

The Cuby News

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May 2026

Anzac Day 2026

The morning was fresh but that did not stop approximately 80 attendees making their way to the Cuballing Anzac Service.

The service was a lovely tribute to the fallen and returned, Cr Rob Harris started the service off with a story of the first enlisted soldier from Cuballing Trooper Leonard Turner.

With the 'call to arms' of eligible men following the declaration of war, Leonard was quick to put up his hand, applying to enlist at the end of September 1914. His horse-riding skills were solid. He was a single man, 30 years old and of the Methodist faith.

Trooper Turner sailed from Fremantle with his regiment on February 8, 1915 aboard His Majesty's Australian Transport (HMAT) A47 Mashobra. The next day, the Mashobra made rendezvous west of Rottnest Island with three other ships,

the Chilka, the Hessen and the Clan MacGillivray, which held other units of the 3rd Light Horse Brigade and infantry reinforcements. The convoy of four ships proceeded via Colombo, Suez and Port Said to Alexandria, Egypt. Whilst traversing the Suez Canal, the ship-bound Australians sighted Indian troops ashore who had recently repelled Turkish attacks aimed at seizing the Canal. This resulted in hearty patriotic cheering from the troops aboard ship for the Indian defenders of the Suez Canal. The Indian troops were magnanimous in returning cheers to the Australians aboard their transport vessels.

On March 9, by train, on foot and by electric tramcar, the men and their kits, horses and equipment moved into Mena Camp, within sight of the Pyramids, where further training was to be undertaken. At the end of April, the 3rd Light Horse Brigade, including the 10th Light Horse Regiment, moved to Heliopolis as news of the Gallipoli landings reached Egypt and then as the wounded from Gallipoli began to arrive.

Following the decision that the 10th would serve on Gallipoli as infantry and leaving their horses behind in Egypt, the 10th Light Horse Regiment sailed on May 16, 1915 for the Dardanelles aboard a captured North-German Lloyd steamer, Lutzow, now designated HMAT A25.



ANZAC DAY 2026

On May 19, Leonard was with the 10th LHR at anchor off Anzac Cove as the Turks launched a major counter-offensive on the ANZAC positions, accompanied by heavy rifle, machine gun and artillery fire. Disembarkation began two days later, whilst the enemy artillery brought shrapnel fire to bear on the Lutzow and then on to the destroyers Chelmer and Rattlesnake, as they carried the regiment towards the beach.

The 10th Light Horse Regiment took up positions near Plugge's Plateau and, subsequently, at Monash Gully. By the end of May, A Squadron were defending Quinn's Post against concerted enemy attacks and, on June 4, the regiment marched to reserve positions near Walker's Ridge.

Apart from enemy artillery and sniper fire, the growing summer heat, flies, poor sanitation and debility among the men saw increasing numbers being lost to disease. By July 20, Leonard was ill with influenza and was evacuated to Number 15 Stationery Hospital Mudros, on the Greek island of Lemnos. However, his condition rapidly deteriorated to pneumonia. Trooper Leonard Turner, the son of Frederick and Emily Turner of Cuballing, died on July 27, 1915. He was buried at East Mudros Cemetery No 29 by the chaplain.

Fred Turner commented in relation to his son: Leonard: "Lenoard Turner was the first to enlist from Cuballing in 1914 and the first to fall"

The Turners owned the General store in Cuballing upon Leonard's return he was to carry on with the family business, unfortunately Leonard did not return, Fred then turned his attention to raising money to erect a monument in Cuballing to honor not only Leonard but all the fallen. The monument which proudly stands today was unveiled on Sunday November the 12th 1921

Thank you to the following for making the Anzac Day Service possible

Cr Harris
Ms Emily Ballantyne
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Cr Ballantyne
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UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS

Wednesday 20th May 2026
Wednesday 17th June 2026
Wednesday 22nd July 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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PRESIDENTS PEN

A Welcome Change in the Weather

Well, some good rain arrived after the Anzac Day which gladdened the hearts of many in our community. Our farmers will be encouraged, the gardeners can dial back their retic systems, and those that have to cart water may be able to reduce their trips to the standpipes.

ANZAC Day

The Dawn Services held at both Cuballing and Popanyinning were well attended this year, with turnout numbers similar to last year. These services hold a special place in our community calendar, providing a rare opportunity for individuals from various walks of life—who might not normally interact—to come together in a shared moment of reflection. Despite their different backgrounds, all attendees are united by a common appreciation and deep respect for those who have served their country.

After the service in Popanyinning, participants gathered in the hall to share coffee and Anzac biscuits, fostering a sense of camaraderie. In Cuballing, the community enjoyed a cuppa and scones generously provided by the Cuballing Tavern. The early morning fog and chill set a somber tone for the occasion, and the atmosphere was further enhanced by the moving bugle calls performed by Emily Ballentyne at both services.

Springhill Roadworks

Having completed major works on the Cuballing East and Stratherne Roads over the summer months, our roadwork crew is now busy widening and improving the Spring Hill Road. Please be aware of ongoing work and drive safely through their work sites.

Cuby Central Country Zone Meeting

Our Shire is one of 15 in the Central Country Zone that meet every couple of months. The purpose of these meetings is for regional collaboration and support each other on common issues and challenges. These meetings are a very effective way for smaller Shires to get their message the State Government. Last month it was Cuballing's turn to host the event. It was pleasing to receive compliments from our neighbouring Shires on what has been achieved here since their last visit over three years ago.

Upcoming Music and Arts Event – Cuby GrooveFest

The Cuby GrooveFest to be held 18-20 September has been launched and all the acts and events are set. This two-day music and arts event is designed for everyone to enjoy, no matter what your budget or taste in music is. Full information and tickets are being sold through the Cuby GrooveFest website <https://www.cubygroovefest.com.au>. We don't want our local residents to miss out, so get online early for your tickets. You can also get involved in this exciting community event by volunteering to assist in making it a success for our town. Eliza Dowling or Simone Lansdell would love to hear from you.

And finally, speaking of community events, the Popanyinning Markets will be held on Sunday 17th May from 9am to midday.

Adrian Kowald
Shire President

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COUNCIL SHORTS

Appointment of Fire Control Officers for 2026-27

Council endorsed the recommendations of the Shire of Cuballing Bush Fire Advisory Committee (BFAC) to appoint the following for the 2026-27 fire season:

⇒ Anthony Mort (Chief Bushfire Control Officer)		
⇒ Brayden Potts (Deputy Chief)		
⇒ Gareth Keeling	Rob Harris	Mike Burges
⇒ Nelson Young	Jason Quartermaine	Tamara Allen
⇒ Graeme Dent	Shaun Wittwer	Dougal Haslam

Brayden Potts and Rob Harris have also been nominated as Fire Weather Officers with the authority to approve Shire burning permits when the Fire Behaviour Index is high or above. The Shire of Cuballing will also consider nominations made by neighbouring local governments for FCO's of those shires to serve as Dual FCO's in the Shire of Cuballing.

The BFAC and Council also recognised the long service of Duncan Patten and Daniel Christensen who have now stepped down from their FCO roles with the Shire.

Firebreak Notice for 2026-27

The Council also adopted the proposed Firebreak Notice for the 2026-27 year; this will be issued with the annual rates assessments around September. Along with Chief Bushfire Control Officer and Shire staff, the Shire of Narrogin rangers will once again be engaged to assist with education on and compliance with the firebreak orders in our townsites.

Endorsement of Revised WALGA Climate Change Advocacy Position Paper

Council reviewed and endorsed the WA Local Government Association's revised Climate Change Advocacy Position which will enable WALGA to shape its advocacy with State and Federal Governments and provide support for the local government sector to better manage climate change issues into the future.

Change to 2025 Compliance Audit Return Reporting Date

The Compliance Audit Return (CAR) is an annual self-assessment required under regulation 14 of the *Local Government (Audit) Regulations 1996*. All Local Governments in Western Australia must complete a CAR for the period of 1 January to 31 December each year. In previous years Councils have been required to complete the CAR and have presented to the March Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee to ensure it is adopted by Council and submitted to the Department of Local Government by 31 March.

With the introduction of the new Local Government Inspectorate, the deadline for this year's CAR for the period of 1 January to 31 December 2025 has been deferred until 30 September 2026 as there have been a number of changes to the statutory requirements for which a compliance audit is needed. These changes are outlined in regulation 13 of the *Local Government (Audit) Regulations 1996*.

In addition, the Local Government Inspector has the ability to limit what statutory requirements are included in the CAR, under regulation 15A of the *Local Government (Audit) Regulations 1996*, published on 1 January 2026. These requirements are currently being determined, with further guidance materials and information to be made available to local governments by 31 March 2026.

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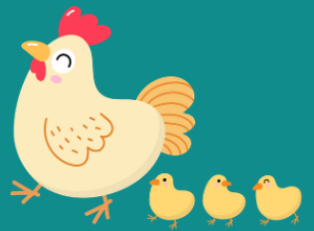
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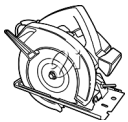
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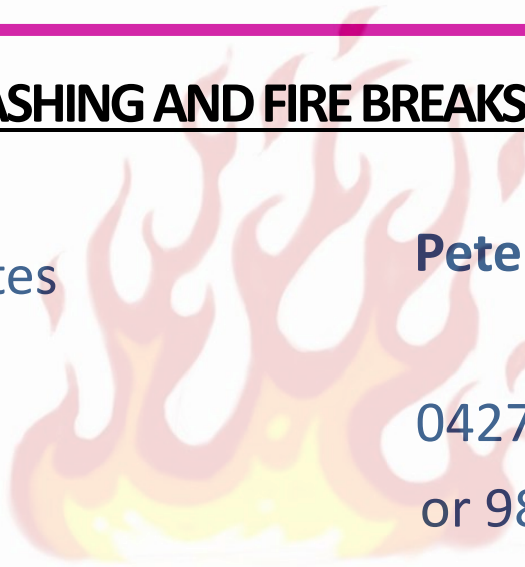
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Sunday	3 rd	Cuby K9 Club meet @ 9am Cuballing Rec Centre
Sunday	3 rd	Cuballing & Popanyinning Transfer stations open 9-12pm
Monday	4 th	Cuballing & Popanyinning Transfer stations open 9-12pm
Monday	4 th	Easter Monday Shire Admin Office Closed
Tuesday	5 th	Men's Shed Meet @ Cuby Men's Shed 9am Alton street
Tuesday	5 th	Cuballing Craft meet 10am @ Cuballing Rec Centre
Thursday	7 th	9 Ball Comp @ Cuballing Tavern 7pm
Saturday	9 th	Cuballing & Popanyinning Transfer stations open 9-12pm
Sunday	9 th	Cuby K9 Club meet @ 9am Cuballing Rec Centre
Sunday	10 th	Cuballing & Popanyinning Transfer stations open 9-12pm
Monday	11 th	Cuballing & Popanyinning Transfer stations open 9-12pm
Monday	11 th	Line Dancing 6pm @ Cuballing Agricultural Hall
Monday	11 th	Art Class 11am @ Cuballing Rec Centre \$5pp
Monday	11 th	Strength Class 9.30@ Cuballing Ag Hall \$5pp
Tuesday	12 th	Men's Shed Meet @ Cuby Men's Shed 9am Alton street
Tuesday	12 th	Cuballing Craft meet 10am @ Cuballing Rec Centre
Tuesday	12 th	Popanyinning Community Hub open 9-3pm—48 Forrest Street Popo
Thursday	14 th	9 Ball Comp @ Cuballing Tavern 7pm
Saturday	16 th	Cuballing & Popanyinning Transfer stations open 9-12pm
Sunday	17 th	Popo Community Markets 9am to 12pm @ Popo Railway station
Sunday	17 th	Banksia Bowen Archery Club @ Popo Oval 9-12pm
Sunday	17 th	Cuby K9 Club meet @ 9am Cuballing Rec Centre
Sunday	17 th	Cuballing & Popanyinning Transfer stations open 9-12pm
Monday	18 th	Cuballing & Popanyinning Transfer stations open 9-12pm
Monday	18 th	Line Dancing 6pm @ Cuballing Agricultural Hall
Monday	18 th	Art Class 11am @ Cuballing Rec Centre \$5pp
Monday	18 th	Strength Class 9.30@ Cuballing Ag Hall \$5pp
Tuesday	19 th	Men's Shed Meet @ Cuby Men's Shed 9am Alton street
Tuesday	19 th	Cuballing Craft meet 10am @ Cuballing Rec Centre
Tuesday	19 th	Popanyinning Community Hub open 9-3pm—48 Forrest Street Popo
Wednesday	20 th	Shire of Cuballing Council Meeting 3pm @ Cuballing CWA Hall
Thursday	21 st	9 Ball Comp @ Cuballing Tavern 7pm
Saturday	23 rd	Cuballing & Popanyinning Transfer stations open 9-12pm
Sunday	24 th	Cuby K9 Club meet @ 9am Cuballing Rec Centre
Sunday	24 th	Cuballing & Popanyinning Transfer stations open 9-12pm
Monday	25 th	Cuballing & Popanyinning Transfer stations open 9-12pm
Monday	25 th	Line Dancing 6pm @ Cuballing Agricultural Hall
Monday	25 th	Strength Class 9.30@ Cuballing Ag Hall \$5pp
Monday	25 th	Art Class 11am @ Cuballing Rec Centre \$5pp
Tuesday	26 th	Men's Shed Meet @ Cuby Men's Shed 9am Alton street
Tuesday	26 th	Cuballing Craft meet 10am @ Cuballing Rec Centre
Wednesday	27 th	Popo Hub Morning tea, CEO and councillor chit chat @ 10am
Thursday	28 th	9 Ball Comp @ Cuballing Tavern 7pm
Saturday	30 th	Cuballing & Popanyinning Transfer stations open 9-12pm
Sunday	31 st	Cuby K9 Club meet @ 9am Cuballing Rec Centre
Sunday	31 st	Cuballing & Popanyinning Transfer stations open 9-12pm