

The Cuby News

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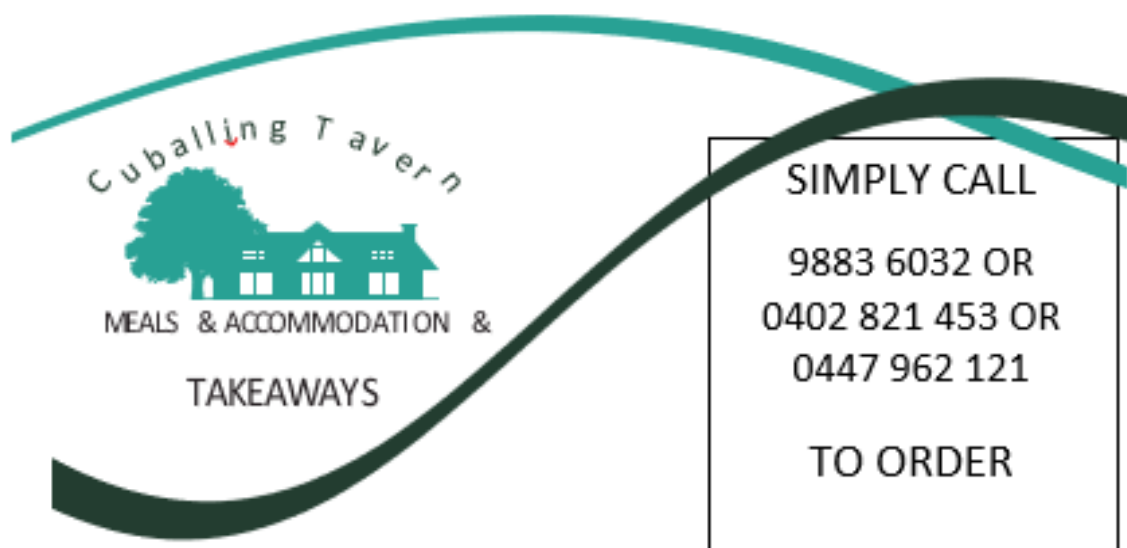
The of new developments are happening this month in both Cuballing and Popanyinning. The renovations to the Popanyinning Hall to make the entrance more accessible is nearing completion.

The Cuballing Hall repairs after the valentines day storm have commenced. The insurance claim will see the roof, ceilings and floors repaired.

The Cuballing Fire Station extension has commenced using funding from the Emergency services levy.

The Shire Depot's new gates have been installed and will allow increased space and make entry easier for Shire equipment.





CUBALLING TAVERN IS STILL OPEN FOR BUSINESS

We are still here to help and serve the community.

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GOVERNMENT GUIDELINES.



REGIONAL TRAVEL RESTRICTION

The State Government will introduce further restrictions on travel within the State from midnight Tuesday, to assist in reducing the spread of COVID-19.

From midnight Tuesday night (12am Wednesday morning), restrictions will be placed on travel within the entire State of Western Australia.

Western Australians will not be permitted to leave their regional boundary. Police have the power to enforce these restrictions if necessary, and fines of up to \$50,000 can be issued.

Exemptions will apply in circumstances including

- employment purposes;
- medical or veterinary reasons;
- delivery of essential services including health or emergency services;
- people living across regional boundaries, who may not have access to groceries or supplies immediately within their region;
- transport of goods;
- compassionate grounds;
- a family member has primary care responsibilities; for school, TAFE or tertiary study reasons;
- to escape domestic violence; or
- due to an emergency.

The regional boundaries mirror those of the regional development commissions. Due to their close proximity, the Perth and Peel regions will combine into one region.

Other regions are South-West, Great Southern, Goldfields-Esperance, Mid-West, Wheatbelt, Gascoyne, Pilbara and Kimberley.

If you have any queries about your travel needs or require a map of the regions in WA, you can discuss your situation with staff the Shire Office by telephone on 08 9883 6031.

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PRESIDENT'S PEN

Coronavirus has changed the world and how people are behaving. The Cuballing Shire has a simple aim, for everyone in our community to retain their health during the impending pandemic.

The Shire has made many changes, each relatively small but cumulatively will help protect and minimise transmission of the COVID 19 virus. Among the first initiatives was to request people with an elevated risk profile, people with pre-existing medical conditions and the elderly, to register with the Shire to enable assistance should it be needed. If you have not already registered please do so.

We have been acutely aware of the need for accurate information being available to everyone. Hence there has been an increase in Shire Facebook postings concerning coronavirus. Unfortunately, not everyone is on Facebook but it has broadened our ability to inform. We have also used the Shire webpage to provide links to important information on the virus and how to prepare.

For our staff there have been many changes implemented to reduce the risk of infection. Creating distance between the public and counter staff; hand sanitizer usage; enabling those who can work from home to do so; cleaning and disinfecting surfaces; vehicles etc and of course practicing social distancing. Unfortunately, these new requirements have caused the postponement or cancellation of several important events. These include, but are not limited to, the ANZAC services in Popanyinning and Cuballing, public consultation on the Cuballing rail reserve, Bushfire Advisory meeting and Yornaning Dam consultation meeting. While trying to continue with normal activities we are focusing on Emergency Management to further determine response and recovery for the COVID 19 emergency.

Legislative changes have been made to how Council meetings are able to be conducted. Previously, all Ordinary or Special Council meetings and Annual Electors meeting were to be held in person, however, from the 26th March, meetings can now be held via teleconference or video conferencing. This will require residents who wish to raise questions of Council to email or provide a written question prior to the meeting. It will be answered in the normal way and recorded in the minutes for public scrutiny. I suspect Cuballing Shire will make a temporary change to teleconferencing for all meetings as soon as possible.

Living in the Wheatbelt in some ways will be a positive in dealing with COVID 19 as the onset theoretically should be delayed compared with more heavily populated areas. The good news is we have more time to prepare. Please, start isolating and social distancing now to give yourself, friends and family the best chance in the fight to retain their health. If we delay and contagion occurs, we will have missed the best defence we have in minimising infection.

Finally, we need to be looking out for one another. Please keep in contact electronically with neighbours, friends and family particularly those at risk to ensure we do all we can for our community.

Stay safe

Mark Conley

Cuballing Shire President

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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 or by contacting Nicole at enquiries@cuballing.wa.gov.au or phone 08 9883 6031.

For a confidential discussion about the position, please call Deputy CEO Bronwyn Dew at the Shire Office or [0498 836 868](tel:0498836868). All enquiries and applications will be treated with utmost confidentiality.

Applications close with the undersigned by Thursday 30th April 2020

Gary Sherry
Chief Executive Officer
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CUBALLING WA 6311



COVID HOTLINE

**Phone 13 COVID
or 132 68 43**

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SERVICE UPDATE

In response to COVID-19 and complying with government directives the Shire of Cuballing has now closed:

- Public buildings including the Popanyinning Hall, Popanyinning Old School, Cuballing CWA Hall, Cuballing Men's Shed and Cuballing Recreation Centre;
- Yornaning Dam; and
- Playgrounds including McGarrigle Park at Popanyinning, Skatepark & Playground in Cuballing, and at Cuballing Recreation Centre.

Other public spaces, such as the Cuballing oval, remain open, but residents are only able to only gather in groups of 2.

Public toilets at Cuballing and Popanyinning remain open.

Refuse Sites at Cuballing and Popanyinning remain open.

The Shire of Cuballing Office remains open, but this is subject to change. Residents and ratepayers are requested to limit visits to essential business only. Telephone enquiries are encouraged.

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DID YOU KNOW

- April 3 is the 93rd day of the year (94th in leap years) in the Gregorian calendar. 272 days remain until the end of the year.,
- The best way to remember information long-term is to read it out loud to yourself,
- Prehistoric women had super strength. Studies of their bones show they had extremely strong arms due to a lifetime of rigorous manual labour. They had greater arm strength than even top-end modern athletes,
- Australia has the world's longest golf course measuring more than 850 miles long,
- Australia is home to 21 of the world's 25 most venomous snakes,
- Australia is even bigger than you think it is. It's almost the same size as mainland USA,
- The largest cattle station in the world is located in Australia and it's bigger than Israel,
- Former Prime Minister Bob Hawke set a world record for sculling 2.5 pints of beer in 11 seconds. Hawke later suggested that this was the reason for his great political success,
- The world's largest rock is not actually Uluru, but Mount Augustus in Western Australia Mount Augustus is actually twice the size of Uluru,
- AFL (Australian Rules Football) was invented to keep Cricketers fit in the off season, there are claims that the game may have been influenced by Indigenous Australians,
- The wombat deposits square poos,
- An Australian man once tried to sell New Zealand on eBay, with a starting price of A\$0.01,
- Aboriginal culture is the oldest culture on Earth,
- Australia invented the world's first seat belt law in 1970,
- Vegemite was created by left over Yeast used to create Beer - so that's why it tastes so good!
- Fraser Island is the largest sand island in the world,
- The Great Ocean Road is the world's largest war memorial,
- You can fly from Perth to Melbourne faster than you can fly from one end of Western Australia to the other.



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SHIRE OF CUBALLING NOTICES



COVID-19 Support



The Shire of Cuballing is here to help and support the local community. If you or anyone you know is in self-isolation, please let us know if they need help.

Fill out the "I can Help" form below if you are able to provide help with grocery deliveries or anything similar. We will contact you if and when we match you with a request.

Please use the "I need help" form if you are housebound and require support or to sign up for our free call and connect service.

Please consider either calling the Shire Office or emailing the form back to us.

I can help

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Do you have access to a vehicle?

Yes No

Are you comfortable to collect and deliver groceries?

Yes No

Are you comfortable picking up prescriptions?

Yes No

Are you comfortable walking a dog?

Yes No

What days are you available?

Mon Tue Wed

~~Thur~~ Fri Weekends

Which area do you prefer to deliver to?

I need help

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

What would you require help with?

Grocery Delivery

Dog Walking

Other

Would you like to be placed on a call and connect register?

Yes No

You will receive regular phone calls to check on you.

Please email the form to enquiries@cuballing.wa.gov.au
Or contact us on 9883 6031

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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.



Numbats in the Neighbourhood

PHCC's latest SHARE event was out and about in Dryandra Woodland presenting Numbats in the Neighbourhood.

The 71 attendees were treated to interesting presentations on all things numbats from guest speakers Tony Friend (DBCA), Peter Lacey (DBCA), Peter Mawson (Perth Zoo) and PHCC's own Mel Durack. Guest speakers in the 'speed dating' session spoke on a range of topics including a farmers perspective, how Numbat Taskforce is raising numbat awareness, what Project Numbat is up to and why we should all visit Barna Mia animal sanctuary. Dr Sally Box, the Threatened Species Commissioner sent through a video presentation which you can find on the event page of our website.

After supper the rain that had been falling most of the afternoon cleared for the visit to Barna Mia animal sanctuary. Guests saw boobies, bilbies, woylies, mala and quenda in their natural environment. Thank you to all the guest speakers and for everyone who attended the first SHARE out and About.



Photo: Peter Mawson, Tony Friend, Rob Harris (local farmer), Peter Lacey, John Lawson (Numbat Taskforce), Jock Abraham (Local Noongar Elder), Christine Townsend and Mel Durack.



Pigs, Pest & Biosecurity

The Cuballing Recreation Centre was buzzing on Thursday 5th of March when over 20 landholders and community members attended a three hour intensive Pigs, Pests and Biosecurity event.

Four guest speakers including Graeme Dent, President of the Western Australia Pork Producers Association, and Jo Wills from the Lake Muir Denbarker Community Feral Pig Eradication Group sparked lively discussion on a range of issues, including feral pigs, African Swine Fever, roadside weeds, PHCC projects and support.

The event was part of PHCC's Greening Farms project which supports farmers with management of on-farm vegetation, revegetation, fodder and soil health.

If you missed out and would like further information, please email our Regional Agriculture Landcare Facilitator, Paula on paula.pownall@peel-harvey.org.au

Covid-19 We value the health and safety of our whole community and PHCC has made the decision to temporarily close our office to visitors. We are still working and you can reach us via phone on 6369 8801 or 0455 166 780 or via email.

Soil Health Champion: Shaun Wittwer



Congratulations to Cuballing farmer Shaun Wittwer on being awarded the 2020 PHCC Soil Health Champion at the recent Talking Soil Health #TSH2020 conference in York, hosted by Wheatbelt NRM.

PHCC nominated Shaun for the work he and his family are doing to increase production and profitability by improving soil health and the landscape from the ground up. The Wittwer family have been involved in Landcare activities for more than 30 years and have planted over 200,000 salt bush shrubs.

Coming Up...

- If you have received a Community Environment Grant we will be in touch soon to see how you are going with your projects.
- Christine Townsend our Farmers for Fauna Coordinator will be in touch with landholders surrounding Dryandra soon to see if you need any help with feral cat management and to provide some information on how to use Feralscan. If you have recently trapped a cat or if you would like to loan a cage trap please email christine.townsend@peel-harvey.org.au

Do you have an NRM event or information you would like us to promote? Please contact Mel Durack at melanie.durack@peel-harvey.org.au or 0455 166 780 or 6369 8801



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

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Popanyinning Anzac Day
Service 2020 has been
unfortunately cancelled.

Popanyinning Progress
Association

Meeting's have
been postponed
until May 31st

*Cuballing Volunteer
Action Group*

*Meeting have been
Postponed indefianlty*

COMMUNITY NOTICES—CUBALLING CRICKET CLUB

The Cuballing Cricket Club would like to thank all the players, families, supporters, trophy donors, sponsors and all other persons who have given us support throughout the season. A special thank you to everyone who supplied food for afternoon tea each week. The A Grade finished third, going down to Wandering in the Preliminary final. The B Grade missed the finals by a couple of games but overall had a great season.

We congratulate Pingelly and Boddington on their wins.

We would like to thank the Shire of Cuballing for the use of the facilities during the year and for always having the oval in top condition. Well done to you all.

Our trophy winners for the season are :

A Grade:

Batting Average - Brock Francis

Batting Aggregate - Brock Francis

Bowling Average - Grady Francis

Bowling Aggregate - Grady Francis

Cricketer of the Year - Brock Francis

Fielding Award - Joe Dowling

5 Wicket Hauls - Brock Francis, Roger Ballard and Andrew Harris

100 Runs - Brock Francis 117 no, Joe Dowling

104no, Rhett Ballard 102 (Country Week)

We will endeavour to get trophies to all players as soon and as best we can.

B Grade:

Batting Average - Dorry Grzinic

Batting Aggregate - Quinlan Paice

Bowling Average - Robin Donnell

Bowling Aggregate - Robin Donnell

Cricketer of the Year - Robin Donnell

Junior Award: Caleb Dewing

Fielding Award: Blair Kemp

Most Improved: Neal Maartens
(Peter Hewitt Memorial Award)

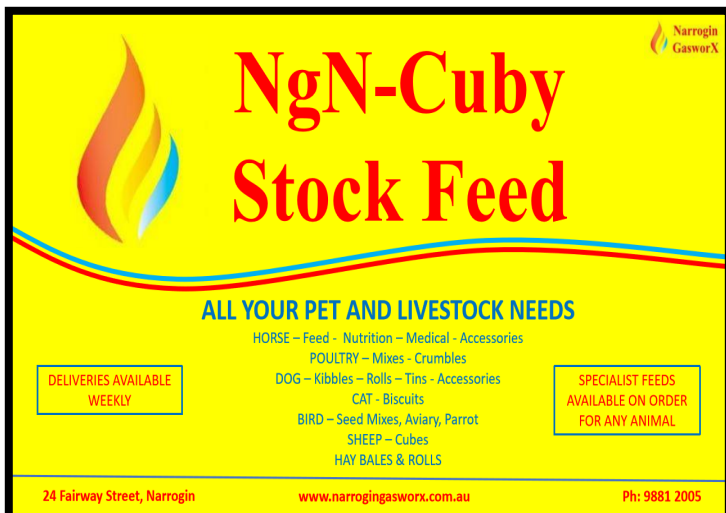
On behalf of the President and Committee we wish everyone a safe journey through these worrying times. Look after yourselves and those near and dear.

Until we all meet again

Regards

Margaret McAuliffe

Secretary



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Peter Rundle MLA Member for Roe

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