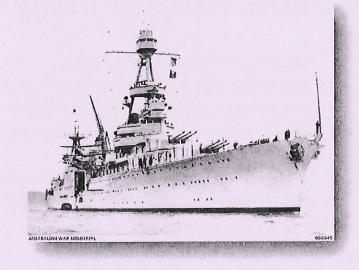
# WATERSHED NEWS

PO BOX 60 WICKEPIN WA 6370 ABN 96 234 351 594 A fortnightly paper for the areas of Dudinin, Toolibin, Tincurrin, Harrismith, Yealering and Wickepin

1st March 2022

Theatre 180 presents

Sydney 11: LOST AND FOUND Wickepin Town Hall Friday 4th March 2022





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Next edition of Watershed News

MONDAY 14th March 2022

### **Community News**

The AGM for the Watershed News was held at the CRC on the 18th January 2022.

Office Bearers for 2022 are:

President- Denise Corke

Vice President- Elaine Bushby

Secretary-Sandra Podmore

Treasurer- Pam Cardin

We look forward to producing the 2022 fortnightly Watershed News and hope that you will send in your social notes, sport notes and special events.

Congratulations to the ignite Wicky committee for organising the Wickepin car rally and festival. Also to all the community members that helped out in any way on the day. It was a great day with activities to suit all ages. Well done to all!



Birthday wishes to Jayce Fulford, Stacey Ewen, Rodney McColl, Zari Duckworth, Shane Cook, Judy Lang, John McDougall, Georgia Ellis, Jordan Dowdell, Renee Bransby, Asher Brown, Danielle Riley

A big thumbs up to all the people involved in the Ignite Wicky Festival. To Ray Lewis for all his work and donations to the Ambulance Raffle. A great and relaxing day with all the stalls and food varieties. Book in for next year. Unfortunately unable to control the wind. — Beryle Holm



Chad Russell learning from Len Lewis how to make rope

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April	34.6	2	125.2	April			
May	115.5	9	240.7	May			
June	28.3	9	269.0	June			
July	146.4	21	415.4	July			
August	58.6	10	474.0	August			
September	20.8	8	494.8	September			
October	42.0	10	536.8	October			
November	6.2	3	543.0	November			
December	0.0	0	543.0	December			

As of 28th February 2022



A lorry driver was driving along on a country road. A sign came up that read "Low Bridge Ahead". Before he realised it, the bridge was directly ahead and he got stuck under it.

Cars were backed up for miles. Finally, a police car arrived.

The policeman got out of his car and walked to the lorry's cab and said to the driver, "Got stuck, hey?" The lorry driver said, "No, I was delivering this bridge and ran out of diesel."

## What's On In Wickepin Shire

Mondays:

Watershed News every second Monday from 14th February 2022

Fit Pursuit 5.45am~6.30am @ Wickepin Community Centre

Tuesdays:

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

Pathology Service~ Appointment Only @ Wickepin Health Centre

Body Pump 5pm~6pm @ Wickepin Community Centre

Yoga at Dudinin Hall 6pm – 7.30pm – all welcome

Wednesdays:

Morning Swimming starting Wed 24th November 5.45am~6.45am

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

Thursdays:

Fit Pursuit 5.45am-6.30am @ Wickepin Community Centre

Wickepin Playgroup 9.30am – 11.30am during school term.

Local Vocals with Mazz – 6pm in Narrogin

Every 3rd Thurs

Community Bingo @ Wickepin Community Resource Centre 10am

Fridays:

Morning Swimming starting Wed 24th November 5.45am~6.45am

Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Fri

Cuppa & Chat @ Wickepin Community Resource Centre at 10am.

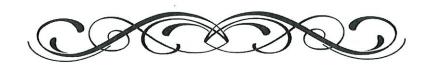
Saturdays:

Banksia Bowmen Archery- Wickepin Community Centre @ 9am

Club Equipment Available

Sundays:

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



#### **EULOGY - GEOFFERY CHARLES ORCHARD**

Geoffery was born 3rd February 1943.

He was the 3<sup>rd</sup> child of Dolly & Cam Orchard. There would eventually be a total of 6 brothers and sisters in the family.

He was a grandson of original pioneers who established themselves in East Wickepin in 1908.

He was brought up in a 4 roomed weatherboard house with a laundry annexed to the side that also served as a Separating Room for the milk.

As the family expanded it became clear that extra room was required so that was when the dining room, bathroom and boys' bedroom was added along the south side of the house.

Before the boys' bedroom was added, Dad slept outside on the verandah in a makeshift room built of canvas. In typical Geoff style, he said it used to get a bit cold in winter, but the cats would come and sleep with him and they helped keep him warm.

Before we go much further, I (Nicole) would like to say that I(she) has the benefit of Dads early life because he wrote down a lot of information and in April 2021 we(they) sat together and over a 2 week period recorded all those conversations.

He started by saying his earliest memories started about the age of 4 or 5. He remembers his Dad picking him up and putting him on the back of an old gray horse. There was dog called Pup, who he recalls being an excellent sheep dog and would often wander over to Doncon's to help them when it got wind that they were working with sheep. Unfortunately it died of snakebite, and he said pretty much every dog they had after that was useless. The first vehicle that Cam & Dolly owned was a truck as that was considered better value for money. Dad remembers this was often the norm and recalled seeing the Lewis family driving home from Wickepin with all the kids in the tray of the truck.

But once the family grew then an old Dodge car was purchased.

Shearing was done in the old Hay Shed, there are still the original boards on the floor and let out gates remaining. The shearers dragged from one pen and then used a separate let out.

Seed and Super were also stored in the same shed and humped in off the back of a truck. These were stored on an earth floor. The seed was kept bagged and ready for when a Hannaford Grader would come for cleaning and pickling. All the seed grain would need to be lumped out again to put through, then rebagged, sown up and stored back in the shed.

Dad said these bags could often weigh 80kgs, when I expressed concern about how men could possibly lump bags of that weight. Dad said "oh no, you would start on 50kg bags of oats until you got stronger". He said the trick was to leverage them off the truck and balance them just right on your shoulders.

The shearers would bring their own plant, and that would need to be unloaded by using planks of wood to roll it off. It was operated by a Hit & Miss engine, which Dad explained always sounded like it was about to conk out but never did.

The cows were milked in a Lean To Shed alongside the Shearing Shed. He remembers a Jersey cow called Mintie. Hay was cut into sheafs, it was stacked up where the old pig yards were. Some of it was put through the Chaff Cutter for cow feed.

The original sheep yards were just wire netting with bushrails added for strength. There was a two way drafting race in the middle of the yards. There was a plunge dip for Lice Control at one end, which is still there today. Uncle Walter Ahrens helped Cam to cement the Dip.

Dad recalled some of the machinery from this period to be a

- 1) Sunshine Harvester;
- 2) Farm All Tractor with a set of chains for the back wheels;
- 14 Tyne scarifier;
- 1937 Ford Truck;
- 5) Dodge car

Dads first memories of going to school was a Pre-School Orientation day, where they were picked up in what he called the "Butter Box" which he described as little more than an enclosed canopy in the back of a ute with bench seats down each side. Just imagine all those precious little children unrestrained on a gravel road all the way to Wickepin.

After that, he caught the more traditional form of transport to school by way of the bus.

Dad said he was not a good scholar but "all right" at crafty things. He enjoyed 3 Ply Fretwork, Woodwork, Canework weaving & Leatherwork.

#### Eulogy - Geoffery Charles Orchard - Cont'd

His friends at school were Edwin Plant, Colin Lewis, Phil Watson, Keith Doncon & Rex Bergin.

He excelled at athletics, and was Champion Boy in 1952 in the under 10 division. In his last year of school he planned to "scoop the pool" in his words but playing French Cricket that year ran into a tree stump and smashed his knee, resulting in a terrible injury that he had a month off school with and continued to trouble him all his life. He also had another story whereby the headmaster came up to his group of boys and asked if they could crawl under the school house and retrieve some kittens that had been born very recently. They were then asked to dispatch prior mentioned kittens.

Dad remembered fondly the 86 Gate Christmas Tree get togethers, his earliest recollection was at aged 6 or 7. The Christmas Trees were still being held at the Elsinore School Site at the 86 Gate. The old school building was still there at the time.

Father Christmas would call your name and you would walk up the ramp to get your present. There was a set contract with Boans to supply the toys and games. It wasn't until 1958 that the Christmas Trees were being held in shearing sheds. Bill Welshman was the Father Christmas for many years. He listed a few others as well, being Bernie Hawkins, Fred Martin, Des Pauley, Geoff Sims, John Pascoe and Don Orchard.

He recalled a Jewish man well known around the district called Honest Charlie who loved a chat and a laugh. He would come around in an old truck and buy wool and other produce from farmers. He was the one who provided the grape vine cuttings which Dolly planted by the front gate and are still growing today and producing grapes. He finished school at the end of Year 7, he went onto do 2 years by correspondence. But he said the whole thing was a fairly loose arrangement and there was plenty of work to do on the farm anyway such as picking mallee roots, poisoning, tractor driving, feeding sheep and milking the cows. So by aged 14 had given school away and was well and truly involved in life on the farm.

He did off farm work with his uncles and Frank Avery, it was accepted at the time that this arrangement would mean that his wages would be passed to his Dad and then be given some pocket money for his efforts. He also kept himself busy by selling sheepskins, rabbit skins and manna gum to the Co-Op. Dad said even this money was given to the Farm. We can guess things were very different back then.

Any spare time he had he would be chasing rabbits with the dog or shooting parrots with a ging. He also respectfully collected birds eggs and carefully cleaned them out (getting the ants to help him by drilling a little hole in each end and leaving next to an ants nest) and displayed them beautifully in a old dress box of his sisters. The majority of which have survived to this day.

He made special mention of a working man by the name of Royce Stone, who Cam employed on & off. Dad said he was a battler doing it tough, but a really lovely old man who had special nicknames for himself and Hazel of Snowball and Snowdrop in reference to their beautiful white blonde hair.

Between the ages of 15 - 18, Dad played football for Toolibin. Their colours were blue & gold. He was number 25. Dad played with them until 1959 or 1960 when they folded. Wickepin Football Club absorbed the current players at the time, then his jumper number was 18. Dudinin & Yealering kept going but in the Kulin League.

Dad was very proud of the family tradition of Cam winning a Premiership in 1925 with 86 Gate in the Wickepin District Football League.

Himself winning the Premiership in 1965 with Wickepin in the Upper Great Southern Football League.

Matthew winning the Premiership in 2007 with Wickepin in the Upper Great Southern Football League.

Dad finished playing in the late 1960's which was he was very sad about and would have loved to play for a few more years, but farm commitments were a factor in his retirement.

Dad said it was tough going playing footy as the grounds were very hard and the sporting philosophy at the time was no drinks allowed until half time. He said he used to beg for a drink, but was always told "you'll be right and it will only make you cramp up"

After Football, Dad's other sporting love was Tennis. He played at the Ten Mile from childhood. There were 3 tennis courts at the time, having been constructed in 1923 using sand from termite mounds.

Dad said it was the perfect consistency of clay and sand and the termites had done all the work. Humans just needed to break them down and spread it over a level surface and roll it. The play equipment came from the Jitarning Tennis Courts when those closed down in the mid 1950's.

Dad was Mens Court Captain from 1968 – 1971 and again in 1978. He was President from 1979 and is still the present incumbent while the Ten Mile is in "recession". As you can tell nothing is ever given up on.

The Ten Mile courts were resurfaced in 1988 and opened with much fanfare. Funding was obtained with the Bi-Centennial Commemorations plus a lot of fund raising through crutching days and hay carting. Dad said the Ten Mile was brilliant like that, always lots of volunteers and it was never a problem to find someone to do their share.

#### Eulogy - Geoffery Charles Orchard - Cont'd

Dad was always ready to play sport and he and mum started to go down to the Dudinin Golf Club from about 1978. Even though he only took Golf up in his late 30's he was very good at it and was regularly reducing his handicap. He wasn't sure if he would take to golf but started his playing days with Doug Miller's clubs. Maybe they helped!! He played lots of competition days with Gavin Maskey and they enjoyed many successful outings together.

Dad learned to shear at age 16 and was taught by Ted Heffernan. His first handpiece was 2 inches wide and he eventually graduated up to 3 and a half inches. His first shed he shore at was Doug Sims (Noel's uncle) and he worked alongside a man called Frank Sansalone.

Dads favourite shearing mates were Rex Bergin, Brian Price and Greg Turner.

He said some stud farmers might only pay \$3.50 per ram, but Colin Lewis was a more than decent bloke who would pay \$5.50 - \$6.00 a ram.

He wasn't the fastest shearer out there, but he took immense pride in doing a good job and finishing the sheep up neatly. He could never understand when other blokes took shortcuts and left a bit here and there.

Around 1962/63 he was amongst the first in the district to do First Aid classes. Narrogin Ambulance staff came out to Wickepin once a week for 6-10 weeks.

In the first cohort some of the names were Aubrey Keatly, Gwen Lange, Don Walters, Mrs Brown (Co-Op Managers wife), Mrs King (Noel's wife), Shirley Brick, Dot Cook, Rob Francis and Geoff and his sisters.

They were issued with a ¾ size sheet bandage, a flat stick and a black instruction book. Dad had a laugh about it and we both agreed it was indeed ground breaking stuff. He said there was effort to recruit and train a lot of volunteers as all new techniques for treatments were being introduced.

They would complete their training and then be assessed by Doctors Jacob and Francis from Narrogin. He remembers that being quite nerve wracking as they were very old school and demanded a high degree of competency.

He first recalls meeting Doug Miller and Alan Pinker when he was 18 and they were working together to put up a boundary fence between Orchards new block and Dougs place. From there his relationship with Margaret Miller progressed at various district dances. It was fortunate that Dad had learned to dance around that time ready for Faye's wedding in 1963.

Margaret and Geoff were married at Gosnells on the 5<sup>th</sup> August 1967.

They honeymooned in Geraldton and drove up in a 1963 Green Falcon.

In August 2021, they celebrated their 54th Wedding Anniversary.

They had 5 children together, but suffered a terrible tragedy in October 1998 when Geoffrey their eldest son was killed in a car accident.

Typical of the strength and resilience of country people, they kept running the farm until Matthew was old enough to come into the partnership and later with his brother Damien has taken the farm forward and are successfully running the farm together.

It's a wonderful partnership the boys have and has led to big improvements in farm expansion, infrastructure and innovations in these extremely challenging times for farming. Dad was exceptionally proud of his boys and what fine men they are.

To say Geoff loved his farm would be seriously understating things. It was so much more than that. He belonged there; it was who he was. His blood and sweat were in the soil and its dust was in his veins.

Dad's loves were the farm, his dogs and family. Probably in that order as well, but that's okay with us. We wouldn't have had it any other way. Dad worked his guts out for us and we loved him for it.

If you had a conversation with Geoff, he really listened to you. He considered everything you shared with him as important. He thought about his responses and offered his advice with kindness and common sense.

He loved nature and animals. He noticed the little things all the time. The subtle changes in the landscape, behaviour of animals and signs of the Bush.

One of his favourites was seeing when the Mountain Ducks arrived and how soon they produced their little ones. He swore by that as an indicator of early or late opening rains.

He loved his trees and planting them out in his paddocks. One of the very rare miscommunications he had with Matthew, Dad had ordered a big number of seedlings from Colleen Fulford. Anyway Dad tried unsuccessfully to cancel the order, but it was too late. So very late in the planting season it was all hands to get these little trees planted. I remember Julia saying a little prayer each time she planted one. It must have helped, as the outcome was an unexpectedly high survival rate and the sheep and birdlife are enjoying the results 10 years later.

#### Eulogy - Geoffery Charles Orchard - Cont'd

Dad was never a quitter, he did not know how to give up. He and mum battled floods on Linton Farm ( you know back when it rained). He had to fight to save his sheep from being drowned by pushing scared animals through the water on faithful little Twerpy tractor.

He and the boys were learning how to farm in a drying climate by doing better with less rain. He was open to trying new innovations and letting the boys get on with whatever they thought they would like to try. When faced with challenges, they were overcome with hard work or smarter thinking.

He lived cleanly with healthy food and quiet social drink. Although he did love a cappuccino, some hot chips and his seafood platter. We got so much enjoyment from taking him out to cafes and restaurants and watching him enjoy those little treats.

He was really looking forward to seeing out his days on his farm. Helping the boys, looking after his sheep, going for long walks with the dog and enjoying his grandchildren. He so deserved that type of retirement, but his cancer cruelly took that away from him.

What it didn't take away was his quiet determination, his humour, his gentleness and his mighty heart. In one of the rare moments he shared a little of his sadness with his health, was by saying that he prayed a lot to God to please provide a miracle and cure him. Then would say, but I guess He thought He'll give us a bumper season instead.

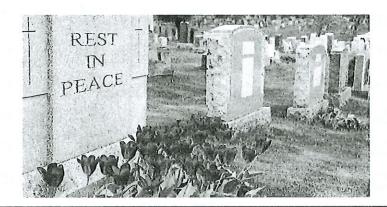
Maybe God's miracle was to create someone like Geoff, to give us a person so gentle and humble and be completely unaware of what impact he would have on those who knew and loved him.

Well Done Chaff.....!!!!











#### **Watershed News 2022**

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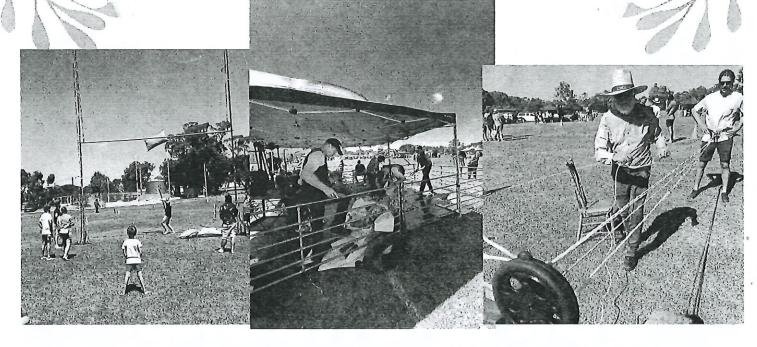






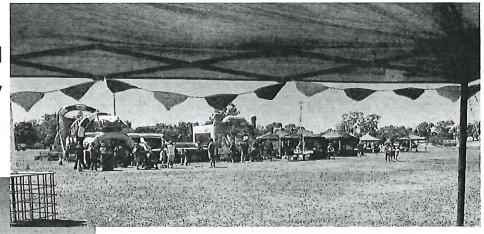


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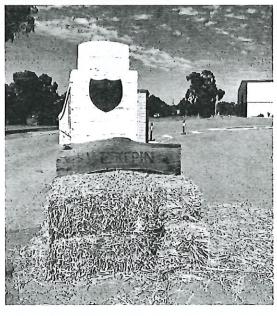


The Ignite Wicky Team would like to thank all of our sponsors, everyone who volunteered and took part in the Festival and Car rally on Saturday.

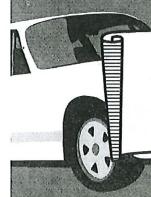
It was amazing to see such a great turn out and the day being enjoyed by so many.







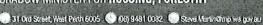




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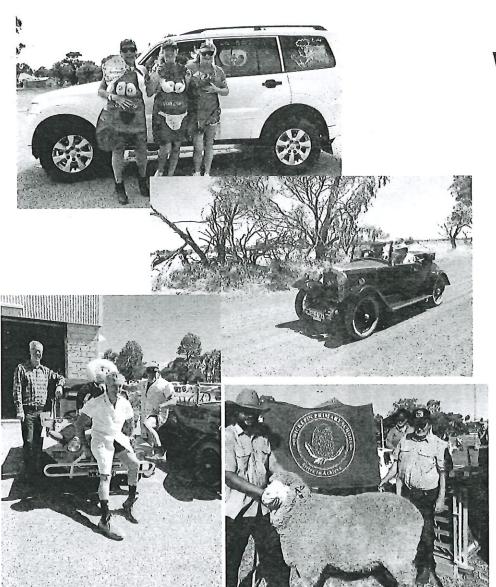


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# Art Comp 2022

Best Overall Winner Cassidy Smith 'Pip'

Best Overall Runner-up Casey Thornton 'Taking Flight'

Notable Mention
Peter Denton 'Pilbara Storm'

**Best High School**Olivia Hendry 'Bouquet of Fish'

Best High School Runner Up Amy Mulcahy 'Educated Dog'

Primary School Winner Wyatt Davey

Primary School 2nd Place Noah Ploughman

Primary School 3rd Place
Banjo Anderson

## WICKEPIN CAR RALLY

#### Winner

Team OPBB—The Butlers and Rushtons

#### 2nd Place

The Falcon flyers—The Spark family

#### **Best Costumes**

The groovy grannies and nutty nannies

#### Best presented vehicle

The Sellar Sisters

Special Mention to Otto Hilhorst who completed the whole rally with his 1926 Rover.

#### **Sheaf Toss**

Winner-Ty Miller

2nd Place-Liam Senton

#### **Rossi Toss**

Men's-Liam Senton

Ladies—Sarah-Ann Condipodero

With a special mention to Mia Davies

Kids—Malakye Anderson and Ava Condipodero

#### Guess the Weight of the Lewisdale Ram

147.4 kilos guessed correctly by Paul Lutter

#### **COUNCIL NOTES**



#### 01 MARCH 2022



#### SYDNEY II: LOST AND FOUND

FRIDAY 4 MARCH 2022 @ 7PM - WICKEPIN TOWN HALL

The production explores themes of love and family, war and loss, search and discovery, through meticulous research, consummate writing, and with expert artistry; a timely and soulful contribution to the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary commemorations of Australia's greatest maritime disaster.

Ticket pricing are as follows:

\$30.00 Adult

\$25.00 Aged Pensioner Concession

\$15.00 Children (16 & under)

If you have any queries or to purchase a ticket please contact the Shire office on 9888 1005 or <a href="mailto:admin@wickepin.wa.gov.au">admin@wickepin.wa.gov.au</a>.

\*\* Proof of double vaccination will be required\*\*

#### ASTROTOURISM - WICKEPIN NIGHT SKY WONDERS - FREE EVENT

FRIDAY 1 APRIL & SATURDAY 2 APRIL 2022

Join us for 2 nights worth of astronomy events at Wickepin's Astro Weekend! Learn the secrets of nightscape astrophotography on the banks of Lake Yealering in a practical workshop. Marvel at the wonders of the universe through telescopes, an informative presentation and a laser guided tour of the night sky.

BYO chairs, rugs, picnics, refreshments, torches etc.

Please RSVP to the Shire of Wickepin on 9888 1005 or admin@wickepin.wa.gov.au.



#### **CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY**

The Shire of Wickepin together with the Wickepin Primary School will have students participating in Clean-up Australia Day on Friday 04 March 2022. This is a great opportunity for the children to become aware of the issues being caused to our environment from littering.



Council's outside staff have been busy preparing for the event and will display road signs in the designated areas where the students will be cleaning up.

Each student will receive a Certificate of Participation at the conclusion of the morning and the gratitude of knowing they have done their little bit to help our environment.

#### **RATES INSTALMENTS**

Final rates instalments are due by 31 March 2022.

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



#### **drum**MUSTER

The first drumMuster for 2022 will be on Tuesday 1 March 2022.

Collections are 8.30am - 4.30pm by appointment only.

Bookings are essential. Please contact the shire office on 9888 1005 to make an appointment advising of number of drums for disposal.

#### **COUNCIL NOTES**



#### 01 MARCH 2022



#### PERMANENT FULLTIME POSITION MECHANIC

An opportunity exists for an enthusiastic, self-motivated person to fill the position of Mechanic with the Shire of Wickepin.

Works department staff currently work a 9 day fortnight. The position is classified as a Level 6, depending on experience, in accordance with the Local Government Industry Award 2010. A Heavy Rigid (HR) licence or above would be preferable but is not necessary.

The Shire of Wickepin is an equal opportunity employer who actively promotes training and development.

A position description and information regarding how to apply can be obtained by contacting the ESO on 9888 1005 or email <a href="mailto:eso@wickepin.wa.gov.au">eso@wickepin.wa.gov.au</a>. Details are also available on the Shire of Wickepin website <a href="https://www.wickepin.wa.gov.au">www.wickepin.wa.gov.au</a>.

Applications close with the undersigned on Friday 18 March 2022 and should be addressed 'Private & Confidential.

Mark Hook Chief Executive Officer Shire of Wickepin PO Box 19 Wickepin WA 6370



#### PERMANENT FULLTIME POSITION General Hand/Plant Operator

An opportunity exists for an enthusiastic, self-motivated person to fill the position of General Hand/Plant Operator with the Shire of Wickepin.

Works department staff currently work a 9 day fortnight. The position is classified as a Level 1 to 4 in accordance with the Local Government Industry Award 2010. A Heavy Combination (HC) licence or above is necessary.

A position description and information regarding how to apply can be obtained by contacting the ESO on 9888 1005 or email <a href="mailto:eso@wickepin.wa.gov.au">eso@wickepin.wa.gov.au</a>. Details are also available on the Shire of Wickepin website <a href="https://www.wickepin.wa.gov.au">www.wickepin.wa.gov.au</a>.

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#### **WICKEPIN FESTIVAL**

The Shire of Wickepin would like to congratulate the organisers of the Wickepin Festival. It was a very enjoyable and successful event enjoyed by all.

#### **COVID 19 – COUNCIL BUILDINGS**

A friendly reminder to everyone... When entering the Shire's Administration Office and other Shire buildings it is mandatory to wear a mask and check in using either your WA Safe App or Service WA App.

#### SHIRE WEBSITE

Did you know all venue hire forms, fees & charges, events, council minutes & agendas and many other public documents and information are available on our website? Our website is continually updated to include the latest news and information for the public to access.

UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS 2022				
Tues 1 Mar	DrumMuster	All Day		
Wed 2 Mar	Townscape & Cultural Planning Committee Meeting	9.30am		
Fri 4 Mar	HMAS Sydney Production @ Wickepin Town Hall	6.30pm		
Fri 4 Mar	Clean Up Australia Day – Wickepin Primary School	9.00am		
Wed 16 Mar	Ordinary Meeting of Council	3.30pm		



#### Hon Mia DAVIES MLA

Member for Central Wheatbelt Leader of The Nationals WA Leader of The Opposition

#### MEDIA RELEASE

#### Volunteers amazing in the face of fierce bushfires

16th February 2022

Local Member Mia Davies MLA has praised community and volunteer efforts in fighting the recent bushfires in the electorate of Central Wheatbelt.

She said reports back from the fire were sobering, with many experienced and long-term volunteers saying they were the worst they'd ever experienced.

"To everyone that turned out to fight the fires, and those that supported them, thank you for your selfless commitment to keeping our communities safe," Ms Davies said.

Ms Davies visited Bruce Rock, Corrigin, Wickepin and Narrogin with Opposition Shadow Minister for Emergency Services Martin Aldridge MLC last week to speak with local government representatives, volunteers and locals that had been impacted.

"The situation is pretty grim, and it is an absolute credit to everyone involved that there has been no loss of life," Ms Davies said.

"As the tragedy of what occurred subsides, the cost of the fires starts to add up - I will be working to see what financial support can be provided as soon as possible to help those on the ground start to rebuild."

Ms Davies said the perennial issue of telecommunications had once again come into focus as there was no way to warn towns or those in the path of the fire to evacuate or of the imminent danger.

"It's frustrating beyond belief that we still have this issue after this being identified as a key issue in the wake of Yarloop, Esperance and Wooroloo and Cyclone Seroja," she said.

"We've had enough of the buck passing between State and Federal Governments and the telcos, urgent action is required.

"Having no phone service during an emergency is simply unacceptable."

Ms Davies said the road ahead for the fire-affected communities would be long and the recovery efforts testing.

"My office and I will be working with those communities that have been impacted to ensure they have the support they need to recover and rebuild, now and into the future," she said.





For media enquiries contact Mia Davies on 9041 1702 or email mia.davies@mp.wa.gov.au

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Congratulations to Ignite Wicky for a very successful Wickepin Festival on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> February, 2022.

The Art & Craft Group enjoyed the serving of Devonshire Teas, unfortunately for some patrons, we ran out of jam and cream early afternoon. The craft and cake stall were also successful.

So, a big thank you to the wider community for your support for our group. It was an enjoyable day for

Don't forget to join us on the first Wednesday of each month to make items for the shoe box. All materials and machines available at our Craft centre. Hope to see you there. If you just want a bit of an outing, call in and have a free cuppa anyway without any obligation, from 9.30am Wednesdays.

#### **Yealering-86 Gate Fire Brigade**

The AGM for the Yealering-86 Gate Fire Brigade will be held at the Yealering Hotel on Thursday the 17th March 2022 at 5pm.

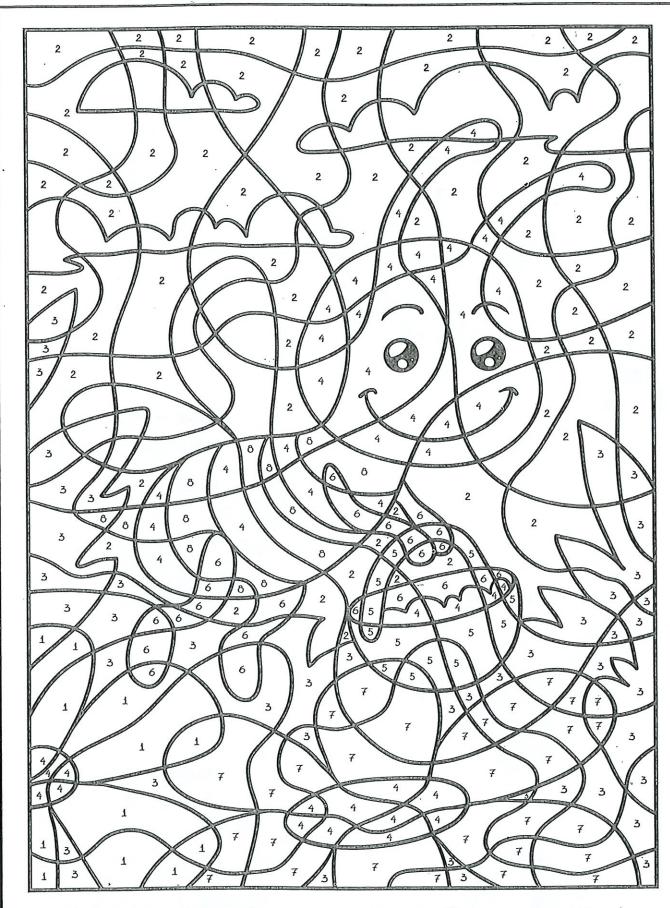


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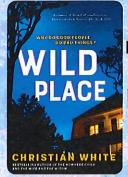


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#### **ADULT FICTION: WILD PLACE - CHRISTIAN WHITE**

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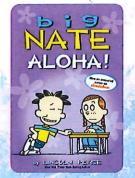
But as dark secrets are revealed and consequences to past actions are faced, Tom learns that the only way out of the darkness is to walk deeper into it.

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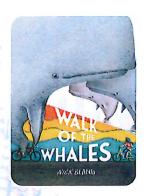


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LÉONIE KELSALL

The Wattle Seed Inn







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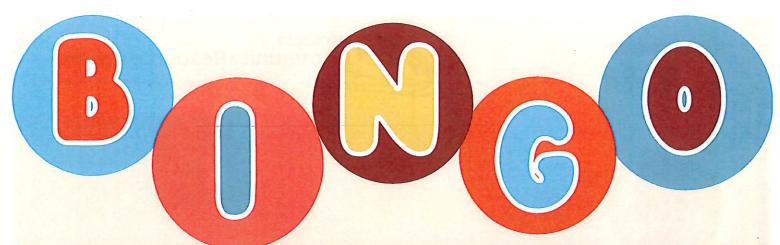
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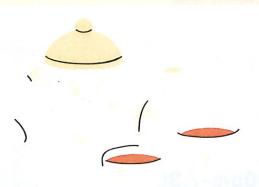
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Catholic Homes will put together the team, manage the rosters and make payments to the individuals as they help you work towards your goals. They use a mixture of their own staff from Perth, local professionals and local support workers. The program works best when your family and friends are also involved.

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To see if you are eligible, you will need a referral to an Aged Care Assessment Team (ACAT). Referrals are usually done by your GP and there is an ACAT for the Wheatbelt.

You cannot receive STRC if you live permanently in an aged care home, or you receive a Home Care Package. You also may not be eligible if you have a Transition Care package after some time in hospital, or you have needs that go beyond what can be met by the program.

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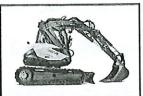
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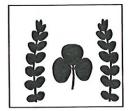
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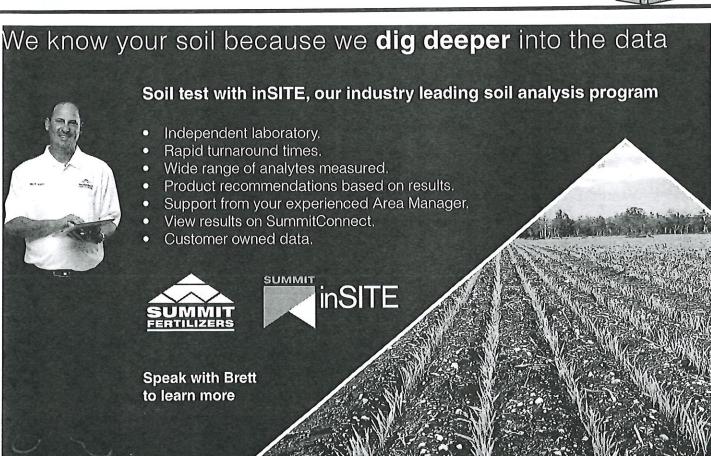
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#### **Wickepin Cricket Notes**

#### WICKY V CUBALLING 19TH FEB

Short version – we had to win to stay in the finals race – and we did. Long version-



Tangles lost the toss.... AGAIN, his luck is like a bald guy who just won a comb. So as usual we fielded 1st. We got off to a good start with Dizzy Pockran and Shaggy Green keeping things very tight and had them 2/14 off 10 overs, with 2 smart catches by Ty and Doopa helping to dismiss the openers. Greeny looked lighter in the back pocket as he took 1/14 off 7 overs and Dizzy 1/13 off 8 overs. Things would have been even better had Dizzy not dropped 3 return catches off his own bowling in the space of 3 overs which must be some sort of record. Billy also dropped one off Dizzy but it only just fell out of his hands and he then tried several times to scoop it up before it hit the ground but only succeeded in looking like a small hairy gorilla waving his arms around. Cuby then put on 54 runs for the 3<sup>rd</sup> wicket before Ty broke thru with a caught and bowled capturing miserly figures of 1/15 off 5 overs. Ty's figures would have been better again if Marty didn't drop a chance at midwicket which many believe was dropped deliberately as the 2 spinners vie for top spot in the spinning pecking order. Trent went for some punishment at nearly 8 an over off his wicket less 6 overs. Sticky 0/21 Off 5 overs. Another good partnership of 45 saw Cuby to 4/113 with Marty breaking thru and Doopa taking his 2<sup>nd</sup> catch. Marty 1/25 off 5 overs. Marty should've had another wicket with Doopa beaten for pace, or lack of it when he went to crocodile snap at one behind the stumps. Doopa then tried to make up for it when a stumping chance presented itself and he quickly whipped all stumps out of the ground and ran at the umpire appealing but as majestic as it was he then tripped over and ended up face down in the grass still screaming Howzat!! Unfortunately he actually injured his thumb in this embarrassing display of keeping and Ricky had to take back the gloves. In the last few overs we got smashed but that's not the worst part of it, it was Jason Quartermaine who did the damage. After some sledging from a few of our players directed squarely at the new B grade footy coach he went 4,4,4,6 off consecutive balls delivered by Jake Martin. After this onslaught the main sledging culprit went to deep mid-off with his tail between his legs as the man they call 'Brainer' went to score 28\* off just 19 balls. Jake 0/20 off 2 and Trapper, who may have been a bit sore from all the body shots he was taking in the field took 0/13 off 2 overs. Cuby finished on 4/166 from their 40 overs and a big job in front of us. The job got even bigger with openers Dizzy and Ty out early for 3 and 6 respectively and when Billy got out for 7 we were 3/16. Sticky and Marty put on 33 runs for the 4<sup>th</sup> wicket when Sticky didn't pick the cross seamer that rolled along the ground as he tried to hook it. Sticky Bennier out LBW for 23 and we fell to 4/49 and an early finish looked on the cards with Ricky Dougall and Marty McLean at the crease with 118 runs to get and a long tail that wouldn't have made 118 runs combined for the year. As I write this I still can't fathom what I am writing because if I didn't see it with my own 2 eyes I wouldn't have believed it. Ricky Dougall made 86\* off just 76 balls to win the game. Marty stayed up the other end giving him great support with 29\* off 75. The partnership was nearly all over before it began with a quick single resulting in both Rick and Marty meeting in the middle of the pitch where they decided to both run to the same end, with only a panicked poor throw saving them. The crowd was amazed with what they were witnessing with some members of the crowd referring to Ricky as the white Clive Lloyd as he bashed the bowling in his wide brim hat. Ricky even clubbed 2 towering 6's and also 13 boundaries in his knock which tested his fitness, or lack of it, as he slowly turned from white to pink to red on a hot still day. Although Ricky may have finished his innings looking like a boiled yabby he never threw his wicket away and truly earnt the Ken Martin Man of the Match award. Marty and White Clive Lloyd put on an unbeaten 123 for the 5th wicket to see us home with 6 wickets and 6 overs in the bank.

Next week we have the bye for the Wickepin Festival which hopefully everyone will be supporting. We are currently in  $3^{rd}$  position with Cuby( $4^{th}$ ) and Boddington( $5^{th}$ ) playing each other next week, 1 of them will go to  $3^{rd}$  putting us to  $4^{th}$  and the loser will finish  $5^{th}$  and out of the finals.

#### Yealering Tennis Club

We finally returned to the courts yesterday after a long holiday break. Good to see a few of the members back enjoying having a hit, and lots of giggles!

Next week is the long weekend so hopefully we will have all three courts in action on Sunday. Tennis will commence at 3pm.

A bring and share barbecue will follow the tennis.

#### WICKEPIN BOWLING CLUB



Wednesday 16th February saw Wickepin playing Pingelly in Pennants. Wickepin 2 points Pingelly 2 points as it was one rink win each club and the aggregate was equal!

Saturday 19th February - Pennants our club travelled to Williams. This was an interesting day and after we arrived it was decided that the 2<sup>nd</sup> Div could not play and had to forfeit due to lack of numbers.

1st Div: Williams 7 points Wickepin 1 point Aggregate Williams 105 Wickepin 59.

Pennants next Saturday 26th February will only be 2nd Div at Lake Yealering.

Bey, Judy and Robyn played in the Lake Yealering Gala Day on Friday and enjoyed the day.

Sunday 20th February Rex (our President) sponsored the day which was much appreciated by the club. There were fourteen bowlers and we played Rotating Triples.

Winners were Greg White, Chris Moore and Dennis Bransby.

On Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February the League Ladies Championship Pairs was played at Pingelly. This resulted in some great games and the results were very good for our club.

**Championship Pairs:** 

Robyn Mullan and Alison Horley Runners Up: Val Cliff and Teresa Fancote - Brookton

Plate:

Marj White and Daphne Tetlow Runners Up: Peta Patterson and Barbara Wallace -

Pingelly

Congratulations to all players.

Thankyou to those who attended the busy bee on Thursday for the preparations for our Gala Day on Friday. Special thanks to Greg White who arranged the shelters for our greens and his band of helpers who put them up early on Friday morning. We appreciate the work Greg does to keep the club running smoothly.

Our day on Friday 25th February was very successful with 20 teams playing. After some worrying times with weather forecasts the day turned out well and we completed 4 rounds of bowls.

Many thankyous to our members especially Dave and John for the work on the greens and Joan and helpers in the kitchen. So many positive comments about the greens and the food. Thankyou also to Marion, Peter, Warren and Sam for assisting me in the office. Our sponsors were fantastic this year and this is what makes our day so successful. It was great to have Jayden Ewen (Ewen Rural) and Karen Avery (Kaolin) to present our prizes at the end of the day. Many thanks to them.

Results of the day:

Winners:

Brookton

Runners-Up: Pingelly

3rd Place:

Newdegate

4th Place:

Narembeen 3

1<sup>st</sup> Round Winners:

Quairading

2<sup>nd</sup> Round Winners:

Yealering

3<sup>rd</sup> Round Winners:

Moodiarrup

4<sup>th</sup> Round Winners:

Dumbleyung

Lucky Skip: Julie Hayter - Narembeen Lucky Third: Jenny Hosking - Moodiarrup 1 Lucky Second: Bernadette Bradley - Katanning Lucky Lead: Yvonne H - Newdegate

First Team to Nominate: Composite Team – Gwenda Andrews, Helena Weinart, Dot Trefort, Beryl Elphick Money Board: Shirley Elson \$50 Charmaine Duff \$25

Raffles: Local Vouchers – Bev Davidson, Wine Hamper – Ros Taylor, Towels – Margaret Rendell, Money Tree – Judy Marinoni, Cheese Board – Justine Hayes, Golden Treasure – Mary Wanstandley

Thankyou to all donors of the raffles. (Judy Lang, Marj White, Robyn Mullan, Coles, Bunnings, Narrogin Country Fresh Meats, Narrogin Café and Gallery, Leanne Smith and Golden Treasure which was donated by all members) These made a good profit for the club.

#### Wickepin Bowling Club notes cont'd

Saturday pennants played at Lake Yealering – 2<sup>nd</sup> Div Lake Yealering 6 points Wickepin 0 Points Aggregate Lake Yealering 72 Wickepin 38

Mens League Championship Pairs played at Narrogin Sunday 27th Feb

Winners: Narrogin David Harris and Mick Sims Runners-Up: Pingelly Ray Narducci and Greg Carter

Plate: Williams

Peter, Alan, Rex and Barry all played well in the Championship Rounds.

Wednesday Pennants will be at Brookton starting at 9.15am - take your own lunch.

Marj White

**Bev Davidson** 

Leanne Smith

Robyn Mullan

Claire Bayley

**Judy Lang** 

**Daphne Tetlow** 

Alison Horley

Ladies Singles Championship will be played on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> March if necessary. To be at the clubhouse by 9.00am on Saturday morning. If you wish to play and your name is not on the board at the club please contact me ASAP. Robyn 0427831027.

Good bowling to all our men who are competing in Countryweek starting next weekend. Also to the two teams playing in the Narrogin Fours two day Carnival on the weekend.

Remember to keep in mind the date for our Annual Bowls Wind-up. This is now on Saturday  $2^{nd}$  April which is different to date in fixture book.

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This popular game of skill played between two opponents has been around since ancient times. Cross off all these words to find out what its original Indian name of Chaturanga means.

BISHOP
BLACK
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**SOLUTION:** 

#### LAKE YEALERING BOWLING CLUB 2021/2022 SEASON

Saturday 19th February 2022 Pennant Game Yealering v Pingelly

#### **TEAMS**

P. Stribling, T. Hill, J. Sutton, S. Kahl

G. Poultney, L. Shipley, K. Coxon, F. Allan

J.Hamilton, K. Cochrane, B. Shipley, W. Dunwell

RESULTS: YEALERING V PINGELLY SCORE: Yealering 5 ½ Pingelly 1 ½ Ag: 57/49

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Saturday 26th February 2022 Pennant Game Yealering v Wickepin

#### **TEAMS**

P. Stribling, T. Hill, C. Davidson, S. Kahl

G. Poultney, L. Shipley, K. Coxon, F. Allan

J.Hamilton, K. Cochrane, B. Shipley, W. Dunwell

RESULTS: YEALERING V WICKEPIN SCORE: Yealering 6 Wickepin 0 Ag: 72/38

Friday 18th February 2022 YEALERING Ladies Open Day

Sponsors listed below.

FIRST:

Nola Forbes Team Corrigin

SECOND:

Hell-na's Team Narrogin

THIRD:

Caporn's Team Quairading

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John & Daphne
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would not be possible

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2022 Club Championship Pairs

Sponsored by G. & B POULTNEY

WINNERS:-

G. Poultney and R. McLeod

**RUNNER-UPS:-**

L. Shipley and K. Coxon

PLEASE NOTE: ANY COMBINATION TRIPLES
Scheduled for Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2022

Sponsored by SUMMIT FERTILIZERS has been postponed until

Wednesday 23rd March 2022

Night Bowls has commenced.

Start Time 6.30pm

**NEXT** Night Bowls Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2022. Looking forward to seeing everyone.

Next Pennant Game 2022 - Narrogin v Yealering at Narrogin Saturday 12th March 2022

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#### Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Week 5, how is it possible that at the end of this week we are half way through term?

Swimming lessons were a great success and the weather remained favourable, the students were bleary eyed and water logged but it was great to see all the smiles and feel the excitement after the previous week. Thankyou to the staff for keeping things running smoothly and to our bus drivers for the efficient transporting to and from the pool. To our swim instructors and pool manager, Pip, and the Shire of Wickepin for all your support over the last two weeks, I thank you also.

Time trials were held last Friday, the last day of swimming and our nomination sheet is set. Thank you once again to all those at the pool and a special thank you to Kelly Steere and her band of helpers for getting through the time trials.

#### Room 8

Unfortunately, due to personal circumstances, Mrs Fogarty will not be returning to the school. I am currently in the throws of sourcing a new teacher for the Year5/6 class.

#### Covid-19 Update

As you are all aware the numbers in WA of positive cases is dramatically on the rise. As a school we are working very hard to plan for what may be coming. With this in mind, we will be sending work packages and student equipment out to families later this week. These packages are for you to keep safely at home in the event we have an immediate closure. Our intention is to keep learning going where possible. I have also attached a continuum of how Covid cases may affect the school and what closures may look like. As for the impact right now;

#### **Entering Classrooms**

In the current settings, parents and carers can no longer enter classrooms, including to volunteer.

#### School Gates and Playgrounds

Our school gates will close at 8.45am and open at 3.00pm respectively. We will not have our playgrounds or equipment available for use before and after school. Pick up and drop off, is preferred from the gate if possible.

#### Masks

We ask that all visitors including parents/carers wear a mask whilst on our school site. A 'heads up' from the DoE: primary students are encouraged to wear masks and it is the intention of the Chief Health Officer for children (Years 3 to 6) when the state moves to a very high caseload setting.

#### Parent - Teacher Meetings

Individual parent meetings will be held online or over the phone.

#### Assemblies

We will not be holding whole school assemblies this term and will review at the end of Term 1 and the beginning of Term 2. Unfortunately, this will include the ANZAC Service.

#### Hygiene

Students will be reminded to wash their hands prior to eating and after using the bathroom.

This is a complex time for us all as we respond to direction from Health and as a community get accustomed to living with COVID-19. Our Wickepin PS community is resilient and very good at responding to changes. I would like to personally thank you all for your understanding. Do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or queries.

#### Gastro

On top of advice around keeping your children home if they are unwell due to Covid-19, I would just like to remind you that gastro has once again graced us with its presence at the school. We have had to send a few students home last week.

#### Expectations

Week 5 & 6 Expectation is presented by Respectful Rex! The focus is lining up quickly and quietly. This is something that our students are working on and can be amazing at.

#### Wicky Way Role Model

The first Wicky Way Role model fro 2022 is Bailee Pike. Congratulations Bailee, you have received this recognition for being an excellent role model. You go above and beyond assisting the kindy students, taking on your responsibilities with pride, dedication and maturity. Well done.

#### Thankyou

A big thank you goes out to Sue Spark who did a fabulous job with our very talented students for the art display at the Ignite Wicky Festival. The artwork was very impressive.

#### **Swimming Carnival**

At present, the swimming carnival is set to go ahead still on Thursday 10 March. Should this change, we will advise the community as soon as possible. With it being held on a Thursday this year, and a Kindy day, we will be having Room 4 open for learning. I would like to see all Kindy students in attendance and due to outdoor restrictions, I would also encourage Pre-Primary students to attend school rather than the carnival. A teacher and an education assistant will be in the classroom.

#### Clean Up Australia Day

This Friday morning, students will be participating in the Clean Up Australia Day where they collect rubbish off the streets of Wickepin from the school grounds to the oval and back. Thankyou to the Shire of Wickepin for once again organising this very important event.

#### Kind regards, Kerrianne Mills

	Dates to Remember
March	
4	Clean Up Australia Day
	School Psychologist in attendance
9	Sunsmart Tennis Classic (Year 3-6)
10	Swimming Carnival

#### COMMUNITY CALENDAR

#### **MARCH**

Tue 1st DrumMuster 8am-4.30pm Bookings essential

Wed 2nd Townscape & Cultural Planning Committee Meeting 9.30am
Fri 4th Clean up Australia Day—Wickepin Primary School & Shire

Fri 4th HMAS Sydney Production Wickepin Town Hall 6.30pm

Mon 7th Labour Day public holiday

Mon 7th Recycle bin day

Wed 9th Free Workshop—How to write a business plan—5.30—7.30pm @ WCRC Thur 10th The Village Morning Tea—Pingelly recreation & Cultural Centre—10am

Fri 11th Cuppa & Chat @ Wickepin CRC - 10am
Thur 17th Bingo 10am @ Wickepin Community Centre

Thur 17th Yealering 86 Gate Fire Brigade—AGM @ Yealering Hotel—5pm

Mon 14th Watershed News
Mon 21st Recycle bin day

Fri 25th Cuppa & Chat @ Wickepin CRC—10am

Mon 28th Watershed News

Wed 30th Facey Group Taking Care of Business-Farm Business Forum-Wickepin

#### **APRIL**

1st-2nd Wickepin Astro Weekend

Mon 4th Recycle bin day

Mon 11th Watershed News
Fri 15th Good Friday

Mon 18th Easter Monday
Mon 18th Recycle bin day
Mon 25th ANZAC Day

Tue 26th Watershed News

MAY

Mon 2nd Recycle bin day

Tue 3rd DrumMuster 8am-4.30pm Bookings essential

Mon 9th Watershed News
Mon 16th Recycle bin day
Mon 23rd Watershed News
Mon 30th Recycle bin day

JUNE

Mon 6th Western Australia Day

Tue 7th Watershed News
Mon 13th Recycle bin day
Mon 20th Watershed News

**JULY** 

Mon 4th Watershed News

Tue 5th DrumMuster 8am-4.30pm Bookings essential

Wed 20th Women in Ag Day—Wickepin

17. Chess

The army game