

# The Cuby News

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PO Box 13 Cuballing WA 6311

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February 2024

## Australia Day 2024

The Shire of Cuballing hosted their annual community BBQ Breakfast this year in Popanyinning. The event was held in the new All-Weather Shelter erected at the Popo Tennis Courts by the Popanyinning Progress Association in 2023. The breakfast was attended by approximately 50 people who enjoyed a cooked breakfast of bacon and eggs, coffee, tea, and juice in the cool of the early morning.



At the breakfast Cr Adrian Kowald presented the Citizen of the Year Award to John & Lesley Young of Cuballing. They were selected for the joint award in recognition of their long-standing effort in community voluntary work in many fields. Not just to the benefit of Cuballing, but to the wider district as well with horse and cattle interests.

The Community Group of the Year Award was also presented to the Cuballing Golf Club. The Cuballing Golf Club is a very successful, vibrant part of our community and enjoyed an outstanding year hosting the LGIS Golf tournament which was attended by 30 Shires from within Western Australia and is a massive brag to win the right to host.



A special thanks to Gabrielle & Kate Cousins from Two Little Chicks for the donation of the eggs. We feel proud to be able to serve up fresh local eggs to our residents.

Each year the Shire of Cuballing seeks nominations for these awards. If you believe someone is worthy of consideration look for nomination forms later in 2024 and put their names forward. Alternatively, you can contact Michelle on [cdo@cuballing.wa.gov.au](mailto:cdo@cuballing.wa.gov.au) throughout the year for a form.



## PRESIDENTS PEN

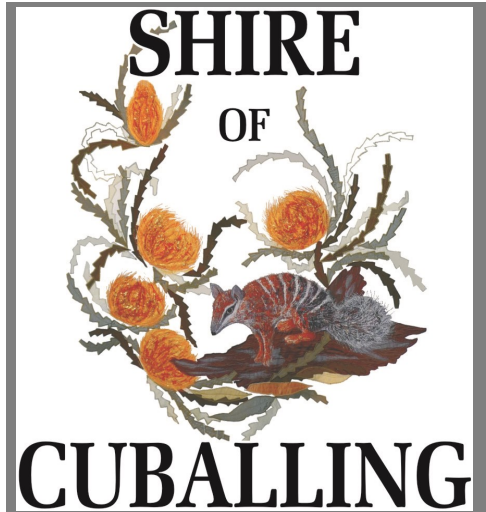
On behalf of Council, I would like to express our gratitude to the members of the Cuballing and Popanyinning Fire Brigades, and all the volunteer fire fighters, who have done, and continue to do, such an amazing job in keeping us all safe. The number of fires before Christmas was extremely challenging and I know some of the members were totally exhausted by the time Christmas came around. As a community, we rely so heavily on our volunteer fire fighters, and we are so thankful for your dedication.

The fires were not without casualties and our thoughts and prayers are with ex Councillor Tim Haslam and his family as he continues to recover at Fiona Stanley Hospital. Unfortunately, the danger of bushfires is still very prevalent so please keep an eye out and call 000 in the event of a fire.

I was very sorry to miss Australia Day in Cuballing but delighted for our Citizen and Group of the Year award winners. John and Leslie Young have been such stalwarts in our community, involved in many community and sporting groups over the years. The Cuballing Golf Club was a worthy winner of Community Group having hosted two major events in 2023 that saw golfers from across the state enjoying our golf course.

Wishing you all the best for 2024.

**Eliza Dowling**  
**Shire President**



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### UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2024

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2024

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2024

All meetings are open to the public and will commence at 2.00pm with fifteen minute Public Question Time at the commencement of each meeting.

Agenda's for each meeting are included on the Shire website by the weekend prior to each meeting.

Minutes of all Council meetings are available on the Shire website as soon as possible after each meeting.

Office Opening Hours:  
Monday—Thursday,  
8.30am—4.30pm  
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8.30am—4.00pm

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## COMMUNITY NOTICES

# COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR 2024

Pursuant to the *Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996*, the details of Council and some committee meetings for 2024 are detailed below:

Wednesday, 21 February 2024	3.00 pm	CWA Hall
Wednesday, 20 March 2024	3.00 pm	CWA Hall
Wednesday, 17 April 2024	3.00 pm	CWA Hall
Wednesday, 15 May 2024	3.00 pm	Popanyinning Hall
Wednesday, 19 June 2024	3.00 pm	CWA Hall
Wednesday, 17 July 2024	3.00 pm	CWA Hall
Wednesday, 21 August 2024	3.00 pm	CWA Hall
Wednesday, 18 September 2024	3.00 pm	CWA Hall
Wednesday, 16 October 2024	3.00 pm	CWA Hall
Wednesday, 20 November 2024	3.00 pm	CWA Hall
Wednesday, 18 December 2024	3.00 pm	CWA Hall

The Schedule of meetings for the Cemeteries Advisory Committee for 2024 is

Friday, 19 April 2024	2.00 pm	CWA Hall
Friday, 25 October 2024	2.00 pm	CWA Hall

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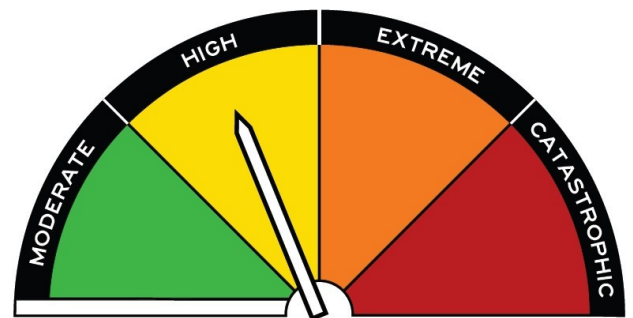
## PUBLIC AWARENESS INFORMATION

# IN THE EVENT OF A FIRE OR EMERGENCY CALL 000

The Fire Danger Rating System has changed.

### WHAT TO PACK IN A BUSHFIRE EMERGENCY KIT

- Before leaving on a road trip, it is essential to have a potentially life-saving emergency kit packed. Your kit should include essential items such as:
- AM/FM portable radio
- Spare batteries
- First aid kit
- Woollen blankets
- Drinking water
- Sturdy shoes
- Full-coverage cotton or woollen clothing
- Detailed printed map of the area where you'll be travelling



### FIRE DANGER RATINGS

MODERATE	PLAN AND PREPARE
HIGH	BE READY TO ACT
EXTREME	TAKE ACTION NOW
CATASTROPHIC	LEAVE BUSHFIRE RISK AREAS

For your current local fire danger rating and more information, visit [emergency.wa.gov.au](http://emergency.wa.gov.au)

## WHEN IS BUSHFIRE SEASON

Bushfires can happen all year round. But during the hottest and driest times of the year, bushfire risk is at its highest.

On hot, dry and windy days, there's a much higher chance of a bushfire starting and getting out of control. If you're travelling on these days:

- Visit safer places such as cities and towns.
- Be prepared to change your travel plans at short notice if a fire starts.
- Make sure someone outside your travel group knows your plans, destinations and expected times.



**NORTHERN WA**  
JUNE TO OCTOBER

**SOUTHERN WA**  
OCTOBER TO APRIL





## NOTICE OF INTENTION TO BORROW

At its December 2023 Ordinary Meeting, Council resolved to advertise its intention to enter into a rolling Short Term Loan arrangement with WA Treasury Corporation to manage the Shire's cash flow needs.

The proposed Deficit Account Balance Facility limit will be fixed at a maximum of \$500,000 to align with 20% of our anticipated annual funding under the Wheatbelt Secondary Freight Network Program.

When the loan facility is available, Council will no longer use the overdraft facility available through the National Bank.

Even though Council has budgeted for a \$400,000 overdraft in its annual budget, the proposed alternative borrowing arrangement was not included in the annual budget. Section 6.20 of the *Local Government Act 1995* required that if Council wishes to borrow money, and that proposal had not been considered in the annual budget, that Council must advertise the proposal for one month through a Local Public Notice.

The proposed borrowing will perform the same function as the overdraft – it will provide short term funds to meet cash flow needs in the same way as the proposed overdraft, but with a much lower interest rate.

Council has had an overdraft for many years and has never drawn upon it. When dealing with large capital projects it is important to have sufficient financial resources to manage any timing gap between competing works and receiving funds.

If you would like any more information or would like to discuss the proposal, please contact Stan Scott, CEO. If you wish to comment on the proposal, please do so in writing to the address below by 10 March 2024.

**Stan Scott**  
**Chief Executive Officer**  
**Email – [ceo@cuballing.wa.gov.au](mailto:ceo@cuballing.wa.gov.au)**  
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# Landcare matters

Hotham-Williams sub-catchment update



PHCC Working Together  
Peel-Harvey Catchment Council

Edition 83  
February 2024



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.



## Landscape Rehydration Workshop - this March

PHCC and the Mulloon Institute are planning a local Landscape Rehydration workshop in the Hotham-Williams on Thursday 21st March, in Quindanning.

With increasing variability to climate predicted, PHCC is keen to support landholders looking to retain on-farm water to understand what can be done through understanding water conservation techniques and good landscape planning.

The workshop will introduce attendees to the principles of Landscape Rehydration, showcase some techniques for managing water in the district and highlight opportunities for interested producers to plan for and resource future on-ground works.

Landholders keen to attend should register their interest for this free local half-day workshop by emailing [Hotham-Williams@peel-harvey.org.au](mailto:Hotham-Williams@peel-harvey.org.au) to be

placed on the registration list. View the flyer [here](#).

Further details of the event will be broadcast in coming weeks and it is sure to be popular.

For those interested to learn how to do their own Landscape Rehydration project, the Mulloon Institute is also offering a very well-priced boot camp program at Muresk from 23rd – 25th March. Check out the flier overleaf for more information and to register.

To find out more about the Mulloon Institute check out their website at <https://themullooninstitute.org>

*This workshop will be delivered by the Peel-Harvey Catchment Council in partnership with the Mulloon Institute and RegenWA with funding from Lotterywest. RegenWA is powered by the Perth NRM Collective Impact Program with funding from Lotterywest and Commonland.*



Structures like contour banks help retain water in the landscape, reduce water logging/salinity and make it available for production purposes

## Have your say about Feral Cats

The Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions as part of their Feral Cat Strategy, have released a survey to gauge the public perception and acceptance surrounding the management of feral cats. Feral cats have played a significant role in 27 of the 47 extinction of Australia's native fauna.

Every 24 hours feral cats in Australia kill about 3 million mammals, 1.7 million reptiles and 1 million birds. We are very lucky to have a number of iconic native animals in our patch including numbats, woylies and chuditch and these animal

are all at risk of being predated by feral cats.

Please complete this survey to have your say on feral cat management [www.surveymonkey.com/r/237X87J](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/237X87J)

To read the Western Australian Feral Cat Strategy 2023-2028 visit <http://www.dbca.wa.gov.au/management/threat-management>



# Landcare matters

Hotham-Williams sub-catchment update



## Hotham-Williams River Restoration Updates

We are thrilled to announce that after much planning and consulting with the community we are almost ready to start bank stabilisation works at Pumphreys Bridge and Williams townsite. We are 99% of the way there with approvals and plan to start these works over late February/March, which will be focused on specific locations at those sites. We thank everyone for their input so far into these plans. We will be working very closely with the Shires of Wandering and Williams for both of these sites and thank them for their support.

Stay tuned for more updates on our PHCC and the Shires Facebook pages. Please get in touch if you would like to know more by phoning (08) 6369 8801 or emailing [kristy.gregory@peel-harvey.org.au](mailto:kristy.gregory@peel-harvey.org.au)



Pumphreys Bridge. Image by Andrew McKenzie



Williams River. Image by Andrew McKenzie

## Whats happening...

Read all about the renewal of our long term partnership with Newmont Australia known as the Hotham-Williams Rivers and Tributaries' Natural Resource Management and Conservation Project via <https://peel-harvey.org.au/hotham-williams-river-partnership-continues/>

For more project information visit our website: <https://peel-harvey.org.au/what-we-do/projects/>

The partnership will enable the great work of the last 5 years to continue!

### Spot the spots

Our office is receiving an increase in reports of chuditch sightings within the Hotham-Williams sub-catchment.

If you see a chuditch please report to Christine Townsend by phoning (08) 6369 8801 or emailing [christine.townsend@peel-harvey.org.au](mailto:christine.townsend@peel-harvey.org.au) with a location and time of sighting.



Image by John Lawson

## Events...

### Landscape Rehydration Workshop

Hosted by PHCC this workshop, presented by Mulloon Institute, will be held in Quindanning

Date: 21st March 2024

For more details and to register: <https://peel-harvey.org.au/events/landscape-rehydration-workshop-quindanning/>

### Rehydrate Your Farm Landscape Bootcamp

Presented by Mulloon Institute this bootcamp will be held in Carrolup

Date: 25th to 27th March 2024

For more details and to register: <https://themullooninstitute.org/events/2024/3/25/rehydrate-your-farm-landscape-bootcamp-wa>



[victoria.brockhurst@peel-harvey.org.au](mailto:victoria.brockhurst@peel-harvey.org.au)

[www.peel-harvey.org.au](http://www.peel-harvey.org.au)

These projects are supported by the Peel-Harvey Catchment Council through funding from Newmont Boddington, South32 Worsley Alumina and the Shires of Boddington, Cuballing, Wandering and Williams



## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### POPANYINNING OLD TIME DANCES

The Popanyinning Progress Association invite all residents to the Old Time Dances held at the Popanyinning Hall every month.

The 2024 dances resume on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> February, from 7.30 to 11pm.

They are always held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month. Admission fee is \$10/head.

Participants are asked, if possible, to bring a small plate to contribute for supper.



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Join the Carers WA team and our community engagement van, Priscilla, to find out more about Carers WA services and supports and how we can help you in your caring role.



**Where:** Priscilla will be parked at:  
Pingelly Community Resource Centre  
18 Parade Street, Pingelly WA 6308

**When:** Monday 26th of February | 1:00PM - 3:00PM

If you have any questions, please contact the Community Capacity Development team on **1300 CARERS (1300 227 377)** or email [ccdteam@carerswa.asn.au](mailto:ccdteam@carerswa.asn.au).

[www.carerswa.asn.au](http://www.carerswa.asn.au)

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The Cuby Women's Shed would like to express a sincere thankyou to those who are donating cans.

If you have excess cans and would like to donate them for recycling, the bin is located at the front of the Cuballing Men's/Women's Shed on Alton Street.

# Empowerment

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0400 910 113



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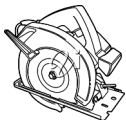
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# COMMUNITY CALENDAR — February 2024

Saturday	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Cuballing & Popanyinning Transfer stations open 9-12pm
Sunday	4 <sup>th</sup>	Cuballing & Popanyinning Transfer stations open 9-12pm
Monday	5 <sup>th</sup>	Cuballing & Popanyinning Transfer stations open 9-12pm
Monday	5 <sup>th</sup>	Line Dancing 6pm @ Cuballing Agricultural Hall
Tuesday	6 <sup>th</sup>	Men's Shed Meet @ Cuby Men's Shed 9am Alton street
Thursday	8 <sup>th</sup>	Women's Shed 1pm –4:30pm @ Men's Shed Alton street
Saturday	10 <sup>th</sup>	Cuballing & Popanyinning Transfer stations open 9-12pm
Sunday	11 <sup>th</sup>	Cuballing & Popanyinning Transfer stations open 9-12pm
Sunday	11 <sup>th</sup>	Cuballing Christmas Tree 3.30pm @ Cuballing Oval
Monday	12 <sup>th</sup>	Cuballing & Popanyinning Transfer stations open 9-12pm
Monday	12 <sup>th</sup>	Line Dancing 6pm @ Cuballing Agricultural Hall
Tuesday	13 <sup>th</sup>	Popanyinning Bush Fire Meeting 5.30pm @ Popo Fire Shed
Tuesday	13 <sup>th</sup>	Men's Shed Meet @ Cuby Men's Shed 9am Alton street
Tuesday	13 <sup>th</sup>	Craft Day @ Cuballing CWA Hall 10am
Thursday	15 <sup>th</sup>	Women's Shed 1pm –4:30pm @ Men's Shed Alton street
Saturday	17 <sup>th</sup>	Cuballing & Popanyinning Transfer stations open 9-12pm
Saturday	17 <sup>th</sup>	Popanyinning old time dances @ Popo Hall 6pm
Sunday	18 <sup>th</sup>	Cuballing & Popanyinning Transfer stations open 9-12pm
Monday	19 <sup>th</sup>	Cuballing & Popanyinning Transfer stations open 9-12pm
Monday	19 <sup>th</sup>	Line Dancing 6pm @ Cuballing Agricultural Hall
Tuesday	20 <sup>th</sup>	Men's Shed Meet @ Cuby Men's Shed 9am Alton street
Tuesday	20 <sup>th</sup>	Craft Day @ Cuballing CWA Hall 10am
<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>21<sup>st</sup></u>	<u>Shire of Cuballing Council Meeting 2pm @ Shire office</u>
Thursday	22 <sup>nd</sup>	Women's Shed 1pm –4:30pm @ Men's Shed Alton street
Saturday	24 <sup>th</sup>	Cuballing & Popanyinning Transfer stations open 9-12pm
Sunday	25 <sup>th</sup>	Cuballing & Popanyinning Transfer stations open 9-12pm
Monday	26 <sup>th</sup>	Cuballing & Popanyinning Transfer stations open 9-12pm
Monday	26 <sup>th</sup>	Line Dancing 6pm @ Cuballing Agricultural Hall
Tuesday	27 <sup>th</sup>	Men's Shed Meet @ Cuby Men's Shed 9am Alton street
Tuesday	27 <sup>th</sup>	Craft Day @ Cuballing CWA Hall 10am
<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>28<sup>th</sup></u>	<u>Popanyinning Progress Association Meeting @ 6:30pm Popo Hall</u>
Thursday	29 <sup>th</sup>	Women's Shed 1pm –4:30pm @ Men's Shed Alton street

March edition deadline is

9am 26<sup>th</sup> February 2024

all submissions email to [cdo@cuballing.wa.gov.au](mailto:cdo@cuballing.wa.gov.au)