

Welcome to Wickepin

Wickepin is most famous as the home town of Albert Facey, author of the novel 'A Fortunate Life'.

The area is also blessed with lakes and a dazzling display of spring wildflowers. A wildflower brochure is available that details the plant life in the area.

Wickepin Shire contains rich agricultural lands that were opened for settlement in 1893. The locality began as a watering point known as Yarling and was used by the early Sandalwood cutters. Today Wickepin is well known for its excellent sheep studs and is home to about 1000 people. The town has recently developed a regional recycling program and in 2004, won the Wheatbelt Tidy Towns award and a GWN Top Tourism Town award.

Visitor Information

Wickepin District Resource and Telecentre

Address: 24 Wogolin Road, Wickepin 6370

Phone: (08) 9888 1500

Email: wickepintc@westnet.com.au

Open Monday to Friday from 9am to 4.30pm.

Accommodation

Wickepin Hotel 9888 1192

Address: Wogolin Road, Wickepin

• Accommodation and meals available

Wickepin Caravan Park 9888 1089

Address: Fisher Street, Wickepin

• Caravan and camping facilities

Places to Eat

Wickepin Newsagency and Café 9888 1070

Address: 28 Wogolin Road, Wickepin

• Open 7 days for café meals.

Wickepin Hotel 9888 1192

Address: Wogolin Road, Wickepin

• Counter meals available

Please Visit Us Soon



Wickepin is located 210km south-east of Perth, an easy two and a half hour drive from Perth, Albany and Bunbury.

For more information please contact the Wickepin Telecentre:

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Attractions

1. Albert Facey Homestead



The Homestead celebrates the life of Albert Facey, author of the best selling autobiography 'A Fortunate Life'. The Homestead has been lovingly restored to reflect Albert's life in Wickepin. This is a unique opportunity to view the harsh and simple lifestyle of a small wheatbelt farmer in the early 1920s.

History of the Homestead

Albert and his family settled on a farm 16km south of Wickepin in 1922, assisted by the government's Soldier Settlement Scheme. Their original home was destroyed by fire and rebuilt in 1924, the present day Facey House. The combination of wheat and sheep proved successful for many farmers in this region until the Great Depression of the 1930s caused wool and wheat prices to slump dramatically. A severe rabbit plague swept across rural areas adding to the farmers' plight, forcing many to abandon their properties. The Faceys reluctantly left their farm in 1934 and returned to Perth.

The Homestead was moved into Wickepin's main street in October 2000 and re-opened to the public.

Opening Hours

10am to 4pm 7 days from March to November.

10am to 4pm Weekends December-February

Address: Wogolin Rd, Wickepin

Phone: 9888 1500



Yarling Brook

2. Yarling Brook

After visiting the Albert Facey Homestead, cross the railway line and take a walk around Yarling Brook. The walk features a number of heritage buildings including the Arts and Crafts Centre, Old Police Station and Railway Station precinct.

3. Malyalling Rock

Malyalling Rock is the perfect place for a picnic or bush walk. The Reserve is dotted with Salmon Gums and during spring, is rich with orchid species including Spider, Donkey and Mantis orchids. You can still see the old cricket pitch and Malyalling sports club, known affectionately to the locals as the MCG.



Lake Yealering

4. Lake Yealering

The townsite of Yealering is nestled next to a picturesque lake which is home to a wide variety of bird life. Take a walk around town and call into the Yealering Hotel, which was featured in the 'Waltz through the Hills' mini-series. Visit the General Store which houses local quality crafts and a historic photo display, which depicts life in the district from pioneering days to current times.

Accommodation

Yealering Caravan Park 9888 7013

Address: Dalton Street, Yealering

- Caravan Park overlooking the lake

Yealering Hotel 9888 7014

Address: 18 Dalton Street, Yealering

- Classic country hotel with meals available



5. Lake Toolibin

Lake Toolibin is the last seasonal freshwater lake left in the district. As salinity threatens to destroy a number of Wheatbelt lakes, CALM and community groups have pulled together to save these unique wetlands. Take a walk around the lake and learn about the methods used to rescue the wetlands.

The wetlands are home to a number of bird species including the endangered freckled duck and night heron.

6. Harrismith

Harrismith is recognised internationally for the wide variety of wildflowers that grow in the area. Take a walk along the wildflower trail and look for orchids, verticordias, grevilleas and banksias.

Accommodation

Oasis Hotel 9883 1010

Address: 1 Railway Parade, Harrismith

- Country hotel with tasty meals available