

Publication by the Shire of Cuballing
PO Box 13 Cuballing WA 6311
Monthly publication for Cuballing, Yornaning and Popanyinning
December 2025

In an event of fire or emergency please call 000

STAY INFORMED, DOWNLOAD THE

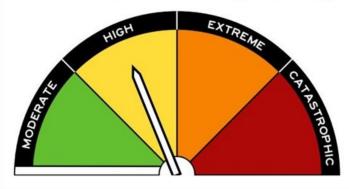
Emergency WA App

From the <u>App Store</u> for iPhone users for Android users download from <u>Google Play</u>

If you need, please call into the Shire office for friendly assistance.



The Australian Fire Danger Ratings (AFDRS) levels are:



MODERATE

Plan and prepare

HIGH

Be ready to act

EXTREME

Take action now to protect life and property

CATASTROPHIC

For your survival, leave bushfire risk areas



ONLY AT THE CUBALLING TAVERN

WEDNESDAY 31ST DECEMBER FROM 6PM TILL LATE

LIVE BAND

JELLY WRESTLING

(BRING A CHANGE OF CLOTHES FOR THIS)



So welcome the new years in with your friends at the cuby



PRESIDENTS PEN

Well where did that year go? 2026 is almost upon us. Of course, with the New Year and festivities come the hot weather and fire risks. Already our local volunteer fire brigade has been called out to some small fires, which were fortunately controlled quickly. As the weather gets hotter, we may not be so fortunate. We are all accustomed to fire risks in Cuballing, but with the prolonged winter weather, we now must be extra vigilant. Remember, **000** is the first number you call if you see a fire, smoke or need help.

Many of you would know the words to Queens' song Bohemian Rhapsody - "thunder bolt and lightning, very very frightening"; well this was true for our Shire office workers when lighting struck and split a power pole in Campbell St recently. The loud noise, static fizzing and green flashes from power sockets was something they will never forget. A large portion of town lost power for some time, but Western Power must be praised for effective response and replacing the pole within 24 hrs. The Shires emergency generator was quickly connected to our admin building so the disruption was minimised.

The harvest season is now in full swing so when using our roads please watch out for large farm machinery and equipment being moved about on local roads. There will also be more heavily laden trucks about carting grain and hay about the place so please take care.

The Popo Christmas Markets were again a bustling success last weekend with a variety of stall and many locals out looking for that early bargain. These events don't happen by chance – there are many volunteer community groups that work to create these activities. These groups are always needing more help and will welcome you with open arms! Our community is nothing without our volunteers. Nominations are currently open to recognise these volunteers on Australia Day in January. If you know someone or a group that has done a particularly great job in the past year, we would like to acknowledge that. Contact the Shire office now, nominations close on 17th December.

Finally, on behalf of the Council, I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Be safe.

Adrian Kowald Shire President



Cr Adrian Kowald.....0408 953 337 Cr.Kowald@cuballing.wa.gov.au

Cr Robert Harris......0458 939 097 Cr.Harris@cuballing.wa.gov.au

Cr Scott Ballantyne0418 814 761 Cr.Ballantyne@cuballing.wa.gov.au

Cr Steven Sexton......0427 836 043 Cr.Sexton@cuballing.wa.gov.au

Cr Matthew Dent......0428 844 959 matthew.dent959@gmail.com

Cr Sarah Hawksley0409 919 601 sarah@rmhawksley.com

UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS

Wednesday 17th December 2025 No Meeting in January Wednesday 18th February 2026

All meetings are open to the public and will commence at 3.00pm 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.

COUNCIL SHORTS

Prior to the commencement of the meeting, Sarah Hawksley was sworn in as a Councillor by the CEO Mr Chris Paget and made her declaration of office.

Proposed Amendment #7 to the Shire of Cuballing Local Planning Scheme No.2

Council considered the proposed Amendment 7 to modify the Shire's Local Planning Scheme No.2 in order to implement the State Government's planning reforms for Short Term Rental Accommodation. The Amendment is required to ensure alignment with the new 'deemed' and 'model' land use classes introduced into the State Planning Framework through the Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes) Amendment (Short-Term Rental Accommodation) Regulations 2024. The resolution by Council was as follows:

- Agrees to adopt an amendment to the Shire of Cuballing Local Planning Scheme No. 2, pursuant to section 75 of the Planning and Development Act 2005 (as per agenda attachments) to implement the State Government's planning reforms for short-term rental accommodation.
- Determines that Amendment No. 7 is a standard amendment In accordance with Regulation 35 of the Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes) Regulations 2015 for the following reasons:
- ⇒ The amendment would have minimal impact on land in the scheme area that is not the subject of the amendment;
- ⇒ The amendment does not result in any significant environmental, social, economic or governance impacts on land in the scheme area; and

The amendment is not a complex or basic amendment.

- ⇒ Note there is no requirement to refer Scheme Amendment No. 7 to the Environmental Protection Authority based on the Environmental Protection Amendment Regulations 2024.
- ⇒ Submits Scheme Amendment No. 7 to the Western Australian Planning Commission for approval to advertise in accordance with Section 83A of the *Planning and Development Act 2005*.
- ⇒ Advertises Scheme Amendment No. 7 in accordance with the Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes) Regulations 2015, Section 47(2) for a period of 42 days.
- ⇒ Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to progress and address matters with the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage and the Western Australian Planning Commission.

Appointment of Community Emergency Services Manager as Fire Control Officer

Council endorsed the appointment of Mr Paul Gibson, our new Community Emergency Services Manager, as a Fire Control Officer for the Shire of Cuballing in accordance with section 38 of the *Bush Fires Act 1954* and in line with clause 5.2 of the joint MOU for the Provision of Local Government Employed CESM (2025).

Dryandra Regional Equestrian Centre – Agreement for Use as Emergency Animal Welfare Shelter

Council formally endorsed and adopted the Agreement for the Provision of Emergency Evacuation Yards at the Dryandra Regional Equestrian Centre as a Temporary Relocation Area for Animals. This document outlines the operational, legal and practical framework under which the Centre may be utilised as a temporary animal welfare and relocation facility during emergency events.

Office Opening Hours: Monday—Thursday, 8.30am—4.30pm Friday, 8.30am—4.00pm

COUNCIL SHORTS

The Agreement was drafted collaboratively with the Dryandra Regional Equestrian Association and Dryandra Pony Club and will be incorporated into the Shire's Local Emergency Management Arrangements under Section 41 of the *Emergency Management Act 2005*.

Independent Appointments to Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee

The Council appointed Mrs Katrina Crute as Independent Presiding Member and Ms Joanne Burges as Independent Deputy Presiding Member for the Shire of Cuballing Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee for a two-year term ending 16 October 2027.

The Shire of Cuballing is calling for interested parties to be part of the cemeteries advisory committee. Please email Michelle on cdo@cuballing.wa.gov.au to register your interest.



Office Opening Hours: Monday—Thursday, 8.30am—4.30pm Friday, 8.30am—4.00pm PO Box 13 Cuballing WA 6311 Ph: 08 9883 6031 enquiries@cuballing.wa.gov.au www.cuballing.wa.gov.au O C





ARE YOU IN THE KNOW?

The Shire of Cuballing will be hosting two information sessions on all things fire related and navigating the Emergency WA App, Paul (Community Emergency Services Manager) from DFES will deliver these sessions and will be happy to answer any of your questions.

These sessions are open to all residents

- Cuballing 16th December 10am Shire Admin Office
- Popanyinning 17th December 10am Popo Community Hub - 48 Forrest Street

For more info please call 98836031 or email cdo@cuballing.wa.gov.au



Call 000 in a life threatening emergency



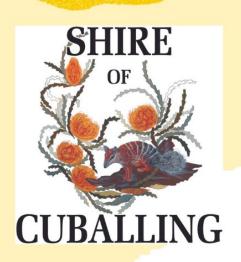


MONDAY 26TH JANUARY
POPANYINNING TENNIS COURTS
7.30AM



Nomination forms due back by 16/12/2025

For more info or if you need a nomination form, please get in touch with Michelle cdo@cuballing.wa.gov.au



SOCIAL BBQ



DONUTS & COFFEE & POP-UP SHOPS

SUNDAY 21ST DECEMBER

Handmade gifts for sale by local artists at the Popanyinning Community Hub

Bath Salts Chickens

- Sock Protectors
- SUCKTIOTECTOR
- Handmade cards
- Lip Balms
 - Candles

Seedlings

If you want to be part of the pop up shop please get in contact Michelle 0427 619 591

POPANYINNING COMMUNITY HUB

Popo Community Hub is Growing

The refurbished Old Popanyinning School in Forrest St, now re-purposed as a Community

Hub is steadily growing popularity. Recently about locals а for gathered а morning coffee, cake and champaign to celebrate three birthdays. Old friends, new friends and recent arrivals to Popo, all enjoyed opportunity to share the morning with Dave & Janine, (ages not disclosed): and Yvonne who has reached seventy.



Currently, the Hub opens every Tuesday morning for coffee, tea and cakes for everyone and is manged by the Popanyinning Progress Association. After Xmas it is proposed to

open on weekends as well for those who cannot attend on a Tuesday.

The Hub offers, internet access and printer, a small free library, children's play corner, a massage chair, and a small developing community garden.

For access or more information contact Michelle Atwell (0427 619591) or Adrian Kowald (0408 953337)



Landcare matters

Hotham-Williams sub-catchment update



Working Together

Edition 104 December 2025



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.



Update on Resilient Farms, Nature & Communities Project

Our Resilient Farms, Nature & Communities project is delivering on ground action across our Upper Catchment across weed control, invasive animals, fencing and revegetation.

2025 saw us begin working on a significant Juncus acutus (Spiny Rush) infestation on the edge of Wandering, completing an initial treatment of a 4 hectare section of the creek that feeds into the Crossman River.

We have plans to continue work on this creek section over the next few years which we hope will provide an opportunity for the community to see that you can have an impact on this problem if you have a good methodology and on-going activity. Keep an eye out on the eastern side of Wandering for the on-going work at this site. We have also supported a group

within the Shire of Williams with a feral pig control program that has seen feral pigs managed across hundreds of hectares. 2025 saw 198 pigs removed from the area.

This project has also enabled 1.5km of fencing to be erected around a stunning remnant bushland patch in Bannister which were also able to further improve with infill revegetation through our Future Ready Farming Project this year.



The Wessels Family with their project sign



Juncus actus before weed control Apr 2025



Juncus acutus after weed control Oct 2025

These projects are supported by the Australian Government through funding from the Natural Heritage Trust under the Climate-Smart Agriculture Program and funding from the Western Australian Governments State NRM Program

Numbat Dig Survey

The annual Numbat Dig Survey in Dryandra Woodland National Park was held recently and Victoria and Christine from PHCC were there to lend a hand. This annual survey is organised by Dr Tony Friend (Research Associate DBCA) and Tamara Wilkes-Jones and provides great insight into the Numbat Population in Dryandra Woodland.



7 volunteers surveyed 113 sites in the 1000 hectare Dryandra Woylie Numbat Sanctuary. Numbats feed solely on termites which means that their digs and scats are quite unique and finding these foraging signs is a great way to monitor numbat presence and absence. While conducting the survey we even managed to see a numbat, carpet python, western bearded dragon and 3 echidnas.

The Numbat Neighbourhood Project is funded by the Australian Government Natural Heritage Trust and delivered by PHCC, a member of the Commonwealth Regional Delivery Partners panel



Our Staff & Board wish you a safe and happy Christmas & New Year

Our office will be closed from 4pm Friday, 19 December 2025 til 8.30am Monday, 5 January 2026

Please keep an eye on our website for upcoming events

www.peel-harvey.org.au

Follow us on Facebook to find out about our projects

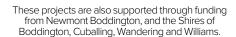
hotham.williams@peel-harvey.org.au













CUBALLING COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS TREE



3.30PM ONWARDS

CUBALLING REC CENTRE

DECEMBER 14TH 2025

BRING ALONG SNACKS, CHAIRS & PICNIC RUG - INVITE ALONG YOUR FRIENDS & FAMILY

ALL CHILDREN REGISTRATIONS INCLUDES -

> **COLOURING-IN COMP FACE PAINTING SPORTS GAMES WATER PLAY SAUSAGE SIZZLE ICE CREAM**

\$5 PER CHILD

REGISTER AT THE CUBALLING ROADHOUSE

> BY 10TH DECEMBER

LIMIT OF \$25 PER GIFT NAME

WELL WRAPPED & DELIVERED TO

THE CUBALLING ROADHOUSE BEFORE REGISTRATIONS **CLOSE ON** 10TH DECEMBER 2025

VISIT FROM

- ALL ARE WELCOME -

-PLEASE BRING COMPLETED COLOURING-IN COMP ON THE DAY-

ADDITIONAL SAUSAGE SIZZLES CAN BE PURCHASED ALONG WITH RAFFLE TICKETS FOR OUR FUNDRAISER HAMPERS *ALL CASH ONLY*

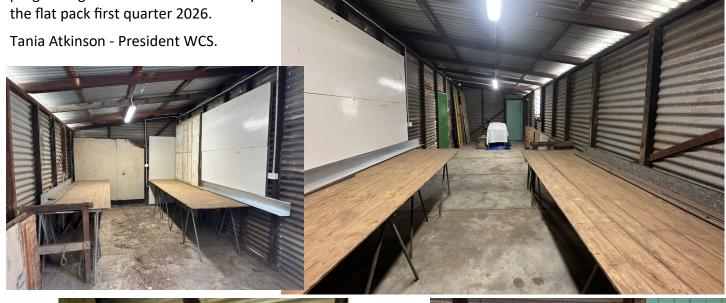


WANDOO COMMUNITY SHED

Thanks to the Shire for getting the electrical upgrade for the temporary shed completed. It now sports 2 double fluorescent lights and 2 double GPOs above bench level. A rear door and locking bolt has been obtained and fitted so the shed is now secure and ready for projects, the first of which is in the below photo.

Scott & Tania have been busy adding backing boards for insulation & for tools. Rhys, Barry & Trish will be cleaning the walls & sweeping the floors. Plus, members have been busy making items to sell at the Popo Markets to raise money for the WCS.

Purchase of the permanent shed is progressing and should see delivery of the flat pack first quarter 2026.







Folunteer Bush Fire Brigade VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

SUMMER IS COMING - YOUR LOCAL FIRE BRIGADES WANT YOU.

The Cuballing and Popanyinning Bush Fire Brigades urgently need new volunteers to strengthen our teams for the upcoming summer period. Recent retirements and transfers have left us in critical need of more personnel to ensure we always have dedicated individuals ready to respond when required.

Joining our brigades means you'll receive comprehensive training and ongoing coaching from experienced members. We provide all necessary uniforms, boots, and safety equipment, and only basic fitness is required.

By becoming a volunteer, you will make a significant impact on your community, providing invaluable support to those in need. You will join a team of motivated people willing to help others in times of need. The more people we have, the less pressure on everyone, and the safer we will all be.

Take action now and make a real difference in your community!

Contact us: Tammy -0400976597, Adrian -0408953337 or

Anthony Mort -0429898214 to learn more and sign up today.



DUFFY ELECTRICS

0409 806 047

RYAN DUFFY

DUFFYELECTRICS@OUTLOOK.COM

SERVICING CUBALLING AND SURROUNDS

UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT

Have guns, will travel is now under a new name and management!



Servicing the local area, we have bookings available for all your shearing needs. Top quality work focused on production and efficiency

COMPETITIVE RATES

for all inquiries phone

Kerry Smart 0487160567

or email

havegunsshearing@outlook.com



Servicing Areas:

- · Boddington · Narrogin
- Darkan
- · Arthur River
- Wandering Pingelly
- Williams
 Cuballing
- Wagin
- · and surrounding areas

Contact Volt Air:



0438 903 621



admin@volt-air.com.au

Adam McIntyre 0400 828 176



office@ruraltrees.com.au

www.ruraltrees.com.au







Tree Pruning



Tree Removal



Storm Clean up



Hedge Trimming



Wood Chipping



Stump Grinding

EC1462

Gareth 0420 981 140

gareth@keelingelectrical.com.au
Servicing Cuballing and surrounding
towns



MELCHIORRE PLUMBING & GAS

Brad Melchiorre

melchiorre.plumbing@hotmail.com

0424 657 097

FOR ALL YOUR PLUMBING NEEDS!

Commercial | Residential | Maintenance
Renovations | Hot Water Systems
Servicing Cuballing and
surrounding towns.

PL8495 GF015227

Popanyinning Progress Association

Meeting
Wednesday 25th February
6.30pm

Popanyinning Community Hub
48 Forrest Street

New member most welcome!

Reach your full potential with Lumen Wheatbelt Study Hubs



What we offer

- Free access to the study hub and associated tools;
- Experienced staff to help kick off your educational journey;
- An environment that will allow you to focus and reach your educational goals, free from distraction;
- Opportunities to connect and build relationships with fellow students who are on the same path.

About Lumen

Lumen Wheatbelt Regional University Study Hubs is supported by the Australian Government through the Regional University Study Hubs program.



Reliable highspeed internet



Free Printing



Plug and play docking stations for your laptop



and quidance

Are you ready to supercharge your study experience? Register for FREE! lumenwruc.edu.au/register

narrogin@lumenwruc.edu.au | 0475 188 811 | 86 Federal St, Narrogin



Cuballing Mens Shed 🙇





97 Alton Street, Cuballing

A secular, not for profit club for mens health and well being

Shed hours — 9 am till 12 noon every Tuesday



Do you have project you would like start

Need a hand to complete or start a project

The shed is well equipped with;

Power and hand tools for:

Wood work, carpentry

Metal work, welding

Mechanical, Spray painting, Black smithing

Tools and equipment to suit most task

Contact, Keith 0417 963 287

> Jeff 0467 035 937





For all of your Ag Chemical, Fertiliser & Farming Supplies

We stock:

- Farm & Hobby fencing supplies inc electric fencing & animal netting
- Stock/chicken feed
- Animal health
- Lick blocks & loose lick minerals
- Fire break chemicals

- Dog & cat food
- Redback work boots, Blundstone & Bogg gumboots & socks
- Lawn & garden fertilisers & chemicals
- Insect /household sprays & equipment

.....and so much more!

Shop where the locals shop!

Come in and see us at 55-59 Earl Street

Narrogin or call

08 9881 5133

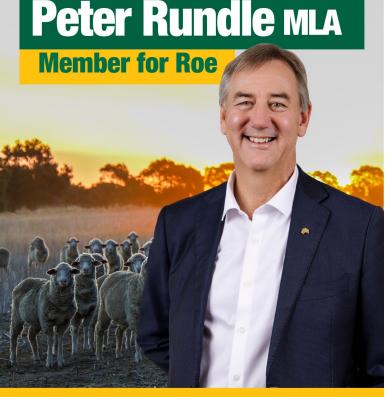


LOCATED @ 49 GRAHAM RD, NARROGIN

WE SPECIALISE IN:

ODDMENT SERVICES
AUCTION SALES AND ADVICE
CALL US TO ARRANGE A TIME
THAT SUITS YOU

KYLE GUMPRICH - 0472 639 345



Narrogin Office 83 Federal Street
Narrogin WA 6312

Ph: 9881 1225

Esperance Office Ph: 9071 6555 107 Dempster Street Esperance WA 6450 DEPUTY LEADER OF THE NATIONALS WA

www.peterrundle.com.au

PeterRundleRoe
E: peter.rundle@mp.wa.gov.au

SLASHING AND FIRE BREAKS

Reasonable rates
Will travel
Contact

on 0427 811590 or 98811590

McDOUGALL

www.mcdougallweldments.com.au Ph:08 9883 6020 Ben: 0400 942 408 Chris: 0420 276 039

sales@mcdougallweldments.com.au

- AG Repairs: Augers, Bins etc
- AG Restoration and Refurbishment
- Welding and Fabrication
- Sandblasting
- Industrial Paint

- Component overhaul
- Transportable sheep Yards
- Augers: 26' 42' 52' 62' +
 custom
- Seed and Super Bins



Agricultural and Industrial Equipment repairer and manufacturer McDougall Weldments Cuballing

HOTZ PLUMBING & GAS

For all your plumbing, gas & guttering maintenance requirements.

Richard 0407 196 663

hotzplumbing@outlook.com

PL; 5344 GF; 6220 BF; 3017 ABN 71612966855

Fast, reliable & affordable All work guaranteed



VALLEY AUTO ELECTRICAL



Jack Robinson

MRB 11849

Mobile auto electrician servicing Narrogin and surrounds. Specialising in agricultural equipment, earth moving, trucks, cars and more. We can come to you, offering on site solutions.

We offer services such as:

- Airconditioning maintenance and repair.
- Supply and install of accessories.
- Diagnostics and repairs.

Get in contact with Jack today to see what we can offer

Phone: 0473 411 366

Email: valleyautoelectrical@gmail.com

Facebook: Valley Auto Electrical

Website: valleyautoelectrical.com.au

Servicing the Cuballing area for 20 years

- ♦ Bobcat
- ♦ Post Hole
- ♦8 Tonne
- Digger
- Excavator
- ♦ Tip Truck
- **♦** Ditchwitch

Dews Excavations

- House Pads
- Shed Pads
- Subsoil Drains
- SepticTanks
- Leech Drains
- Trenching for Utility Connections
- Drainage
- Yard Clean Ups
- Yellow Sand
- Gravel
- Bluemetal
- Cracker Dust
- Road Base



Call Rob on 0428 836035

COMMUNITY CALENDAR — December 2025

Monday	1 st	Cuballing & Popanyinning Transfer stations open 9-12pm
Monday	1 st	Line Dancing 6pm @ Cuballing Agricultural Hall
Monday	1 st	Art Class 11am @ Cuballing CWA \$5pp
Tuesday	2 nd	Men's Shed Meet @ Cuby Men's Shed 9am Alton street
Tuesday	2 nd	Cuballing Craft meet 10am @ Cuballing CWA
Tuesday	2 nd	Popanyinning Community Hub open 9-3pm—48 Forrest Street Popo
Thursday	4 th	9 Ball Comp @ Cuballing Tavern 7pm
Saturday	5 th	Cuballing & Popanyinning Transfer stations open 9-12pm
Sunday	7 th	Cuby K9 Club meet @ 9am Cuballing Rec Centre
Sunday	7 th	Cuballing & Popanyinning Transfer stations open 9-12pm
Monday	8 th	Cuballing & Popanyinning Transfer stations open 9-12pm
Monday	8 th	Line Dancing 6pm @ Cuballing Agricultural Hall
Monday	8 th	Strength Class 9.30@ Cuballing Ag Hall \$5pp
Monday	8 th	Art Class 11am @ Cuballing CWA \$5pp
Tuesday	9 th	Men's Shed Meet @ Cuby Men's Shed 9am Alton Street
Tuesday	9 th	Cuballing Craft meet 10am @ Cuballing CWA
Tuesday	9 th	Popanyinning Community Hub open 9-3pm—48 Forrest Street Popo
Thursday	11 th	9 Ball Comp @ Cuballing Tavern 7pm
Saturday	13 th	Cuballing & Popanyinning Transfer stations open 9-12pm
Sunday	14 th	Cuby K9 Club meet @ 9am Cuballing Rec Centre
Sunday	14th	Cuballing Christmas tree @ 3.30pm Cuballing Oval
Sunday	14 th	Cuballing & Popanyinning Transfer stations open 9-12pm
Monday	15 th	Cuballing & Popanyinning Transfer stations open 9-12pm
Monday	15 th	Line Dancing 6pm @ Cuballing Agricultural Hall
Monday	15 th	Strength Class 9.30@ Cuballing Ag Hall \$5pp
Monday	15 th	Art Class 11am @ Cuballing CWA \$5pp
<u>Tuesday</u>	16 th	Emergency WA App info Session @ 10am Cuballing Shire Office
Tuesday	16 th	Men's Shed Meet @ Cuby Men's Shed 9am Alton street
Tuesday	16 th	Cuballing Craft meet 10am @ Cuballing CWA
Wednesday	17 th	Emergency WA App info session @ 10am Popo Hub 48 Forrest Street
Wednesday	17^{9h}	Shire of Cuballing Council Meeting 3pm @ Cuballing CWA Hall
Thursday	18 th	9 Ball Comp @ Cuballing Tavern 7pm
Thursday	18 th	Shire Admin office closing 1pm reopen Friday 19 th 8.30am
<u>Friday</u>	19 th	Social BBQ @ Popo Tennis Courts 6pm onwards
Saturday	20 th	Cuballing & Popanyinning Transfer stations open 9-12pm
Sunday	21 st	Cuby K9 Club meet @ 9am Cuballing Rec Centre
Sunday	21 st	Cuballing & Popanyinning Transfer stations open 9-12pm
Sunday	21 st	Coffee & Donuts with Pop Up shops at the Popo Hub 9.00am 48 Forrest Street
Monday	22 nd	Cuballing & Popanyinning Transfer stations open 9-12pm
Monday	22 nd	Cuballing & Popanyinning Transfer stations open 9-12pm
Monday	22 nd	Line Dancing 6pm @ Cuballing Agricultural Hall
Monday	22 nd	Art Class 11am @ Cuballing CWA \$5pp
Tuesday	23 rd	Men's Shed Meet @ Cuby Men's Shed 9am Alton street
Tuesday	23 rd	Cuballing Craft meet 10am @ Cuballing CWA
Tuesday	25 th	Shire Office Closed until January 5 th 2026—Merry Christmas
Saturday	29 th	Cuballing & Popanyinning Transfer stations open 9-12pm