

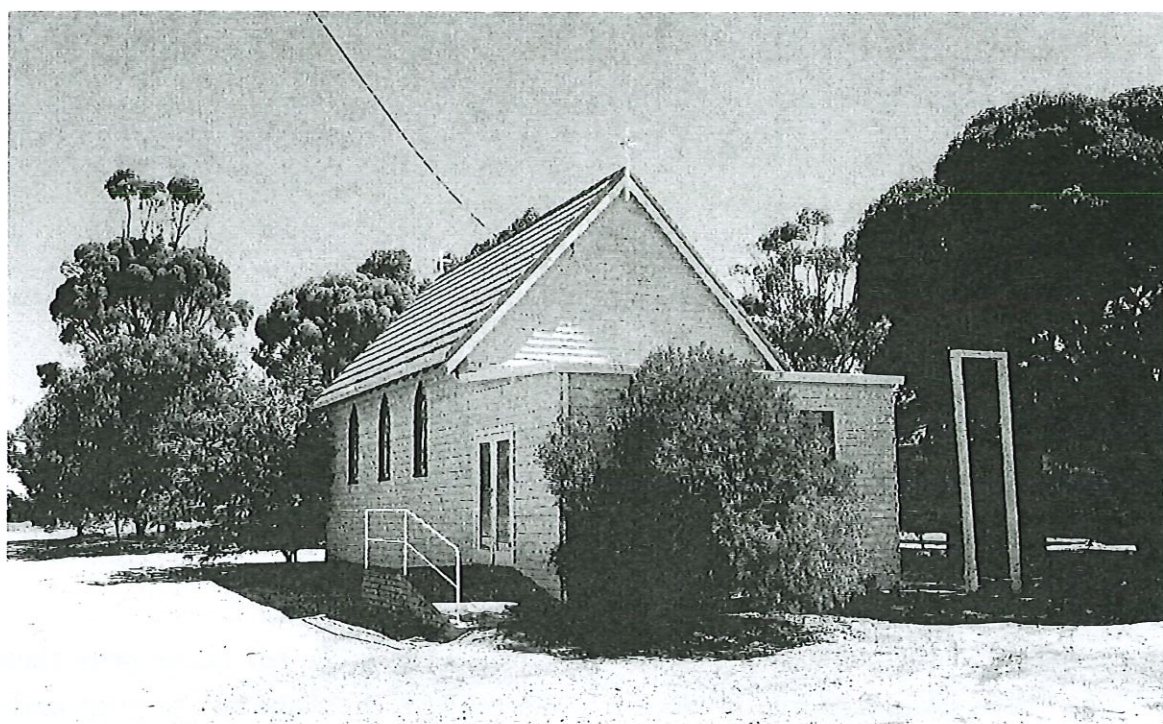
# WATERSHED NEWS

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

*16th October 2023*



**WICKEPIN ST JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH**

**100 years of consecration  
1922-2022**

**Sunday 29th October 2023 at 10.30am**

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**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2023**



# Community Notes



Birthday greetings Barry Green, Rebecca Podmore, Elaine Bushby, Tasma Doncon, Brent Bennier, Gary Lang, Joanne Lewis, Sarah Corke, Kathy Altham, Diggah Martin, Kaleb Bushby, Katie Vitalone, Sigrid Matthews, Tom Bennier, Brody Bransby-Dunsford

Deepest sympathy to Chris, Dianne, Michael, Natalie, Jennifer, Ryan and families on the recent passing of their much loved mother, grandmother and great grandmother, Ellen Walton.

A funeral service will be held to celebrate Ellen's life on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2023 commencing at 11.00am at the Yealering Hall.

The memorial service to celebrate the life of Don Thomson will be held at the YMCA Narrogin Regional Leisure Centre, Clayton Road, Narrogin, commencing at 12 noon on Thursday 19th October 2023.

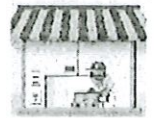
Meg and Trent McLean welcomed their first child on 1<sup>st</sup> Oct. A little girl named Sophie Joan McLean weighing 3.9kgs First grandchild for Ros and Graeme Wyllie, fourth for Margaret & Neale McLean and great grand parents Joan and Allan Wyllie and Judy Lock.



**A busy bee will be held on Saturday 21st October** in readiness

for the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Anglican Church in Wickepin on 29<sup>th</sup> October. The grounds of the Church in Johnston Street need tidying so it would be appreciated if many could come for the cleanup armed with equipment.

Thank you to Elders and Nutrien for giving the Anglican Church the opportunity to cater for the sheep sales this month. As this is the only fund raiser for the Church, your ongoing offer is very much appreciated. Thank you to the willing workers, Keith, Irene, Cheryl, Jennifer Elaine and Tia for helping out on the days.



*Thank You*



The O'Brien family would like to thank everyone for their well wishes and condolences on the passing of our beloved husband, father, and pop. The many cards, flowers, assistance in setting up the community centre and attendance at the funeral of Cyril are very much appreciated. Many thanks to Dawson's Funeral Service, our celebrant Mrs Jackie McBurney and the Wickepin Football Club for making the day so memorable. Special thanks also to the staff at the Wickepin Medical Centre, ambulance officers and ward staff at the Narrogin Regional Hospital for the care and respect given to us all in our time of need.

Visitors to Wickepin were Lea and Paul, Ruth Bailey's daughter and her husband. Also John and Lorna from Traralgon, Victoria, making a flying visit with Lee to see our small country town.

Thursday had seen a large number of people attend Cyril O'Brien's funeral. We wish Jean and her family all the best for the future without their beloved Cyril.

Congratulations to the Lang family who held a gathering to celebrate 100 years of the Langs being in Wickepin. Eleanor Lang is going to stay and help with what will be Gary's last year farming before retiring to Dunsborough.



## Community Notes (Cont'd)

On the first weekend of the school holidays Renae Bransby and children together with James Wilson travelled to Ora Banda to help Kiri's husband Damon celebrate his 50<sup>th</sup> birthday.

The following weekend the group, together with a few others, travelled to Geraldton for a few days and to see James' mother Toni.

Several people from Yealering joined many others to walk around and inspect, in the sunshine, gardens that were part of the Narrogin Kambarang Spring Open Gardens in Narrogin Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2023. The gardens were amazing, unique and very different from each other. Following the printed programme the first garden belonged to Jesse & Kristen Layman where a big back paddock which had been converted into a 3 hole pitch and putt golf course. Morning Tea was superb. Listed as No 2 Yogi & Emma Melvin's garden was huge, filled with interesting aspects around all corners. From 5 fruit trees and 18 roses 10 years ago, their garden now shows evidence of planning, planting and many characteristic features. Very Impressive. On to No 3 Helen Maxwell's cottage garden. By this time, it was getting quite hot so the shade was very welcome. Garden was packed with many varieties filling every nook and cranny. No 4 Robin & Lesley Booth had before photos of their house taken 2 years ago which compared to the result in front of us was an amazing transformation. The 40 Gold Bunny yellow roses around the fence line making a big statement along with the front pathway. Lots of work has been done with and the owners said there was still very much work to be done. Then No 5 The Narrogin Community Garden for a much needed bathroom visit and a sit in the shade. Woodfired Pizzas cooked by volunteers hit the spot for lunch. All in all it was a great day meeting up with old friends and people of like-minded interests.



Bogan Shakespeare show at Narrogin Town Hall on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October, Free bus will leave Wickopin at 6pm for 7.30pm start. Cost \$35 if not a member. Licenced bar, BYO nibbles and your best Bogan platters. Prizes for best dressed Bogan, best Bogan table and more! Contact Libby on 0427 886 046.

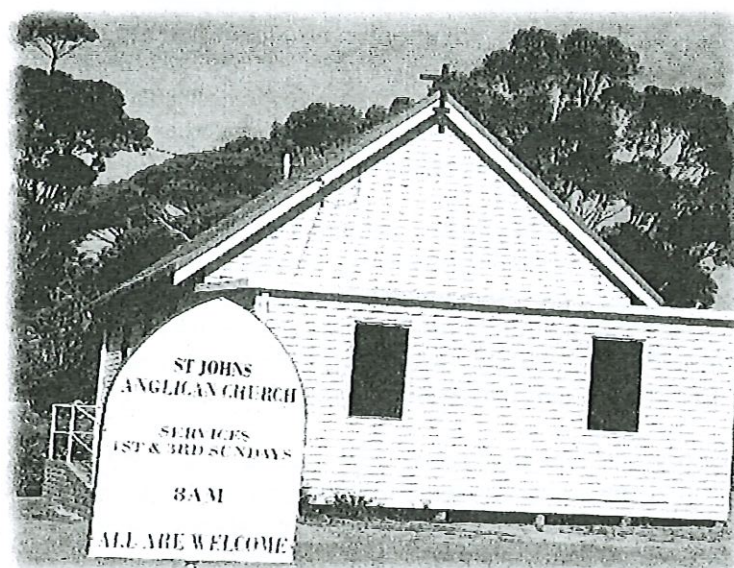


Pictured at the 100 year celebration of farming at Wyoming Downs are Murray, Kevin and Colin Lang. Their father Sam came across 100 years ago from SA to farm in the Wickopin District.

A large gathering of family and friends enjoyed celebrating this very special occasion at the farm on Saturday.

One of the highlights being a special brew made from barley grown on Wyoming Downs.





**WICKEPIN ST JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH**  
**100 years of consecration**  
**1922 - 2022**

*You are invited to celebrate our 100 years of faithful worship, on the 29<sup>th</sup> October, at our 10.30am church service and followed by a lunch at the Community Centre.*

*Please register your interest by email:*

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*or*

*phone: 0437801026 .. Irene*

*0428898025 .. Elaine*

*We would also appreciate your photos and stories for our church history display. (Preferably before the 29<sup>th</sup>)*

*And please share this with anyone you feel would be interested in joining us..*





## **Eulogy- Cyril O'Brien**

Cyril was born on 4th August 1928, a home birth in Subiaco to his parents John and Ileen. He was one of 7 children, 3 brothers and 3 sisters, the younger twins Connie and Pam being his only remaining siblings.

The family moved to North Perth where Cyril attended North Perth Primary school before enrolling in Christian Brothers in Highgate. Upon passing his leaving he gained a small scholarship and went to university for 2 years studying engineering. Unfortunately, Cyril's family could not afford for him to continue his studies, so he worked at the Crown Law Department for the next few years. Whilst in Perth, Cyril was a keen high diver and a member of the surf lifesaving, competing in triathlons at Triggs.

With friends Peter Sugar and Ray McDonald (better known as Moey) Cyril set out for a working holiday to Queensland. They picked up work making cement bricks for houses in Wickiepin and Yealering then Cyril began working for Colin Shipley and started seasonal shearing. His first day of shearing saw him shear just 12 sheep!

In 1951 he played football for Dudinin and in 1952 transferred to Yealering FC. One of his proudest footy achievements was winning the Kelly Medal in the Northam Football Carnival along with two fairest and best medals in the local football association.

According to Jean, one day while working in the Co-op, 3 young men strolled in. One of the girls said the first one is mine (tall, dark, and handsome), the other girl baggsed the second one who was a blonde, so Jean said... "I guess I've got the little one at the back!"

Cyril and Jean were married in 1956 while working for Ted Dalton, when he was asked to go back onto wages. Cyril chose to leave and spent the next 12 months contract fencing and shearing. At this time Tim Doncon approached him to manage a farm at Albany but when this fell through, he introduced Cyril to Tom Hewitt who was looking for someone to lease his farm at Malyalling with the option to purchase, and so life began for them both on Lambton Downs. Soon after, their sons arrived, Graham then Keith, completing their family.

Life on the farm was very hard as they were always short of money, but they persevered weathering the storms. One year Cyril had said to Jean "I think we are done for" as they were struggling to make ends meet. Then he got the idea to cut jam posts out of the bush and sell them. An ad was placed in the local paper, and they received so many phone calls that they had to employ someone to help cut the logs, while they loaded the trucks.

Four Winds was purchased just before the interest rates rose to 24% and they were then forced to sell it to continue farming Lambton Downs.

Farming and married life held many happy memories for Cyril and Jean.

In the beginning they had pigs, poultry, a cow for milking, sheep, grew their own veggies and had fruit trees so they were very self-sufficient as you had to be. In the early days Cyril's father would come down to the farm. He was always eager to help and this day they were dipping sheep in a plunge dip of arsenic. Pop insisted on helping push the sheep in and yes.... in he went. Luckily, he was a tall man, and his head didn't go under. He didn't volunteer for that job again. He also would tighten all the gates so hard; Cyril couldn't open them.



One day Colin (Jean's brother) and Cyril decided to sell scrap metal. They had to blow up the cast iron to break it up for sale. 1 or 2 sticks of dynamite too many sent the metal pieces flying past the boys sheltering behind a tree at least 200 metres away.

At a young age, Jean's brother Colin passed away leaving a young family in Kylie and Andrew without their dad. Cyril and Jean took them both in and cared for them for the first 6 months and then each year they would come back to the farm for the holidays. Andrew always left a parting gift of shorting the electric fence to the gate so Cyril would get a shock when he went to open it.

Their social outlet from the farm was sport, always involved in the local football, tennis, golf and bowling clubs over their lifetime. Many tennis tournaments and country weeks enabled them to travel all over the state meeting and making many friends. Cyril and Jean also loved the dances they attended every weekend with Charlie Rose playing the piano in the Wickepin Hall and at Gillimanning. Their holidays were spent in Albany in the early days then Mandurah when the boys were older. The 1st trip to Albany was in the truck with Graham on the seat and Keith in a cardboard box with a mattress.

Later, Graham married Robyn and Keith married Sandra. The first grandchild, Rheannon arrived in 1983, followed by Kymberlee, Callum, Matthew, Trent and then the final surprise Joshua.

And just when we all thought the grand children were the apple of Cyril's eye, the Great grandchildren arrived. Xavier was the first to arrive in February 2011 and from this day, a new bond was formed of adoration.

Over the years, the great grandchildren continued to grow, and in total there are 7, with 6 great grandsons and 1 great granddaughter. It was only 8 weeks ago, whilst Cyril & Jean were in respite in Brookton that Tristan happened to be playing a hockey game there. They were like two school children, Chris remembers, both Cyril & Jean, waiting at the door, then they were in the car, and off to watch Tristan in action.

O'Brien family Christmases were always ones to remember. There was sure to be water involved or the annual cricket/table tennis grudge matches, and everyone was always aware that Pop was bar lease. Being that we are not a competitive family, no issues ever arose. Pop always cast a watchful eye over these games and sat at what we thought was arm's length. Low & behold, a smashing cover drive by Trent saw the ball cannon into Pop's drink and wind him. The crowd went silent and gasped, and Pop said, 'I'm ok!' We all breathed a sigh of relief.

As time took a toll on his body, his mind was astute as ever. He could reel off figures and dates and had a memory like an elephant. His sense of humour remained until the very end, as, while he was in hospital there was a loud clattering when someone dropped a metal tray. Cyril's comment was, 'I thought I was the one meant to be kicking the bucket!'

Cyril was a hardworking and caring gentleman who had an unwavering love for Jean. Every day of his 67 years of marriage he adored her, laughed and cried with her and was dedicated to her totally. He devoted his life to her, and his family and we will always cherish our memories of him. He was in his happy place, whenever his family was near. He & his beloved Jean were never far apart.....

Rest in Peace Cyril





## When IRIS Eyes Are Smiling...



*Iris' come up gaily and naturally in almost every part of the world, including Australia. They are hardy, evergreen perennials, and there are three species - Rhizomatous; Bulbous-rooted and Tuberous-rooted. These are further divided into several sections, the main ones being Tall bearded; Dwarf bearded; Beardless; Cushion; Japanese; Tuberous-rooted and Bulbous.*

**Tall Bearded Iris** like to grow in sunny borders amongst other perennials, or planted out in beds by themselves. They like an ordinary, well-drained soil with plenty of lime. Each autumn give a top dressing of lime, then in spring fertilize with superphosphate. If using animal manure make sure it is well aged as fresh animal manure may cause the rhizome to rot. Plant the rhizome firmly with the top part protruding above the soil surface. Cut the Foliage down in autumn so that sun can bake the rhizomes and keep them from rotting over winter. Soil should be kept friable and not allowed to become hard or sodden. Lift and divide every 4 years, and plant out anytime between December and May, the earlier the better.

**Dwarf Bearded Iris** have the same cultivation as the taller variety but prefer to grow in full sunshine and be very well drained. They can be used for permanent edgings; massed in groups in borders and rock gardens; or used as ground covers on dry banks.

**Beardless Iris** come in many forms. Some like ordinary rich soil and full sunshine, whilst other species like wet conditions and will grow along the margins of ponds and streams. The Little Crested Iris likes a deep soil with plenty of humus and grows best in half shade, whilst the lime-hating Californian Iris have very fine thread-like roots, are hard to transplant, and are mostly grown from seed.

**Cushion Iris** are also known as the **Regalia Section**, as many of them come from Turkey or Turkestan. These love good drainage and plenty of sun and include the Mourning Iris.

**Japanese Iris** have large, flat flowers often 25cm across. They have fibrous roots, so they don't store water in rhizomes during dry spells as do the previously mentioned species of Iris. They do best growing at the edges of ponds with their roots in shallow water. They can be grown in garden beds, rock gardens or sunken gardens, so long as they get plenty of water. These Iris send leaves straight up from their fibrous roots before new roots are established in spring, when watering and careful attention is a must should there be a dry spell.

**Tuberous-Rooted Iris** come from the monsoon area of south-east Asia and consist of only two species that are quite different from any other Iris. These plants have a small tuberous root protected by the fibre from the old leaves from previous years. Thick, white roots grow out from these tubers, rather like Alstroemeria roots. They must be grown in very well drained soil, as they don't like too much water in winter, but they also need thorough periodic watering in summer, so a good place to plant them is underneath overhanging eaves. Flowers are in sprays of three on a stem, which open in succession, each one only lasting eight hours.

**Bulbous Iris** are mostly European in origin and include the English, Spanish and Dutch Iris, and the early flowering Reticulatas and Tingitanas, many of which have been crossed, giving a great number of varieties. These bulbs like a well drained, friable soil in an open position, and look attractive in bold colour groups or in mass plantings along borders. Dutch iris need to be planted 7.5cm deep, whereas English iris have larger bulbs so should be planted deeper. For Spring flowering, bulbs should be planted in Autumn; and for Autumn flowering, bulbs must be planted in Spring or early Summer.







### Ordinary Meeting of Council

The next Ordinary Meeting of Council will be held on Wednesday 18 October 2023, Council Chambers, 77 Wogolin Road, Wickepin.

The Shire of Wickepin welcomes community participation during public question time. Members of the public are able to ask questions relating to the business of the Council.

For further information and guidelines regarding public question time please contact the Shire Administration Office.

### Seniors' Christmas Lunch – Friday 1 December 2023

The 2023 Senior Christmas Lunch will be held on Friday 1 December 2023 at the Wickepin Community Centre, commencing at 11.30am.

The Seniors Christmas Lunch is an event our seniors look forward to every year.

This year we are in need of some new volunteers. Please contact the Shire Office if you can help in anyway.

### Wickepin Swimming Pool

The pool is scheduled to open on Wednesday, 1 November 2023, 1pm – 6pm. The pool will be closed every second Tuesday commencing 7 November 2023 except during VacSwim or Education Department swimming lessons.

Season passes are available from the Shire Office -

- Family               \$132
- Adult                 \$ 84
- Child                 \$ 60

### Mia's Local Hero Grants

Mia Davies MLA has launched her latest round of Mia's Local Hero Grants, a small grants program to help support local community groups across the Central Wheatbelt electorate.

Mia's grant program will provide amounts of up to \$200 for local groups who support and enrich communities. Applications close 4pm Friday 10 November 2023.

For application forms or further information email [mia.davies@mp.wa.gov.au](mailto:mia.davies@mp.wa.gov.au).

### Harvest Ban Alerts

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

### Bush Fire Uniforms

Bush fire uniforms and personal protective goggles and respirators for Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade officers are available from the shire administration office, with one free uniform per registered brigade volunteer.

You **MUST** be registered with a brigade to receive a uniform.

### Townsite Properties

In the coming weeks Shire Officers will be inspecting all townsites within the Shire of Wickepin and will be issuing notices to residence of unsightly properties.

This includes but is not limited to long grass, motor vehicles, general rubbish, etc. Failure to comply with these notices will result in the land owner being issued with a fine.

Bushfire season is fast approaching, to report **ANY** fire whether in a paddock, bush, townsite, house, roadside, etc you **MUST RING 000 FIRST**.

You will need to provide the location of the fire to the Operator who will then contact our Chief Bush Fire Control Officer who will alert the Fire Control Officers.

### Licensing Service

Licensing services will be unavailable on Friday 20 October 2023. Normal hours will resume on Monday 23 October 2023.

Thank you for your understanding.

### 2023-2024 Rates Instalment Payments

The next due date of the 2023/2024 rates instalments is **27 November 2023**.

If you have any queries regarding rates payments please contact the shire office on 9888 1005.



### Dog Control – Registrations Now Due

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 three (3) months or older. The registration period is 1 November to 31 October, registration renewals for 2023/2024 will be issued soon. 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	25% of registration fee		
Pensioner	50% of registration fee		

### Defibrillator Locations

Defibrillators are located within the Shire of Wickpin and can be found at the following locations –

- Wickpin Newsagency
- Wickpin Public toilets (located Wogolin Road)
- Wickpin Community Centre
- Wickpin District Sports Club
- Wickpin Swimming Pool
- Wickpin Primary School
- Yealering Store
- Yealering Town Hall
- Harrismith Hotel
- Tincurrin General Store



### 2023 Community Awards / 2024 Australia Day Celebration

After careful consideration Council has concluded that the Shire of Wickpin Australia Day Celebrations will become a bi-annual event.

The next celebration is to be held at the Harrismith Golf Club in January 2025.

### Employment Opportunities

- Finance Officer – Fixed Term – Twelve (12) Month Contract
- Plant Operator / Works Crew Member – Full Time Position

The Shire of Wickpin is seeking two (2) competent and enthusiastic employees to join our team.

Further details and application package are available on the Shire's website ([www.wickpin.wa.gov.au](http://www.wickpin.wa.gov.au)) or by contacting Mel Martin on 08 9888 1005.

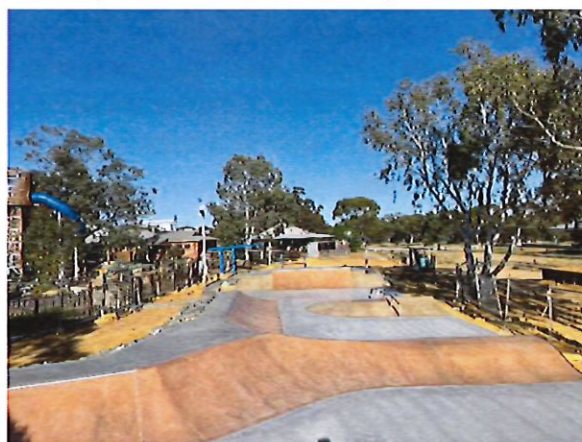
Applications must be received by **4:00pm Friday 27 October 2023**.

### Wickpin Skate Park and Street Basketball Court

Works have near completion on the construction of the new skate park and half-court basketball court which will be incorporated into the new nature playground.

Estimated completion date is the 20 October 2023.

The fence surrounding the site has now been dismantled, however it is advised to refrain from using the facility until all works are completed.





# KIDS CORNER



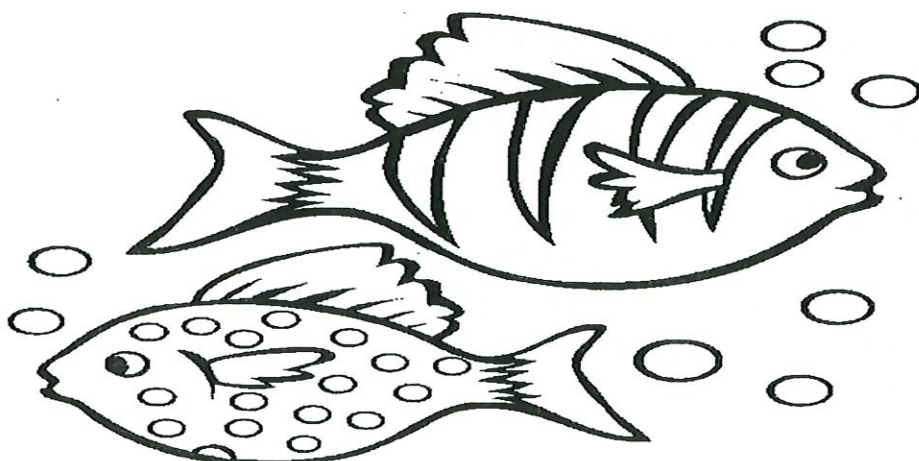
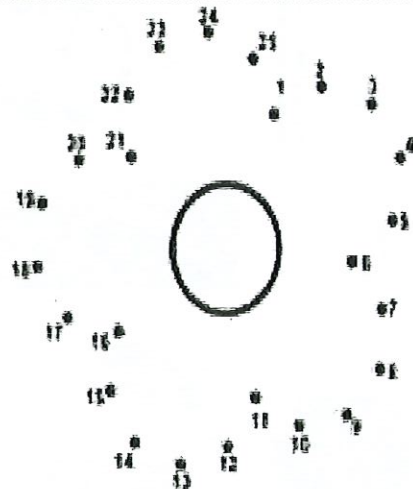
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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

Mercy Matthews  
24/10/2013

# Lake Yealering Regatta Sponsors

We would like to thank all the sponsors once again for their contributions to the Lake Yealering Regatta. It is with their generosity that we can put on this incredible event.



Aviso WA, Three Tillers, Elders Wickepin, Shire of Corrigin, Farmscan, Shire of Wickepin, Fuel Distributors of Western Australia, Moylan Grain Silos, Gangells Ag Solutions, Prices Fabrication, Patmore Feeds, Hutton & Northey Sales, Jmac Engineering, WA Kaolin, CSBP, Grain Corp, Farmanco, Western Stabilisers, Whitfert, RSM Corrigin, Tyrepower Narrogin, Quairading Seed Cleaners, McWhirter & Leong, Grow Cook Eat WA, Berry Sweet, Rabobank, The Butcher's Block, Wickepin Community Resource Centre, Duffy Electrics, The Yealering Pantry, Watershed News



# Lake Yealering Regatta



What a weekend!

On Saturday the 7<sup>th</sup> October, Yealering was host to another Lake Yealering Regatta, and what a fun action-packed event it was. The hall looked amazing adorned with bunting and lanterns hanging from the ceiling and decorated with beautiful floral displays using native foliage picked from local gardens. The primary school set up a display and activity centre with an agricultural theme in a corner of the hall for the children to enjoy, along with some of the stalls. The area from the lake through to the oval looked fantastic and was ready to welcome everyone to the well organised day.

The day started off with market stalls providing an array of homemade goods, crafts and food. The children had a blast with multiple kids' entertainment stations, the Little Louie Road train, petting zoo, inflatable water slide, and more.

The WA Sheep Expo Working Dog Auction exhibited some fantastic sheep dogs, showcasing a glimpse into the sheep industry, and the important role sheep dogs play. As the day heated up, Show Ski WA were back to entertain us with yet again incredible ski performances, helping spectators cool off lakeside whilst putting on a show.

Then it was time for the main event, the regatta races, and they did not disappoint. Returning competitors, as well as new faces battled it out on Lake Yealering as they raced their hearts out. Once again, the structural integrity on some boat entries was questioned, however, that did not deter these ruthless athletes, and perhaps even pushed them harder to be the first over the finish line. The costumes and boat designs were just as important as the race places, with some very creative themes and characters on display.

Throughout the day there were incredible musical performances, from Tamsyn Crombie in the croquet garden, then Kyle Haydock in the afternoon during the cocktail hour and the opening of the silo bar.

The fireworks were a huge hit, as was the headline act of The Dad Bodz closing out the night.

The organisation and preparation for this event is a mammoth effort, and we would like to thank all the local volunteers, sponsors and regatta committee members, with Alan Manton at the helm as chairperson, who make this community event possible.

Thanks to everyone who participated in the regatta, and we hope to see you again at Lake Yealering.







**Hon Mia DAVIES MLA**  
Member for Central Wheatbelt

## MEDIA RELEASE

### MIA'S LOCAL HERO GRANTS ROUND OPENS

13<sup>th</sup> October 2023

The latest round of '*Mia's Local Hero Grants*' has been opened to eligible groups and individuals living in the electorate of Central Wheatbelt.

It is the eighth round of the small grant funding program provided by Hon Mia Davies MLA.

"These small grants are designed to support groups and people in the electorate who work hard to support and inspire their community," Ms Davies said.

"This round of the program will provide amounts of up to \$200 for local groups who support and enrich our communities."

Ms Davies said the grants provided an opportunity to show her support, thanks and appreciation for the hardworking volunteer and not-for-profit organisations that make such a difference in our community.

"I encourage everyone that is eligible to make an application as it's hotly contested and there are many deserving projects, people and event in the electorate," Ms Davies said.

"The funds could be used to support or sponsor a local event, contribute toward the purchase of new equipment or materials, or to assist your group to better support your members or community.

"I'm looking forward to receiving the applications, and if anyone has concerns about their eligibility, they should contact my office."

Successful applicants from the previous round include bringing a qualified swim instructor to Mukinbudin for the Swimming Club, purchasing photography light display boxes for the Narembeen Historical Society and personal protective equipment for the Pingelly Youth Cadets.

"The funding also contributed to new trestles for the Nungarin Wheatbelt Markets as the Committee celebrated their 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year, new roller-skates for the Wylie Roller-skating team and a 'come and try day' for York & District Archery Club.

Round 8 opens Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October and closes at 4.00pm on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> Nov 2023.

For application forms email [mia.davies@mp.wa.gov.au](mailto:mia.davies@mp.wa.gov.au) or contact the electorate office directly on 9622 2871 (Northam) or 9041 1702 (Merredin).

**For media enquiries please contact Mia Davies on 9041 1702 (Merredin office), 9622 2871 (Northam office) or email [mia.davies@mp.wa.gov.au](mailto:mia.davies@mp.wa.gov.au).**

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Free computer access	✓	✓	✓	✓
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Discounted Stall Holder fees on Market Days	✓	✓	✓	✓
Discounted advertising in Wickepin CRC publications (ie. Community Phonebook)	✓	✓		
Half price children's school holiday activities			✓	

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The CRC is excited to share some fantastic news: We have doubled our public access computers! We're thrilled to announce that we now have two computers, both equipped with Windows 11 and internet connectivity. Whether you want to check your emails, access Services Australia, or simply draft your shopping list for the week, our computers are ready to serve your needs.

We would like to extend our thanks to the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development for their generous Technology Grant, which made this upgrade possible. Thankyou for your continued support!



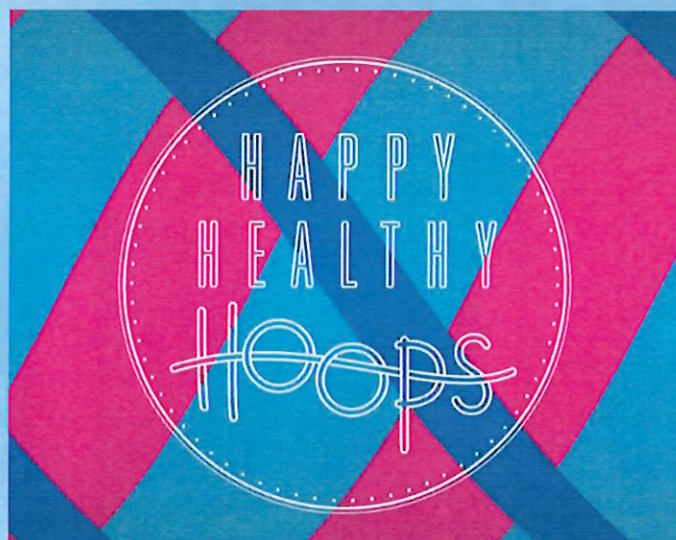
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# WICKEPIN FESTIVAL AND CAR RALLY

## MY Favourite Wheels



The Wickepin Festival would like to invite you to bring your **Favourite Wheels** and to share the story behind them to the Wickepin Community Centre on the 24th of February 2024.



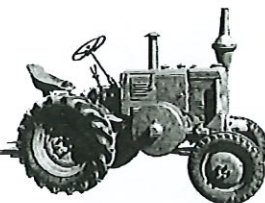
Anything with wheels that is complete would be welcome including a wheelbarrow, bike or a car that you drove to the bus stop. We would also love to have your classic car or a 6 wheeler truck.



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Cut veggies up in bite sized pieces and cook in wok for 5 mins or so.

Cut up Chicken in bite sized pieces also and add to the pan – cook a further 5 mins.

Add around 1 ½ cups water and simmer for 15 mins.

Add 1 small can coconut milk and the “Golden Curry” cake broken up. (pictured- found in the Asian section at supermarket)

Bring back to simmer stirring the whole time until thickened and cooked.

Serve with rice. (I add one sachet of this.)



### **Blueberry Muffins**

#### **Ingredients**

2 cups self-raising flour  
¾ cup caster sugar  
1 egg beaten  
¼ cup vegetable oil  
1 cup milk  
125 g blueberries fresh or frozen  
2 tabs raw sugar (optional) for sprinkling.

#### **Method:**

1. Preheat oven to 180 degrees celsius fan-forced (200 if using conventional).
2. Line a 12-hole muffin tin with paper muffin cases or grease well.
3. Sift the self-raising flour into a large bowl. Add the caster sugar and stir together. Create a well in the centre.
4. In a separate bowl, whisk together the egg, oil and milk.
5. Pour the liquid into the well and very gently fold the mixture together (the batter should be slightly lumpy - do not over-mix).
6. Very gently fold through the blueberries (do not over-mix).
7. Spoon the mixture into the muffin cases (fill ¾ to the top).
8. Sprinkle each muffin with raw sugar (optional).
9. Bake for 20-25 minutes or until lightly golden.
10. Allow to cool in the baking tray for 5 minutes before transferring to a wire rack to cool completely.



Such a quick, easy and nutritious meal.

Add some greens if you wish.



# School Holiday Fun

On Thursday 5th of October, we were treated to a wonderful hands-on workshop featuring a variety of different native and non-native animals.

Emily from Ausark Wildlife Education came to Wicky and brought with her 9 different animals for us to learn about. Captain, the pink and grey Galah, demonstrated his flying, while Micah the Golden Brushtail Possum showed us how much he loves eating kale. We got a chance to hold Saverio the Pygmy Python, Tiana the Magnificent Tree Frog, Archie the Rabbit and Yowie the Bobtail Skink. Tiana kept tickling us by climbing along our arms and legs, and Saverio liked to wind himself around our hands. Everyone loved holding Archie, because he was so cuddly and loved being patted. Emily also brought Jasmine the Black-headed Python, but we couldn't touch her because she was shedding her skin, and we learned that touching is very unpleasant for a snake while they're shedding. We were also not allowed to touch the rainforest scorpion....but looking at him in his container was enough for most of us!

Many thanks to Emily and her animals for making the trip from Byford, and also to the Shire of Wickpin for funding this amazing event. We all came away with a new understanding of, and appreciation for, how special our native (and non-native) wildlife is!



Congratulations to Dylan for being the lucky winner of Throw, Throw Burrito! His entry was drawn from the 8 we had for the School Holiday Scavenger Hunt Quiz. We're sure you'll enjoy throwing those burrito's at the rest of the family!



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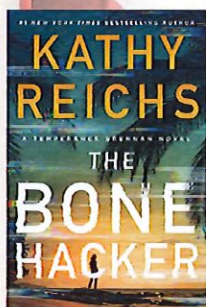


# WICKEPIN PUBLIC LIBRARY

New books



## Adult Fiction: The Bone Hacker - Kathy Reichs



Called in to examine what is left of a body struck by lightning, Dr Temperance Brennan traces an unusual tattoo to its source and is soon embroiled in a much larger case. Young male tourists have been disappearing on the islands of Turks and Caicos for years. The first victim was found with both hands cut off; the other visitors vanished without a trace. Until now...

The victims seem to have nothing in common other than the strange locations where their bodies are eventually found and that they all seem to be the least likely to be victims of foul play. Do these attacks have something to do with the islands' seething culture of gang violence? Tempe isn't so sure. And then she turns up clues that suggest what's at stake may have global significance.

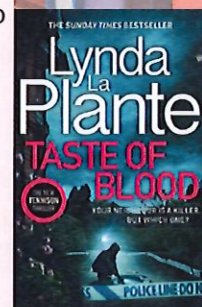
Every minute counts as the clock ticks down in a race for the truth. And then Tempe herself becomes a target...

## Adult Fiction: Taste of Blood - Lynda La Plante

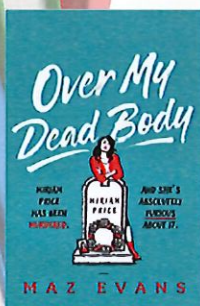
Detective Jane Tennison is beginning to think she's made a big mistake. Having requested a transfer to a station nearer her home, she's now wondering if any serious crimes are ever committed in Bromley. Especially since the first case she's assigned to involves nothing more dramatic than an altercation between neighbours over a disputed property boundary.

Jane's new boss wants her to wrap up the enquiry as quickly as possible, but something in the apparently trivial case doesn't add up.

Against her boss's orders, Jane decides to dig deeper, and soon uncovers a trove of dark secrets in sleepy Clarendon Court involving the tragic death and a forbidden love affair. As Tennison hunts for the missing piece of evidence that will identify a vicious killer, she knows that this case will make her career - or break it.



## Adult Comedy: Over My Dead Body - Maz Evans



When the misanthropic Dr Miriam Price wakes up dead, her day has only just started to go wrong.

With everyone mistakenly thinking she killed herself, she's condemned to half a century in Limbo as a 'Death By Misadventure' - unless she can prove that she was murdered. Unable to communicate with anyone living, Miriam's investigative options look decidedly limited.

But she soon realises that Winnie, her elderly next-door neighbour - and mortal enemy - can see, hear and talk to her. The good news for Miriam is that the dying can interact with the dead. The bad news for Winnie is that if she can see Miriam, she hasn't got long to live. Now this unlikely detective duo must work together to solve Miriam's murder - and maybe avert Winnie's death - before time runs out for them both. And before they kill each other first...

## Audio Book: Must Love Flowers - Debbie Macomber

Joan Sample, widow and empty-nester, has become something of a recluse. But her sister Emmie has finally persuaded her to reengage with the world. With Emmie's support, Joan finds the courage to take steps like hiring a gardener, joining a grief support group, and renting a room to a college student. Before long, Joan is starting to feel like herself again.

Across town, Maggie Herbert, barista and nursing student, struggles with her alcoholic father. Her life improves when she rents a room in Joan's house, and Maggie can see hope for a better life. But will her attraction to a favourite customer complicate things? Meanwhile, what is Joan to make of the mysterious landscaper revitalizing her garden - a man with a past loss of his own?

As Maggie and Joan face tough choices, their friendship strengthens, revealing that "found family" can be the most meaningful kind of connection.







# The Wicky Weekly

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16 October 2023

## Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Week Two of Term Four. Spring has definitely sprung! It has been terrific to see the sun shining and our student's happy smiling faces back at school.

### Crazy Hair Day—RFDS Fundraiser

On Friday 27 October our Student Leaders are holding a Crazy Hair fundraiser for the Royal Flying Doctors. For a gold coin donation, staff and students are invited to come to school adorned with wacky and weird hairstyles. Please note that school uniform is still required.

### School Photos

Personalised envelopes from Fotoworks have now been sent home in readiness for our school photo day on Tuesday 31 October. Please ensure your child is in correct school uniform. ALL envelopes must be returned to school, even if you have opted not to purchase photos. Sibling photo order envelopes are available from the school office.

### Early Arrivals

Please note that Wickein PS does not assume duty of care of students until 8.30am. Please ensure your child does not arrive before this time.

### COVID-19 and Free RAT Tests

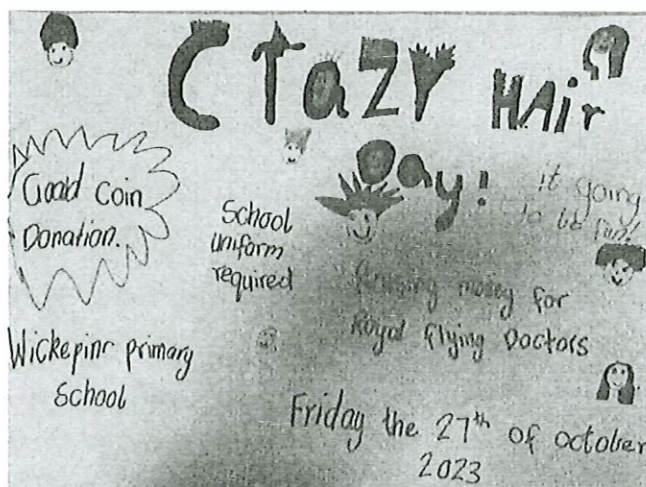
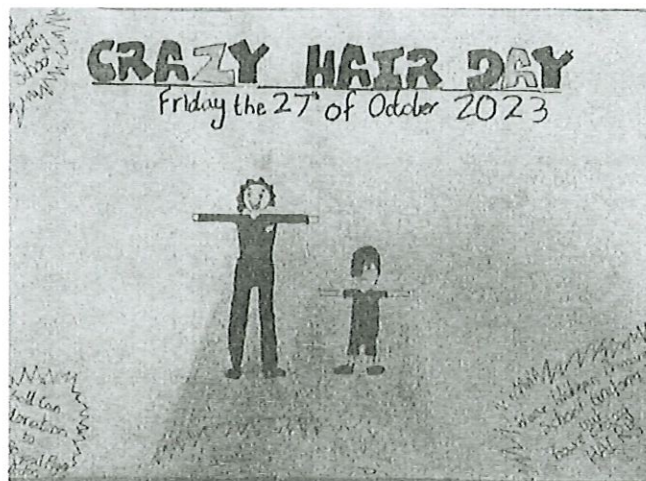
COVID-19 is back in our community. A reminder that we have free testing kits available at school. Please call in and ask for some for your home. Students cannot take them, due to a warning label on the packaging, however, we can provide testing kits to our families.

Please test daily if your child/ren is COVID positive and keep them home until they are symptom free. Please also be reminded that Wickein Health Service are offering free flu vaccinations for all primary school aged children. Please keep your child/ren home if they are unwell, no matter the cause, to avoid the spreading of viruses and germs.

### Absentee Information

Please contact the school office on 9888 2300 to let us know of your child's absence. Emails regarding absences can be sent to [wickein.ps@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:wickein.ps@education.wa.edu.au). This email address captures the Principal, Manager Corporate Services and School Officer. You can also send us a text on 0438 957 163. If you have not informed the school of your child's absence, then a text message will be sent to you at 10.00am. Please remember to let us know the reason for absences, i.e., unwell, appointment, etc.

Kind regards,  
Benjamin Parkin



### Dates to Remember

18	Thank Your Cleaner Day
27	World Teachers Day
27	Crazy Hair Day
31	School Photos
November	
3	School Development Day - students do not attend
8	Whole School Student Council Assembly
December	
6	Presentation & Graduation Night at 5.30pm
14	Last Day of Term 4





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## REGIONAL COLUMN

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20 September 2023

With Senior Regional Officer for the South West, Annetta Bellingeri

### Quad bikes are not children's toys

With the warmer weather and people spending more time outdoors, a reminder that quad bikes and kids are a dangerous, and potentially deadly, mix.

Since 2020, nine West Australians have been killed on quad bikes - two of them this year, including a girl aged under 10. Nationally, quad bikes are a leading cause of serious injury and death on Australian farming properties with 71 people killed, including 11 children, since 2017.

Royal Perth Hospital's Trauma Register shows the majority of quad bike accidents between 2013 and 2022 happened off-road or on farms. 60 per cent of 80 people admitted to Royal Perth Hospital with major trauma injuries from quad bike accidents, weren't wearing any safety devices.

Accidents are common with quad bikes tipping and easily rolling over on rough ground, at high speed or carrying heavy or uneven loads, often resulting in devastating outcomes.

Quad bike safety is improving with new rules introduced in late 2021, covering operator protection devices, and a tag that allows you to compare stability and safety of models.

But quad bikes are not children's toys. Perth Children's Hospital has seen 14 children, aged 15 years and younger, injured in quad bike accidents between January and August this year.

The safest option is for children not to ride quads, even as passengers, as children lack the size, and physical or cognitive ability to safely operate quad bikes built for adults.

The [Product Safety Australia website](https://www.productsafety.gov.au) has a range of great ways to increase safety on quad bikes for older riders and passengers, based around **Prepare Safe, Wear Safe, Ride Safe**.

Among the recommendations, **Prepare Safe** advises to make sure the quad is the right vehicle for the activity you want to do. **Wear Safe** is all about wearing a helmet and protective clothing, and **Ride Safe** includes advice on not carrying passengers on bikes designed for only one rider.

The figures speak for themselves. Keep kids off quad bikes these holidays, to keep them safe.



# What's On In Wickepin Shire

## **Mondays:**

Watershed News every second Monday:

Fit Pursuit 6am-6.45am @ Wickepin Community Centre

## **Tuesdays:**

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

Pathology Service~ Appointment Only @ Wickepin Health Centre  
Phone No 98881104

Yoga at Harrismith Hall 6pm – 7.30pm – all welcome  
Further details: Ph Tara: 0427 333171

## **Wednesdays:**

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

Chair Aerobics 9.00am – 10.00am Wickepin Health Centre

## **Thursdays:**

Fit Pursuit 5.45am-6.35am @ Wickepin Community Centre

Wickepin Playgroup 9.00am – 11.30am during school term. Ages 0-5

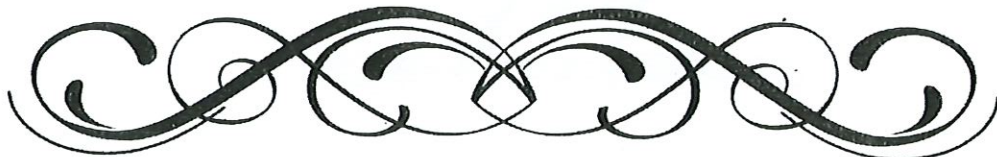
Local Vocals with Mazz – 6pm in Narrogin

## **Saturdays:**

Banksia Bowmen Archery- Wickepin Community Centre @ 9am  
Club Equipment Available

## **Sundays:**

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







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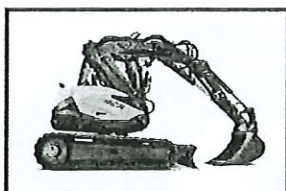
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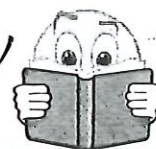
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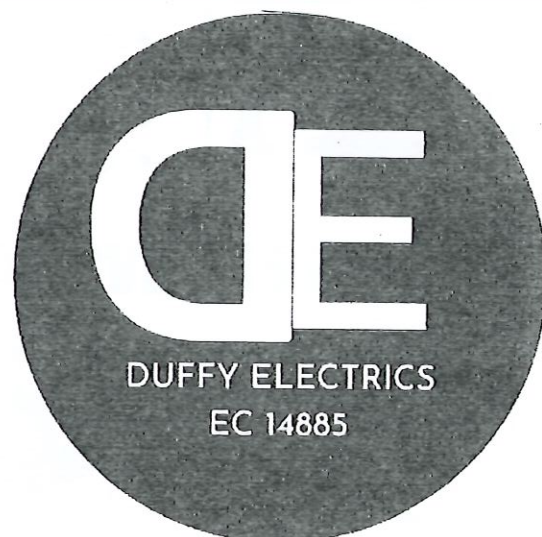
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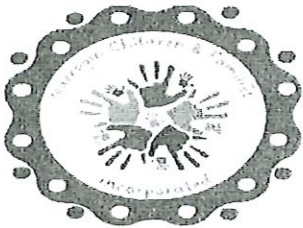
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We are now into our 3<sup>rd</sup> week of bowling. It is fantastic that we are having such a good number of people playing, and lucky to have had beautiful weather.

Sunday social is always a fun day and the best practice for pennants and other upcoming events. An important reminder that the role of a Pennant Selector is made easier when members who are intending to play pennants are also attending social days. You are encouraged to come along and ensure your selection in the team.

The Bayley Fours were played on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> and won by Peter Bransby, Maureen Jones, and Beryl Holm on 9 points plus 15; Dave Triffitt, Colin Marsh, and Leanne Smith runners-up on 9 plus 14. Thank you, Bayley Farms, for your sponsorship.

The Vera Watson Meat Pack Pairs played on 15<sup>th</sup> were won by Dave Triffitt and Judy Lang, runners-up Beryl Elphick and Alan Wyllie – congratulations on your win. Thank you to Hazel Green, and the family of Vera, for their continued support of this event.

Robyn Mullan, Marj White, Leanne Smith and Judy Lang enjoyed 2 days competing at the Kulin Classic on 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> October. This is the first invitation event on our bowling calendar and one we always look forward to playing.

Round one of the Men's Pennant competitions kicked off on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> with a game in Narrogin against Narrogin Black and round one of the Ladies Pennant is in Wickepin on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup>. Ladies please be there by 8.30 and remember to BYO lunch. Also, if you wish to play in the Coral Weir Pairs (2x2x2x2) on 31<sup>st</sup> October at Williams, please nominate your team to Robyn by 24<sup>th</sup> October.

### SOCIAL & EVENTS OCTOBER / NOVEMBER

22.10.23	12.30 FOR 1PM START	SOCIAL
29.10.23	12.30 FOR 1PM START	CAPTAINS SPONSORED ROTATING TRIPLES
05.11.23	12.30 FOR 1PM START	ELPHICK SPONSORED
12.11.23	12.30 FOR 1PM START	SMITH READ SPONSORED

A GREAT CLUB WHERE 'EVERYONE IS WELCOME'

## Yealering Tennis Club

The opening day for the 2023/2024 Yealering Tennis Club season was held on Sunday the 15<sup>th</sup> October commencing with a well-attended busy bee. After a few games of very social tennis, we finished off the day with our long table barbecue.

A few members were missing as they attended the garden day in Narrogin, but they joined us for the BBQ in the evening.

Social tennis is played on Sunday afternoons commencing at 3pm.

New members are always welcome,







## WICKEPIN NETBALL CLUB

This year we had two senior teams.

A1 coached by Briana Schorer & A2 coached by Mel Martin.

Although we did not achieve winning success, there were many on court successes celebrated and a strong community vibe in the Netball Club.

Jess Joldescu took her umpiring to the next level and was selected in the Fever in time Umpire Program along with umpiring at State Cup this year. She also won the 2023 Umpiring award at the N&DNA presentation evening. Well done Jess.

The windup was a lovely way to celebrate the 2023 season with standout players being awarded and Zoe's commitment to the club being recognised.

Senior Award Winners 2023

A1 Fairest & Best - Kelly Steere

A1 Runner Up Fairest & Best - Tyler Steere

A1 Coaches Award - Meg Conway

A1 NDNA Top Vote Getter - Tyler Steere

A2 Fairest & Best - Christina Smith

A2 Runner Up Fairest & Best - Karli Martin

A2 Coaches Award - Charlie Regan

A2 NDNA Top Vote Getter - Jessica Joldescu

Sharpn Matthews Perpetual Trophy - Zoe Mullan

For juniors we had 3 teams.

Our SET team was coached by Jenna Lansdell & Megan Pike. They did a wonderful job of introducing netball to some new faces & developing the skills of some former NET participants.

Our GO team was coached by Danni who had the pleasure of coaching this group of girls who have been playing together since NET! Their competitiveness is really starting to shine now.

Our JD3 team was coached by Kelly and this team were a real force on court with the even boy/girl ratio most weeks.

It was another fun junior season.

A big thank you to our sponsors that continue to support our club, Kaolin Mines, Lewisdale Stud, Great Southern Fuels & Dyson Jones.

We finally had the whole club in our new uniforms this year with the junior boy's singlet order coming through.

Thanks to the committee for a successful year and a special thankyou to Alyce Tropiano who has been our VP for the last two years and dear friend to many of us.

Alyce is off with her family to live the farming lifestyle in Mullewa next year and we will miss her wonderful defensive skills and better organisational skills.

See you all for the 2024 season.

Jo Priest





# Wickepin Hockey Club 2023 Season



2023 started off a little slow, we had a lot of new players this year, so the first round left us with one win and a lot of losses which came with lots of laughing amongst us. So after the first round we were sitting second from the bottom. Second round began and we started gelling with a few wins under our belt we came up against the top team who had annihilated us at home first round 5-0 so we were determined they weren't going to win, with it being their home ground and a few things going against us we were still determined we wanted the win! Our little legs of the team showed up and dominated the right side the old legs holding the defence tight we won 3-2 after the game we were all laughing that the season was over now all we wanted to do was beat them. That wasn't the case at all though the team started getting a little bit competitive, who am I kidding they were out to win or at least upset a few of the favourite teams. We wanted that top 4 position! Next, we came up against second on the ladder, Wagin at home after a goal from Makayla we came away with a sneaky 1-0 win!! After the second round had finished, we did it we finished 4th on the ladder which left us with a semifinal date v Warriors! We were impressed with ourselves that we made it this far. But couldn't pass up an opportunity to upset Warriors and kick them out of the finals, heading into the game we knew it wasn't going to be easy we knew it would be a body to body hard fought game to win. With an early goal from Warriors they put the pressure on us early, we then replied with a goal off a short corner the game was tied 1-1. The Rest of the game felt like a lot of running up and back, with pushing and a few cranky opposition players that didn't upset our game and determination with Kiesha taking a tumble with a warriors' player you could see tempers were creeping out. 30 seconds to go in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter the ball gets sent into the Wickepin attacking D Miss Gillian Spargo puts the winning goal away deflection off her stick raised up into the goal. (she possibly had her eyes closed and didn't realise she got the goal lucky she had her cheer leader Tara collard letting her know she got it). We once again laughed and joked that we were now done with the season now we had knocked warriors out of the finals. That wasn't the case though we had to show up and play Wagin next week. It was hot! We knew Wagin weren't going to go easy on us, with Wagin getting an early goal we were once again playing catch up for the win. We soon replied with a goal, with both teams now chasing the winning goal tempers were getting heated, with Gill doing an amazing job paying inner and keeping the ball of their better players she copped a little tuff love from a mother daughter duo as well as a head butt but that didn't slow her down only made her more determined! With a few minutes to go we got a short corner which seen the ball get hit into the goal raised up off the goalie and in comes Captain Halstead with a mad cricket swing too seal our spot in the Grand final! Grand final day was here it was hot! We were done a defender in Holly Eales who couldn't make it. Williams were all out on the turf warming up here we are rolling up in dribs and drabs slowly getting ready as we do so well! We knew the game would be fast we would be chasing an experienced fast paced team. Much to our surprise we started off fast and snuck the first goal through, scored by Trish Armstrong, which was quickly made even by Williams 1-1. The game then seen a green card handed out to Gillian Spargo who was way too eager for a sneaky tackle when she wasn't 5, second half started with Williams first on the score board 2-1 we replied with a goal threw Trish Armstrong again 2-2 second half seen a green card handed to a youngster Kiesha for hitting the ball away which in return she received a side eye and a few words from Renae, who later also received a green card mother like daughter they say! With 2 minutes to go ball comes into our defending D hits 2 Wickepin feet we all freeze waiting for the short corner to be called umpire lets it play out Willaims play on get a goal. Score now 3-2 with Williams winning the game. Massive than you to Raymond Matthews for coaching again it's never easy coaching a bunch of women and teenagers. Huge thank you to all our supporters throughout the season. Massive thank you to our Sponsors, Wickepin Newsagency, Tasman Rope Access, WA Kaolin, CFR Mobile Mechanical, Tom Williamson.

Also thank you to our life member Audrey Bird, for umpiring our juniors.

MVP for the Grand final day was awarded to Renae Bransby

Upper Great Southern B Grade Fairest & Best Renae Bransby



## Wickepin Hockey Club Award Winners

On the 16<sup>th</sup> sept we held our senior awards night at the Cuballing tavern,  
Congratulations to all the award winners.

Fairest & Best Renae Bransby

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Runner up Fairest & Best Kiesha Bransby

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Highest Goal Scorer Renae Bransby

Best Junior Kiesha Bransby

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Coaches Award Gillian Spargo

Most Improved Trish Armstrong

Players Choice Kiesha Bransby & Sammy Armstrong

Best Club Person Gillian Spargo & Victoria Anderson

2023 Wickepin Hockey Club J 11 Award Winners

2023 seen Wickepin hockey club have a J11 team filled with new and experienced players. Thank you to all the parents that helped throughout the season.

Fairest & Best Flynn Macnamarra

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Runner up Fairest & Best Logan Ratcliffe

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Highest Goal Scorer Flynn Macnamarra

Most Improved Charles Fulford

Coaches Award Mercy Matthews



### Notice of AGM

The Wickepin Netball Club will be holding their AGM on Wednesday 8th November at the  
Wickepin Community Centre (bar section) from 6pm.

Come along to help plan the 2024 season, also seeking new Committee members and expressions of interest for  
Coaches and players.

New and existing members and supporters of the Club are encouraged to attend.

## Watershed News 2023

### Publication Dates

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December



# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## OCTOBER

- Wed 18th Ordinary Meeting of Council  
Sat 21st Local Government Elections  
Fri 27th Children's Week Hula Workshop @ Wickepin CRC 3.30pm-4.30pm  
Fri 27th Wickepin Primary School Crazy Hair Day  
Sun 29th Wickepin St John's Anglican Church 100 years of Consecration 10.30am  
**Mon 30th Watershed News**  
Mon 30th Recycling and Bin Day  
Tues 31st Wickepin Primary School School Photos  
Tues 31st Halloween Day

## NOVEMBER

- Wed 1st Swimming Pool opens 1-6pm  
Fri 3rd School Development Day Wickepin Primary School—Students do not attend  
Wed 8th Wickepin Netball Club AGM @ Wickepin Community Centre 6pm  
Wed 8th Wickepin Primary School Whole School Student Council Assembly  
Fri 10th Mia's Local Hero Grants close  
Fri 10th 60 years of service by Astbury Family Afternoon Tea 2pm Wickepin Community Centre  
**Mon 13th Watershed News**  
Mon 13th Recycling and Bin Day  
Mon 13th Restricted Burning Season Closes  
**Mon 27th Watershed News**  
Mon 27th Recycling and Bin Day

## DECEMBER

- Fri 1st Seniors' Christmas Lunch @ Wickepin Community Centre 11.30am  
Tues 6th Wickepin Primary School Presentation & Graduation Night 5.30pm  
**Mon 11th Watershed News—Last edition for 2023**  
Mon 11th Recycling and Bin Day  
Thurs 14th School Term 4 Ends  
Mon 25th Christmas Day  
Tues 26th Boxing Day  
Sun 31st New Years Eve

## JANUARY 2024

- Mon 1st New Years Day

## FEBRUARY

- Mon 5th Watershed News—First edition for 2024**  
Mon 5th Recycle and Bin Day  
Sat 24th Ignite Wicky presents Wickepin Festival and Wickepin Car Rally