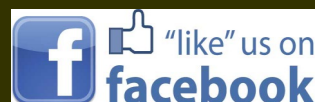


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THE SHIRE...



EARLY EDITION! EARLY EDITION! EARLY EDITION!



Wickepin Time Capsule

Natalie Manton, our Community Development Officer, has been working alongside Sara Hills in coming up with designs for the Shire garden bed in front of the building and car port and was surprised to come across a time capsule whilst walking through the Shire garden beds.

On the time capsule it states that it was sealed on 13 July 1991, to celebrate the 20th Anniversary of the Wickepin Lions Club, to be opened in 2030.

No one at the Shire knows anything about this time capsule and it seems quite the mystery!

If anyone has anymore information please let us know, as it would be interesting to know the story of the time capsule!

A note from the Lifestyle Retirement Committee...



**Wheatbelt
Development
Commission**



Government of Western Australia
Department of Health
WA Country Health Service

Community Consultation

Wheatbelt Aged Care Plan

Just a reminder to all community members that the Community Consultation will be held on Tuesday 4 June 2013 at 2.30pm at the Wickepin Community Centre.

The Shire of Wickepin is participating in a Regional Aged Care Planning process to develop and assist in the implementation of an Integrated Wheatbelt Aged Care Plan, with the Wheatbelt Development Commission.

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

We practically encourage any community members that have access to Aged Care services or have experienced the delivery of Aged Care services in our community to come along.

For more information please contact the Shire office on 9888 1005 or email admin@wickepin.wa.gov.au.

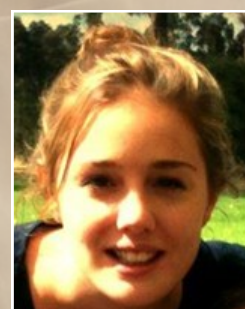
Letter from the Editor

I have decided to bring out an early edition of the Newsletter as there is quite a lot happening around the Shire of Wickepin at the moment. I want to keep all residents informed as much as possible of all the happenings and as always...we would love to hear your feedback—good or bad!

I shall keep it short and sweet this month...and leave you to catch up on the happenings around your town.

Leah
Pearson

Executive
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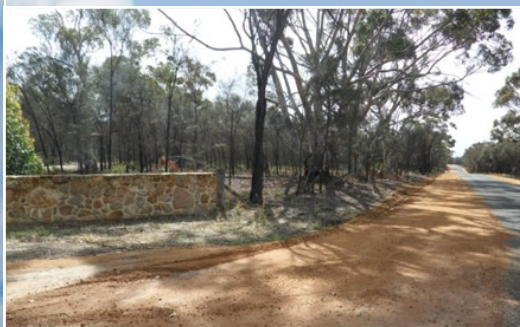


Wickepin Cemetery - Community Consultation

The Shire of Wickepin recognises the deep cultural and historical significance of the four cemeteries within the shire and is committed to ensuring all cemeteries are preserved and enhanced in keeping with the natural features and landscape. In 2005 the Shire of Wickepin Townscape Committee identified a need for better planning and management of the Wickepin, Yealering, Harrismith, and Toolibin cemeteries and conducted on site inspections in order to recommend improvements. Implementing the plan could not proceed until funding could be obtained. The Shire of Wickepin has now secured funding as part of the Royalties for Regions – Country Local Government Fund and is keen to commence work on an upgrade of the Wickepin Cemetery. The final plans will need to fit within available funding limits.

The Shire of Wickepin recognises the need to consult with the community and affected families when carrying out any works that may impact directly on individual gravesites or niche walls. The improvements to the Wickepin Cemetery, recommended in the 2005 Cemetery Redevelopment Plan, are listed below. The Shire of Wickepin would appreciate feedback and comment on the recommendations prior to commencing any work on the project.

Photos of existing Wickepin Cemetery



We would like you're in-put, if you have any ideas or suggestions please contact Natalie Manton, Community Development Officer, at the Shire of Wickepin by email at cdo@wickepin.wa.gov.au or telephone 9888 1005.

Recommendations for the Wickepin Cemetery

Pathways between Graves

Seal with Corrigin pea gravel.

Improve formation to prevent water erosion.

Denomination/Row Plaques

Repaint/coat all plaques.

Entrance/Parking Area

Form and water bind.

Seal with Corrigin pea gravel.

Roadways

Improve formation to improve drainage and access.

Niche Wall/Gazebo

Design new niche wall/gazebo

Construct new niche wall/gazebo

Visitor Comfort and Amenity

Shade.

Seating.

YOUR SHIRE...

The Shire of Wickepin would like to express our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Henry Van Der Ende, CEO of Shire of Dumbleyung

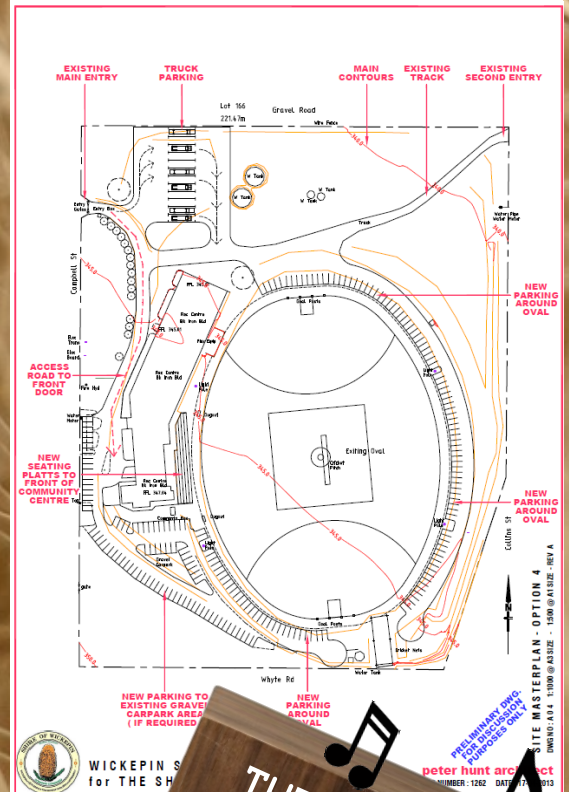


Wickepin Community Centre Car Parking Proposal

The Shire of Wickepin are looking to Improve the car parking at the Community Centre and around the oval.

The car parking plan below is a concept plan that is up for discussion by the public.

We would like you're in-put, if you have any ideas or suggestions, or require more information, please contact the Shire of Wickepin by email at admin@wickepin.wa.gov.au or telephone 9888 1005.



Welcome to the New Gardener...

The Shire would like to give a friendly Wickepin welcome to the new Gardener Graeme Wilson.

Graeme has been part of the outside works team for over a month now and is enjoying his time here.

Graeme has come from the Wickepin Nursery.

Graeme has some fresh ideas for the town gardens, & you may have noticed he has done a wonderful job of revamping the gardens. Keep an eye out for any changes around the town.



YOUR OPPORTUNITIES...



What Annual Caravan Catch-up

Where Wickepin

Why Boosting local opportunity

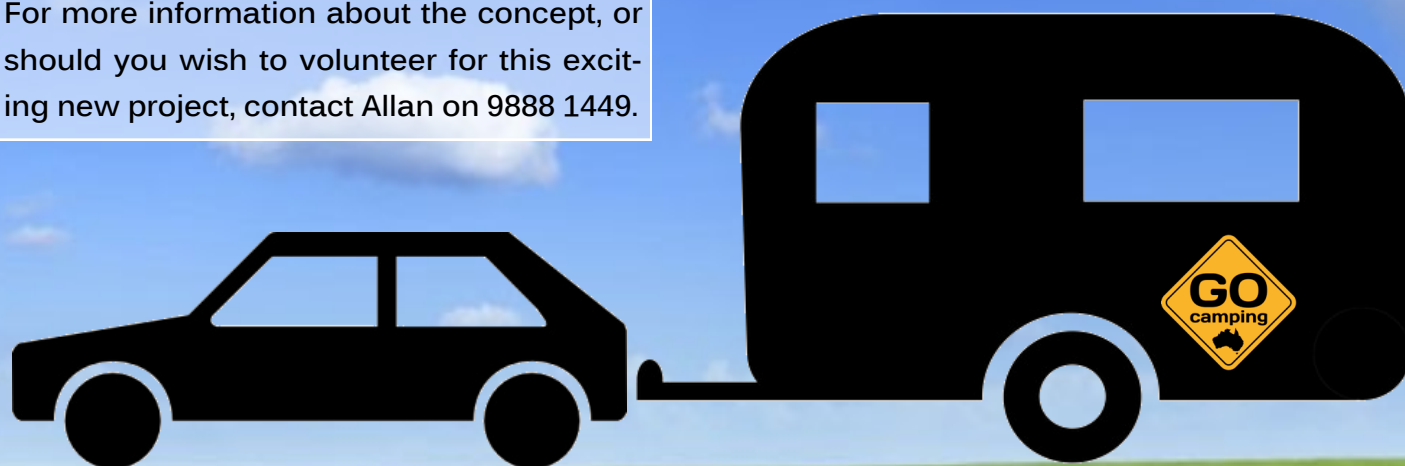
Who Caravan and camping enthusiasts

When 15 September to 30 September each year

How For bookings contact Tony at the Wickepin Caravan Park on 9888 1089.

A request for volunteers is extended to all districts by Allan Lansdell to form a new committee with members from the whole shire area. The concept is to attract people to the area through promotion of what our district has to offer and at the same time make it affordable for visitors as well as boosting local opportunity. Everyone is welcome to join the committee and all ideas and input are valuable.

For more information about the concept, or should you wish to volunteer for this exciting new project, contact Allan on 9888 1449.



YOUR BUSH FIRE INFO...



APPLICATION TO JOIN A BUSH FIRE BRIGADE



It has come to our attention that a few bush fire volunteers are not properly registered. All people attending a bush fire must be registered with the Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES), previously known as FESA.

Those who attend bush fires and are not a registered Bush Fire Volunteer, may not be covered by insurance if anything does occur.

To register to become a Bush Fire Volunteer, contact your local brigade secretary for an application form, or come into the Shire Office to collect one to complete. All forms will need to be signed off by an authorised Brigade Captain or Secretary.



A big Thank you to all the FCO'S!

The Shire of Wickepin would like to say a big thank you to all the Fire Control Officers for the 2012/2013 bush fire season, and in particular a to Tim Hefernan who did a wonderful job as Chief Fire Control Officer.

Everyone did an excellent job of keeping the Shire of Wickepin a safe and (almost) fire free place!

Volunteer Awards Dinner

The Volunteer Awards Dinner was held on Saturday 18 May 2013.

The evening was well attended with around 60 people present and 15 officers from the Wickepin Bushfire Brigade and Ambulance receiving recognition awards. Three of those were awarded Life Membership by the Ambulance service. Their combined contribution to our community in this service alone covers 121 years, an outstanding commitment.

Thanks to everyone who attended.



YOUR COUNCIL...

A word from the Community Development Officer...

With several projects finished in the first half of the year off my "To Do List", it is time to get started on some exciting new projects. In the next few weeks I will be completing a funding application to develop a plan to extend, improve and renew the walk trails in the Shire of Wickepin. It is hoped that the plan will assist us to map out the best place for the trails, seating and interpretive signage. The plan is also expected to give us information on how to best display the buildings and machinery in the Wickepin Heritage Precinct as well as showcase our natural assets at Yealering and Harrismith.

I am working with the Townscape and Cultural Planning Committee and a small working group on developing some plaques at the Wickepin War Memorial to acknowledge the local residents who died during various wars.

I will be looking for plenty of comments and feedback from community members on a proposed upgrade to the Wickepin Cemetery and refurbishment of the gardens at the Shire of Wickepin offices. I have also started working on some tourism and marketing projects as well as plenty of other small community ideas.

The new round of Royalties for Regions funding is expected to be received very soon and I will start work on the upgrade of the Wickepin Cemetery and improvements at the Yealering Lake, Bowling Green and Golden Memorial Park.

Several applications for the Shire of Wickepin Community Grants were received and I look forward to working with local community and sporting groups to put their plans into action once Council has decided on the successful applications in the new financial year.



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