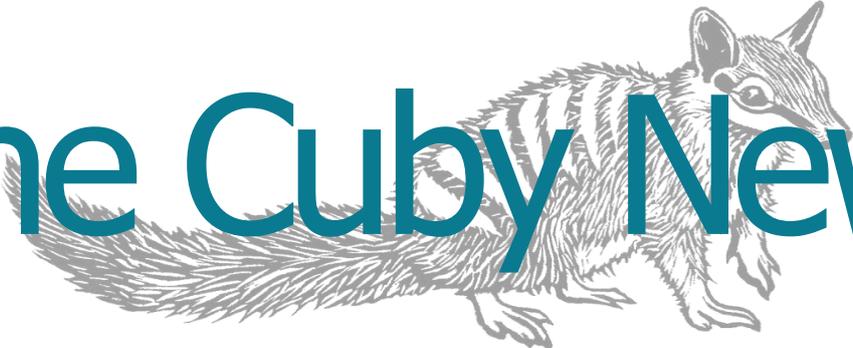


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WE ARE STILL HERE!

Old Time Dances are still happening in the Popanyinning Hall every third Saturday of the month from 7.30pm to 11pm.

Crowds are bigger than ever, the energy is welcoming and grooving to the music is mandatory.

These friendly dancers are always happy to see a new face, happy to teach you a step or two if you don't know the dance. If you want to attend but need more details please give Adrian a call on 0408 953 337



POPANYINNING RAIL



GHE21405M with a hot box on fire at Popanyinning on 18 January 1984. Photo Phill Melling Rail Heritage



Rear view of the Popanyinning derailment in 1953. The Popanyinning railway station is in the left background. Fettleers huts and rail gang tool sheds are on the right of photo. Photo Rail Heritage



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UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS

Wednesday 18th March 2026
Wednesday 15th April 2026
Wednesday 20th May 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.

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Monday—Thursday,
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COUNCIL SHORTS

Endorsement of MOU – Community Assisted Transport Service ('CATS')

Council considered and approved the new Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Shire of Narrogin and community groups/other stakeholders for the ongoing provision of the Community Assisted Transport Service. The Community Assisted Transport Service provides transport assistance for people in need from our region to metropolitan hospitals and specialist care. This arrangement has existed for many years without a formal agreement being in place, and it is felt that doing so will ensure clarity, consistency, and transparency, establishing a clear understanding for all groups in moving forward with the collaboration and ensuring long-term sustainability and a broad regional impact. Our Shire has been involved in this arrangement for many years now and continues to provide financial support towards the service and participate in the CATS Stakeholder Reference Group.

A total of 10 clients from the Shire of Cuballing accessed the service in the 2024/25 financial year.

Write Off of Outstanding & Uncollectable Rates Debt

This rates debt relates to a block on Francis St in Popanyinning that was formerly owned by a lady who passed away intestate in 1934. Over this time the property has accrued a large sum of interest, along with rates and ESL arrears. After much investigation it was established that she had no surviving heirs/family members, and the WA Public Trustee advised they did not wish to take this matter on because of costs and difficulties involved. Back in July 2023 the Shire and our debt collection agents Cloud Payments Group commenced the process for revestment of this land back to the Crown.

The State Solicitor's Office and the Department of Local Government subsequently advised that the application made by the Shire at the time was non-compliant with the requirements of the *Local Government Act* and associated Regulations and hence would require the revestment process to be recommenced. In the meantime, without resolution of the matter the outstanding rates and interest continued to accrue.

Rather than going through the extremely lengthy process once again to return the land to the Crown, Administration is currently arranging to dispose of this block through a public sale with the proceeds intended to offset some the uncollectable debt.

Request for Closure of Undeveloped Road Reserve

Council considered and agreed to commence the process to close the gazetted and undeveloped road reserve running across an actively farmed paddock block on the property at 582 Popanyinning West Road. This land was cleared many decades ago and has been continuously farmed/cropped for in excess of sixty years. The road reserve has not been formed or used for any public or private access during this time and does not seem to serve any practical transport or access function to any other property.

As part of a planned agricultural infrastructure development and expansion of the existing piggery on this property, proposed effluent ponds are required to cross the existing road reserve. It is anticipated that closure of the road reserve will be necessary to support granting of a Works Approval from (DWER), as well as to facilitate consideration of a Development Application that will be submitted to the Shire of Cuballing later. Closure of the road would allow the infrastructure to be designed and constructed in a fully compliant manner, while enabling the land to be managed as a single, consolidated agricultural unit with appropriate environmental and operational controls.

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PRESIDENTS PEN

Change of Season

As summer draws to a close, we welcome the arrival of autumn. This seasonal change brings a shift from cricket and tennis to football and basketball for the active ones amongst us. However, based on recent years, warmer conditions may persist for some time, and air conditioning will still be required.

In the coming weeks, smoke may be visible as farmers prepare paddocks for the upcoming cropping season. Residents are reminded that burn permits are required for all burns until 19th April. If you notice smoke, please remain alert but do not be alarmed, as these activities may be planned and approved.

Clubs and Community Groups

Our community is home to a wide range of sporting and community groups. While some, such as the Golf Club, are well known and well supported, many others would benefit from increased awareness and participation. With a steady number of new residents joining our Shire, there is strong interest in forming connections and becoming involved in local activities.

Group leaders and committee members are encouraged to promote their organisations and share their stories. *The Cuby News* is available to all community groups make use of, not just as a Shire newsletter. Let us all know what you have achieved or planning to do. Our Community Development Officer, Michelle Atwell, welcomes the opportunity to support local groups through increased visibility and engagement through the *Cuby News*. This is a free resource—please take advantage of it.

Budget Preparation

In the coming months, Council and Shire staff are commencing preparation of the 2026/27 budget. This is an important opportunity for residents to raise any concerns or issues requiring attention. While major capital works require careful assessment and may not always be feasible, we welcome feedback on maintenance matters or practical solutions to local issues.

Thank you to all who contribute to our community – your involvement and pride make our Shire a wonderful place to call home.

Adrian Kowald
Shire President.

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POPANYINNING PROGRESS ASSOCIATION NOTES

The Popo Progress Association now has a new home at the old Popo School in Forrest Street, now known as the Popo Community Hub. Most members meet for morning tea and a chat 10am every Tuesday. The Hub is open to all residents to drop in, enjoy a coffee, and socialise. Facilities are available for all to use, including a book exchange, computing and internet with WIFI, children's toy library, a massage chair, and free second hand clothing. There is also a fledgling community garden for green thumbs to show the rest of us how to grow vegetables.

There is no requirement to join or pay any fees, casual visitors are always welcome.

All Popo resident and visitors are welcome to drop in for coffee and (usually) a piece of home made cake.

Upcoming events :

Friday 13th March Sundowner & BBQ – from 5pm onwards (BYO drinks and food)

6.30 am 25th April – ANZAC Dawn Service – at the Railway Station Memorial site.

Old Time Dance - 7.30 – 11pm every third Saturday of the month at the Popo Hall.

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Popanyinning Community Hub

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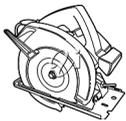
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Tuesday	3 rd	Men's Shed Meet @ Cuby Men's Shed 9am Alton Street
Tuesday	3 rd	Cuballing Craft meet 10am @ Cuballing Rec Centre
Tuesday	3 rd	Popanyinning Community Hub open 9-3pm—48 Forrest Street Popo
Thursday	5 th	9 Ball Comp @ Cuballing Tavern 7pm
Saturday	7 th	Cuballing & Popanyinning Transfer stations open 9-12pm
Sunday	8 th	Cuby K9 Club meet @ 9am Cuballing Rec Centre
Sunday	8 th	Cuballing & Popanyinning Transfer stations open 9-12pm
Monday	9 th	Cuballing & Popanyinning Transfer stations open 9-12pm
Monday	9 th	Line Dancing 6pm @ Cuballing Agricultural Hall
Monday	9 th	Strength Class 9.30@ Cuballing Ag Hall \$5pp
Monday	9 th	Art Class 11am @ Cuballing Rec Centre \$5pp
Tuesday	10 th	Men's Shed Meet @ Cuby Men's Shed 9am Alton street
Tuesday	10 th	Cuballing Craft meet 10am @ Cuballing Rec Centre
Thursday	12 th	9 Ball Comp @ Cuballing Tavern 7pm
Saturday	14 th	Cuballing & Popanyinning Transfer stations open 9-12pm
Sunday	15 th	Cuby K9 Club meet @ 9am Cuballing Rec Centre
Sunday	15 th	Cuballing & Popanyinning Transfer stations open 9-12pm
Monday	16 th	Cuballing & Popanyinning Transfer stations open 9-12pm
Monday	16 th	Line Dancing 6pm @ Cuballing Agricultural Hall
Monday	16 th	Art Class 11am @ Cuballing Rec Centre \$5pp
Monday	16 th	Strength Class 9.30@ Cuballing Ag Hall \$5pp
Tuesday	17 th	Men's Shed Meet @ Cuby Men's Shed 9am Alton street
Tuesday	17 th	Cuballing Craft meet 10am @ Cuballing Rec Centre
Tuesday	17 th	Popanyinning Community Hub open 9-3pm—48 Forrest Street Popo
Wednesday	18th	Shire of Cuballing Council Meeting 3pm @ Cuballing CWA Hall
Thursday	19 th	9 Ball Comp @ Cuballing Tavern 7pm
Saturday	21 st	Cuballing & Popanyinning Transfer stations open 9-12pm
Sunday	22 nd	Cuby K9 Club meet @ 9am Cuballing Rec Centre
Sunday	22 nd	Cuballing & Popanyinning Transfer stations open 9-12pm
Monday	23 rd	Cuballing & Popanyinning Transfer stations open 9-12pm
Monday	23 rd	Line Dancing 6pm @ Cuballing Agricultural Hall
Monday	23 rd	Art Class 11am @ Cuballing Rec Centre \$5pp
Monday	23 rd	Strength Class 9.30@ Cuballing Ag Hall \$5pp
Tuesday	24 th	Men's Shed Meet @ Cuby Men's Shed 9am Alton street
Tuesday	24 th	Cuballing Craft meet 10am @ Cuballing Rec Centre
Tuesday	24 th	Popanyinning Community Hub open 9-3pm—48 Forrest Street Popo
Wednesday	25 th	Popanyinning Progress Association Meeting 6.30pm @ Popo Hub 48 Forrest Street Popo
Saturday	28 th	Cuballing & Popanyinning Transfer stations open 9-12pm
Sunday	29 th	Cuby K9 Club meet @ 9am Cuballing Rec Centre
Sunday	29 th	Cuballing & Popanyinning Transfer stations open 9-12pm
Monday	30 th	Cuballing & Popanyinning Transfer stations open 9-12pm
Monday	30 th	Line Dancing 6pm @ Cuballing Agricultural Hall
Monday	30 th	Strength Class 9.30@ Cuballing Ag Hall \$5pp
Monday	30 th	Art Class 11am @ Cuballing Rec Centre \$5pp
Tuesday	31 st	Men's Shed Meet @ Cuby Men's Shed 9am Alton street
Tuesday	30 st	Cuballing Craft meet 10am @ Cuballing Rec Centre