

The Cubby News

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December 2017

The Shire of Cuballing hosted a Senior's Day at the Cuballing Hall on Wednesday 1st November. 32 seniors from Cuballing, Popanyinning and Narrogin attended the event which was made possible by grant funding through COTA for older Australians.

Julie Christensen from Narrogin Cottage Homes delivered an informative and engaging speech which provided information to seniors on a wide range of topics including how to stay in your home longer, what to expect later in life, power of attorney and services available for use. More information on Silver Chain and HACC services can be found by contacting the local offices in Narrogin. Attendees were then able to mingle over lunch.



To finish the day off, Lynette Blechynden from LynetteB Yoga of Narrogin held a stress relieving and balance improving yoga session. 14 men and women stayed for the session and left the hall feeling refreshed.

Lynette had everyone so relaxed they could have fallen asleep in their chairs. Yoga has proven health benefits in seniors such as improved sleep quality and reduced depression.

Thank you to all the people who attended the event.

If you have any feedback you would like to provide to improve future events please contact Michelle Atwell on enquiries@cuballing.wa.gov.au, 9883 6031 or drop into the Shire office on Mondays and Tuesdays.



UPCOMING EVENTS - December

Thank a Volunteer Day

2017
SHIRE

OF

Tuesday December 5th, 2017

6.00pm

Popanyinning Railway Station

Presentation followed by a
community BBQ - all are invited

CUBALLING



For further info contact

Cuballing Shire office on 98836031

Family Movie Night

at Cuby
ALEC BALDWIN

is
DREAMWORKS

THE
BOSS
BABY



COOKIES ARE FOR CLOSERS



Date: Saturday 9th Dec at 7pm

Location: Cuby Rec Centre

Sausage sizzle & drink \$4.00 or BYO picnic
BYO rugs and chairs

UPCOMING EVENTS - January

Australia Day 2017

Free Community

Breakfast

When: Friday 26th 2017

Time: From 7.30am

Where: Popanyinning Ag Hall

Local residents are invited to come together to help celebrate Australia Day

Presentation of Citizen Awards

Free Breakfast of Bacon, Eggs, tea, coffee, and toast.

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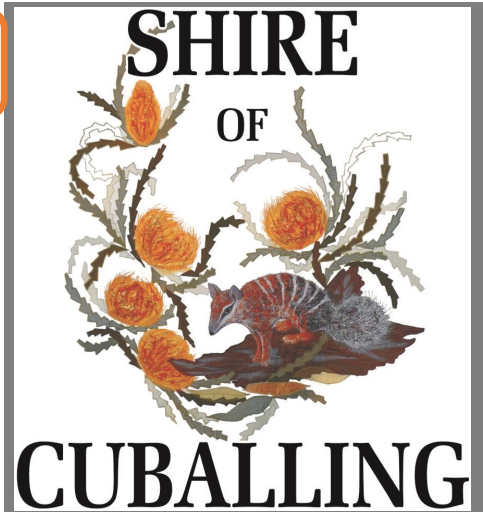
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Harvest Ban Hotline—SMS

The Shire of Cuballing Harvest and Movement Ban hotline Number is **9883 6386**. This service will be updated when a harvest and movement ban is in place within the Shire of Cuballing

The Shire of Cuballing has a SMS notification service for harvest and movement bans. If your mobile number has recently changed, if you would like to receive this service or need to delete an old number, please call within Shire of Cuballing office hours on 9883 6031 or email enquiries@cuballing.wa.gov.au

**IN THE EVENT OF A FIRE
CALL 000 FIRST**



COUNCILLOR CONTACTS

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UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS

Thursday 21st December 2017

Thursday 15th February 2018

Thursday 15th March 2018

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.

FIRE CONTROL OFFICERS

Chief BFCO	Anthony Mort	0429 898 214
Deputy Chief BFCO	Graeme Dent	0427 890 068
Popanyinning East	Justin Page	0427 884 032
Popanyinning Town	Fred Chapman	0456 601 827
Popanyinning West	Craig Cousins	0427 870 040
Cuballing East	Mike Burges Rob Harris	0427 836 045 0458 939 097
Cuballing West	Nelson Young	0427 845 255
Shire of Cuballing	Gary Sherry Bruce Brennan	0427 836 031 0427 836 063

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PRESIDENT'S PEN

A recent meeting held in the Cuballing Hall regarding the future of Yornaning Dam drew a healthy crowd and equally healthy discussion over the options possible for one of our most cherished picnic spots. There were many suggestions raised on how best to utilize the area and genuine concerns over degradation of the natural environment with many participants eager to be help in rehabilitation work around the dam. Opportunity to be involved will be coordinated by the Shire office for those keen to lend a hand. The issue of camping remains unresolved, however, there will be ample opportunity in the coming months to influence the outcome by written submissions, discussions with your preferred Councillor or interaction with Shire staff. Please be involved.

Two new crash car display trailers have arrived at the Cuballing and Kulin Shires respectively for use by the Wheatbelt South Regional Road Group of Shires. Cuballing and Kulin Shires will manage bookings, insurance, licensing and maintenance of the trailers on behalf the Regional Road Group. We want everyone in the community to get home safely and these trailers serve as a reminder to passing motorists and people attending events of what can go wrong on our roads.



In the coming weeks we sadly will be saying farewell to one of our staff. Tonya Williams has spent the past three years as Deputy CEO at Cuballing Shire but has decided to return home to family and friends in Esperance. Her cheerful outlook and willingness to help others are traits we will all miss. Her professionalism was often displayed by meeting difficult time-lines, tracking and reporting complex financial matters with clarity, and providing IT assistance to those of us with much less understanding. It has been a pleasure to have had Tonya as part of our small administrative team and I wish her and Brad the very best in their next endeavours.



Best wishes for the approaching Christmas and festive season. Stay safe on the roads.

Mark Conley
Shire President

HARVEST & MOVEMENT BANS FOR CHRISTMAS BREAK

Please check the weather before you consider harvesting. If the weather looks extreme be proactive and keep the community safe with your actions.

Harvest and movement bans will be in place on the following days at least:

25th December 2017

1st January 2018

Harvest and movement bans are subject to change.

Make sure your mobile number is updated with the Shire of Cuballing's SMS service.

The Shire of Cuballing's Harvest Ban Hotline number is **9883 6386**

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COUNCIL SHORTS

At their November 2017 Ordinary Meeting, the Council:

- Adopted an updated Code of Conduct to replace the Code adopted in 2008. Section 5.103 of the Local Government Act requires every local government to adopt a Code of Conduct which is to be observed by Councillors, Committee Members and Employees.
- appointed Dual Fire Control Officer for the Shires of Williams and Shire of Cuballing. Dual Fire Control Officers provide efficiency in responses to bush fires in areas near to the boundary of local governments and the local fire control officers are unavailable or delayed in attending an emergency; and
- added the construction of toilet facilities at the Cuballing Fire Station to the 2017/18 budget up to an amount of \$80,000. Prior to the adoption of the 2017/18 budget, Council were advised that an Emergency Services Levy (ESL) grant for this project was unsuccessful and the project was not included. However this advice was premature, and the project will now be fully funded through the ESL grant.

Council held their Annual Electors Meeting at the Shire of Cuballing at 6.30pm on Thursday 16th November 2017. The meeting was attended by 6 local residents in addition to Councillors and staff. In addition to receiving the 2016/17 Annual Report other matters discussed included:

- Fence at Lot 28 Austral Street Cuballing – after being raised last year, the lack of a fence on an adjoining property remains a concern. Currently the Shire doesn't have power to require a fence however the Shire will continue to assist in discussions between the neighbours.
- Memorial Park, Cuballing – Cr Conley advised that Council had indeed allocated funds to complete the construction of the pergola and improvements to the gardens in Memorial Park in 2017/18 year. However after doing so, Council had reassessed the appearance of the entire central area of Cuballing that included Memorial Park and hoped to work with the community to obtain a long term plan for the

whole area.

- Cuballing Entry Statements - the failure to finish the entry statements to Cuballing was very disappointing.
- Cycleways – Council was urged to complete more cycleway paths around Cuballing and improve maintenance of the existing paths.
- Men's Shed Swap Meet – That no Shire Councillors attended the recent Swap Meet held by the Cuballing Men's Shed was disappointing. The Shire did assist the Cuballing Men's Shed with the planning and advertising for their event
- Sealing of Russell Street – It was suggested that the remaining gravel section of Russell Street in Cuballing should be sealed. Currently completing the sealing of this section of Russell Street was not in Council's 10 year road program. This program will be reviewed again in March or April 2018.
- Cuballing RV Parking Area – Improving the RV dump point and machinery display opposite the Cuballing Roadhouse should be improved. This area is often used by as a camp site by RV travellers.
- Waste Disposal Fees - Cr Conley advised that Council had no plans to introduce charging for access to the Shire of Cuballing Waste Transfer Sites
- Requirement for a Deputy Chief Executive Officer - Council has recently advertised for a Deputy Chief Executive Officer. The need for this position was questioned and the money for this position could be better spent. Cr Conley believes that the Shire of Cuballing's administration is more efficient and effective than other similar sized Councils. Cr Conley acknowledged the requirement for administrative compliance and agreed that this compliance appeared to take away resources from other, seemingly more beneficial, activities in the community. Cr Conley advised that this requirement for compliance was not going to change.

The complete minutes of all Council Meetings can be viewed on the Shire of Cuballing website.

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SHIRE OF CUBALLING CITIZENSHIP AWARD



The Shire of Cuballing invites you to nominate an outstanding individual or group for one of this year's Australia Day Citizenship Awards to be presented on Australia Day, 26 January 2018.

The awards foster, recognise and celebrate significant contributions to community life and active citizenship in the Shire of Cuballing.

The Shire of Cuballing Citizenship Awards promote National Pride, Community Responsibility and Participation.

Guidelines and Criteria

Each year a local citizen and one local community group will be eligible for the Shire of Cuballing Citizenship Awards.

The recipients will be selected from people and groups who have made a noteworthy contribution during the current year, or given outstanding service to the local community over a number of years through active involvement.

Eligibility Criteria

- Nominees should reside or work principally within the Shire of Cuballing making the award.
- Awards may not be granted posthumously in recognition of recent achievements.
- A person may receive an award on more than one occasion in recognition or involvement in an alternative initiative.
- Unsuccessful nominees may be nominated in future years.
- Sitting members of State, Federal and Local Government are not eligible.
- Staff of the Shire of Cuballing are not eligible

Nomination Process

The Shire of Cuballing invites nominations for the awards from community groups and private citizens.

The Shire of Cuballing may also make nominations based on local knowledge and experience

Selection Criteria

The winners will have been judged to have shown active citizenship and:

- Significant contribution to the local community
- Demonstrated leadership on a community issue resulting in the enhancement of community life.
- A significant initiative which has been brought about positive change and added value to community life
- Inspiring qualities as a role model for the community.
- The Councillors of the Shire of Cuballing will select the winners from the nominations received.

The Shire of Cuballing Citizenship award will be presented at the Annual Shire of Cuballing Australia Day event.

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CUBALLING MEN'S SHED UPDATE

The paperwork for the new toilet for the disabled is coming along nicely; we're not holding our breath though as the actual installation will take quite some time and we don't fancy blue faces.

We are getting quotes for the meeting/smoko room; we will have to move the kitchen, but once it's operational we will have a safe area in the workshop for meetings, various activities such as administration, computers, library etc.

Also it will be a great area for members with a disability and hey, we're not getting any younger!

On Thursday the 23rd of November, we will be hosting a meeting with Rick Wilson MP and various Sheds in our zone, together with officials from WAMSA so sort out some problems with the National body AMSA.

There's always something happening in our Cuby Shed!

It would be great to welcome new faces and if you're pretty enough, the rest of you can come in as well

Carry Van Empel

Secretary

PROPOSAL TO WIND-UP THE CUBALLING LAND CONSERVATION DISTRICT COMMITTEE

Public comment is invited in relation to the proposed wind-up of the Cuballing Land Conservation District Committee (LCDC).

LCDC's are statutory bodies formed under section 23 of the *Soil and Land Conservation Act 1945*. Their functions include undertaking land conservation works, promoting soil conservation programs and providing advice to the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development on land use issues within their districts.

The LCDC is proposed to be abolished because of lack of interest.

If you wish to comment on this proposal, please write to the Commissioner by 16 December 2017. All comments received will be presented to the Minister for Agriculture and Food before the LCDC is formally wound-up.

Commissioner of Soil and Land Conservation
Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development
Locked Bag No 4
Bentley Delivery Centre WA 6983

For further information please contact:
Gisela Warman
Telephone: (08) 9368 3301

CUBALLING WAR MEMORIAL *by Stephen Bowes*

Please cast your eyes over these two images of Mouquet Farm in the beautiful Somme region of France. Image 1 from the Australian War Memorial shows the farm buildings before they were reduced to rubble by artillery fire in 1916. Image 2 from the Australian War Graves Commission shows the modern, smaller farm buildings today.



Despite Mouquet Farm's place in history as the focus of bitter and tragic fighting in 1916, British troops made light of it all by renaming it 'Mucky Farm', whilst to the Australian soldiers, it was and always will be 'Moo Cow Farm'.

The remains of many men lie at rest beneath these pleasant green fields. It is likely that 2705 Private Roger Levitt, remembered on the Cuballing Roll of Honour, is amongst them. The AWM summarises the fighting for the farm as follows:

"Mouquet Farm was the site of nine separate attacks by three Australian divisions between 8 August and 3 September 1916. The farm stood in a dominating position on a ridge that extended north-west from the ruined, and much fought over, village of Pozieres. Although the farm buildings themselves were reduced to rubble, strong stone cellars remained below ground which were incorporated into the German defences. The attacks mounted against Mouquet Farm cost the 1st, 2nd and 4th Australian Divisions over 11,000 casualties, and not one succeeded in capturing and holding it. The British advance eventually bypassed Mouquet Farm leaving it an isolated outpost. It fell, inevitably, on 27 September 1916."

Roger Levitt was the brother of Alexander Levitt, who farmed at 14 Mile Brook. Roger and Alexander were born at Cambridge, England, and came to Australia in 1908, leaving three brothers and two sisters in England. Alexander married Frances Booth in 1910. In 'Numbat Country', author Evelyn Roots describes Levitt's Farm as Locations 10706 and 10707, State Forest No 51, 21 km west of Cuballing. In more recent times, these locations became part of the Winniki Springs Holdings.

Upon his enlistment in August 1915, Roger Levitt gave his brother, Alexander as his next of kin. Roger signed attestation papers in Perth before Honorary Lieutenant Weaver, declaring prior military service with the Suffolk Volunteers, from whom he had purchased his discharge before coming to Australia. At the time of his enlistment, he was 28 years 10 months old, five feet eight and a half inches tall, 146 pounds, of fair complexion, with grey eyes, dark brown hair and was Church of England.

Roger Levitt was appointed to the 6th Reinforcements, 28th Battalion, which sailed from Fremantle aboard HMAT Ulysses A38 on 2/11/15. In camp in Egypt, at Tel-El-Kebir, Zeitoun he was transferred to the newly formed 51st Battalion, in the 13th Brigade of the Australian 4th Division.

OUR HERITAGE — Schools of the District

The Cuballing school opened in September 1895 with an enrolment of six boys and fourteen girls, and the teacher appointed was Mr JH Bailey.

The school was erected with quarters for the teacher, on town lot No.6, a block of three acres two rood and twenty-one perches.

The school and quarters faced Beeston Street, and the grounds were bordered by Andover and Austral-streets backing on to town lot No.10 which faced Brundell Street.

Accommodation problems arose in 1902, when a deputation of residents met with the Minister for Lands to discuss the schools needs. The class room, it was claimed, was too small and badly ventilated. The teacher's quarters were lined with fluted iron and lacked the basic comforts. It was suggested the class room be extended and that the stove be replaced with an open wood fire-place.

In 1903, (13th Feb.), the teacher, - Mr. Green requested two additional rooms to the quarters:

“I beg to draw your attention to the discomfort we have to endure in our quarters. In our bedroom we have ten square feet of floor in which to move. Two beds, one double and a stretcher, a cot, a wash stand, and toilet stand and a convenience for clothes is all the furniture in the room. Our boxes etc. and some of our stores, have to be stuffed under the bed. Four of us sleep in this room which is lined with iron, painted. The temperature, you may imagine, has been and is almost unbearable, and the air is stifling in the room.

The wife's health has become so impaired that it is necessary to keep a servant, a young woman who has to sleep in our only other room, the dining room, in which she has to keep all her paraphernalia. You can imagine what it would be indelicate for me to express, what this inconvenience means. There is not room to pass one another in the room.

This town is progressing. Very soon this will become a class 5 school.

Will you kindly give me two additional rooms, Sir?

I have the honor to be your most obedient servant,

Arthur Green.”

The two rooms were eventually built on to the existing structure, by the contractor, Mr. Gurr, completed 11th July 1904.

The Narrogin District Board of Education, (6th Nov. 1906) made application to have a new school erected



at Cuballing, and for the old school room moved from Nebrikinning. The response to this was that a contract had already been approved for a new school and that the old would be moved to Miniging.

Left—Cuballing School house 1941. Seated is Gwen Goddard's Mother and Gwen's daughter Helen. Gwen is taking the photograph

OUR HERITAGE — Back to Cuballing 1990

The back to Cuballing weekend held on April 7 and 8, offered an intriguing insight into the struggles of the small pioneering town of Cuballing.

The celebrations began with the official opening of the Cuballing heritage trail on Saturday.

Initiated by local resident, Peter Denton, sites of historical significance were earmarked for inclusion along the trail. The site of the old Cuballing Hall, St Peter's, Ingersley, Dungog House and the CWA, were some of the sites singled out for public appreciation. A school bus, on loan from Kelvin Lange of Pingelly and driven by Kate Farr, made sightseeing trips around the course of the day.

A memorial service and wreath laying ceremony was conducted to honour Cuballing's servicemen who died during the wars.

Sylvia Leach, on behalf of former students of the Cuballing school and local veterans of all armed conflicts; Malcom Gath, on behalf of pioneers of the district; Arthur Smith, on behalf of present residents of Cuballing and Shire president Darrel Dent, on behalf of the Cuballing Shire laid wreaths upon the memorial site.

Leanne Eckersley and Louise Curnow sounded 'The Last Post' and played the Reveille' during the service.

The school was officially opened in 1895 and was closed in 1946 and consolidated in Narrogin. The plaque was unveiled by two former students of the school Grace Spragg and Marjorie Patullo.

An Exhibition of photographs and memorabilia was held in the Shire offices and the CWA Hall which was attended by approximately 180 people. A highlight to the celebration was the Fashion through the ages parade which was staged at intervals during the dance. Keith Stewart played appropriate music to introduce the various decades, from the turn of the century to present day, while young local girls modelled the gowns. Featured in the parade were wedding dresses the earliest of which dated from the 1920 and was originally worn by Francis Dew.

A booklet entitled 'Reunion 1990: Cuballing Keepsake' was available for purchase and was the culmination of efforts by Ken Watson and Mary Gent, who spent considerable time organising data and memorabilia from Cuballing's colourful past. The entire weekend was organised and coordinated as a joint community effort and was attended by former and present residents and visitors throughout the district.

Taken from the Narrogin Observer 1990



Back Row—Jack Grainger, Stuart Murray, Kath & Joan Murray, Marjorie Bee
Middle Row— Joan Ridley ? Jack Ridley ? Ken Murray, Frank Dunne, Louie Senior, Vera Ridley
Front Row—Jan Murray, Norm Candy ? Dorrie Ridley ? ?

SHIRE OF CUBALLING'S CHRISTMAS TRADING HOURS

The Shire of Cuballing Office will be closed for the Christmas/New Year holiday period from Saturday 23rd December to Monday 1st January 2017.

The office will reopen on Tuesday 2nd January 2018.

Seasons Greetings

The Councillors and Staff of the Shire of Cuballing wish all residents and ratepayers a happy and safe festive season and a wonderful 2018.

Please keep safe on the roads!



WASTE TRANSFER CHRISTMAS OPERATING HOURS

Saturday 23rd December 2017 - **OPEN**

Sunday 24th December 2017 - **OPEN**

Monday 25th December 2017 —**CLOSED**

Tuesday 26th December 2017—**OPEN**

Saturday 30th December 2017—**OPEN**

Sunday 31st December 2017—**OPEN**

Monday 1st January 2018—**CLOSED**

Tuesday 2nd January 2018—**OPEN**

COMMUNITY NOTICES



CUBALLING CHRISTMAS TREE
SUNDAY 17TH DECEMBER 2017
CUBALLING RECREATION CENTRE
3.30PM ONWARDS

THIS YEAR THERE WILL BE

- FACE PAINTING
- THE ROTARY TRAIN
- BOUNCY CASTLE
- CRICKET GAME
- RAFFLES
- COLOURING IN COMPETITION
- SAUSAGE SIZZLE FOR \$3.50
- DRINKS FOR SALE \$2.00
 - WATER PLAY
- OBSTACLE COURSE

• **AND OF COURSE FATHER CHRISTMAS**

REGISTRATIONS ARE \$3 PER CHILD. EACH REGISTERED CHILD RECEIVES CHIPS, ICECREAM AND A DRINK.
YOU CAN REGISTER ANYTIME BEFORE WEDNESDAY 13TH DECEMBER AT THE CUBALLING ROADHOUSE.
BYO CHAIRS, RUGS AND ALCOHOL.

LIMIT OF \$20 FOR GIFTS, PLEASE DROP THESE OFF TO KAREN AT THE ROADHOUSE WHEN REGISTERING, WHERE YOU CAN PICK UP COLOURING COMP (PLEASE ENSURE YOUR CHILDS NAME IS CLEARLY MARKED ON THE GIFT)

Any queries please contact Melissa on 0419902356 or Prema on 040777283

Merry Christmas



POPANYINNING COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS TREE

SUNDAY DEC 10TH

5.30 PM SANTA ARRIVES

SAUSAGE SIZZLE, BRING YOUR OWN DRINKS, GAMES & BOUNCY CASTLE

(Please leave children's gifts at shop)



Deepest sympathy to the family and friends of the late Jan Cornish.

Shire Staff



POPANYINNING NEW YEARS
EVE DANCE 2017 INTO 2018

KEITH, KATHY & GEOFF
REUNION & FAREWELL

WHEN: SUNDAY 31ST DEC
WHERE: POPANYINNING HALL
TIME: 8.00pm

WANTED

Mobile Phone Booster Kit

Please call

Malcom 98884 044

Owen 98884 054

The Wittwer Family sincerely thank the many people who attended the fire, ignited by a lightning strike, on our property on the night of Sunday Nov 26th.

We were overwhelmed by the number of units and the speed of their arrival late on a Sunday night.

Once again, Thank you very much. Your efforts are greatly appreciated.

Landcare matters

Hotham-Williams sub-catchment update



PHCC Working Together
Peel-Harvey Catchment Council

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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.



Targeting Bridal Creeper

A sign unveiling for the Camballing Reserve Restoration Project occurred on 15th November. Friends of the Reserves - Boddington (Inc.) (FORB) have received funding from State NRM through Royalties for Regions for Phase 1 and 2 of the project which targets bridal creeper eradication in the Reserve. PHCC along with Shire of Boddington are project partners.

Both the FORB and Popanyinning Progress Association are eagerly awaiting to hear the outcome of the next round of State NRM Grants to enable their work on Bridal Creeper eradication to continue.

Several other groups in Hotham-Williams have also applied for funding. Fingers crossed they are successful!



PHOTO: Robin Andersson (FORB), John Holley (State NRM), Kate Barr (PHCC), Katrina Hayes (State NRM), Chris Littlemore (Shire of Boddington), Greg Marston (FORB), Peter Langan (Shire of Boddington), Mel Durack (PHCC), Dennis Andersson (FORB), Tanmoy Nath (State NRM).
Credit to Tony Francis (FORB) for the photo.

Feral Pig Support

PHCC is pleased to announce it will be supporting the Hotham-Williams community with feral pig eradication.

Through a recent grant process some Hotham-Williams landholders were among those selected in the Peel-Harvey catchment to have feral pig eradication occur on their properties over the coming months.



Grants for Farmers

The Department of Agriculture and Water Resources has recently opened two new grant rounds under the Australian Government's National Landcare Program:

Smart Farms Small Grants (between \$5,000 and \$100,000) are available to develop and extend new tools and technologies that help farmers, fishers, foresters and regional communities adopt best practice land management. These grants are now open and will close at 2pm AEDT, **Thursday, 7 December 2017**.

Smart Farming Partnerships (between \$250,000 and \$4 million) are available to put in place new and innovative sustainable land management practices that protect and improve the condition of soils, vegetation and biodiversity. These grants are now open and will close at 2pm AEDT, **Thursday, 21 December 2017**. *If you have a potential partnering project opportunity, please contact Mel Durack on 0455 166 780 or hotham-williams@peel-harvey.org.au*

For more information concerning these grants visit nrm.gov.au, phone 1800 020 283 or email support@communitygrants.gov.au

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



COMMUNITY CALENDAR — December

- Sun 3rd Social Tennis @ Cuballing 3pm
- Tue 5th Thank a Volunteer Day @ Popanyinning Railway Station 6pm
- Tue 5th Men's Shed meet @ Cuby Men's Shed 9.00am
- Tue 5th Craft Day @ Cuballing CWA Hall
- Tue 5th Citizenship nominations close
- Sat 9th Cricket @ Cuballing 12pm
- Sat 9th Cuballing Family Movie Night at Recreation Centre. Movie starts @ 7pm
- Sun 10th Popanyinning Christmas Tree @ Popanyinning Hall
- Sun 10th Social Tennis @ Cuballing 3pm
- Tue 12th Craft Day @ Cuballing CWA Hall
- Tue 12th Men's Shed meet @ Cuby Men's Shed 9.00am
- Sun 17th Cuballing Christmas Tree @ Cuballing Recreation Centre from 3.30pm
- Sun 17th Social Tennis @Cuballing 3pm followed by Xmas BBQ
- Tue 19th Craft Day @ Cuballing CWA Hall
- Tue 19th Men's Shed meet @ Cuby Men's Shed 9.00am
- Thur 21st Council Meeting
- Fri 22nd Shire of Cuballing office closes for Christmas break
- Sat 23rd Cricket @ Cuballing Recreation Centre 12pm

COMMUNITY CALENDAR — January

- Tue 2nd Shire of Cuballing Office re-opens
- Fri 26th Australia Day Breakfast 7.30am @ Popanyinning Hall

To add an event to the Community Calendar you can email your event details to enquiries@cuballing.wa.gov.au