

# Cubby News

December-January 2017

For the communities of Cuballing, Popanyinning and Yornaning

Next Shire Meeting: 2pm Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> February - see page 12



Shire of Cuballing  
Australia Day Awards  
2017

Above: Cuballing Men's Shed (John Buise), Citizens of the Year (Barry and Quona Harris), McDougall Weldments (Gordon McDougall) and Don Bird of Bird's Silos were all recognized in an Australia Day Presentation by the Shire of Cuballing on Australia Day 2017, for their continued commitment to their community over a long period of time. (Story on page 5 in the Cuballing Shire Notes)



Left: CWA Cuballing held their final meeting and windup as a CWA branch, after 64 years of service to the community of Cuballing. The photo features the last members of the branch: *Back row: Win Burges, Ruby Grout, Jan Cornish, Margaret Hetherington*  
*Front: Greta Kealley, Gwen Gath, Freda Grieve*  
(Story on page 11)

# Shire of Cuballing's Thank a Volunteer Day



Thank you to everyone who attended our Thank a Volunteer Day BBQ on the 5th December 2016. Certificates of Appreciation were awarded to Cuballing Men's Shed, Narrogin DFES, Popanyinning Bushfire Brigade, Cuballing Tennis Club, Cuballing Christmas Tree Committee, Cuballing Cricket Club, Cuballing Bushfire Brigade, Popanyinning Progress Association, Dryandra Regional Equestrian Association, Dryandra Pony Club and Narrogin St Johns. The Shire acknowledges the invaluable contribution and hard work by all the volunteers in our community - we look forward to working with you again!



## Vintage Tin Run Friday Chapter one

Read Carrie's news, part 1, on page 17, recounting a country run to visit various Vintage car collectors in the district - and their amazing motor vehicle collections. Be watching for part 2 next month. Pictured - a 1928 Chev.



## Cuballing Christmas Party

In Sunday, the 18th of December, Cuballing and Popanyinning held their local Children's Christmas Parties. Cuballing held theirs at the Rec Centre in Cuby, with face painters, bouncy castle, numerous other activities and, of course, Father Christmas. A large crowd turned out for the event, and is a great indication of the numbers of small children still to grow up in a delightful country town.

Popanyinning held their party at Popanyinning Hall, with face painting (thank you Christine), a sausage sizzle and Father Christmas. Despite the small turnout, the children and their parents (and grandparents) had a lovely time.

Thank you to all those involved in either of the events. There were so many, that to name any would perhaps result in missing out someone important.

The enthusiasm shown on young faces was worth the effort put in by so many people. See you all next year!



Coby Francis' second (and third - inset) photos of "three of a kind" - *Three bees on a sunflower and three trees stranding, watching.*



# Popanyinning Christmas Party



*Coby Francis outdid everyone, in her quest to photograph "groups of three" - the theme for this month's Coby News. This group of three irons of different ages is a wonderful look back into the past.*

## East Popo Fire

A large fire, which threatened buildings and infrastructure, presented a major challenge for the two local fire brigades, a number of brigades from surrounding areas and the aerial fire bombers. The combined brigades were able to bring the fire under control in a well co-ordinated effort. Congratulations to our hard-working volunteer fire fighters.

*Worker's cottage saved from the flames*



The serenity of the trees belie the intensity of the fire



# Australia Day Awards

50 local residents attended the Shire of Cuballing's Australia Day Breakfast at the Cuballing Recreation Centre.

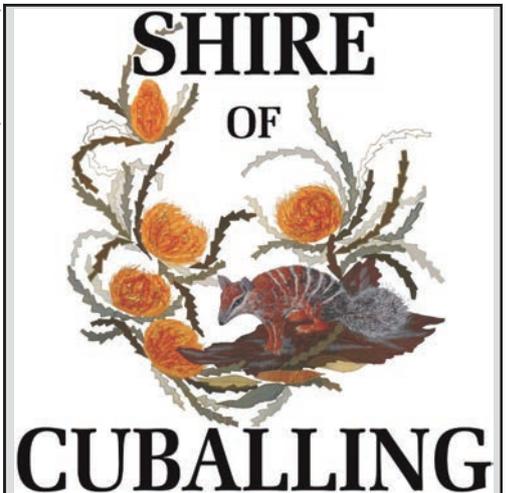
At the breakfast Cr Tim Haslam presented Quona and Barry Harris with the 2017 Citizen of Year award. Barry and Quona have a long history of contributing to local community groups, both being life members of the Cuballing Tennis and Golf clubs. Barry held positions in the Cuballing Tennis Club from the 1950's through to his last stint as President in 2009. Quona was also active in the Cuballing CWA and Uniting Church.

The Cuballing Mens Shed were awarded the 2017 Community Group award. In addition to providing a environment where men are able to work on meaningful projects at their own pace, in their own time in the company of other men, during 2016 the Mens Shed:

- Organised the Cuballing Swap Meet in October 2016
- Continued to recycle aluminium cans;
- Complete the regular maintenance of the old farm machinery located in the public space in Cuballing to ensure it remains in good condition;
- Completed projects such as the refurbishment of the flag pole at ANZAC memorial.

The Shire of Cuballing recognised the contribution over many years to the local economy by local businesses McDougall Weldments and Birds Silos. Starting as blacksmiths in the days of the horse and cart, such engineering works were once common in country towns. However with the drive, innovation and ingenuity of Don and Wayne Bird and Gordon McDougall, these local businesses have continued to grow and thrive and put Cuballing and Popanyinning on the map. In making this presentation former Shire President Tom Wittwer reminisced about the services the businesses provided to local farmers and of how local youth obtained apprenticeships and opportunity.

Tom also told a story about when travelling through eastern Australia, Tom told a local that he wouldn't have heard of town in WA that he lived in. However the local knew all about Cuballing because that's where the McDougall mobile sheep yards came from.



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## UPCOMING COUNCIL

### MEETINGS

Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> February 2017

Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> March 2017

Thursday, 20<sup>th</sup> April 2017

Thursday, May 18<sup>th</sup> 2017

All meetings are open to the public and will commence at 3:00pm 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,**

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## 2017 COUNCIL MEETING DATES

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Please be advised that the Shire of Cuballing Ordinary Council Meetings in 2017 will be held at:

No Meeting — January 2017  
2pm, Thursday 16 February 2017  
2pm, Thursday 16 March 2017  
3pm, Thursday 20 April 2017  
3pm, Thursday 18 May 2017  
3pm, Thursday 15 June 2017  
3pm, Thursday 20 July 2017  
3pm, Thursday 17 August 2017  
3pm, Thursday 21 September 2017  
3pm, Thursday 19 October 2017  
3pm, Thursday 16 November 2017  
3pm, Thursday 21 December 2017

All meetings are open to the public and will commence with 15 minute public question time.

Meetings are held in the Council Chambers in the Shire Administration Centre, Campbell Street, Cuballing.

**Gary Sherry**  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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## VOLUNTEERS TURN OUT TO FIGHT LOCAL FIRES

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During January local fire fighters have attended several serious fires.

On Thursday 5th and Friday 6th January a large fire east of Popanyinning started at around 8am. In addition to our local volunteers and the Cuballing and Popanyinning Brigades, volunteers attended from Wickepin, Pingelly, Bullaring and Bulyee. DFES water bombers and a DPAW helicopter provided fire fighting assistance. The and The Shires of Pingelly, Wickepin and Kulin provided valuable assistance with plant and equipment. The Pingelly SES and local volunteers assisted in keeping the large number of volunteers supplied with food and water.

Another fire in the evening of Wednesday 11th January saw volunteers up very late into the night to ensure the fire was safely extinguished.

The Shire of Cuballing would thank all the volunteers for their efforts in keeping our communities safe from fire.

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## CUBALLING MUSIC FESTIVAL

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Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> March 2017  
Cuballing Recreation Ground

The Cuballing Music Festival returns to Cuballing again in 2017 with local musicians set to entertain.

Starting from 6pm, food and soft drinks will be available, but once more you will need to bring your own chairs or picnic rugs.

Look out for more information as it becomes available.



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# IMPACT OF REMOVAL OF VEHICLE LICENCE AND VEHICLE STAMP DUTY CONCESSIONS ON THE SHIRE OF CUBALLING

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From 1<sup>st</sup> July 2017 the State Government will remove the current concessions on vehicle license fees and stamp duty that has applied to local government for many years.

The \$5.6million raised from this change will be allocated to Main Roads WA (MRWA), however it appears that the MRWA budget has been reduced by a similar amount. This move will provide no additional funds for road works.

The Shire of Cuballing has calculated the likely financial impact the removal of the exemption vehicle license fees and stamp duty will have on the Shire's operations and in turn the residents and businesses within the Shire of Cuballing. From July 2017 it is estimated that the Shire of Cuballing's vehicle fleet costs will increase by \$25,271 each year. This will impact on the annual licence costs and the initial purchase cost of all licenced vehicles and plant. This change includes trucks, road graders, road rollers as well as light vehicles and even ride on lawn mowers.

- Based on 2016 vehicle licence charges, the impact of removing the local government concession on vehicle license fees for the

Shire of Cuballing will increase vehicle licence charges by \$13,011 per annum.

- Using the current stamp duty costs, the Shire of Cuballing's current 10 year Plant Replacement Program is expected to cost the Shire of Cuballing an extra \$12,260 each year on average.

This increased cost equates to 2.4% of all the Shire of Cuballing's 2016/17 Rates income

The Shire of Cuballing is not aware that the State Government either announced the change or publicly alerted the Local Government Sector to the pending change at the time of the state budget being presented in May 2016.

Along with other local governments the Shire of Cuballing was only advised of the policy change by email on Tuesday 3rd January 2017.

Given the adverse local financial impact of this decision, the Shire of Cuballing is joining with other local governments across the state to have the local government concession on vehicle license fees and stamp duty reinstated.

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## Council Shorts

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- The Ordinary Council meetings to be held Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> February 2017 and Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2017 will commence at the earlier time of 2pm.
- The Shire office has had completed a facelift with new carpets and new paint throughout. Call in to see how the new format looks;
- The free showerhead swap continues. Local residents can swap up to two of your old showerheads for new water efficient models absolutely free. All you have to do is take your old showerheads with a recent Water Corporation bill to the Shire of Cuballing Office. Terms and conditions apply.

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# Black-Cockatoos need your help!



## How can you be involved in the **Great Cocky Count** (GCC) to be held in April?

*The GCC is an annual survey of both Red and White-Tailed Black Cockatoo numbers across WA to gain a better understanding of these unique and endangered species.*

*Birdlife Australia need to find as many roost sites as possible, these are places where black-cockatoos come to rest at night.*

**The survey is simple, fun and every one counts!**



## Information Session

Tuesday, **28th February** 2017 at **6pm**

### Williams Sports Pavilion

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RSVP essential by Friday, 24th February 2017 to **Mel Durack** via **0455 166 780** or [hotham-williams@peel-harvey.org.au](mailto:hotham-williams@peel-harvey.org.au)

For more information on the GCC or to register go to: <http://birdlife.org.au/projects/southwest-black-cockatoo-recovery/great-cocky-count-swbc> or contact E: [greatcockycount@birdlife.org.au](mailto:greatcockycount@birdlife.org.au) P: 9287 2251

PHOTOS: Keith Lightbody

# Landcare matters

Hotham-Williams sub-catchment update



PHCC Working Together  
Peel-Harvey Catchment Council

Edition 7  
February 2017



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.



Popanyinning Progress Association Grant

## Local Projects Benefit from State Funding

State Government funding through the NRM Action Grants continue to benefit projects locally.

Over the coming months the funding will see the eradication of Bridal Creeper along the Hotham River in Popanyinning undertaken by the Popanyinning Progress Association.

In addition, Friends of the Reserves Boddington (Inc.) will deliver the regeneration of Camballing Reserve through Phase 2 of the project.

Well done to these groups, and we look forward to supporting them with their projects during the year.



PHOTO: Bridal Creeper along Hotham River in Popanyinning

## Eucalypt Woodlands Enhanced Through Funding Boost

PHCC have funded seven projects designed to protect or maintain the Eucalypt Woodlands of the WA Wheatbelt, following its national listing as a Threatened Ecological Community in December 2015.

Projects including fencing, weed control, restoration and feral animal baiting activities will be carried out by landholders to protect over 1208 ha of the Woodlands.



PHOTO: Keith Lightbody

## The Great Cocky Count

On Sunday 9 April, Black-cockatoos across the State will be the focus through Birdlife Australia's Great Cocky Count, a long-term and significant citizen science survey for Western Australia.

The Count will see bands of volunteers from across the southwest provide a snapshot of Black-cockatoo populations, through monitoring known roost sites. Registrations to volunteer for the Count close on 19 March. To find out more, contact [greatcockycount@birdlife.org.au](mailto:greatcockycount@birdlife.org.au) or telephone 9287 2251.

An information session will be hosted in Williams on 28 February at 6pm. Please visit [www.peel-harvey.org.au](http://www.peel-harvey.org.au) for more information.

## Coming Up...

- 28 FEB Black Cockatoo Workshop
- AUTUMN 2017 Weed workshop and small weed grant

*Do you have an NRM event you would like us to promote? Please contact Mel Durack at [hotham-williams@peel-harvey.org.au](mailto:hotham-williams@peel-harvey.org.au) or 0455 166 780*

## Small Action Grants Deliver Success Stories

Environmental projects are being made possible throughout the region by the PHCC through the Small Action Grants program.

Two successful recipients taking action are the Boddington River Action Group Inc, and Friends of the Reserves Boddington (Inc.).

The Boddington River Action Group will rejuvenate the 2004 signage for the Boddington Fish Ladder in the Hotham River near the Community Centre. The signage is designed to educate the community and share the Group's knowledge of fish fauna present in the Hotham River, and the role of the rock ramp fishway in their migration up the river.

The Friends of the Reserves Boddington (Inc.) grant will see the publication of a brochure for the newly established walk trail through Red Hill Reserve, approximately 10 kilometres south west of Boddington. The brochure will outline the history of Red Hill Reserve and highlight fauna and flora in the area.

Why not seek funding for your group's natural resource management project? Grants of \$100 to \$1000 are available through the PHCC Small Local Action Grants, please visit [www.peel-harvey.org.au](http://www.peel-harvey.org.au) or contact Mel Durack on 0455 166 780 (Tues, Thurs and Fridays).



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This project is supported by the Peel-Harvey Catchment Council through funding from the State NRM Program and the Australian Government's National Landcare Programme





## Interesting little article on the “sunbaking” Willie Wagtails.

From my observations over the years I have seen other birds do similar.

White Browed Babblers will carry out dust baths, (similar to poultry), magpies will lay on their backs, hold live ants in their bills and run them through the feathers.

I think it is called “anointing” - a process to control parasites such as mite, the Willy Wagtails would be using the sunlight and possibly preening to achieve the same result. That’s my theory anyway, but would be interested to hear others.

Cheers

*Peter Denton, Cuballing*

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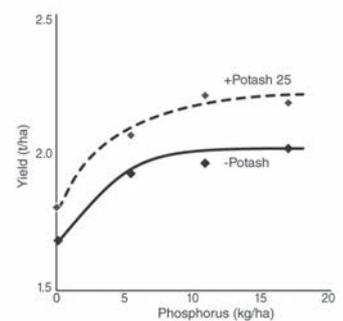
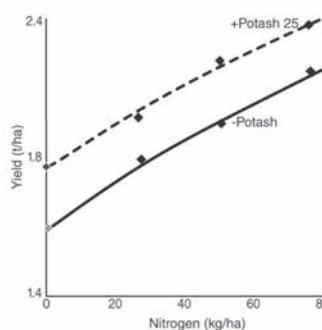


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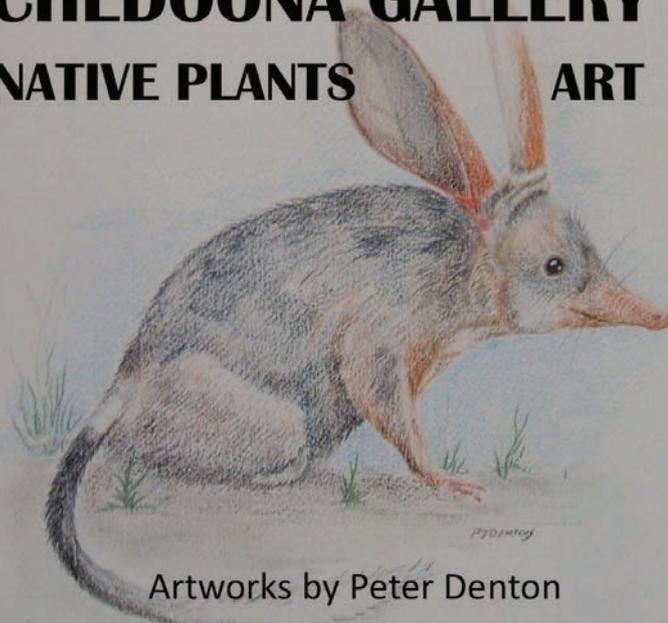
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## Cuby CWA Winds up

*On Saturday 10th of December, after 64 years of consistent and dedicated service to community, and surrounded by memorabilia, the Cuballing Branch of the CWA was finally declared closed.*

In all the days of paying a peppercorn rent, Secretary, Freda Grieve, presented Michelle from the Cuby Shire, a jar of peppercorns as the rent owing for 64 years of use of their premises.

Words of praise and memories were given by a number of representatives of various areas of the CWA, including the story of the support provided to a local mum, who had triplets to add to her other three children (6 children under 6 years). The school bus delivered dirty nappies around the district for washing, then picked them up again to return to mum. The Cuby CWA then organised rosters for bathing and feeding.

Another member recalled that the wonderful air of friendship, the acceptance of having children at meetings, and making sure that every member was able to attend meetings, as long as it after *Blue Hills!* (A real trip down memory lane for some).

The CWA premises has been handed back to the Cuballing Shire, and the sale of property raised over \$1700. All monies have been distributed to over 26 organisations in the state, Karinya Hostel hosted the farewell, and the meeting was finished with a traditional CWA luncheon.

It was a sad occasion for the last 9 members.



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## Change of meeting times

Shire of Cuballing monthly meetings for February and March will be starting at **2pm** instead of **3pm**. If you wish to attend the meetings, please note the change in times.



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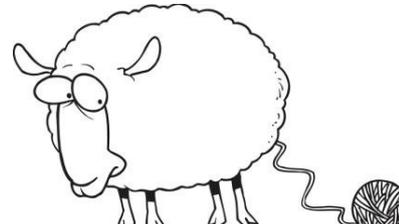
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# Tennis News

*Our season commenced with a 'Busy Bee' 9th October, 2016 to spruce the place up. Thank you to all those who attended.*

Opening day was successful with 3 courts going, an abundance of children running around & a BBQ tea to follow on the newly purchased BBQ.

During the 1<sup>st</sup> half of the season, our main events included the 'Bankwest Day' (wear orange) of which was well attended with 16 participants. Winners on the day were Nick Miller & Carol Potts. We also had our annual 'Wrapped Can' event with 16 players, always a fun day as you never know what you'll take home (baked beans or spaghetti) & our inaugural 'Beyond Blue Day' (wear blue) of which we had 12 players attend. This day was conducted to raise awareness of mental health & encourage any new players to attend.

The year finished off with our 'Xmas BBQ' of which coincided with the local Cuballing Xmas Tree / Father Christmas, I must say the atmosphere was festive with a good turnout at the BBQ & children buzzing from all the lollies, cool drink & ice-creams from the Xmas Tree.

All in all, our numbers have been good this season so far, both on & off the court with many non-players

partaking in our social activities & anywhere up to 12 children running around making for a great atmosphere at the club on our social days.

On the pennant scene, we have had mixed results with 3 losses, 2 wins & a draw. Our draw came against Narrogin, whilst a loss against Highbury by 1 game along with both a win & a loss against Williams indicates the closeness & competitiveness of the competition this season. Thank you so far to the 7 men & 7 ladies who have filled the team week in, week out when called upon.

I can say that the painting of the clubhouse both inside & out was completed during the festive season break, & looks fantastic, & from this we can now finish off our fit-out. Thank you to our Club President Tim Short for getting this organised.

The club has also been successful with a small \$500 grant from The Community Sporting Club Equipment Subsidy Scheme, so we look forward to using these funds on some much needed equipment to freshen the club up. Thank you to Jodie George for preparing & submitting the application.

Congratulations to Troy Sprigg & Annika Keeling who ventured down to the Hopman Cup to watch Australia vs USA, tickets courtesy of our membership with 'Tennis West'.

It is also great to see Barry Harris back to good health after his run in with a known kangaroo, & we look forward to seeing you down at the club in 2017 to share the story.



William Golding  
British Novelist, Playwright & Poet  
1911 --1993

I think women are foolish to pretend they are equal to men. They are far superior and always have been. Whatever you give a woman, she will make greater. If you give her sperm, she will give you a baby. If you give her a house, she will give you a home. If you give her groceries, she will give you a meal. If you give her a smile, she will give you her heart. She multiplies and enlarges what is given to her. So, if you give her any crap, be ready to receive a ton of shit!

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## Flashback: Town wins battle for platform

*In 1975, the 100 residents of Popanyinning won a battle to stop the Railway Department workmen from demolishing any more of their 64 year old station platform.*

the face of an angry pro in the little wheatbelt town about 170km SE of Perth, the department dropped plans to further shorten the platform. Earlier this week, the workmen had lopped about 40 metres off the southern end of the 100 metre platform to prune maintenance costs.

The work was also aimed at making the station platform conform with the new standard gauge clearance rule.

Demolition work was about to start on the northern end of the platform when the townspeople took action.

A band of residents blockaded the job by parking five of their cars and a tractor around the front-end loader being used.

This stopped work.

The protesters say that the shortening of the platform was unnecessary and amounted to vandalism because the station required little of no maintenance. They said that the new clearance could be achieved by simply using concrete cutters to lop off the 18cm overhang which runs the full length of the platform.

A WAGER spokesman said that the Popanyinning work had been reassessed as a result of the outcry from residents.

The department had originally believed that the cost of using a concrete cutter along the entire length of the platform would be too high., Less concrete would have to be cut to shorten the platform.

The reassessment had shown that it would be no dearer to cut the concrete overhang from the northern end.

*West Australian, 1975*

## New Season Oaten Hay

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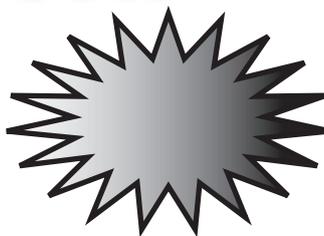
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## **Cuballing War Memorial Wilfred Ernest Drabble**

*Stephen Bowes*

*We honour the service of all who  
volunteered from Cuballing for the  
Great War.*

We commemorate those who died  
and whose names comprise the  
Roll of Honour. A century later, we  
endeavour to shine a light in to the  
recesses of our history, to illuminate  
their lives, including time spent in  
service to their country, our country,  
to our perpetual benefit.

The Embarkation Rolls of the First  
Australian Imperial Force list four  
men, all West Australians, who  
left Australia bearing the surname  
'Drabble'. This makes 'Drabble'  
one of the rarer family names on  
the Embarkation Roll. By way  
of comparison, those on the Roll  
with surname 'Hopper' number  
31, while 27 carried the surname  
'Bowes'.

Wilfred Ernest Drabble applied  
through recruiting officer JH Burns  
to enlist in the AIF at Narrogin on  
February 15, 1916. His medical  
by Dr DWH Mackie revealed a  
man of 24 years of age, 5 feet 8  
1/2 inches tall, fresh complexion,  
blue eyes and brown hair. He  
was single, Church of England, a  
farm labourer, of postal address  
Cuballing WA. Ernest pledged his  
Oath of Allegiance at Black Boy

Hill before 2nd Lt Carter on March  
7, and was allocated to the 11th  
Reinforcements, 28th Battalion as  
Private 4415. He left Australian  
shores at Fremantle aboard HMA  
Shropshire A9 on March 31, 1916.  
At Alexandria, Ernest was put  
aboard the transport ship Minnetonka,  
and disembarked at Plymouth on  
June 12, 1916. Whilst in the UK,  
he was hospitalized for a spell at  
Rollestone in July, and sentenced  
to 168 hours detention, for some  
misdemeanour, in August. In  
September, he was shipped across  
the English Channel to Etaples,  
France and joined the 28th  
Battalion in the field, by this  
time in Belgium on September  
24. By the end of October, the  
28th Battalion had returned to  
the Somme battle fields in France,  
and were suffering increasingly  
severe winter weather.

As November broke, the  
battalion moved into huts, which  
became their camp for a time at  
Montauban, in preparation for  
the coming attack. Their  
objectives in this advance were  
a number of German trenches  
known as Gird Trench and The  
Maze. Henry Kahan's history of  
the 28th Battalion describes the  
conditions faced by the men:  
"November 3rd saw the  
battalion relieve the 53rd  
Battalion (5th Division) on the  
left of the brigade's sector. The  
trenches were in deplorable  
condition with anything from  
12 inches to 3 feet of mud  
underfoot." Ground conditions  
in No Mans Land were little  
better, with the result that the  
advancing infantry, slowed by  
the quagmire, could not keep  
up with the rolling artillery  
barrage. This allowed the  
defending Germans to emerge  
from taking cover from the  
passing barrage, to man their  
machine guns, rifles and  
sundry weapons, which they  
directed onto the attacking  
Australians. There were many  
casualties.

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His military records show that Private Wilfred Ernest Drabble was killed in action between November 3 and 6, 1916. He lies buried in Warlencourt New British Cemetery a couple of miles south-west of Bapaume, France. Back in Perth, Ernest's sister, Kathleen Ida Drabble, wrote to Base Records Melbourne a few months later, seeking details of her brother's death, and requesting a death certificate. Kathleen gave her address as the Convent of Mercy, Victoria Square, Perth. Private Drabble's effects amounted to one photograph, and this was dutifully returned to the family on the ship Thermistocles. After War's end, Kathleen became Trustee for her mother's war pension. Mother Ellen

was an invalid, without husband and now son, and an inmate of the Little Sisters of the Poor Institute, Leederville. The father of Ernest and Kathleen, Robert James Drabble, was deceased. There were four men named Drabble who departed Australia for the Great War. Ernest's cousin, Private Ross Drabble of the 11th Battalion was KIA at Fleurbaix in May 1916. David William Drabble, of the Australian Army Medical Corps, and Edward John Drabble, of the 28th Battalion, appear to have survived the Great War.

### LEST WE FORGET

### Editor's Comments:

**It is so exciting** - the Popanyinning Progress Association (PPA) has been awarded a substantial grant to work with eradicating Bridal Creeper from both sides of the Hotham River in an area near the Bunmulling Bridge. The project will be overseen by the Hotham-Peel Catchment Group.

**The Australia Day awards**, presented by the Shire of Cuballing, took place at the Recreation Centre in Cuballing - the details of the winners are in the Shire Notes on pages 5-7. Congratulations to all the winners for their hard work towards a better community.

**Lions battery returns** - do you have a stockpile of dead batteries stored around your place? You can drop them off at McDougall's Weldments located in Cuby, as they are fund raisers for Lions. They need your help and you need to dispose of them safely - Sounds like a win-win..

**Cuballing Residents** - by now you should have received notification from Telstra about the co-location of Telstra

service on the NBN tower. The material has been reproduced in this issue of the Cuby News - if you any comments to make, the timeline is a short one. The info has all of the contacts numbers you may need.

**News Items** - if you any events, celebrations or interesting stuff - call us or email us and let us know., We love sharing good news to our readers.

## Care Connections

*Do you need advice on Residential Aged Care or Community Care services and don't know where to start! Are you finding the Aged system confusing and difficult to navigate!*



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*Deb Hopper-Wood JP 7540*  
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## Cuballing Uniting Church

Our beautiful little 100+ year-old church  
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simple Bible teachings, relating them to our  
own experiences of the joys and problems  
of every-day life.

Come and join us at our weekly 9 am  
Sunday service. Bring the children – we  
have trained and certified (Working With  
Children) Sunday School teachers.

## Vintage Tin Run No 1 2016 Friday Chapter one

*At the Men's Shed at Cuballing, I  
asked the boys at smoko where to  
go. Lots of ideas, so on the phone  
that night and the next night, well,  
it looks good.*

Popo, Yealering and Narrogin, YES.  
Friday, Saturday and Sunday, lots of  
gravel travel.

Talking to Rosemary, she said: Me  
and the girls would love to be in it  
too.

Well, all I have to do is to put it all  
together in some form of order to  
make some sense of it all.

*Friday morning, from 11:30* on,  
people started arriving at John's  
patch: Kath and Keith, Range Rover  
and van overnight then Gulio Tag  
his Mazda truck.

*Friday 1 PM* meet at Popo, there  
were 6 Vehicles - 24 Chev Tourer  
John Tate, Mini Moke Ian Nottle,  
International 4X4 truck Dennis  
Farrell, 73 Mercedes truck John  
Buisse, Two moderns Carry Van  
Empel and Kevin Lockyler

*Left Popo at 1:15 PM* for Lynelle  
and Mark's Beetles collection, 3  
outside his workshop and 20 odd  
spread over 2 Acres (and even a  
Kombi) plus trucks, tractors and  
farming equipment.

Phone call from John Tate just after  
arriving: I'm lost - from a local, too!

*About 3:00PM*, John Tate led us  
to his property in Yornanning for a

look at his Chev collection.

After a cup of tea and bickies, a  
guided tour of John's Chevs and  
small tractors and machinery; there  
was a bit of a discussion about  
the age of the various makes and  
models that were deposited on about  
2 Acres.

On our way to John's place we got  
a phone call from Mr Robert Hyde:  
Where are you?

I'll meet you at the silos at  
Yornanning and he followed me in.

**5:00 PM** We made our way to John's  
patch for a BBQ – despite the rain  
we still had the BBQ – in the shed  
and put a gazebo over Dennis, his  
keyboard and speakers; due to the  
wet weather, the electronics failed.

Plenty of people sat around the fire  
eating their hamburgers and snags  
in a bun.

After the meal it stopped raining  
and the circle got bigger and bigger  
around the fire; it happens every  
time when there is a fire.

**8:30 pm** more cars turned up;  
Rosemary's sisters Dianne and Kitty  
in a modern.

**9:30 pm** another : Brian and Janelle  
in their F250 and caravan, stayed  
overnight.

Later a Toyota and camper turned  
up: Ryan and Chanelle and Pup.

Also at the barby were Mike and  
Sandy Burges in a modern, Rob  
Flegg in a modern, later, much later  
Brad Mills in his Old Nissan Patrol.  
We all had a good night.

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# Farewell



*After 5 years as the Albany circuit magistrate, servicing Narrogin, Magistrate Tania Watt is moving on to her next appointment - in Broome.*

Magistrate Watt is looking forward to the new challenges ahead in her posting and to the complete change in weather.

We wish her well in her move.

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Along with daily home brushing/flossing routine, regular dental checks every 6 months can play an indispensable role in maintaining healthy teeth and gums. Indeed, twice-yearly visits to your dentist can minimise the occurrence of long-term dental problems and deal with immediate issues before they are allowed to develop further.

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24 January 2017

Popanyinning Progress Association  
President – **Deb Hopper Wood**  
Email: [dhopper@westnet.com.au](mailto:dhopper@westnet.com.au)

Dear Sir/Madam,

**Proposal to install a mobile phone base station at Lot 425 Hotham Street, Cuballing WA 6311  
(fronting Cuballing West Road, Cuballing WA 6311)**



I am writing on behalf of Telstra to inform you of a proposal to construct a mobile phone base station at the above address, as part of the Mobile Black Spot Programme. Telstra proposes to co-locate panel antennas onto the existing NBN monopole at the above address.

Telstra will participate in one of the largest ever expansions of mobile coverage in regional and remote Australia, through the Federal Government's Mobile Black Spot Programme. Telstra will be building 429 new 3G/4G base stations over the next three years, plus a further 250 4G data only small cells, representing a combined investment of more than \$340 million in regional and remote Australia by Telstra, the Federal Government and several State and Local Governments as well.

Telstra has a heritage of nearly 35 years in providing mobile telephony to Australians, by rolling out new base stations and creating new and innovative ways to stretch and improve mobile coverage into the far corners of the nation.

The purpose of this base station is to provide coverage for the Cuballing area surrounding the structure.



**Useful resources**

Further information about this proposal is available from Visionstream Pty Ltd from	<a href="http://www.rfnsa.com.au/6311002">www.rfnsa.com.au/6311002</a> <b>RFNSA site No.:</b> <a href="http://www.rfnsa.com.au/6311002">6311002</a> <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:barbara.grinter@servicestream.com.au">barbara.grinter@servicestream.com.au</a> <b>Phone number for Barbara Grinter:</b> 03 9937 6555
You can submit a comment on the proposed facility at	<b>Address:</b> Attention: Barbara Grinter Street: Service Stream, 4 <sup>th</sup> Floor 357 Collins Street, Melbourne Vic 3000 Postal: PO Box 14570, Melbourne Vic 8001
	<b>Website:</b> <a href="http://www.rfnsa.com.au/6311002">www.rfnsa.com.au/6311002</a>
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Information about this proposal is available in other languages	Available on request from contact details provided above.
<b>Support information about:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mobile phone base stations</li> <li>• The Base Station Code (C564)</li> <li>• Your rights</li> <li>• Health</li> <li>• Low impact facilities</li> <li>• State planning laws</li> </ul>	<a href="http://www.commsalliance.com.au/mobile-phone-tower-information">www.commsalliance.com.au/mobile-phone-tower-information</a>
Is available from:	

**Planning regulations**

**The Carrier considers that this proposed facility does not require council approval because it is a low impact facility or complies with relevant State planning legislation.**

## Consultation Letter for New Site to IAP

Details about the proposed facility and its emissions can be found on the website [www.rfnsa.com.au](http://www.rfnsa.com.au) or by contacting Barbara Grinter of Service Stream directly, on 6311002. The proposed facility will be in compliance with the ACMA EMR regulatory arrangements. All contact details are provided on the chart above.

As part of Telstra’s consultation process, we invite you to provide us with your feedback about this proposal. You can do this by contacting us by letter, email or through the website. We will accept comments on the proposal until 22nd February 2017. We will then prepare a report on the outcomes of the consultation process which will be available on the website by 2nd March 2017. Should you wish to receive a copy of this report, please contact us directly.

Depending on the outcome of the consultation process, it is our intention to begin construction of the telecommunications facility as soon as practicable. Any changes to this or other dates in this letter will be advised on the above website.

We trust that you will find the information about this proposal on our website informative and are happy to provide you with more details by phone or email.

We remind you that submissions about this proposal are due by 22nd February 2017 and look forward to receiving your feedback.

***Yours sincerely, Barbara Grinter, Planning Consultant***



### Additional Information – Planning and EMR compliance regulations

**Site Name:** Cuballing

**Site Number:** 6311002

The proposed site at **Lot 425 Hotham Street, Cuballing WA 6311 (fronting Cuballing West Road, Cuballing WA 6311)** is considered to be a Low Impact Facility in accordance with the *Telecommunications (Low-impact Facilities) Determination 1997*.

The reasons for this conclusion are based on the classification of the following components of the proposed facility in relation to the Determination.

<b>Land Use Classification</b>	Rural (General Agriculture)
<b>EME/EMR compliance</b>	This facility is designed to comply with the ACMA EMR regulatory arrangements. Further information is available at <a href="http://www.rfnsa.com.au">www.rfnsa.com.au</a>
<b>Facility</b>	<b>Complies with item in the <i>Telecommunications (Low-impact Facilities) Determination 1997 Determination</i></b>
Antenna – Type: RVVPX310 Size: 2533mm L x 350mm W x 208mm D Colour: Natural product colour Quantity: 6	Schedule Part 1 – Radio Facilities Schedule 3 Part 1 Item 3
Equipment shelter – Type: Telstra ICS Blackspot Shelter Size: 3000mm L x 2500mm W x 2978mm H Colour: Pale Eucalypt	Schedule Part 3 – Above Ground Housing Schedule 3 Part 3 Item 5
Ancillary equipment – Six (6) twin tower mounted amplifiers (TMAs) behind the proposed antennas and feeder cables, as well as other ancillary facilities such as amplifiers, diplexers, triplexes, mounts, cable trays, feeders and other related items which are deemed to be Low Impact facilities.	Part 3 Section 3.1 (4) (a)

# Community Notices

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*Does your sporting/cultural/craft/nature clubs or groups want to promote its activities/events or achievements?*

Do you want to post notices/results/scores or enrolment information in the newsletter? **It is free.**

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Email: [dhopper@westnet.com.au](mailto:dhopper@westnet.com.au) or call me on 0419941512, and I'll organise a posting to your request. It can be done annually, monthly or on an ad hoc basis - at no cost to you, other than your time.

## Cuballing Men's Shed

Meets every Tuesday  
from 9 am to 12 pm

Everyone is welcome, no matter your level of skill - come and share and learn.

The Men's Shed is located at the back of the Old Post Office in Cuballing.

## Hannaford Seed Services

*Your new representatives are Trevor and Kirstie Clark - the new specialists for Hotham-Williams, based in Boyup Brook.*

Please call: **Trevor** (0418563926) or **Kirstie** (0419846967) for an appointment.



Shire of Cuballing are calling for old photos for an historical collection being compiled by the council staff to be displayed on a shire website showing the history of the district.

Email scanned copies, or call in and have them scanned on the spot. Call on 9883 6031.

## Advertising

Advertising is now being accepted for publishing in the *Cuby News*.

We will publish all community events and functions for free, as well as *Wanted* and *For Sale* ads (small and concise only).

Business advertising will be published at a cost of \$5 per month for small ads, \$10 for half page and \$20 per full page, as from the January 2017 issue

The newsletter is a community communication with the addition of newsy items that may interest readers. Reader contributions are always welcome.

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## Line Dancing

Monday nights at Cuballing Hall from 7 - 9pm, with beginners at 5.30 - 6.30pm. Contact

Lynelle on

0467271552

for



further details.

## Popanyinning Progress Association

*Got lots of ideas on how to make Popo a more interesting, colourful or pleasant place to be?*

Do you have any contacts to bring an event to the town that will make it more vibrant and welcoming?

Do you have a special talent to teach to others, or to produce something outstanding to brighten up the main street of Popo?

Come to a Progress Association meeting, at 6.30pm on the last Wednesday of the month and share it with us. No obligation to join. Anyone and everyone is welcome.

## Hay for Horses

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## Want to advertise?

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## Come Old Time Dancing



Want to re-live the old time dances where you hold your partner and move together?

Come and join in at the dances at the Popanyinning Hall.

They are held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month. Ask Jenny or Sam at the Popo shop for details.

Tickets at the door - \$10 pp

## Cuballing Town Bush Fire Brigade

The Cuballing Town fire Brigade will be holding their monthly meetings at the Fire shed on the third Thursday of the month at 6pm.

Meeting nights will now be training nights, where members get hands-on working with the machinery, and processes of the fire brigade.

New members are always welcome to come along so don't be shy. Both Cuballing and Popanyinning Brigades are always looking for new blood - we are only small crews but more hands make light work.

Our cause is to SAVE, PROTECT, AND PRESERVE LIFE.

For any queries please call the Cuballing Shire Office on 9883 6031  
Anthony Mort Chief Bush Fire Control Officer 0429 898 214

## Popo Town Volunteer Fire Brigade

Meets on the first Tuesday of every month at the Fire shed, Popo, @ 5.30pm  
New members are always welcome - call into the shed on a meeting day and meet us.