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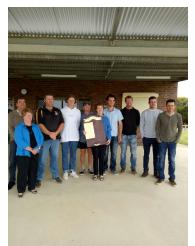
Monthly publication for Cuballing, Yornaning and Popanyinning

May 2018



On Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> of March the Cuballing Cricket Club held their

end of season windup and along with the awards for player excellence throughout the season one very special presentation was made. The club's long time secretary Margaret McAuliffe was awarded a Life Membership in recognition for her outstanding contribution to the club and became the first female Life Member for the club.



Margaret took on the role as secretary in 2009 and in this time has made sure that the club has grown in strength on and off the field. Along with the usual administrative work that a secretary does, Margaret has also done a lot of work documenting the clubs history and was involved in the reunion held in 2010. The players are grateful for the work that Margaret puts

into making sure that the players afternoon tea is always set out for them and Margaret's party pies and spring rolls are always the first food to go. Fundraising coordinator is another role that Margaret has managed successfully and the Narrogin show raffle is one of the many things she just does.

In attendance to see Margaret receive her presentation was her brother and fellow club life member Gerry, along with his partner Anne, and sister Helen. Even with her family in attendance she was completely unaware that she would be given a life membership.

On behalf of everyone involved with the Cuballing Cricket Club past and present "Margaret we congratulate you".

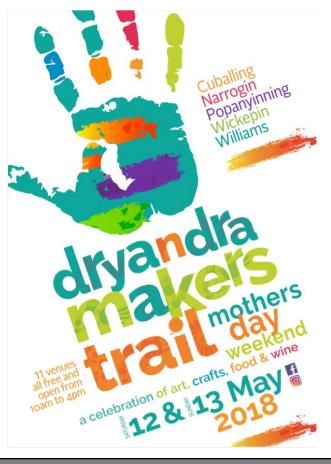
For those wondering what the McAuliffe families link with Cuballing Cricket Club is the family used to farm at Schooler road up until the 1980's.



# **UPCOMING EVENTS - May**

Cuballing Market day May 6th 8am -12pm

Blacksmith Display
Vintage Machinery display
Market Stalls
Pop up café
Cuballing Hall & Surrounds





## DRAFT CAMPING ON COUNCIL PROPERTY

Council is considering adopting a policy to deal with the issue of camping on Council Property. Council is seeking public comment on a Draft Camping on Council Property Policy prior to a decision at the May 2018 Council Meeting.

The Draft Policy currently would allow:

- 1 camping for one night, for no charge, for self contained caravans and campers, at Popanyinning opposite the Popanyinning Store and at Cuballing opposite the Cuballing Roadhouse.
- 2 camping with a permit at Yornaning Dam for up to 3 nights.
- 3 camping at Shire properties including the Cuballing Recreation Ground, Popanyinning Recreation Ground and Popanyinning School for up to 3 nights. It is expected that such camping would be associated with community or special events.

Council would impose a fee for camping at Yornaning Dam and other Shire properties.

Comments on the proposal may be submitted to the Shire of Cuballing in writing on or before the Friday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2018.

Gary Sherry Chief Executive Officer

#### DRAFT CAMPING ON COUNCIL PROPERTY POLICY

#### **Camping on Council Property Without a Permit**

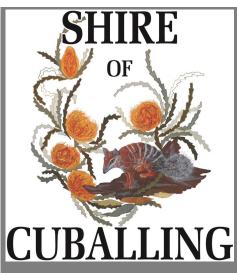
Council will allow camping without a permit in the following areas:

- 1. An area of the railway reserve in the Popanyinning townsite bounded by the public toilets, water standpipe, residence at 145 Francis Street and Railway line.
- 2. The car park area of the railway reserve in the Cuballing townsite bounded by the old machinery display shed, railway, recreational vehicle sewerage disposal point and water pipeline.

Camping in these areas, without a permit is conditional upon:

- Camping is only permitted in the defined area;
- Camping is only permitted for a one consecutive night;
- Camping is only permitted between the hours of 4pm and 9am;
- Camping is only permitted in a self-contained, camping trailer, caravan or motor home, manufactured for the purpose of camping. Self-contained means having adequate toilet facilities built into the camping trailer, caravan or motor home.
- No camp fires of any type are permitted at any time.

Council will not charge a fee for this Camping



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# UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2018

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2018

Thursday 19th July 2018

All meetings are open to the public and will commence at 2.00pm with fifteen minute Public Question Time at the commencement of each meeting.

Agenda's for each meeting are included on the Shire website by the weekend prior to each meeting.

Minutes of all Council meetings are available on the Shire website as soon as possible after each meeting.

#### DRAFT CAMPING ON COUNCIL PROPERTY POLICY

#### **Camping at Yornaning Dam With a Permit**

Council will allow camping with a permit at Yornaning Dam Reserve.

Camping in this area, with a permit, is conditional upon:

- 1. Obtaining a permit prior to establishing a campsite;
- 2. Camping can only be permitted for up to 3 consecutive nights. Council may consider applications for extended periods on an individual basis, with prior notice of at least a month;
- 3. Camping is only permitted in a swag, tent, camping trailer, caravan or motor home, manufactured for the purpose of camping;
- 4. Camp fires strictly prohibited from 1 November to 1 March.
- 5. Camp fires permitted with a permit to burn from Shire of Cuballing Bush Fire Brigade from 1 October to 31 October and from 2 March to 19 April.
- 6. Council may close campsite when weather conditions require;
- 7. Payment of the Council fee for camping on Shire of Cuballing property.
- 8. Mobile power generators external to the vehicle should only be used up to two hours to top-up internal batteries and not operating before 7am or after 9pm.
- 9. Externally strung washing lines are not permitted.
- 10. If dogs accompany campers the Dog Act 1976 and the Shire of Cuballing Dog Local Law applies.

Council staff are encouraged to include additional conditions on each permit to camp on Shire property that addresses factors unique to each location such as:

- Rubbish disposal or waste management;
- Times when noise should be minimised;
- Limiting numbers to the environmental capacity of the site.

Council will charge a fee for Camping on Council Property With a Permit. Council will consider an appropriate fee annually as part of adopting Fees and Charges in the Shire Cuballing Annual Budget process.

#### **Camping on Council Property With a Permit**

Council will allow camping with a permit in the following areas:

- Cuballing Recreation Ground;
- 2. Popanyinning Recreation Ground;
- Popanyinning School Site;
- Cuballing Hall;
- 5. Popanyinning Hall;
- Cuballing Golf Club;
- 7. Cuballing Rifle Club;

## DRAFT CAMPING ON COUNCIL PROPERTY POLICY — continued

Council may consider applications for camping on other Shire of Cuballing property on an individual basis, with prior notice of at least a month

Camping in these areas, with a permit, is conditional upon:

- Obtaining a permit a week prior to establishing a campsite;
- Camping can only be permitted for up to 3 six consecutive nights. Council may consider applications for extended periods on an individual basis, with prior notice of at least a month;
- Camping is only permitted in a swag, tent, camping trailer, caravan or motor home, manufactured for the purpose of camping;
- Camp fires may be permitted with specific approval. Applications should indicate the request for approval of a camp fire with the permit application. Shire staff may seek the opinion of Shire of Cuballing Bush Fire Brigade volunteers in considering a request for a camp fire;
- Payment of the Council fee for camping on Shire of Cuballing property.
- Mobile power generators external to the vehicle should only be used up to two hours to top-up internal batteries and not operating before 7am or after 9pm.
- Externally strung washing lines are not permitted.
- If dogs accompany campers the Dog Act 1976 and the Shire of Cuballing Dog Local Law applies.

Council staff are encouraged to include additional conditions on each permit to camp on Shire property that addresses factors unique to each location such as:

- Rubbish disposal or waste management;
- Parking or driving on areas of the property;
- Times when noise should be minimised:
- Use of the Shire buildings or facilities on the property.

Council will charge a fee for Camping on Council Property With a Permit. Council will consider an appropriate fee annually as part of adopting Fees and Charges in the Shire Cuballing Annual Budget process.



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#### **BLUE LIGHT DISCO**



The Shire of Cuballing and the Narrogin Police held a Blue Light Disco on Friday the 13th of April, this was the first solo

disco for the Narrogin
Police after
successfully obtaining
the Blue Light Disco
equipment. Great
work guys.



While the numbers were slightly down it was still a great turn out and fun was had by all ages. The next Blue Light Disco will be held at the Cuballing hall on July the 6th

## **CUBALLING YOUTH DAY**

The Shire of Cuballing recently held their 4th annual Youth Day with the support from Department of Local Government and Communities, on Wednesday the 18th April.

This year saw a rock climbing wall, bungee joust, ninja obstacle course, bouncy boxing and the super hero suits. With approximately 300 children and parents attending the morning, the weather stayed beautiful and parents were able to purchase coffee and morning tea from the onsite coffee van Brummell's Brew.

The Narrogin Police held Blue Light Laser Tag throughout the Morning. Well-done to all the kids and adults who waited patiently in the long lines. I think it is safe to say the laser tag was a big hit.



Thank-you to all the wonderful volunteers, Chris Eales, Peter Sinclair and Gavin Atwell for helping this day run as smoothly as it did.

The Shire of Cuballing is now evaluating the Cuballing Youth Day and would like to hear any feedback, comments or if you would like assist by volunteering we would love to hear it.



## PRESIDENT'S PEN

Earlier this month I was delighted to unveil the long awaited Cuballing entry statements. The rustic arched background and sharp lettering complemented the galvanized horse made from discarded horse shoes extremely well. Tim Bradford's artistic flair in designing and building our horses has become well known as travellers and locals alike have admired his handy work. Well done Tim. Our community recognizes and appreciates your integral involvement and creative talents in bringing the entry statements together.

For some time Council has been investigating the purchase of two pieces of land to secure the long term operations of the Shire. The Shire has recently purchased land containing a gravel pit east of Popanyinning. The logic behind this purchase was to secure gravel reserves estimated at 69,000

cubic meters valued at current prices to be \$138,000 for a purchase price of \$37,095. Not only does this transaction secure long term supply of road building material in the east Popanyinning area but does so at financially sound cost.

Council has also offered to purchase a property in Alston Street the Cuballing townsite that was until recently a residential property. The Shire has operated from the adjoining former Dryandra Timber Products Yard for some time., storing blue metal, sand, culverts etc. The Shire has been given notice that the lease for this site will finish on 30th June 2018.

The strategic thinking behind making an offer for this property would see the Shire use the 2 lots bordering the currently leased yard for the same purpose. The remaining 4 blocks towards Beeston Street would give the Shire options and flexibility to attract new businesses who may wish to relocate to Cuballing in the future.

Council is currently waiting on the outcome of the offer of purchase before commencing a Development Approval process that would involve community consultation with neighbours.



Mark Conley Cuballing Shire President

## **CUBALLING GOLF NOTES**

Golf season is away!

With the weather sunny and Rather warm conditions on Saturday 21st April when 18 hardy golfers showed up to open the season with a 13 hole ambrose.

Every year on the start of the Cuballing Golf season the Captain picks a player to hit the first ball. This player this year was our club champion Wayne McLeish. Wayne probably was not ready for this at all and the pressure was intense because poor old Wayne has a strike rate of 10% hitting pass the Ladies tee at the best of time. Well with the gathering of the players on the day with quiet banter and comments of he cant do it, Wayne will smash this into the dirt, no hope and small girlish laughter. Guess what Wayne swings back with his new Cougar golf clubs and promptly pushes the ball 130m down the bush on the right of number 1 with all amazed it was possible. Maybe these new clubs will keep him in the top position all year.

What a start . Every one then dispersed to their tees and enjoyed a round of Golf playing in 6 s, which is always a fun day and plenty of the usual laughs.

With golf balls flying, sledging, and sometimes along walk to find the ball the day cruised by with ease. After the round were drinks food /snacks and good atmosphere, with lots of story's and jokes.

With the presentations to come the captain and president addressed the club with thank you and welcome to the new season. Winners for the day were A .Mort, Wayne McLeish, and Geoff Hann with 49 off the stick for 13 holes.

After presentations a grumble from the crowds ripped across the room and BARBY QUEEN was on the move to clean the plate up and start cooking which in turn got Howies hairs up and the real games began. Little did they know that the president had cleaned the big BBQ and had every thing under control. Hunting around for tools and oil Barby queen and Howie soon discovered that the President had undermined them and food was sizzling nicely. This still had Howie buggered and he couldn't keep his hands off the tongs but with a flick of the egg flip into Howies hand a few times the Captain took off and let us finish the cook.

Twenty five men and Ladies were for tea and the usual gourmet salads were on the table. Everyone pigged out in Golf Club fashion. Great Food and good Company as always. A fun night with was had by all. Golf is every Saturday tee off at 12.30 so be at the club by midday to get your name in. Remember new members welcome.

Until next time "FORE"

#### Wanted

Properties to visit for the VAA / Vintage Automobile
Association INC

To make up the Vintage Tin Run 2018

The third run, to be held September 2018

Please contact John Buise 0408 954 773







planning, water management, biodiversity conservation and sustainability of industries such as agriculture, mining,

**Environment Grants deliver success stories** 

We have been busy visiting all the landholders who were successful with the latest PHCC Community Environmental Grant (Round 3) and viewing the work they have achieved. Through the Australian Government's National Landcare Program, PHCC has provided a total of just over \$28,000 towards these projects and landholders have invested

tourism, fisheries and forestry.

a total of \$53,000 of their own in-kind investment or funds. This is what they have achieved together:

- Area Protected (Waterways) 529 ha
- Weed Control 94 ha
- Feral Animal Control 400 ha
- Seedlings Planted 4,750
  - Fencing Erected 8.6 km



Photo - Landholder Aaron Foster with his Brahman cattle in front of his fencing project to protect the creekline on his property

#### **Tunbridge Gully Update**

A controlled burn has recently been undertaken within the Tunbridge Gully Restoration project area in the Boddington Township. The burn is an essential component in the management of the invasive weed, Juncus acutus (Spiny Rush), and was very generously coordinated by the Boddington Volunteer Bush Fire Bridges. We are very grateful for the work they do in their own personal time!

A second round of weed spraying is due to commence in the coming weeks. A community tree planting day is planned for July and another in Spring for reed planting. If you would like to be involved, please contact Mel Durack at hotham-williams@ peel-harvey.org.au or 0455 166 780.



#### Feral Pig Control: The MatLock Way

PHCC recently hosted a feral pig trapping workshop in the Hotham-Williams upper catchment. WA Feral Animal Management demonstrated their new trapping system, the MatLock Trap for controlling feral pigs. The new system allows for wireless control of the trap door and monitoring camera all via your mobile phone. This is one of the first workshops of a series we are conducting through our new Community Investment Partnership with Newmont Boddington Gold. To find out more about the MatLock Trap please contact us at the Hotham-Williams office





#### Coming Up...

July & October Community Tree & Reed Planting events

Do you have an NRM event you would like us to promote? Please contact Mel Durack at hotham-williams@peel-harvey.org.au or 0455 166 780















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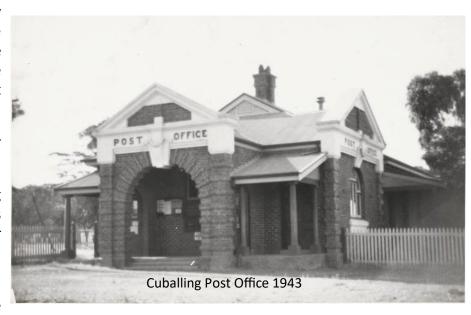
## OUR HERITAGE — CUBALLING POST OFFICE

This building was given Category 1 status in 1996 under the State's Register of Heritage Places which states that the building deserves the highest level of protection.

It was built in 1912 the builder being A.R. Nelson.

Before this post office building was erected, postal services seem to have run on a rather haphazard basis.

The fist postmasters in Cuballing, as listed before Federation in the



West Australian Blue Books were J.H. Bailey (1 August 1895 to 30 June 1897), M. Hardy (1 July 1897 to 31 December 1900) and B. Hardy (from January 1900). However, there is no record of which building was used as a post office.

The first building identified for that purpose was the small galvanised-iron structure attached to Mr Timony's store on Lot 7 east of the railway line, at the corner of Campbell Street and the present Great Eastern Highway. Miss Elliott, assisted by Miss Lizzie Cox, conducted the post office there from some time in 1900 until 1905 when she resigned to marry Mr Malcolm Cowan. Miss Hardy (1905-1907) also operated from that building, but during the time of Fred Foweracker (1908-1910) one of Mr James Fitt's buildings in Alton Street was used on a rental basis. Mr Hungerford served from 1 December 1910 to 30 November 1911.

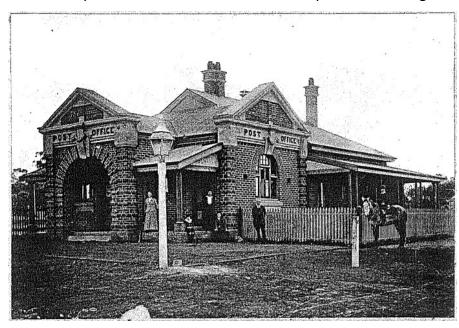
Meanwhile, since 1905 the Cuballing Progress Association had been pressing for improved postal facilities. A meeting chaired by Mr Lodge on 25 November that year called for a postal and a telegraph office with an officer in charge and for a mail run between Cuballing and Gillaminning. In July 1906 the Association was requesting a secure mail bag to Popanyinning. On 7 March 1907 progress was made for there were communications between the Deputy Postmaster General, the Minister for Home Affairs and the State Premier with regard to the P.M.G. Department contributing to the cost of a future Cuballing post office on Lot 20. The sum of £60 was paid in 1909.

Tenders were called in 1910 and the contract was granted to Mr Nelson. Construction proceeded slowly, with many delays, and cost £1327-12-10. However, it was not until 8 January 1913 that postmaster R. Robinson (1911-1917) was able to occupy the new building, which was not completed until 1 August 1913. Among those officials who followed Mr Robinson in the next few years were Alice Chambers (1917), Mrs C.L. Metcher (1918), Mrs A.S. Thomson (1919) and Mrs E.C. Cocks (1922-1924).

Mr Horace Buckeridge took over between 1925 and 1935. He was a kindly gentleman who had the garden and surrounds of the post office looking an absolute picture. In those days some of the mail bags, especially those from overseas, were dropped off into a safe receptacle at the railway station when the night train came through. It is indicative of Mr Buckeridge's kind nature that one year, knowing that local folk had been anxiously awaiting Christmas mail, he sorted and delivered all the mail he could on Christmas morning. Both Horace and his wife were very sociable people who enjoyed social mixing and supporting community projects.

## **OUR HISTORY— CUBALLING POST OFFICE**

During the 1930s the Cuballing post office was downgraded, so it was run by Mrs H. West (1936-1940), by Mrs Bee who moved into the residence from the bank opposite (1940-1946), and by Mrs Matfield for a short period in 1946. The Matfields had come to the district to lease a farm from Joe Bailey for 12-18 months. From 1946 until at least the turn of the century the postal service was in the hands of only two ladies, Miss Maggie Campbell who lived in the residential section of the P.O. and Mrs Lyla Christensen who commuted daily from Yornaning.



Left Cuballing Post, 1917.
Postmistress (Alice) Ethel
Chambers, third from left, with
her parents, sister, brother (on
horse) and messenger boy
(sitting on steps in front of her)

Maggie Campbell came from a family which had farmed out east of Yornaning, so she was no stranger to the district. She shared the post office house with her sister Mary and later their brother Duncan for almost 30 years, between 1946 and 1974, providing untiring postal service for the community. During her time the post office building came up for sale, so she purchased it in 1966. For the next eight years the P.M.G. paid her rent. A major part of Maggie's duty was operating the manual telephone exchange, which had been originally connected to six subscribers in 1926. This task occupied many hours. However, by 1973 all the Shire telephone exchanges had become automatic. The result was that the post office was further downgraded and the position of postal official was reduced to post office agent, with a significant drop in pay. Consequently, Maggie decided to retire in 1974 and handed over to Lyla Christensen who was experienced in the operations as she had worked part-time with Maggie over the years. Because of the reduced office hours Lyla was able to commute from the family farm each day. She kept the service operating from the post office building from 1974 to 1994, but after another change of name and pay in 1992 reduced the position to post office licensee, she realised that, for the Cuballing postal service to remain viable, it needed the support of other businesses. Consequently, she transferred it to a section of Diamond Lil's Roadhouse on the Great Southern Highway, just east of the railway line. From there she continues to provide responsible and cheerful service at the turn of the century.

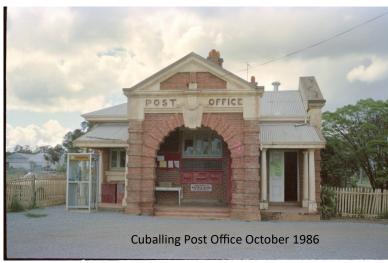
Two years after Lyla vacated the old post office building Miss Maggie Campbell passed away in 1996. She left the property to her nephew Duncan. When Duncan also died soon afterwards his second wife decided to sell the property. It was put up for auction in 1998 and fetched \$66,000, the successful bidders being Mr and Mrs Locke of Perth. The building had been neglected and had deteriorated over the years, but it was not beyond redemption. Restoration will be a big task, but the new owners have approached it with care and flair.

Taken from Numbat Country

## OUR HERITAGE — CUBALLING POST OFFICE

Ms Helen Elliot purchased the Cuballing Post Office in October 2001 One of the first things Helen Elliott learnt when she purchased her dream home, an old post office, was to bolt the letter box closed so people would stop giving her mail to deliver.

On 24<sup>th</sup> November 2012 the old post office building in Cuballing celebrated its centenary. Ms Elliott said records weren't kept about exactly when the post office opened but a report from the Narrogin Observer published in January 1913 recorded that the new postmaster had just



moved into the house which adjoined the post office, so Ms Elliott reasoned the facility probably opened near the end of 1912.

"(The centenary celebration) was enjoyable day and everyone who came was very impressed with the renovations I've done," she said. "We had a lot of out-of-town people come to visit and they stayed for a cuppa and caught up with people in the back garden."

Ms Elliott was unsuccessful at acquiring the post office in 1998 when it came up for auction. Three years later, however, it came up for auction again and Ms Elliott was better prepared and when she was successful and she has spent three years full-time doing the place up.



"The previous owners, in the three years they had it, didn't live in it and all they had done was put in a septic tank and new guttering and they had given the kitchen a coat of paint and put a bathroom outside but very little else was done," she said.

"I had to completely clean and renovate the inside and put in a kitchen, move the bathroom to the inside, the post office itself was stripped back and I installed new light fittings and painted the ceilings and polished floorboards and all that kinds of stuff. Although it was

challenging it was a labour of love and Ms Elliott said she enjoyed the physical work and endeavoured to restore the building to how it was when it was built.

Ms Elliott' said she did not have any future plans for the building but said she might like to one day see it used as a museum or exhibition space.

Taken from Narrogin Observer December 5<sup>th</sup> 2012

## CUBALLING WAR MEMORIAL by Stephen Bowes

The service records of A Blanchard reveal a glimpse of the story of a soldier relatively senior in years.

At the time of joining up on March 23, 1916 Alphonse James Blanchard was forty years and three months old, five feet eight inches tall, he weighed 136 pounds, had light blue eyes and dark hair, and was of Roman Catholic faith. He stated that he had been born in Stawell, Victoria and was a printer by trade, having served a five year apprenticeship. We do not know what brought him to Cuballing, or when he came over to Western Australia, or where he worked. His brother Frederick, a mine manager of Chiltern, Victoria was given as his next of kin.

Alphonse took his oath at Blackboy Hill and was appointed Private 5991 in the 19th Reinforcements to the 16th Infantry Battalion. He sailed from Fremantle on the steam ship Miltiades in early August 1916, in a group of new troops which included Bert Trestrail from Popanyinning, arriving at Plymouth on the English south coast towards the end of September. Whilst in a training battalion at Codford, he was charged with the offence of neglect of duty whilst on sentry, by allowing the sergeants mess to be broken into.

In December, 1916 Alphonse crossed the English Channel via Folkestone to Etaples, which held a large staging camp for the British Expeditionary Force in France and Flanders. He joined the 16th Infantry Battalion in the field shortly before Christmas, with continental Europe in the early throes of the coldest winter in decades.

The 16<sup>th</sup> Infantry Battalion, were a member battalion of the 4<sup>th</sup> Brigade in the Australian 4<sup>th</sup> Division. By April 1917, the German army had withdrawn to the Hindenberg Line to straighten their line, making it easier to defend. Progress by British forces would require the breaching of the Hindenberg Line. The village of Bullecourt formed a part of that line. The Australian War Memorial summarises the First Battle of Bullecourt as follows:

"To assist the Arras operations, an attack was launched on Bullecourt on 11 April 1917 by the 4<sup>th</sup> Australian and 62<sup>nd</sup> British Divisions. The attack was hastily planned and mounted and resulted in disaster. Tanks which were supposed to support the attacking Australian infantry either broke down or were quickly destroyed. Nevertheless, the infantry managed to break into the German defences. Due to uncertainty as to how far they had advanced, supporting artillery fire was withheld, and eventually the Australians were hemmed in and forced to retreat. The two brigades of the 4<sup>th</sup> Division that carried out the attack, the 4<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>, suffered over 3,300 casualties; 1,170 Australians were taken prisoner – the largest number captured in single engagement the war" during

On the 11th of April 1917, Alphonse was reported as missing, and soon after a German List reported that he had been taken Prisoner of War at Reincourt, and was being interned at Limberg. His fate is revealed in Red Cross Wounded and Missing Files. Corporal G S Green, 2553 of the 16<sup>th</sup> Battalion reported that Alphonse Blanchard had died of "dysentery and neglect" at Seclin, France and had been buried there in the soldiers cemetery. There are corroborating reports, including one from Private C Stewart, 6102 of the 14<sup>th</sup> Battalion: "I saw Pte Blanchard A. 16<sup>th</sup> Battalion die at Seclin about August 1917 from starvation".

After the Armistice ending the Great War, Alphonse Blanchard's remains at Seclin were exhumed and reinterred "with every measure of care and reverence in the Cabaret-Rouge British Cemetery situated six miles north of Arras".

# CUBALLING WAR MEMORIAL by Stephen Bowes

Private Blanchard's parents Frederick and Theresa Blanchard were already deceased, so Alphonse's next of kin, his brother Frederick, received his service medals, memorial plaque and scroll. Fred also received the amount due from Alphonse's estate after submitting a Statutory Declaration. Only later, in July 1920 did a will come to hand from London in which Alphonse had nominated as sole legatee, his sister, Mrs E.T. Solomon (Euphrosyne Teheresa), of 23 Short St. Fremantle. It is not clear whether this problem was resolved.

One must wonder how well Alphonse knew another soldier with a very similar story, Bert Trestrail, from the nearby town of Popanyinning, and commemorated on that town's Roll of Honour. Bert left Australia in the same reinforcement detail as Alphonse, was also captured during the Battle of Bullecourt, and died of wounds as a Prisoner of War.

The Great War also claimed another sibling of Alphonse, Frederick and Euphrosyne Blanchard: Private Theophile Antoine Blanchard, 1891 of the 14<sup>th</sup> Battalion AIF, KIA in France August 9, 1916.

#### **SMOKO BREAK ANSWERS**

#### For the Kids

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t	О	E	d
t	О	L	d
g	0	L	D
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1) what does the number sentence say about horses 1 and 2?

#### 111 and 2112

If you tip these numbers upside down, what word is written?

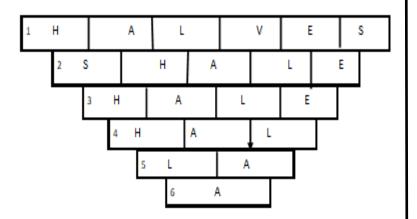
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## **Tongue Twisters**

Nora never saw psalters with psalms about psoriasis

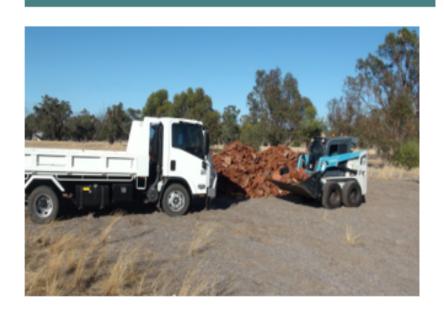
How much wood would
a woodchuck chuck if a woodchuck
could chuck wood?
He would chuck, he would, as much as
he could, and chuck as much wood,
as a woodchuck would if a woodchuck
could chuck wood

#### **Inverted Pyramid**



# HARWOOD CONTRACTING SERVICES ABN 77594300131

BRIAN HARWOOD 0412722219 KEITH MADDEN 9883 6363



# CUBALLING JARRAH FIRE WOOD SALES

\$150.00 a cubic meter

Jarrah fire wood for sale by the cubic meter; truck, Ute or trailer loads available for delivery or pickup, Trailer hire for day use only deposit required, Pensioner discounts available.

Please ring Brian or Keith to arrange A pickup or delivery time

#### OTHER SERVICES AVAILABLE

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Deceased estates cleaning and removal of house contents, yard and shed clean ups



## **COMMUNITY NOTICES**

**Popo Progress Meeting** 25<sup>th</sup> April 2018 Meetings are held on the last Wednesday of each month

#### **WANTED**

Mobile Phone Booster Kit Please call

Malcom 98884 044

Popanyinning Social Night May 26th Popo Tennis Courts 4.30pm Tennis 6.00pm BBQ BYO own meat Please bring a salad to share

**Popanyinning Community Dances** The year starts off on February 17<sup>th</sup> – starts at 6.00pm-midnight, \$10 per person, bring supper and dance away the evening. Music by the lovely lady known to everyone, Lyn Hilder

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## **CUBALLING MEN'S SHED UPDATE**

Remember the transportable I mentioned in an earlier update?

Well, South32 (Worsley Alumina) is donating 8 of the veil) our secret future project is bike related. these to non-for-profit organisations unfortunately, preferably in the Collie region. We and welding area, spray painting area and have applied anyway and, they replied that, if there revamped woodworking section in the shed. Wilkes of South32 on 9734 9269 or 0411 487 022 it promises to be well attended – see you there. and telling her we're doing a great job and really could make very good use of a transportable so we will be able to expand our community involvement?

More on that expansion, we are developing pushbike related projects and plan to start after we have reorganised the shed; so if you have bikes and or parts lying around, don't throw them out but donate them to our Men's Shed.

If you can't drop them off, we'll gladly collect. There are several bike related projects that we have

in mind: School holidays anyone with a bike problem can drop in (bring your mates), later to expand into electric bikes and (to lift one corner of We are also developing a dedicated blacksmithing is not enough local demand, they will consider us. The next street market on May 6th is nearly upon How about giving us a leg up and phone Emma us and the Shed will be involved in the running of it;

**Carry Van Emple** 

Secretary

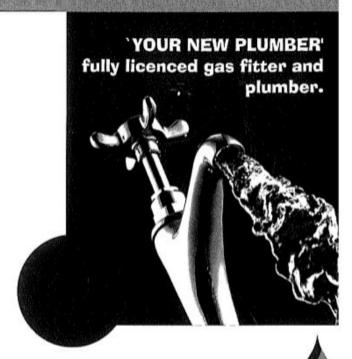


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# COMMUNITY CALENDAR — May

Tue 1<sup>st</sup> May Popanyinning Fire Brigade Meeting 6.30pm @ Fire Shed

Tues 1<sup>st</sup> May Craft Day @ Cuballing CWA Hall

Tues 1<sup>st</sup> May Men's Shed Meet @ Cuby Men's Shed 9am

Sun 6<sup>th</sup> May Cuballing Market Day 8-12pm @ Cuballing Hall

Mon 7<sup>th</sup> May Line Dancing 6pm @ Cuballing Ag Hall

Tues 8<sup>th</sup> May Men's Shed Meet @ Cuby Men's Shed 9am

Tues 8th May Craft Day @ Cuballing CWA Hall

Sat 12<sup>th</sup> May Dryandra Makers Trail @ Popo Hall

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Sun 13<sup>th</sup> May Dryandra makers Trail @ Popo Hall

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Mon 14<sup>th</sup> May Line Dancing 6pm @ Cuballing Ag Hall

Tues 15<sup>th</sup> May Men's Shed Meet @ Cuby Men's Shed 9am

Tues 15<sup>th</sup> May Craft Day @ Cuballing CWA Hall

Mon 21<sup>st</sup> May Line Dancing 6pm @ Cuballing Ag Hall

Tues 22<sup>nd</sup> May Craft Day @ Cuballing CWA Hall

Thurs 24<sup>th</sup> May Cancers Biggest Morning Tea 10.30am @ Popo Railway

Reserve

Sat 26th May Popanyinning Social Night 4.30pm tennis 6pm BBQ @Popo

Tennis courts

Mon 28<sup>th</sup> May Line Dancing 6pm @ Cuballing Ag Hall

Tues 29<sup>th</sup> May Men's Shed Meet @ Cuby Men's Shed 9am

Tues 29<sup>th</sup> May Craft Day @ Cuballing CWA Hall

To add an event to the Community Calendar you can email your event details to enquiries@cuballing.wa.gov.au