Minister hasn't engaged with Local Government properly to ensure ratepayers don't bear the financial burden of this legislation."

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JULY

- Fri 3rd Lifestyle & Retirement Committee Meeting. 10am.
Fri 3rd School Term 2 finishes
Sun 5th Anglican Church Service, Johnson Street, 8am
Tue 7th Kids Craft Morning 10am
Tue 7th Drum Muster 8am-3.30pm. Bookings essential.
Mon 13th Watershed News
13th—24th—Heavy Vehicle Training
Tue 14th Kids Movie Arvo 2pm.
Wed 15th Ordinary Meeting of Council—3.30pm
Sun 19th Anglican Church Service, Johnson Street, 8am
Mon 20th School resumes
Wed 22nd Facey Group Woman in Agriculture Day
Mon 27th Watershed News
Tue 28th Bush Fire Control Officers' meeting 7pm

AUGUST

- Sun 2nd Anglican Church Service, Johnson Street, 8am
Mon 10th Watershed News
Sun 16th Anglican Church Service, Johnson Street, 8am
Mon 24th Watershed News

SEPTEMBER

- Sat 5th Father's Day Markets
Sun 6th Anglican Church Service, Johnson Street, 8am
Mon 7th Watershed News
Tue 8th Drum Muster 8am-3.30pm. Bookings essential.
Wed 9th Facey Group Spring Field Day
Sun 20th Anglican Church Service, Johnson Street, 8am
Mon 21st Watershed News
Fri 25th School Term 3 finishes
Mon 28th Queens Birthday public holiday

OCTOBER

- Sun 4th Anglican Church Service, Johnson Street, 8am
Mon 5th Watershed News
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