

# WATERSHED NEWS

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A fortnightly paper for the areas of  
Dudinin, Toolibin, Tincurrin,  
Harrismith, Yealering and Wickepin

*5th October 2021*



*Thought for Today.*

*As you get older three things happen. The first is your  
MEMORY goes ..... And I can't remember the other two.*

# WATERSHED NEWS INC - COMMUNITY NEWSPAPER

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**MONDAY 18<sup>th</sup> October 2021**

# What's On In Wickepin Shire

## Mondays:

Watershed News -8<sup>th</sup> February - 13<sup>th</sup> December 2021

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:

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

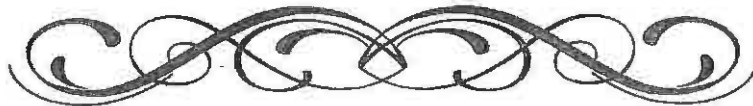
## Saturdays:

Banksia Bowmen Archery- Wickepin Community Centre @ 1.00pm  
(during winter months)

Club Equipment Available

## Sundays:

Anglican Church every 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday @ 8am





## Francis William BIRD – The Legacy

Driving in today, casting my eye over the land that Pop farmed, I could still picture him on the old Ford 5000 tractor with heavy duty stick rake which he and Peter had built; he was doing what he did every year tidying up the paddocks ready for seeding. Pop was a man of the land; he had a life time of experiences working the land to improve life for his family and here today we have come together to honour his life and legacy.

Born in East Fremantle to parents William & Jane and was one of 7 children. Pop started school in York in 1930 before the family moved to East Cuballing, where most of his early childhood memories are from. It was a tough life as was so common in those days but interestingly they never went hungry as they were masters at growing their own fruit from the orchard and a sizable vegetable garden and living off of kangaroos, rabbits & parrots. Plucking the parrots was left to Pops sisters and they made a delicious meal after Pops Mum had waved her magic cooking skills on them. Rabbits were in plague proportion and the parrots were declared vermin at the time. A bounty of 1 penny per head was paid for a parrot head. Rabbit skins financed Pops first bike, a second-hand bike costing 1 pound 10 p . There was never any money for birthday presents so instead they would have a special meal to celebrate the occasion.

Pop attended East Popanyinning school and one of his favourite stories that he liked to tell, was when he used to walk 1.5 miles barefooted with his brothers & sisters to the farm next door to harness up the horse and cart, then take the 3 Dew girls to school. Then he would have to unharness the horse – water & feed it before going into class himself. And then the same in the afternoon. School was never one of Pops favourite places and so at the age of 13 he left school to work on the farm clearing the land. The love of a cuddle as Pop was notorious for, came from his mother and something that he always loved throughout his life especially in his later years. I am sure that was what kept him going for so long! After losing his mother at the age of 14, it was up to Pop to cycle to their neighbours to tell them that Mum had passed away and when the funeral was on. A confronting time for the young man.

The family used to take their pigs and sheep to Narrogin to market. One story that is told is of the belly strap coming undone on the horse which caused the pigs to be tipped out into the creek.

Pop left the farm at the age of 16. He was too young to join up for the War and was annoyed that his father would not agree to falsifying his age to be able to go. Instead he was assigned thru the ‘Manpower Directorate’ a government division responsible for addressing labour shortages during the war, to the farm called Sunshine Farms now known as the Nepowie farm. As well as working on the farm he shored sheep during the off season. The McDonald family were very kind to him as he had fond memories of working there. Pop loved playing sport and in his early days played tennis at Commodore, then football at Toolibin (after clearing the oval of trees), then Harrismith. At Harrismith this is where the golf bug first got him and it lasted until Pop was unable to play at just over 90 years of age. Golf for Pop - meant life long friendships which he thrived on.

Pop worked at Lynas Motors in 1950 in Perth, where his main job was fitting cast iron rims & tyres to new Fordson tractors after they came off the dock at Fremantle. This was when he had to get his truck driving licence, so he went into the police station & a semi-truck licence not just a truck licence was handed over to him with no test taken. This meant that he could drive the tow truck down the road to the railway station where the tractors were loaded onto a train to go up country. At 85 the licence department asked if he really still needed his semi licence – and so handed it back in.

Dances on Saturday nights seemed to be a highlight for Pop in his early adult years. He said that the girl that you really wanted to dance with– you had to leave until the last dance so you could then take her home ! This is where he met the love of his life - Valerie , at a dance in Perth.

Frank & Valerie married in 1952 in Mt Lawley. Trish came 12 months later and Peter a few years after that. Pop and Nana lived on the Nepowie farm when they were first married, then in Wickepin for a year where Pop drove the grader for Wickepin Shire, and then on a farm called “Windorah” south of Wickepin in 1958– Pops first farm of his own.

At first Pop & Nana leased the 1900 acre farm for 5 years with an option to purchase at 1000 pounds per year, and by 1978 they owned the farm. A portion of the farm still had to be cleared but generally it was good soils for which to run sheep and grow crops on. Elders helped Pop finance his first crop as the banks wouldn't lend the money. So seed and fertiliser was purchased in lieu of the wool clip and sheep sales.

Trish went to secondary school in Perth and so there were many trips to the bus station in Narrogin and in later years driving the EH holden car to Perth. Family holidays were taken mainly in Busselton, where Nana wanted to eventually retire to.

In 1973 the Tarin Rock block was purchased in an expansion phase as Peter was keen to go farming. It was 1600 acres of uncleared land & Pop thought it would be a good block for Peter to get his teeth into. At first Pop & Peter camped out next to big Salmon Gum trees in the bush on the block using a big old metal tub with dam water that had been heated with a fire underneath it, to wash the dust off at the end of the day. A caravan was added to the machinery list shortly after. 1 year 1200 bags of fertiliser was manually unloaded from the railway wagon in Tarin Rock, stacked in the shed, then trucked out to the paddock at seeding time. Back breaking work. Necessary stops at the watering hole at the "Oie" were sometimes made on the way home! One thing that fascinated Pop was the mallee fowl bird and how huge their nests were, as there were quite a few around the Tarin Rock block.

Pop loved his sheep and took great pride in his merino sheep. He entered fleeces in Wagin Woolarama and also 2 wether trials which rank animals on all productive traits, he won ribbons in both trials.

Peter & I were married in 1980 and so Pop & Nana left the farm & moved to Busselton. At first Pop came back for seeding and harvest time, but the visits got more often and for longer until in the early 1990's he moved back to Wickepin for good. He missed the country life & culture, his friends and the farm. Pop eventually bought a house in Wickepin and travelled out to the farm each day and after a while (and much persuasion) we managed to get him to take the weekends off! We sold the Tarin Rock block and purchased more land closer to the home farm.

Pop has 4 grand children all boys, Nathan, Greg, Daniel & Rowan & are all successful in their own careers. He loved hearing stories about their work and was amazed at how the world had changed since his early years.

Pop's first great grandchild was born in 2014 called Isabelle & eventually ending up with 6 great grand children – 3 boys & 3 girls

Trapping yabbies was another favourite activity in his later years. Many a dam banks have been walked by Pop in the quest to fill up his home made yabbie transport box which he then took out to Nenie's at Kukerin.

Wickepin Sports Club gave Pop an interest free farm and he was valued contributor to the building of the current club house & life member. We will hear from Dave Astbury more of Pop's involvement. Supporting the Wickepin Warriors football team also was part of his weekend ritual, and he took a keen interest in both the netball & hockey team results.

Backpackers became a welcome off-farm distraction for him in his later years. He befriended many overseas young people who he enjoyed showing local attractions too, as well as the on farm activities that were happening at the time.. He would take the backpackers for a drive on their day off as they had no means of transport. The friendships that he created live on to this day with "Frankie Bird" being talked about in many different countries. A favourite spot to take these visitors was to Wave Rock at Hyden. Don't know how many he took out but he made well over 120 trips out to the Rock – he counted every one!

Pop always had a can-do attitude and like so many of his generation was creative and innovative in repairing machinery (which is a Bird trade mark) -as well as working thru challenges. His patience, guidance and determination were some of his many virtues that he displayed on the farm and thru the family. He was a self made man business wise through hard work and a passion for what he did, and through his values in life & love of all his family - left us a great legacy to embrace. Thank you Pop!

*This was written & read by Audrey Bird (DIL) with input from all the family for which I thank them.*

# LAKE YEALERING REGATTA



The Lake Yealering Regatta is finally upon us! Please join us on Saturday for a day packed full of fun and entertainment for everyone. We would like to thank all the sponsors, committee members and volunteers who have made this event possible. For more details check out the Lake Yealering Regatta Facebook and Instagram pages.

## **BOAT RACES**

Races starting at 1pm

## **SHOW SKI WA**

12pm First Performance

3pm Second Performance

## **FOOD VANS**

## **STAND UP PADDLE BOARDS**

## **MARKET STALLS**

From 11am

## **MUSIC**

Endless Thread

Kyle Haydock

Edona Heartland

## **DINNER**

Head to the TryBooking link to secure your dinner:

<https://www.trybooking.com/BTYSP>

## **FIREWORKS**



## EULOGY FOR ERIC FLEAY

WELCOME family and friends and THANK YOU all for your loving expressions of sympathy.

I know that Pop would be DEEPLY moved by your presence here today as we celebrate his life & death and honour his legacy.

I feel very honoured to stand here, close to Pop... to share his eulogy with you.

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Eric John Fleay (or Poppy Eric as he loved to be called) began his final journey surrounded by his family on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2021 in Narrogin Hospital after a long battle with Parkinson's disease and vision loss caused by rod/cone dystrophy, a condition known as Retinitis Pigmentosa or tunnel vision.

In his hospital room amidst our tears, our laughter... and the calm, Pop could hear the voices of his children and grandchildren sharing stories about him. He could also feel the gentle touch and soft laughter of his great-grandchildren, who he adored. Pop Eric was given the most beautiful and precious gift of 'time' – to spend with Margaret for his last days. He knew he was totally '*surrounded by love*'.

Life began for Pop at the Wickepin hospital. Born on the on 27<sup>th</sup> August 1934 he was the third child of Mercia Crew and Lesley James Fleay.

Pop's older siblings Philip and Joan welcomed their little brother into the family and from the many stories told, it didn't take long for Pops feisty spirit and strong determination to develop.

Pops' little sister Marj was born in May 1937, and she remembers how protective he was towards her. In February 1942, amid fuel rations and World War 2, Pops baby brother Colin was born, completing the family of 5 children.

Pop grew up on the family farm known as OAKLANDS located 8-mile East of Wickepin. As farm children, growing up meant feeding chooks and animals, cleaning, mucking out stables and pens, fetching water, milking cows, collecting and cutting wood and many other chores... before and after school.

Pop was an inquisitive, and energetic little boy with a huge love of the outdoors. One of his favourite places on the farm was the 'jam hill'. A thicket of jam trees growing not far from the house... a place for family gatherings, cricket matches and barbecues. A beautiful spot!

I can imagine the enormous amount of joy (and chaos) that would have occurred when their family of 5 siblings and 2 parents shared a small home with 1 uncle and 2 grandparents. There would have been sooo much love in that little house.

Pop and his 2 brothers and uncle slept in the sleep-out while his sisters, parents and grand-parents slept in the main part of the house. The extremes in temperature must have made sleeping in the sleep-out difficult at times but I'm certain those walls would have been overflowing with mountains of love, endless stories, and laughter between the family of 3 generations!

After attending the Wickepin School, he came home to work on the family farm at the age of 15. In 1951 aged 17, Pop went shearing in local sheds with his mate Norm White. This continued for approximately 5 years whilst also working seasonal work on the Manna fields farm, with his Uncle Clarry.

Pop also joined up with the NASHOS and after 6 months of National Service Duty, he returned home to work alongside his family on the family farm at Oaklands. Life was hard for everyone post war and I imagine the struggles and challenges would have been difficult for all farmers during that time. It must have been extremely tough.

Pop was a keen sportsman having played football and golf, and his beloved bowls. He loved listening to music, and he loved to dance and sing!

Pops life went up a notch in 1954 when he met Dorothy Seal, the beautiful young lady from Brookton who came to town for work. It wasn't long before she caught the eye of her handsome Eric, and so began their courtship and a love affair that led to their marriage on 2<sup>nd</sup> November 1957.

As newlyweds Eric & Dorothy (our Nan Doss) lived in a rental house in Wickepin for 12 months before moving out to Manna Fields Farm with their brand-new baby daughter.

Leanne Dorothy was born on 21<sup>st</sup> September 1958 and that was the day that Nan & Pops lives were forever changed, becoming first-time parents to their baby daughter. Two years later, they welcomed another beautiful baby girl Erica Dixie, and 4 years after that their baby son Timothy Hugh arrived making Nan and Pops family complete.

Pop made sure his family were well provided for and together he and Nanna Doss created a happy and loving home for their 3 children.

Mum (Leanne), Aunty Dix and Uncle Tim speak fondly about their child-hood adventures on the farm with Pop, Uncle Clarry, and their entire extended family.

Pops rules were strict, but he instilled in his family a resilience that has allowed each of us to be successful. Within Pops passion for farming, in 1972 he established his own Poll Hereford stud... 'Kilburnie'. He worked hard to develop one of the leading Poll Hereford studs in the area. His dream to show his cattle at Beef Week was something he achieved. He valued the opinions offered by his brothers and the friendships he made with likeminded breeders.

It was eight years later that health issues began to affect Pops life and after much consideration, the stud was dispersed.

Pop continued to farm, focusing on cropping and sheep. Compared to the devices of today's technology, predicting changing weather conditions meant watching the ants, the blossoms on the trees, the clouds, and the barometer.

In 1980 he was delighted to welcome into his life his first grandchild – Me, Shayne, followed then by Troy, Rick, Lee, Corey, Lauren, Kirsty, Nicky, Gavin, and Daniel.

As one of Pops grandchildren, my brothers, my sister and I and my cousins loved spending time on the farm with Pop.

I remember sitting with him in the very cool 'SNOOPY tractor with the long bonnet' working the paddock after the autumn rain and watching it turn a lovely deep red-brown. Also, driving with Pop in his spotlessly clean Ford Fairlane listening to him sing along to Charlie Pride, Don Williams, Gene Pitney, and others from that era, was special!

I also recall being 'saved by Pop' after some heated sibling rivalry ended with me being banished shoeless from the car in the paddock and left to walk home and 'cool off' on a HOT December day.

When Pop noticed I was missing, he came looking.

"Are you ok boy?"

"Fancy Mum making you walk!"

"Here, hop in the Ute with me".

He found me sitting on the edge of a dam, cooling my feet in the water and this was when I understood how much Pop loved us and realising the importance of having such a strong patriarch in our lives, meant the world to me.

Poppy Eric and Nan Dossie went their separate ways in 1988.

In 1994 Pop married his second wife, his lovely long time friend Margaret Amelia Martin, increasing his family with additional adult stepchildren Vicki and Wayne. Pop and Margaret had a wonderful life together in Warnbro. Pop continued to play bowls at Comet Bay Bowling Club and also joined a men's choir, before moving to a retirement village in Mandurah where they lived for 12 months.

He and Margaret returned to Wickepin in 2007 and built a home near the golf course, within walking distance of the bowling green. Pop could be found on the green most days, sometimes practising twice a day.

He was very sport orientated and played football and golf in his earlier years and then in his late 30's he took up bowls and played until his health stopped him at age 84.



He was a staunch supporter of the Wickepin Districts Sports Club contributing in many ways to its success. He was very involved with fundraising for the building and establishing the greens.

He was in the inaugural 1<sup>st</sup> division pennant teams for many years and was Captain from 1976 through to 1978 and President in 1980/81.

Winning 13 Club Championship Events in Wickepin between 1966 and 1992, and 5 Club Championship Events between 2007 and 2018 after returning to Wickepin, he eventually 'gave in' and used a bowling arm which enabled him to continue playing the sport.

Determined to live a full and active life, with a 'no-cure' vision impairment and a Parkinson's diagnosis, Pop refused to let it define him nor deter him from farming... or prevent him from playing his PENNANT bowls.

Pop was extremely interested in what his family were doing and would often call us for updates, always keeping the calls short if we were working. He never wanted to be the one to slow you down.

His determination to visit his farm when he could no longer drive saw him enlist the services of his best mates, who would drive Pops ute for him, and together they would do the ritual farm crop tours from Wickepin to Dongolocking, finishing at the Oasis in Harrismith or the Yealering Hotel for a couple of coldies ..before heading home.

Pops first great-grandchild Paige was welcomed to the family in 2002. He absolutely adored her, and this is when the love affair between Pop and his great-grandchildren began.

Our children, Pops Great Grandchildren: Paige, Jaxon, Kobie, Abbie, Kelsie, Mia, Archie, Imogen, Finn, Layla, Vera, Cara, Harper, Elsie, Frankie, Patrick, Oliver, Charlie, and Grace were very much the apple of his eye and how lucky they were to have had such a fun-loving Great 'Poppy Eric' to influence their lives the way he did. They loved him too.

Pop Eric was in control of his own destiny! His resilience and strength allowed him to be the successful man that he was. He lived the life that he wanted... and the WAY he wanted to live it, while providing for those that depended on him.

We will never forget the love and support that Margaret gave to Pop. Without you Margaret, Pop may not have had the quality of life that he enjoyed for so long. Our family are united in thanking you. We are grateful for the wonderful life you shared with our dad, our Pop, and our Great-Poppy Eric.

He was an intensely proud man. He was proud of his family, proud of his farm and his animals, and proud of his orchard and home-grown vegetables. He took good care of his vehicles and LOVED his whole extended family - and we too, are very proud of you Pop and the example you set for us all.

With gratitude, we acknowledge his wisdom, his work ethic, his strength, and his love of sport; but most importantly we acknowledge his reverence towards his family and friends.

These qualities that we loved about YOU Pop will always be remembered.

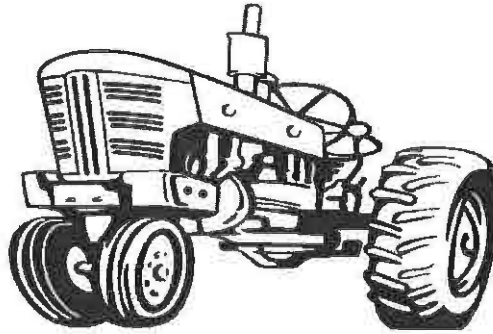
REMEMBER NOT MY FIGHT FOR BREATH,  
REMEMBER NOT THE STRIFE  
PLEASE DO NOT DWELL UPON MY DEATH  
BUT CELEBRATE MY LIFE

You lived your life well - rest in peace Pop

Presented by Shayne Smith



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Have an interest in preserving iconic **local** heritage machinery and transport items and the all important stories that go with them ?

Then come along to discuss this idea further at;

WICKEPIN HOTEL

**14<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER @ 7.00PM**

For further details contact Peter Bird 0429 827 056

## Classified

**For Sale:** Lemon Butter \$3-\$5 (ring to check availability)

Green Kookaburra esky 92 litres \$25

2 deck chairs \$10 each

Kids blue bike 16" with stand and helmet \$15

Kids pink bike 20" with stand and helmet \$5

3 pairs blue combination overalls \$15 per pair

Phone Hazel (please leave message)

**For Sale:** Water Tank Disused, Very Large. Removal

\$200 ono

Phone 0419 526 067

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so send in your ads!

Email your ads to [watershed@wn.com.au](mailto:watershed@wn.com.au), drop them at the Community Resource Centre or fax to 9888 1588.

## **Rainfall registered at the Wickepin Post Office**

<b>2021</b>	mm	Days	Total	<b>2020</b>	mm	Days	Total
January	4.4	2	4.4	January	0.0	0	0.0
February	37.0	3	41.4	February	43.6	8	43.6
March	49.2	5	90.6	March	15.2	3	58.8
April	34.6	2	125.2	April	5.0	3	63.8
May	115.5	9	240.7	May	42.0	8	105.8
June	28.3	9	269.0	June	38.4	8	144.2
July	146.4	21	415.4	July	32.0	8	176.2
August	58.6	10	474.0	August	45.4	8	221.6
September	20.0	8	494.0	September	29.9	7	251.5
October	7.8	2	501.8	October	3.4	2	254.9
November	0.0	0	0.0	November	36.0	6	290.9
December	0.0	0	0.0	December	0.0	0	290.9

As of 4th October 2021



## **RESTRICTED BURNING PERIOD**

The restricted burning season commenced **1 October 2021 and goes through to 13 November 2021**. This means that no burning can be carried out unless you have a permit from your local Fire Control Officer. All Fire Control Officers are listed on the bushfire notice that was sent with your rates notice and advertised in the last Watershed. Alternatively they can be found on the Shire webpage [www.wickepin.wa.gov.au](http://www.wickepin.wa.gov.au). A reminder that if you are reporting a fire you must ring 000, not the shire office. This measure will save valuable time.



## **HARVEST BAN ALERTS**

The SMS (text) alert service will again be in operation over the coming harvest period.

If you would like to register your number to receive these messages or have your number removed from the system, please contact the office or email your details to [admin@wickepin.wa.gov.au](mailto:admin@wickepin.wa.gov.au).

## **COUNCIL ORDINARY ELECTION**

At the close of nominations on 9 September 2021, five (5) nominations were received to fill four(4) vacancies within the council of the Shire of Wickepin. As the number of nominations received exceeds the number of vacancies, an election is required to determine the outcome. An ordinary election will be held Saturday 16 October, 2021 to elect 4 new councillors, each for a four (4) year term, from the following candidates:

- ❖ Mr Nathan Astbury
- ❖ Mr Lindsay Corke
- ❖ Mr Wes Astbury
- ❖ Mr Peter Thompson
- ❖ Mr Ty Miller

## **EARLY VOTING AND POSTAL VOTING IS NOW OPEN**

### **Early Voting**

Early votes can be cast at the Shire Office, 77 Wogolin Rd, Wickepin during normal office hours 8.30am - 4.30pm.

### **Postal Voting**

Applications for postal voting are available from the Shire Administration Office or via [www.wickepin.wa.gov.au](http://www.wickepin.wa.gov.au). Application forms can be returned via email to [admin@wickepin.wa.gov.au](mailto:admin@wickepin.wa.gov.au) or PO Box 19, Wickepin 6370.

### **In Person Voting**

Voting in person on election day at the Shire Administration Office, 77 Wogolin Rd, Wickepin on Saturday 16 October, 2021, 8am - 6pm. Candidate profiles are available to view at the Shire Administration Office during normal office hours or via [www.wickepin.wa.gov.au](http://www.wickepin.wa.gov.au). Further queries can be directed to the Returning Officer, Mr Mark Hook on 9888 1005.

## **COUNCIL COMMITTEE NOMINATIONS**

Nominations for community representation on the following committees of council, for a two (2) year term, are now open:

- Townscape & Cultural Planning Committee
- Lifestyle Retirement Committee
- Albert Facey Homestead Committee

**All current members must re-nominate.**

Nominations close 4pm Friday 8 October, 2021 and can be received by email to [eso@wickepin.wa.gov.au](mailto:eso@wickepin.wa.gov.au) or post to PO Box 19, Wickepin 6370.



## WOGOLIN ROAD RECREATION AREA

Our local primary school were lucky enough to be invited to try out our new playground on Friday 24 September.

The playground will be open to the public from this **Saturday – 9 October!!** Thank you to Oxford Landscaping Company, on behalf of Nature Play Solutions, who have done an amazing job, putting in some long days, working



through weekends, and rain at times, to complete this stage of our recreational area in just 8 weeks! It certainly got the thumbs up from these excited kids!







**Know someone great?**

SHIRE OF WICKEPIN

**2021 COMMUNITY  
AWARDS**

**Nominate an individual or a group  
for a 2021 Community Award**

**CITIZEN OF THE YEAR**

**SENIOR CITIZEN OF THE YEAR**

**YOUNG CITIZEN OF THE YEAR (up to 25yrs)**

(eligibility criteria for Young Citizen has been broadened, details on nomination form)

**COMMUNITY GROUP OF THE YEAR**

**PROGRESSIVE AGRICULTURE - FACEY GROUP**

Awards will be presented at the Australia Day Breakfast  
26 January 2022 in Yealering

**Nominations close Friday 26 November 2021**

Nomination forms are available at [www.wickepin.wa.gov.au](http://www.wickepin.wa.gov.au)



*For further information please contact the shire office on 9888 1005 or [eso@wickepin.wa.gov.au](mailto:eso@wickepin.wa.gov.au)*



## LAKE YEALERING – BOATS & EQUIPMENT

Recently there has been some equipment left unattended on the foreshore at Lake Yealering. With the warm weather fast approaching and a number of people enjoying the Lake, please ensure that your boats and all equipment are taken with you when you leave. Any boats or equipment that are left at the Lake remain the responsibility of the owner and they will be held liable if any incidents occur.

## DOG CONTROL

Council has recently received a number of complaints in relation to roaming dogs. It is an owners responsibility to keep their dog limited to their property unless being walked on a leash. The Dog Act requires all dogs to be registered with the shire if it is 3 months or older. The registration period is 1 November to 31 October.

All dogs must be microchipped before registration. Copies of microchipping papers must be provided on registration.

All dogs found roaming will be impounded and the owners fined. For the release of an unregistered dog the registration must be paid along with the fine.

## **Fees are as follows:**

	1 YEAR	3 YEARS	LIFETIME
Unsterilised	\$50.00	\$120.00	\$250.00
Sterilised	\$20.00	\$42.50	\$100.00
Working Dog	¼ of registration fee		
Pensioner	½ of registration fee		

UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS 2021		
Tues 5 Oct	DrumMuster	8.00am
Wed 6 Oct	Lifestyle Retirement Committee Meeting	9.30am
Sat 9 Oct	Lake Yealering Regatta	11.00am
Wed 20 Oct	Ordinary Meeting of Council	3.30pm
Mon 25 Oct	Local Emergency Management Committee Meeting	3.00pm



## **Community Development Officer**

An opportunity exists for an enthusiastic, self-motivated community minded individual to join the team at the Shire of Wickepin.

The shire is a short 2 hour drive from Perth and boasts both beautiful scenery and a friendly inviting community.

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Applications close Friday 8 October 2021 at 4.00pm and should be addressed to:

'Private & Confidential, Application – Community Development Officer'  
Chief Executive Officer  
Shire of Wickepin  
PO Box 19  
WICKEPIN 6370

Mark J Hook  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



## **EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST**

### **INDEPENDENT LIVING UNITS, WICKEPIN**

Expressions of interest are invited for the rental of four 3 x 2 Independent Living Units, Johnston St, Wickepin.

An application form and information package is available by contacting the ESO at the Shire of Wickepin Administration Office on 9888 1005 or [eso@wickepin.wa.gov.au](mailto:eso@wickepin.wa.gov.au).

Mark J Hook  
Chief Executive Officer

# Community News



Birthday wishes to Nathan Hill, Riley Spark, Kyle Angwin, Carly Hernaman, Kirsty Matthews, Couper Spark, Steven Podmore, Louisa White, Irene Moore, Meg Wyllie, Barry Green, Rebecca Podmore, Elaine Bushby, Tasma Doncon, Brent Bennier

The district was very saddened to hear of the recent passing of former resident Margaret Hesford. Sincere condolences extended to all her loved ones.



## **Frank Bird**

**15<sup>th</sup> April 1925 - 25<sup>th</sup> August 2021**



The Bird families of the late Frank Bird would like to sincerely thank you for all your cards, support, and the sharing of memories of our loving Dad, grandfather, and great grandfather.

Trish, Peter, Audrey and their families.



Hello Everyone.. it is now DROP OFF Time for CHRISTMAS SHOE BOXES

I am Volunteering at the Samaritan Centre and so can deliver boxes. If you have a box to deliver, can you get it to Irene Moore by 25<sup>th</sup> October or leave at the Resource Centre.

Thank you and God Bless

Irene Moore 0437801026

## **Lindsay Corke -Nomination for Wickepin Shire Councillor**

I would like to inform everyone that I have nominated to become a shire councillor.

I am a third-generation farmer and have lived and worked most of my life on our property

Rolvenden at Yealering, which has been in the Corke family for 100 years.

I enjoy being part of the community and have been involved in many clubs and have held various committee positions during this time.

I encourage you to vote in this election and would like you to consider me, as you cast your vote.

Authorised by Lindsay Corke

451 Yealering-Pingelly Road

Yealering WA 6372

0427 887 033



# @home



## **Creamy Tuna and Leek Pasta Bake**

### **Ingredients**

10g butter, chopped  
1 leek, trimmed, cut into 1cm-thick slices  
2 garlic cloves, crushed  
535g can potato and leek soup  
375g penne pasta  
1 lemon  
425g can tuna in olive oil, drained, flaked  
1/2 cup frozen baby peas  
1/4 cup sour cream  
1/3 cup chopped fresh flat-leaf parsley leaves  
1 cup grated pizza cheese  
Baby rocket, to serve



### **Method**

Preheat oven to 180C/160C fan-forced. Melt butter in a large, heavy-based ovenproof frying pan over medium heat. Add leek. Cook, stirring, for 3 to 4 minutes or until softened. Add garlic. Cook for 30 seconds or until fragrant. Add soup and 2 cups water. Bring to the boil. Season with salt and pepper. Stir in pasta. Cover. Bake for 30 to 35 minutes, stirring halfway through, or until pasta is tender.

Meanwhile, using a zester, remove rind from lemon. Juice lemon (you'll need 1 tablespoon of juice).

Increase oven to 220C/200C fan-forced. Stir tuna, peas, sour cream, lemon juice and parsley into pasta mixture. Sprinkle pizza cheese over top. Bake, uncovered, for 10 minutes or until cheese is golden and melted. Sprinkle with lemon zest and baby rocket. Serve.

## **Smoked Cheddar & Chive Biscuits**

Place 1 ¼ cups plain flour, ¼ tea baking pwd & 1 ¼ cups grated smoked cheddar into the bowl of a food processor. Add 110 gm diced chilled butter & 1 tab snipped chives along with 1 tab water. Pulse to a dough. Divide into 2 portions, roll each into a log about 15cm long. Wrap in cling wrap, chill for 30 min. Slice into 3 mm rounds, brush with egg white, sprinkle with sea salt flakes. Bake on lined baking trays at 180°C (160\* fan forced) for 12-14 min or until golden. Allow to cool before packaging.





# NOTICE OF AGM

**Wednesday 27th October 2021**

**@ 5.30pm**


**at the Wickepin CRC**



**All members of the Shire of Wickepin  
are welcome to come along.**

**Ordinary meeting to follow the AGM.**

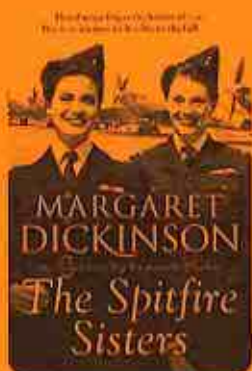
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# WICKEPIN PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWS



## ADULT FICTION - THE SPITFIRE SISTERS BY MARGARET DICKINSON

It is the 1930's and the Maitland family have spent the years following the Great War struggling to come to terms with its catastrophic aftermath and their hopes now lie with the next generation.

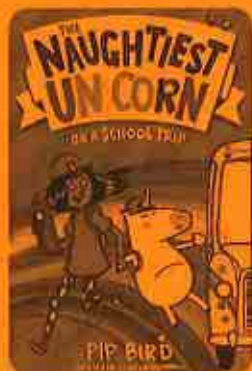
Their Lincolnshire village of Doddington suffered terrible loss and it has taken great courage for the bereaved families to rebuild their lives without their loved ones.

## YOUNG ADULT FICTION BOOK - THE SECRET RUNNERS OF NEW YORK BY MATTHEW REILLY B

'The windows on all the skyscrapers are smashed... No power, no lights, no people...  
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When Skye Rogers and her twin brother Red move to Manhattan, rumours of a coming global apocalypse are building. But this does not stop the young elite of New York from partying without a care.

And then suddenly Skye is invited to join an exclusive gang known as the Secret Runners of New York.



## JUNIOR FICTION - THE NAUGHTIEST UNICORN ON A SCHOOL TRIP BY PIP BIRD

All aboard the RAINBOW BUS!

Class Red are going on a school trip! Will Dave the Naughtiest Unicorn eat everyone's packed Lunches?

Can anyone complete the Terribly Tricky quest? Will Mira cuddle a Super-Cute baby Caticorn?

The Unicorn School trip is sure to be one BIG ADVENTURE!

## DVD - THE DRY

Federal Agent Aaron Falk returns to his home town after an absence of over twenty years to attend the funeral of his childhood friend, Luke, who allegedly killed his wife and child before taking his own life - a victim of the madness that has ravaged this community after more than a decade of drought.

When Falk reluctantly agrees to stay and investigate the crime, he opens up an old wound - the death of 17-year-old Ellie Deacon. Falk begins to suspect these two crimes, separated by decades, are connected. As he struggles to prove not only Luke's innocence but also his own, Falk finds himself pitted against the prejudice towards him and the pent-up rage of a terrified community.

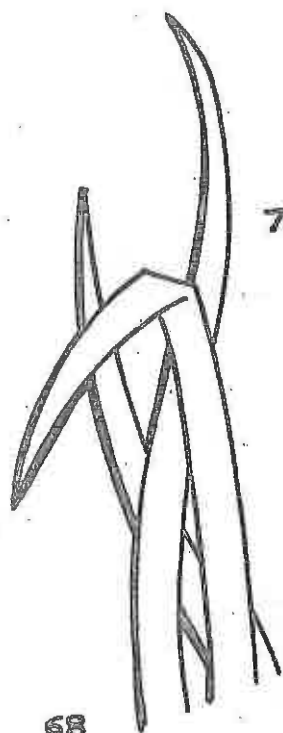


Our Library is stocked with a large array of Fiction & Non Fiction Books, DVD's, Audio Books and Children's Books & Activity Packs. So come in, have a browse and if you don't find what you are looking for, ask one of our team members if they can order it in for you.



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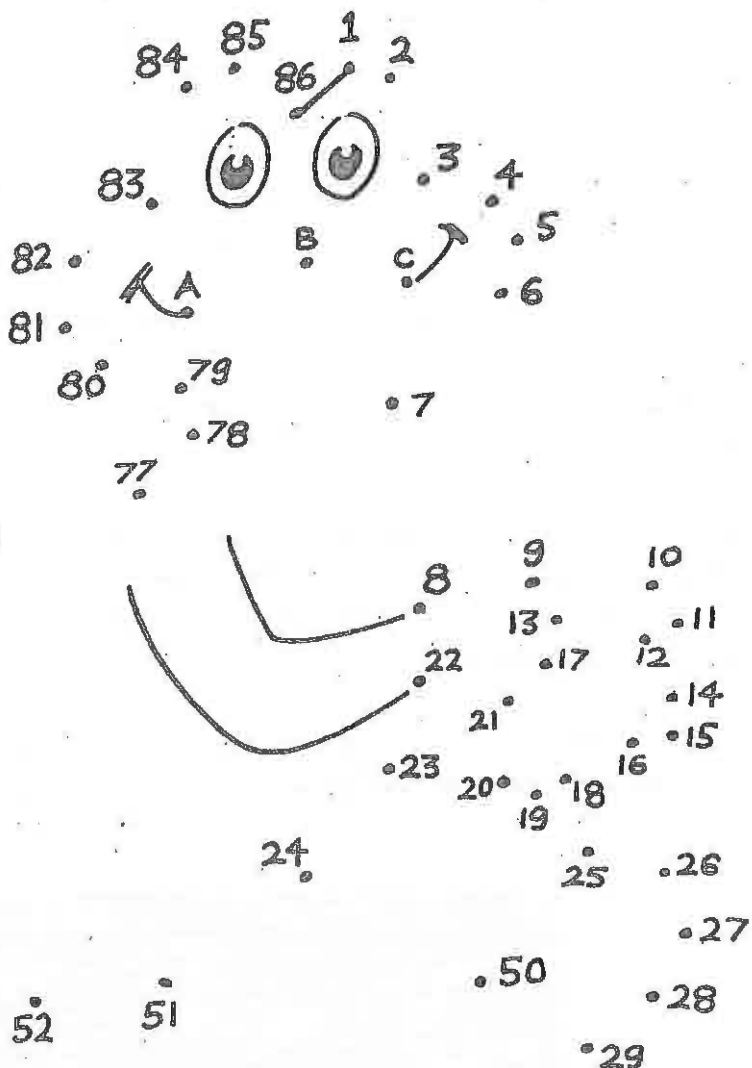
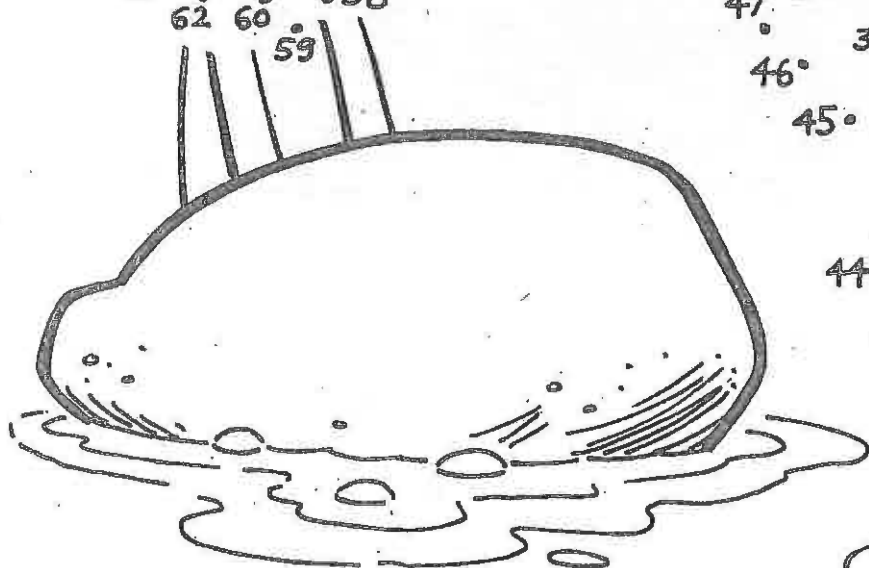
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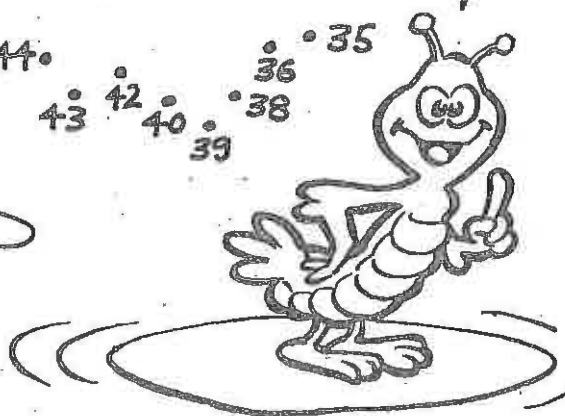
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## **AUSTRALIAN BLACK SWANS**

Article sent in by Louie Gamble

Australian Black Swans are pretty special, given they're the only entirely black-coloured swans in the world, ..with the exception of their broad white wing-tips, which are visible in flight. Their beautiful bill is a deep orange-red with a distinct slim, white band towards the end.

Outside of their breeding seasons, these swans travel long distances; they fly during the night and rest during the day with other swans.

Being vegetarian, these large birds feed on just algae and weeds, found by plunging their elegant necks into water up to 1 m deep.

Occasionally, Black Swans will graze on land, but they are clumsy walkers !

They select large waterways, either salt, brackish or fresh, as they need a good 40 metres of water for 'take off'.

With rains presently flooding, flushing & freshening inland lakes, there's 'love in the air',..not only for the Black Swans, but for many water-birds, given a promise of successful breeding for our striking Pink-eared Ducks (aka Zebra ducks)and the Blue-Billed Ducks, with their bright blue breeding beaks.

Black Swans (*Cygnus*, named after the swan-shaped star constellation + *atratus*, meaning 'clothed in black') will pair for life and raise a brood each Winter & Spring.



Up to 10 eggs will be laid in an untidy nest of reeds and grasses, either on a small island or just floating in deeper water.

The gorgeous grey, downy cygnets sport black wing-tips and can swim and feed themselves as soon as they hatch !

Ref. Museum of Australia





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16 September 2021

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **LABOR FORGETS REGIONAL WA**

The Labor Government have announced the introduction of 'one-vote, one-value' – an electoral system that inherently disadvantages people living in regional Western Australia. Despite repeatedly denying any intention to reform the Upper House prior to the election, the Premier has made it a priority of his government.

"The Premier was asked over and over during the election campaign – seven times in one interview – if he planned to do this and he repeatedly said it wasn't on his agenda," said Member for the Agricultural region, the Hon Steve Martin MLC.

"Labor's move to gut regional voices in Parliament doesn't pass the pub test and is a slap in the face to the people of country WA.

"Minister John Quigley gave the game away when he said that Labor had been dreaming about this for 120 years. It has been a long-held dream of the Labor Party and it will turn out to be a nightmare for regional Western Australians."

Mr Martin is calling for the Government to bring the issue to a referendum and let the people of Western Australia decide the way they will elect their Parliamentary representatives.

Just days before the changes to the electoral system were announced, the Labor Government released the 2021-22 Budget.

"The Labor Government's latest Budget does not go far enough to support regional Western Australians, particularly those in the Agricultural Region," said Mr Martin.

Over the next 4 years the State Government will spend over \$4.2 billion on the Royalties for Regions Program, originally introduced in 2008 by the Liberal-National Government. The program is designed to focus on delivering benefits to regional WA to develop strong and vibrant communities.

However, the allocation of funds in this year's Budget does not see nearly enough funding going towards towns such as Esperance, Northam and other wheatbelt areas.

"The funding for people in the Wheatbelt and the Great Southern just isn't there," said Mr Martin.

"In the Royalties for Regions Program there are at least 15 specific mentions of Collie. However, there is only one mention of an Esperance-specific spending item and almost nothing for Wheatbelt towns.

"While the Wheatbelt and Esperance regions will benefit from overall regional funding, more must be done to support the residents of these areas.

"People living here deserve the same access to healthcare, aged care services, schooling and community programs as the people in Labor-held seats," said Mr Martin.

"This is just another sign that Labor Government are taking advantage of the people in regional WA. They are happy to take their votes and their economic activity generation, but they are not giving anything in return."

**Media Contact: Steve Martin Ph:0428 886 062**



**St John**



**St John Ambulance – Wickepin Sub Centre  
Annual Review Meeting**

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2021 @ 6.30pm**

*All members and interested community members are welcome to attend.*

**Yealering 86-Gate Fire Brigade**

The fire engine will be at the Yealering Oval on Thursday the 14<sup>th</sup> October 2021, at 5pm. This is an opportunity to check out the truck and equipment in readiness for the upcoming summer season.

We hope to see you there.

Enquiries to  
Denise Corke  
Secretary / Treasurer 0474 064 338



**Wickepin Volunteer Bushfire Brigade  
Notice of AGM & Fire Truck Refresher**

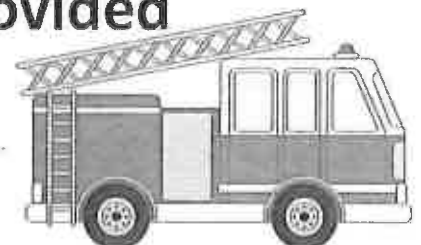
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# Peter Thompson for shire council

To all electoral voters,

My name is Peter Thompson and running for a position on the council for the shire of Wickepin.

I have lived in the Wickepin shire for 18 years after moving here from Esperance in 2003.

I now run a very successful transport business in Tincurrin of which is in the Wickepin shire with my wife Julie.

I have always been involved in committee's and get a great sense of achievement out of them, after being involved in the upper great southern hockey association and bringing international hockey games to Narrogin and seeing the sport thrive in Narrogin.

I was vice president of the association for 12 years and resigned in 2019 and was given a life membership to the Ugsha association in the same year.

I would bring a great sense of sporting background and knowledge to the shire council.

Also as running a transport business I feel I could bring a lot of transport knowledge to the shire council for any up-and-coming ventures in the future, as well as knowledge of the roads that we as transporters utilise.

I feel that the Shire council is a forward-thinking council of which I strongly feel that I could be a great asset and look forward to being a part of if elected.

Thank you for allowing me to apply for a councillor's position.

If you are not aware the elections are on the 16<sup>th</sup> of October.

Any questions or queries please don't hesitate to contact me,

[tincurrintransport@gmail.com](mailto:tincurrintransport@gmail.com)

Phone: 0428424050

Regards

Peter Thompson

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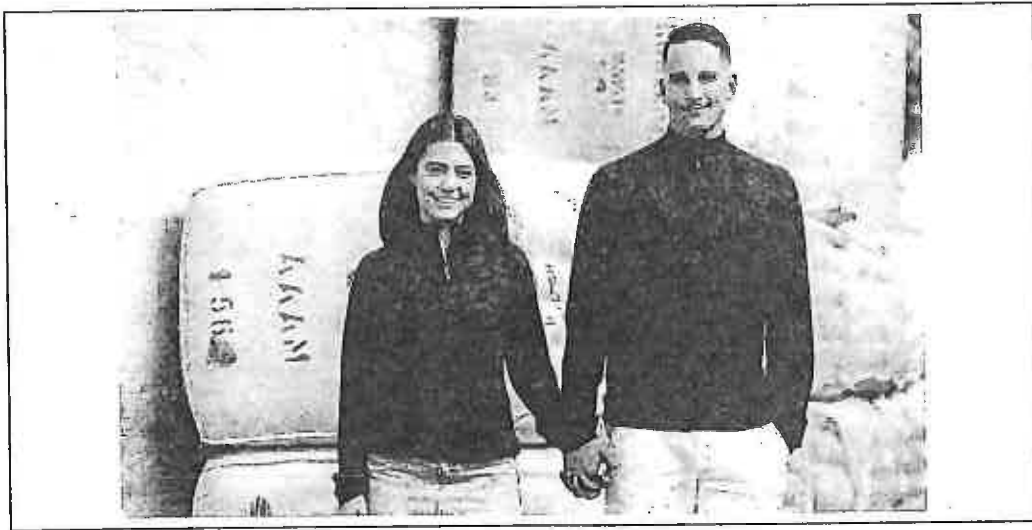
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CORNER BISHOP ST AND SCHOOL PLACE, LAKE GRACE

UPDATES ON SUMMER SPRAYING OPTIONS AND RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT  
INVESTMENT BY THE GRAINS SEEDS AND HAY INDUSTRY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE  
(LOCAL FARMERS ACROSS THE STATE)

Agendas or any additional items can be emailed or added upon request.

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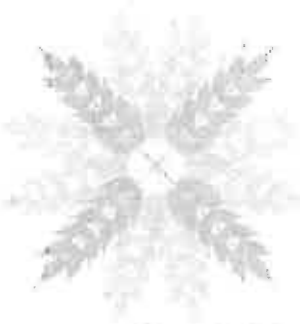
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**Contact our Counsellors:**

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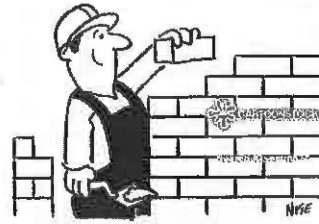
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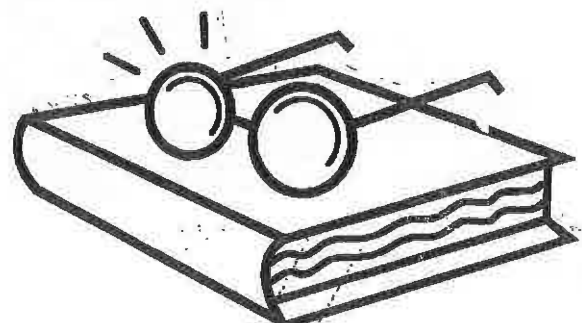
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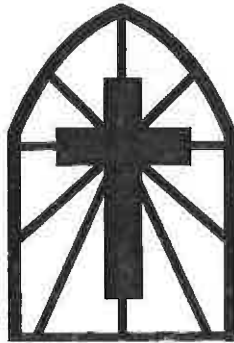




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## Wickepin Golf Club Notes



Congratulations to Jenny Hemley who was presented with Life Membership of the Wickepin Golf Club recently.

Also, congratulations to 2021 Champions Roz and Graeme Wyllie with Runners Up being Wendy and Roger Butler.



## Wickepin Tennis Club



Social tennis for Wickepin Tennis Club has started for season 2021/22. The next social tennis night will be Friday 8th October at 5.30pm.

All welcome to attend, there will be a social shared BBQ afterwards so please bring a salad to share and some meat for your family. If you haven't already, please join the Facebook and/or WhatsApp groups for communication.

For enquires please call or message President Callan Sims 0447 195 138 or Secretary

Alyce Tropiano  
0427 949 125.



## Notice of Meeting Wickepin Football Club AGM

The AGM will be held on  
Wednesday 27 October 2021  
Commencing at 7.15pm.  
At the Wickepin Community Centre.

**Numbers are required for a quorum.**

Rowan Astbury  
Wickepin Football Club President

## WICKEPIN BOWLING CLUB

A great start to the Bowling Season and many thanks to our Patron Marj and Eric Fleays family for sponsoring the day. Marj opened the season by rolling the first bowl. There were 27 bowlers and we played Triples with the winners being Bev Davidson, Peter Mullan and Ron Timms. Runners -Up were Leanne Smith, Greg White, Alan Wyllie and Alison Horley filled for the last round.

Next Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> October names to be in by 1.00pm for the Captain Sponsored Day.

Ladies will have players going to the Kulin Classic on 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> October.

Kayleen Lansdell  
Judy Lang  
Robyn Mullan  
Leanne Smith  
Alison Horley/Bev Davidson



Wednesday Pennants start on 13<sup>th</sup> October at Pingelly and the teams are as follows

Bev Davidson	Kayleen Lansdell
Judy Lang	Marj White
Robyn Mullan	Leanne Smith
Alison Horley	Daphne Tetlow

RESERVE: Claire Bayley

Don't forget that Sam Horley is available for coaching so please contact Sam 0427785012 if you wish to have some coaching.

Subs are now due and can be paid directly to Wickepin Sports Club BSB 066 522 ACC 1004 0207  
If you would prefer subs can be paid to Peter Mullan – Treasurer at bowls on Sunday.

Round 1 of Saturday pennants is 16<sup>th</sup> October at Wickepin. Please let Sam Horley or Dave Astbury know if you are not available.

Looking forward to a successful season of bowls.

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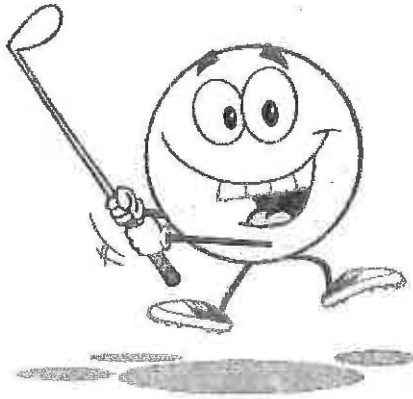
### DATES for Calendar

10 <sup>th</sup> October	Captains Sponsored Day Names in by 1.00pm
17 <sup>th</sup> October	Vera Watson Pairs Names in by 1.00pm
20 <sup>th</sup> October	Coral Weir Pairs at Pingelly - Ladies
24 <sup>th</sup> October	M & M Hook Sponsored Triples Names in by 1.00pm

When you do squats, are your knees supposed to sound like a goat chewing on an aluminium can stuffed with celery?

. I don't mean to interrupt people. I just randomly remember things and get really excited.

## HARRISMITH GOLF CLUB



Harrismith Golfers played an Ambrose for their final round of the season before enjoying the AFL Grand final. The windup dinner was held last Tuesday evening when the Annual Trophies were presented as follows:

2021 Annual Events Men: Championship: Tim Dowdell, R/U Arron Quartermaine, Glen Orrin: Arron Quartermaine R/U John Davidson, Minida Mug: Caen Tayler, Eclectic: Arron Quartermaine, Most Improved Caen Taylor Longest Drive: Caen Taylor

2021 Annual Events Ladies: Championship: Peta Astbury R/U Amanda Davidson, Glen Orrin: Carmen Bayley R/U Peta Astbury, Minida Mug: Amanda Davidson, Eclectic: Peta Astbury, Most Improved: Peta Astbury, Longest Drive: Amanda Davidson.

A special event on the evening was the presentation of Life Membership to long serving member Bruce Murray. Life Member Ian Easton came for the occasion and spoke of Bruce's long membership with the club. This was supported by President Arron.

Congratulations to Bruce from all the membership.



Many years ago in Scotland, a new game was invented.  
It was ruled  
"Gentlemen Only ... Ladies Forbidden" ...  
and thus the word GOLF  
entered into the English Language.



### Cricketers Wanted

It's that time of the year when we put the footy boots away and get ready for cricket season. The little juniors will be training inside the ram shed on Wednesday afternoons at 5pm, ages Kindy to Year 3. Ty Miller has been taking them for the last 2 years and will be looking for a replacement as we are worried all the kids he coaches will turn into dashing opening batsman that bowl innocuous off spin whilst telling everyone they used to be really quick 'back in the day'. Tim Cowcher will once again take care of the big juniors, ages Year 4-7, they will also train on Wednesday's at 5pm. We also have concerns about our juniors being coached too long by Tim as our young players have started to demand to only field at 1<sup>st</sup> slip and to only take leisurely singles because 'it's just too hot'. The senior side which is year 8's to 70 yr olds will train on Thursdays at 5.15pm. Tangles McLean will once again be taking the reins as skipper with nothing short of a finals place in mind to keep his job intact. We will have an AGM prior to the 1<sup>st</sup> senior game which should be approx the 23<sup>rd</sup> of Oct with the fixtures to be confirmed shortly.

Starting - 20<sup>th</sup> October onwards

Subs - \$20 juniors and \$100 seniors (Kidsport welcome)

Little juniors contact - Ty Miller 0429881108

Big juniors contact - Tim Cowcher 0428881246

Seniors contact - Tangles McLean 0448181927



# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## OCTOBER

- Tue 5th Drum Muster—8am—bookings essential  
Tue 5th School holiday movie—The Croods A New Age—Wickepin CRC—10.30—12pm  
Tue 5th The Veteran & Classic Car Club stopping Wickepin main street in morning  
Wed 6th Lifestyle Retirement committee meeting—9.30am  
Thu 7th Education Reptile presentation—Wickepin Town Hall—11.00am—12.30pm  
Sat 9th Lake Yealering Regatta  
Mon 11th School Term 4 starts  
Tue 12th St John Ambulance—Wickepin Sub Centre—Annual Review Meeting—6.30pm  
Sat 16th The Little Ink Pot Workshop 4pm to 6.30pm—Wickepin Community Centre  
Sat 16th Local Government Elections @ Wickepin Shire Admin office—8am—6pm  
**Mon 18th Watershed News**  
Wed 20th Voting closes for “Storms in the Wheatbelt”  
Wed 20th Ordinary meeting of council—3.30pm  
Mon 25th Local Emergency Management committee meeting—3.00pm  
Wed 27th CRC AGM @ 5.30pm  
Wed 27th Wickepin Football Club AGM—7.15pm @ Wickepin Community Centre  
Fri 29th Kids Halloween disco—5.30—7.30pm Town Hall

## NOVEMBER

- Mon 1st Watershed News**  
Thu 11th Remembrance Day  
**Mon 15th Watershed News**  
Fri 26th Shire nominations for 2021 Community Awards closes  
Sun 28th Yealering Hotel—Bon Jovi Forever  
**Mon 29th Watershed News**

## DECEMBER

- Sat 4th Christmas Twilight Markets  
**Mon 13th Watershed News Final Edition for 2021**  
Fri 17th School Term 4 ends  
Sat 25th Christmas Day  
Sun 26th Boxing Day  
Fri 31st New Years Eve