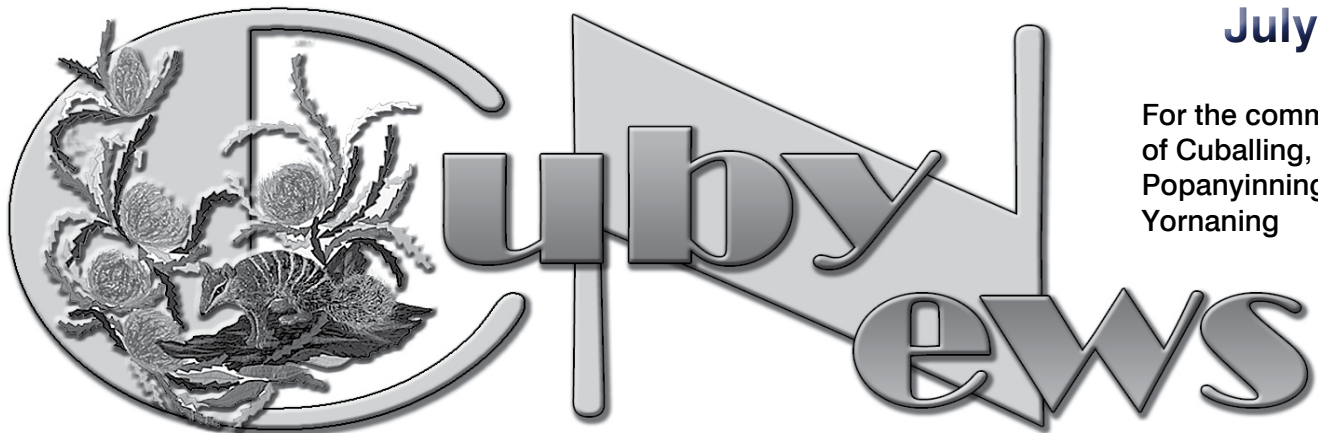


July 2017

For the communities  
of Cuballing,  
Popanyinning and  
Yornaning



# Alien Invasion of Popanyinning??



No, It is the local participants in the Popanyinning Progress Association's (PPA) Bridal Creeper Eradication Project, undertaking the course on chemical handling and management in Popanyinning Hall last week. From left: David Elms, Reece Williams, Barry Wood, Paul Cook, Kevin Sankey and Eliza Dowling.

**The course instructor, Craig Watt from Mandurah, led the group through two days of theory and prac in the elements of managing, storing and using various chemicals.** Each of the participants was issued with a PPE (Personal Protection Equipment) pack - most of which you can see in the photo above.

The course is part of the

commitments made by the PPA, in being awarded a substantial grant for the ongoing fight against the invasive Bridal Creeper along the Hotham River in Popanyinning. PPA president, Deb Hopper, is hoping that this will be stage 1 of further grants to enable the group to continue the eradication program both up and down stream, from the central area being targeted this

year. The proposed plan includes a respray of this area next year. The enthusiasm shown by the group of six (above) should be a good indicator of the success of the eradication project. The second phase of the project, stage 1, is tree planting - if you love digging in dirt, we'd love to hear from you... and we'll keep you up to date as project milestones are met.

# How many native insects live in your garden?

*We tend to place a strong emphasis on the importance of exotic bees in our garden, to pollinate our fruit, vegetables and other native and exotic plants. Bees do play an important role in the process, but have you ever considered the importance of our own native insects?*

Native ants, bees, hover flies, the plain old “Aussie fly” moths, butterflies, beetles plus countless more native insects do carry out the bulk of the cross pollination process in the bushlands and our own gardens. In our monoculture fields of wheat, canola insects do play a role but in these environments the majority of the pollination is carried out by the wind.

Ants visit flowering plants regularly to enjoy the sweet nectars, pollen and sap extruding from branches, plus taking any other unsuspecting insects in the process. During their busy excursions from plant to plant the cross pollination process is invariably performed.

Native hover flies and native bees (of which there are many species) are important links in the pollinating process.

**What do we plant?** Well the obvious choice is to plant native (local endemic where possible) species in our gardens, planting wholesale or amongst existing exotic species. Grevilleas, thriptomene, pimeleas (for the hoverflies and butterflies) correas, dryandra and banksia species, hakeas, eremophilas are some of many species to suggest.

Planting bird attracting species such as grevilleas attracts honeyeaters, who not only love pollen but they do also eat many harmful insects such as aphids particularly during the breeding season. Honey possums, (which I have in my garden) and yes the common possum too are attracted by the nectar feast.

By attracting the native insects, birds and animals to our gardens completes the cross pollinating circuit. *Peter Denton, Cuballing*



**Pictures from top:** *Banksia blechnifolia*, native honey bee hive, *Hakea multilineata*, and *Corymbia (Eucalyptus ficifolia)*. **Bottom:** A native garden in Cuballing; designed for the birds and the bees!

*Barry Wood looking armed as dangerous as he illustrates his weed killing technique during the practical test. (pg 1)*



## Shire of Cuballing 2017/18 Budget

The Council adopted the Shire of Cuballing 2017/18 Budget at the July Ordinary Council Meeting.

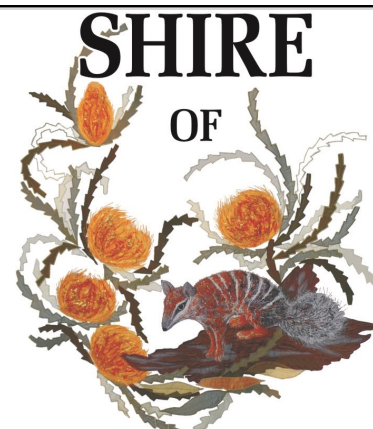
The significant sources of income in the 2017/18 Shire Budget included:

- a 4% increase in Rates to a total amount of \$1,070,994;
- federal government Financial Assistance Grants of \$466,848;
- Roads to Recovery grant funding of \$243,253;
- state government State Road Funding of \$381,926;
- state government Direct Road Grant of \$99,902; and
- Emergency Services Levy operational funding of \$20,625.

The significant expenditure planned for 2017/18 includes:

- a Road Construction Program of \$857,618 including:
  - ⇒ continued widening of Wandering Narrogin Road
  - ⇒ widening of sections of Stratherne Road;
  - ⇒ widening of a section of Popanyinning West Road
  - ⇒ final seals on previous works on Popanyinning West Road, Yornaning West Road, Victoria Road and Cuballing East Road.
- road Maintenance works of \$989,877 including gravel road grading works, gravel sheeting, tree pruning, minor drainage works on various roads;
- replacement of a rubber tyred road roller for \$170,000 changeover;
- upgrades to water standpipes at Cuballing and Popanyinning to improve reliability and service;
- upgrades at the Cuballing Transfer Station to improve fencing and provide oil recycling services;
- provide DrumMuster collection points at Cuballing and Popanyinning Transfer Stations;
- building renewal works to the Cuballing CWA building, Cuballing Town Hall and Cuballing Recreation Centre;
- grant funding of conservation fencing works at Yornaning Dam;
- improvements to the Cuballing War Memorial Park.

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### UPCOMING COUNCIL

### MEETINGS

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> August 2017  
Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2017  
Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October 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.

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## Council Rates 2017

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Council's 2017 Rates notices will be printed and sent out in the first week of August 2017

Ratepayers who wish to receive their Rates Notice via email should send an email request to Leanne at [rates@cuballing.wa.gov.au](mailto:rates@cuballing.wa.gov.au). The printed notice will also be sent by mail.

Council will again conduct an Early Payment Prize for ratepayers who pay in full within the Rates Discount period. This years prizes are:

1<sup>st</sup> Prize – two nights accommodation studio hotel style ocean view room at Quality Resort Sorrento Beach

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize – one nights accommodation executive room for two including a bottle of sparkling on arrival & fully cooked breakfast at Country Comfort Inter City Perth

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize – one nights accommodation at Windsor Lodge Como

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## Council Meeting—July 2017

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At their June Ordinary Meeting, the Council:

- adopted an updated Freedom of Information Statement. This statement is available on the Shire website;
- decided to have a Voting-in-Person election and not a Postal Voting election run by the WAEC. The cost of the Postal Voting election was over \$8,000 more expensive that a Voting-in-Person election;
- Indicated conditional support for a subdivision to create a new title for a gravel pit on Shaddicks Road, East Popanyinning;
- decided to commence the process for a general amendment to Council's Town Planning Scheme to bring the Scheme up to date;
- supported legal action to recover unpaid rates on two properties that could result in the sale of the properties;
- wrote off one sundry debt for \$330 that was uneconomic to recover but chose to continue to seek to recover another two sundry debts for \$330 where the debtor remains a resident of the Shire;

The complete minutes of all Council Meetings are available on the Shire Website or Shire Office.

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## WA Seniors Card Discount Change

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On 22 June 2017, the States Government announced changes to the cap amounts for local government rates for WA Seniors Card holder households. The cap for has been set at \$100.

The changes will operate from 1 July 2017.

The WA Seniors Card holders' concessions remain at 25 per cent of Council Rates up to the capped amount.

For households with Commonwealth concessions cards, the State Government will

continue to provide the 50 per cent rebate for local government rates capped at \$750. These capped amounts remain unchanged from those that applied in 2016-17.

All Pensioners and Seniors cardholders are required to provide the Shire with an up-to-date copy of their card to be eligible for their discount.

Any local resident who has concerns over their Pensioner or Seniors Card Rates discount, please contact Leanne at the Shire Office on 08 9883 6031.

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# New Cuballing Fire Truck

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The Shire took delivery of the new Cuballing Brigade 2.4 Fire Truck on Thursday, the 20<sup>th</sup> of July 2017.

The new Truck was entirely funded by the Emergency Services Levy. The Emergency Service Levy is collected by the State Government from all property owners in the State though payments made with their Council rates.



Local DFES Officer Paul Blechynden was on hand to present the vehicle and familiarise local Cuballing Bush Fire Brigade volunteers Tim Bradford and Dave Thompson with the new features of the truck.

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# Cuballing Skate Park Toilet Upgrade

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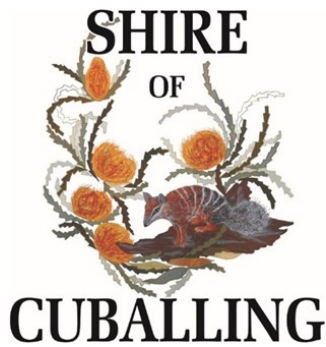
The upgraded public toilets at the Cuballing are now operational. While the exterior appearance is unchanged, an Aerobic Treatment Unit (ATU) has been installed to allow the connection of flushing toilets. The ATU system replaces previous unpopular drop toilets.

An area of the park lawn was excavated to install the ATU underground. While this area is very sandy at the moment, it is expected that the lawn will cover up the sand in the spring.



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## Public Comment Draft Community Strategic Plan

Council is seeking community feedback on a new Draft Community Strategic Plan. The Draft Plan seeks to outline a long-term vision for the Shire of Cuballing.

The Community Strategic Plan is an overarching plan that will guide the future direction of Council's policies, plans, projects and decision making for the next ten years.

The Draft Strategic Community Plan is structured around four themes. Each theme has associated goals, strategies and outcomes which success will be measured against.

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|-------------------|---|
| Social:           | Our community, neighbourhoods, recreation and culture         |
| Environment:      | Our environment, resource management and services             |
| Economic:         | Our economy, infrastructure, systems, services and management |
| Civic Leadership: | Our Council, services, policies and engagement                |

The draft Plan is available at the Shire of Cuballing Office or on the Shire of Cuballing website at [www.cuballing.wa.gov.au](http://www.cuballing.wa.gov.au).

In reviewing the Draft Community Strategic Plan, Council is seeking public comment through:

- a survey of the priorities and performance of the Shire of Cuballing. The survey can be completed:
  1. on line at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GHRLGXY>. This link is available from the Shire of Cuballing website and Facebook page; or
  2. In written form on the following pages of the Cuballing News and submitted to the Shire Office. Additional survey forms can also be obtained from the Shire Office.
- written comments on the draft Plan can be submitted by:
  - email to [enquiries@cuballing.wa.gov.au](mailto:enquiries@cuballing.wa.gov.au)
  - mail to Shire of Cuballing, PO Box 13, CUBALLING WA 6311
  - dropped into the Shire Office in Campbell Street, Cuballing.

Submissions and surveys should be received/completed by Thursday 24 August 2017.

For further information about the Draft Community Strategic Plan please contact Shire CEO Gary Sherry at the Shire Office at 08 9883 6031 or 0427 836 031.

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## Treasures found

Although we don't have historic buildings we have 3 historic rubbish pits and have found many interesting old bottles etc.



A small sample of some of the precious treasures that we have found.



*Anonymous contributor*

## Congratulations

... to Kaye Dowling on the celebration of your birthday, with so many family and friends, at the Popo Hall.

The streets of Popo were alive to the sounds of joyful voices, and children - brought back many memories for some.

## Content:

*I am always on the lookout for material to publish in the Cuby News.*

If you have an event, a celebration or an opinion that you would like to share with us, please feel free to email it to me at:

[dhopper@westnet.com.au](mailto:dhopper@westnet.com.au)

or call Deb on 984 99116 and I'll come and see you for your items. I can scan photos, or take notes or just listen to your stories.

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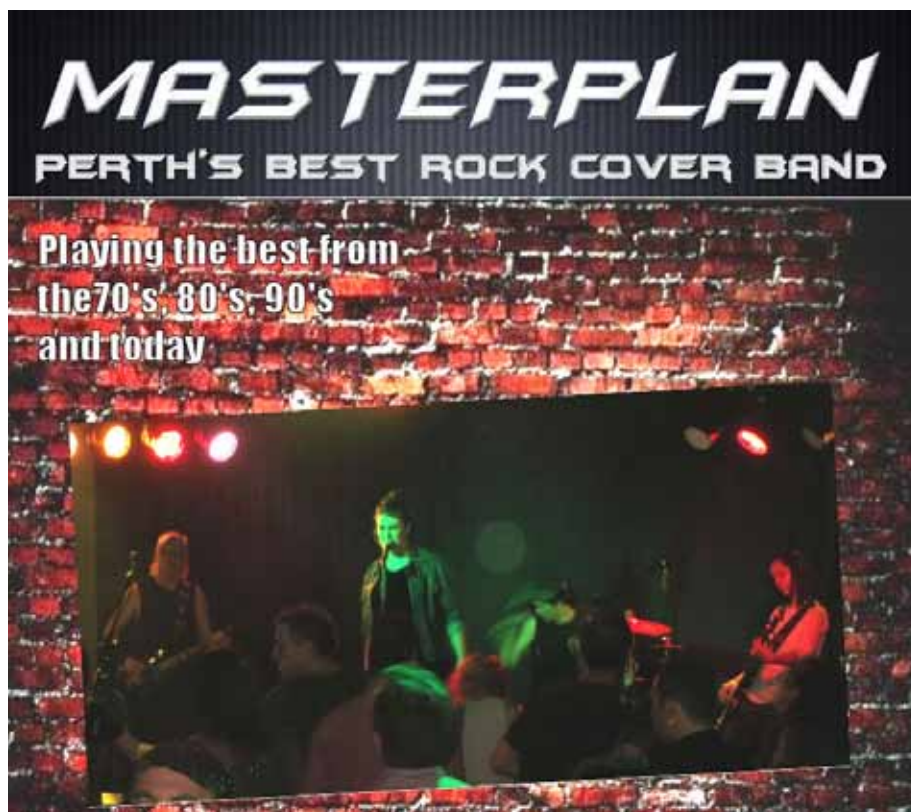
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## Popanyinning Town Oval

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## Lost Cuballing..

A facebook site is dedicated to the collection and preservation of the past history and present events of the Cuballing, Popanyinning and Yornaning Towns and Shire of Cuballing District. Search for it on facebook and request to join. Love to see you and your contributions to our history, before it gets lost.

## Cuballing Uniting Church

Our beautiful little 100+ year-old church has history, strong community ties and though we are few, our welcome is warm.

We conduct our own services, based on 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.

## Lost Cuballing - help!

*A photo of a farm has surfaced on Lost Cuballing. The caption reads “Peynolds Farm in Cuballing 1912”.*

There doesn't appear to be such a place today. Is the name Peynolds incorrectly recorded? Are you able to clarify the name and the location of this?

Please contact me on [dhopper@westnet.com.au](mailto:dhopper@westnet.com.au), or call 98499116, so that we can solve this mystery and correct the historical records.



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# Mens Shed - Cuballing

*The Water Corp Approached the Cuballing Mens Shed with a proposal to produce some pine plugs, which led to the invention of the plug maker, a sort of big pencil sharpener, that puts a point on a square bit of pine to be used by the Watercorp to plug holes in the water pipeline.*

Up to now they were made quite laboriously on the band saw.

Gordon McDougall and I put our heads together and the result is the (almost) completed magnificent machine, as shown on the photo, created by Gordon.

Gordon is a member of our Cuby Shed WAMSA (Western Australian Mens Shed Association) is so interested in the Dillons (formerly Opal Care, situated opposite the Narrogin Hospital and is a “special aged care” home; a lot of dementia, physically handicapped etc persons), in-house Men’s Shed because it is still operating after more than a year and very popular with the male residents (and the envy of some of the handy females).

John Buise and I visit there every Wednesday morning from 10:00 to 12:00 and we do virtually all of the work and most of the talking – I must say that John is by far the better talker! Karinya has had something similar but is defunct and the Narrogin Men’s Shed tried to move the elderly to their shed for some activities but that too folded.

WAMSA has now received a grant to improve disability access to the Men’s Sheds and Chris Speight, who administers the said grant, visited Dillons and our Cuby Shed, in order to assess our eligibility for funding - more about that soon.

At the AGM last week, John Buise and I have been re elected as President and Secretary

*Carry Van Empel*



*Gordon McDougall standing behind his invention - the “pencil Sharpener” used to make the wooden plugs - almost perfected.*

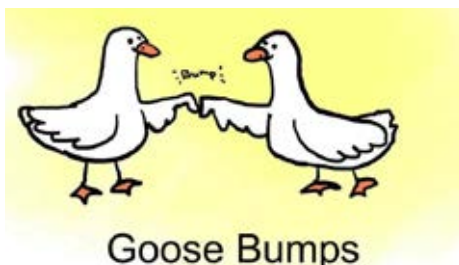


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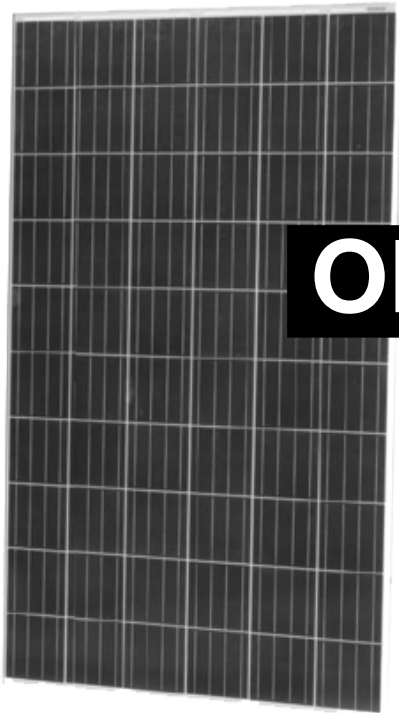
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## A Short Tale of Feral Cats Part 3 Summary

- Most successful cat eradication programs require more than one control method, and are usually accomplished on islands or in protected areas behind exclusion fencing.
- Exclusion fencing, shooting and trapping are not practicable for broad scale control of cats.
- The introduction of diseases and/or immunocontraceptive agents to cat populations would be very challenging and of questionable efficacy for cat management.
- Ground set baits offer some potential for broadscale control, in certain habitats and at particular times.
- Cats are unlikely to discover and consume buried baits.
- The development of cat specific delivery methods is required to increase bait uptake by cats and decrease bait uptake by non target native species.
- Control programs for introduced rodents and rabbits should be integrated into cat control programs to avoid population explosions after cat removal.
- Control programs should also consider native species that may suffer adverse indirect effects of cat removal or management.
- Control programs should incorporate the eradication of colonies of stray cats exploiting highly modified habitats within or close to feral cat control sites.

Although *Felis catus*, a feral predator, was first established on the Australian mainland with the arrival of Europeans in the last decades of the eighteenth century (Abbott 2002), it was not until 1992 that predation by feral cats was embedded in federal legislation as a Key Threatening Process in the Australian environment.

During the interim, the distribution of cats increased dramatically, with records now being made regularly throughout the Australian landscape, including such diverse habitats as sandy and stony deserts, semi-arid and temperate agricultural lands, open and closed forests, woodlands, shrublands, grasslands and urban and peri-urban areas. Despite their arid origins in the near east/north African region, free-living cats also occur widely in the Australian snow country (Watson 2006).

The late recognition of predation by cats in Australia as a threatening process meant that for almost two centuries cats freely invaded almost all parts of the continent, with their dispersal assisted frequently by human agency. Cats were actively encouraged as pest control agents for rabbits, rats and mice (and to some degree still are) and consequently the distribution and abundance of cats spread from a number of introduction sites around the Australian coast. Since the European settlement of Australia, cats have also been valued as companion animals, with the national pet cat population in 1996/98 estimated at 2.65 million (Turner and Bateson 2000). The dichotomy of the cat as pet/pest control agent versus feral pest has provided challenges for land managers attempting to control or eradicate feral cats.

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# Landcare matters

Hotham-Williams sub-catchment update



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NRM is the management of natural resources such as land, water, soils, plants and animals. It brings together land use planning, water management, biodiversity conservation and sustainability of industries such as agriculture, mining, tourism, fisheries and forestry.



## New Funding Opportunity

Funding is available through the Australian Government's National Landcare Programme to maintain and improve:

- Ecosystem services through sustainable management of local and regional landscapes
- National TEC's (Threatened Ecological Communities) of the western wheatbelt
- Threatened Species habitats and/or communities

Applications close **25 September 2017**

Priority for funding will be given to individuals and groups to undertake activities to protect these areas through:

- Access control (including fencing)
- Weed control
- Feral animal control

Interested? For more information and to discuss your ideas and eligibility please call 0455 166 780 or email [hotham-williams@peel-harvey.org.au](mailto:hotham-williams@peel-harvey.org.au)



## Project Updates

### Camballing Reserve and Tunbridge Gully



Boddington Noongar Elder Greg Thorne recently spoke on country with Mel Durack and Greg Marston from Friends of the Reserves – Boddington (Inc.) about the local Aboriginal history of the Camballing Reserve and Tunbridge Gully project sites.

The Camballing Reserve project aims to eradicate bridal creeper along the Hotham River in a significant Boddington reserve and is funded through State NRM and Royalties for Regions.

The three year Tunbridge Gully project is funded through South32 and the Australian Government's National Landcare Programme.

## Controlling Bridal Creeper in Popanyinning



PHOTO L-R: David Elms, Reece Williams, Barry Wood, Paul Cook, Kevin Sankey and Eliza Dowling

The Popanyinning Progress Association (PPA) has been busy working on their State NRM Action Grant project to eradicate bridal creeper along the Hotham River in Popanyinning.

Volunteers associated with the project recently undertook a Chem Safe Accreditation Course and will commence weed spraying soon.

PHCC is proud to support this project which tackles an invasive Weed of National Significance.

Planning is also underway for rehabilitation works in the area.

The PPA has recently submitted a grant application through the State NRM Program to continue the project past 2018.

## Grants Still Available

Grants of \$100 to \$1,000 please visit: [www.peel-harvey.org.au](http://www.peel-harvey.org.au)

## Coming Up...

**Aug** Chem Safe Training Course (Rescheduled) (Tunbridge Gully Project)

*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*



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

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Cont from page 11 **Feral Cats Summary**

The implementation of control methods such as the spread of disease, broad scale dissemination of toxic baits, viral vectored immunocontraception or even trapping and shooting programs have all been inhibited not only by time, labour and economic costs, but also by the weight of community expectations and the difficulties associated with targeting one subgroup of cats (ferals) while avoiding any impact on another (owned domestics).

Over the past few decades, with increased public education on the problem of predation by cats on native species, the federal government, most state governments and many local government bodies have introduced legislation requiring or encouraging stricter control of pet cats. Such legislation most usually requires the neutering, marking and confinement of pet cats, thus requiring greater responsibility by owners for the protection of their companion animals (eg Department of Local Government 1994; DNRE 1998).

There is considerable community support for such initiatives (Grayson et al 2002; Lilith et al 2006). The control of owned, domestic cats is an important aspect for the control of all cats on the Australian mainland.

Another subgroup of cats requiring urgent attention is the colony forming subgroup of cats that exploit resource rich, man made habitats in rural and suburban fringe areas. These cats possibly constitute the largest subgroup of cats in Australia. They not only exploit man made habitats, but are able to move out into surrounding habitats to exploit native species. As they live in groups in relatively small, defined habitats, ongoing removal programs would significantly reduce their abundance, and hence remove an important and ongoing source of cat re-invasion into the Australian landscape.

***This recommendation should be noted***

Central to the management of feral cats in Australia is the control of the owned and stray cat populations that constitute a source of cats capable of moving away from the influence of humans into relatively unmodified habitats. The distribution of cats throughout the continent, the flexibility of their social structures, and the likelihood of interactions and gene flow between owned, stray and feral cats suggest that the control and reduction of both owned and stray populations should ultimately reduce populations of feral cats.

Next month, Cuby News will publish the Cat Act

## Dog attacks on sheep

There appears to be an increase on the number of dog attacks on flocks of sheep and lambs recently in the Popanyinning area. One local farmer reported another dog attack on his sheep last weekend. That brings to a total of 15 lambs and 1 ewe killed, mauled and mostly eaten by a dog or dogs. That total does not include the loss of lambs to foxes.

If you have lost lambs/sheep to dogs, please report the incidents to the Shire of Cuballing, preferably with pictures as evidence. Farmers have a right to shoot stray dogs on their property in order to protect their stock. Please make sure that your dogs do not roam during the day or night.

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## Cuballing War Memorial Stephen Bowes

### Private Arthur Phillip McGrath

*Private Arthur Phillip McGrath was larger than life. He applied to enlist at Pingelly on June 7, 1916 and when he took his medical exam at Black Boy Hill, the medical officer noted a man five feet eleven inches tall, weighing sixteen stone.*

He had fair complexion, grey eyes and dark hair, and gave his religion as Church of England. His imposing stature in uniform can be judged from his portrait taken at Lafayette Studios in Perth, prior to embarkation. He was given regimental number 6111 in the 17<sup>th</sup> Reinforcements, 28<sup>th</sup> Battalion, which sailed

from Fremantle aboard HMAT Argyllshire A8 on November 9.

Disembarking at Devonport, UK in January, he was marched in to Rolleston Camp, where in March, he contracted mumps. After a fortnight of treatment at Tidworth Hospital, he re-joined his unit to continue training, before sailing from Folkestone, crossing to Le Havre, France at the beginning of July, 1917.



In September, 1917, the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Australian Divisions made a successful attack on

Menin Road Ridge, just outside of Ypres in Belgian Flanders. As part of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Division, the 7<sup>th</sup> Brigade (including the 28<sup>th</sup> Battalion) was successful in capturing German outposts in the region of Polygon wood and Hanebeek Wood. In preparation for these attacks, the 28<sup>th</sup> Battalion, hampered by darkness, rain and enemy gas shells, had taken

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Private Arthur Phillip McGrath *Cont from page 14*

up positions on Westhoek Ridge on the night of September 19. The next morning, the 28<sup>th</sup> mounted a successful attack, and shortly after, were digging in to consolidate their gains. The action's cost in men was 51 killed, 189 wounded. Private Arthur Phillip McGrath died of wounds received in action on September 20, 1917.

His death was witnessed and reported to the Red Cross by Private N Barton at No. 3 Gen. Hospital at Le Treport on June 13, 1918:

"He was in D. Coy, a farmer in private life, from Western Australia; a man of abnormal proportions weighing probably 15 or 16 stone.

We came over together in the 17<sup>th</sup> reinforcements. He was stretcher-bearing and while carrying a case was killed by a sniper, the bullet passing through his heart. It happened on the other side of ANZAC Ridge, in a gully by Polygon Wood. He would be buried where he fell."

Arthur Phillip McGrath has no known grave today, and is commemorated on the Menin Gate Memorial, Ypres, Belgium, on the Narrogin War Memorial and on the Cuballing War Memorial.

And what of Arthur McGrath's farm, back in Cuballing on the Yornaning West Road? In her history 'Numbat Country', author Evelyn Roots states: "John Henry (Jack) Gard, a bachelor and blacksmith, who was wounded in the same battle as Arthur McGrath was killed, took over McGrath's land after the war and named the farm Passchendale, in memory of the place of McGrath's death."

### Lest We Forget

*Footnote: Private John Henry Gard had departed Fremantle aboard the Miltiades A28 with the 51<sup>st</sup> Battalion (4<sup>th</sup> Reinforcements). The Embarkation Roll shows that he was single, forty three years old, and working as a farm labourer at Cuballing. He returned safely to Australia at War's end.*



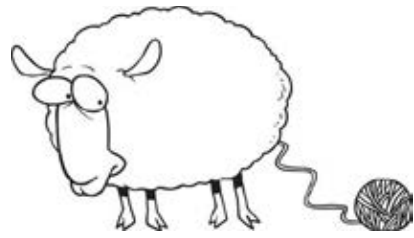
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## Letter to the Editor

Re Council Meeting June 2017

*It is disappointing to read that the expansion to the motorcycle park is allowed to proceed! Even though there were many genuine objections from very local residents and rate payers.*

Meaning that us residents of East Popanyinning will be subjected to more and more speeding utes loaded with bikes on our “quiet” country road mostly on weekends and public holidays!!

We feel so sorry for the residents who live very close to this facility.

It also means that the council discounted all of those genuine objections full stop!

We are by no means against motorcycles having owned and still own them for the past 50 years..... just very inappropriate to place such a business in the wheatbelt.

*June Ellis, East Popanyinning Road*

## Firearms Amnesty

*A reminder that there is currently a National Firearm Amnesty for anyone that has any unlicensed firearms or ammunition.*

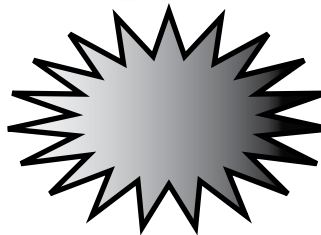


We have already had a number of firearms of various shapes and sizes handed in, some have been grandad's old gun which has been in the back shed for many years.

We are more than happy to take the gun off your hands or discuss whether the firearm can be licensed. Please call us at the station on 98822555 before coming in with your gun.

# Cuby Tavern

Log in to Popanyinning Community Page on facebook for an update on upcoming and current events



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# Let's talk about Decluttering and Moving

*We spend most of our lives buying, collecting or being given things, treasures we collected on our travels, wedding gifts that we use on special occasions, memorabilia and household items that seem to multiple especially in the back of the plastics cupboard.*

Maybe you have lived the same house for the last 20 plus years and until now haven't had to think about moving or decluttering ?

So what happens when you get to a point in life when your circumstances change due to age or ill health or you are simply don't have the time or energy to consider such a huge task or the house has become cluttering and this is now a safety issue or maybe you are a family member left with the difficult task of sorting out a deceased estate and unsure where to start?

Do you need a removalist or rubbish removal ? Who cleans the house when its vacant ? Do you have a plan of where everything will fit in the new home or are you moving in a residential facility and can only take one or two items? Are family members able to help or is that not possible due to distance, work and their own family commitments.

Life is often not simple or black and white and sometimes it is not possible to put our own lives on hold to help the ones we love as much as we would like too.



*Beautiful Popo peacock*

So what can you do?

Firstly if you are doing it yourself, one way is to break it down room by room and put items into piles of what you want to keep, give away or dispose of.

Start collecting packing boxes and newspaper for wrapping and fill a box at a time for a few hours every day.

Another option is to engage a professional organization to assist you which you may initially think is expensive, but when you factor in that the average house takes between 20-60 hours to declutter and/or pack the impact on your physical health, time and having to take time off work, it may be money well spent.

There are a number of organisations out there but Care Connections is locally based in Popanyinning and offer this service as a standard alone or as part of a package.

All staff have police clearances and are covered by insurance. Whatever you decide to do planning and preparation are essential as is safety.

Call Wendy at Care Connections on 0475 417 768 to chat about how we can help or visit us at [www.careconnections.net.au](http://www.careconnections.net.au) to see what other services we offer.

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*“whatever hardware you wanted...”*

*“I remember that lovely old shop and the McGarrigals - we used to swim in the river and when we got hungry we would go to the shop, get food and put the bill on Nan Gwen and Nan Rita’s names. They were the good old days....”*

*“They knew every Noongar kid in the district - and their families...”*

Great memories - and when they are shared, they don’t just disappear into the ether. Lost Cuballing (as well as Lost Pingelly, Lost Narrogin and others) give an opportunity for people to relate their experiences at a time when life and the facilities available was much more simple and appreciated than perhaps they are today.

Join a Lost.... page (Cuballing, Pingelly, Narrogin and many others) by searching your facebook page.

Join the Lost ... page and start sending in your old photos and recollections so that they are recorded for your kids and your grandchildren. You never know who or what you might rediscover.

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## Narrogin Police Station 21 July 2017

*“As highlighted in this week’s Narrogin Observer, a number of burglaries on business premises occurred during the beginning of July.*

The suspects also committed a number of offences in Perth during their crime spree.

Unfortunately some of the offences were quite easy for the offenders to commit due to the poor state of security. Whether you are at home or run a business, now is the time to review your security.

Are your external doors of a solid material, do your locks actually lock, do you keep valuables and keys for vehicles secure or out of sight?

If possible, now is the time to upgrade if your security is lacking. If the budget allows CCTV is also a great deterrent to offenders.”

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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](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.

## 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?*

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

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## Come Old Time Dancing



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

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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

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