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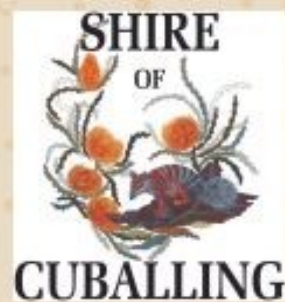
February 2022

On Australia Day 2022 the Shire of Cuballing hosted their annual community BBQ Breakfast at the Popanyinning Hall, with approximately 50 people in attendance. At the breakfast Shire President, Eliza Dowling, presented the 2022 Shire of Cuballing Citizen of the Year Award to Dianne Ferguson of Popanyinning. Dianne was selected in recognition of outstanding community volunteering within the Shire of Cuballing. Di has been instrumental in projects around Popanyinning such as the restoration of the Railway Station building and the War Memorial along with holding a position on the Popanyinning Progress Association for the past 16 years.



Each year the Shire of Cuballing seeks nominations from the community for this award. If you believe someone is worthy of consideration look for the nomination forms later in 2022 and put their name forward.

**FREE
ENTRY**



CUBALLING MUSIC FESTIVAL

**SATURDAY 12.02.2022
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COUNCIL MEETING DATES 2022

Please be advised that the Ordinary Council Meetings of the Shire of Cuballing in 2022 will be held:

January No Meeting

2pm, Wednesday 16 February 2022

2pm, Wednesday 16 March 2022

2pm, Wednesday 20 April 2022

2pm, Wednesday 18 May 2022

2pm, Wednesday 15 June 2022

2pm, Wednesday 20 July 2022

2pm, Wednesday 17 August 2022

2pm, Wednesday 21 September 2022

2pm, Wednesday 19 October 2022

2pm, Wednesday 16 November 2022

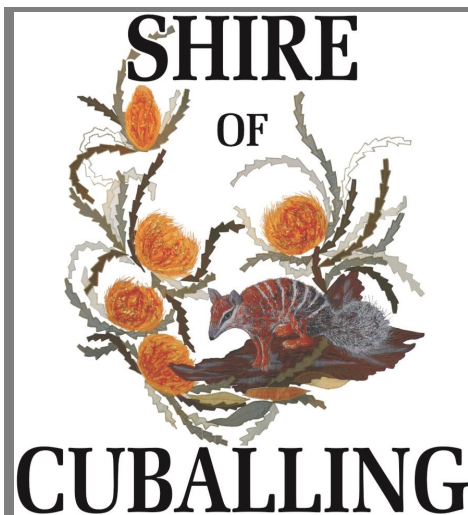
2pm, Wednesday 21 December 2022

All meetings, with the exception of the 20th April 2022, will be held in the Council Chambers in the Shire Administration Centre, Campbell Street, Cuballing. The meeting of Wednesday 20th April 2022 will be held at the Popanyinning Hall.

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

Bronwyn Dew

ACTING CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



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UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS

No meeting January 2022
Wednesday 16th February 2022
Wednesday 16th March 2022

All meetings are open to the public and will commence at 2.00pm with fifteen minute Public Question Time at the commencement of each meeting.

Agenda's for each meeting are included on the Shire website by the weekend prior to each meeting.

Minutes of all Council meetings are available on the Shire website as soon as possible after each meeting.

Office Opening Hours:

Monday—Thursday,
8.30am—4.30pm

Friday,
8.30am—4.00pm

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POSITION VACANT

Deputy Chief Executive Officer

Up to \$132,500 Salary Package

The Shire of Cuballing is a dynamic rural community with a solid economic base in the WA wheatbelt, 190 kms southeast of Perth. It is an established farming district with a growing population that takes advantage of the rural lifestyle and natural environment.

The Shire of Cuballing is a small but progressive organisation with a strong strategic focus and a continuing emphasis on realising the potential of its people. It is expected that the successful applicant will be commencing a career in local government management and will be looking to grow their skills and experience in this role.

The Deputy CEO will be expected to guide and deliver the finance, IT and administrative functions of the Shire.

Our team values work-life balance with a flexible and a friendly working environment.

An attractive remuneration package has been offered, which includes a negotiated base salary of \$75,000 to \$90,000 per annum based on qualifications and experience.

An information package is available by contacting Ms Nicole Gould on 08 9883 6031 or at www.cuballing.wa.gov.au.

Further information regarding the position should be directed to Acting CEO, Bronwyn Dew on 08 9883 6031 or 0498 836 868.

Applications close with the undersigned by COB on Thursday February 17th 2022.

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Acting Chief Executive Officer
Shire of Cuballing
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GENERAL MEETING OF ELECTORS

In accordance with section 5.27 of the Local Government Act (1995), notice is hereby given that a General Meeting of Electors of the Shire of Cuballing will be held at the Shire of Cuballing Administration Centre, Campbell Street Cuballing, on Wednesday 16th February 2022 commencing at 6:30 pm.

Order of Business

1. To receive the Annual Report for the year ended 30th June 2021.

General Business

2. Electors are invited to raise items of general business, which they may wish the meeting to discuss. To allow complex questions to be answered at the meeting, notice of such questions should be lodged in writing at least two working days prior to the meeting.

Copies of the Annual Report 2020/21 are now available upon request at the Shire office during normal business hours and are also available on the Shire website.

Bronwyn Dew
ACTING CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Landcare matters

Hotham-Williams sub-catchment update



PHCC Working Together
Peel-Harvey Catchment Council

Edition 61
February 2022



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.



Boddington DHS Numbat Incursion

Students from the Boddington District High School recently learnt all about numbats when they attended a Numbat Incursion delivered by Project Numbat's education officer Jo Drew and PHCC's Christine Townsend.

There have been multiple numbat sightings near Boddington and the students were excited to learn all about this unique threatened species.

Students learnt about numbat behaviour, diet, former and current distribution and how lucky students are to live so close to where numbats live.

The students also learnt about threats to numbats and what they can do to help such as reducing, reusing and recycling and keeping their pet cats inside.

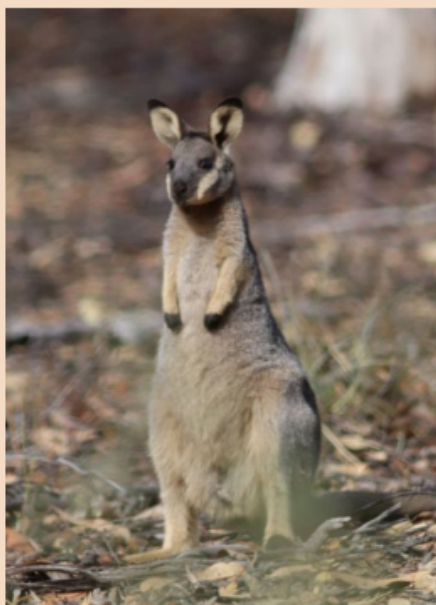
Thank you to local Noongar elder, Greg Thorne who welcomed us to Country.

The students asked great questions and listened beautifully to Greg, Jo and Christine.

Thank you to the Boddington District High School for welcoming us and helping us raise awareness about numbats.



Wesley Boyce, Lewis Durack, Jack Townsend, Christine Townsend and Jo Drew at the Numbat Incursion



Recently spotted in Dryandra...

This is a western brush wallaby or black gloved wallaby, endemic to southwest WA. They were once very common in the early days of settlement but are now on the priority species fauna list. They have a distinct pale to mid grey with distinct white facial stripe, black and white ears, black hands and feet, long tail with crest of black hair towards extremity. They are often hard to spot as they are usually very shy and moves fast with head low and tail extended.

This one was spotted late in the afternoon in Dryandra, but unfortunately they are most often

seen as road kill especially between Boddington and Dwellingup. They still can be found in some larger urban reserves but are at risk from foxes, habitat change and road strike. If you're lucky enough to see one, recording observations are important for this wallaby species as it's suffered decline and to intervene if necessary before it needs to be added to threatened species lists.

More information can be found here: <https://library.dbca.wa.gov.au/static/FullTextFiles/925291.pdf>

Landcare matters

Hotham-Williams sub-catchment update



Another Numbat Sighting in Boddington

We have some amazing numbat news to share! There has been another confirmed numbat sighting in the Boddington area, in a new location!

A local landholder has captured a video of a numbat visiting a hollow log at the start of December on their property. PHCC has worked with the landholder to report the sighting to the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions. We are working with the numbat experts to determine if this is the same individual as the confirmed sighting from earlier this year.

We will be working with the landholder to assist with monitoring as well as continuing to work with wider community to support fox and feral cat control. PHCC is planning numbat dig and scat surveys in the Boddington area to further confirm the presence of numbats and the dynamics of the individual or the population.

A big thankyou to the landholder for protecting and enhancing habitat on their property and also for monitoring and reporting threatened fauna.

What can you do?

- This sighting is close to the Boddington townsite so if you live in or around Boddington you can help by keeping your pet cats indoors or in a cat run, controlling feral cats and foxes on farmland and driving carefully during the day in case the numbat crosses roads.
- If you are lucky enough to spot this or any other numbat please call 6369 8800 or email christine.townsend@peel-harvey.org.au



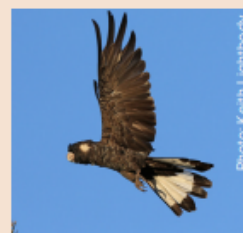
The numbat capture on a monitoring camera near Boddington.

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...

Up coming Events:

Great Cocky Count Workshop - Boddington CRC,
28th February from 5pm to 6pm
Email megan.leroy@peel-harvey.org.au to register your interest.



What's happening:

- Mel and Christine were lucky enough to assist with the annual Dryandra Numbat Dig Survey at the end of November.
- PHCC are pleased to have recently signed a 12 month lease agreement with the Boddington CRC enabling us to continue to support the Hotham-Williams community.

Do you need assistance with feral animal control?
Contact us regarding:

- 1080 training and assistance with baiting cage traps

Do you have an NRM event or information you would like us to promote?

Please contact us on 6369 8801 or 0455 166 780



These projects are supported by the Peel-Harvey Catchment Council through funding from the Australian Government's National Landcare Program and Environment Restoration Fund, Newmont Boddington, South32 Worsley Alumina and the Shires of Boddington, Cuballing, Wandering and Williams

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Fire Extinguisher Service

**Service for all types of Extinguishers
during Mid-February**

eFire & Safety will be visiting mid-February (date to be confirmed) and can service all types of Fire Extinguishers.

They will conduct the servicing at the Cuballing Recreation Centre at a cost of \$38.50 for a standard extinguisher.

Payment by cash or cheque will be required on the day.

Please contact the Shire Office on 9883 6031 if you are interested or if you are wanting more information

JANUARY COUNTRY NOTES

Yes it is hot, the garden needs to be topped up with mulched again before it is watered again so that the young shade trees, and vegies power through the next lot of heat. Speaking of vegies, they are beginning to need to be harvested and on a cooler day preserve for future used. The recipe books are about to get a work out. But back to the early morning watering, isn't it just heart lifting to stand under the cooling branches of a tree to see and hear the birds?

Once the heat begins then comes the rush to check watering for chickens, turkeys, birds and the dogs, then back inside to while away the day with other chores. Now for a holiday treat of selecting a book to read, podcast series to delve into or music to listen to. These are two books that have caught my attention:

"Australia Street" by Ann Whitehead. This story is set in the 1950's the main characters being a working class family in a Sydney suburb and their neighbours. It is written with an eye to detail about that era brings and of the changes people dealt with after the second war, such as returned servicemen, and their post war trauma how it affected the family dynamics of women working. The impact on the people and how this can change someone's life. This book is available from the Narrogin Library.

"While You Should Give A F..... About Farming" by Gabrielle Chan. Gabrielle is a journalist that lives with her farmer husband on a livestock and grain farm for 20 years. Her writing is very readable this book can be read a chapter or two at a time to reflect and maybe argue with her views, put it down and pick up again. It is not a dry textbook but alive with concrete examples and people who she has interviewed with differing opinions. Gabrielle believes if you eat then you should know how your food is grown, by whom and the circumstances they have to farm under. This book can be purchased or maybe ordered in for you at the library.

Talking of Gabrielle Chan, she has helped develop a citizen's journal at The Guardian called the Rural Network. It can be subscribed to so weekly stories on rural topics from dealing with the ad blue shortages, trying to complete harvest during thunderstorms, the joys of rural festivals, closure of rural infrastructure drop into your in box. It is trying to take the place of a local country newspaper, many of which have closed or have city centric news stories in our rural papers. Try and see if you like from their website.

Now that you have something to think about and talk to your nearest and dearest other than the usual, here is a question "When did Australia cease being a British colony and why do we not celebrate this important event in our country's development?" Perhaps you know and would like to let us know.

If you have a story, a thankyou or article that you think the shire folk would like to read about in The Cuby News, please feel free to send them to Michelle at cdo@cuballing.wa.gov.au

GET COVID-READY

My COVID-Ready Checklist

Now is the time to prepare yourself and your home in case you receive a positive COVID-19 test or become a close contact of a positive case.

If you test positive to COVID-19, you will need to isolate at home until you are told you can leave.

Use this checklist to prepare:



- Assess whether I have suitable accommodation to isolate in (see *What is suitable accommodation*)
- A thermometer and pulse Oximeter (optional) to measure oxygen levels in your blood and heart rate.
- Pain relief medication and oral rehydration solution
- My regular household's medication
- A plan for who can look after my children, pets, or people in my care if I have to go to
- Soap and hand sanitiser
- Masks and disposable gloves
- Tissues and cleaning products
- A plan for how I will get food and essentials for 2 weeks
- Phone numbers for people outside my home who can help me
- Stay-at-home activities to keep you entertained



Where to get more help?

- Your General Practitioner
- 13 COVID – 13 268 43
(for WA COVID information)
- Health Direct – 1800 022 222
(for non-urgent medical advice)
- Beyond Blue – 1800 512 348
(for mental health support)
- Lifeline – 13 11 14
(for urgent mental health support)
- In Case of Emergency call 000



What is suitable accommodation?

If you share a room or home with other people, ensure you can sleep in a room not used by anyone else. Use a separate bathroom, if possible. Use your own personal items (like cups, towels, toothpaste) and not share these with other. Eat apart from the rest of the household. Wear a mask if you must be around other people."



The City has developed Covid-Ready Plans to help you prepare. Scan the QR Code or download them at www.albany.wa.gov.au. Plans can also be collected from the Albany Public Library and Albany Leisure and Aquatic Centre.

For current information on COVID-19

13 COVID – 13 26843 | www.healthywa.wa.gov.au



GET COVID-READY

My COVID-Ready Action Plan

No COVID-19 cases in your community

THINGS TO DO AT ALL STAGES

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| 1. Get vaccinated against COVID-19 | 6. Keep fit and stay on top of your health condition |
| 2. Maintain physical distancing and hand and respiratory hygiene | 7. Keep your other vaccinations up to date, especially for influenza |
| 3. Download the COVIDSAFE app | 8. If you become unwell with possible symptoms, stay home and get a test |
| 4. If you work, talk to your employer and develop a COVIDsafe work plan | 9. Stay up to date with local cases |
| 5. Talk to your doctor if you have concerns | |

Low numbers of COVID-19 cases in your community

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT ADDING TO YOUR PLAN

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| 1. All above plus the next steps in your plan | 5. Change some of your activities to reduce your interactions (such as online shopping or online banking). |
| 2. Develop a social bubble and limit interactions outside your bubble. | 6. Discuss your workplace plan with your employer and review any controls in place to reduce your risk of exposure. |
| 3. Change or avoid non-essential activities where you are exposed to people outside your bubble. | 7. Review your health with your doctor. |
| 4. Change or avoid activities shown to have increased risk (indoor activities, singing, planned holidays or travel). | 8. Prepare yourself for a possible increase in cases in your community. |

Increasing COVID-19 cases in your community

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT ADDING TO YOUR PLAN

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| 1. All above plus the next steps in your plan | 4. Work from home if there is ongoing exposure at work |
| 2. Stay at home except for essential activities | 5. Stay healthy and stay in touch with friends and family |
| 3. Activate your workplace plan | |

All people should get their COVID-19 vaccination. They should also consider:

- their personal or individual risk;
- the transmission of COVID-19 where they live and travel;
- which interactions and activities are important and can be done safely;
- what activities and interactions are important to you; and
- when you are comfortable to participate and when you might be less comfortable to engage (this will depend on the number of cases in the community).

There are different degrees of risks of virus exposure, depending on the activity, setting or event. Some types of activities, events and settings may increase risk of contracting COVID-19 illness.

These include activities that:

- are in closed or indoor environments;
- have large numbers of people in close contact (e.g. public transport at peak hour, weddings or other large gatherings);
- require physical activity and close contact (e.g. dancing or contact sport);
- require vocalising in an indoor environment (e.g. choirs or singing in church);
- require sharing objects with others (e.g. utensils at a buffet);
- require sharing accommodation or amenities with others (e.g. a cruise ships); and
- are longer, the risk increases with time (for exposure and transmission).

Tips:

- Get your COVID-19 vaccination
- Make sure you continue with your appointments to see your GP, but consider seeing your GP via telehealth (videoconference or phone)
- Ask your GP about electronic prescriptions rather than paper-based
- Call your local pharmacy to ask about home delivery of medicines.

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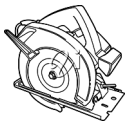
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COMMUNITY CALENDAR — February 2022

Tuesday	1 st	Men's Shed Meet @ Cuby Men's Shed 9am
Tuesday	1 st	Craft Day @ Cuballing CWA Hall 10am
Thursday	3 rd	Women's Shed 1pm –4 pm @ Men's Shed
Friday	4 th	Friday Social 6pm @ Cuballing Tennis
Sunday	6 th	Dryandra Pony Club Rally & open day @ 9am
Monday	7 th	Line Dancing 6pm @ Cuballing Agricultural Hall
Tuesday	8 th	Men's Shed Meet @ Cuby Men's Shed 9am
Tuesday	8 th	Craft Day @ Cuballing CWA Hall 10am
Thursday	10 th	Women's Shed 1pm –4 pm @ Men's Shed
Friday	11 th	Friday Social 6pm @ Cuballing Tennis
Saturday	12 th	Cuballing Music Festival 6-9pm @ Cuby Oval
Monday	14 th	Line Dancing 6pm @ Cuballing Agricultural Hall
Tuesday	15 th	Men's Shed Meet @ Cuby Men's Shed 9am
Tuesday	15 th	Craft Day @ Cuballing CWA Hall 10am
Wednesday	16 th	Shire of Cuballing Council Meeting 2pm @ Council Chambers
Thursday	17 th	Women's Shed 1pm –4 pm @ Men's Shed
Friday	18 th	Retro 3come Open 6pm @ Cuballing Tennis
Saturday	19 th	A Grade Cricket—Cuballing vs Pingelly @ Cuballing Rec Centre
Monday	21 st	Line Dancing 6pm @ Cuballing Agricultural Hall
Tuesday	22 nd	Men's Shed Meet @ Cuby Men's Shed 9am
Tuesday	22 nd	Craft Day @ Cuballing CWA Hall 10am
Thursday	24 th	Women's Shed 1pm –4 pm @ Men's Shed