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Cue CRC Report

Hello Cue,

September was a quieter month at the CRC, but we still had plenty happening and enjoyed another successful community market.

Our monthly markets continue to be a great way for locals and visitors to get together, browse the stalls and support our local stallholders. The September market was well received, with stallholders setting up their stalls and plenty of friendly faces stopping by for a look and a chat.

The Cue Heritage Centre was also utilised for several events throughout September, providing a great space for community activities and gatherings.

We also welcomed the Department of Transport on Wednesday, 23 September. Unfortunately, their visit was organised at very short notice, with the CRC only being notified the day before. We quickly shared the information on Facebook to let the community know, and thankfully a few customers were able to take advantage of the service while they were in town.

September also saw me away from the CRC for a few days while I, as a shire councillor, attended the Local Government Conference in Perth. A big thank you to **Steph and the Shire of Cue** for allowing Steph to hold the fort while I was away. It is always reassuring to know the CRC is in good hands and that our services can continue for the community.

Although visitor numbers have been a little quieter than the same time in previous years, our retail sales have continued throughout the month. It has been great to see locals and visitors continuing to support the CRC and shop in our retail area, with customers purchasing everything from souvenirs to jewellery. The CRC has also continued to provide our usual range of services, assisting locals and visitors with printing, internet access, Government services, visitor information and general enquiries.

Even during a quieter month, there is always something happening at the CRC, and we look forward to the warmer months and the activities and events ahead.

What's happening in October?

October is looking to be a quieter month at the CRC, with no major events or activities currently planned. However, that doesn't mean we'll be sitting still!

Our Chairperson, Cath Willett, and I will be heading to Perth to attend a CRC conference. We're looking forward to connecting with other Community Resource Centres, sharing ideas and learning more about the new procurement process for CRCs.

We're hoping to come back with some useful information and ideas that we can put into practice at the Cue CRC and continue to improve the services we provide to our community.

As always, the CRC will remain open, and our regular services will continue throughout October. If there is anything you need help with, pop in and see us!

What's happening in November?

November is shaping up to be another busy month at the CRC, with a few things already in the works. Our Twilight Markets with Geoff Udy will be held in November and will be our final markets for the year. We're looking forward to finishing off the year with a great evening and hope to see plenty of locals and visitors come along to support our stallholders.

Our CRC Annual General Meeting (AGM) will also be held in November. The date is yet to be determined, so keep an eye out for further information. If you are interested in becoming a committee member and would like to have a say in the future of your local Community Resource Centre, please pop into the CRC and have a chat with us.

We don't have any other activities confirmed just yet, but we're always looking for ideas and may add something to the November calendar. Keep an eye on our Facebook page and the next newsletter for updates!

NEW STOCK IS IN STORE AND ON THE WAY!

We've been busy ordering new goodies for the shop, and we can't wait to share them with you! We always try to listen to what our customers are looking for, so if there's something you'd like to see in store, please let us know. We'll do our best to find it for you!

Here's what's new and coming soon:

-  Beautiful handmade soaps – some are already in store, with more on the way.
-  Bath bombs – available now, with more arriving soon.
-  Insulated lunch bags – currently in store, with matching travel bags on the way.
-  Greeting cards – we have a great range of cards in store.
-  Pens – a selection available now.
-  Scarves – perfect as a gift.
-  Hats – a small range of styles available in store.
-  Art books – great for anyone who enjoys getting creative.
-  Colouring books – something for both kids and adults to enjoy.

🎄 Christmas is Coming!

With Christmas just around the corner, now is a great time to start thinking about your Christmas shopping. Whether you're looking for a little something for a friend, a stocking filler, a teacher's gift or a special present, we'll have plenty of affordable gift ideas to choose from.

Shop local this Christmas and support your local Community Resource Centre! Every purchase helps support the CRC and the services we provide to our community.

Julie Humphreys
Manager





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Community Twilight Markets

Saturday
7th Nov
from 5.30pm

Join us at the Cue CRC for Twilight Markets & live music by Geoff Udy.

A sausage sizzle will be provided for a small donation.

Please contact us to book a stall or RSVP.

Kids must be accompanied by an adult.



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Drinks**

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From the CEO

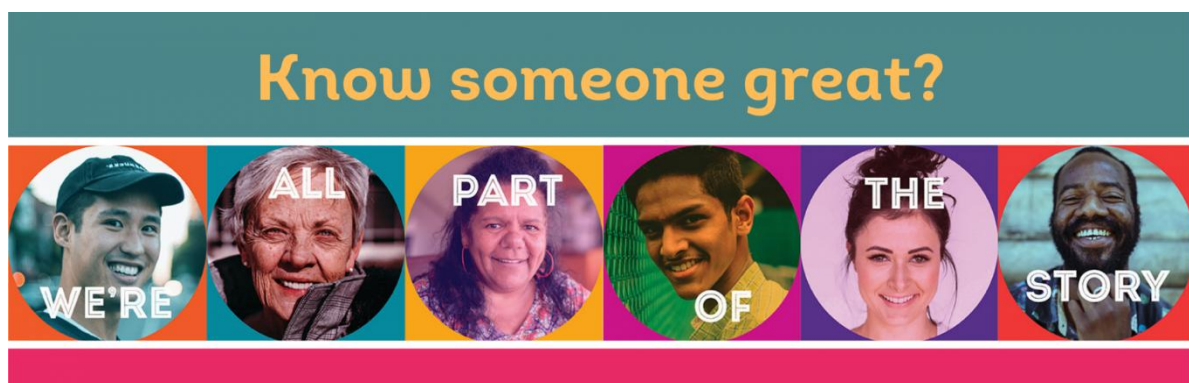
Local Government Extraordinary Election

The Extraordinary Election was held on Thursday 24 September to fill one vacancy on Council, with the term expiring on 16 October 2027. Mr Peter Lacy was declared elected with 48 votes and Mr Harry Casey receiving a respectable 26 votes. Around fifteen people attended the Shire of Cue administration office for the counting of the votes and declaration of the elected candidate. President Les Price conducted the swearing-in of Mr Peter Lacy to Council on the night. I welcome Mr Peter Lacy to Council and thank Mr Harry Casey for his nomination and interest in becoming a Councillor.

Citizen of the Year

Nominations are still open for the Australia Day Community Citizen of the Year Awards. Please refer to the notice published in this edition of the Dryblower. Nominations can be made online at citizenshipawards.com.au. Nomination close 31 October. We encourage everyone to take the time to nominate someone from our community in the following categories:

- Citizen of the Year
- Senior Citizen of the Year
- Youth Citizen of the Year
- Active Citizenship (Group or Event)



Murdoch University Vet Program

A reminder, the Murdoch University Vet Program will be in Cue on Thursday 8 October 2026. Students from the University will be providing free pet checks and sterilisation under the guidance of a senior veterinarian. Other services available include microchipping and vaccination at the owner's expense. Please note this service is provided by the Shire of Cue and is only for dogs and cats registered with the Shire. Bookings are essential and can be made through the Shire office.

Rates Notices

Shire of Cue rates notices were mailed out on 4 September 2026. If you have any questions regarding your rates notice, please contact the Shire on 9963 8600. Below are the instalment dates.

Full payment and 1st instalment due	16 October 2026 (single payment date)
2nd instalment due	18 December 2026
3rd instalment due	19 February 2027
4th instalment due	23 April 2027

Don't forget, we will be drawing out the winners for the rates incentive prizes on 17 November 2026. To be eligible for the draw, all outstanding rates and charges must be received on or before the single payment due date being 17 October 2025. All rate payers are eligible.

- First Prize \$600.00
- Second Prize \$300.00
- Third Prize \$100.00

WALGA Local Government Convention

More than 550 people, including Elected Members, CEOs, Local Government Officers, WALGA Preferred Suppliers and sector partners attended the 2026 Local Government Convention between Wednesday, 16 September to Friday, 18 September 2026.

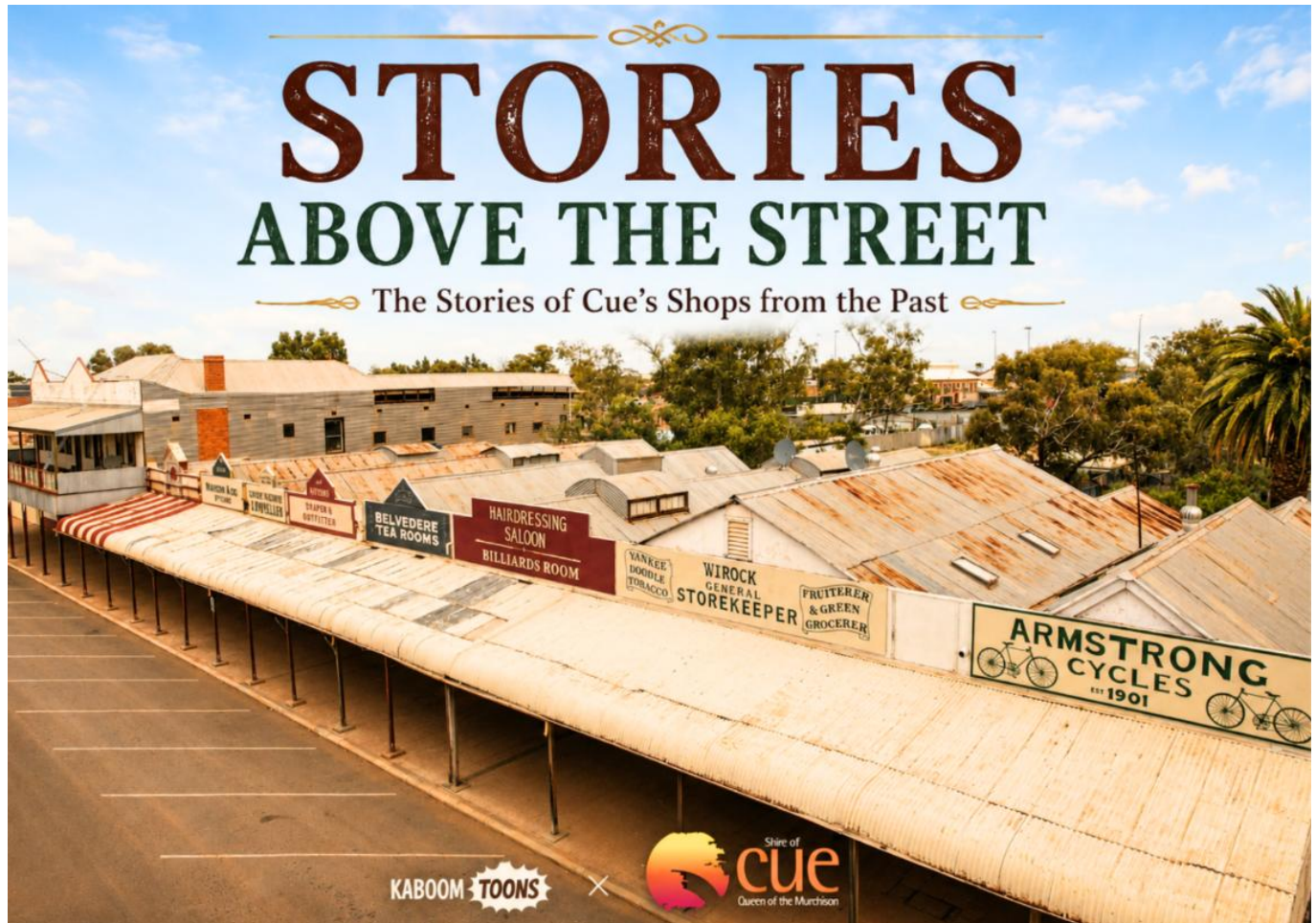
Held under the theme Tomorrow's World, the Convention explored the rapidly evolving environment facing Local Governments, with discussions centered on housing priorities, native title, psychosocial health, regional development and the critical relationship between CEOs and Mayors and Presidents. Delegates had the opportunity to gain fresh perspectives, share experiences and explore new approaches to supporting their communities and shaping local outcomes. The Convention was a great chance for people in the sector to come together.

Some of this year's sessions included

- Mayor and Presidents Forum – focusing on leadership and the future of local government.
- Heads of Agencies Luncheon where local governments received the opportunity to discuss local issues with heads of State Government agencies.
- Hon Hannah Beazley MLA, Minister for Local Government announcing the next round of Local Government reforms.
- Basil Zempilas MLA, Leader of the Opposition, where he announced the WA Liberals would re-establish regional representation in the Upper House if elected in 2029.
- Former Federal Foreign Affairs and Defence Minister Hon Stephen Smith and the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade focusing on the Geopolitical Landscape and Building Resilience to Foreign Interference
- State of Play Session hosted by award-winning journalist Gary Adshead, featuring Hon Hannah Beazley BA MLA, Minister for Local Government and Kirrilee Warr MLA, Shadow Minister for Local Government debating the key issues confronting Local Government
- Housing Panel session - Housing Priorities: Insights from Key State Agencies including the Department of Housing and Works, Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage, DevelopmentWA and Keystart.
- Icons Breakfast with four-time Olympic gold medallist and world record holder, Ariarne Titmus OAM and renowned coach Dean Boxall.

Tidy Towns Awards judging

On Wednesday 16 September 2026 we proudly showcased our town to the judges for submission in the Tidy Towns Sustainable Communities Awards 2026. This year we have nominated for three categories, being, General Appearance for the Stories above the Street project, showcasing heritage signs within the district from the past. Environmental sustainability for the water reclamation project for the town oval and community connection for the NAIDOC week Campfire on Country event. The judges were very impressed with how neat and tidy our town is, particularly how clean it is. I thank our community and the Shire staff for their dedication in keeping the town looking great.



Roads to Rehydration Workshop and Southern Rangelands Pastoral Alliance Forum

Cue was host to the Southern Rangelands Pastoral Alliance forum that was held at the Cue Heritage Centre and Former Bank Building. Under the theme of Adaptive Land Management, Innovation and Resilience, the forum brought Southern Rangelands pastoralists, business and industry together to share ideas and learn. This was preceded by the Roads to Rehydration workshop, held at the Cue Heritage Centre and a practical demonstration at Austin Downs Station. The field day featured knowledge sharing of rangelands rehydration earthworks. The full day agenda included a demonstration of water ponding and water spreading to help improve livestock productivity, especially in dry seasons. Feedback from attendees was very positive including the wonderful venues we have here in Cue. My Thanks go out to Regional Development Australia and the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD) for bringing these events to Cue.

Community Reminders

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.

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 2026

- **Thursday 8 October** – Murdoch Vet Program
- **Friday 16 October** – Yuck Circus, Naughties

Richard Towell
Chief Executive Officer, Shire of Cue

Next Ordinary Council Meeting

- **Tuesday 20 October 2026 at 6.00pm**



PUBLIC NOTICE

Proposed Lease of Former Bank Building, 64 Austin St, Cue

In accordance with *Section 3.58(3) of the Local Government Act 1995*, notice is hereby given that the Shire of Cue proposes the following disposition:

Lease of the Shire of Cue owned former Bank building located at 64 Austin St, Cue. The proposed lease is for three years with the option of extending for a further three-year period at the discretion of both parties. Rental for the building is proposed at \$13,000 per annum or \$250 per week, payable monthly in advance, with a rent free period of nine months for set up and initial operations. Regardless of any set up access or rent free periods, a weekly rental amount of \$5,200 per annum or \$100 per week, will be payable monthly in advance where occupants are living on site. Power and water are to be paid for by the tenants. The property valuation as of 30 June 2023 determined the fair value of the property to be \$700,000. This was declared as a true indication of the current market value of the property for the purpose of satisfying *section 3.58(4)(c)(ii) of the Local Government Act 1995*.

At the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 22 September 2026, Council resolved that the successful candidate for the proposed lease arrangement is as follows.

- *Fangally Rural* for the purpose of an art and craft gallery with tearoom.

Submissions are invited with respect to the proposed disposition. All written submissions should be forwarded to the Shire of Cue - PO Box 84 Cue, WA 6640 or emailed to shire@cue.wa.gov.au, by 4.00pm on Friday 9 October 2026.

Richard Towell
Chief Executive Officer



PUBLIC NOTICE

Proposed Lease of single unit at 28 Heydon Place, Cue

In accordance with *Section 3.58(3) of the Local Government Act 1995*, notice is hereby given that the Shire of Cue proposes the following disposition:

Lease of one Shire of Cue owned single industrial unit located at 28 Heydon Place, Cue. The proposed lease is for two years with the option of extending for two years at the discretion of both parties. Rental for each unit is proposed at \$5,200 per annum or \$100 per week, each, payable monthly in advance. Power and water are to be paid for by the tenants. The property valuation as of 30 June 2023 determined the fair value of each unit to be \$183,333. This was declared as a true indication of the current market value of the property for the purpose of satisfying *section 3.58(4)(c)(ii) of the Local Government Act 1995*.

At the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 22 September 2026, Council resolved that the successful candidate for the proposed lease arrangement is as follows.

- *Simeon Selsmark – DZL Equipment Pty Ltd* for the purpose of a tyre service shop.

Submissions are invited with respect to the proposed disposition. All written submissions should be forwarded to the Shire of Cue - PO Box 84 Cue, WA 6640 or emailed to shire@cue.wa.gov.au, by 4.00pm on Friday 9 October 2026.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard Towell".

Richard Towell
Chief Executive Officer

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cue.wa.gov.au/roadreport/

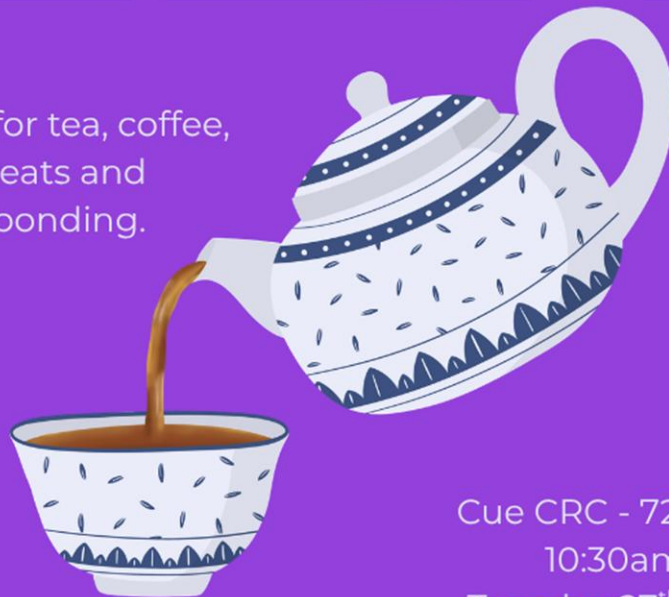


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TEA

Join us for tea, coffee,
sweet treats and
blissful bonding.



Cue CRC - 72 Austin St
10:30am onwards
Tuesday 27th Oct 2026

Please RSVP to the Shire of Cue - Ph: 08 9963 8600



Quit partying like it's 1999- it's time to celebrate all things Y2K. Fringe favourites YUCK are back with a totally hot, totally BRAND-NEW SHOW. It's giving Backstreet Boys, Britney, and BIG throwback energy. It's a decade not to be forgotten- with furbies, flip phones, and evERYthinG TyPeD LiKe ThIs. Mix that with high-flying acrobatics and ripper comedy, this is not a show to miss!

WINNERS of Fringe World top-tier Martin Sims Award, Best Circus at both Melbourne and Sydney Fringe, and the Best Emerging Artist at Adelaide Fringe- get ready for a big night out with the best of the early 2000's.

Fire up the group chat, give a spin of the So Fresh CD, and get your tickets now.

DATE: 16 OCTOBER 2026

VENUE: Cue Shire Hall
(Dowley St)

TIME: 6.00pm light supper
6.30 show starts



RSVP is required by using the QR code or call the
Shire of Cue 9963 8600

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EXTRAORDINARY POLL IN CUE

Mr. Peter Lacy Elected

Mr. Peter Lacy has been elected to the Shire of Cue with 48 votes, over Mr. Harry Casey, who received 26 votes.
The term concludes on 16 October 2027.

CUE, Friday.—The extraordinary local government election for the Shire of Cue was concluded yesterday, bringing to a close an affair which has been long and drawn out and has attracted much interest throughout the district.

A small crowd of interested and invested voters assembled in the Council Chambers to witness the count, which was conducted with the utmost care and seriousness by the Returning Officer, Miss Stephanie, and the Election Officer, Miss Lisa. Both ladies carried out their duties with great attention to detail, ensuring that every vote was carefully examined and properly recorded.

The count occupied approximately 90 minutes, during which time the crowd waited patiently. Before the result could be officially announced, it was necessary to seek confirmation from the Electoral Commission, and communication was made accordingly.

In the moments immediately preceding the announcement, a formal swearing-in took place, after which the official declaration was made.

Mr. Peter Lacy was declared elected with 48 votes, and Mr. Harry Casey received 26 votes. Mr. Lacy's term on Council will conclude on 16 October 2027.

Shire President Les Price was present for the declaration and warmly congratulated Mr. Lacy, shaking hands and presenting the formal document of office. There were expressions of goodwill from those in attendance, and it is understood the community looks forward to steady and constructive administration in the months and years ahead.



SHIRE PRESIDENT LES PRICE CONGRATULATES Cr PETER LACY upon his election to the Shire of Cue, 24 September 2026.



The Declaration

Following receipt of confirmation from the Electoral Commission, the Returning Officer, Miss Stephanie, declared Mr. Peter Lacy duly elected with 48 votes, with Mr. Harry Casey receiving 26 votes.

A formal swearing-in was then undertaken before those present, marking the commencement of Cr Lacy's term, which will conclude on 16 October 2027.

Shire President Les Price congratulated both Mr. Peter Lacy and Mr. Harry Casey, and remarked:

"I congratulate Mr. Peter Lacy on his election, and I also congratulate Mr. Harry Casey for his campaign. I thank Mr. Casey for taking up the challenge and contesting the poll, which is a fine example of public spirit and commitment to our community."

Cr Lacy expressed his confidence in his continued service to the district.

At the Chambers

A quiet but earnest gathering of ratepayers and residents attended the count in the Council Chambers. The proceedings were conducted with order and civility, and the patience of those present was commended.

Careful Count

The Returning Officer, Miss Stephanie, and Election Officer, Miss Lisa, took every due care in the counting of the vote. The tally occupied approximately 90 minutes and required communication with the Electoral Commission before the result was confirmed.

Looking Ahead

With the extraordinary poll now concluded, the people of Cue look forward to a period of steady municipal administration and to the further advancement of the district's interests under the continued guidance of the Shire Council.

Council News

Hi 'Dryblower' Readers.

September was a busy time for Local Government not just here in Cue but across the State. On top of the Australian Local Government General Assembly held in Canberra, the Western Australian Local Government Association ('WALGA') Convention in Perth to a State Council Regional Meeting at the City of Perth followed up with a series of Local Government Elections to fill Council vacancies....it has been very busy.

On 2 September 2026 I attended WALGA's Strategic Forum where Councillors were given a presentation by Jacqueline McGowan-Jones, Commissioner for Children and Young People WA. The presentation focused on three key aspects: -

- Promoting the rights, voices and contributions of children and young people.
- Prioritising the needs of disadvantaged and vulnerable children and young people.
- Monitoring and advocacy to strengthen the wellbeing of all WA children and young people.



Royal Flying Doctor Service CEO, Judith Barker presented a paper on 'Safe Landings' primarily with a focus on providing access across 2.6 Million square kilometres and undertaking 17,500 flights per year and attending to 29 people every day.

Local Government airstrips make up more than 50% of all RFDS landings. To RFDS 'an airstrip unlocks the gateway to health'.



The Strategic Forum was followed by the WALGA State Council meeting. State Council endorsed a new Circular Economy Advocacy Position which supports the principle of a circular economy and recognises its potential to:

- maximise the value and use of resources through a products life cycle;
- minimise environmental and financial impacts associated with the manufacture, distribution and post consumption management of products.

The meeting received an update on the H5 Bird Flu and the extent to which the Government is putting in measures to control the spread of the virus.

Other matters considered included a briefing on the following:-

- Draft environmental standard - data and information.
- Submission on the extended producer responsibility scheme for packaging.
- Community sporting and recreation facilities fund and club night lights program funding review.
- Local emergency management arrangements (LEMA) implementation project.

A Discussion Paper on reforming the Local Government Grants Scheme to support bushfire capability in WA was presented to the meeting by Rebecca Brown from WALGA.

The meeting also received financial and activity reports from the City of Perth and LG Professionals.

I also attended WALGA's Regional Forum at the City of Perth (Council House). The City hosted the Central Metropolitan Zone of WALGA which includes the following local governments:-

- Town of Cambridge - Town of Claremont
- Town of Cottesloe - Town of Mosman Park
- City of Vincent - City of Perth
- City of Nedlands - City of Subiaco

The Forum received presentations from a number of Mayors and CEO's offering insights into the future of some of our larger and more strategic Local Governments. When all said and done all Councils face similar challenges:-

- How to meet ratepayer expectations.
- Insufficient funding.
- Skilled staff shortages.
- Retention of staff.
- Housing affordability.
- Impacts of the Local Government Act reforms.



Mayors and CEO's also gave the meeting a detailed overview of the proposed future activities and projects under consideration throughout the Zone. It is projected that the City of Perth will grow significantly over the next decade and will continue to be an even more integral part of Western Australia's future prospects as a tourist centre and business and investment hub.

Council held its monthly Forum on 8 September. Some items to come under discussion included:-

- The upcoming Extraordinary Local Government Elections.
- Nominations have now opened for the Australia Day Community Citizen of the Year Awards.
- The Murdoch University Vet Program which provides free pet checks and sterilisation services.
- Rate Notices and the early payment incentive bonus.
- Improvements to the Cue Shire Website around the 'Discover Cue' section, with tourism, heritage and visitor information being refreshed to better showcase Cue's attractions, history and local services.
- The success of the 2026 Variety Victoria Bash as they made their way across Australia on the "Wild Wild West" Bash.
- Discussion on the Progress of the leasing of the Bank Building, the Masonic Lodge, and upgrades to Bell's Emporium.

The Forum provides an opportunity for the Council and Administration to have informal discussions around current projects underway, concepts for new projects, development of new ideas for the advancement of our town and the general day to day activities of the Shire Administration.

From 15 to 18 September WALGA held its Annual Convention at the Perth Convention Centre. All Councillors were given the opportunity to attend and network with fellow Councillors from across the State. We were fortunate to catch up with Councillors and staff from Mt.Magnet, Murchison and Yalgoo.

Minister Hannah Beasley and Leader of the Opposition, Mr. Basil Zempilas delivered presentations around Reforms to Local Government and the political Landscape in Western Australia.



The theme of the Convention was ‘Tomorrow’s World’ which fits in so well the ever-changing world we live in. Global events, Middle East unrest, international fuel crisis, technology advancements, the impact of AI and its unknown consequences, housing affordability, interest rates increase, cost of living crisis, not to mention Local Government reforms were all topics to come under discussion.

The Government’s push to move from fossil fuels to renewable energy sources has its concerns for many communities including Local Government. Renewable Energy projects must come with community benefits to offset the significant impact these projects are having on communities. We now have major data centres being constructed and operated in suburbs closer to capital cities and this is causing considerable concern for residents and ratepayers alike who live close to these facilities.

At the Convention the CEO and I were able to attend a ‘Heads of Agency’ luncheon which gave direct access to various Departmental Heads of Government to air concerns we might have over matters that directly impact the running of Council. Some matters to be discussed included: -

- The inadequacy of Local Government funding.
- Compensation for loss of rates from the inability to rate Miscellaneous Licences.
- Compensation for the impact of renewable energy projects.
- The loss of prime agricultural property.
- Sustainability of Local Governments.
- Local Government Act Reforms
- Changes to the ‘R’ rating and subdivision development on 700m residential blocks.
- Impacts of Native Title.

A Mayors and Presidents Forum was held highlighting the ‘Office of the Inspector’, Monitors and Adjudicators all of which is designed to curb the so called ‘dysfunction of Local Government. Serious concerns were raised around the abuse of Councillors by the general public. In one case a Councillor was receiving hate mail, social media abuse, disclosure of personal information and residential address location, along with private telephone contact details disclosure by disgruntled ratepayers. Anyone who volunteers their time to serve on a Local Government Council should not have to tolerate an intrusion into their personal lives not to mention threats.

The Forum also discussed the impacts of net migration, the underwhelming recent census, the under resourcing of the Local Government Department, frivolous complaints and codes of conduct.

The Murchison Regional Vermin Council (‘MRVC’) held a Special Meeting of Council on 22 September to resolve issues around the newly formed Audit, Risk and Improvements Committee and the 2025 Compliance Audit Return.

CEO Geoff Brookes is currently reviewing the Community Strategic Plan and the Corporate Business Plan. It is proposed to address these issues at the 14 October Ordinary Meeting.

The MRVC is a significant Council formed to control vermin in the Southern Rangelands Region, and we thank the Shire of Cue for their continued financial support.

The monthly Ordinary Meeting of Council was held on 22 September. Some matters to be determined included: -

- Considered a business proposal regarding the use and lease of the former Bank building at 64 Austin St, Cue.
- Approved the leasing a unit at 28 Heydon Place, Cue.
- Council approved a regional approach to supporting a shortfall in existing programs as a result of no state funding for a future or extended Wild Dog Action Plan. This involves the Murdoch on the ROAD remote veterinary outreach program delivered by the School of Veterinary Medicine at Murdoch University and coordinated by Dr Nicole Laing. It provides de-sexing, vaccination, parasite control, microchipping and basic animal healthcare in communities where routine veterinary services are limited or unavailable. To continue these valuable services to our Town Council approved up to a \$10,000 contribution along with other neighbouring Local Governments.

Prior to the Meeting Council held its annual CEO Performance Review which was chaired by Mike Fitzgerald from FitzGerald Strategies. FitzGerald Strategies is an Australian consultancy based in Western Australia that specializes in industrial relations (IR), human resource (HR) management, policy writing, and local government recruitment.

Council is pleased to adopt the report outlining a successful year for our CEO and the Administration and it is hoped that we will continue to see progress and development going forward. Congratulations to CEO Richard Towell for his efforts in supporting Council and our town during his tenure.

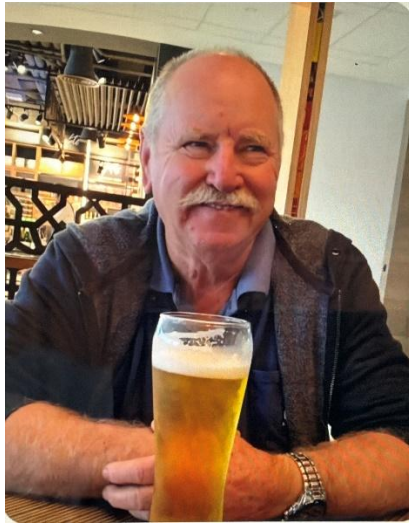
24 September 2026 the Shire held its extraordinary election to fill the vacancy as a result of the passing of long time Cue identity and Councillor, Ross Pigdon. Harry Casey and Peter Lacy both nominated and after the final votes were counted Peter Lacy was elected the new Councillor of the Shire of Cue.



On behalf of Councillors, I congratulate Peter on his successful election and welcome him as our 7th Councillor. Also, many thanks must go to Harry Casey for taking the time to nominate and stand for Council. With further Council elections coming up in October 2027 I am sure Harry will put his hand up again!

It is with sadness that we learn of the passing of former Councillor, John Franklin. John served on Council from 1991 to 1993 and made a significant contribution to Council during that time. John was always approachable, well liked and made himself available to listen to the concerns and interests of local ratepayers. He will be missed.

Council offers John's family sincere condolences on their sad loss and that our thoughts are with the family and close friends at this time.



R.I.P John Franklin

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.



Les Price



On Friday 18th September, Cue welcomed pastoralists, Traditional Owners, researchers, government, industry and investors for The Southern Rangelands Forum which aimed to explore the future of Australia's Southern Rangelands.

Together, they discussed opportunities to build productive, resilient and profitable pastoral businesses while supporting sustainable land stewardship. More than a conference, the Forum was an opportunity to share ideas, build connections and identify practical priorities for the Southern Rangelands over the next 12 months.

The Shire of Cue would like to thank SRPA for choosing Cue to hold their event and is grateful for the chance to showcase our amazing town with both the Cue Heritage Centre and Bank of WA being utilised throughout the day.



New Footpath Works

Shire of Cue Footpath Improvements Project

The Shire of Cue is pleased to advise that new footpath works will soon commence as part of local accessibility and active transport improvements.



CONTRACT AWARDED

Tender awarded to WA Concrete at the March Ordinary Council Meeting.



WORKS COMMENCE

Works are due to commence in early October.



SUPPORTED BY WABN

Supported by the Western Australian Bicycle Network (WABN) Grant Program.



ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT

The WABN Grant Program is administered by the Department of Transport and Major Infrastructure.



Project Locations

The maps below show where the new footpath connections, pram ramps and associated works will be delivered.

Map 1 - Wittenoom Street, Darlot Street and Cue Oval area



Map 2 - Wittenoom Street



Connected People
Strong Community



For more information visit
www.cue.wa.gov.au

MURDOCH UNIVERSITY STERILISATION PROGRAM



Veterinary students from Murdoch University under the guidance of a senior veterinarian will be travelling to the Shire of Cue to perform sterilisations, pet checks and micro chipping for registered dogs and cats in the Shire .

DATE: Thursday 8 October 2026

TIME: 8:30am – 5:00pm

VENUE: Cue Shire Hall

Vaccination Costs

Vaccinations are free for pets being sterilised

\$30 for Concession card holders

\$50 for Non Concession card Holders

Murdoch students will carry out sterilisations and pet checks for cats and dogs free of charge to residents of Cue. Registrations are to be filled out prior to surgery at the Cue Shire office before Friday 25th Oct.

A registration tag will be issued after surgery

EFTPOS available on the day, cash welcome for vaccinations and microchipping.

Please wait to be called for your appointment time on the day.

Please contact the Shire by 24 September 2026 if you are interested in having your pet sterilised and micro chipped.

There are limited sterilisation opportunities available.

For further information please call the Shire office on 99638600

NOTE:

ALL cats must be sterilised, micro chipped and registered.

ALL dogs must be micro chipped and registered by 1 November 2026



GARDENING SERVICE WANTED IN - MEEKATHARRA

The Royal Flying Doctor Service (RFDS) is looking for a reliable local gardener/gardening contractor to provide ongoing garden maintenance for our residential properties in Meekatharra.

The work covers 12 houses and one block of 4 units and will include:

- Regular lawn mowing, edging and general lawn care
- General garden and yard maintenance
- Maintaining and checking reticulation systems
- Minor reticulation repairs as required
- Keeping outdoor areas neat, tidy and well maintained

This would be ongoing regular work, and we are looking for someone who is reliable and able to manage the properties consistently.

Requirements:

- ✓ Must have a current ABN
- ✓ Must hold appropriate insurance
- ✓ Own gardening equipment .
- ✓ Reliable and able to provide ongoing services

If you are interested, or know someone locally who may be suitable, please **RING 0427695436** with your contact details and a little information about your gardening services.

Melissa Walsh - Base Support Officer
RFDS Western Operations Meekatharra
WA 6642
M 0427695436

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www.flyingdoctor.org.au

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RFDS Western Operations respectfully acknowledges the Traditional Owners and Elders of the lands that we operate within, providing our Service to all that live, work and travel across these lands.

DANCE
PLAY
BELONG
BE YOU!

BRIGHT
KIDS
STRONGER
COMMUNITIES

Culture after Dusk

Children's Week
Halloween Disco



Wednesday 28 October



Cue Hall



5:00pm – 7:00pm



Free event • food provided

Proudly supported by the
Shire of Cue, Cue Primary and Meerilinga.



Community • Children • Culture • Brighter Tomorrows



ROADS TO REHYDRATION FORUM

MID WEST FIELD DAY GRADES RANGELANDS HYDRATION TECHNIQUES

More than 40 people from the Mid West pastoral industries came together to learn about land regeneration techniques at a field day run by the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD) & Southern Rangelands Revitalisation Program (SRRP).

DPIRD's team organised for New South Wales expert Ray Thompson to share his knowledge on rangelands rehydration earthworks starting at the Cue CRC, followed by live grader demonstrations at Austin Downs Station.

SRRP Project Manager Fiona Brayshaw said attendees reported how much they enjoyed the day and the chance to learn about the different rehydration techniques used in NSW.

"They were interested to see how Ray's techniques will work locally in WA's much lower annual rainfall compared to NSW sites," she said. SRRP Principal Research Scientist Nathan Penny said several pastoralists who came along have their own experience of rehydration earthworks, in particular whoa-boys.

"Ray's techniques also generated great open discussions on the importance of controlling total grazing pressure and ways to achieve this in WA's southern rangelands," he said.

To maximise value for pastoralists, the field day was held back-to-back with the Southern Rangelands Pastoral Alliance (SRPA) annual forum, allowing attendees to benefit from both events.

The SRRP team is grateful to the Cue Shire and community for their support and looking forward to running further events for pastoralists across the Southern Rangelands over the next 9 months.



NSW EXPERT, RAY THOMPSON PRESENTED HIS KNOWLEDGE ON RANGELANDS REHYDRATION EARTHWORKS TO FIELD DAY ATTENDEES



PASTORALISTS AND DPIRD STAFF HEARD FROM RAY THOMPSON WHO USED A GRADER TO BUILD & DEVELOP WATERPONDS ON AUSTIN DOWNS STATION



DPIRD'S NATHAN PENNY PRESENTED TO ATTENDEES AT THE CUE COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTRE

OCTOBER PUZZLES

LOGIC

		names					categories					countries				
		Betty	Casey	Ida	Rita	Tara	chemistry	economics	literature	medicine	physics	germany	ireland	france	mexico	poland
years	1964															
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CLUES

- Neither the person from Germany nor the 1968 winner is the person who won a prize in literature.
- The person who won in 1980 isn't from Ireland.
- The winner who won the literature prize is either from Ireland or Casey.
- Rita is from Mexico.
- Of Tara and the person who won in 1964, one won the economics prize, and the other is from Poland.
- Rita didn't win a physics prize.
- Of Casey and the winner from Germany, one won the chemistry prize and the other won in 1972.
- The winner who won the literature prize won her prize 4 years before the person from Germany.
- Betty won her prize before the person from Ireland.

OCTOBER PUZZLES

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Looking for **LEGENDS**

Do you have a passion for helping others during their time of need? Become a vital part of the **Cue Ambulance Volunteer Team**. They're legends; and we're looking for more of them.

Help make your community stronger and join our team of Ambulance Volunteers today.



St John Volunteer



Why Volunteer with St John WA?

You'll Join a Supportive Team:

Our ambulance volunteer team is a close-knit group of compassionate individuals who share your commitment to making a difference.

Save Lives:

Provide medical care and transportation to your local community. Your quick response and expertise can make all the difference in saving lives.

Flexible Scheduling:

We understand that your time is valuable, so flexible scheduling options are offered to accommodate your availability.

Learn Valuable Skills:

Our dedicated programs provide you with full training. You will learn essential life-saving skills in an inclusive and friendly environment.

If your interested in supporting your local ambulance service

we'd love to hear from you.

**Contact St John Cue on
0437681562 or email cue@stjohnwa.com.au.**

NURSING POST -OCTOBER- 2026

RFDS

Tuesday 13th

Please contact Cue Nursing Post
book an appointment.

GRAMS

Wednesday 17th

Please contact Mt Magnet GRAMS
on 9940 3222 to book an
appointment.

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 an emergency please
call:

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Remembrance Day

11/11/2026



Remember the heroes who sacrificed
their lives for peace.

A short Remembrance Day Service
will be held at
AS Gurney Memorial Park,
Austin Street, Cue
commencing at 10.45am
(Next to the Shire Office)

September Puzzle Answers

Logic

times	guides	locations	group sizes
7:00am	Gregory	Casa Loma	6
8:00am	Inez	Yorkville	9
9:00am	Shannon	Little Italy	5
10:00am	Yvonne	High Park	10
11:00am	Dustin	City Hall	7

Sudoku

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4	5	6	7 GRAMS	8 Vet Program	9	10
11	12	13 RFDS	14	15	16 Yuck Circus	17
18	19	20 Council Meeting	21	22	23	24
25	26	27 Seniors Morning Tea	28 Halloween Disco	29	30	31 Halloween





Cue

Community Resource Centre

your local connection

OPENING HOURS

Monday to Friday

9:00am to 3 or 3.30pm

Saturday

9:00am to 12:00pm

Sunday & Public Holidays

CLOSED

*Due to staffing issues we will be closing at
3.00pm or 3.30pm on weekdays.*

PLEASE NOTE: Children must be accompanied by an adult
for admittance.

Pets not allowed.

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