

The Cubby News

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March 2022

The Shire of Cuballing welcomes new Chief Executive Officer Stan Scott

This month the Shire of Cuballing welcomed new Chief Executive Officer Stan Scott. Stan has 18 years of experience in Local Government as a Chief Executive Officer, spending time in the Shires of Cue, Perenjori and Toodyay.

Stan recently took a break from Local Government receiving some well deserved leave and undertaking a contract position with the ABS in preparation for the 2021 Census.

“The ABS position was all about community engagement.” Stan said. “It reminded me of how important Local Government is to the local community, especially on the regions. The Chief Executive Officer position in Cuballing is like coming home.”

Stan has moved to Cuballing with his wife Laurel. They have 6 adult children, none living with them, and a growing crop of grand children.

Stan makes no claims of any great sporting prowess, though he does claim to have a passable singing voice. Laurel worked for many years in libraries and is a keen quilter.

“We are mostly unpacked, and we are looking forward to getting to know the local community.” If you see Stan down the roadhouse or tavern be sure to say hello.





QUIZ NIGHT

SATURDAY 26th MARCH at Cuballing Tavern

\$10.00 PER PERSON 8 PEOPLE PER TABLE 7pm

PLEASE BOOK YOUR TABLE EARLY 9883 6032

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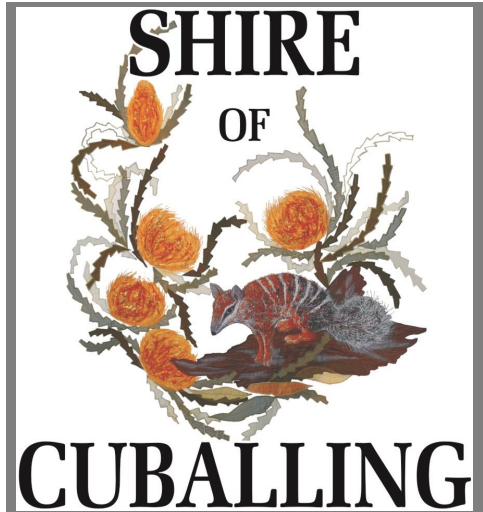
EXTENSION OF PROHIBITED BURNING PERIOD

The Shire of Cuballing, in accordance with Section 17 (7) of the Bush Fires Act (1954), has extended the Prohibited Burning Period for 14 days to 15 March 2022. The Restricted Burning Period would now commence on 16 March 2022.

Fire Control Officers in the Shire believe that the seasonal conditions are such that delaying the commencement of the prohibited burning period is justified. DFES supports the decision.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Chief Bush Fire Control Officer, Mr Anthony Mort, on 0429 898 214 or me on one of the numbers below.

Stan Scott
Chief Executive Officer



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UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS

Wednesday 16th March 2022
Wednesday 20th April 2022
Wednesday 18th May 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
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THE VILLAGE NEWS

...it takes a village...



More than 50 people have expressed an interest in becoming foundation members of The (virtual) Village spanning Wickepin, Cuballing, Wandering and Pingelly. We all have in common, the desire to stay living at home in our community as we age.

We have already passed our membership milestone for this financial year – and we still have 4 months to go. Please remember that to become a foundation member, you need to join The Village before 30 June 2022.

We are overjoyed at the wealth of talent, wide range of interests, skills and enthusiasm shown by people as the concierge team makes contact with those who have expressed an interest in helping to get the village started.

Each person contacted so far has been sent a foundation membership form and once received back, the concierge will issue individual membership cards.

We are very excited to be getting underway with our first events in March. On March the 10th, we will be holding a members' morning tea with guest speakers to talk about the Short Term Restorative Care program – a Commonwealth funded program to help people stay living at home. There will be more details about this shortly, however, please save the date. This first event will be held in Pingelly, starting at 10.00am with opportunity for those who wish to zoom in whilst having morning tea at home or from another community centre.

We are also keen to facilitate a couple of Sundowners in March to enable members to meet each other. Let us know your thoughts about suitable dates and venues for these.

As always, please call the concierge team on 08 98871409 with your ideas about the sundowners and for any personal assistance you may need.

Best wishes,

Helen Morton
Project officer

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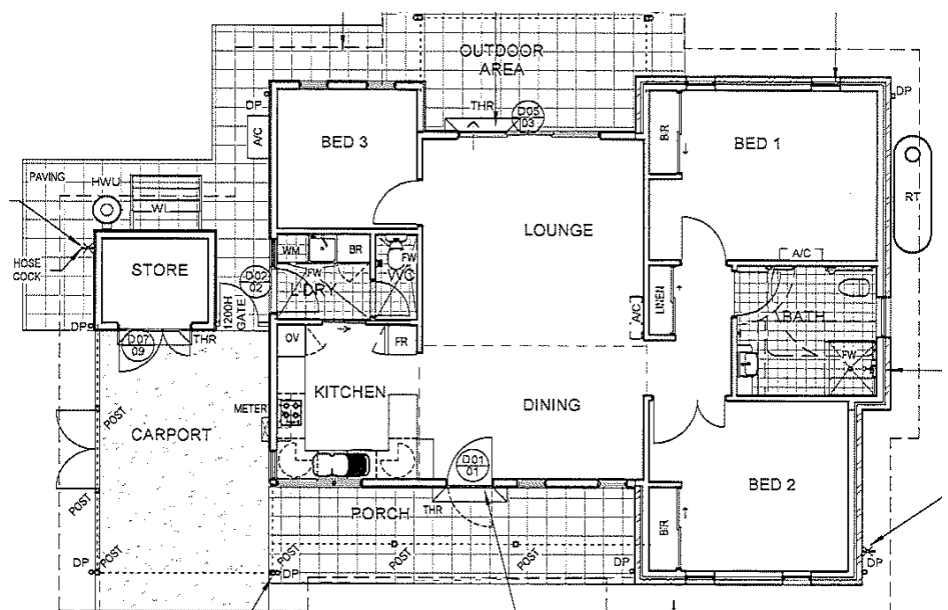
COUNCIL SHORTS—INDEPENDENT LIVING UNITS



The commencement of the Cuballing Independent Living Units was delayed because of waterlogging at the site on the corner of Austral, Beeston and Alton Streets in late 2020, we can now report there is movement on site and we are starting to see some real progress on the Cuballing Independent Living Units. All four unit slabs have now been poured, and deep drainage has been installed. The septic system is onsite awaiting installation which will happen over the coming week and all unit frames and roof trusses are presently being assembled off site and should be delivered in the next 2 or 3 weeks.

The units were designed by HH Architects who also act as project superintendent and are being built by Stallion Homes. CEO Stan Scott said “I have worked with both the builder and the architect before on separate successful projects and I am pleased with the recent progress. We should see a lot more activity over the next few weeks.”

The site has a slope from the front to the rear of the property, and the finished development will feature landscaping, paving and limestone retaining walls.



Left: Copy of the standard layout across the 4 Cuballing Independent Living Units.

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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 fencing about to hit the ground

It's great to see our Greening Farms projects beginning to hit the ground, with pallets of fencing material being delivered across the Hotham-Williams catchment in support of revegetation and saltbush fodder grazing projects.

One project about to get going is with Anne Kennedy from Quindanning, who is removing Spiny Rush along a drainage line and replacing it with saltbush fodder and native species. This project will see productivity returned to the site, as for many years the area has been infested with the Spiny Rush. It will also increase the native biodiversity and reduce salinity risk further down the catchment.

Anne has been tackling this problem directly herself for the last few years, but this year PHCC is supporting her project with funding for new fencing, to help manage stock access into the planting zone. We are looking forward to seeing the transformation in this site and continuing to support Anne in her efforts to remove Spiny Rush from her property.



Anne Kennedy (Quindanning) and Mick Davis (PHCC) with some of the new fencing planned to protect a saltbush and native species planting project in Quindanning

Carbon Farming Workshop - how to get started

The Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development, in collaboration with Peel-Harvey Catchment Council, is hosting a workshop for farmers and landowners on carbon farming.

Bring your laptop or other device for interactive "how to" sessions, learn about planning a carbon farming project and prepare for round 2 of the WA Carbon Farming and Land Restoration Program.

For more information contact Carla Swift from DPIRD by phone on (08) 9690 2178 or by email at: Carla.Swift@dpird.wa.gov.au

Please note: Current Covid restrictions at the time of the event will be mandatory. This workshop may be converted to a webinar if required by health regulations. Event details are subject to change.



Thursday, 24 March 2022

DPIRD Narrogin Office

10 Doney St, Narrogin

Time: 1:00pm – 4:00pm

Registration details to follow.

Landcare matters

Hotham-Williams sub-catchment update



Foxes and Cat Searching For Prey

Hollow logs and fallen tree limbs are a great place to put remote cameras to detect native fauna, unfortunately foxes and cats also frequent these to search for prey. In Australia feral cats and foxes have been implicated in extinctions and decline of a wide range of native fauna species.

Across Australia it is estimated that feral cats kill 815 million mammals every year and millions more reptiles, birds and insects!

However there is hope, where feral cats and foxes have been effectively controlled and there is suitable habitat there can be noticeable benefits to native fauna including threatened species such as numbats and woylies.

Retaining hollow logs and fallen branches on your property is a great way to provide habitat for native fauna. PHCC is investigating adding these structures to project sites as a refuge to help native fauna alongside feral animal control.

If you need help controlling foxes and feral cats on your property please contact PHCC's Farmers for Fauna Coordinator via email: christine.townsend@peel-harvey.org.au or phone 6369 8801.



Foxes and a cat captured on a monitoring camera near a hollow log

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:

- **Clean Up Crossman Road**
Please join the Friends of Reserves Boddington to clean up rubbish along the Road
Date: Saturday 5th March
Location: 12km length of Crossman Rd, Boddington
Time: 8am to 10am
Please contact Greg for more information 9883 9309
- **DPIRD: Carbon Farming - how to get started workshop**
Date: Thursday, 24 March 2022
Location: DPIRD Narrogin
10 Doney St, Narrogin
Time: 1:00pm – 4:00pm

What's happening:

- Dryandra Woodland is now a National park, the first national park in the Wheatbelt region! The conversion from State Forest to National Park will help ensure the future protection of native animals.

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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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.

FEBRUARY COUNTRY NOTES

It is nearly impossible not to feel like a small child trying to resist sneaking the last piece of cake or that must have precious toy. However, buying replacement plants and vowing to keep them healthy for weeks until the weather cools and rain is about to tip down is just like that toy or piece of cake. Patience will have to be the mantra.

Replacement plans have been drawn up, lists made and remade, holes dug and filled with lovely manure then covered with mulch are just about completed. The plans keep expanding though, oh it will all be lovely: a shady green haven of coolness in the summer, sun trap of warmth in the winter, the play of light and colour lifting the heart all year round. This will be a delightful place to work in, for birds to find shelter and water in return for their song. For dogs to wander about in, people to sit, reflect, read or listen to nature. Now all that is needed is the seasons to change then off we go!

Last month's plan of preserving veggies have been thwarted as nature's hot winds and soaring temperatures outsmarted me. Tomatoes flowers and small fruit withered along with precious herbs. Even pumpkins and zucchinis have succumbed, along with beans growing up corn stalks. PS the dogs might have given the pumpkins a final assault by digging for coolness under their leaves. Oh well, when the planned replacement trees and wind breaks are completed then grow to fulfil their promise optimism returns. It is a fascinating "hobby" to watch and learn from nature by mimicking her ways she rewards us by sharing her bounty. Just do not cross her or she will destroy your planned piece of paradise.

The produce garden has given us purple figs and grapes, juicy oranges, the occasional lemon, brown onions, eggplant, cucumbers and carrots. I have also found the odd potato as well as asparagus spears. So all is not lost, just not the bounty expected. The next list of chores is to replenish the veggie beds to prepare for the seedlings, yet to be planted, of the cabbage family along with beetroot, fennel, carrots. More onions will go in, herbs are a staple for their ability to change the cuisine of cooking with a light touch and flourish of freshness.

After all that work it will be time to relax and meet the outside world with a podcast or three whilst sipping tea, coffee or something else – your choice. Here are a couple of the many, many podcast that are allowed into my world. Take a listen to one of two episodes to see if you agree. They are all free:

"All the Dirt" Hosted by two WA gardeners and well known supporters of gardens. Because it is WA based it is practical with interesting guests. Jane Edmanson, Costa Georgiadis and Sophie Thomson from Gardening Australia, Clive Blazey of Diggers, Matthew Evans author, designers Phil Dudman and Paul Bangay have been guests. Topics range from soil, bees, and birds, recycling garden waste, community gardens and farmers' markets. The list goes on every episode is full of information naming products that work that they find works.

"Aria Code" explores how music can form a backdrop of so many beautiful moments by explaining the lyrics and how the music of an operatic aria enhances the story. The host is Rhiannon Giddens of the Metropolitan Opera and the guests often include an operatic singer, a musician or another guest. Each episode lasts for about an hour and after giving us the behind the scenes story we get to listen to the entire aria as performed. If you enjoy music but not sure about opera, this podcast will give you a key into this world full of every emotion and relatable to the here and now.

"The Sydney Writers' Festival" this is a self explanatory podcast. Just fabulous award winning writers of all genres that have been speakers at the festival. I just want to drive to the nearest independent book shop and buy up big time! The opening up of new ideas or ways of thinking should be embraced, without even leaving home! Attending such festivals can be beyond us at times, but we now have another way to hear and feel a part of something wonderful.

Happy Birthday Australia on 3rd March for Australian Independence Day.



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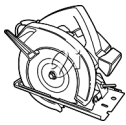
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Tuesday	1 st	Men's Shed Meet @ Cuby Men's Shed 9am Alton street
Tuesday	1 st	Craft Day @ Cuballing CWA Hall 10am
Thursday	3 rd	Women's Shed 1pm –4 pm @ Men's Shed Alton street
Friday	4 th	Friday Social 6pm @ Cuballing Tennis
Monday	7 th	Labour Day public holiday—Shire of Cuballing Office closed
Tuesday	8 th	Men's Shed Meet @ Cuby Men's Shed 9am Alton street
Tuesday	8 th	Craft Day @ Cuballing CWA Hall 10am
Thursday	10 th	Women's Shed 1pm –4 pm @ Men's Shed Alton street
Friday	11 th	Friday Social 6pm @ Cuballing Tennis club
Friday	11 th	Wagin Woolarama—Wagin show grounds
Saturday	12 th	Wagin Woolarama—Wagin showgrounds
Monday	14 th	Line Dancing 6pm @ Cuballing Agricultural Hall
Tuesday	15 th	Men's Shed Meet @ Cuby Men's Shed 9am Alton street
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 Alton street
Sunday	20 th	Sunday social 2.00pm @ Cuballing Tennis Club
Monday	21 st	Line Dancing 6pm @ Cuballing Agricultural Hall
Tuesday	22 nd	Men's Shed Meet @ Cuby Men's Shed 9am Alton street
Tuesday	22 nd	Craft Day @ Cuballing CWA Hall 10am
Thursday	24 th	Women's Shed 1pm –4 pm @ Men's Shed Alton street
Saturday	26 th	Cuballing Tavern Quiz night—bookings essential
Sunday	27 th	Presidents Cup mixed team event @ 1pm Cuballing Tennis courts
Monday	28 th	Line Dancing 6pm @ Cuballing Agricultural Hall
Tuesday	29 th	Men's Shed Meet @ Cuby Men's Shed 9am Alton street
Tuesday	29 th	Craft Day @ Cuballing CWA Hall 10am
Wednesday	30 th	Popanyinning Progress Association AGM @ 6.30pm followed by a general meeting Popanyinning Hall