

# The Cuby News

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On Saturday the 15<sup>th</sup> February approximately 150 people attended the Cuballing Music Festival held at the Cuballing Recreation Centre. This year saw the music festival under the threat of being cancelled after a storm the night beforehand left many trees ripped from the



ground and the marquees that were set up ready for the music festival demolished. Thankfully the Shire staff were able to clean up the debris in time for the concert to go ahead.

2020 Cuballing Music Festival saw local bands Trip, Money Shot and ReLoAd perform under the watchful eye of sound technician Chris Nardini from IV Jaxx Promotions. The Cuballing Roadhouse provided tasty eats throughout the evening.



Shire staff are currently reviewing the festival to determine what the format will be for next year. If you wish to provide feedback please leave a comment on our Facebook page, call us on 9883 6031, drop into the Shire Office or email us at [enquiries@cuballing.wa.gov.au](mailto:enquiries@cuballing.wa.gov.au)



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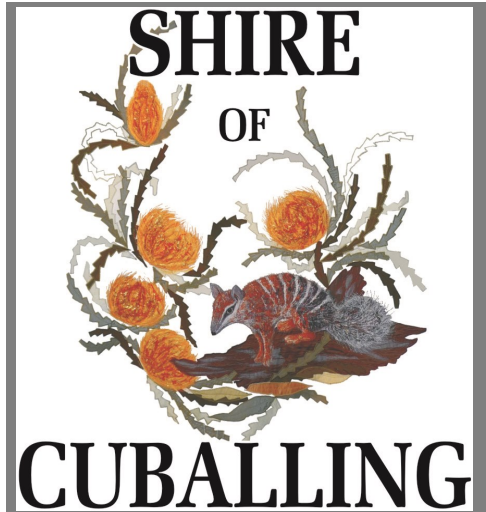
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## COUNCIL NOTES

Meet the Shire of Cuballing's newest Australian Citizens. Congratulations to Mrs Nicole Clayton, Mrs Stacey Hobson and Miss Kayla Hobson who had their Citizenship ceremony on the 19th February 2020 at the Shire of Cuballing Council Chambers.



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### UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2020

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2020

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



The Shire of Cuballing would like to thank the Residents and Farmers who assisted in the clean up after the storm on Friday 14th 2020. Also thanks to our Volunteer Fire Brigades and Shire Works crew who were out late into Friday night ensuring the roads were safe. Thanks to Cuballing Building Company for Weather Proofing the Cuballing Hall on Saturday.

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# CUBALLING STORM FEBUARY 2020



On Friday the 14<sup>th</sup> February at approximately 5.30pm a freak storm ripped through the Cuballing townsite. With destructive winds and heavy rain the Cuballing Agricultural Hall roof stood little chance.

Trees were no match for the 'mini tornado' either being ripped out of the ground or snapped like twigs littering the roads with debris and causing traffic chaos.

The townsite of Cuballing recorded a mixture of rain measurements with the Shire office recording 27ml while further up Campbell street only 19ml was recorded in the gauge.

The Cuballing Hall now sits idle with tarps covering the damaged roof. A structural engineer has inspected the hall and will now issue a report to the Shire before repairs can commence. Unfortunately the hall has some interior damage as the rain that followed the wind caused some damage before the roof could be made weather proof.

Due to the extent of damage the repair process will take some time meaning the Cuballing Ag Hall will be out a commission some months.

With the hall out of action the Cuballing Line dancers have moved their Monday night dances to the Popanyinning Hall.

Photos courtesy of Facebook—Diane Rose & Sandra Sullivan.



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# SHIRE OF CUBALLING NOTICES

## COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE 2019

Please be advised that the Ordinary Council Meetings of the Shire of Cuballing in 2020 will be held at:

2pm, Wednesday 18 March 2020  
2pm, Wednesday 15 April 2020  
2pm, Wednesday 20 May 2020  
2pm, Wednesday 17 June 2020  
2pm, Wednesday 15 July 2020  
2pm, Wednesday 19 August 2020  
2pm, Wednesday 16 September 2020  
2pm, Wednesday 21 October 2020  
2pm, Wednesday 18 November 2020  
2pm, Wednesday 16 December 2020

All meetings, with the exception of the 15<sup>th</sup> April 2020, are held in the Council Chambers in the Shire Administration Centre, Campbell Street, Cuballing. The meeting of Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2020 will be held at the Popanyinning Hall.

All Council Meetings are open to the public and commence with a 15 minute public question time.

## TRANSPORT LICENSING SERVICES

The Shire of Cuballing is an agent for Department of Transport licensing services including vehicle licensing. All Department of Transport queries and transactions are to be made in person at the Shire of Cuballing administration building. No personal details will be given over the phone.

**The Shire completes transactions between the hours of 8:30 am and 4:00 pm, to allow staff to complete the end of day processing requirements.**

Firearms licences can be processed at Australia Post or the Narrogin Police Station. The Shire of Cuballing is no longer authorised to collect firearm licence payments on behalf of the Western Australian Police Service.

For further information concerning the Department of Transport please contact their public information line on 13 11 56 or <https://www.transport.wa.gov.au/>.

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# CUBALLING & POPANYINNING VOLUNTEER BUSH FIRE BRIGADE



Cuballing and Popanyinning Volunteer bush fire brigade members came together in Cuballing on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2020 for an introduction to firefighting course.

Hand signals, how to use their appliance, refilling the appliance from a hydrant, radio protocol, team work and safety were some of the skills the twenty three bush fire brigade volunteers learnt.

Training sessions are usually held as needed and previous sessions have seen 6 or 7 volunteers attend. The recent training is to date the biggest training session held in Cuballing.



Upper Great Southern Volunteer Management Support Officer Anika Keeling stressed the importance of training, saying “We need to keep up-to-date with training sessions for the safety of the volunteers. They need the knowledge to put the fire out, how to prepare themselves when attending a fire and all other basic skills that come with been a volunteer fire brigade member”



## OUR HISTORY—W.A BANK CUBALLING

The building on the corner of Alton and Campbell Streets once housed Cuballing's first bank, the West Australian Bank. The building was believed to have been constructed at the turn-of-the-century by James Fitt using local bricks and opened early in 1904 and was in business until 1924.

On 18 September 1915, Mr E.E. Schroeder took charge of the bank, bringing with him his love of roses. A year later the 'Narrogin Observer' reported that Mr Schroeder had changed his name to E.E.



Stirling. Mr Schroeder was a native of South Australia where many migrants had arrived from Germany many years before. However, there was much ill feeling in Cuballing towards this family because of the war situation. He was given little peace despite the fact that his sons were away in the A.I.F. Perhaps the local attitude to this gentleman, who served on the vestry of the Church of England and was active in social events, softened a little when on 26th October 1918 the 'Narrogin Observer' reported that Mr Stirling's son, Lt Leslie M. Player, had been awarded the Military Cross for bravery, having been wounded four times and gassed once.

Following the closure of the bank, the building was rented out as a private residence, the first tenants being Mr and Mrs Bee in 1925. After they moved from the bank to the post office in 1940 the premises were let to the Aboriginal family of Mr and Mrs Jones.

The Jones' daughter, Mrs Maxine Fumagalli, later wrote a thought-provoking book, 'South-west Noongar Woman', about her life. One chapter relates her family's experiences in Cuballing when she was a school girl. Her father, a loving, caring man, was a hard worker who had to travel out of the district for work. Her mother, equally kind and loving, had been man-powered and was working as a cook at the Pingelly Hotel. Consequently, it was left to the older sister, Emiline, whose husband, Sam Ninyyette was a prisoner of war in Japanese hands, to care for Maxine, younger brother Ron and little sister May in the bank house.

Mrs Fumagalli recalls that there was always great excitement when Mum had the day off or Dad came home for a day or two. The children watched hopefully as the train came through each day. Maxine considered the bank house beautiful as Emiline's standards were high and she kept the floor of the long corridor highly polished. Although food was sometimes scarce, Emiline always managed to produce something nice for the youngsters and gave them a well-balanced diet.

Living in another house at the rear of the bank was another sister, Dorothy, who took care of her young brother-in-law, Lallie. Her husband, John Ninyyette was away with the A.I.F. News of his death came while she was living in Cuballing. On the other hand, Sam Ninyyette returned after seven years away, half that time as a prisoner of war. He was a shattered shell of a man, but after recovering at his spiritual tribal home in Brookton he was able to take up employment again with the railways.

## OUR HISTORY—W.A BANK CUBALLING

After the Jones family moved from the bank house Mrs Edwards took it over and turned the building into a delicatessen, serving snacks, meals and afternoon teas as well. It became a popular place for young people. After a time she sold the business to Mr and Mrs Herbert, who also served fish and chips. After they retired the building reverted to a private dwelling. Several people lived there, including Mr and Mrs Fred Candy for a short period. It was later purchased by Graeme and Helen Wrankmore.

The Heritage Council of W.A. in 1996 awarded this house Category 3 which states that it is considered to have a lesser degree of significance: to be retained and conserved if possible. ....prior to any major changes or demolition a photographic record should be taken.

The building shares the intersection with the former Post Office. This intersection with the two buildings are remnants that mark an old commercial precinct of Cuballing.

The roof features a tall corbelled brick chimney with terra-cotta potted tops, timber battened eaves, and a triangular pediment that crowns the building's truncation, giving emphasis to the building's entrance. The pediment has a half timber effect, barge board and a finial. The building bears the name, 'Western Australian Bank'.

The building is symmetrical about the entrance with a wide window with flattened arched fanlight, either side of the entrance. The windows have rendered decorative surrounds and sills.

A residence was built along the Alton Street elevation that is set back from the street alignment. The verandah extends across the residence and abuts the bank building. The residence and bank have back to back chimneys.

The interior of the bank is comprised of a single room, no physical evidence remains of its original purpose. The exterior of the residence features double-hung sash windows with side lights, and a grand entry door with side lights and leaded and stained glass fanlights. The interior of the residence retains simple arches supported on pilasters, pressed metal ceilings, decorative ceiling roses, cornices and skirtings.

A timber framed and lined enclosure with a lean-to roof now obscures the verandah. The residence has been further extended down the south elevation that once formed a laneway to the rear, and at the rear. The additions have lean-to roofs. The exterior of the entire building has been rendered.

The original entrance door way has been replaced by a window and now accommodates a bedroom.





# Landcare matters

Hotham-Williams sub-catchment update



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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.



## Wandering Community Fox Hunt



The recent Wandering Community Fox Hunt was a huge success with 114 foxes, 5 feral cats, 1 feral pig and 32 rabbits removed from the environment in one night, helping both agriculture and threatened species.

PHCC is proud to support this event and would like to thank the 51 people who participated in this annual community event.

## 1080 Accreditation

Local Landholders, Indigenous Walkabout and Newmont employees attended a 1080 accreditation course at the DPIRD office Narrogin on the 25 February. Thank you to Mike Clark from DPIRD who taught landholders how to safely use 1080 to control introduced animals, including foxes, to protect stock and threatened species from being predated.

If you are interested in completing your 1080 training please contact Christine on 0455 166 780 or [christine.townsend@peel-harvey.org.au](mailto:christine.townsend@peel-harvey.org.au)

## Hotham-Williams Welcomes New NRM Support Officer

Kristy Gregory from Landcare SJ is kindly helping out the Hotham-Williams team two days a week until the end of the financial year.

We're very happy to have Kristy as part of the team and are grateful to Landcare SJ for sharing her time with us. Kristy has many years of Landcare experience and her local knowledge is exceptional.

Kristy will be helping to finalise the River Action Plan for the Hotham and Williams Rivers. This will lead to potential restoration projects to be discussed with the community and relevant local Governments.



## Thank you!

Thank you to all the local community members who nominated PHCC as their local community group to donate their reward for completing the Voconiq Local Voices Survey about Newmont Boddington Gold's activities in Boddington, we appreciate it!

### Coming Up...

- 4 Wandering Productivity Group**  
MAR 7pm at Wandering CRC  
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  - 5 Pigs, Pests and Biosecurity**  
MAR Event in Cuballing contact [pownall@peel-harvey.org.au](mailto:pownall@peel-harvey.org.au)
  - 11-13 Talkin' Soil Health Conference**  
MAR contact [paula.pownall@peel-harvey.org.au](mailto:paula.pownall@peel-harvey.org.au)
  - 17 S.H.A.R.E. Numbats**  
MAR contact [christine.townsend@peel-harvey.org.au](mailto:christine.townsend@peel-harvey.org.au)
  - 20-22 Williams Red Card Fox Shoot**  
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- Do you have an NRM event you would like us to promote? Please contact Mel Durack at [melanie.durack@peel-harvey.org.au](mailto:melanie.durack@peel-harvey.org.au) or 0455 166 780 or 6369 8801*

## Numbats in the Neighbourhood – SHARE Out and About



Photo: John Lawson

(DBCA), Peter Lacey (DBCA), Peter Mawson (Perth Zoo) and PHCC's Melanie Durack. There will also be short talks from Project Numbat, John Lawson (Numbat Task Force), Rob Harris (Local Farmer) and PHCC's Christine Townsend.

Guests will have the option to attend the Barna Mia Nocturnal Animal Sanctuary after enjoying a light supper.

RSVP is essential so if you are interested in attending this event please RSVP to [events@peel-harvey.org.au](mailto:events@peel-harvey.org.au) or call 6369 8800.

PHCC's quarterly S.H.A.R.E event will be held in Dryandra Woodland on Tuesday 17th March. **Numbats in the Neighbourhood** will start at 4:30pm. Guest speakers include Tony Friend



These projects are supported by the Peel-Harvey Catchment Council through funding from the Australian Government's National Landcare Program, Newmont Goldcorp and the Shires of Boddington, Cuballing, Wandering and Williams

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# POPNYINNING PROGRESS ASSOCIATION NOTES

Hello there, The PPA had their February meeting on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> at 6.30pm and I will try to speed through the topics discussed. First though this is a group on the go, I have been away for some years, but they have done some planning, plotting and just getting on with it!

Here we go:

In October 2019 the PPA applied for a CBH grassroots grant to put up a light pole and power point access at the Popo oval making this space year-round accessible and multi-use.

The PPA have now received the funds and the project will be completed in coming weeks. The PPA's cash contribution to the project was fundraised from the two market days held in 2019. The PPA is now investigating plans to connect a water pipe to install a sink under the tennis court shelter.

A grant to control bridal creeper along the creek is just about completed, just need the signs to tell us who funded it.

Anzac Day commemorations are underway, plenty of people doing their bit here, for 6.30am on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April. Will update you all after next meeting. Unfortunately, the second flagpole to display the New Zealand flag might not be installed in time for this year, but hope springs eternal.

Plans are underway to hold our Popanyinning Market Day on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May, we are building on what has been done in the past so look out for more details of what we have in store for you.

Also look out for details of our next meeting, the AGM, on March 25<sup>th</sup> at 6.30pm, don't worry we have a wonderful executive and they all want to keep the momentum going. It would be great for you to see what is underway for Popanyinning's future.

Bye and see you next time.

## Popanyinning Progress Association

AGM & Meeting  
25<sup>th</sup> March 6.30pm  
Popanyinning  
Community Hall  
New Members  
welcome!

## *Cuballing Volunteer*

*Action Group*

*Next Meeting*

*11<sup>th</sup> march 2020*

*Cuballing Rec Centre*

*6.30pm*

# COMMUNITY NOTICES



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*We would like to sincerely thank everyone who supported  
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*A great night was enjoyed by all.*

*President and, Committee Cuballing Cricket Club*

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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR — March 2020

Monday	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Line Dancing 6pm - Popo Hall - <i>please note venue change</i>
Tuesday	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Men's Shed Meet @ Cuby Men's Shed 9am
Tuesday	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Craft Day @ Cuballing CWA Hall 10am
Thursday	5 <sup>th</sup>	Women's Shed 1pm –4 pm @ Men's Shed
Friday	6 <sup>th</sup>	Wagin Woolorama
Saturday	7 <sup>th</sup>	Wagin Woolorama
Monday	9 <sup>th</sup>	Line Dancing 6pm - Popo Hall <i>please note venue change</i>
Tuesday	10 <sup>th</sup>	Men's Shed Meet @ Cuby Men's Shed 9am
Tuesday	10 <sup>th</sup>	Craft Day @ Cuballing CWA Hall 10am
Wednesday	11 <sup>th</sup>	Cuballing Volunteer Action Group meet 6.30pm @ Cuby Rec Centre
Thursday	12 <sup>th</sup>	Women's Shed 1pm –4 pm @ Men's Shed
Monday	16 <sup>th</sup>	Line Dancing 6pm—Popo Hall— <i>please note venue change</i>
Tuesday	17 <sup>th</sup>	Men's Shed Meet @ Cuby Men's Shed 9am
Tuesday	17 <sup>th</sup>	Craft Day @ Cuballing CWA Hall 10am
Wednesday	18 <sup>th</sup>	Shire of Cuballing Council Meeting—Council Chambers
Thursday	19 <sup>th</sup>	Women's Shed 1pm –4 pm @ Men's Shed
Wednesday	25 <sup>th</sup>	Popanyinning Progress Association meeting & AGM 6.30pm @ Popo Hall

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