

May 2017

Cubby News

For the communities
of Cuballing,
Popanyinning and
Yornaning



Autumn Reflections, Cobie Francis (Top) and *A Dusty Late Afternoon* from Katrina Smith farewell autumn from Popanyinning, hoping for a damper winter.

Themes* for the cover:
June: Portrait **July:** Family



Native Plant of the Month

Peter Denton Cuballing

Banksia blechnifolia

This stunning prostrate banksia groundcover will cover an area of up to 3 metres in diameter. The flowers grow to approximately 150mm in height, generally sitting on the ground. The new shooting buds are an impressive deep burgundy brown, followed by deep salmon pink flowers tipped by yellow pollen anthers. This banksia grows best in sand or sandy gravel soils or in a garden situation on elevated sand or gravel banks. It is frost and drought hardy. I have known it to grow well in granitic soils as long as well drained.

As with all banksias, [and many other native plants] they do not require artificial fertilisers or strong organic composts. Banksias are extremely efficient in drawing nutrients from the poorest of soils, so added fertilisers will cause adverse effects to the general health of the plants. Another ground cover banksia suited to our region is Banksia petiolaris, rare in cultivation, it has yellow flowers and will grow in similar conditions.



Photo 1: Peter and Judy Denton with Helen Elliott at Chedoono Gallery (p16)
Photo 2: Narrogin Arts Group at their 50th Birthday celebration. (Anne Lyneham, Lyn Hendry, Joan Soott, Evelyn White, Ida Turner (p 9)
Photo 5: John Robertson at the newly renovated Old Teachers House in Cuballing (p 16) **Stories inside**

Photos 3 and 6: Rosedale Cottage B n B.
Photo 4: Robyn Newman @ Rosedale



Council Shorts

At their May 2017 Meeting the Council decided to:

- bring forward the purchase of 3 vehicles scheduled for changeover in the 2017/18 financial year for a changeover cost of up to \$52,272. With State Government removing the local government concession for vehicle licencing from 1st July 2017, this decision will reduce the cost of the changeover by \$7,230 in stamp duty. In 2017/18 the cost of licensing for the entire Shire vehicle fleet will increase from \$5,423 last year to \$20,312;
- appoint accounting company Butler Settineri to provide for auditing services for the 2017/18 financial year. Changes to the Local Government Act to have the state governments Auditor General provide accounting services for all local governments have been delayed by 12 months and this will now occur in the 2018/19 financial year.
- conditionally approve a Development Application for an industry-extractive use (gravel pit) at Lot 12344 on Plan 146073 Shaddicks Road, East Popanyinning owned by Mr Duncan Patten. The full list of condition's for the development that relate to matters including fencing, signage and vehicle crossover, can be found in the minutes of the Council meeting on the Shire's website;
- again hold a Special Meeting of Council at 12.30pm on Wednesday 28th June 2017 to consider a Draft 2017/18 Council Budget. At this meeting Councillors will set a list of priority activities to be considered for inclusion in the Council Budget. Council will then consider a 2017/18 Council Budget at the Ordinary Council Meeting to be held on Thursday 20th July 2017.
- cancel an invoice for the sale of the Ute Mounted Sprayer for \$400 that is considered Surplus or Obsolete Equipment. In the same decision Council accepted another offer submitted previously from Mr Darrel Marwick of \$250 for the Ute Mounted Sprayer.

Council's Roads Crew have completed the construction and sealing of Victoria Street in Popanyinning. The works also include some minor drainage works that will hopefully assist with the flow of water away from residences. Several residents who regularly use the road have favourably commented on the quality of the work.



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UPCOMING COUNCIL

MEETINGS

Thursday, 15th June 2017
Wednesday, 28th June 2017
Thursday 20th July 2017

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,
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Cuballing Market Day

The first Cuballing Market Day was held on Sunday 7th May 2017 in and around the Cuballing Agricultural Hall, former CWA Rooms.

About 200 people attended throughout the morning, viewing a range of local produce and enjoying the tempting offerings.



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CANCER'S BIGGEST MORNING TEA

25TH MAY 2017 AT POPANYINNING

Council assisted in holding a Biggest Morning Tea at Popanyinning on Thursday 25th May 2017. A number of locals and passers by stopped for a morning tea and a chat in the morning sunshine.

The Biggest Morning Tea is an Australia wide initiative of the Cancer Council to raise funds for Cancer Research. The Popanyinning Biggest Morning Tea raised \$385.20.

The Popanyinning Biggest Morning Tea was assisted by:

- The Popanyinning Progress Association who helped in the set up of the event;
- Heather Dowdell's Villa Bellevue provided some wonderful local jams for the scones for morning tea; and
- the Popanyinning Store assisted with milk for the cuppa's.

Anne Lyneham was the lucky winner of the raffle drawn by Shire Councillor Dawson Bradford.



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Citizenship Ceremony



On Thursday 18th May local resident Caroline Parker made her formal oath of citizenship.

Shire President Mark Conley presented Caroline with her citizenship certificate.

Popanyinning Waste Changes

The Shire of Cuballing has commenced the transformation of the Popanyinning Rubbish Tip to a Transfer Station. In the coming weeks the site will be fenced and a transfer station wall will be constructed. Construction is expected to be complete by the end of June 2017.

Once complete Residents using the transfer station will drop their waste in large bins rather than on the ground, with the skips then emptied and the waste carted to the Narrogin Waste Site for disposal. The operation will be similar to the Cuballing Transfer Station which has now been operating for 12 months.

Most Residents will not have any change in the way they dispose of waste, however waste will not be able to be tipped from a truck.

Bulk recycling of metal waste and the disposal of green waste will not alter.

Please call the Shire of Cuballing on 9883 6031 for further information .

FERAL CAT TRAPPING

In early May a joint project between the Shire of Cuballing and the Peel Harvey Catchment Council, WA Feral Animal Management completed trapping of feral cats at the Popanyinning and Cuballing Waste Sites. 16 feral cats were trapped and removed. Another cat was able to be identified and returned to its owners.

In Popanyinning one trapped cat weighed 5.6 kilograms and another 6 kilos. These animals would have been capable of taking down many small native species including the colony of brushtailed possums which live at the Popanyinning Waste Site.

In Cuballing traps yielded six cats one of which was a 6.6 kilogram feral tabby. This is an exceptional weight for a feral cat in Western Australia.

Motion sensitive cameras showed no cats present at the sites after the trapping was completed. It is expected that other cats will move to the sites and further trapping will be required in the future.

PUBLIC NOTICE SPECIAL COUNCIL

Please be advised that the Shire of Cuballing will hold a Special Council Meeting to consider a Draft 2017/18 Council Budget at 12.30pm on Wednesday 28th June 2017.

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

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

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Wanted to Lease Land for cropping

I am interested in talking to any local resident who has arable land available for cropping from next season. Willing to pay up to \$60 per arable acre

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Letter to the Editor

In response to the article "Public Notice" I for one am fully aware that Deb Hopper gives her time freely in a Voluntary capacity to produce the Cuby News.

I have watched it become a newsletter full of interest and community items of interest relevant to our Region.

It has blossomed from a rather staid 1 or 2 page printout to one that I look forward to receiving!!

Thank you very much Deb for your time and expertise appreciated by many locals I am sure!!

Sincerely, *June Ellis, East Popo*

Narrogin Art Group's 50th Birthday Celebration

*Members of
The Narrogin Art Group
(50)*



Our 50 Year Story



1966 -
2016

On the Mothers Day weekend, the Narrogin Art Group celebrated their story of the 50 years since they began.

The brainchild of Joy Richie, the group ebbed and flowed over

the years, as the popularity of a wide variety of art peaked and fell away.

Painting (oils, watercolours, pastels), sketching, copper enamelling and china painting, hat making, felting, knitting (hand and machine), pottery of all varieties, sewing, embroidery, fabric dyeing, silk screen printing, weaving, spinning, doll making, silver-smithing, patchwork, crocheting, basket making and any other craft skills that were popular at the time.

A book, researched and written by Maurie White was published and presented on the day to an enthusiastic group of current members.

Examples of most of the craftwork, produced over the years was on display at the headquarters of the Narrogin Art Group at 4 Elliott Street, Narrogin on Saturday the 13th of May. The celebration was opened by Cr Seale and a speech given by a representative from Joy Richie's family. The book is available from the Narrogin Art Group for \$5.00.



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Landcare matters

Hotham-Williams sub-catchment update



Edition 1
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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.



Feral Cat Removal at Popanyinning

A recent trial tackling the removal of feral cats from the Popanyinning rubbish tip has yielded fantastic results. The trial, a collaborative project between the PHCC and the Shire of Cuballing, focused on trapping feral cats within the Popanyinning tip site. The tip is close to areas of retained bushland, including pockets of the Dryandra woodland, home to some of our more threatened wildlife, including our iconic numbat.

A total of 16 feral cats were caught in this trial across 4 nights which is a remarkable result. We thank WA Feral Animal Management for their great work and the Shire of Cuballing for being supportive partners on this project. It is hoped the success of trials like this will encourage other Local Governments to take up the fight against feral cats.



Land for Wildlife Training for PHCC



Gillian Stack from Department of Parks and Wildlife (DPaW) recently undertook a training exercise on the Land for Wildlife (LfW) assessment process with PHCC staff at a property in Quindanning.

The LfW program has run in WA since 1997 and recognises and supports land managers who have, and wish to maintain, natural habitat on their property to benefit the wildlife (flora and fauna).

DPaW and regional NRM groups, including the PHCC, have agreed to work together to trial new ways to deliver the program and support existing and new participants. This partnership approach is in its early stages, and will unfold over time.

Chem Cert Accreditation Course on offer

As part of the Tunbridge Gully restoration project in Boddington, a nationally accredited two-day Herbicide Chemical Safety Training course will be held on 15th & 16th June. It is being offered to landholders adjoining Tunbridge Gully

and members willing to assist with the project.

Contact Mel Durack to register your interest 0455 166 780 or hotham-williams@peel-harvey.org.au

Grants Still Available

PHCC: Grants of \$100 to \$1,000 please visit: www.peel-harvey.org.au

State NRM: Grants of \$5,000 to \$55,000 please visit: www.nrm.wa.gov.au/

Funding secured for Ranford Pool Revitalisation

The Friends of the Reserves – Boddington (Inc) have received funding through South32 Worsley Alumina for the Ranford Pool Revitalisation project. The aim of the project is to rehabilitate the ecological values of Ranford Pool Reserve. The project will also enhance visitor experiences by providing amenities, improved user access and safety, and providing

information about the cultural, heritage and environmental values of the area.

This is a project which was requested by the community through PHCC's consultation process on the Hotham-Williams NRM Plan and it's great to see it coming to fruition. A community meeting is planned in July for further input into the project.

Coming Up...

Jun 10 Friends of the Reserve – Boddington (Inc) Bridal Creeper Hunt for Camballing Reserve Project

Jun 15 Herbicide Chemical Safety & 16 Training Course (seeking EOIs)

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



natural resource management program



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

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A Short Tale of Feral Cats

On a cold evening last month, 12 local people met at the Popanyinning Town Hall to listen to a presentation made by members of the Feral Animal management group.

The group had been monitoring, through video cameras, the waste sites of Popanyinning and Cuballing, for any animal movements during the day and night, over a period of five days.

At the end of that time, they had trapped sixteen cats and two foxes. A big fat black cat (that we had witnessed on the video shown) was 6 kilograms in weight, but was surpassed by a big feral male tabby at 6.6 kg.

One of the very surprising things about the cats at this tip rather than other tips they had monitored was that the cats were extremely healthy, well muscled and strong. They would be threats for any native animals up to and possibly over their body weight – and they had two brushtail possums enter the traps (approximately 1.5 and 3 kg) – they were released unharmed – so the cats would be predated those in the bush.

They removed all the cats they saw on video. The last night of trapping they caught no cats – which was the aim of the exercise – so that now when the shire puts up the fence there should be none around (hopefully!). *“This project is supported by the Peel - Harvey Catchment Council through funding from the Australian Government and the Shire of Cuballing.”*

Sue and Linda recording the weight of a trapped feral cat, caught at the Popo waste site. This cat weighed in at 6 kgs. and was one of 10 caught at the site.



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Over the next few issues, Cuby News will run a series of articles about the rise of feral cats, their effects on the environment and the ways in which they can be controlled.

The first of the series is:

Where did feral cats come from?

Cats arrived in Australia fairly late in their history as domestic animals. It is believed they were brought here as pets by the first European settlers in the last decades of the eighteenth century (Dickman 1996), although it has been suggested that cats appeared in Australia even before European settlers and were traded by Malays to coastal Aboriginal people in the north of the continent (Rolls 1969).

However, both Gaynor (2000), in a report on the history of the arrival of cats in Western Australia, and Abbott (2002), in an extensive search of historical sources for early references to cats in Australia, concluded that cats arrived with European settlement and spread from a number of introductions along the coastline between 1824 and 1886.

Today the cat is known to exploit such diverse habitats in Australia as open plains, tropical rainforests, sub-Antarctic islands, alpine and sub-alpine regions, the central deserts, and rural and urban landscapes. The distribution of cats in Australia is nationwide, including Tasmania and many offshore islands, with densities varying markedly between habitats (Dickman 1996).

Why were cats considered as necessary for pest control?

By the 1890s, the European rabbit was widespread in southern Australia and was already considered a major pest on agricultural lands (Rolls 1969). Apart from spreading to rural settlements as pets (Abbott 2008), cats were also purposely established on rural properties in an attempt to control rabbits and mice (Rolls 1969; Abbott 2008). In 1886, four hundred cats were transported to Bourke in western New South Wales and sent to Togo Station on the Paroo River, 130 miles further west (Rolls 1969). In 1899, two hundred cats were released between Eyre Sand Patch and Mount Ragged in Western Australia wherever traces of rabbits were seen, and in 1936 it was reported that the WA Department of Agriculture in Perth purchased cats for release at Eucla (Abbott 2008).

Advertisements appeared in the press of cats for sale to rural property owners for control of rabbits, and in the 1880s the price of cats ranged from one shilling to two shillings and sixpence (Rolls 1969).

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On some properties, huts were erected to provide shelter for cats; this fact is commemorated by the name Cat House Mountain in Victoria (McKeown 1922).

With only the dingo (*Canis lupus dingo*), the red fox (*Vulpes vulpes*), the Tasmanian devil (*Sarcophilusharrisii*), the Thylacine (*Thylacinus cynocephalus*) and the wedgetailed eagle (*Aquila audax*) as possible predators of the cat in restricted areas, and widely available prey species such as birds, small mammals, reptiles and young rabbits, cats were soon established throughout the continent (Wilson et al 1992).

In some areas, cats are still encouraged as pest control agents, particularly around rural homesteads. Using information on the transportation of cats by people during the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, Abbott (2008) concluded that the spread of cats into the countryside was associated largely with human settlement.

To be continued.....



Feral cats are not like your domestic pet cat - they are wild, vicious and very large. This one was caught at the Popo waste site.



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Senior Sergeant John Bouwman, the new, permanent Officer In Charge (OIC) of Narrogin Police Station, met last Wednesday with local residents from Popanyinning, at his invitation to "Have a Cuppa with a Copper" evening.

This was the first of a number of meetings he has planned for various locations within his precinct and he was pleasantly surprised to see so many people in attendance.

He, together with Constable Damian Summersby, chatted informally with 22 locals and a number of issues were raised with him.

The most pressing matter was the speeding traffic, particularly

large trucks, travelling through Popanyinning township, especially at school bus drop off times.

SS Bouwman suggested that data is the key to action... he urged residents to take registration plates from vehicles doing the wrong thing. Observing, recording and reporting to Crimestoppers was recommended.

Search warrants are heavily dependant on consistent and frequent information supplied to police, via Crimestoppers.

If you want to keep up with events, happenings and crime statistics in the district, sign up to Narrogin Police's e-watch bulletin, on-line, from the e-watch website.

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The evening was a success with regards to information swapping and if you have the chance "Have a Cuppa with a Copper".

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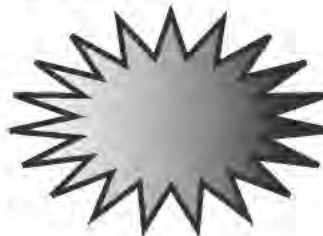
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Let's talk about Aged Care

Aged Care options can be very confusing especially when people start talking about Bonds or RADS and DAPS or say things like you need a RAS or an ACAT, it's like they are speaking another language and perhaps they are.

To the average person these acronyms don't mean anything until you find yourself in a situation where you need to know that a RAS is short for Regional Assessment Service and is what you need to have before you can access Community Care services or an ACAT/ACCR actually stands for Aged Care Client Record which is the first thing you are going to be asked for if you are considering residential care as an option.

But how do you find out these things or even know where to start. The first place to go is your doctor who can refer you to these services, after that you will receive a phone call from a health professional who will identify themselves and make a time to come out and see you in your home to discuss and assess your care needs.

They will ask a lot of questions that will help them to figure out what sort of services you need and that could include cleaning, gardening, help with shopping or a variety of other options for those living in the community.

Options for residential care can be a bit more confusing which is why it is often beneficial to engage a professional placement consultant to help you work through the aged care information maze.

But back to the RAS. Once you have been assessed and approval given, you will then receive a letter which tells you what level of care you are entitled to and how many hours service you are entitled to each week or fortnight.

Whether that is HACC which standards for Home and Community Care or a Community Care Package which has different levels for those with higher care needs. There is of course a cost involved and this is dependent on the package of care you have been approved for, and, to a degree your income. For example a pensioner would pay less than a self-funded retiree.

Then of course there is choosing a service provider which in regional WA means that you won't have as much choice as someone living in the Perth metro where there are more service providers.

But, what you will get are fully trained staff who are dedicated, caring and professional, because at the end of it all, if having someone come and help you with your housework or shopping means you can stay in your own home, it is well worth considering. Next time - We will talk about Residential Aged Care Bonds.

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Dryandra Art, Food and Wine Trail 2017

The three locations in Cuballing had an excellent turnout of visitors for their events for the Dryandra Art, Food and Wine Trail, held over the Mothers Day weekend last month.

At Rosedale Cottage, owned by the Breytenbach family, was the venue for high tea, provided by The Polished Plate. The beautifully restored rooms of the cottage were the backdrop for period tables, set with linen table cloths, fine bone china and silver cutlery. The food was outstanding and the cottage hummed all weekend.

Also on display were photographs by Alex Newman, paintings by Geire Kami, and a craft stall "manned" by Robyn Newman.

The Old Teachers Quarters, magnificently restored to its former glory (or better) by John Robertson of Cuballing, was home to John's collection of artwork (including a series of yachting photos from the Bond Collection

featuring photographs of various yachts from the America's Cup Challenge of 1983). Other works of art included drawings from David McFall, sketches, rescued paintings, embroidery and artwork from various op shops in Narrogin, Mt Barker and Denmark.

All of this set in a back drop of period furniture, hand made by John, including a four poster bed made of jarrah and sandalwood and an inlaid table made for playing backgammon.

This intricately renovated building is now available for rent.

At Chedoona Gallery, artworks by Peter Denton, his sister Barbara Cronin and local Cuballing artist, Helen Elliott.

The Gallery display attracted many visitors over the weekend, with Peter donating some of his time taking the bus passengers on guided tours through the nature walk around Chedoona and through the native nursery.



Do you recognise this painting?

It was found in the Narrogin Op. Shop and is signed *Turton*. It is now owned by John Robertson of Cuballing and he is very keen to research the provenance of the painting. It is broody and dark, but very well executed, particularly the clouds in the sky. It was on display at the Old Teachers Quarters, lovingly restored by John, and it caused a lot of interest in the subject and its possible artist. If you think you know anything about it, please call Cuby News on 98499116 or 0419941512, or email us at dhopper@westnet.com.au

I've found a new born lamb! What do I do?

Amanda Walker, The Farm Co and Yerecoin Traders

Provided there is no mother in sight and you want to hand raise the lamb:

If the lamb is new born- it needs colostrum either by bottle or stomach tube if it can't suck. If the lamb is more than 24hrs old- you can start giving milk replacer straight away. Keep the lamb warm and dry it, if it is wet.

Colostrum

Lambs require colostrum within the first 24 hours of life. It provides immunity, acts as a laxative and is a concentrated nutrient and energy source. Usually about 200ml of colostrum within the first day of life is needed but we would recommend feeding only 50ml at each feed. Lambs that don't receive colostrum usually have a high death rate or become weak lambs which are very susceptible to disease and hypothermia. Ideally ewe colostrum should be given so, if possible, catch a ewe and attempt to milk or suckle the lamb. Colostrum can also be frozen and thawed in a water bath when needed.

I don't have any ewe colostrum available!

If no colostrum is available this recipe can be used: 700ml cow's milk, 1 beaten egg yolk, 5ml cod liver oil and 15g dextrose powder. (Lambs can't digest sucrose (table sugar) so this can't be used)

What milk replacer should I feed?

Options are as follows:

Cow's milk plus full cream milk powder-

70g powdered milk made up to 1L with cow's milk gives a formula similar to ewe's milk, or Full cream milk powder alone- make according to instructions, or ewe milk substitutes such as Profalac or Palastart.

How often should I feed a lamb?

A rough guide to feeding is to administer about 10% of the lamb's body weight per day in milk. The temperature of the milk does not matter, but if the lamb is hypothermic then the milk should be warm. Also provide ad lib water.

Also note: Small and weak lambs need smaller volume, more frequent feeds (conversely, big buffy lambs will probably demand larger more frequent feeds!). Usually 50ml/kg body weight is needed at every feed. 3-4 feeds a day depending on age. Lambs can started on concentrates from 4 weeks of age and weaned if necessary from 6-8 weeks.

Rearing lambs can be a great experience, especially for young children. They make the most beautiful pets. However, a word of warning...as we found out last winter, they are prone to just 'dying off' for no apparent reason. Unfortunately, some abandoned lambs just can't be saved. If you have doubts about the health of your lambs please consult your local veterinarian for advice. Good Luck!!

Wheatbelt Cancer Support

Anyone affected by cancer in the Cuballing area is being reminded about a local cancer support service.

Barbara Brennan of Cancer Council WA is an experienced health professional who is the Cancer Support Co-ordinator for the Wheatbelt region.

Although she is based in Northam, Barbara is available to contact and assist all clients across the Wheatbelt.

Cancer Council WA offers a range of support services to anyone who is affected by a cancer diagnosis, whether this is the person with cancer or their family or carer. These services include information about the cancer or the treatments available, emotional support and financial, practical and legal support. Cancer Council WA can also provide accommodation for regional West Australians who need to travel to Perth for cancer treatment.

Barbara can be contacted on 9621 1810 (Tues-Thurs), and further information about Cancer Council WA services can also be obtained by calling 13 11 20.

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

Your Cuby News is distributed to all post office boxes monthly, free of charge to you, and is read by a broad cross section of the community, both in the Cuby Shire and further afield.

Email: 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.

Wanted: Stories of Historic Buildings in the Shire of Cuballing

- for articles in the Cuby News - photos, original owners and tales behind the settlement of properties in the district.

New and old residents of the shire are keen to have an insight into the former residents of the Shire.

Call Deb on 98499116

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.

Cuby News is produced by Deb Hopper JP for the Popanyinning Progress Association, in association with the Shire of Cuballing, and for the communities of Cuballing, Popanyinning and Yornanning. Printed by the Shire of Cuballing.

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

Sweet, new season hay, small bales, oaten and triticale available. \$10 delivered in Cuby Shire
Phone Barry: 0439945453

Want to advertise?

Contact Deb on 0419941512 or dhopper@westnet.com.au and ask.

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 3rd 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

Popo Town Fire
Brigade's AGM on
Tuesday 4th July.
Meets on the first Tuesday
of every month at the Fire
shed, Popo, @ 5.30pm