

The Cubby News

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Removing tubes, patching leaks, greasing chains, adjusting brakes, and popping wheelies were some of the exciting things all 22 enthusiastic kids learnt on April 14th, 2022, at the Cuballing Youth Day. Taking place at the Cuballing Rec Centre the day took off with a lot of excitement when the kids learnt Joseph from the Wheatbelt Cycle Collective and push bike mechanic extraordinaire would show them how to pop a wheelie, jump jumps and other general skills all which are useful in navigating the new bike tracks at the Yornaning Dam (or which ever bike tracks they wish to tackle)

Once the kids had learnt some ripper bike riding skills it was onto learning how to maintain their push bikes. While some gained the knowledge to maintain their own bikes, the rest settled into stripping down and rebuilding push bikes donated by Michael Chin from the Wheatbelt Cycle Collective. 3 hours of fun filled push bike tear down and rebuild. By gee it was a busy morning and I think a lot of knowledge was gained by all who attended.



A very special mention needs to go to Carry Van Empel & Peter Sinclair from the Cuballing Men's Shed who passed on many years of knowledge, Gavin Atwell for his tyre patching and

changing expertise and Michael Chin & Joseph from the Wheatbelt Cycle Collective Without these community volunteer's worthy workshops like this are not possible.

This project was funded by the Department of Communities and organised by the Shire of Cuballing. If you have an idea for a 2023 Youth Week project, please email Michelle on cdo@cuballing.wa.gov.au or call 98836 031



Coming Events at
The Cuballing Tavern



With our Local and Favourite (He's got new songs)

Walter

Saturday 4th June

7 pm to 11PM

COME AND HAVE SOME FUN

at the Cuby

ACCOMODATION AVAILABLE – PLEASE BOOK ON 9883 6032
NO COVER CHARGE

Cuballing Tavern



MEALS ACCOMMODATION FUNCTIONS

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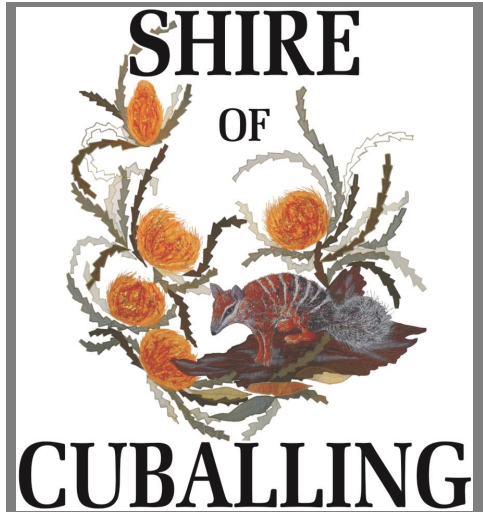
When is the last time you treated yourself to a lovely meal out.
Come to the Cuby for a delicious meal.

PRESIDENT'S PEN MAY 2022

So much has happened in the six months since I took over as president. We appointed our new CEO, Stan Scott, who comes with a wealth of experience in local government and has hit the ground running. We also have a new Deputy CEO in Fred Steer who is quickly finding his feet. All new councillors and newly elected councillors now have to do compulsory training – four courses on line and a full day's course on financial management face to face – so we have all been learning a lot this year! The Narrogin Wickepin fires, as you all know, started in the Cuballing Shire so Cr Harris and I have been part of the Joint Local Recovery Coordinating Group with the Shires of Narrogin and Wickepin and the District Recovery Coordination Group with Corrigin and Quairading. I hope and pray that a fire of this size is something we never have to face again but, if it is, being on these groups has helped us with our own emergency response plan so we are prepared.

The Cuballing and Popanyinning Bushfire Brigades and Cuballing volunteer fire fighters were the first responders at the Narrogin Wickepin fires and were in the thick of the firefighting for the whole of Sunday and then back for clean up the rest of the week. They did an amazing job in extremely difficult circumstances. Many Cuballing residents have been helping with the ongoing recovery and re-fencing of properties. The volunteer group, BlazeAid, are now providing considerable man (and woman) power to the re-fencing operations in Wickepin and Narrogin. They are based at the Wickepin caravan park and are receiving donations of food and supplies. Any contribution is welcome and they will be here until August/September. The Shire of Cuballing is planning a thank you event for BlazeAid and our own volunteers and bushfire brigades in a couple of months. Watch this space!

Eliza Dowling
President



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UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS

Wednesday 18th May 2022
Wednesday 15th June 2022
Wednesday 20th July 2022

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

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PROPOSED CAT LOCAL LAW

Shire of Cuballing Cat Local Law 2022

The Shire of Cuballing has resolved to make a local law relating to the keeping of Cats.

- The **purpose** of the proposed Cats Local Law is to encourage responsible cat ownership and to provide for the effective management of cats within the Shire of Cuballing.
- The **effect** of the proposed Cats Local Law is that persons who own or keep a cat within the Shire of Cuballing are to comply with the provisions of this local law.

A copy of the proposed law may be inspected at or obtained from the Shire of Cuballing, 22 Campbell St, Cuballing WA 6311, between the hours of 8.30am and 4.00 pm Monday to Friday.

Submissions about the proposed law may be made to:

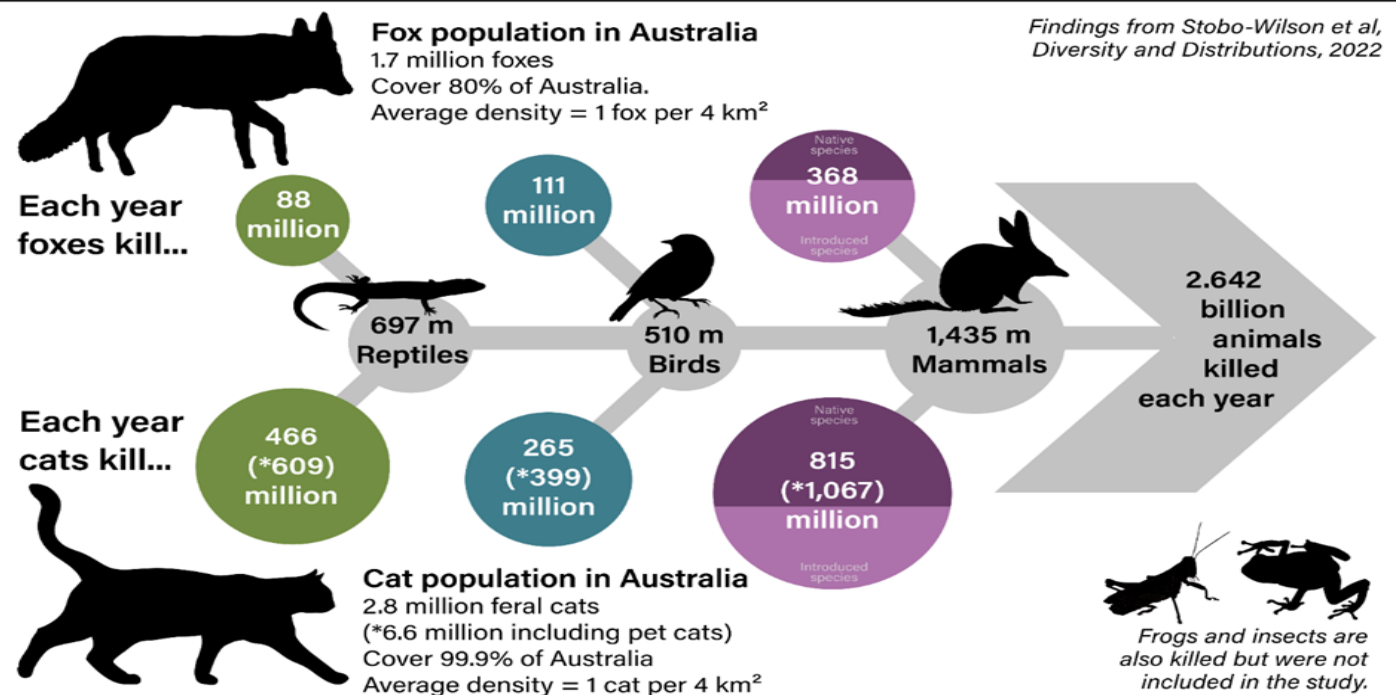
Shire of Cuballing
22 Campbell St (PO Box13)
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By 4.30 pm Friday 7th June 2022.

Stan Scott

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Animals killed in Australia each year



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ANZAC DAY CUBALLING

2022 ANZAC Day Service. The Shire of Cuballing would like to thank Mr Ries Chattillon, Mrs Robin Newman, Mrs Pat McDougall, Miss Emily Ballantyne, Mr Davey Newitt, Miss Liberty Tullett and the Cuballing Tavern for their assistance in the 2022 ANZAC day service



**PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT
DISRUPTION TO TRAFFIC**

**SPRINGHILL ROAD CLOSED
DUE TO ROADWORKS**

**TUESDAY 10th MAY,
WEDNESDAY 11th MAY
THURSDAY 12th MAY**



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COUNCIL SHORTS—*Progress photos Aged Care Units*



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COUNCIL NOTES

Audit Committee - Independent Member

The Shire of Cuballing is seeking expressions of interest from members of the public to serve as an independent member on the Shire's Audit Committee. The committee meets about 4 times per year.

The *Local Government Act 1995* (the Act) requires that all local governments establish an audit committee. An audit committee plays a key role in assisting a local government to fulfil its governance and oversight responsibilities in relation to financial reporting, internal control structure, risk management systems, legislative compliance, ethical accountability and the internal and external audit functions.

The audit committee should critically examine the audit and management reports provided by the external auditor. The committee would then determine if matters raised in the reports require action to be taken by the local government and ensure that appropriate action is implemented.

Ideally the independent member/s will have skills or qualifications to add value to the work of the committee. The Shire is not permitted to pay fees to independent members, but expenses can be reimbursed.

Brief written expressions of interest should be:

Posted to the address below:

Confidential – Audit Committee Membership
C/- Chief Executive Officer
Shire of Cuballing
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Or by email to:

ceo@cuballing.wa.gov.au with the subject heading Confidential – Audit Committee Membership

Expressions of interest close 4.00 pm 17 May 2022.

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COUNCIL NOTES

The following questions were put to the Shire following a swarm of fires near Popanyinning early in April. The questions created some lively and fruitful discussion at the Bushfires Advisory Committee (BFAC) Meeting on 13 April 2022. For the uninitiated, BFAC happens twice per year and consists of Shire Fire Control Officers, Shire staff and the Shire President.

The BFAC agreed that the questions and the responses should be shared in the Cuby News, and the author was happy for us to do so. The following was the substance of the questions. In italics are BFAC / Shire responses.

The Burning Permits

Due to weather patterns dramatically changing over the last few years and the outlook for even faster and severe expected changes, perhaps the obtaining of burning permits needs to be updated. Combined with the facts that the shire has a large percentage of older people and those with limiting mobility plus limited resources, protecting residents from permitted burnings becoming uncontrolled need to be taken into account. The permit holder maybe following all procedures and protocols that have not necessarily take into account any of the above considerations.

These are the aspects that should be clarified to all residents of the shire when obtaining a burning permit:

- Periods in advance and duration for obtaining a permit

When a farmer asks for a permit FCOs ask that they have 24 hr notification before writing the permit

- It is for a specific location , i.e. 2- 5km radius of a particular geographical point

The permit will be written for specific lot numbers or location numbers.

How many permits can be issued to an individual at a time

Many permits are written for the restricted burning period. The only time FCOs have small numbers of permits out is the very 1st week of restricted burning, due to conditions (Usually dry)

Does the applicant have to completed a fire training session, with say, the local fire brigade

Applicant is not required to do fire training with any brigade. There are conditions that the FCO writes on the permit to reduce the risk of a fire getting away.

Is an applicant's previous behaviour taken into account when issuing a permit

Yes, applicants' previous behaviour is taken into account when writing a permit for them—sometimes FCOs do not issue permits to individuals

How are direct neighbours advised of the time, duration and location of a burn

Direct neighbours should be notified by the permit holder .This is a stipulation written on the permit. (Notify Neighbours)

Can neighbours further away find out when permits are issued and expected to be acted upon

Residents further away from the actual burn could always phone their FCO for the area in question and find out more information. Some burns are actually posted on emergency DFES page for all people to have information

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COUNCIL NOTES

- Should all neighbours stand by and be alert to a permitted burning becoming uncontrollable
On the rare occasions when a permitted burn escapes it is usually on the farmer's property where the fire was lit and involves no one else. If fires do escape and 000 is called normal fire fighting protocols occur including emergency warnings and listing on the emergency WA website.
- Is an applicant expected to undertake remedial fire training if mistakes are made or only allowed to burn under the direct supervision of a fire officer for a period of time
All farmers and permit holders are restricted to the conditions specified on the permit. The applicant must obey these conditions. When a fire escapes it is usually mother nature changing weather conditions, and catches the permit holder unaware. These farmers have burnt their property year after year and as FCOs we tend to trust their knowledge on how to burn. No remedial fire training required.
- When a burning permit is revoked, because of changing weather conditions, how is the applicant directly notified
When revoking permits applicants are notified by phone from their FCO who wrote the permit immediately.

If the Shire of Cuballing is able and willing to update the procedures and protocols it is hoped that the whole community is able to freely submit ideas to be taken into consideration for discussion.

FCOs are always available to educate and listen to the public . As a group we also take on board how we can make fire season easier for residents to understand. Whenever there is a major incident there is a debrief to identify what worked, what went wrong, and is there anything we could or should have done differently.

On the next page is a sample permit. There are a range of standard conditions an FCO can apply to individual permits. As a standard practice in Cuballing we always add "notify neighbours". The reverse of the permit form sets out the permit holders obligations under the Bush Fires Act and Regulations. Breaches can result in substantial penalties.

RURAL FIRE AWARENESS TRAINING

There is a new course available for farmer fire fighters. We will be offering more sessions over the next few months. Completing of the course will be a pre-requisite for registration as a fire fighter and the issue of Fire Fighting Personal Protection Equipment (PPE). Look out for a course coming soon.

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Department of Fire & Emergency Services

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WESTERN AUSTRALIA
BUSH FIRES ACT - 1954
Regulation 15

PERMIT 67173

PERMIT TO SET FIRE TO THE BUSH

Subject to the provisions of the *Bush Fires Act 1954*, and the regulations made thereunder and to the due observance and performance of the conditions endorsed on this permit including the provisions of section 18 of the said Act permission is hereby granted to:

Mr
 of
 to set fire to the bush locations
 on the 20.....
 Dated the day of 20.....
 Signed
 Bush Fire Control Officer.

Note - This permit is not valid during a declared prohibited burning time and is issued subject to the provisions of section 46 of the *Bush Fires Act* and may be revoked or suspended by a bush fire control officer if, in his opinion, the fire, if lit, would become a source of danger.

A bush fire control officer is not compelled to inspect an area to be burnt before issuing a permit to burn. The onus lies on the person not only to comply with the provisions of the *Bush Fire Act*, but also to ensure there is no danger of the fire escaping. The issue of this permit in no way affects that responsibility

Plan and any special conditions to be observed:-

Action Required by permit holder prior to lighting (In addition to reverse) -	Permit issuer to tick if applicable ✓
Fire not to be lit on Sunday or Public Holiday	
LG office to be notified 24hrs before burning starts PH:.....	
Notify DPaW office PH:.....	
Notify DFES Communications Centre PH: 08 9395 9210	
Grass & Stubble for crop preparation only. No timber is to be burnt	
In attendance throughout burn until completely extinguished:	
Hose (running water)	
Knapsacks (Indicate No.)	
Fire Appliance - (specify 600 litre slip-on, 2.4 or other)	
Grader or Tractor & Plough	
Personnel (Indicate No.)	
A firebreak of metres completely surrounding area to be burnt	
Wind strength less than (indicate in Km/h):	
Wind Direction:	
Not to be lit before hours or after hours	
Other Conditions:	

NOTE:
THIS PERMIT IS NOT VALID ON DAYS OF FORECAST VERY HIGH, SEVERE, EXTREME OR CATASTROPHIC FIRE DANGER SEE OVER

White - Permit Holder Yellow - Shire Copy Green - Stays in Book

DFES 15 FE

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SUMMARY OF APPLICABLE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 18 OF THE BUSH FIRES ACT 1954 AND REGULATION 15B

- (6) Subject to this Act a person shall not set fire to the bush on land within a zone of the State during the restricted burning times for that zone of the state unless –
- (a) he has obtained a permit in writing to burn the bush from a bush fire control officer of the local government in whose district the land upon which the bush proposed to be burnt is situated, or from the chief executive officer of the local government if a bush fire control officer is not available; and
 - (b) the conditions prescribed for the purpose of this section are complied with in relation to the burning of the bush.
- (7) The person issuing a permit to burn under this section may, by endorsement on the permit –
- (a) incorporate therein any additional requirement and directions considered necessary by him relative to the burning; or
 - (b) modify or dispense with any of the conditions prescribed for the purpose of this section in so far as those conditions are applicable to the burning.
- (8) The holder of the permit to burn under this section –
- (a) shall observe and carry out any requirement or direction incorporated therein pursuant to subsection (7) (a);
 - (b) shall, where any prescribed condition is modified pursuant to subsection (5) or subsection (7) (b), comply with that condition as a modified
 - (c) need not comply with any prescribed conditions that is suspended or dispensed with pursuant to subsection (5) or (7) (b)
- (9) A permit issued under this section may authorise the owner or occupier of land to burn the bush on a road reserve adjoining that land.
- (10) (a) Subject to the regulations a local government may by resolution declare that within its district bush may be burnt only on such dates and by such persons as are prescribed by a schedule of burning times adopted by the local government.
- (b) A person desiring to set fire to bush within the district of the local government that has made a declaration under subsection (10A) shall, by such date as may be determined by the local government, apply to the local government for permission to set fire to the bush, and the local government shall allocate a day or days on which the burning may take place.
- (c) Any burning permitted under subsection (10B) shall be done only on the day or days and in the manner specified by the local government and subject to the conditions prescribed for the purposes of this section except that any prescribed period of notice may be varied by the local government in order to enable the schedule of burning times adopted by it to be given effect to.
- (11) Where a person starts a fire on land, if the fire escapes from the land or if the fire is in opinion of the bush fire control officer or an officer of a bush fire brigade out of control on the land, the person shall be liable to pay to the local government on the request of and for the recoup to its bush fire brigade, any expenses up to a maximum amount of \$10,000 incurred by it in preventing the extension of or extinguishing the fire, and such expenses may be recovered in any court of competent jurisdiction.
- (12) A person who commits a breach of this section other than subsection (11) is guilty of an offence.
Penalty: For a first offence \$4,500.
For any subsequent offence \$10,000.

15B Obligations of permit holder

- (1) Subject to the Act a person who has obtained a permit to burn the bush under section 18 of the Act (in this regulation called "the permit holder") shall comply with the conditions set out in this regulation in relation to the burning of the bush.
- (2) The permit holder shall give notice of his intention to burn the bush upon land, or upon a part of land, to –
- (a) the chief executive officer or a bush fire control officer of the local government in whose district that land is situated;
 - (b) the owner or occupier of all land adjoining that land;
 - (c) a forest officer if the bush is situated within three kilometres of forest land; and
 - (d) an officer of employee of each notifiable authority (if any), being an officer or employee who is apparently authorised to accept that notice.
- (3) The period of notice required under subregulation (2) of this regulation shall not be –
- (a) more than twenty-eight days; or
 - (b) less than four days unless the notice is given verbally in which case the minimum period of notice may be determined by mutual agreement.
- (4) Notice required to be given to an owner, occupier or other person under subregulation (2) of this regulation may be given by any of the following methods –
- (a) by verbal communication or in writing as will ensure (except in the case mentioned in paragraph (c) of this subregulation) that every owner, occupier or other person is made aware of the intention to burn and the date and time thereof; or
 - (b) by delivering it at the premises on which the person to whom notice is to be given lives or carries on business or by leaving it with a person who is apparently over the age of sixteen years who resides or is employed on the premises; or
 - (c) in the case of an owner or occupier of adjoining land who is not at the time residing on the adjoining land by posting, not less than eight days prior to the first day on which it is intended to burn the bush, the notice by prepaid letter addressed to the last known place of abode or business of the owner or occupier.
- (5) A notice given under subregulation (2) of this regulation shall contain full particulars of the locality where the bush proposed to be burnt is situated.
- (6) Before setting fire to the bush the permit holder shall arrange for and provide, in order to assist in keeping the fire under control and preventing it from spreading beyond the land on which the burning is to take place, at least three able-bodied persons who shall be constantly in attendance at the fire from the time it is lit until no burning or smouldering fuel is within thirty metres of the perimeter of the firebreak surrounding the burnt area or, if there is no such firebreak within thirty metres of the perimeter of the burnt area.
- (7) Where for any day, or any period of a day, specified in a notice given under subregulation (2) of this regulation the fire danger forecast issued by the Bureau of Meteorology in Perth in respect of the locality where the bush proposed to be burnt is situated is either "catastrophic", "extreme", "severe" or "very high" the permit holder shall not burn the bush in the locality on that day or during that period but may burn the bush in the locality on the first day following that day or that period on which the fire danger forecast issued by the Bureau of Meteorology is below "very high".**
- (8) The permit holder shall not light a fire to burn the bush on a Sunday if the burning of bush on Sundays is for the time being prohibited in the district in which the bush is situated pursuant to regulation 15C(1).
- (9) The permit holder shall not light a fire to burn the bush on a day that is public holiday in the district in which the bush is situated if the burning of the bush on that day is for the time being prohibited in that district pursuant to regulation 15C(2).

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UPCOMING EVENTS—MAY

A promotional poster for Australia's Biggest Morning Tea. The background is yellow with a pattern of blue and yellow teapots. A large white circle in the center contains the text "Australia's Biggest Morning Tea". Below this, a white rectangular area contains event details: "Every dollar raised helps support those impacted by cancer." followed by "MAY 19th". There are dotted lines for "When:", "Where:", "Time:", and "Details:". The time is "10AM" and the location is "CUBALLING ROADHOUSE". Below that, it says "Morning Tea for a donation—all proceeds to Cancer Council" and "biggestmorningtea.com.au". To the right of the details is a box labeled "Place QR Sticker Here" and the Cancer Council logo.

**Australia's
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MAY 19th

When:

Where:

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A huge thank you to the crews and volunteers who came and helped fight the fires on our property on Friday 8th April.

We greatly appreciate all that you did

Simon & Charissa Parsons.



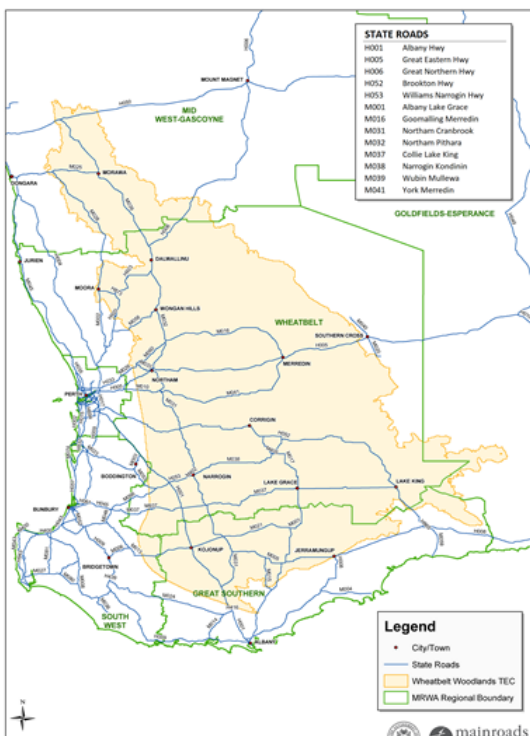
WHEATBELT REVEGETATION PROGRAM LAND PURCHASES

Main Roads is seeking to buy portions of land adjacent to State roads for revegetation purposes. There are a number of upgrades planned for roads, particularly within the Wheatbelt and to a lesser extent, Great Southern regions of WA, which will require the removal of native vegetation that, in some cases, is protected by both State and Commonwealth legislation. The purpose of the land acquisitions and revegetation is to “offset” the future residual loss of this vegetation.

Main Roads is ideally looking for cleared farming land immediately adjoining the road reserves of State roads. The land should be 50 to 100 metres wide and more than one kilometre long and (preferably) linking remnant vegetation. It is intended that any land acquired would be dedicated as road reserve.

Interested landowners are encouraged to contact Rod Cousins at Main Roads on (08) 9323 4811 or via revegetationbank@mainroads.wa.gov.au

Further information about the program can be found at: <https://www.mainroads.wa.gov.au/globalassets/community-environment/environment/clearing-reveg/wheatbelt-revegetation-bank-factsheet.pdf>



ANZAC DAY ADDRESS 2022, POPANYINNING *by Stephen Bowes*

Over a number of years, my biographical writing and ANZAC Day addresses have focussed on the men who enlisted for service in the Great War. This year, I'd like to shift our attention to the service given by our women. This requires, if you'll permit, a little bit of background history, all of which is readily available from online sources.

The South African or Boer War was fought from October 1899 to May 1902 between Great Britain on one side, and the Orange Free State and the South African Republic of Transvaal, on the other. Our South African friends know this conflict as The Second War of Independence or the Anglo-Boer War. Service by nurses in the NSW colonial military forces in South Africa began in 1899, and at the end of the war, led to the formation of the Australian Army Nursing Reserve in 1902. During World War 1, more than 2000 nurses served abroad with the AIF in the Australian Army Nursing Service (AANS), and a small group of civilian nurses, known as the Bluebirds, were recruited by the Red Cross to serve in French hospitals.

The role of women in Australia's Armed Forces was expanded during the Second World War. Female branches of the Royal Australian Air Force and Royal Australian Navy were formed with women in a range of support roles, while the Army formed the Australian Women's Army Service (AWAS) and the Australian Army Medical Women's Service (AAMWS). In 1944, almost 50,000 women were serving in the armed forces, while thousands more served in the civilian Australian Women's Land Army (AWLA).

The female branches of the services were disbanded at the end of the Second World War, but in 1951, shortages of manpower during the Korean War led to the establishment of permanent female branches of the military: the Women's Royal Australian Naval Service (WRANS), the Women's Auxiliary Army Corps (WAAC) and the Women's Royal Australian Air Force (WRAAF).

Jumping forward to the present, we find on this ANZAC Day, that the Army is 14% female, Navy 22% and Air Force 22%. The Australian Defence Force as a whole is now around 20% female. These numbers have grown steadily since 2011, when Defence made increasing female participation a priority, with the long term goal of opening all gender restricted roles to women.

Women were made eligible for flying roles in the RAAF in 1987, and the following year Flight Lieutenant Robyn Williams and Officer Cadet Deborah Hicks became the first women pilots in the RAAF. Restrictions were later removed allowing women to train as fast jet pilots. In December 2017, the first two female RAAF fighter pilots graduated at Williamtown air base, near my old home town of Newcastle, to become pilots of the F/A-18 hornet aircraft. The same Unit is now training pilots for the Lockheed Martin F-35 Lightning.

In 2012-13, the 'Women in the ADF' report commented: "increasing the participation of women in the ADF ensures that Defence secures the best possible talent available", and in 2016, the Chief of Army, Lt-General Angus Campbell said: "My aim is that women will make up 25% of the Army.....I want and need the Army to benefit from the full talent of the other half of our citizens."

Throughout this history of women's service to Australia, nurses have been ever present, to clean up the damage that warfare makes of men. The AANS was mobilized again for World War 2. The service was renamed the Royal Australian Army Nursing Service in 1948 and became part of the regular Army in 1949. In 1951, Army nurses achieved corps status as the Royal Australian Army Nursing Corps. Colonel in Chief of the Corps is Queen Elizabeth II.

ANZAC DAY ADDRESS 2022, POPANYINNING *Continued*

Today, women in the ADF are moving increasingly into the front line roles of the military. For over a century, our nurses have often been perilously close to the front line. With your indulgence, I'll return to the Great War and quote for you from the 1933 memoirs of Nursing Sister, May Tilton. These reminiscences give a tantalizing taste of a nurse's day to day life at Casualty Clearing Stations (CCS), which tend to be rather close to the front lines. For context, the 3rd Battle of Ypres was fought from July to November 1917, and culminated in Passchendaele, a battle in which all five Australian Divisions participated.

September 21 1917: "There was no stint of anything that might benefit the patients at the CCSs. We could order unlimited supplies of brandy, champagne, port, stout, chicken, eggs, milk- in fact, all we could ever want, yet never saw at the base hospitals. The nearer we were to the guns, the more plentiful were luxuries and noise.....That night no one could sleep for the roaring of the guns. Several of us were called at 3 a.m. to open a new ward to cope with the rush of patients pouring in. An appalling air raid was just over. The terrific explosions had been such a tremendous tax on our nerves, it was a relief to be up and doing. The enemy planes had disappeared to load up for another attack. They came several times every night at this place. Some of the patients were too ill to take much notice, while others, scarcely able to lie in their beds, in an overwrought state of nerves, would cry out: 'Sister, give me an injection, quickly, before they come again. I can't stand any more tonight.' It was pathetic to see how eagerly they longed for the drug to take effect. We were allowed to use our own discretion in giving morphia or stimulants. Needless to add, we were ever ready with either, when we thought them necessary."

October 2 1917: "Guns roared all day, while the wounded were pouring in. The Australian sisters were recalled to our own No.3 CCS, which had been established two miles from Poperinghe, at Nine Elms, and six miles from Ypres. As we travelled by ambulance car, we passed some Australian troops on the way to the line. Elsie Grant recognised her brother's battalion colours, jumped out of the fast-travelling ambulance in her excitement, and ran back along the line of marching troops. The next moment brother and sister were clasped in each other's arms. He brought her back and put her in the ambulance. She was nearly distracted, seeing him marching up to the never-ending thunder and lightning of the guns. He laughed at her fears and said he would be down to see her the very first chance. But he never came. It was their last farewell."

Thank you to Tim Haslam, Di, and Stephen Bowes for a wonderful ceremony and fantastic stories.

To Barry Dillion and Paul Cook for been our flag raisers and Adrian Kowald, Di Ferguson and Ella Atwell for the wreath laying. We will remember them





THE VILLAGE NEWS

...it takes a village...

The Village now has more than 60 foundation members – with a surge from Wandering following our morning tea and discussion arranged by Sheryl Little. Thanks to Sheryl and the Crafters for hosting us at the Wandering Community Centre.



On Thursday 5th May, we are doing it all again in Wickepin at 10.00am at the Wickepin Community Centre. Please call Amanda Heaney at the Wickepin CRC on (08) 9888 1500 if you would like to come and hear, seek clarification or just chat about The Village and how this exciting new plan will enable we the baby boomers to stay living at home, in our community as we age.

We anticipate similar morning tea functions in Cuballing and Pingelly late May and June.

Foundation members (those who join The Village before 30th June 2022) have now received membership cards and are being surveyed to ascertain the services people are seeking and commence The Village volunteer program and buddy system.

See the website stayinginplaceinthevillage.com.au or contact your local CRC or Shire Office in Cuballing for an expression of interest form. Free membership applies for foundation members.

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The Village activities and events survey is also ready to roll which will clarify the early activities and events program for members.

Years of lobbying have paid off when Catholic Homes representatives told us that they now have a client from this area receiving Short Term Restorative Care – a Commonwealth funded program to help people stay living at home.



There is no out of pocket expense to a client who can get help 7 days a week for 8 weeks so long as they are assessed as needing the help.

Members are now using our experienced concierge team to assist with any personal matter related to being able to stay living at home – such as eligibility for the pension, Commonwealth home care packages, carer allowances, NDIS plans and more.

As always, please call the concierge team on 08 98871409 for any information about the Village.

Best wishes,

Helen Morton

Project officer

0418 925 861

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.

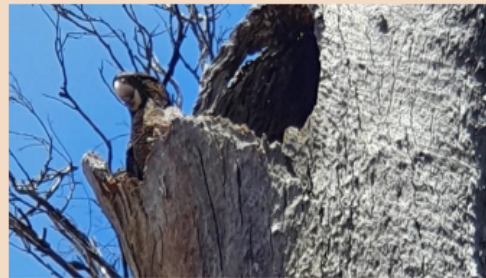


Black Cockatoo Exploration Surveys happening in the Hotham-Williams

Our team and Birdlife are currently exploring bush areas in the Hotham-Williams looking for elusive black cockatoo nesting hollows.

If you think you may have seen a black cockatoo nest hollow on your property, or elsewhere, please let Megan LeRoy, our Black Cockatoo project officer know. She can come and survey the area and check any hollows found.

Megan's details: megan.leroy@peel-harvey.org.au
Ph: 6369 8800



A Forest Red-tailed Black Cockatoo in a hollow in Boddington

Hotham-Williams Meet and Greet Morning Tea

Recently PHCC had 31 people attend the 'Hotham-Williams Meet and Greet' morning tea which allowed the local community to meet the team working out of the PHCC Boddington Office.

Community members enjoyed a cuppa and morning tea while learning more about the projects being delivered in the Hotham-Williams sub-catchment.

There were plenty of colouring sheets and other activity sheets for the children to do while learning about all the amazing critters in our area. These activities will also assist the student attendees with their Children's University project participation.

We would like to thank those who were able to attend for a lovely morning discussing all things PHCC.



Community Members and PHCC Staff

Hollow Log Relocation...



Christine Townsend with a relocated hollow log

Hollow logs provide incredibly important habitat and food sources for ground dwelling wildlife including numbats. Through PHCC's Numbat Neighbourhood Project we have relocated unwanted hollow logs from an on farm fence line to help establish a wildlife corridor on private property on the outskirts of Boddington.

The logs will enhance habitat, assist seedling regeneration and provide refuge for native fauna, particularly

against foxes and feral cats.

These logs will also provide a source of food for invertebrate decomposers, like termites, who then themselves provide food for numbats, skinks and echidnas.

There is already natural regeneration occurring within the new corridor and there is also revegetation planned by the landowners to further enhance the habitat.

Landcare matters

Hotham-Williams sub-catchment update



Do you own a patch of Threatened Ecological Community (TEC) that supports Black Cockatoos?

If you own a good quality patch of Eucalypt Woodland in the Wheatbelt and have Black Cockatoos that reside or feed there, we'd love to support you to protect it.

Historical wide-scale clearing of native vegetation for agriculture and infrastructure in the Wheatbelt has resulted in major loss and decline of Eucalypt Woodlands with only small fragmented good quality patches now remaining. These patches are vital for endangered species such as Black Cockatoos that depend on these vegetation communities for food and to breed in.

Whilst some of these woodland areas are protected in nature reserves managed by State government departments, there are small parcels that still exist privately. If you own a patch of Eucalypt Woodland in the Wheatbelt and you see Black Cockatoos regularly using the vegetation, please get in contact with us. The priority areas in the Wheatbelt are Wandering, Pingelly, Narrogin, Boddington, Cuballing, and Williams.

We would like to support you through funding to protect and/or restore your patch of bush so you can ensure its longevity as a food or nesting source well into the future. We can assist with funding for fencing off your bush, removing weed species and pest animals, installing artificial nests and water sources, and planting black cockatoo foods.

Ideally we are looking for bush patches that are greater than 2ha or above in good condition that qualify as threatened ecological communities. Eucalypt Woodlands of the Wheatbelt generally contain single-stemmed eucalypts such as wandoo, river gums, flooded gum and York gum. Some of these very old eucalypts (>150 years) have hollows large enough to support breeding cockatoos. If you think the Black Cockatoos are nesting in tree hollows in your patch, we can monitor these with a telescopic camera.

Please get in touch with Megan LeRoy at megan.leroy@peel-harvey.org.au or 6369 8800.



Searching for Black Cockatoo nests in Wandoo Woodland in the Hotham Williams

COVID-19 We value the health and safety of our whole community and PHCC is now accepting visitors on an appointment basis only. Please contact us to make a booking via phone on 6369 8801 or 0455 166 780 or via email.

We are Hiring...

PHCC is looking for a special someone, with fantastic administration skills, to join the Hotham-Williams Team in our Boddington office.

If you think you will enjoy supporting a team of professional, highly effective NRM practitioners hell-bent on protecting natural assets and supporting their farming and general community, this is the job for you.

This 15 month contract position to 1 August 2023, with the possibility of extension, has the option for part time (30 hours) or full time (38 hours).

Applicants will need demonstrated experience in administration support, as detailed in the job description.

https://peel-harvey.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/2022_Admin-Officer-HW_JDF_FINAL.pdf

Applicants need to provide a cover letter, resume and statement of suitability against each of the key selection criteria as shown in the job description form here.

Applications will remain open until a suitable pool of applicants has been received at recruitment@peel-harvey.org.au



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These projects are supported by the Peel-Harvey Catchment Council through funding from the Australian Government's National Landcare Program and Environment Restoration Fund, Newmont Boddington, South32 Worsley Alumina and the Shires of Boddington, Cuballing, Wandering and Williams

GOLF NOTES - APRIL 2022

Season 2022 started off with a BANG! Quite literally in the case of our President Morty.

A contingent of 35 golfers descended upon the Cuballing Golf Club for the first day out in 2022 for our 3 Person Ambrose Day. Groups decided and divided we all made our way over to Number 1 Tee to watch the first shot of the year. Who would have the prestigious honour, none other than our President Morty who is now in his 11th year as President. Formalities out of the way we went about the business of hitting a little white ball around. From all reports everyone had an enjoyable day. The sonic boom that went off across the course wasn't the rifle range next door, it was in fact Morty's buggy tyre blowing out. Quite a reaction from the gallery teeing off on number 8, laughs all around, even the president himself. No matter, Peter George's pushcart came to the rescue, and he was able to complete his round without issue.



Our second round of the season was a simple Stableford. We had 23 people take to the course with various scores across the field. The winning score was an untouchable 44 from Kade Maley, Runner up was Logan Hayes with 37.

Given how dry it has been lately, we have had to establish a substantial watering program to keep the new tee boxes in check and help them to become established. Thank you to Denty, DC & Morty for getting this going and anyone else who has helped with getting the water in the ground.

In May we have two coaching sessions planned with PGA Professional Brayden McCubbing from the Marangaroo Golf Club. On the 14th & 28th Brayden will be conducting multiple sessions thorough out the mornings with the focus being primarily on Juniors however, everyone is welcome to get involved. If you don't have any equipment but want to give golf a go, Brayden will have some equipment available if required. This is the CHEAPEST coaching you will find with Juniors being \$5 and Seniors \$10. Bookings are essential so please get in touch with Lindsay.



In May we have a full roster of golf fixtured, this coming weekend (7th) we have the NAB Combined Blind Stableford, the 14th is our First Qualifying Round thanks to Cuballing Roadhouse, the 21st is the Cuballing Building Company 2 Person Stableford and 28th is the Narrogin Pumps Par Round.

Plenty of golf on so come on out and join the fun that is the great game of golf!

Written By: Cooper George



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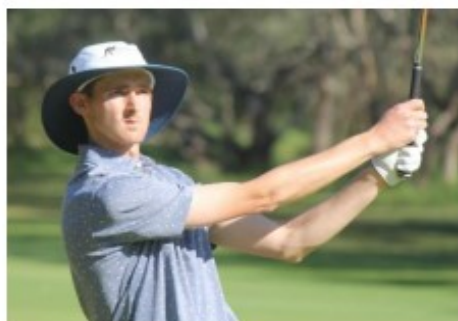
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If you have heavy loam or clay soils, by installing raised beds you can easily grow many of our beautiful native heathland plants. I have trialled raised beds over the years and have had great success growing many of our delightful natives, banksias, verticordias, lechenaulta, kangaroo paws, isopogon, grevilleas, dampiera and more.

Firstly, install a layer of white or yellow sand to about 300mm, then cover this with clean gravel, [careful with introducing weeds!] to a depth of approximately 500mm. Shape and contour the mound to catch water and prevent erosion. Place a row of rocks around the perimeter to prevent movement of the gravel. Please check with your local council before sourcing gravel and sand, there may be restrictions as to where you can access the material, be aware of introducing weeds and other pathogens to your garden especially when sourcing from another location. With heavy clay and other similar soils, avoid digging a hole then filling it with sand to grow natives, this will create a 'dam" like situation which in wet conditions can adversely affect the plants by being just too wet.

HAPPY GARDENING! Peter D.



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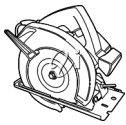
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Tuesday	2 nd	Craft Day @ Cuballing CWA Hall 10am
Thursday	5 th	Women's Shed 1pm –4 pm @ Men's Shed Alton street
Monday	9 th	Line Dancing 6pm @ Cuballing Agricultural Hall
Tuesday	10 th	Men's Shed Meet @ Cuby Men's Shed 9am Alton street
Tuesday	10 th	Craft Day @ Cuballing CWA Hall 10am
Thursday	12 th	Women's Shed 1pm –4 pm @ Men's Shed Alton street
Saturday	14 th	Cuballing & Popanyinning Transfer stations open 9-12pm
Saturday	14 th	Golf Lessons @ Cuby Golf Club (see flyer)
Monday	16 th	Cuballing & Popanyinning Transfer stations open 9-12pm
Tuesday	17 th	Men's Shed Meet @ Cuby Men's Shed 9am Alton street
Tuesday	17 th	Craft Day @ Cuballing CWA Hall 10am
Wednesday	18 th	Shire of Cuballing Council Meeting 2pm @ Council Chambers
Thursday	19 th	Cancer's Biggest Morning Tea Cuballing Roadhouse @ 10am
Thursday	19 th	Women's Shed 1pm –4 pm @ Men's Shed Alton street
Monday	23 rd	Line Dancing 6pm @ Cuballing Agricultural Hall
Tuesday	24 th	Men's Shed Meet @ Cuby Men's Shed 9am Alton street
Tuesday	24 th	Craft Day @ Cuballing CWA Hall 10am
Wednesday	25 th	Popanyinning Progress Association meeting @ 6.30pm Popanyinning Hall
Thursday	26 th	Women's Shed 1pm –4 pm @ Men's Shed Alton street
Saturday	28 th	Golf Lessons @ Cuby Golf Club (see flyer)
Monday	30 th	Line Dancing 6pm @ Cuballing Agricultural Hall
Tuesday	31 st	Men's Shed Meet @ Cuby Men's Shed 9am Alton street
Tuesday	31 st	Craft Day @ Cuballing CWA Hall 10am