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Cue CRC Report

Hello Cue,

February was a busy month for the Cue CRC, mainly getting ready for the coming months activities and events, but we did do a morning tea for National Tim Day which was really well received and attended. We had Jacquie Lacy visit for Justice of the Peace services, unfortunately no-one attended this time, but we are hoping to get Jacquie to continue the service and visit every couple of months. Regional Alliance West were supposed to visit but due to weather conditions and staff safety the visit had to be cancelled at the last minute.

March Activities

The following activities are scheduled for March:

- **Craft Group** — every Wednesday from 9.00am
- **Saturday 21st** — Notebook & Paperclip Sublimation Workshop
- **Tuesday 24th** — 1 on 1 Sublimation Workshop
- **Saturday 28th** — Community Markets

April Activities

We are also busy planning for April and have several activities lined up. Planned activities include:

- **Craft Group** – every Wednesday from 9:00am
- **Sublimation 1-on-1 Workshops** – *Personalised Cola Drink Bottle*
- **Sublimation Craft Group Workshop** – *to be confirmed*
- **18th** – *Community Markets*
- **Justice of the Peace services** (dates to be confirmed)

Our March Sublimation Workshops are free, however bookings are essential. Please note that bookings will open at the beginning of March—call the CRC to secure your place.

Julie Humphreys
Manager



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CUE HERITAGE CENTRE

DID YOU KNOW?

Once used to preserve perishable food, ice chests were used in households by the end of the 1800s. They had beat out canning, salting and drying as a means of preserving food as those methods were labour intensive and also eliminated all signs of freshness from food. Made from wood with a tin or zinc lining, and insulated with things like straw or sawdust. Blocks of ice, purchased from an ice man, would be put in the compartment near the top of the chest and kept and food stored below this compartment fresh for a reasonable amount of time.





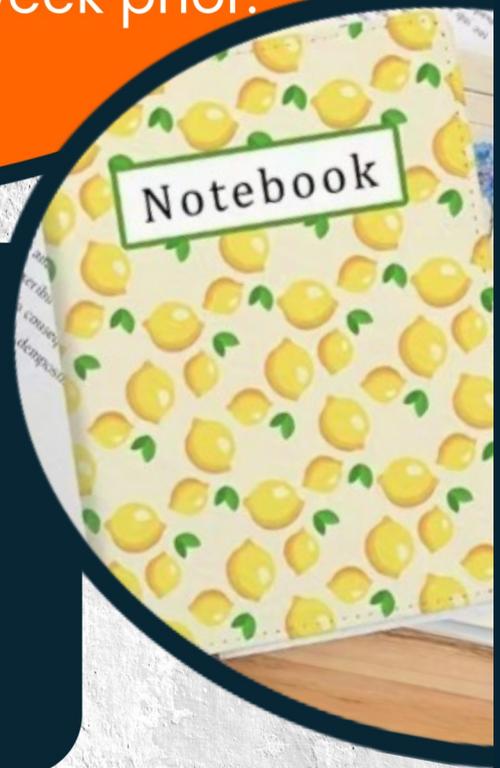
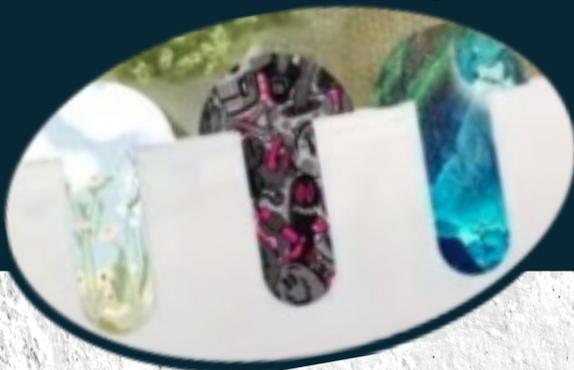
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Notebook & PVC Paperclip Sublimation Workshop

Create a Notebook & 3 PVC paperclips.
You will be shown how to create a design, print
and press using our specialised equipment.
There will be designs pre-printed for you to
choose. If you want a particular picture, please
email it to us at least 1 week prior.

FREE Group Workshop

21st March 2026
12.15pm



Bookings are essential. Contact the Cue CRC via
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book your spot.

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Personalised Acrylic Lamp 1 on 1 Sublimation Workshop

Spend an hour with the CRC staff to create a personalised Acrylic Lamp.
You will be shown how to create a design, print and press using our specialised equipment.

Dates & Times Available

24th March 2026
10:30am & 2:00pm



First lamp free, pay \$15 per lamp after the first.
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Community Market Day



Saturday,
28th March

9:30am to
11:30am

STALL HOLDERS INFO:

2 trestles provided FREE,
3 or more trestles will incur
a small fee.

Book your stall by contacting
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THURSDAY 12TH MARCH



Food, snacks & juice provided



Ages 5 - 17



\$2 entry fee per child



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From the CEO

February 2026 marked my ten year anniversary working for the Shire of Cue. Looking back over the past decade, I'm grateful for the experiences, challenges, and achievements that have shaped my time here. From learning the ropes in those early days to being part of countless community events, projects, and day-to-day moments, it's been a journey that's helped me grow both professionally and personally. I've had the privilege of working alongside supportive colleagues and being part of a team that genuinely cares about our community. Thank you to everyone who has been part of these ten years and I'm looking forward to whatever the future holds.

The Annual Meeting of Electors was held on Tuesday 10 February at 5.30pm in the Council Chambers. We had one member of the public attend, together with Councillors and Shire staff. The minutes from this meeting are published on our website. <https://www.cue.wa.gov.au/council-meetings/annual-meeting-of-electors/general-meeting-of-electors/153>

Ground works, including the pouring of the concrete slab on the Masonic Lodge Stage one project commenced in mid-February. This first stage works consists of an extension to the back of the building including a kitchen, toilet facilities and a decking area. Stage two works will be the restoration of the Masonic Lodge building. HC Constructions are the company awarded the tender for stage one.

For a number of years, the Shire has made several attempts to get the Cue Post Office clock working again, but without success. Thanks to the persistence of Mark Humphreys, the Shire's Town Crew Supervisor, the clock is now finally operating once again.

Several road improvement projects are currently in progress throughout the Shire, including ongoing works on Dalgarranga Road, Wilgie-Mia Road, and Beringarra Cue Road. Road users are advised to exercise caution, reduce speed when approaching roadwork zones, and comply with all traffic management directions to ensure the safety of workers and the travelling public.

As mentioned in last month's *Dryblower* edition regarding the current Shire of Cue entry statement, we received some ideas and feedback from the community. So, please submit your opinions, ideas or designs on whether we keep our current entry statement or should we have a new design that better reflects our local history. We encourage all community members to share their thoughts and ideas. Please see the "Have Your Say" article in the March edition of the *Dryblower*.

We've had several snake sightings reported in and around town recently, so please take extra care when out walking. Staying alert and keeping outdoor areas well maintained is the best way to keep yourself, your family, and your pets safe during snake season.

Dog and cat owners are reminded of their obligations to keep their pets contained within the boundaries of their property. Pets must be on a leash while walking. Please be considerate of others as it can be quite confronting to be approached by an unknown dog while out walking. The Shire Ranger visits the area frequently and will take action against unrestrained pets in public places. This may result in a financial penalty to the owner. The only authorised area within the townsite where dogs are permitted to be exercised off-leash is the town oval. It is your responsibility to control and look after your pets.

Recent strong winds in Cue is a reminder to all residents to secure loose items around their properties. Outdoor furniture, tools, and debris can easily become airborne in high winds, posing a danger to people and property. Keeping yards tidy and items properly secured helps keep our community safe.

Mosquito fogging operations may be undertaken when weather conditions allow. Residents are asked to check their properties and remove any potential mosquito breeding areas, by emptying containers holding water, ensuring gutters are not holding water and checking yards for areas that hold water.

Upcoming Events

- **Thursday 12 March** – Blue Light Disco
- **Friday 27 March** – Seniors Morning Tea
- **Tuesday 31 March** – Easter Eggstravaganza
- **Saturday 25 April** – Anzac Day

Next Ordinary Council Meeting

- **Tuesday 17 March 2026 at 6.00pm**



The Shire of Cue along with it's Council are exploring the idea of introducing entry statements at the shire boundaries and either side of town.

The concept is still in the very early stages and no final decisions have been made. There have been discussions regarding designing all new statements, sprucing up the existing ones or adding something new to the existing ones to give them a fresher look while acknowledging the towns history.

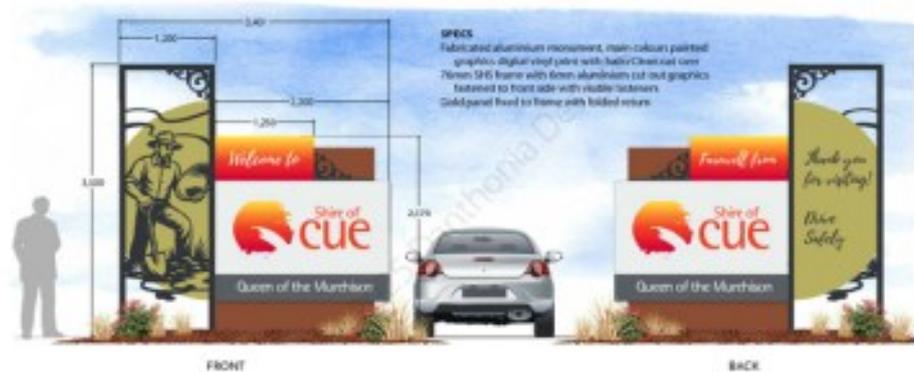
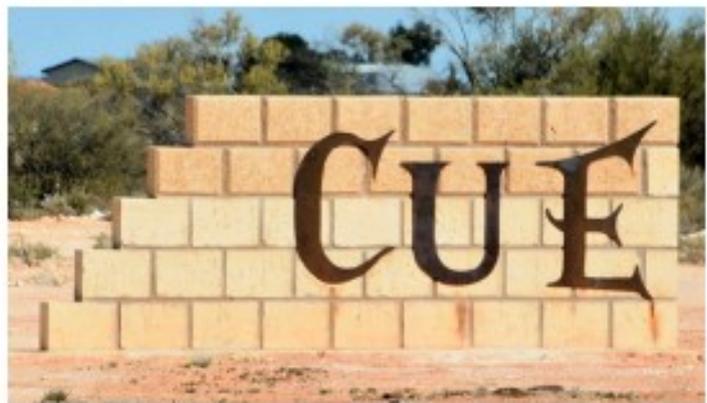
Community input is vital in shaping the direction of this project so any thoughts, ideas or designs are welcome. If you do have any suggestions please do not hesitate to contact the Shire of Cue via email or by popping into the Admin office.

E: shire@cue.wa.gov.au Ph: 08 9963 8600

Opening hours:
Mon - Fri 9am - 4pm



Here are some examples to take inspiration from



EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA

Bring the whole family along for a fun filled morning celebrating Easter with activities, morning tea and an Easter egg hunt!

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**TUESDAY
31ST MARCH
9AM**

**CUE
SHIRE HALL
DOWLEY STREET**





SHIRE OF CUE EASTER CLOSURE DATES

SHIRE ADMIN OFFICE and WORKS DEPARTMENT

The Shire Administration Office
will close 4:00pm Thursday 2nd April 2026
and reopen 9:00am Wednesday 8th April 2026

The Shire Works Department
will close 3:00pm Thursday 2nd April 2026
and reopen 6:00am Wednesday 8th April 2026

EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS:

Administration: 0427 080 205
Works and Services: 0472 805 005

The Shire of Cue wishes everyone a
bright and happy Easter!

We had a fantastic event for National Tim Tam Day. Here's one of the recipes we used in case you want to make it at home.



Tim Tam Fudge Slice

INGREDIENTS

- 2 packets Original Tim Tams
- 100g butter
- 395g can sweetened condensed milk
- 200g milk chocolate, chopped

METHOD

1. Grease & line 18 x 28cm slice tin with baking paper.
2. Process 1pk Tim Tam in food processor until finely crushed. Set aside in medium bowl. Roughly chop remain pack of Tim Tams.
3. Place butter and half can of condensed milk in a small saucepan, stir over medium heat until melted and combined.
4. Add butter mix into bowl with Tim Tams, stir well and add chopped Tim Tams, mix and press into tin. Refrigerate for 30 minutes.
5. Stir chocolate and remaining condensed milk in a saucepan over low heat until melted and smooth. Pour mixture over biscuit base. Cover and refrigerate until set.



Tuesday 21st April



Kids 3-3:30pm Adults 4:30-5:15pm



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Council News

Hi 'Dryblower' Readers.

There are a number of important activities during February both at a State and Local Government level.

The Western Australian Local Government Association ('WALGA') has been focusing on many issues over the last month but none more important for our region than the election for President and Deputy President of the Association. Although the election will not take place until 4 March 2026 those who have nominated have been busy on the hustings mustering up the support needed to succeed.

Nominations for President have been received from six (6) State Councillors from Metropolitan Zones while three (3) nominations from Country Zones were received for the position of Deputy President. These roles are critical to furthering the relationship with the State Government and advocating for the sector as a whole.

WALGA President, Karen Chappel and Deputy President Paul Kelly will step down as their term has expired.

The Murchison and wider regional towns have for a long time been struggling to get the support and recognition they deserve. Funding levels are diminishing and support for the normally expected service delivery by Government is simply inadequate. Try as we may, Government does not see the crisis being experienced by many Local Governments and their communities. Areas of concern include:-

- Health
- Housing
- Cost of living
- Project Capital support
- Staff retention
- Aging population concerns
- Law and order
- Drug and alcohol abuse
- Family violence.
- Homelessness
- Mental Health

Local Governments cannot meet the cost of providing services to meet these demands while at the same time proposed projects by the State Government seriously impact the availability of financial support to regional and remote Local Governments.

WALGA is currently reviewing proposals around amendments to its Corporate Governance Charter. A comprehensive review is being undertaken by the Association Governance team. The review was considered at a workshop held on 2nd February 2026 at which I attended along with other State Councillors. As an Association having 139 member Local Governments it is important to have accountability and transparency in the operations of WALGA.

Mel Russell-Lane from Keogh Consulting will be facilitated the workshop. Mel previously worked with WALGA and State Council in developing the current Strategic Plan, so she is well versed in the structure, purpose and vision of the Association.

Cue Shire Council held its Annual Electors Meeting in the Council Chambers on 10th February. The annual meeting provides ratepayers and residents to come along, review the 2024-2025 Annual Report, ask questions and express their views on what they would like to see happening within the town. It was disappointing to see the lack of representation from our town people. The Councillors and Shire do their best to make Cue a place to visit with attractions to match.

In saying that former President Stephen (Steve) Manning attended the meeting and presented the Shire with an old wooden carved plaque which was atop of the first hall built in Cue in 1900. That hall was built and used by the Australian Workers Union ('AWU') before Cue was officially granted township status. The Town of Cue purchased that building around 1920. Unfortunately, Christmas 1955 the hall was struck by lightning and, being made of Oregon timber, it burnt to a cinder. The Fire Brigade tried desperately to save the building but were not successful. One of the firemen took the plaque as a souvenir which ended up with Steve for safekeeping.

Steve provided the meeting with a valuable history lesson on the original AWU Hall brought in from Big Bell and its replacement in 1956 after the fire. The plaque is carved with '*Cue Hall*' and has other carvings on it. Big Bell had just wound down mining operations at that time and as Cue was without a hall the mine donated the current hall which is still in use today.

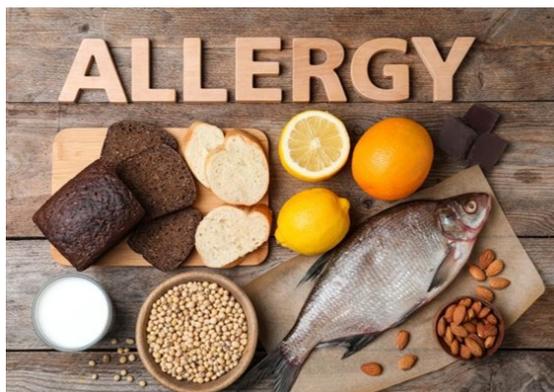
Thank you, Steve, some history is now preserved.

WALGA State Council held an Information Forum on 4 February. The Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development presented the outcome of the review of the Biosecurity and Agricultural Management Act (2007).

Councillors received a presentation of WALGA's involvement with the Local Health Authorities Analytical Committee (LHAAC). The LHAAC is a State owned entity which formulates and operates a scheme for provision of economical services for use by Local Governments.

The Sampling Scheme

- Food microbiology
- Food chemistry, nutrition, labelling
- Water chemistry
- Water microbiology
- Airborne particulates & microbiology
- Environmental microbiology & chemical residues
- Asbestos materials



Council held its monthly Forum on 10 February. The Information Forum provides an opportunity to have informal discussions, review projects underway and look ahead and consider the next phase of development. Some of the items of discussion centred on:-

- Rejuvenation of Bell's Emporium.
- Commencement of the Masonic Lodge Project.
- Street Sign project progress.
- ALGA National General Assembly 23 to 25 June 2026.

Council also receives a report from CEO Richard Towell and the Works Manager, John ('JC') Curtin advising Council of the monthly activities and forward planning. Finances, of course are always an integral part of any Shire Meeting.

On 11 February I attended a State Council Agenda Briefing for Zone Chairs. WALGA provides Zones with an opportunity to review the upcoming March 4th Meeting Agenda and answer any queries or questions on matters to be considered by the State Council.

WALGA held a farewell function for outgoing President Karen Chappel on 13th February which was attended by representatives from Local Government, State and Federal Governments and those in industry who Karen dealt with over the last four (4) years. Karen has done a great job in leading the organisation and dealing with the State Government on difficult matters.

On 17 February Council held its first meeting for the 2026. A number of matters of interest on the Agenda were discussed and included:-

- WALGA's Climate Change Policy position and
- Residential Accommodation to Council Owned Commercial Property

Readers, as usual, I welcome your views on any matter you consider important and am open to hearing any suggestions you might like to see in my monthly 'Dryblower' article. Sometimes, the business of Local Government can appear to be a bit mundane however, it is important you are aware of the constant flow of activity that comes with running a Council and our interactions with WALGA, where we are represented at the State and Federal level of Government. It is essential we work together as a community for the betterment of the town, you as residents and those visitors who stay in or simply pass through Cue.

Please feel free to contact myself or any of the other Councillors if you have a matter you need to bring to the attention of Council and the Administration. Council is always looking to the community to provide input into the future direction of our town.



Shire President
Les Price

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ROAD REPORT

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LOGIC PUZZLE

		Names					Sports					Nicknames				
		Austin	Bethany	Briana	Grace	Payton	Basketball	Curling	Football	Golf	Hockey	Cueball	Shades	Stretch	Tiny	Wolfman
Salaries	\$64,000															
	\$85,000															
	\$208,000															
	\$215,000															
	\$231,000															
Nicknames	Cueball															
	Shades															
	Stretch															
	Tiny															
	Wolfman															
Sports	Basketball															
	Curling															
	Football															
	Golf															
	Hockey															

CLUES

- 1) The basketball star isn't nicknamed Stretch or Tiny.
- 2) Either the employee with \$215,000 or \$231,000 salary is the hockey star.
- 3) The person nicknamed Cueball is Briana.
- 4) The curling star earns more than Bethany.
- 5) The person nicknamed Cueball earns more than the hockey star.
- 6) The 5 people were the curling star, Austin, the employee with the \$208,000 salary, the person nicknamed Stretch and the hockey star.
- 7) The person with the \$85,000 salary is not Payton.
- 8) The person nicknamed Stretch earns less than Grace.
- 9) The person nicknamed Wolfman is the golf star
- 10) Of Austin and Bethany one is the golf star and the other earns \$215,000 salary.

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ANZAC DAY

**DAWN SERVICE
2026**

SATURDAY APRIL 25

Arthur Gurney Park,
Next to the Shire Office
Start time 6.00am

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AT THE GOING DOWN OF THE SUN AND IN
THE MORNING, WE WILL REMEMBER THEM

MEMORIAL SERVICE BREAKFAST

Murchison Club Hotel

Across the road from the Anzac Service
Information: 9963 8600

NURSING POST



March 2026

RFDS:

Tuesday 3rd

Friday 20th

Dates were correct at time of print.
Please contact the Nursing Post to
confirm dates (08) 9963 0100.

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Fire & Rescue, Ambulance & Police

In case of emergency please call

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February Answers

LOGIC PUZZLE

Baking Times	Recipes	Temperatures	Servings
30 minutes	Chicken Cutlet	325 degrees	3 people
35 minutes	Candied Yam	400 degrees	5 people
40 minutes	Mac and Cheese	425 degrees	4 people
45 minutes	Roast Potatoes	350 degrees	8 people
50 minutes	Baked Ham	340 degrees	2 people

SUDOKU PUZZLE

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March 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
		RFDS	Craft Group			
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
			Craft Group			
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
		Council Meeting	Craft Group		RFDS	Craft Workshop
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
		Sub 1on1	Craft Group			Markets
30	31					
	Easter Extravaganza					



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