

Cubby News

August 2017

For the communities
of Cuballing,
Popanyinning and
Yornaning

Countryside awash - again



Reeds Road, Popanyinning



Alexander Road, Popanyinning



Reeds Road, Popanyinning



Heavy Vehicle Crossing, Popanyinning



Below old swimming pool, Popanyinning



Creek under Great Southern Highway, Yornaning



Creek under Great Southern Highway, Yornaning

Growing Australian Native Plants in pots



Peter Denton Cuballing



Containers and preparation.

*Pots/containers can be of plastic, metal or clay, the clay pots should be sealed with a waterproof compound such as bondcrete [water based] so as to lessen drying out in summer months. All pots should be well drained and ideally from 175mm upwards in size, 200mm to 300mm pots probably would be most suited. Smaller pots such as 140-150mm are ideal for small gardens in the shorter term; once becoming pot bound can then be transferred to a larger container or planted out into the garden.

*Preparation; place approximately 25-35mm in depth of bluemetal/gravel into the container, cover with a film of shadecloth or filter cloth to prevent soil from silting up drain holes, this is important. Very important also, is to use a genuine Australian Native Plant potting mix as a potting medium, other potting mixes may well be too high in organics and nutrients and not drain as well.

*Fertilisers; as native plants are very efficient in utilising nutrients from the soil, the addition of synthetic/chemical fertilisers and strong fertilisers such as pig manure, sheep manure may be detriment to the health of the native plants. Regular watering of a liquid seaweed based fertiliser or similar is ideal. A slow release native fertiliser can be used but sparingly.

*Watering; do not over water! Keep moist in the summer and spring months allow winter rains to work, but keep watch, pots can dry out in winter as well!

*Australian native plants for pot growing
Austromyrtis dulcis Midyim berry. Small shrub, white sweet edible berries
Pimelea ferruginea. Rice flower, small rounded shrub, pink flowers in spring
Lechenaulta biloba. Small shrub, blue to pale blue flowers spring/winter (Pictured above left)

Lechenaulta formosa. Small prostrate shrub, orange, red flowers winter

Orthrosanthus multilflorus [morning iris] clumping leaf plant, blue flowers.

Pattersonia occidentalis Flag iris. Purple flowers, clumping leaf plant, 20cm

Thriptomene saxicola Pink thriptomene, small pink flowers winter. Prune.

Conostylus candicans. Yellow cottonheads. Clumping grey foliage.

Brachyscome multifida. Neat small plant, mauve yellow daisy like flowers

Thriptomene baeckeacea. [Dwarf] Small compact, pink flowers winter.

Correa Dusky bells. Small shrub, deep red tube flowers winter.

Alyogine pinnoniana. Dwarf hibiscus purple flowers summer. Prune to shape

Verticordia plumosa Pink flowers spring can prune hard.

Thriptomene denticulata. Small shrub, deep mauve pink flowers winter (Pictured above right)

Grevillea Mt Tamboritha. Small compact shrub, pink/white flowers winter

Grevillea Preissii dwarf. Compact soft fine foliage, red flowers winter spring

It's Springtime!! Jarrah and Lilah amongst the everlastings



Shire of Cuballing Elections — Saturday 21st October 2017

CANDIDATE NOMINATIONS

Candidate Nominations are called for the Local Government Elections for the Shire of Cuballing to be held on Saturday 21st October 2017

Vacancies

Three vacancies for a four year term as Councillor.

Who can nominate?

Any person who

- is an Australian Citizen over the age of 18 years; and
- is an elector of the district and
- is not disqualified under the Local Government Act 1995;

may nominate for council.

When to nominate

Nominations open on Thursday 7th September 2017 and close at 4.00pm sharp on Thursday 14th September 2017.

Where to nominate

At the Shire of Cuballing Office at 22 Campbell Street, Cuballing.

Nomination Requirements

Nominations must be on the prescribed form that is available from the Shire office.

An \$80 nomination deposit is required. You may pay your deposit in cash or by cheque, bank draft or postal order. If you make appropriate arrangements with the Returning Officer you may be able to pay your deposit by electronic transfer or other means. Nomination deposits are refunded after the election in some circumstances.

Candidates are required to provide a profile of the candidate consisting of no more than 150 words. Your nomination must include your name, address and contact numbers. The profile must be confined to information about you. It may include a recent passport size photo of your head or head and shoulders. The profile must be or be capable of being printed on a single A4 page.

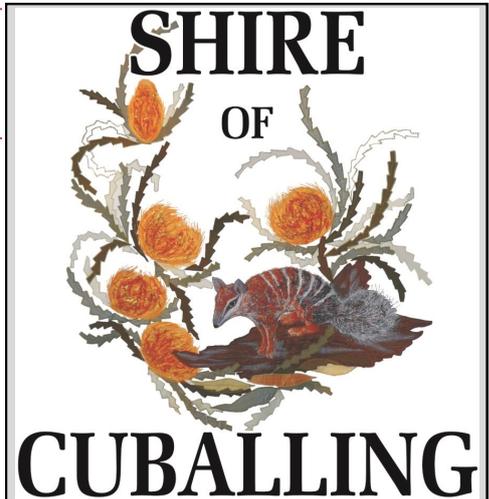
If you are unable to personally attend to nominate, an authorised agent can do this on your behalf.

Further Information

Further information is available:

- in a nomination pack available from the Shire Office at 22 Campbell Street, Cuballing; or
- from the Department of Local Government's website at dlg.wa.gov.au.

Gary Sherry
Returning Officer



COUNCILLOR CONTACTS

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UPCOMING COUNCIL

MEETINGS

Thursday 21st September 2017
Thursday 19th October 2017
Thursday 16th November 2017

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.

Office Opening Hours:
Monday—Thursday,
8.30am—4.30pm
Friday,
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President's Pen

The President's Pen has been in hibernation for some time, mainly because the Shire was reporting decisions of Council in the Cuby News and, in general, we were both saying the same things. The other reason related to feed back. No one indicated to me if they liked or disliked the publication while it was running and again no comments after it stopped. My assumption was that it made no difference to people if it was in or out. However, I have recently been asked to recommence, hence I will give it another go.

Perhaps the most contentious issue Council has addressed recently has been the Development Approval for the Duck's Nuts Motorbike Park in Popanyinning. The Park has been operating for some time with a limit of 10 rider however the business was being severely restricted by the original approval as demand for the Park continued to grow. As with all things in Local Government there is a process we needed to follow which inevitably becomes frustrating to some, if not all, before it is concluded.

The application was lodged in mid 2016 and public comment period opened shortly after with the full range of opinions expressed from concerned neighbours to enthusiastic users and supporters of the facility. Through the process it became apparent noise was the issue of most concern and the most difficult to determine. Workable solutions seemed possible for issues including traffic, fire management, sanitation and emergency services access, but noise was subjective dependant if you were supportive or opposed to the Park. Council originally deferred a decision on the application until the applicant provided with an independent, professional noise assessment. Without such a noise assessment, Council decided to refuse the application in February 2017.

Following that decision, the applicants exercised their right to refer the matter to the State Arbitration Tribunal (SAT) for determination. SAT has a reputation for overturning Council decisions. After attending a SAT mediation session in Perth with Council, the applicant engaged a professional noise consultant to complete an independent noise assessment. The results of that assessment indicated that noise levels at the nearest residence complied with the Department of Environmental Regulation requirements but exceeded noise limits at one section of the northwest boundary of the Motorbike Park. One of the more interesting findings of the report was that it was not the number of bikes that contributed to the noise level but the loudest bike determined noise impact. SAT then directed the Council to reconsider the application.

Therefore in June 2017, Council reconsidered the application and approved the Development Application with several conditions, including moving the northwest track away from the boundary fence to comply with all noise regulations. These conditions imposed by Council were also referred to the SAT by the applicant. However the applicant has complied with all of Council conditions and withdrawn their appeal to SAT. .

Although the above explanation of events is unlikely to change anyone's opinion, I hope it shows that Council has been extremely diligent throughout the process and have not stumbled into a decision lightly. The Shire role now shifts to compliance and ensuring all conditions of the approval are being met continually.

As always, if I can be of any assistance with matters relating to our Shire please call on 0417 503 343. I would also like readers to let me know if the President's Pen is worth reading. You can do this either by giving it the thumbs up or down at the Shire Office in person or reply on Facebook.

Mark Conley— Shire President

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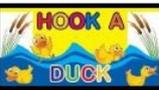
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You are invited to attend

Ideas

A film event showcasing approaches that have been successfully developed by other towns to help their communities thrive.

See how other WA and interstate communities have made it work

All interested in thinking about how we might help our own community thrive are encouraged to attend! Come and be inspired!

Events

Your local events

Date 27th September 2017
Time 6.30pm
Venue Popo Hall

Date 28th September 2017
Time 6.30pm
Venue Cuballing Ag Hall

RSVP by 4pm 22nd Sept to 98836031 for Catering purposes

Opportunities

What do I want in my community?



Cuballing Swap Meet — Sunday 8th October 2017

Sellers

Admitted 7.00am
\$12 for a double bay (6m X 6m)
Book a bay, pay on the day
9883 6031 8.30am 4.30pm
Monday to Friday

Buyers

Admitted 8.00am, Free entry

Catering

Tea, Coffee, Cold Drinks,
Burgers

Entertainment

Steve the Singing Plumber
Cuby Canine Display
Lawn Mower Race
Face painting

Proceeds to Cuballing Mens Shed. *A Community Asset*

Swapmeet Oct. 2016, 40 bays sold, a very successful day,
many thanks to all.



Ride-On Racing Mowers
Sunday the 8th Oct - 9am
Cuballing Rec Centre - Campbell Street
Canteen Available

Bring your own mower and have a go \$15.00
(\$15.00 will have you covered by Boddington Ride on Racing Mower insurance, mower deck must be removed prior to racing)



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Rates Early Payment Prize

Council are conducting an Early Payment Prize for ratepayers who pay in full within the Rates Discount period.

The prize will be drawn on Wednesday 6th August 2017. Winners will be notified by Shire staff and results published in the next Cuby News and on Facebook.

This years Early Payment Prizes are:

1st Prize – two nights accommodation studio hotel style ocean view room at Quality Resort Sorrento Beach

2nd Prize – one nights accommodation executive room for two including a bottle of sparkling on arrival & fully cooked breakfast at Country Comfort Inter City Perth

3rd Prize – one nights accommodation at Windsor Lodge Como

Ratepayers who wish to receive future Rates Notice via email can send an email request to Leanne at rates@cuballing.wa.gov.au or call the Shire Office on 08 9883 6031.

Horses on Roads

The Shire has recently received a complaint from a local resident about horse manure on town roads and paths. The horse manure is an issue for other path users and nearby home owners.

While horses are able to use Shire of Cuballing roads without restriction, riders using roads and paths are encouraged to remove any manure left behind.

While the Shire of Cuballing does not have a local law restricting horse owners or the manure of their horses, other local governments certainly do. Shire staff are investigating the possibility of such a local law.

Council Shorts

The Popanyinning Bush Fire Brigade has taken delivery of a new light tanker fire appliance. This fire unit is fully funded by the ESL levy paid on Shire rates. Last month a heavy tanker was also provided for the Cuballing Bush Fire Brigade.

The Cuballing Fire Station has been approved for a \$70,000 upgrade to add toilets to the building. This upgrade is funded through the ESL levy capital grant.

Local residents who wish to stand for the position of Councillor in the Shire of Cuballing must nominate between before 4pm, 14th September 2017. The Council election will be held on Saturday 21st October 2017.

Council received a reduction of road funding of \$42,367 as part of the State Governments recent \$10.2 million statewide reduction of Direct Grants to all local governments. Direct Grants are untied grants that Council's are able to expend on any road. The State Government reduced the funding as part of their budget repair program.

At their August Ordinary Meeting, the Council:

- Agreed to change over the rubber tired road roller for a price of \$125,000. Council selected the Bomag BW27RH offered by Tutt Bryant Equipment from the 3 rollers offered. The Bomag roller replaces an Amman roller purchased in 2008.
- supported legal action to recover unpaid rates on a Cuballing property that has not paid Council rates for 3 years.

The complete minutes of all Council Meetings are available on the Shire Website or at the Shire Office.

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Lost Cuballing..

A facebook site is dedicated to the collection and preservation of the past history and present events of the Cuballing, Popanyinning and Yornaning Towns and Shire of Cuballing District. Search for it on facebook and request to join. Love to see you and your contributions to our history, before it gets lost.

Cuballing Uniting Church

Our beautiful little 100+ year-old church has history, strong community ties and though we are few, our welcome is warm.

We conduct our own services, based on simple Bible teachings, relating them to our own experiences of the joys and problems of every-day life.

Come and join us at our weekly 9 am Sunday service. Bring the children – we have trained and certified (Working With Children) Sunday School teachers.

Lost Cuballing - help!



Cuballing Football Club, 1925

Back row left-right: Edgar Seelanders, unidentified, unidentified, Bushby, unidentified, Billy Dunne, Jack Bushby;

Middle row: Norm Fairhead, Mick Sullivan, Bill Turton, Wally Dunne;

Front row: Roy White, Ted White, unidentified, unidentified

Can you fill in any of the blank spaces? Would love to be able to preserve the history of our district with the right information. Please add to the **Lost Cuballing** website, or email dhopper@westnet.com.au

Care Connections Rural Relocation Services

- **Our clients include:**
- Executors of Deceased Estates
- Aged people who are moving into Residential Aged Care.
- Families and individuals who are moving out of the area
- Government workers who are transferring to a new location

- Call 0475 417 768 for more information

Struggling to find time to declutter or pack!

We can even arrange removalists, vacate clean and rubbish removal.



Mens Shed - Cuballing

Carry Van Empel

One of our members, Wayne Parker, had spotted a stack of cut off power poles with the H irons and angle irons still attached and we contacted the person in Katanning where they were stored.

We came to an agreement to buy as many as we could fit on John Buise's truck.

John and I went one weekend to pick them up; fortunately, there was a loader available to stick them on the truck as there is a lot of weight in them.

We arrived home safely, just a minor air leak to hold us up for a moment, and proceeded to unload the poles with the help of John's monster fork lift.

As luck would have it, there had been a fair bit of rain and predictably, there was a lot of slipping and sliding going on.

We managed to get the most off the truck and had to stop when it was getting too dark to see what we were doing.

Back to the shed and I managed, driving without lights-there were none, to massively bog the forklift.

A few days later, John managed to unbog it and get it to safer grounds. Every first Tuesday of the month, all the Sheddies will go to John's place to unbolt the steel from the poles and we'll use the straight ones for changes to our shed and sell the surplus to raise much needed money.



**Narrogin
Cottage Homes**



New Dementia Wing - Placements Available

Construction of the new dementia facility at Karinya is nearing completion. Narrogin Cottage Homes are now accepting waiting list applications for admission to this purpose built facility.

Applicants will be considered as either new admissions or transfers from other facilities to enable your loved ones to return closer to home.

Admissions are anticipated to commence in November 2017

To apply

To be considered for addition to the wait list, the following information is required:-

1. ACAT Assessment.
2. Means and Income Test Assessment letter from Centrelink.

All enquiries and additional information should be made to Carol Saunders, Care Manager on 08 98811 677 or caremanager@nch.org.au.

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WA Cat Act 2011

If your cat has reached six months of age they must be:

- microchipped
- sterilised, and
- registered with your local government.

You can be fined up to \$5,000 for each requirement if they are not carried out unless:

- the cat belongs to a class of cats prescribed as exempt from registration
- the cat has not been registered as it is within 14 days of you either just moving to WA or just starting keeping the cat, or
- the cat is exempt from sterilisation or microchipping.

You must register your cat within 14 days if you have just moved to WA or just started keeping your cat to avoid being fined.

To be a cat owner you must be over 18 years of age. If you are under 18 years of age the cat must be registered under the name of one of your parents or your guardian.

Your cat also has to wear a collar and registration tag in a public place to make sure that your cat can be easily identified and returned to you. You can be fined up to \$5,000 if your cat is not wearing its registration tag in a public place and it is not exempt from this requirement.

What are the exemptions to the sterilisation of cats?

Your cat does not have to be sterilised if :

- a veterinarian has given a certificate stating that to sterilise your cat may adversely affect its health and welfare
- you are an approved cat breeder and you have the cat for the purpose of breeding, or
- the cat belongs to a class of cats prescribed as exempt from sterilisation.

What are the exemptions to the microchipping of cats?

Your cat does not have to be microchipped if a veterinarian has given a certificate stating that to implant a microchip in your cat may adversely affect the health and welfare of your cat. This certificate does not apply if your cat is under six months of age.

What about the costs involved if I am a pensioner or on a low income?

If you are a pensioner you will receive a discount with local governments on registration fees.

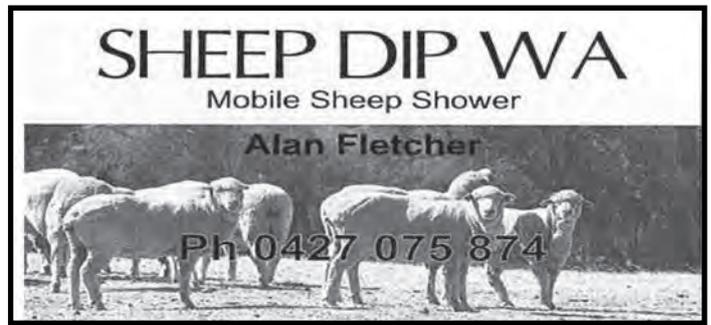
The WA Government has also provided funding to help provide low cost sterilisation for cats owned by pensioners and people on low incomes Department of Local Government and Communities can provide advice.

How do I register my cat?

To register your cat you will need to apply to your local government. A fee is payable.

What if I want to breed cats?

All cat breeders have to be approved by your local government even to breed one litter. Contact your local government to get an application form.



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I regret to inform the community of the Shire of Cuballing, that this is my second to last edition of the Cuby News.

There will be an edition of the Cuby News produced next month - so, if you want to pass on some essential information, please make sure it gets to me by the last week of September.

Or, if you have any historical information, please add it into the website: LOST CUBALLING, which I will continue to moderate.

As I live in Popanyinning, there has always been the temptation to be a little one-sided in presentation, but I have always tried to be fair and include as much material from all sections of the community as I could. The newsletter has been my special project for the last 4½ years, but it is now time to hand it on to someone else to do.

It is a big job, requiring a few special skills, such as story writing, interviewing people, taking photographs, typesetting, accounting/billing, keeping copious lists to defend your actions to other people, etc.

It is an unpaid job, and takes up to 5 days per month to complete, and having to be here whenever the deadline came around has often been difficult.

It is a thankless task, open to being critiqued and criticised, and without almost any help from the community it serves.

The Shire of Cuballing prints the newsletter, but aside from contributing their shire notes, they have nothing to do with the production of the newsletter.

It has become too big for one single volunteer, and it is time for me to spend time with my husband on our farm. Thank you for accepting the newsletter as your own, because that was the original intention.

I hope it will continue in some form or another, as it has been an excellent little communication tool between the shire and the community, and has filled a vacant spot since it was first begun in March, 2013.

Thank you to its supporters and advertisers over the years - without you, this would not have been possible.

Deb Hopper JP

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Cuballing War Memorial *Stephen Bowes* Private Alfred George Barr

A visit to the Cuballing War Memorial, on the corner of Alton and Campbell Streets, is a rewarding, illuminating, reflective experience.

Consider for a few moments of your time, how much of themselves these men, whose names adorn the granite slabs, gave in service, and too often in sacrifice, for a greater good. This was the Cuballing of one hundred years ago.

The inscription "G Barr" commemorates Private Alfred George Barr, regimental number 5050, of the 48th Battalion AIF.

George Barr was an Englishman born at Paddington, London. He came to Australia as a nineteen year old, leaving his widower father, Alfred, in England.

George was a district messenger in England, a lumberer, adept at felling trees. After arriving in Western Australia, he took up farm work in the Cuballing district. It may be significant that "Mrs Senior, Hill Crest, Cuballing" was given as his referee, but in reality, we know little of his life here, or in Britain.

In January, 1916, George was moved to enlist to serve with the Australian Imperial Force in the Great War. Dr DWH Mackie performed the medical examination in Narrogin, recording a man who stated his age to be 27 years and 11 months, but was actually 23. He was five feet nine inches tall, with ruddy complexion, blue eyes and fair hair.

George gave his religion as Atheist, which was unusual for the time. When asked for a sample of his handwriting, he chose to write in freehand: "I am going for the sake of Australia". George Barr took his oath of allegiance on February 10 at Black Boy Hill and was appointed to the 16th Reinforcements, 16th Battalion, which sailed from Fremantle on 31/3/16 aboard HMAT Shropshire A9.

Arriving in Egypt in early April, he went into camp at Zeitoun.

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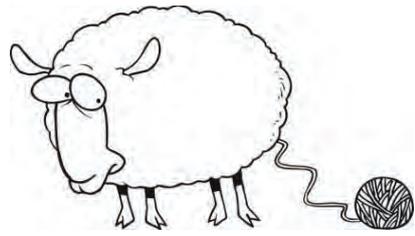
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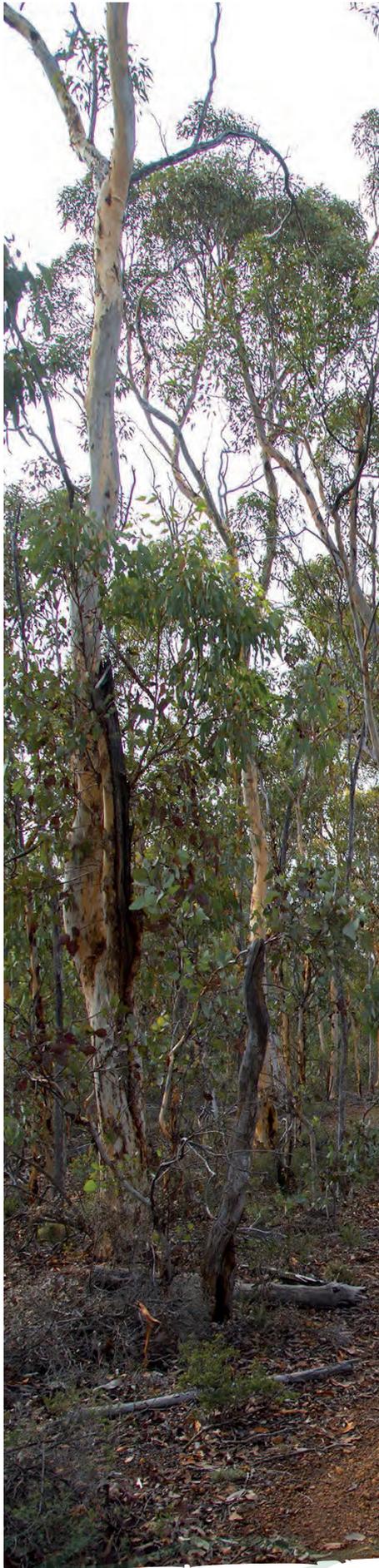
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Applications close Monday, **25 September 2017**



Funding is available through the Australian Government's National Landcare Programme to maintain and improve:

- Ecosystem services through sustainable management of local and regional landscapes
- National TEC's (Threatened Ecological Communities) of the western wheatbelt
- Threatened Species habitats and/or communities

Priority for funding will be given to individuals and groups to undertake activities to protect these areas through:

- Access control (including fencing)
- Weed control
- Feral animal control

Interested? For more information and to discuss your ideas and eligibility please call 0455 166 780 or email hotham-williams@peel-harvey.org.au

All activities MUST be undertaken within the Hotham-Williams sub catchment and completed by March 30 2018

We acknowledge the Noongar people as Traditional Custodians of this land and pay our respects to all Elders past and present



This project is supported by the Peel-Harvey Catchment Council through funding from the Australian Government's National Landcare Programme

Landcare matters

Hotham-Williams sub-catchment update



Edition 14
September 2017



NRM is the management of natural resources such as land, water, soils, plants and animals. It brings together land use planning, water management, biodiversity conservation and sustainability of industries such as agriculture, mining, tourism, fisheries and forestry.



Community comes together for planting morning

Recently 70 volunteers, including staff, students and parents from Boddington District High School, South32 Worsley Alumina, Newmont Boddington Gold, Friends of the Reserves – Boddington (Inc.) and the Shire of Boddington joined Mel and Kate from PHCC in a tree planting event in Blue Gum Park (Boddington). Tunbridge Gully flows through Blue Gum park and is very degraded and infested with the invasive weed *Juncus acutus* (Spiny Rush) in this area.

The morning event saw 400 local native seedlings planted along the creekline to assist with soil stabilisation and weed control. It was a great morning which finished off with a sausage sizzle catered by the Boddington Lions Club. This project is part of the larger Tunbridge Gully Restoration project which is supported by PHCC through funding from South32 Worsley Alumina and the Australian Government's National Landcare Programme.



Funding Opportunity

Funding is available through the Australian Government's National Landcare Programme to maintain and improve:

- Ecosystem services through sustainable management of local and regional landscapes
- National TEC's (Threatened Ecological Communities) of the western wheatbelt
- Threatened Species habitats and/or communities

Applications close 25 September 2017

Priority for funding will be given to individuals and groups to undertake activities to protect these areas through:

- Access control (including fencing)
- Weed control
- Feral animal control

Interested? For more information and to discuss your ideas and eligibility please call 0455 166 780 or email hotham-williams@peel-harvey.org.au

Great Outcomes from Community Environment Grants

A PHCC Community Environment Grant has enabled Trish and Robert Bowden of "Warren Hill" to fence off part of their farm's creek system to restrict stock access and protect the creek area.

Planning is also underway for the eradication of the invasive weed *Juncus acutus* from the creekline, revegetation with plants endemic to the area and control of pest animals on the 25ha property.

Having owned "Warren Hill" for twelve months, the Bowdens say "Long term our aim is to do more fencing in order to build up native bird and animal friendly laneways leading to established vegetation."

Well done Trish and Robert. A great NRM outcome!



PHOTO: Trish and Robert Bowden

Grants Still Available

Grants of \$100 to \$1,000 please visit: www.peel-harvey.org.au

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



natural resource management program



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Emu War of 1932

It all came about in November 1932, after a marauding emu population of at least 20,000 had been devastating farms across WA for some time. The farmers under attack (many of them ex-soldiers themselves) had eventually petitioned for military aid from the Minister of Defence George Pearce. He deployed troops swiftly, and they arrived with hopes of quick victory and a few emu feathers for their hats.

No sooner had the conflict begun, however, than it became clear that the Australian military had vastly underestimated the emu. Cunning adversaries, the emus proved almost impossible to hit with machine-gun fire, and they seemed able to shrug off even serious injury from bullets without breaking stride.

Describing the emus, Major Meredith later said:

“If we had a military division with the bullet-carrying capacity of these birds it would face any army in the world... They can face machine guns with the invulnerability of tanks.”

A few days into operations, a planned ambush by a dam failed miserably when one of the Lewis guns jammed. A later attempt to mount a machine-gun on a truck fell apart when it was made apparent that the vehicle could not keep up with the birds.

Within a week of first contact the troops were recalled. Roughly 2500 rounds had been fired and killed somewhere between 50 and 200 emus. Meredith did note that his men had suffered no casualties. When the question was raised if a medal would be struck for the conflict, federal labor parliamentarian A.E. Green replied that any medals should go to the emus who had ‘won every round so far’. For his involvement in the deployment, Defence Minister George Pearce earned the unofficial title ‘Minister for the Emu War’.

Although a second (slightly) more successful military operation was mounted against the emus only a few days after the initial retreat in November 1932, in the end it was the instituting of a bounty on emus that proved most effective. Between 1945 and 1960 around 284,700 emus were killed in WA.

Australia’s emu population, however, remains stable to this day. Thankfully, they do not seem interested in resuming hostilities with the Australian government.



Migrating emus following the state emu barrier fence

Jasper Garner Gore, 2016, for the Australian Geographic



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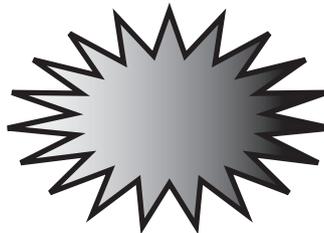
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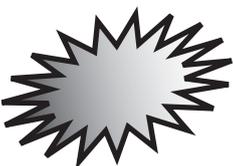
"We come to you"

Cuby Tavern

**Log in to Popanyinning
Community Page on
facebook for an update on
upcoming and current events**



New menu & pizza menu
Weekend bookings advised & appreciated



9883 6032, or facebook Cuballing Hotel

**Cuballing:
Opening times:**

Monday: 3pm - late
Tuesday - Saturday: 12 - 12
Sunday: 12 - 10
Lunch: Tues -Sun 12 - 2
Dinner: Everyday 6 - 8

**Every Thursday:
\$15 pensioner LUNCH.**
Bookings essential - you must
present your pensioner card

**Chase the Ace
- Fridays**

Want to have fun and exercise?



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Gentle to the body, and beneficial to your mental health, this Oriental Fantasy teaches evening classes every Tuesday at the Old Cuballing Post Office Studio, from 6.30 to 7.30 for beginners.

Contact Helen 9883 6090, or email helengoesglobal@gmail.com



Bush Fire Brigades

The Popanyinning Bush Fire Brigade has taken delivery of a new light tanker fire appliance.

This fire unit is fully funded by the ESL levy paid on Shire rates.

Last month a heavy tanker was also provided for the Cuballing Bush Fire Brigade.

The Cuballing Fire Station has been approved for a \$70,000 upgrade to add toilets to the building. This upgrade is funded through the ESL levy capital grant.

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During the doubling of the AIF, which occurred in Egypt following the evacuation of Gallipoli, George was transferred to the newly formed 48th Battalion.

His Majesty's Transport ship *Huntspill* steamed out of Alexandria on June 7, with reinforcement troops including George Barr,

Lions Club Fund Raiser

Drop off you old Batteries to McDougall Weldments, Cuballing

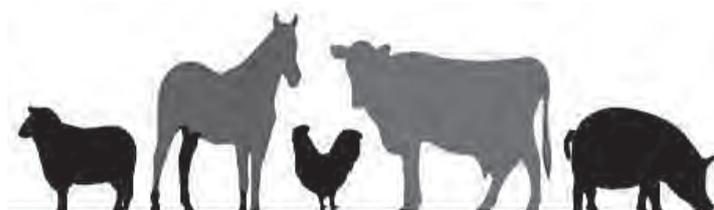


or phone Gordon to arrange pickup. 98836020.

Local JP

I am a Justice of the Peace, living and working in Popanyinning, and am available for witnessing signatures, swearing of documents and certifying copies of documents. There is no charge for this service and I am available at most times, including weekends and public holidays.

Deb Hopper-Wood JP 7540
0419941512, 98499116



Cuballing Stockfeed
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39 Beeston Street, Cuballing

reaching Marseilles a week later. He was 'taken on strength' of the 48th Battalion in the field in France on July 21, 1916.

The First Battle of the Somme commenced at 7.30 am on Saturday, the first day of July, 1916, when British and French forces sought to drive into entrenched German defences, which had proven immovable for nearly two years. By the end of July, at the cost of horrendous casualties, limited gains had been made.

Following the introduction of the AIF to the Somme in the middle of July, these gains included the village of Pozieres, captured by the First Australian Division.

As actions continued to dislodge the Germans from a ridge extending to the north of Pozieres, the 48th Battalion was tasked with holding "at all costs" trenches recently won from the enemy. In doing so, they were subjected to an enemy artillery bombardment of a continuity, concentration and intensity that drove men to insanity. Quoting the fine prose of W. Devine in his history of the 48th, 'The Story of a Battalion': "All through the night of the 5th, all through the 6th it lasted, a great impersonal horror, until noon on the 7th, when it abated so suddenly that one felt as if the world had just been freed from the influence of some foul and

demonic oppression".

George Barr was Killed in Action at Pozieres, France on August 6, 1916. He was a single man, 24 years old. Sadly, like tens of thousands of men lost on the Western Front, he has no known grave, and is so commemorated on the Australian Memorial at Villers Brettoneux, in the Somme Valley.

His personal possessions were returned to his father Alfred in three packages. One contained a photo and cards; another held a watch (damaged) in a case, a purse containing fifteen coins, a clasp knife, five badges and a belt; the third enclosed George's identity disc, two coins and a metal religious medallion (unusual for an atheist).

Lest We Forget

Mens' Shed continued from page 9

Now the hard work begins! Removing the steel struts from the bases of the poles, recycling the good ones to make necessary improvements to our shed and selling the others for funds to continue our community work, and to support the Mens' Shed projects that are ongoing.

If you are interested in this project, or just having a chat, ring secretary, Carry, on 9883 6568.



It looked as though it would be a lot easier than this!!



Sparrows are just one of a number of declared pests which have established in other Australian states except Western Australia, thanks to the eager eyes of our community members. Pest birds such as sparrows, starlings, blackbirds, house crows, the Indian myna and Indian ringneck parakeets posed a significant threat, as they are known to damage a range of crops and compete with native birds.

Sparrows are easily identified by the way they hop around and would be attracted to backyard bird feeding sites, cafes, aviaries and grain storage facilities.

“They are brown or dark grey with a streaked back and a wedge-shaped beak, between 11 and 16 centimeters long and look similar to some finches, but are

slightly chubbier.

Any unusual birds seen in the wild should be reported to the department’s Pest and Disease Information Service (PADIS) on 9368 3080 or by using MyPestGuide app now available on the Google Play Store and Apple iTunes Store.

Reporting Pest Birds

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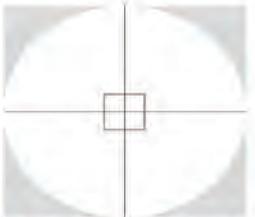
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Do you want to post notices/results/scores or enrolment information in the newsletter? **It is free.**

Your Cuby News is distributed to all post office boxes monthly, free of charge to you, and is read by a broad cross section of the community, both in the Cuby Shire and further afield.

Email: dhopper@westnet.com.au or call me on 0419941512, and I'll organise a posting to your request. It can be done annually, monthly or on an ad hoc basis - at no cost to you, other than your time.

Cuballing Men's Shed

Meets every Tuesday
from 9 am to 12 pm

Everyone is welcome, no matter your level of skill - come and share and learn.

The Men's Shed is located at the back of the Old Post Office in Cuballing.

Wanted: Stories of Historic Buildings in the Shire of Cuballing

- for articles in the Cuby News - photos, original owners and tales behind the settlement of properties in the district.

New and old residents of the shire are keen to have an insight into the former residents of the Shire.

Call Deb on 98499116

Shire of Cuballing are calling for old photos for an historical collection being compiled by the council staff to be displayed on a shire website showing the history of the district.

Email scanned copies, or call in and have them scanned on the spot. Call on 9883 6031.

Advertising

Advertising is now being accepted for publishing in the *Cuby News*.

We will publish all community events and functions for free, as well as *Wanted* and *For Sale* ads (small and concise only).

Business advertising will be published at a cost of \$5 per month for small ads, \$10 for half page and \$20 per full page, as from the January 2017 issue

The newsletter is a community communication with the addition of newsy items that may interest readers. Reader contributions are always welcome.

Cuby News is produced by Deb Hopper JP for the Popanyinning Progress Association, in association with the Shire of Cuballing, and for the communities of Cuballing, Popanyinning and Yornanning. Printed by the Shire of Cuballing.

Line Dancing

Monday nights at Cuballing Hall from 7 - 9pm, with beginners at 5.30 - 6.30pm. Contact

Lynelle on

0467271552

for



further details.

Popanyinning Progress Association

Got lots of ideas on how to make Popo a more interesting, colourful or pleasant place to be?

Do you have any contacts to bring an event to the town that will make it more vibrant and welcoming?

Do you have a special talent to teach to others, or to produce something outstanding to brighten up the main street of Popo?

Come to a Progress Association meeting, at 6.30pm on the last Wednesday of the month and share it with us. No obligation to join. Anyone and everyone is welcome.

PPA is tree planting this month - there are 400 seedlings ready to be planted along the Hotham River, to revegetate the banks and replace the bridal creeper. Come, join us.

Want to advertise?

Contact Deb on 0419941512 or dhopper@westnet.com.au and ask.

Come Old Time Dancing



Want to re-live the old time dances where you hold your partner and move together?

Come and join in at the dances at the Popanyinning Hall.

They are held on the 3rd Saturday of the month. Ask Jenny or Sam at the Popo shop for details.

Tickets at the door - \$10 pp

Cuballing Town Bush Fire Brigade

The Cuballing Town fire Brigade will be holding their monthly meetings at the Fire shed on the third Thursday of the month at 6pm.

Meeting nights will now be training nights, where members get hands-on working with the machinery, and processes of the fire brigade.

New members are always welcome to come along so don't be shy. Both Cuballing and Popanyinning Brigades are always looking for new blood - we are only small crews but more hands make light work.

Our cause is to SAVE, PROTECT, AND PRESERVE LIFE.

For any queries please call the Cuballing Shire Office on 9883 6031
Anthony Mort Chief Bush Fire Control Officer 0429 898 214

Popo Town Volunteer Fire Brigade

**Popo Town Fire
Brigade's AGM on
Tuesday 4th July.
Meets on the first Tuesday
of every month at the Fire
shed, Popo, @ 5.30pm**