

# The Cuby News

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February 2018

The Shire of Cuballing held the annual Australia Day Breakfast and award ceremony at the Town Hall in Popanyinning. The breakfast was very well attended by 60 Popanyinning and Cuballing residents.

This year's Citizen of the Year Award recipients were Simone and Kevin Lansdell their volunteer work within the Cuballing Shire and particularly Popanyinning. Kevin has also volunteered extensively with the Narrogin Cadets and both Simone and Kevin's volunteer on the Narrogin Agriculture College P & C Association.

Bird's Silos and Shelters were the recipients of a Certificate of Recognition. Bird's Silos and Shelters started in 1973, taking over in the same premises that the Howard brothers and the Sims Family had occupied since 1905. Rob Dowling presented Don Bird with the award.

The Shire of Cuballing would like to thank the volunteers for the day, Deb & Barry Dillion for cooking the toast, Dawson

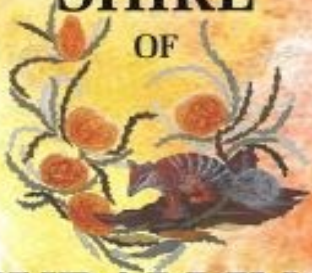
Bradford for the bacon cooking, Anthony Mort for the wonderful egg cooking, Christine Eales in helping set up for the breakfast and Paul Cook and the Popanyinning Progress Association for the use of their BBQ.



UPCOMING EVENTS - February

# Cuballing Music Festival 2018

SHIRE  
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Free Family Event

Featuring Local

Artists

Hayden McGlinn

Kyle Haydock

& The Dad Bods



Saturday 17th February 2018

5pm—8pm

Cuballing Rec Centre

Canteen Available

For more info Contact The Shire of Cuballing on 98836031

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# Harvest Ban Hotline—SMS

The Shire of Cuballing Harvest and Movement Ban hotline Number is **9883 6386**. This service will be updated when a harvest and movement ban is in place within the Shire of Cuballing

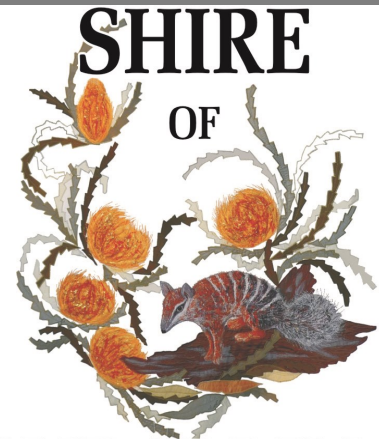
The Shire of Cuballing has a SMS notification service for harvest and movement bans. If your mobile number has recently changed, if you would like to receive this service or need to delete an old

**IN THE EVENT OF A FIRE  
CALL 000 FIRST**

## FIRE CONTROL OFFICERS

<b>Chief BFCO</b>	Anthony Mort	0429 898 214
<b>Deputy Chief BFCO</b>	Graeme Dent	0427 890 068
<b>Popanyinning East</b>	Justin Page	0427 884 032
<b>Popanyinning Town</b>	Fred Chapman	0456 601 827
<b>Cuballing Town</b>	Daniel Christensen	0438 865 685
<b>Popanyinning West</b>	Craig Cousins	0427 870 040
<b>Cuballing East</b>	Mike Burges Rob Harris	0427 836 045 0458 939 097
<b>Cuballing West</b>	Nelson Young	0427 845 255
<b>Shire of Cuballing</b>	Gary Sherry Bruce Brennan	0427 836 031 0427 836 063

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## UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS

Thursday 15th February 2018

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2018

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> April 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.

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# PRESIDENT'S PEN

Our Australia Day breakfast in Popanyinning was well-attended and gave everyone the opportunity to catch up with friends and neighbours over bacon and eggs. Citizens of the year, Kevin and Simone Lansdell, were recognized for their valuable and selfless contribution to the community, particularly their involvement with youth. I am sure we will be able to entice them to our next Council meeting to present certificates as unfortunately, their musical talents were required at a separate Australia Day function.

Robert Dowling gave a historical overview of Bird's Silos and presented Don and Wayne Bird with a certificate of appreciation for the contribution their business has made to our community. Don's impressive story of technology invented and designed in Popanyinning now being taken up in the USA is another example of why they have gained such respect not just within our shire but through the state, nation and further afield.

2018 is shaping up as a very interesting period for our shire following community meetings late in 2017 which have helped identify how differently Popanyinning and Cuballing wish to improve their towns and surrounding area.

In Popo, there is significant support for a further workshop to clarify what projects are possible. Hence, the shire is organising a fellow called Peter Kenyon who has considerable experience with neighbouring shires, such as Kulin, to coordinate a workshop in the next couple of months. What we need prior to any meeting is for locals to be thinking about such things as what types of events may be staged, facility upgrades, sector focus eg. tourism, renewable energy etc and funding possibilities. In short, we would like people to consider how they want Popo to look like in 10 or 15 years.

In Cuballing it was somewhat different as one single project seems to be the focus of attention. This is the development of the rail reserve between the hotel and roadhouse on the west and east respectively and rail crossings on Darcy and Campbell Streets to the south and north. Some of the ideas already raised include pedestrian access between the hotel and roadhouse; sinking the pipeline along the highway to allow better access to RV area; landscaping, gardens and parking to attract caravaners; upgrade to the memorial park; pioneer walkway; highlighting the vintage machinery shelter; improved signage; gazebo with press button audio with stories from local people; short stay cabin accommodation; outdoor gym; arboretum; street art exhibit and many more. The intent is to gather all the possibilities from the community and present them in a single, long term plan of the area. If we can agree on what the upgrade will finally look like, a staged, multi-year development can occur as and when funding becomes available.

The year is set for some exciting planning and I look forward to getting community input for these very important blueprints of where we want Cuballing and Popanyinning to be in the future.

**Mark Conley**  
**Cuballing Shire President**

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## LOCAL GOVERNMENT PROPERTY LOCAL LAW

At their December 2017 Ordinary Meeting, Council agreed to adopt the finalised Local Government Property Local Law. This Local Government Property Law will allow the Shire to permit or not permit certain actions at halls, ovals, parks and other local government property.

The Local Law allows the Shire to restrict access to Shire property in defined ways that the community often expects of local government. Examples of restricted access to local property under this local law include:

- men are not permitted to access ladies toilets;
- the Cuby Men's Shed could charge for access to their Trash and Treasure event held on the Cuballing oval;
- the Shire hall could be hired by local residents to hold a wedding restricted to their invited guests; or
- access to areas Shire property of high environmental value might be restricted to the pathways.

The Shire of Cuballing's Local Government Property Local Law is based on a Model Local that most other local governments have adopted, with local adaptations where required. The format of this local law is not significantly different to these others.

The proposed Local Law was advertised locally in September/October and has been reviewed by the Department of Local Government. The Local Law will also now be reviewed by a State Parliamentary Committee.

One issue that the Shire intends to review in the near future is permitting or not permitting short term camping on Shire property. There will be opportunities for you and other interest community members to comment on this when this occur

## COUNCIL SHORTS

At their December 2017 Ordinary Meeting, Council:

- set dates for Council meetings in 2018. Council meetings will be held at 2pm on third Thursday of each month.
- adopted an updated Shire of Cuballing Policy Manual;
- appointed Daniel Christenson as a Fire Control Officer for the Cuballing Town area.

### *Administration Trainee*

The Shire of Cuballing has successfully applied for funding under the Country Local Government Fund's Youth Development Traineeship Program. This program provides grant funding of \$18,500 to employ a trainee for a 12 month period. It is expected that the Administration Trainee will commence in February 2018.

### *Deputy CEO*

During December 2017 Council's Deputy CEO Ms Tonya Williams left the Shire of Cuballing after 3 years to return to her home town of Esperance. Mr Rick Pares joined the Shire of Cuballing as Deputy CEO in January 2018.

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# SHIRE NOTICES

## LOCAL LAW

### Local Government Property

The Shire of Cuballing has made a local law relating to Local Government Property.

The purpose and effect of the proposed Local Government Property local law is:

**Purpose:** To regulate the care, control and management of all property of the local government except thoroughfares.

**Effect:** To control the use of local government property. Some activities are permitted only under a permit or under a determination and some activities are restricted or prohibited. Offences are created for inappropriate behaviour in or on local government property.

A copy of the Shire of Cuballing Local Government Property Local Law may be obtained from the Shire of Cuballing Office, 22 Campbell Street, Cuballing between the hours of 9am and 4.30pm.

The Shire of Cuballing Local Government Property Local Law will come into operation on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2017.

**Gary Sherry**  
**Chief Executive Officer**



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## ADMINISTRATION TRAINEE

The Shire of Cuballing is looking for an enthusiastic, energetic and self-motivated person to take on the role of Administration Trainee as part of our small office.

The successful applicant will work under the direction of the Deputy CEO and complete both on the job training and attending studies off site. Duties will include customer reception, exposure to accounting and record keeping duties and assisting in delivering community events.

The position is offered as a 12 month contract under the conditions of the Local Government Industry Award 2010.

Further information is available on [www.cuballing.wa.gov.au](http://www.cuballing.wa.gov.au) or by contacting Nicole at [enquiries@cuballing.wa.gov.au](mailto:enquiries@cuballing.wa.gov.au) or phone 08 9883 6031. For a confidential discussion about the position, please call Deputy CEO Rick Pares at the Shire Office or 0427 836 868. All enquiries and applications will be treated with utmost confidentiality.

Applications close with the undersigned by 4pm Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2018.

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# CUBALLING MEN'S SHED UPDATE

Things are quiet at the moment, with the festive season just behind us and some members still way.

With some of the exhibits being removed from the shelter opposite the roadhouse, we are looking for other interesting vehicles, engines and what have you to replace those removed so that we maintain an interesting display for visitors to look at and enjoy.

The disabled access toilet and the meeting room are like slow cooking; a lot of steam but a small fire – it will happen in Shed time.

The last tractor is about to roll out of the shed, a few last panels to be painted and out she goes, making place for a variety of different activities.

Norm Hilder made a you beaut electric can crusher which he allows us to use (under his strict supervision of course).

After a restful January, our Dillon's in-house Men's Shed will start again in February; we have to fill some orders for tinmen/animals so we better get cracking.



The Cuballing Men's Shed meet each Tuesday at 9am.

For more information please contact

Carry Van Empel

Secretary

Cuballing Men's Shed Inc.

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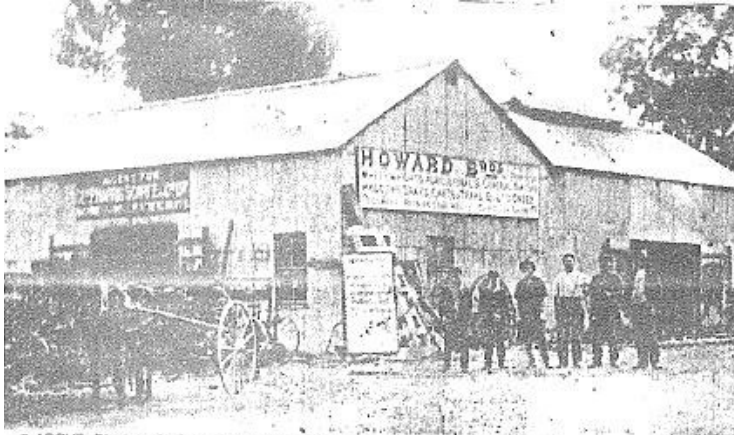
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# OUR HERITAGE — FRANCIS STREET POPO



© ABOVE: Blacksmith shops were all important in the horse era days. This was Popanyinning's smithy about 1911-1914, with some of the locals assembled in front of the building. This picture is also from Mr Shephardson.

## Popanyinning Business Change After 43 Years

A business change recently took place at Popanyinning (A, R. & M. E. Sims to D.G. & J. R. Bird) is worthy of special record because of the long and valued association with the district of one of the parties in Mr Reg. Sims, Ill health has caused Reg to seek retirement after almost a lifetime in the area, the last 43 in the Popo engineering business providing skilful, reliable service in all manner of repairs and constructions ranging over the

years from horse to motorised power.

That such a business was maintained in a relatively small centre, overcoming the ups and downs of recessions, is a tribute in itself to Mr. Sims who states he has gained a lot of satisfaction out of his role of assistance to others, and despite numerous offers of jobs elsewhere even collar and tie ones preferred to remain among: friends and withdrawn from the pressures of larger communities or the city.

As if to serve as a reminder of early activities in the field of business activity there is retained in the Popo premises an old-type forge and bellows - one of the largest types made along- with a host of modern equipment since built up over the years to cover, as Reg puts it, "any eventuality."

He was born at Leederville in 1909, three years after his parents, the late Mr. and Mrs. A G. Sims, took over the "Rivervale" property at Popo, which they continued to farm until 1938. The property is now owned by Mr. A. Counsel.

Popo school provided the education of Mr. Sims who commenced his working life in the very same premises he, has just sold as an employee of Howard Bros, with trade of blacksmith, wheelwright, coach builder, farrier and so on. Later he was associated with the well-known Pingelly firm of Tregurth and Hughes and then in turn with builders L. Brockhoff and Cox & Hatcher before returning to blacksmithing with Wilson & Paterson in premises opposite the old Rink Theatre/Skating Rink in Pingelly. It was here, in 1928, he received a broken knee and ribs in a confrontation with a horse. In 1929 he took over Popo where he has since remained except for five years of Army service in World War II.

Mrs. Sims has been a good supporter of her husband's endeavours over the years, as too the four members of their family, especially one of the sons, Ron, who was actively associated with the business for some years. Mr. and Mrs, Sims have no immediate plans to leave Popo.

*Taken from Narrogin Observer 1973*

D G and JR Bird Purchased the business from Reg Sims and began operating on 1 March 1973. At the time Reg was working on his own mainly doing repairs and small welding jobs.

Don carried on in this way for some time. He was then asked to make a silo base for Lock Burges, and the business began as silo manufacturers, stock feeders were another product that has been very successful. The workshop is now managed by son Wayne who attended the local school, approximately 8 people are employed at the present time.

*Taken from the Popanyinning Reunion Book 1989*



# CUBALLING FIRE BRIGADE

Every Thursday on the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of that month the Cuballing Fire Brigade holds their meeting and drill night where each Thursday the members get hands on training with the trucks and equipment.

This training is very valuable to the crew so when the real thing (FIRE) comes along volunteers have a good understanding of the kit.

December had a large gathering of almost the entire crew that went up to John Patmore's dam at Springhill Rd and conducted a drafting drill -refilling an empty fire truck. The crews were amazed with how there can be different ways both the Cuballing FIRE trucks work.

The training /Hands on drills really opens the eyes of the fire fighters showing them how things can change and not work (not under pressure) and how crucial it is to maintain the gear that potentially will save their life or others.

January drill was all about the foam system that would be use to help water go further at a fire or be used on car fires, rubbish tips or any thing that needs smothering like plastics etc. After the drills we sit down and chat about what we have learnt and how to make things better for the future fire fighting skills. A BBQ usually feeds us on these night and it's a great social night and learning.

Coming up on the 6<sup>th</sup> of February there is a full drill pretending that Birds Silos are on Fire. Pingelly Fire Brigade will be joining us and going though a pump to pump situation from hydrant to trucks to hoses and multiple crews . This will be a good one for all volleys to attend.

For more Info Call Morty CBFCO 0429 898 214

PS STAY SAFE AND FOR ALL EMERGENCYS CALL 000

# CUBALLING GOLF NEWS

As the earth dry's and hardens up golf comes to a standstill until the heavens open again .

The season usually starts in the weekend after Easter and then the who ever of Golf emerges out of their dark and dingy hibernation cave, ready for the smashing great fun GOLF.

February will bring association meetings that lets all clubs in the Great Southern have all the fixtures that the club needs for all the pro-am golf tour. Feb also gets the Cuby club having the course upgraded with busy bees and general tidy up around the beautiful 50 ha of Park Land.

If you have thought about coming out to play, help ,or just take a look keep us in mind and get in touch with people you know that play golf. There are a few of us.

To all members of the Golf Club there will be a busy Bee coming up shortly to revamp tee boxes .

We will send a text and have the dates on the Cuballing Stores notice board.

In the meantime get those clubs out and spray for spiders , dust them off or just go though the bag to throw last year's sandwich out .

Come on People its time to think GOLF

# COMMUNITY NOTICES



The Shire of Cuballing invites you to attend the opening of the Dryandra Regional Equestrian Centre Horse Yard Cover Project at **10am on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2018.**

Dryandra Regional Equestrian Centre,  
Corner of Darcy & Bow Streets, Cuballing.

Morning Tea will be served after the opening



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DRYANDRA PONY CLUB

RSVP: [enquiries@cuballing.wa.gov.au](mailto:enquiries@cuballing.wa.gov.au)

## Popanyinning Community Dances

The year starts off on February 17<sup>th</sup> –  
starts at 8.00pm-midnight,

\$10 per person, bring supper and dance  
away the evening. Music by the lovely  
lady known to everyone, Lyn Hilder

Popo Dances are held at the Popo town  
hall every 3rd Saturday of the month

## WANTED

Mobile Phone Booster Kit

Please call

Malcom 98884 044

Owen 98884 054

Popo Progress Meeting

28th Feb 2018

Meetings are held on the last  
Wednesday of each month

## Peter Rundle MLA Member for Roe

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## CUBALLING WAR MEMORIAL *by Stephen Bowes*

Please cast your eyes over these two images of Mouquet Farm in the beautiful Somme region of France. Image 1 from the Australian War Memorial shows the farm buildings before they were reduced to rubble by artillery fire in 1916. Image 2 from the Australian War Graves Commission shows the modern, smaller farm buildings today.



The remains of many men lie at rest beneath these pleasant green fields. It is likely that 2705 Private Roger Levitt, remembered on the Cuballing Roll of Honour, is amongst them. The AWM summarises the fighting for the farm as follows:

“Mouquet Farm was the site of nine separate attacks by three Australian divisions between 8 August and 3 September 1916. The farm stood in a dominating position on a ridge that extended north-west from the ruined, and much fought over, village of Pozieres. Although the farm buildings themselves were reduced to rubble, strong stone cellars remained below ground which were incorporated into the German defences. The attacks mounted against Mouquet Farm cost the 1st, 2nd and 4th Australian Divisions over 11,000 casualties, and not one succeeded in capturing and holding it. The British advance eventually bypassed Mouquet Farm leaving it an isolated outpost. It fell, inevitably, on 27 September 1916.”

Roger Levitt was the brother of Alexander Levitt, who farmed at 14 Mile Brook. Roger and Alexander were born at Cambridge, England, and came to Australia in 1908, leaving three brothers and two sisters in England. Alexander married Frances Booth in 1910. In ‘Numbat Country’, author Evelyn Roots describes Levitt’s Farm as Locations 10706 and 10707, State Forest No 51, 21 km west of Cuballing. In more recent times, these locations became part of the Winniki Springs holdings.

Upon his enlistment in August 1915, Roger Levitt gave his brother, Alexander as his next of kin. Roger signed attestation papers in Perth before Honorary Lieutenant Weaver, declaring prior military service with the Suffolk Volunteers, from whom he had purchased his discharge before coming to Australia. At the time of his enlistment, he was 28 years 10 months old, five feet eight and a half inches tall, 146 pounds, of fair complexion, with grey eyes, dark brown hair and was Church of England.

Roger Levitt was appointed to the 6th Reinforcements, 28th Battalion, which sailed from Fremantle aboard HMAT Ulysses A38 on 2/11/15. In camp in Egypt, at Tel-El-Kebir, Zeitoun he was transferred to the newly formed 51st Battalion, in the 13th Brigade of the Australian 4th Division.

The 51st Battalion sailed from Alexandria aboard HMT Ivernia on June 5 and arrived for disembarkation at Marseilles on June 12, 1916.

After serving time in the front line at Fleurbaix, in French Flanders, the 51st Battalion were moved southwards to the Somme Valley on July 12. In early August, they moved into positions near Pozieres in preparation for their attack on Mouquet Farm.

Roger Levitt’s fate was unclear for some years after the Battle of Mouquet Farm. He was posted as missing on 15/8/16. On 12/1/17 at Rouen General Hospital, QMS Davies of C Company reported: “Several stretcher bearers were taken prisoner by the Germans on the date mentioned and it is thought that he was amongst them”. It took until 24/10/1919 for a Red Cross report to declare that no trace of Roger Levitt could be found in Germany. He is commemorated on the Australian National Memorial at Villers Bretonneux, which records the individual names of over ten thousand Australian soldiers in France with no known grave.

Roger’s personal effects were returned to his brother Alexander at 14 Mile Brook. His service medals, commemorative plaque and scroll were delivered to his eldest brother, William, in England.

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR — February

Sat 3 <sup>rd</sup> Feb	Cricket @ Cuby
Sun 4 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Social tennis 3pm @ Cuby
Tue 6 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Craft Day @ Cuballing CWA Hall
Tue 6 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Men's Shed Meet @Cuby Men's Shed 9am
Sat 10 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Cricket @ Cuby
Sun 11 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Social tennis 3pm @ Cuby
Tue 13 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Craft Day @ Cuballing CWA Hall
Tue 13 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Men's Shed Meet @Cuby Men's Shed 9am
Fri 16 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Social tennis 6pm @ Cuby *sausage sizzle*
Sat 17 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Yard Shelter official opening @ DREA clubrooms 10am
Sat 17 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Cuballing Music Festival 5pm @ Cuby Rec Centre
Sat 17 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Popanyinning Community Dance @ 6pm
Tue 20 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Men's Shed Meet @Cuby Men's Shed 9am
Tue 20 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Craft Day @ Cuballing CWA Hall
Tue 27 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Men's Shed Meet @Cuby Men's Shed 9am
Tue 27 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Craft Day @ Cuballing CWA Hall
Wed 28 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Popanyinning Progress Ass. Meet 6.30pm @ Popo Hall

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR — March

Wed 21 <sup>st</sup> Mar	Cuballing Stay on Your Feet Expo
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To add an event to the Community Calendar you can email your event details to [enquiries@cuballing.wa.gov.au](mailto:enquiries@cuballing.wa.gov.au)