

# The Cuby News

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November 2020

The Shire of Cuballing held another very successful Go for 2&5 Cuballing Kid's Day on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2020. The fine but overcast weather saw 310 kids and parents come out to enjoy the morning.

This year with Covid-19 still looming over our heads saw the Shire implement a free ticket system. Tickets were free but essential to enter the event. No ticket meant no entry. If ever there was a Covid-19 outbreak that was traced back to this event the Shire would be able to track down every single attendee.

This year we saw an interactive science team attend providing kids with a hands on experience with bubbles, CO2 Rockets,

Vortex Cannons, elephant toothpaste and take home slime and snow, Old Mac's Petting Zoo, balloon animals, obstacle course, bouncy castles, merry go round and Morty & Carlos with the Cuballing Bush Fire Brigade fire truck. Lots of fun was had by all!

The Shire would like to thank major sponsor Healthways and Go for 2&5 and the team from the Cuballing Roadhouse.

The Shire would love to receive feedback and ideas or volunteers for next years event. Contact Michelle at [cdo@cuballing.wa.gov](mailto:cdo@cuballing.wa.gov) or on 08 9883 6031



# Coming Events at Cuballing Tavern

Cuballing Tavern



MEALS ACCOMMODATION FUNCTIONS  
agytyltd@gmail.com 9883 6032



With our Local and  
Favourite

## Walter

### Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> November

7 pm to 11PM

COME AND HAVE SOME FUN

at the Cuby

**IT'S TIME TO BOOK YOUR  
CHRISTMAS FUNCTIONS  
RING THE CUBY TO  
GUARENTEE YOUR SPOT**



**THE BIGGEST NEW YEARS  
EVE PARTY EVER**

DRESS UP AS ANYONE OR ANYTHING –  
YOU CAN EVEN COME AS YOURSELF

HUGE COUNT DOWN TO MIDNIGHT  
PRIZE FOR BEST DRESSED FEMALE AND  
MALE

Thursday 31<sup>ST</sup> December 7pm onwards  
LATE LICENCE – OPEN TILL 2am

**SO WELCOME THE NEW YEAR  
IN WITH YOUR FRIENDS AT THE  
CUBY**







# Christmas Day

M E N U

## CUBALLING TAVERN

**FRIDAY 25<sup>th</sup> December 12 - 2pm**

Featuring a traditional Christmas

**3 Course Meal \$45.00 per head**

ENTRÉE

Prawn Cocktail

OR

Cheesy Garlic Bread

MAIN

Roast Chicken, Christmas Ham and Turkey with gravy and apple sauce.  
Served with traditional Roast Vegies and Salad and Delicious Turkish Rice

DESSERT

Christmas Pudding Garnished with Hot Custard

OR

Fruit Salad and Ice Cream

**BOOKINGS ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL**

Call Adam and Grace on 98836032

# Jessie House Social and Respite Centre

*Located in Narrogin, the Jessie House Social and Respite Centre provides overnight and short stay respite to people over 65, living in the community. The respite centre has been designed so that carers can have a break from their caring role, post hospital stays and emergency respite in a community setting.*

- Small and intimate with only 2 private rooms
- 24-hour care provided by trained and qualified staff
- Home cooked nutritious meals
- Services tailored to meet the needs of the individual person
- Includes day-time and groups activities at Jessie House
- Opportunity to interact with other clients or space to just sit and relax
- Spend time in the workshop or gardens in an activity.

Call 9890 0700 for more information or  
to arrange a tour or email  
[jessiehouse@narrogin.wa.gov.au](mailto:jessiehouse@narrogin.wa.gov.au)



## PRESIDENT'S PEN

### Shire of Cuballing Citizen of the Year 2021

Each year the Shire of Cuballing host an Australia Day BBQ in January. Recently these have been breakfast events where everyone can enjoy a relaxing few hours and acknowledge our Citizen or Citizens of the Year. 2021 will be no different. The Shire of Cuballing is now seeking nominations from the community for our Citizen of the Year so we can recognise their contribution to our community on Australia Day. Forms or assistance is available at the Shire office.

### Environmental Approvals to Improve Local Roads

The Shire of Cuballing recently gained a 10 year clearing permit that will allow the Shire to remove the vegetation required to complete road improvements within the Shire for the next ten years. Previously the Shire only ever obtained a permit to complete an individual task each year. This single new permit covers all Shire roads and gravel pits for 10 years. Shire staff are to be congratulated on their leadership to obtain this permit.

Gaining a clearing permit from the Department of Environmental Regulations (DWER) prior to widen our local roads may seem to be a routine requirement but is often a very complex, resource hungry and time-consuming exercise. The Shire must complete a stringent process involving fauna surveys, providing suitable offsets for any vegetation being cleared and other environmental considerations. The end result will see the continue to balance road safety and conserving the natural environment located within the Shire's road reserve.

The Shire of Cuballing's permit was the first 10 year permit issued to a local government in Western Australia. This has been years in the making working with DWER and other stakeholders to satisfy all environmental aspects of roadside conservation.

Now that the framework for a 10 year clearing permit has been established, other local governments will be able to follow the Shire of Cuballing's lead. Well done to Bruce Brennan and all those involved.

**Mark Conley**  
**President**

**Shire of Cuballing**  
**[president@cuballing.wa.gov.au](mailto:president@cuballing.wa.gov.au)**

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### **COUNCILLOR CONTACTS**

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**Cr Deb Hopper.....0419 941 512**  
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### **UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS**

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2020

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2020

No Meeting in January 2021

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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# Youth Drawing Competition

Open to Shire of Cuballing Youth  
25 years and under

Theme: Life within the Shire of Cuballing  
Open to your interpretation

Entries open 26<sup>th</sup> October 2020  
Entries Close 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2020

Entries can be emailed to Michelle at  
[cdo@cuballing.wa.gov.au](mailto:cdo@cuballing.wa.gov.au)

Or in person at the Cuballing Shire Office on or before  
4pm 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2020

Further details—98836 031 or via email

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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 2021.

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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## **Planning & Development Act 2005**

### **Shire of Cuballing**

# **NOTICE OF PUBLIC ADVERTISEMENT OF PLANNING PROPOSAL**

Council is considering an application to permit the operation of a Piggery at 16007 (Locations 2909 & 6461) Great Southern Highway, Yornaning

Details of the proposal are available for inspection at the Shire of Cuballing Administration Centre at Campbell Street, Cuballing.

Comments on the proposal may be submitted to the Shire of Cuballing in writing on or before the Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2020.

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**Chief Executive Officer**  
**Shire of Cuballing**  
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## Casual Plant Operator/General Hand

A Casual Plant Operator/General Hand position is available within the Shire of Cuballing during our roads construction program.

**A HC licence is essential.**

Further information can be obtained by contacting Works Supervisor, Anthony Mort on 0429 898 214 or [emergencyservices@cuballing.wa.gov.au](mailto:emergencyservices@cuballing.wa.gov.au).

Applications may be emailed to [enquiries@cuballing.wa.gov.au](mailto:enquiries@cuballing.wa.gov.au), delivered to the Shire of Cuballing Administration building or posted to PO Box 13 Cuballing 6311.

The position is offered at level 4 of Local Government Industry Award 2010 (depending on experience) at \$34.04 per hour. Other benefits include regular overtime, 9 day fortnight and up to 15.5% super.

There is no closing date for this position. The position will remain open until such time a suitable applicant is found.

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# PROHIBITED BURNING NOW WITHIN SHIRE OF CUBALLING

FIRE CONTROL OFFICERS		
Chief BFCO	Anthony Mort	0429 898 214
Deputy Chief BFCO	Graeme Dent	0427 890 068
Cuballing Town	Daniel Christensen	0438 865 685
Popanyinning Town	Graeme Dent	0427 890 068
	Craig Cousins	0427 870 040
Popanyinning East	Justin Page	0427 884 032
Popanyinning West	Craig Cousins	0427 870 040
Cuballing East	Mike Burges	0427 836 045
	Rob Harris	0458 939 097
Cuballing West	Nelson Young	0427 845 255
	Brayden Potts	0407 990 078
Shire of Cuballing	Gary Sherry	0427 836 031
	Bruce Brennan	0427 836 063

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](mailto:enquiries@cuballing.wa.gov.au)**.

## FIRE, CALL 000 FIRST.

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# Golf Notes – October 2020

Well with the month of October comes the end of the Golf Season, much to the disgust of those of us who have started to find some form in their game and work out the little tweaks.

In the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic we were unsure if the season would go ahead, or if we would even be allowed to play golf. We started playing in two's and the carpark was the makeshift club house to ensure we followed health advice. Eventually being allowed to re-open our bar and resume almost normal operations.

In reflection, with all the challenges the club faced, we had a very successful year. An influx of new members creating an even better atmosphere around the club, a hugely successful Open Weekend & being well represented at other clubs for their open days paid dividends to our trophy cabinet which (metaphorically) is looking quite full. We were unable to host the Great Southern 4BBB because of the pandemic however; we are looking forward to hosting this event next year in June.

## Results from this season as follows:

<b>Foursomes</b>	<b>Championships</b>	<b>Club Awards</b>	<b>Open Weekends Winners</b>
<b>Gross</b> S.Ballantyne D.Ballantyne	<b>A Grade</b> R.Harris R/Up: C.Bolton	<b>Best Gross Qualifier</b> B.George	<b>Narrogin 4BBB</b> A.Howe & A.Mort
<b>Nett</b> A.Howe N.Parks	<b>B Grade</b> A.Mort R/Up B.Gifford	<b>Best Nett Qualifier</b> B.George	<b>Wickepin Combined</b> D.Hawes & G.Dent
	<b>C Grade</b> M.Anton R/Up A.Howe	<b>A Grade Ecelectic</b> L.George	<b>Williams Open</b> R.Harris
	<b>D Grade</b> S.Budd R/Up D.Hawes	<b>B Grade Ecelectic</b> D.Hawes	<b>Cuballing 4BBB</b> G.Dent & D.Gardener
	<b>E Grade</b> D.Christensen R/Up C.George	<b>Most Improved</b> (Joint Winners) S.Howe C.George	<b>Cuballing Open</b> T.Hayes
			<b>Pingelly Open</b> C.George
			<b>Pingelly Combined</b> C.George & A.Howe
			<b>Boddington Combined</b> A.Howe & S.Howe

On the final weekend of the season we held our closing day with a good field turning up to play a fun 3 person ambrose day. It was great to see so many people on the course, it made for a great day. Big thanks to Dan for organising the groups with fitting names for all!

We also held our AGM and would like to thank Peter George for the excellent job he has done over the last 5 years as Treasurer and welcome Rob Harris who is taking over the role. Good Luck Rob. We also thank Brian Hare who is stepping down from the Committee, thank you Brian, for your service to the club.

## The incoming Committee is as follows:

President: Anthony Mort

Secretary: Mike Clark

Treasurer: Rob Harris

Captian: Lindsay George

## Committee Members

Anthony Howe

Cooper George

Dan Hawes

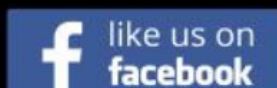
Jenny McLeish

Peter George

Stuart Budd

That's it from the Cuballing Golf Club for 2020, remember you are always welcome to come out for a round at any time, the course is always open. We will see you back for the 2021 season next year in mid-April.

Cooper George  
Cuballing Golf Club  
Media Co-ordinator



**CUBALLING  
GOLF CLUB**

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# CUBALLING WAR MEMORIAL — *By Stephen Bowes*

In 2020 it may seem extraordinary that in 1914 Cuballing had two banks: the Western Australia Bank and the National Bank.

“Herbert Vesper Hitch (Bert), aged 24, commenced work at the Cuballing National Bank as a clerk in April 1911 when his annual salary was 130 pounds. Born in England in 1887, Bert was the second son of Dr Frederick and Nurse Rose Hannah Hitch of Pingelly. He had lived at Cuballing for some time before his employment at the Bank....” (From ‘Numbat Country’ by Evelyn Roots).

For the following stories of the earlier years of Bert Hitch, I am indebted to Tresna Shorter for her rich and entertaining family history book ‘One hundred years in the lives of Rose and Frederick Hitch 1852 to 1952’.

From May 1909 Bert was employed as a book keeper by Mr Thomas Reynolds of Cuballing and Narrogin, an enterprising man, “an apple orchardist; auctioneer; district JP; stock and station agent and a member of the Cuballing Roads Board”. Bert left the employ of Mr Reynolds in April 1911 to take up the position at the National Bank. Thomas Reynolds was later imprisoned for fraud and lost his homestead ‘Dungog’ and all his holdings, in addition to his loss of standing in the community.



Lieut. H. V. Hitch (W.A.)  
Enlisted August, 1914. 24th M.G. Coy. Served on  
Gallipoli and in Egypt and France. Wounded.  
Resigned from Bank 31st August, 1919.

But let's go back to an earlier time, twenty odd years earlier. Frederick and Rose had arrived at Albany on the ‘Arcadia’ in November 1892 with children Freddie, Bertie, Willie and Arthur, and after recovering from the sea voyage, took the three day train journey to Perth. By 1893, Freddie and Bertie were boarders at Hale House whilst attending Bishop Hale's School in the barracks at the top end of St Georges Terrace. In 1896, all four of the Hitch boys were students at Miss Peets Victoria School.

In October 1906, Pingelly suffered something of a crisis when the incumbent Doctor John Calman Frazer became ill with pneumonia, and Dr Frederick Hitch stepped in to relieve as locum tenens. Sadly, Dr Frazer died. Dr Hitch found Pingelly to his liking and stayed on, conducting his practice at the Exchange Hotel. The ‘Pingelly Leader’ of December 21, 1906 reported in Cuballing Items that: “Cuballing and district residents will doubtless feel more than a grain of consolation at the fact that Dr F. Hitch...has decided to visit the town every Tuesday and may be consulted at Mr E. Savage's Hotel Cuballing”.

Freddie and Bertie had remained in Perth with their mother and siblings, possibly due in part to commitments to their regiments in the Commonwealth Military Forces, a citizens' militia. ‘The Western Mail’ reported January 5, 1907 that at the National Rifle Association Fifth Annual Prize Meeting, Pte HV Hitch had taken home prize money of two pounds and Pte FJ Hitch ten shillings.

By March, Bert was spending time in Pingelly, on casual work and on chasing delinquent accounts for his father's medical practice. In Pingelly he was able to continue his interest in the sporting pastime and patriotic duty of rifle shooting. A letter from Dr Hitch to his son Fred on Saturday, July 6 1907 mentions that Bert had gone to Popanyinning to shoot against their club with his friend Overton and wouldn't be back until some time Sunday. The sporting section of ‘The Great Southern Leader (Pingelly)’ reveals that Bert was an active and talented member of the Pingelly Rifle Club in 1907 and 1908, and that in December 1908 he was a member of the Popanyinning Rifle Club. His enthusiasm for the sport is further revealed in the report in The Narrogin Observer of January 22, 1910 of his election as Club Secretary to the Cuballing Rifle Club.

When Great Britain and then Australia entered the Great War in August 1914, Bert Hitch quickly answered the call to duty, enlisting on August 28. He took leave from the National Bank Kalgoorlie Branch, where he was working. Bert was single, 27 years old, and he gave his mother as next of kin. At Helena Valley Camp on September 9, Herbert Vesper Hitch signed enlistment papers and took an oath of loyalty before Captain Everett of the 11th Battalion.

## CUBALLING WAR MEMORIAL — *Continued*

He was made a private with regimental number 443 in D Company, 11<sup>th</sup> Battalion. At Blackboy Hill, Herbert Hitch displayed such talent and aptitude for soldiering that promotions followed. He was made corporal then lance sergeant within two months of his enlistment.

On October 31, 1914 Lance Sergeant Hitch embarked on the transport ship *Ascanius* A11 with six Companies (C to H) of the 11<sup>th</sup> Battalion. A and B Companies were aboard the *Medic* A7 and late in the afternoon, amid great excitement, together the two vessels steamed away from the Fremantle quayside. It was a major anticlimax when both dropped anchor in Gage Roads, where they remained for a further two days. Here I quote James Hurst from his book 'Game To The Last': "But at 4.30 a.m. on 2 November, the troops felt the transports engines begin to throb and heard the clank of anchor chains. The ships began to move. Eyes turned back to the gleaming lights of Fremantle and dear shores, which hundreds of these young lads were fated never to see again."

In Egypt, Bert Hitch reverted to the rank of Corporal on New Years Day, 1915. He embarked on the *Suffolk* from Alexandria to join the Mediterranean Expeditionary Force on March 2, and was with the 11<sup>th</sup> Battalion for the April 25 landing at Gallipoli. Corporal Hitch enjoyed the role of battalion postmaster on Gallipoli, making him even more popular than paymaster with his fellow troops. However, it was his skill with a captured Mauser sniper rifle which distinguished Bert, as he often received requests to silence particular enemy snipers causing consternation in the trenches. This deadly game required the sniper to spend days out in the scrub waiting for the perfect shot at his equally deadly opponent. Bert's hair and whiskers had assumed an unkempt state on Gallipoli, and he developed a dark tan. Since he looked like he had stepped out of the bible, his mates nicknamed him 'Jesus Christ'. Returning to the Australian lines on one occasion, he was mistaken for an advancing Turk. At that fateful moment, Bert was fixed in the sights of a rifle ready to project 'friendly fire' but was saved from oblivion by the intervention of a mate who recognised him.

In mid-August on the Gallipoli Peninsula, Herbert Hitch became ill with influenza. The Casualty Clearing Station had him evacuated to Lemnos, and from there to Alexandria on His Majesty's Transport *Scotia*. While in Egypt, Corporal Hitch was transferred from the 11<sup>th</sup> Infantry Battalion to the 13<sup>th</sup> Machine Gun Company, and with this unit, sailed on the *Ivernia* for France, disembarking at Marseilles on June 12, 1916. After three months in France, he was promoted in the field to the rank of Second Lieutenant.

On February 20, 1917, Herbert Hitch was taken on strength of the new 4<sup>th</sup> Australian Division Machine Gun Company. Illness or injury intervened at this time, as 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt Hitch was in Cobham Hall, the grand estate in Kent at which Australian officers were sent to recuperate. He undertook further instruction and training at Perham Downs and was promoted Lieutenant on June 16. Following his return to France via Southampton on September 7, Lieutenant Herbert Hitch received a severe shell wound to the back which damaged the spinal cord on October 19. Listed as dangerously ill, Herbert was moved from 14<sup>th</sup> Casualty Clearing Station to 14<sup>th</sup> General Hospital at Wimereux. Ever the fighter, by November his condition was sufficiently stable to permit transfer to the Empire Hospital Westminster England, and on March 16, 1918 he embarked for Australia on the Hospital Ship *Wandilla*. From Suez, he sailed on the *Kanowna*, and was disembarked at Fremantle on May 13, 1918 in a wheeled stretcher similar to a pram, his condition described in his military records as "extreme paraplegia".

Tresna Shorter's Hitch family history also provides details of Bert's post war life. Bert Hitch was discharged from the Fremantle Base Hospital after a year and was married on October 14, 1919 at the Perth Registry Office. His bride was Caroline Victoria Schofield, a nurse who had cared for him at Fremantle. Despite the lack of feeling in his legs, Bert learned to walk again with the aid of two sticks. Despite his disability, Bert worked as a taxi driver while studying to become an electrician, and between the years of 1924 and 1927, his address at 60 St Georges Terrace was shared with his elder brother Frederick, who was also a returned man. The following year 1928, the Post Office Directory records him as living at Bencubbin, where he worked for another fifteen years as Secretary of the Mt Marshall Roads Board. He retired in 1942 to live with Victoria in Bassendean. When his wife pre-deceased him, Bert lived at the Edward Millen Hospital for Returned Soldiers at Victoria Park. Victoria and Bert had four children, Dorothy, Mary, Marcus and Gilbert. Bert followed Dorothy and her husband Arch to Canberra. This remarkable man, Herbert Vesper Hitch died in Canberra aged 93 on March 11 1980 and was granted a military funeral.



# 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.



## Wandering Farm Productivity Group



Over 40 people attended the Wandering Farm Productivity Group Field Day on October 1.

Vet, Tim Watts spoke to farmers about ewe and lamb nutrition, managing the phasing out of mulesing and the use of electronic tags. There was a sheep handler demonstration and Ross Major from Ballard Seeds spoke on different pasture varieties available, and landholders were then able to see some of these species first hand.

PHCC's Regional Agriculture Landcare Facilitator, Paula Pownall attended the event and dinner was provided for the attendees through funding from our Greening Farms Project.

For more information about the Wandering Farm Productivity Group please contact Brendon Hardie on 0428 258 350.

## Grant Updates...

A total of 39 Community Environment Grant projects, including 22 in the Hotham Williams Sub-Catchment, were approved for funding under our Numbat Neighbourhood, Black-Cockatoo and Greening Farms Projects.

The work to be carried out includes:

- fencing to protect remnant woodland and creeklines
- feral animal and weed control
- revegetation to increase habitat for threatened species
- planting saltbush for stock fodder

Successful landholders have been notified and almost all should have received their funding agreements by now.

Our project officers will be there to support landholders for the duration of their projects.

## Swan River Goby

During the recent studies carried out on the Hotham and Williams Rivers, it appears that secondary salinity of waterways is the main factor affecting overall condition.

This is reflected in the tolerances and ranges of aquatic fauna including the Swan River Goby, or *Pseudogobius olorum*. This native species is a very specific yardstick for salinity levels, not because it disappears when salinity increases, but in fact it inhabits an area which has changed from freshwater to saline. Therefore, its presence further and further inland is directly related to the salinisation of inland river systems. The Swan River Goby can also tolerate extreme temperatures, and has a fast reproductive cycle, living for about a year and becoming sexually mature once they have attained 25 mm total length at five to seven months of age (Gill et al. 1996). It is amazing to think that their ability to reproduce and travel has taken them all the way to the Hotham River Nature Reserve, which is 185km from Mandurah!



Photo of a fyke net set up in the Hotham River for survey of fish species



Photo of Swan River Goby, courtesy of Wetland Research & Management

**COVID-19** We value the health and safety of our whole community and PHCC is now accepting visitors on an appointment basis only. Please contact us to make a booking via phone on 6369 8801 or 0455 166 780 or via email.

### Coming Up...

- **Numbat Dig ID Workshop** in Dryandra Woodland for Farmers for Fauna landholders – 13th November
- **Pest Control & Bushland Management Workshop** – early 2021
- **Spiny Rush (*Juncus acutus*) control** demonstration site – early 2021



# TEA BREAK

## Word Search

H	T	N	R	U	G	U	T	B	S	U	E	S	C	COW
I	E	G	O	U	O	L	O	A	E	L	H	E	N	GOAT
S	A	O	O	A	O	A	E	A	O	F	A	H	N	PIG
E	H	H	S	E	S	O	E	T	H	G	K	O	B	BUFFALO
A	E	E	T	G	E	F	D	E	E	E	N	R	L	CHICKEN
B	S	F	E	L	K	U	P	L	O	G	E	S	L	SHEEP
M	F	B	R	P	C	A	T	I	O	I	T	E	A	LAMB
A	I	S	O	K	F	T	U	T	G	W	O	U	M	GOOSE
L	K	G	O	L	A	F	F	U	B	U	F	A	A	TURKEY
A	F	L	A	C	O	N	E	K	C	I	H	C	L	DUCK
H	O	T	U	R	K	E	Y	C	B	I	S	O	N	HORSE
P	T	B	U	L	L	E	H	O	U	E	T	B	L	CATTLE
A	D	O	G	G	E	A	P	W	A	E	C	G	E	LLAMA
A	M	S	O	K	L	B	T	A	O	U	S	O	R	BISON
														HEN
														CALF
														ROOSTER
														BULL
														FOAL
														DOG

### Odd One Out puzzles

All of the words in the list below share a very unique property except two. Can you find the odd two out?

OOO #1

history

shellac

hermit

mascot

mycellum

OOO #2

bottle

bell

bond

bird

belly

Write your answers here

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Answers on back page

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**Meeting 25<sup>th</sup> November 2020**

**Popanyinning Hall**

**6.30pm**

**All welcome—come and be  
part of a friendly  
progressive community group  
community group**

**Next community event**

- \* **Community Markets 6<sup>th</sup>  
December 2020**

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR — November 2020

Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup>	November	Linedancing 6pm @ Popo Community Hall
Tue 3 <sup>rd</sup>	November	Craft Day @ Cuballing CWA Hall 10am
Tue 3 <sup>rd</sup>	November	Men's Shed Meet @ Cuby Men's Shed 9am
Thurs 5 <sup>th</sup>	November	Women's Shed 1pm –4 pm @ Men's Shed
Mon 9 <sup>th</sup>	November	Line Dancing 6pm @ Popo Community Hall
Tues 10 <sup>th</sup>	November	Men's Shed Meet @ Cuby Men's Shed 9am
Tues 13 <sup>th</sup>	November	Craft Day @ Cuballing CWA Hall 10am
Thurs 12 <sup>th</sup>	November	Women's Shed 1pm –4 pm @ Men's Shed
Mon 16 <sup>th</sup>	November	Line Dancing 6pm @ Popo Community Hall
Tues 17 <sup>th</sup>	November	Men's Shed Meet @ Cuby Men's Shed 9am
Tues 17 <sup>th</sup>	November	Craft Day @ Cuballing CWA Hall 10am
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup>	November	Shire of Cuballing Council Meeting—Council Chambers
Thurs 19 <sup>th</sup>	November	Women's Shed 1pm –4 pm @ Men's Shed
Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup>	November	Line Dancing 6pm @ Popo Community Hall
Tues 24 <sup>th</sup>	November	Men's Shed Meet @ Cuby Men's Shed 9am
Tues 24 <sup>th</sup>	November	Craft Day @ Cuballing CWA Hall 10am
Wed 25 <sup>th</sup>	November	Popanyinning Progress Association meeting 6.30pm @ Popanyinning Hall
Thurs 26 <sup>th</sup>	November	Women's Shed 1pm –4 pm @ Men's Shed
Thurs 26 <sup>th</sup>	November	Fire meeting 6pm @ Cuballing Fire Shed
Mon 30 <sup>th</sup>	November	Linedancing 6pm @ Popo Community Hall

**Got an event? Want to add it into the Community Calendar?**

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**Answers to the tea break Quiz** — 000 #1 mascot. The other words all begin with a pronoun.

000 #2 bond. The other words have 'blue' before them.