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## Freedom Of Entry

TOODYAY'S Emergency Services were honoured by the Toodyay Shire last month with a parade through the centre of town followed by a function at Duidgee Park.

This year, all the Toodyay Volunteer Fire Brigades, consisting of the Volunteer Fire and Rescue Service and Volunteer Bush Fire Brigades, and St John Ambulance met at the parking bay near the corner of Stirling Terrace and Hamersley Street for the parade. Just before they started off, the air was filled with the sound of mobile phone SMS ring-tones, followed shortly after by the Bush Fire pagers – a fire in Morangup!

Both Morangup units headed off, sirens blazing and lights flashing, as well as the Toodyay Central 3.4 (which was subsequently returned when the scale of the fire was determined.) This put a bit of a dampener on the start (as well as a delay) until one of the Morangup vollies, who was not required on the units, chimed up to say he could eat enough for the crew at the function.

Finally, some 15 minutes after the scheduled start time, the parade began with all units sounding their sirens and beacons on. Apparently, there were some disappointed furies who weren't allowed to turn the pumps on and squirt the onlookers but, otherwise, the parade was well-received by the community (although there were some bemused people who had no idea what was going on!)

At Duidgee Park, the vehicles were parked up and all members were treated to drinks and a barbecue, cooked by Shire Councillors, and gathered around for some speeches and presentations.

Shire President, Charlie Wroth, wearing his St John Ambulance cap, spoke of the enormous contribution the volunteer emergency services made to the safety of the people of the Shire. He singled out the St John Ambulance, saying that, while the bush fire brigades had a bit of time off during the winter months, the ambulance vollies gave up their time 24hrs a day, 7 days a week, 52 weeks of the year.

Mark Bowen, FESA district manager for the area encompassing the Toodyay Shire, thanked all the fire brigade volunteers for their work during the fire season.

On behalf of Murray McBride, Toodyay's Chief Bush Fire Control Officer, Brian Wood, his deputy, gave a short thankyou to all.

Lastly, Greg Prior of the Association of Volunteer Bushfire Brigades of WA spoke about the bushfire service and the vollies who are part of it. Here is his speech in full:

"On behalf of the Bushfire Association of WA I would like to thank you for the opportunity to be here today to congratulate the emergency service volunteers, and to recognize the vital and important role they play in protecting our community.

"Volunteer firefighters make up 97% of all registered firefighters in Western Australia. They make themselves available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to protect their communities free of charge. In doing so, they save the Western Australian government, an estimated 180 million dollars a year in fire suppression activities.

"There are 24,279 in the Volunteer Bushfire Service, 1,988 in the Volunteer

Fire and Rescue, 1,863 State Emergency Service volunteers and 1,074 in the Marine Rescue Service. There are only 1,000 FESA Career Fire and Rescue personnel, paid fire fighters, who are mainly based in the Perth metropolitan region.

"In the Bushfire Service, women make up 23% of the brigade numbers. They perform all of the roles of their male counterparts, and are often available to respond to a fire when their partners are away at work.

"When you dial 000 in all probability you will have a volunteer respond to your emergency. Volunteers are highly trained and proficient in all aspects of the work they carry out, and in some cases more highly trained than their career counterparts. An example of this would be an Air Traffic Controller, who being a member of a local Bushfire Brigade, is directing water bomber aircraft at a bushfire incident.

"When volunteers respond to your call for assistance please respect that these individuals have dropped what they were doing at the time, to assist you, quite often at considerable personal expense to themselves, particularly if they run their own business, or are self employed.

"Volunteers are in their communities, assisting in all phases of an emergency. They assist their communities in the Preparation and Preparedness stage through such programs as the Bushfire Ready Action Groups (BRAG), and the carrying out of prescribed burns to reduce fuel loads. They are there in the Response phase where they are heavily involved in combating an active fire. The fast response times by 750 Volunteer Bushfire Brigades spread through out Western Australia, in the majority of cases, keep fire emergencies small, and enable these fires to be extinguished quickly. The longest and most expensive phase of any emergency is the recovery phase, and this is where volunteers work tirelessly within their communities to comfort neighbors, and rebuild lost infrastructure.

"The Bushfire Association of Western Australia represents all Bushfire Volunteers free of charge. The association is run solely by volunteers, who are members of their local brigades. In order to promote volunteers and provide more assistance to bushfire brigades, the association is in the process of funding a full time executive officer.

"The association is trying to obtain a more representative view from volunteers in areas such as training, insurance and personal protective equipment, so that they can provide a balanced view to support agencies such as FESA and Local Government. The association has been very successful in raising funds for volunteers to assist in the purchase of equipment and supplies not normally available. One example of this is the Western Power Grants that total \$300,000.00 over three years. Individual brigades are able to apply for a maximum of \$5,000.00 per year.

"For more information on the association please visit the web site at [www.bushfirevolwa.com.au](http://www.bushfirevolwa.com.au).

"Thank you and congratulations once again to our emergency service volunteers."

Finally, there was a presentation of commemorative plaques to the Captains or Senior Officers of the various brigades.

The Shire of Toodyay is to be congratulated on honouring and thanking its emergency service volunteers and recognising the important role they play in the community.

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Members of the Goodman family at a Borneo memorial (Morgan Goodman on right)

## The Borneo Pilgrimage

ON Wednesday the 15<sup>th</sup> of April, 22 people met up at the Perth International airport for the 11.40 flight to Brunei. This was the first leg of a two week tour around Borneo, commemorating our Australian Soldiers in WWII, organised and run by the Borneo Exhibition Group.

Ryan Rowlands, the group co-ordinator and historian cemented everything together, combining his passion and knowledge of Borneo to create a truly memorable, fast paced and emotional journey.

Amongst the group are surviving family members of P.O.Ws and those involved in the Death Marches of Borneo. In Kuching we were met by Karen and Andrea, two amazing girl guides from Sandakan, who remained with us for the rest of the trip. In Labuan we were joined by Abner, Nigel and his mother Betty, from St. Anne's School.

The trip took in Batu Lintang Teachers College, which was a P.O.W camp during Japanese occupation. We were greeted so warmly and served an absolutely delightful banquet made from all the local delicacies. Whilst at the memorial museum, we were thronged by local reporters and our photo graced the front of the Borneo Times the next day.

We flew to Labuan and attended a Memorial dedication at the War Cemetery and visited the Peace Park which was the site of the Japanese surrender. At St Anne's School, we were greeted with extreme warmth and given a tour and afternoon tea. Travel from Labuan was by speedboat to Menumbok boat ramp in Sabah, from which we travelled by road to Kota Kinabalu.

In KK we visited the SANZAC School and were welcomed with drums and an honour guard of palm fronds. We were given the school tour, served local delicacies and treated as honoured guests.

At this stage we flew to Sandakan and enjoyed a welcome dinner at the Old English Tea House, meeting many local dignitaries and enjoying the beautiful setting. Whilst in Sandakan we stopped by Agnes Keith's house, visited the proboscis monkeys, had another speedboat journey to Berhala Island and lunch at the water Village. We attended an exhibition launch at the Library where we met Her Excellency Penny Williams, the Australian High Commissioner to Malaysia, and that night we were all invited to a civic reception.

On ANZAC day we sang the Australian and Malaysian Anthems at the Memorial Park for the Dawn Service, which is something that I doubt anyone will forget.

On the 26<sup>th</sup> April we walked 15km of the Remembrance Rice Trek, part of the Sandakan-Ranau Death March, finishing with a dedication at the Ranau Memorial. The PASS scholarship students completed this without too much difficulty but the humidity and the terrain reinforced all we had learned about the hardships and cruelty endured by the POWs who had to walk 260kms, carrying 20kg bags of rice whilst suffering from malnutrition and various tropical diseases.

The group travelled from Ranau up into the mountains to the spectacular Celyn Resort with its amazing views of Mt Kinabalu and then onwards to the inspiring and emotive Kundasang Memorial Gardens for a dedication.

It was an educational, emotional and truly enjoyable journey and we felt that we had crammed more than a month into fourteen days.

Bethany Goodman

## Toodyay Talks about Structural Reform

Toodyay and Chittering are amongst only 17 councils who are seriously investigating amalgamation.

Most of the 139 councils in WA have rejected amalgamations and are focusing on resource sharing.

11 Mid-West councils are discussing mergers, with a further six metropolitan councils proposing three different options.

Councils have until the end of August to make a final decision and discuss shared services, boundary adjustments or formal amalgamations. Local Government Minister John Castrilli said last week that councils would have to consult with their communities and make decisions which are in line with the best interests of their ratepayers.

Councils were required to submit a checklist to the Structural Reform Steering Committee by April 30.

Five Gascoyne councils have commissioned a study and Toodyay and Chittering are reviewing options for forming a merger.

The Shire of Toodyay will hold two information sessions to inform residents of recent developments in the proposals for Local Government Structural Reform and to discuss the impact this may have on our community. The information sessions will be held at Morangup Community Centre on Tuesday 9 June, 2009 at 7.30pm and the Toodyay Memorial Hall on Wednesday 10 June 2009 at 7.30pm. All ratepayers and residents are welcome.

One of our longstanding volunteers, Jim Bavin, decided to 'chuck a sickie' this month in a most spectacular fashion, resulting in a chopper flying him to the Cardiac Care Unit at Royal Perth Hospital.

After a couple of days in critical condition (yes, really), daughter Sarah passed on the message that the Herald was bringing in Jim's proof reading chair and a pile of proof reading. We're happy to announce that Jim made a rather miraculous recovery and is now chomping at the bit to get out of CCU and return to Toodyay. We wish Jim all the best for his recovery.



## The Toodyay Historical Society

MAY has been a busy month. Our new book *The Long Toodyay Chronology* was launched by the Premier the Hon. Colin Barnett on 3<sup>rd</sup> May at the Moondyne Festival. It is the first instalment and covers events in Toodyay's history from 1829 to 1900. It was compiled by our Secretary Beth Frayne. Copies of the book are available from the Society at Donegan's Cottage in the Showgrounds, 1pm - 3pm Thursdays or from Beth herself (Ph: 9574 5971). The cost is \$10.00. Also at the Festival we had a display that attracted considerable attention and helped with raising the profile of our Society. Not to mention our very own convict-costumed Greg Warburton, whose busy shuffling and clanking well advertised the Society's presence if not our aims.

On 13<sup>th</sup> May, Gaven Donegan and I spoke to Grade 6 and 7 students at the Toodyay District High School concerning matters associated with the history of our Town. The students showed a keen interest in the talks and this was confirmed by the very well thought-out questions they asked. Their approach to the subject was a credit to both them and their teacher Brooke Whitney. At the conclusion it was my pleasure to present a copy of our new book to the school library. Following the presentation, the students displayed their culinary skills by providing afternoon tea.

A group from the Swan Guildford Historical Society travelled to Toodyay by train on 20<sup>th</sup> May and we hosted their visit. It was an opportunity to exchange views with another Society as well as providing information on our activities.

Like many voluntary organisations it is important for us to raise funds to support our activities. So this was us on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May and Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> May, conducting a wood raffle in the main street. This was very successful due to the ongoing generous support of the local community, for which we are most grateful. The raffle was won by Sarah, a local resident. Well done to the winner and my sincere thanks to the members who helped in any way with the raffle and the stall and braved the very welcome rain while doing so.

Excursion - Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May. Members attended the Annual Pioneers Memorial Service, at St. Bartholomew's Chapel in the old East Perth Cemeteries, near Gloucester Park. Prior to the service, we had an interesting walk around the new Claisebrook development, admiring the street furniture and noting the debris of recent high tides.

*Photo caption: Len Leeder with his ancestor, William Leeder's grave at East Perth Cemeteries*

This year the service honoured the Pensioner Guards, of which Toodyay had many in relation to its convict history. The PG graves were marked and flowers were placed in their memory. Toodyay's Dan Connor and his daughter Teresa are buried there, as is William Leeder, an ancestor of mine. The pioneer Cemeteries are well worth a visit (open on Sunday afternoons).

Next excursion - On Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup> June, we will be joining the Royal WA Historical Society on their visit to Toodyay and surrounds. See the next Duidgeena for details.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June, 7pm at Donegan's Cottage. For information about any matter to do with the Toodyay Historical Society, or how we may assist you or your group, please contact our Secretary Beth Frayne - 9574 5971, President Len Leeder - 9574 4343, or Vice President Robyn Taylor - 9574 2578.

Our headquarters are at Donegan's Cottage, which is open to the public every Thursday from 1pm to 3pm. You will find us on Toodyay Street in the Toodyay Showgrounds. Membership is \$10.

*Len Leeder  
President*



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*New life members Mavis Rowles, Elaine Hutchins and Alice Bailey cut the cake at the recent 30th anniversary Spin-In.*

## Come In Spinner!

ON Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> May, 2009, the Toodyay Spinners hosted an event for their 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Spin-In.

109 spinners from Albany, Porongurups, Denmark, Augusta, Margaret River, Busselton, Bridgetown, Beverley, York and other groups (including five metropolitan groups and the Handweavers and Spinners Guild of WA) attended the event.

The celebrations included all aspects of spinning and ten retailers sold just about everything to do with spinning. When combined with a White Elephant Stall, needle felting and stained glass demonstrations, the event was a must attend for spinners throughout WA.

A group of local ladies, 'The Happy Notes' entertained the crowd with several well known songs.

There were lots of beautiful items on the sharing table - the winners by favourite voting were:

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|---------------|--|
| Knitting      | Audrey Elson,<br>Toodyay Spinners                        |
| Crocheting    | Carol Davidson,<br>Toodyay Spinners                      |
| Felting       | Maxine,<br>Dianella Spinners                             |
| Miscellaneous | Lottie Barker,<br>Bullsbrook (former<br>Toodyay Spinner) |

After lunch Greta Sauta presented Mavis Rowles, Elaine Hutchings and Alice Bailey, who have all been members of Toodyay Spinners for more than 25 years, with life membership certificates.

The Toodyay Spinners would like to thank the Shire of Toodyay for supporting their event.

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## Beauty Salon Apology

I WOULD LIKE to apologise to everybody in Toodyay whose expectations have been built up about me opening a salon. Unfortunately, my plans have once again been thwarted. I cannot find a suitable location to accommodate the needs of beauty therapy within an affordable range and which will comply with occupational health and safety standards. I will continue looking for suitable premises. I'd like to say thank you to people in Toodyay for their support and encouragement. In the meantime, I'm available at my home salon.

Clare Love - 96232392

## Having Your Say

It is positive to see more people attending the Shire information sessions held at the Town Hall. If you don't take an interest in your community you can't be expected to have a say. The same thing goes for the Council election which is to be held at the end of this year in October. If you have a problem with Council it's a good idea to go and vote instead of crying to people who do not care.

John Watson

## Shire Of Toodyay Web Page

I WOULD LIKE to draw your attention to the Shire of Toodyay's web page. Look at 'Home' and, under 'Latest News', you will see a heading 'Toodyay-Chittering Merger' with a subheading of 'Community Benefit Analysis'. 'Following a presentation regarding the proposed merger between the Shires of Toodyay and Chittering by Shire of Toodyay CEO Mr Graham Merrick the scope of works documentation for the community benefit analysis is available for viewing [here](#)...'

When did we move from looking at the feasibility of a merger to a proposal to merge?

If the Community and Councillors don't watch out, we will be railroaded into something that will largely be done and dusted before the community is consulted. The public information days at Morangup on 9<sup>th</sup> June and in Toodyay on 10<sup>th</sup> June will be held before the community benefit analysis has been released. (As advised by the CEO at the community information session Saturday, 16<sup>th</sup> May, 2009.)

Peter Robinson

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## Funding for Northam – but Toodyay's High and Dry

THE Government will fund a new \$3.2 million state of the art sport and recreational facility in Northam under the \$800 million Regional and Local Community Infrastructure Program – but Toodyay's application for an Interpretation and Heritage Tourism incentive was not successful.

Northam Shire President Steven Pollard says that he is very happy with the outcome of the funding application. "The Shire of Northam is extremely pleased that the Federal Government has recognised the requirement for sport and recreation facilities in Northam, especially in these harsh economic times," he said. "This is a fantastic initiative by the Federal Government."

The Federal Government allocation enabled local authorities to provide additional infrastructure. Most Wheatbelt Shires received \$100,000.

Grants had to be tendered competitively for larger scale projects, which were allocated \$550 million.

The Shire of Northam is planning to amalgamate sporting and recreation facilities into one location at Jubilee Oval, but is holding a public meeting to consider other options. Work on the project must begin in 2009 – 2010.

Toodyay Swimming Pool Action Committee President Carole Plackett says that their group is disappointed that a submission for a recreation/aquatic centre was not submitted to the Federal Government for consideration. "Our project was as far along as Northam's submission," she said. "The application submitted by the Shire of Northam was highly successful. Our submission for the Heritage Plan was not."

In March, a Special Meeting of Council was called to discuss the Regional and Local Community Infrastructure Programme and to direct the CEO to 'take all action necessary to expedite an application for funding for a swimming pool/recreation centre'. The motion, which was heard one day before hard copy of the grant application was due in Canberra, was defeated 6/3.

### WHO WAS SUCCESSFUL?

All WA councils with populations less than 5000 received a minimum grant of \$100,000. 78 regional councils received \$100,000, including Toodyay. The total allocated in WA was \$28,927,000.

Amongst the 28 regional councils who were successful in tendering for higher grant monies were:

- Augusta-Margaret River - \$131,000
- Colourpatch Boardwalk and Playground Carnavon - \$493,000
- Upgrade and improvements to facilities including Festival Ground Sporting Complex
- Geraldton-Greenough - \$772,000
- Sports and Playground upgrade, Memorial upgrade, construction of recreation facilities
- Kalamunda - \$544,000
- Upgrading and refurbishment of Kalamunda Aquatic Centre



Containers filled with the 8.93kgs of methylamphetamine found during the search

## Major Drug Seizure in Gidgegannup

POLICE have arrested two men after the discovery of a large quantity of drugs at a road block in Gidgegannup around 7:30am today, 29 May 2009.

East Metropolitan Tactical Investigation Group officers were conducting a roadblock operation in the Gidgegannup area targeting burglary offences. An interstate registered vehicle was stopped and searched.

A drug detection dog from the police Dog Squad indicated to police that there may have been a presence of drugs in some diving cylinders in the vehicle. A

subsequent search of the three cylinders revealed they had been adapted for the concealment of drugs.

Police will allege a 37 year old Perth man and a 29 year old man from New South Wales were in possession of approximately 8.93 kilograms of methylamphetamine with intent to sell or supply.

The two men were not given bail and they will appear before the next available Magistrates Court.

Organised Crime Squad detectives are making further enquiries in to the matter.

## Registration Stickers a Thing of the Past

WESTERN Australians will no longer need registration stickers and discs on their cars, trailers and motorcycles from 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2010.

Premier Colin Barnett and Transport Minister Simon O'Brien announced the groundbreaking change which would overhaul an outdated part of the State's licensing system.

"Registration stickers have served their purpose and no longer have a place in a modern and efficient licensing system," Mr Barnett said. "People will still receive renewal notices in the mail when their registration is due to expire but won't have to worry about having to put a sticker on their windscreen."

The Premier said there were 2.2 million cars, utilities and light vehicles registered in WA and with the majority of people choosing to renew their registration every six months, this meant more than three million stickers were being produced each year. "This is an innovative approach to efficiency and saving. WA is leading the nation with this step forward to a more modern and efficient government," he said.

Mr Barnett said stickers and discs were no longer required because police had new communications technology meaning registration details could be checked using the new Police Metropolitan Radio Network. "The new system gives police instant access to the State's vehicle registration database via computers located in all police vehicles," he said. "Police also have Automatic Number Plate Recognition Cameras, similar to the Multanova cameras, which can record and assess number plates as vehicles pass by."

Transport Minister Simon O'Brien said that the Department for Planning and Infrastructure would continue to send registration renewal notices to vehicle owners six weeks prior to the expiration of a vehicle's registration.

"This will give people ample notice and time to pay their registration fee," Mr O'Brien said. "People will now be able to kiss goodbye the frustrating task of scraping off old rego stickers to put a new one on."

Mr O'Brien said the initiative would save at least \$2million in printing and postage costs over four years.

The new system requires legislative changes to the Road Traffic Act which will occur over coming months with the stickers no longer to apply from the start of the New Year.

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Daniel's cousin Kaylene at his funeral in 2006

## Bulldust Ute Muster

SHARYN Frew and her niece Kaylene are responding to a family tragedy in a positive way – by raising money for the Royal Flying Doctor Service and Avon Youth Community and Family Services.

Sharyn lost her son, Daniel, to depression in January 2006. After several years of recovery, Sharyn became determined to talk about depression and suicide.

“Suicide and depression are not dirty words,” she said last week. “I know I am not the only one to lose a loved one to depression, but if I were the last it would be a wonderful thing.”

Daniel owned a ute, and this sparked the idea of coordinating a ute muster to travel from Beverley to Darwin and return. The first annual Bulldust Country Ute Muster will be held in July, with utes participating from all over the Wheatbelt.

“The idea is that the utes get sponsorship and participate, and if there is anyone who would like to sponsor a ute we’ll put them in touch with a driver,” said Sharyn. “Sponsorship varies as there are four categories in the muster. The entry fee is \$350 for the driver and \$150 for the co-driver. If you have a ute and the time to participate, or are interested in sponsoring a driver or making a donation, we’d love to hear from you.”

A family fun day is also being held on Saturday 11 July, and volunteers are sought to raise funds for their not-for-profit organizations. Entrance fee is \$10 per adult; children under 14 are able to attend free of charge.

The utes will leave on Sunday 12 July. For more information contact Sharyn on 96416114, 0407424654 or leave your details for an information pack [bulldustutecharitymuster2009@hotmail.com](mailto:bulldustutecharitymuster2009@hotmail.com)

## Don't Just Put on a Helmet – Do It Up!

RECENTLY, a young motorcycle rider came off his bike at speed whilst riding through Julimar forest. He sustained severe head injuries which put him in Royal Perth Hospital for some time and left him with some problems which, it is hoped, he will eventually be able to overcome.

So why wasn't he wearing a helmet? Well, he was, but it wasn't done up! This severely reduced the protection the helmet was able to provide.

A helmet may not prevent head injury but it has been shown that it can at least reduce or limit the severity of the injury. A full-face helmet can also prevent facial scarring, loss of teeth (or maybe even the entire lower jaw).

It's not simply motorcycles that can kill or injure off-road riders. In Victoria on 23<sup>rd</sup> May, a 10-year-old boy fell from a quad bike and died; he wasn't believed to be wearing a helmet.

It's also advisable for all riders, both on and off-road to wear other protective clothing.

## Northam Mother Jailed

A NORTHAM woman has been jailed for two years following a car crash that killed her 14-year-old son.

Geraldine Leigh Ellis, of Muluckine, had a blood alcohol level of 0.133 when she drove her two children home from a barbecue in Northam on 24 March last year.

Mrs Ellis's Landcruiser hit a power pole on York Road, killing her son and injuring her daughter. Her husband Gary, who was in a separate car behind the Landcruiser, arrived at the crash scene shortly after the collision.

The court found Mrs Ellis guilty of dangerous driving causing death, despite the defence arguing for a suspended sentence. Mrs Ellis's defence lawyer said that the already grieving family had been further punished by effectively losing another family member.

Harley Ellis was a student at St Joseph's High School in Northam.

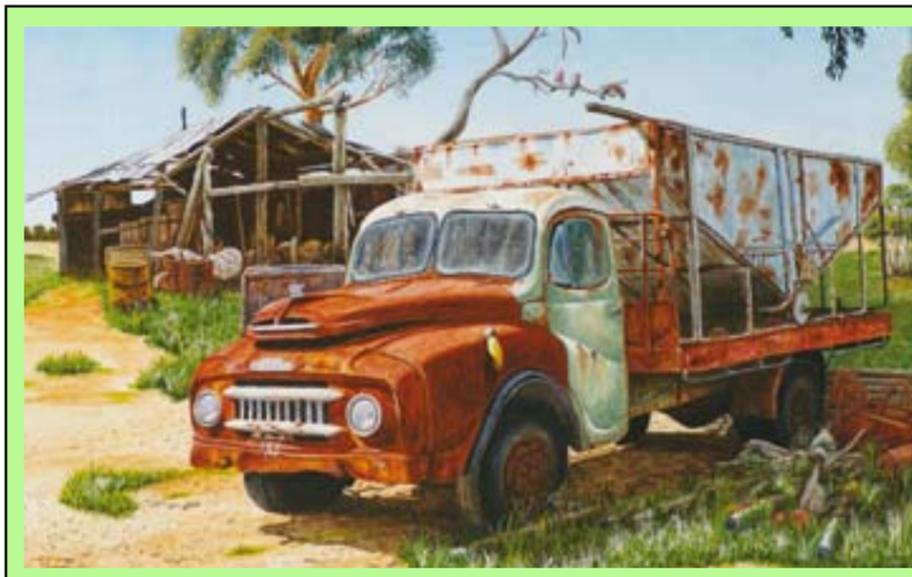
## Another Win for Local Artist

LOCAL artist, Pearl Rogers, has again won the painting section of The 'Wundowie Iron Festival' Art Exhibition for the second year running with her painting of 'The Old Austin'.

The annual iron Festival was held on Sunday, 17th May at Wundowie. The art exhibition consisting of paintings, sculpture, and photography was well supported. Works had to consist of an iron theme.

Pearl won the painting section last year with her painting of 'Old Morrie', which now hangs in the Wundowie telecentre.

More of Pearl's art can be seen at <http://pearlsart.blogspot.com>



## Wheatbelt Disability Artists Funded

TWO Wheatbelt artists were amongst the eleven recipients of the first grants programme in Western Australia to support the professional practice of artists with disabilities.

Timothy Maley of Mundaring and Samantha Connor of Toodyay were awarded \$16,000 and \$29,500 respectively to develop their arts practice. Tim will develop painting skills with arts mentor Si Hummerston and explore various subject matter to develop a body of work for an exhibition in 2010 and Samantha will create and exhibit a new body of work, 'Accidental Secrets', which explores the themes of arts access, function and disability. The 'Accidental Secrets' exhibition will take place 5 – 28 March, 2010 at the Moores Building, Fremantle.

Culture and the Arts Minister John Day said the Grants for Artists with Disabilities programme supported nine individual artists to a total of \$102,534.

“This is an innovative pilot project that will provide opportunities for individual artists with disabilities to develop their professional arts practice,” Mr Day said.

These grants would support the delivery of projects commencing after 1<sup>st</sup> May, 2009, including visual art exhibitions and installations, collaborations between artists, mentorship projects, theatre development and performance and music.

Feedback from the peer assessment panel stated that the applications were of a high standard and overall the round was highly competitive.

“The recipients of the grants have shown

a dedication to their arts practice. The projects selected include some new and exciting ideas and I look forward to seeing the results of these artistic endeavours,” the Minister said.

“The Grants for Artists with Disabilities is part of the Disability and the Arts Inclusion Initiative (DAII), a partnership between the Department of Culture and the Arts (DCA) and the Disability Services Commission (DSC).

“This three-year partnership, which started in July 2006, aims to provide greater opportunities for people with disabilities, their family and carers, to participate in every day arts and cultural activities.”

The peer assessment panel comprised artists with disabilities and people with a strong working knowledge of both the arts and disability sectors.

More information on the DAII is available from the Department of Culture and the Arts website <http://www.dca.wa.gov.au>

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COUNCIL was down to 8 members at the May council meeting with Cr D'Alton as an apology.

Several questions were asked at question time, many of which were taken on notice. One question asked if Toodyay had received any money from the Federal Government's Regional and Local Community Infrastructure plan. Unfortunately for Toodyay, the answer was no, we missed out. There were also several submissions addressing (one) the proposed river boardwalk (two) the Central Toodyay Interpretation and Heritage Tourism Plan (CTI & HTP) and (three) an application for a B&B.

The first item on the agenda was the B&B application. During questions or clarifications, it was reiterated that a B&B licence did not include an evening meal unless the guests were eating with a host, there was no menu and they were not being charged. After some discussion, the application was granted. There were a couple of other recommendations along with all the financials.

Most of the meeting time was taken up with discussing the two major items: (one) delegations and policies and (two) CTI & HTP. The Delegations and Policies have to be reviewed each year. There were some

minor amendments to the delegations. At one stage Standing Orders were suspended to allow some general discussion. Some further amendments were made to the Officer's Recommendations. Probably the most controversial was whether to allow businesses to use up to 75% of their signage for a corporate logo instead of 40% as is the current rule. Hardly earthshattering as there was no change to the size of the sign itself and only some businesses would make use of the change anyway. Two councillors thought that the community preferred businesses to have tight restrictive rules. The same councillors wanted to prevent all businesses from obscuring their shopfront windows. While it suits some businesses to have a clear view inside their shop, others (such as real estate) want to use the window for advertising. Why try and make rules when the market can and has, for a very long time, sorted the issue out itself. These commonsense changes were passed.

The other issue with the potential to have a significant impact on the whole look of Toodyay was the CTI & HTP. For some reason this wordy title did not include the words 'street furniture', even though that is an important part of the package. After some discussion, the plan from Mulloway Studio and Paul Kloeden was adopted in principle but not the structural designs. The amended motion included looking at the designs by Chris Antil, previously adopted by Council, and other designs (possibly

local). This amended motion was passed 6 to 2 with the two objectors preferring to reject the whole plan. This means that there was not one councillor in favour of the designs. Other points raised on this matter include the fact that another streetscape plan had been adopted in 2006, there was no choice of designs to compare and the contemporary design doesn't fit into Toodyay's historic precinct.

If Toodyay had been given funding from the Federal Government there would have been a tight timeline to have their money spent so, in some ways, it could be argued that missing out on the funding has at least given us time to have a good look at what we really need in the way of street furniture and interpretation facilities. Plans which will change the ambience of Toodyay need to carefully take the community on board and engage their support.

All things taken into consideration it was a good Council meeting for the community.

Peter Robinson

No Money for Toodyay

THE Shire has been advised that the application for \$2.1 million from the Federal Government's Regional and Local Community Infrastructure Programme was unsuccessful.

Toodyay's application was to part fund the Central Toodyay Interpretation and Heritage Tourism Plan and the Clinton Street Cultural Precinct. This result is, of course, disappointing but the \$550 million on offer was well oversubscribed, so some projects were always going to miss out. By the time of Herald's deadline it has not been possible to find out if the Federal Government has given any reason why some applications were unsuccessful. It is unlikely that they would do so, however.

It can be accepted that the Shire's application was well documented, prepared and presented, given the very short time frame the Federal Government allowed. It would be interesting to know why Toodyay missed out on receiving funding. Maybe it was seen as not providing enough benefit for the cost.

The Central Toodyay Interpretation and Heritage Tourism plan submitted by consultants Mulloway Studio and Paul Kloeden was accepted only in principle by Council at last month's council meeting. The specific designs were not accepted. With funding not being currently available, and the plans not accepted, now would be a good time to invite locals to submit their own drafts so the community could make a choice. The Council has already adopted previous designs for some of the features (in this current plan) from Chris Antil and Associates in 2006.

To tap into the local talent, some of which is professional, would be a way of getting community support and enthusiasm. The community should not have been given only a take it or leave it option.

Peter Robinson

bejoording babble

EVENING all. You'd think that after last month's article, crawling an apology to Geo... Jeff, people would've left me alone. But no. Everyone is looking out for Jeff. I mentioned Alison turning 50 (who doesn't look a day over 65), and then get harangued for not mentioning that Jeff turned 60 (doesn't look a day over 102), the previous month. I AM sorry Jeff. I'll even retract that statement about you not looking a day over 102 (no, really... I will!). Just be assured Jeff, that there are people out there in this community, who are constantly on the lookout for ya. Which, I think, is probably a good thing to know when you've turned 60.

Clean Up Day was a big success. It was pleasing to see that there was less rubbish to be picked up this year. No... it wasn't because we didn't go as far! Fiona, the organiser of this event, would like to thank everyone for turning up and picking up. We hope everyone got their fill of sausages. Everyone (well, participants anyway) also got their fill of pumpkins and sweet potato. A whole ute load in fact, generously supplied by Joe Candeloro to the Community Group and Fire Brigade. A number are still available, and if your desirous of one or two please contact Fiona. The following Wednesday night, (some say 'not surprisingly') saw a big pot of creamy pumpkin soup and fresh bread, lovingly cooked and delivered by Megs.

Speaking of pig-outs. Wed. the 6th May was our Feast Night. Wacca offered to supply and cook several roasts for our rolls, and then promptly took off over east and left Nicky to sort it all out. Ohhh they were the days, when men were men and women were proud of it! I swear, a tear welled up in my eye as I reminisced how life use to be! Nicky did a marvellous job whilst juggling two newborns and a couple of kids. Kelly assisted her most ably, and it was good to see Nicky's priorities in getting all on the table, then having to take the kids home to put 'em to bed. When Wacca eventually got back from over east, we all shook his hand and told him what a marvelous job he'd done... well, the blokes did anyway.

Our next Feast Night was a Spud Night on Wednesday 3rd June, which was also the date of our next meeting. I expect if you're only just learning about it now... then you've missed it. Make sure you do mark down Wednesday 1st July, so you don't miss that Feast Night.

As usual, the Community Shed is open every Wednesday from 6pm.

See you in the Soup, Roast, Spuds etc.

Kim Leonhardt

sing australia toodyay

SAT SINGERS have been busy in May with two gigs in town. We 'Walked Right In' down the main street at the 25th Moondyne Festival and even sang on the main stage! Our warm-up song attracted the significant donation of 20 cents, which we gave to passing convict Greg Warburton. Our second gig for the month was the CWA's Biggest Morning Tea for cancer research fund-raising. We really enjoyed singing to the appreciative audience, and also the usual scrumptious CWA morning tea. Even better, the audience joined us for a Sing-a-Long. They were so good they even managed to join in for our favourite Blue Moon partner (round) song, which finishes with a resounding "Always Look on the Bright Side of L-i-i-i-fe!". Many thanks to all those singers who sang at these gigs. We had great fun, as usual.

If you would like to be part of this camaraderie, please come and join us on Thursday nights. You don't need to audition or read music or even know how to sing!

When: Every Thursday night, 7.30pm to 9.00pm

Where: The Factory (Baptist Church Hall), near The Emporium, Stirling Tce, Toodyay

Bring: A mug (for supper), a torch (may be dark outside), friends who want to sing

Fees: There is a small fee charged each practice night to cover running costs

Written by Beth Frayne. More information: Contact Co-Leaders: Beth Frayne (9574 5971), or Christina Armstrong (9574 2141). Sing Australia website: www.singaustralia.com.au

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**toodyay music club**

THE French take their language rather seriously, so I am not sure what they would have made of the irreverent version of 'Elle Était Une Bergère' at the Music Club's International Night in May. This rather gruesome song, often taught to schoolchildren learning French, came complete with shepherdess, crook, a sheep on the end of a pen, a cheese and a stuffed cat which met an unfortunate fate at the hands of the shepherdess. The large audience seemed to enjoy the burlesque anyway.

Holding periodic 'theme' nights has been very successful in encouraging performers to explore new areas and try different styles of music. This month's International theme was attacked with gusto, and the evening was full of surprises.

Some ventured into other languages, including Frank's haunting Spanish song, Spencer's beautiful unaccompanied version of the Mexican 'Hasta Luega' and Jeanette's admirable mastery of the Welsh in 'Myfanwy', a song well-suited to her voice. We also heard songs in German, Russian and Ukrainian, and who could forget Jan's Swedish Frog Song?

Other performers chose the English versions of songs from and about a variety of countries - Leila's catchy 'Isle of Capri' on violin, Peter's 'Swiss Maid', Allan's 'White Sandy Beach of Hawaii' and Nancy's foot-tapping 'Humoresque' on accordion. Teddy joined Spencer in the jolly 'Wigan Pier' and let us not forget the American classic, 'Itsy Bitsy Teeny Weeny Yellow Polka Dot Bikini' rendered by Kathy, Bob and Rhonda.

It was lovely to have some new performers, and we all enjoyed the contributions of Ken on the guitar and Warwick on the ukulele as they took their first steps in performing before an audience. New performers can be sure of a warm welcome and plenty of support at the club. Ted's face was another new one for some of us, although he is far from a beginner. His accordion contributions were enjoyed immensely by all, but especially by the other members who play this instrument.

Finally, I wonder, did Joe's French song qualify as International? Well, it was certainly composed of French words, pronounced impressively by one who has not studied the language, and it seemed to be a hit with the audience, so it doesn't really matter, does it! Fun was the keyword for the night.

Next Meeting: Friday 12th June, 7pm.

Any style of singing or instrumental performance is welcome, so long as it is acoustic. Come as performer or listener at our monthly meeting - Toodyay Music Club Inc, Second Friday of each month, 7pm at the CWA Hall. For further information contact Teddy or Spencer on 9574 4492.

*Jenny Edgcombe*

**toodyay garden club**

ON 7<sup>th</sup> May we visited 'Waylen Farm' on Dewar's Pool Road. The owners, David and Barbara Gardiner, have owned the property for about seven years and have developed an olive grove. David explained that the house at 'Waylen Farm' was originally built as a tavern by an Englishman to duplicate his property in England. Unfortunately, 'Waylen Farm' was never used as a tavern and has since changed hands a number of times, with various owners adding to the

building to suit their needs.

David and Barbara decided to create an olive farm and sought extensive advice and information from experts in the field to ensure the grove was planted to maximise regular and abundant crops. There is ample water on the property so far, although somewhat saline these days; however that does not appear to affect these olives.

David took us on a walk through the grove and it was interesting to learn that the fruiting habits of individual trees can vary from one season to another and from one tree to another. There are many varieties too, providing fruit for eating and for oil. Maturity of a tree can vary from three to seven years and, at this property, are only watered regularly for the first two years. The olive grove at 'Waylen Farm' was planted on four hectares and now consists of 1,310 trees.

David demonstrated his invention of a picking net. It consisted of four lightweight frames covered with shade cloth that are set up around the tree. A hole in the centre allows the olives to drop through into crates when the tree is shaken gently. The frames can then be moved to the next tree and can easily be handled by one person.

After washing, the fruit is transferred to a hopper and, after processing, the oil is run off into containers where it lies for two weeks. It is then transferred into stainless steel tanks for four to six weeks before bottling. The extra virgin olive oil has a beautiful slightly peppery flavour.

David explained that production and development of olive oil in WA to the highest standards is still in its infancy to a large degree. However he believes that the very nature of the fruit provides constant and fascinating challenges.

The next visit for the club is to York on 4<sup>th</sup> June. We are travelling by bus leaving from Charcoal Lane at 9am but please be there at 8.30am so that we can leave promptly. We are visiting 'Pert's Pantry and 'Peppercorns'. For further information, phone Wendy Lewer.

Here's an interesting snippet of information that many of us will welcome: Marlene has planted a variety of jasmine, 'Jasminum Polyanthum' that she swears, deters the birds from decimating her roses. Definitely worth a try!!!

*Wendy Lewer 9574 4172*

*Sheena Hesse 9574 5272*

**toodyay theatre group**

AUDITIONS have been held and it was heartwarming to see a strong contingent of budding performers turn out for a part in the upcoming production "The Umpire Strikes Back". The cast has been selected and rehearsals are well underway, under the watchful eye of director Vicky. This promises to be another quality performance by the TTG, with some new faces and many of the old "Stagers" making up the cast.

The dates for this play have had to be altered since the last newsletter, so please note new dates will be 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> August. Watch out for further notices about where and how to book to avoid disappointment.

On Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July from 11am to 5pm a professional makeup artist will be in attendance to run a special effects stage makeup workshop. This is a fantastic opportunity to learn about makeup, suitable for all ages. The cost is \$20 for members and \$30 for non-members. Lunch will be supplied. For further information ring Vicky Haggerty on 9574 5230.

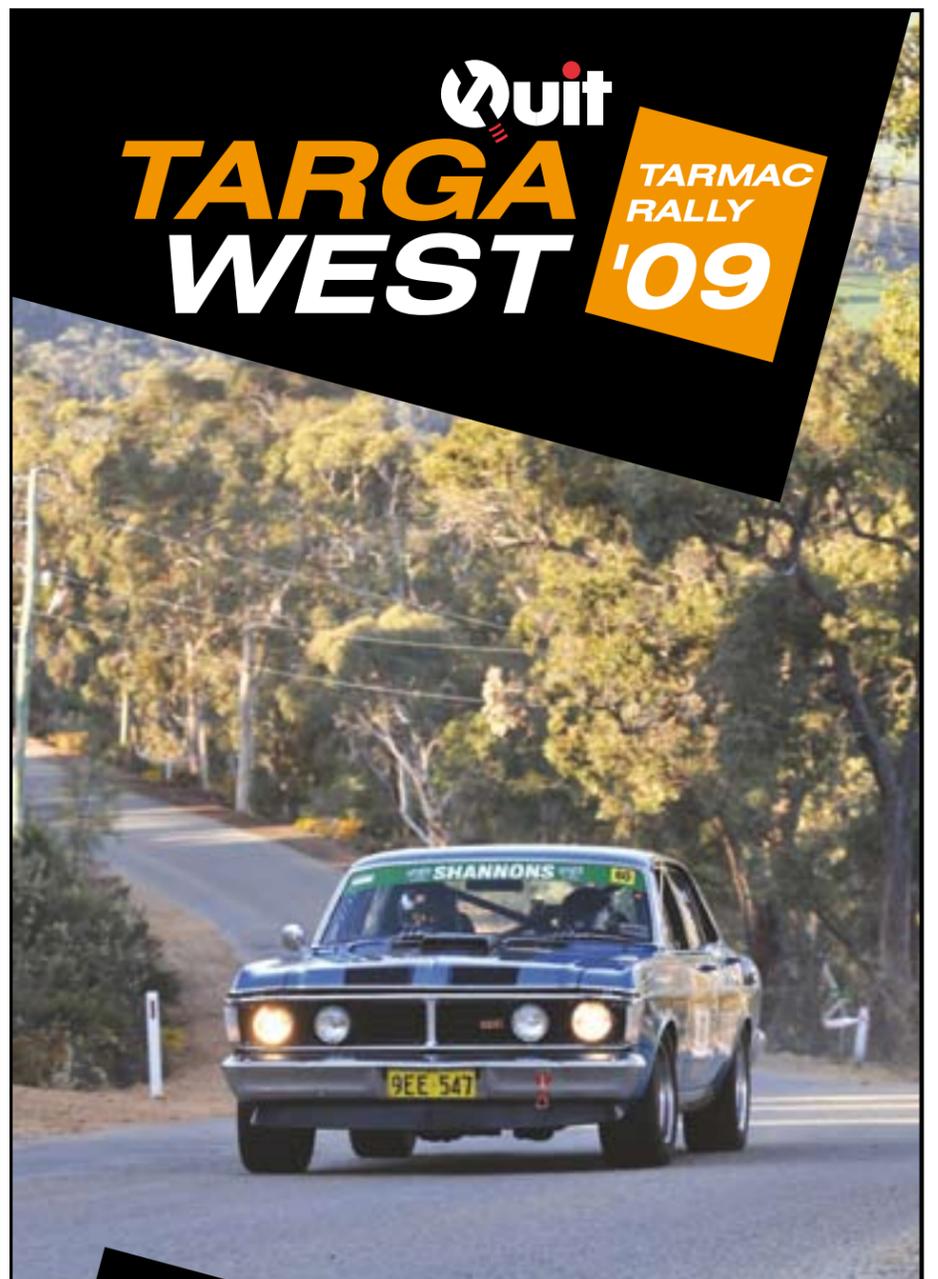


**Local Cook Cooks with The Cook and the Chef!**

Lynda Burke from Black Wattle Retreat recently had a couple of days swanning around the Barossa Valley and was fortunate enough to attend Maggie Beer's Cooking School. During her sabbatical, she was chosen as a "Guest Cook" and will appear on the show,

The Cook and the Chef in an upcoming episode.

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# fire chat



Gail and Fred Fellowes packing the trailer for bushfire victims in Flowerdale

## coondle

OK, so we all got it wrong, but we were right when we wrote the Brigade articles. The restricted burning period should have been finished. In fact, for 36 hours no permits were required for burning, but then the CEO declared the restricted season back on. Well, it's finished again.

You can now burn off your rubbish, provided it's not too wet, but remember that you still have a responsibility to be careful. Make sure you have cleared a good break around your fire and don't go away and leave it burning. If you have to leave, make sure the fire is fully extinguished.

At Coondle Brigade, last year we decided to rotate the job of writing the Herald article through the Brigade committee. So, why am I writing this month's article, two in a row? Well, that's my punishment for forgetting to tell you about our Firefighter and Auxiliary of the year

who were announced at our AGM in April.

Our Firefighter and Auxiliary of the year are Allan and Kerry Gregory, respectively. This is the first time that a husband and wife have taken out the two awards. Allan is our First Lieutenant and attended a high proportion of the fires this season. In addition, I am usually in Perth early in the week so during this time he has carried the Captain's load as well. Kerry took on the logistics/social director role in the Brigade and did a great job organising our social functions and organising the logistics side so that it operated when she wasn't available. The reason she wasn't available sometimes is that Kerry is also a firefighter and was often out fighting the fires. Congratulations and thanks to both Allan and Kerry for all of their work during the last year.

Last month, I told you that we were collecting up items of bedding and clothing to send to the Flowerdale Fire Brigade in Victoria, Flowerdale being one of the towns that was destroyed in the recent bush fires. The response was amazing. This was not only from our own brigade members, but numerous other individuals and craft groups from the Toodyay community and other groups from Perth to Bunbury.

The bundle of gear which was collected included quilts, gloves, scarves, beanies, various other items of warm clothing and a range of other non-clothing items. On Friday night, 15<sup>th</sup> May, a crowd got together at the Coondle shed and packed it all into a trailer. Then, on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May, Fred and Gail Fellowes set off for Flowerdale. They have now arrived, unpacked the lot with help from Flowerdale Brigade members and distribution should now be complete. It seems that Fred and Gail have been made most welcome and we look forward to a report from them next month.

Our next Brigade meeting is on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June. Everyone is welcome to come along to find out about the Brigade and how we operate. Alternatively, come along any Friday night for a bite to eat and a good social evening at the Coondle Fire Shed on Coondle West Road. If you have any queries, call Kerry Gregory, our logistics officer/social director, on 9574

4470.

No matter where you live, a visit to your local Brigade is a great opportunity to meet other people from around your area and obtain advice about maintaining your property to restrict the chances of fire. You might even decide to join the brigade; it's not that hard.

If you can't get to the shed on Friday night, but would like to know more about Coondle Brigade or would like information about any aspects of fire prevention and safety, phone Peter Ruthven (Captain) on 9574 2951.

Peter Ruthven

## central

Central's General Meeting on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2009 welcomed new member, Corley Hug, who has shifted from the east with her partner and TCVBFB member, Jay Smith, to settle in Western Australia – welcome, Corley!!

Although the critical fire season is over with the beginning of the rains, it is now the time to begin preparing for the next fire season. If a gradual clean-up of rubbish, overhanging trees, clearing of debris from gutters, removal of unwanted timber around buildings, sheds, etc is done throughout the winter months it will be worthwhile preparation for the forthcoming summer.

There is to be NO general meeting in June.

A social get-together is to be held on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> July commencing at 4pm and held at the Fire and Emergency Services Centre. The presentation of two Life Memberships will take place on that occasion.

There is to be NO training session in July.

The next training session will be held on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June commencing at 3pm at the Fire and Emergency Services Centre. Enquiries may be made to Captain/Training Officer, Kevin Hug on 9574 2612.

New members are urgently needed, especially from the township area and business houses, and will be made very welcome. Enquiries may be made to secretary, Wayne Clarke on 6364 3609.

Compiled by Desraé Clarke

## julimar

FINALLY, the questions asked by friends and neighbours has changed from "Any fires, lately?" to "How much rain did you get?" And that means that the season is really over at last.

As with all my colleagues' articles last month, I wrote that the fire season was over because, at the time, it was. It was a complete surprise to all of us when it was announced that the restricted burning season was being extended for another week, then another!

As was expected, there were a lot of call-outs to attend fires that people had lit under the assumption that they were allowed to do so. It was less than ideal and began to cause a "boy who cried wolf" situation where we responded to call-outs with less and less enthusiasm or sense of urgency.

One real call-out brought together most of Toodyay's emergency services. A vehicle had hit a tree on Toodyay Road and burst into flames. The police and ambulance attended, followed by the bush fire brigades to extinguish the car fire and the surrounding scrub fire. The local Fire and Rescue were not called although I'm not sure as to the reason why. There was some difficulty with communications between the services but the driver was transported to hospital in the ambulance, the police closed off the road and directed us and other traffic and we put out the fires.

Our Light Tanker (Nissan Patrol, 800lt capacity) has finally been removed from service. It had an intermittent problem with the pump that would leave the branch person (holder of the hose) with less water pressure than a gravity-fed garden hose – not really that safe! For the moment, we've been given a decommissioned 1.4 (1000lt capacity, 4WD) from another fire brigade whilst we await (with anticipation) the arrival of our own, new 1.4. But, with the season over, we probably won't have much use for it in the interim.

We had our stall again at Moondyne but this year we decided against the very labour intensive hot roast rolls and ran, instead, a coffee, tea, scones, sit-down-and-take-a-short-rest-of-the-legs tent. The takings were down on last year but its lack of people spending all day Saturday roasting meat in advance meant less man hours required to get it up and running.

The Brigades and all emergency service

volunteers were invited to take part in the 'Freedom of Entry' parade through Toodyay to Duidgee Park. It was a wonderful opportunity for members to be received and applauded by the community at large. At Duidgee Park we were provided with a barbecue lunch by the Shire and listened to some interesting speeches about emergency services in WA, especially volunteer services. All the Brigades and St John Ambulance were presented with commemorative plaques by the Shire.

Our next Brigade meeting will be held on 4<sup>th</sup> July at 5pm followed by our monthly barbecue. For July only, we only need to BYO if we want to as we'll be having hamburgers at a very modest price provided by the Brigade. Of course, the monthly BYO barbie is still on this Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> June from around 6pm

'The Fireplace' is open from around 5pm on a Friday night for some quiet interaction with Brigade members and, now that the fire season is closed, we can light the fire and keep cosy warm! Even if you're not a member, come along and have a chat about your preparations for fire, find out about your bush fire brigade and, maybe, even join up as either a fire fighter or auxiliary.

Grant Scobie

## bejoording

WELL... the prohibited burning period is finally over! We hope! We're as positive as we can be! We're fairly certain anyway! Lets hope communication between the relative authorities improves markedly by next season. Top people from around the Shire are working on it as we speak... write... whatever! Our thanks go out to our local ratepayers for their patience and understanding as we paid them visits and erected signs concerning their legal, then illegal fires etc.

Whilst we were doing our public service rounds, one of our constituents reported how we'd rocked up to a fire with no water in our truck, and also rocked up to fires and run out of water at the fire. First off, EVERYONE runs out of water at fires. The fire fighter tanks only hold so much, and we combat this by having either more than one firetanker on site, having a water truck on site, or, if it's a small non-running fire, going to the local water tank, standpipe or creek and refilling. That is part of fire fighting operations. We disputed the allegation of us rocking up to a fire and having no water on board. It's just impossible to do! The fire truck is stored with water on board at all times, and if the tank is empty, an alarm goes off in the Cab. On the infinity to one chance that it may have happened, I spoke to our Captain, Lawrence Hayward, our previous Captain, Mark D'Alton and our previous previous Captain, Phil Smith. None of them have ever heard of such an incident... ANYWHERE. I think this may have been started as a joke (innocent), and then through chinese whispers became a potentially damaging myth. Potentially damaging only in the aspect that our locals may not have full confidence in us during an emergency. Every month I invite people to come and check us out, but, if your a little timid, or have reservations about our competency, please phone or speak to the Shire. We welcome new members and visitors alike and want people to be relaxed with what we do.

We also want people to be relaxed about ringing 000 in an emergency. You're NOT going to get into trouble if you ring 000 and it turns out to be a false alarm. You will get into trouble if you ring 000 because McDonalds has run out of chips. You will also be frowned upon if you ring us and not 000 first, as we legally can't move to an emergency until we're paged or have an incident number. I know, I know, but at least you're not being asked to write a submission in triplicate. You just need to dial three numbers... 000.

We had our AGM in May, and this time we had a good turnout. All the people you know and love have been re-elected, and we finished with a couple of submissions to be handed to the Shire in relation to communicating fire bans and extensions etc.

As with any month, if you have any queries please feel free to ring our Captain, Lawrence Hayward on 9574 5106, or our First Lieutenant, FCO, Secretary and Treasurer (Phew!) Barry Grey on 9574 2149. Our Fire Shed is open every Friday from 6pm, and our next meeting is Sat. 20<sup>th</sup> June.

Hope to see you all soon,  
Kim Leonhardt  
PS Relax around your campfire!

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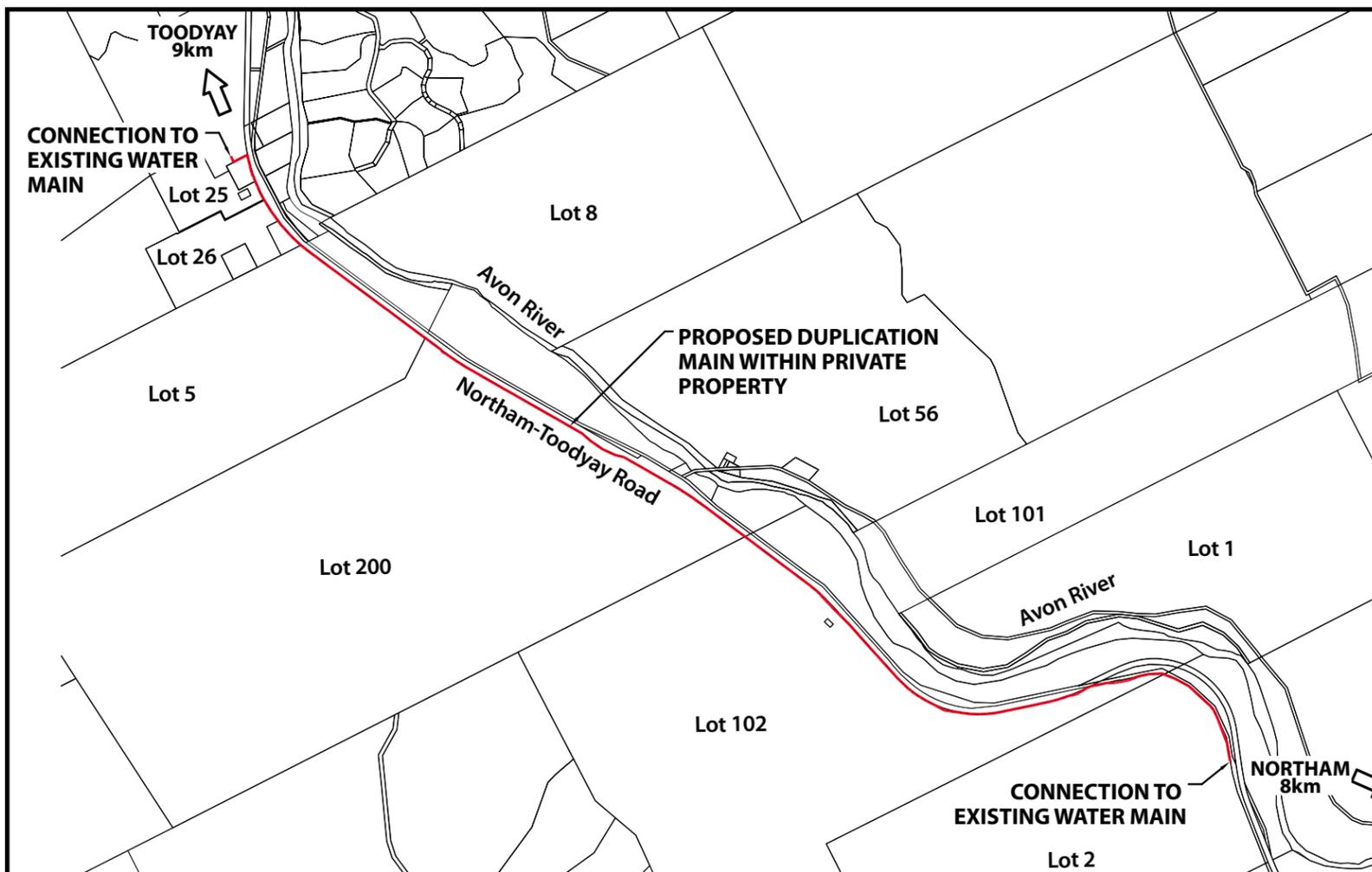
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Water Corporation does not anticipate interruption to customers' water services during this period.

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# school news



Balloon Pinatas at Bolgart Primary School

## bolgart primary school

THE children of Bolgart Primary have all been very busy practising for the annual music fest. The music fest is held at the Wongan Hills Hall and is a very entertaining day for all that attends. Each year the school children from the surrounding areas get together for a day of singing and dancing.

The show includes community songs and morning tea. This year the show will be held on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July commencing at 10am. The quality of the performances and an open invitation to parents and members of the community brings in a large crowd so please be there a bit earlier to secure your seat. These performances take a lot of effort to prepare from the dedicated teaching staff and children from the various schools.

The children are also preparing for the upcoming annual cross country. Each morning the children run the track and it's wonderful to see the improvements the children can make as time progresses.

The children have been voting to choose the Aussie of the Month - Aussie of the Month Awards, Encouraging Australian Pride and Spirit in over 400 schools.

The Aussie of the Month Award is a West Australian school based award programme being presented in over 400 schools across the State.

Like all of our awards the Aussie of the Month award recognises personal endeavour, achievement and contribution to the community. The awards also reflect some of the values we share as Australians, a sense of fair play, generosity of spirit, commitment to community participation and a real concern for the environment.

This year's "Aussie" certificate features David Wirrpanda, WA's Young Australian of the Year for 2009.

[http://www.ausdaywa.com.au/award\\_ozmonth.htm](http://www.ausdaywa.com.au/award_ozmonth.htm)

The children nominate a student from Year Kindie-4 and a student from Year 5-7.

These children not only receive the recognition of their positive qualities they also receive a badge, certificate, three pilot pens and a hi-lighter in a pen holder. The students' photographs are displayed on the school notice board and they are acknowledged in the school newsletter. Although there is no limit to how many times a particular child can receive the award it is wonderful that many children have proudly received this award and I anticipate many more will show behaviour worth honouring.

In 2008 all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 sat common national literacy and numeracy tests, which provided information about how Australian children are performing on a national basis.

The national literacy and numeracy tests provide useful information for teachers and schools on individual student performance on a national basis.

From this information, teachers and schools know how well their students are performing, and are able to identify areas of strength and where further assistance may be required. National testing also means greater consistency, comparability and transferability of results across jurisdictions in a way that was not possible under the previous system.

The children have sat their NAPLAN test for this year and we are looking forward to the results. Every year group sits the test in



Big Brekki at the Bolgart Primary School

Bolgart Primary as practice for the years when their results will be included, as the test can be a bit daunting and may not reflect the Child's true abilities if they get nervous.

This term has seen the children participating in a whole range of school based fundraising events to help raise funds for the Yr7 camp. There have been hamburger and spaghetti days, free dress & Football colours days and many other fun events the children have thoroughly enjoyed. The parents & community were also welcomed to a wonderful big breakfast the children helped prepare and there are still lots more exciting funds raising possibilities to come.

## toodyay scouts

CUBS on camp! Ratcha, Evie, Dropbear, Melissa and a bunch of Dads took the Cubs out to a property in Julimar for a Nature Hike and camp, where they spent two days out in the bush just like Scouts. We're proud to announce that all our Cubs did really well and nobody had to evacuate to the relative warmth of the shed, despite some very cold temperatures.

Thanks to the O'Connors for the use of the property - it was a great venue. The hike started out about 6kms away and the Cubs trekked to the campsite. On the way they spotted some interesting items in nature (apart from the three Pioneer Scouts who joined them). The Scouts (Gabby, Mikaela and Jake) are doing their Pioneer badge and attended the hike and camp as a Patrol Activity (camping separately from the Cubs).

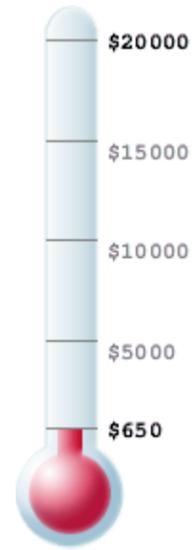
The Cubs learned how to make damper and cooked potatoes in their jackets and the Scouts cooked dinner for the Cubs (over their own fire). We were very impressed with the results of their reflector oven chicken. The reflector oven is built with three star pickets, a bit of wire, some chicken wire cages to hold heat beads in and some aluminium foil. It cooks chickens that look like they're from Red Rooster; always good to feed lots of people because you can hang about five down inside the oven.

After dinner the Scouts performed a skit for the Cubs (Australian Idol) - congratulations Gab, Mikaela and Jake on being awarded your Entertainment and Patrol Activities badges. All three Scouts did really well. The Scouts also played a wide game with the Cubs (lantern stalk) and a ball game which was very well received. Lots of scary stories round the campfire and some practice lighting individual campfires finished off the night. There was even a craft session round the Scout campfire - tintookie tarantulas!

In the morning the Cubs warmed up with a milo and hot breakfast before going yabbing in the dam. Emily's shoe went swimming and was 'caught' by Evie. Fortunately the yabbies stayed safe and no one went for a swim. Well done to all who participated and a special thank you to our wonderful Dads - Dean, Dean, the other Deans, Sam, Sam and the other Sams and Nick; thanks also to Melissa and the other leaders and parents who helped to make the Cub Nature Camp a special one.

In the Scout section, we welcome Jenaya to the Penguin Patrol and congratulate Harry on achieving his Pioneer cord. There are now five Explorer level Scouts, three Pioneer level Scouts and then the Scoutcraft Scouts; we're looking forward to seeing how far you all get before Jamboree!

Speaking of Jamboree - Rocky has put together a Jamboree fundraising thermometer for the



community to see how far our target has progressed - thanks, Rob. If any community members or businesses would like to make a donation, please contact the Group. The Cubs were very generous in giving the Scouts a donation after Moondyne and the Venturers have also helped out the Scouts for AJ2010. Please remember, Scouts, that next week is Scouts as normal and then we have our Bowling night (ten pin bowls). Troop Council are also meeting to discuss iceskating.

Thanks to our small parent committee for their ongoing help recently - Shelley, Gina and Bron, you're a great team!

Great news regarding Venturers. In return for a service agreement they now have a meeting venue, so many thanks to the individuals who made that possible. This weekend they have Mission Impossible, a statewide Venturer activity where the team hikes between activity bases designed to test strength, initiative, leadership skills and teamwork abilities - teams are awarded points and must compete against each other. The event is held in Julimar this year and we look forward to seeing the shield after they win. There are four Toodyay Venturers attending in Team Ghettofab - they're also taking masses of bribes for the Rovers manning the bases plus a pink ukulele (thanks, Quartz) for entertainment. The Venturers have to carry their own hiking gear, tents, food etc for four days and survive in the wilderness with about 500 other youth members - it's an awesome event. We look forward to hearing the war stories from the other end.

See you next time.

*Yours in Scouting, Dropbear*



Young people preparing to hike at this year's Mission Impossible event

## Mission Impossible

SCOUTS Australia's annual team based initiative challenge competition, 'Mission Impossible', was located in the Julimar Conservation Park last Foundation Day weekend - close to the home of the Toodyay Venturers.

Four Toodyay Venturers participated in the event, which pits teams of Cadets, Scouts and Guides against each other in a series of activities designed to test their teamwork and leadership skills.

The event was held from Friday 29th May to Monday 1st June and was open to youth organizations with members aged between 14 and 26. 20 activity bases were based around the theme of 'Comic Book Heroes'. Many of the competitors got into the spirit of the event by dressing up as comic book heroes themselves, including a young Venturer Scout participating in an electric wheel chair. The Mission Impossible team ensured that he was able to participate in all the fun and excitement.

After hiking between activity bases during the day, the competitors partied at night with a live band, cinema, dance party, horizontal bungee and milk crate stacking.

Event chairman and Rover, Josh Donders (23) from Scouts Australia, said that one of the differences between Mission Impossible and other youth competitions was that it is organised entirely by youth, with adults only helping out in supporting roles. This youth involvement in decision making is typical of Scouting and ensures that their events are contemporary and fun filled. Approximately 400 people participated in this year's event.

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LITTLE Rascals Child Care Centre was visited by Policeman Paul on Friday 22nd May. He talked to the children about road and bike safety and then showed us all his police car. Pictured with Paul at the car is Raelene (staff member) Charlotte, Kynan and Tyler. Thank you, Policeman Paul, for visiting us.



toodyay kindergym

TRICERATOPS in Toodyay? Not quite, but while mums and dads are trying to get their tongues around pronouncing some dinosaur names, the children at Kindergym are having a ball doing the 'dino' stomp. This term's theme is dinosaurs so don't be alarmed if you hear a lot of roaring and stomping in the Pavilion on Friday mornings.

Rain, hail or shine, Kindergym is a great all year round activity so your children will never be bored, no matter what the weather!

Our cake stall is on 4th July outside the IGA. All donations of cakes/biscuits/slices or second hand items are welcome. This is our main fundraising activity each year and we appreciate the continued community support which ensures its financial success.

Toodyay Kindergym has classes every Friday, during school term, in the Pavilion at the Showgrounds at 9:30 am. Remember, your first class is free. For more information, please contact our Head Coach, Rene on 9574 4708.

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avon woodturning notes

THIS month has been fairly quiet. Numbers were down at our Sunday mornings with a few people away from town and some with illness. We wish Fred and Jan Cook a great trip to Exmouth; hope you have good fishing and no doubt we will hear about the one that got away.

Our project to make a prize for the Show Raffle is starting to get underway with a committee getting together to finalise plans of the same.

David Eyres made a heap of wooden buttons for sale at the Spinners' Spin-In and I made a few. What a fiddly damned job that was but still a good learning project for me.

At our last Sunday morning we had a

visitor from Denmark in our south-west; also Don Clarke called in with the piece I wrote about last month. This was the piece which broke on the lathe and he had made a miraculous repair of the object which he kindly presented to the club.

At our meeting on the 25<sup>th</sup> of May, we had a good rollup and decided to purchase some decent chairs for the club and purchase a special cleaner for lathe beds and tools. After the meeting John Smart demonstrated his way of turning large platters. Well done, John.

Well, that's all for now from the Avon Wood Turners from Toodyay and remember, if you are interested in joining our group or just want to have a look, you would be most welcome. We are at the Wool Pavilion at the Show Grounds on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays (9am - 12pm) or contact Max Heath on 9574 2069.

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**toodyay rsl sub branch**

THE Toodyay RSL Sub Branch is approaching the 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the presentation of our RSL charter.

Our charter was originally presented to us on the 7<sup>th</sup> October, 1919. Unfortunately we do not have any records to tell us who our founding fathers were, nor do we know who the original members or office bearers were. We appeal to the Toodyay community – if you have any information on the early membership or activities of our sub branch, could you please pass on the information to any of the following:

- President, Bruce Prior 9574 5928;
- Snr Vice Pres John Adams 9574 5681;
- Sec/Treasurer Lou Kidd 9574 4310.

We would be extremely grateful for any information received.

Readers may remember in last month's article we thanked you, the Toodyay community, for your contributions to the ANZAC Day appeal, and how we were disappointed that the RSL WA State HQ now supplied us with stickers instead of the tokens we used to use. The following is the reply I received from the WA State RSL: "In regard to your comments concerning the return of the ANZAC Day Tokens, for injury prevention and associated legal reasons the Tokens, which have pins for attachment, have been withdrawn and replaced with self adhesive stickers." It would appear that members of the WA community cannot handle pins; they are still selling ANZAC

Day tokens in the Eastern States. **Our Aussie Flag**  
As a sub branch, we support our Australian National Flag. There are some people who would like to see our flag changed but we are more than happy to keep our current Aussie Flag. Some of the 'Change The Flag' lobby people are advocating that we should change the symbolism on our flag so that the three Christian Crosses of the Union Jack do not offend certain elements of our multicultural population. We maintain that the presence of the Union Jack upon our flag is simply saluting our pioneers who gave us the very best country in the world in which to reside and raise our children and grandchildren.

The 'Change Our Flag' lobby is also untruthful when they try to convince people that we never had a flag until the advent of the flag act in 1954. Our flag flew on the dome of the Royal Exhibition Building in Melbourne on 3<sup>rd</sup> September 1901. That date has been cemented in posterity when, in 1996, the Governor General, Sir William Deane, proclaimed that the 3<sup>rd</sup> September each year will forever be referred to as 'Australian National Flag Day'.

There is a Photo of the Australian Flag covering the freshly dug grave of Harry 'Breaker' Morant in February 1902 (Boer War) reminding us that the Aussie flag has accompanied our forces to every military conflict since federation. Museums are full of flags which came back from Gallipoli and other theatres of World War One. Fancy someone trying to convince World War Two veterans that they never fought under the Aussie Flag!!!!

Just remember, the Australian National Flag is the only flag in the world to be designed by the people, for the people. That makes it special. It is also the only flag in the world to cover an entire continent. Our Sub Branch is a member of 'Australian National Flag Association'. If you require any information on our national symbol you may wish to visit their web site [www.australianflag.org.au](http://www.australianflag.org.au).

We would like to remind all members our next meeting will be conducted at the Toodyay Club on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> Jul at 2pm. New Members welcome.

**LEST WE FORGET**

**from days gone by**

**The Moondyne Swagman**

IN the first history book of Toodyay, written by the WA newspaper, there was a lot written about the droving days down the Avon River and the man that stole sheep on every trip up and down the river. His name was in that history book, which I have never forgotten. I had one of these history books, as did my sister in Northam, but we lent them to people and they were never returned. At the Moondyne Festival, I was the official Storyteller and Yarn Teller and sat at the Pioneer Wall between the Hall and the post office. I had a good time talking to the people and read them this poem I had written about the man who had stolen the sheep and the people loved it.

I once did this for the Toodyay Council when Mr Mac Ferguson was ill. He used to hold the tourist buses up at Goven Lane crossing between the Red Hill Toodyay Road and the Avon River and pretend to rob them before giving them some billy tea and bush honey on damper. He would tell them what happened at one big hill where the police fought the bushrangers and the history of the river up to Toodyay. This was called the Bushranger Tour of Toodyay. That day at Toodyay I showed the people an aboriginal punishment spear and a woomera and played an old-fashioned waltz on my mouth-organ. The woomera was hooked into the end of the spear to make it fly further and faster.

I have called this sheep-rustler the Moondyne Swagman, and did not mention his real name. This is the poem that I wrote:

When Moondyne Joe had left our river,  
The droving days begun.  
They drove their sheep all day 'til they saw the setting sun.

Two big farmers in Toodyay from the Range and Deepdale farms told the drovers to take the sheep down the river to the coast to their other farms.

They camped at night at Moondyne, cooked their meal and went to sleep. But they did not know there was a swagman living among the rocks that as they slept would steal some sheep.

There were slaughterhouses everywhere so the stolen sheep could be killed. One was where the Bolgart Brook comes to the river and one at Picnic Hill, another at Slaughterhouse Gully and two at Wanneroo, where sheep and cattle were slaughtered and some kangaroos.

The Moondyne Swagman had an unshod horse and a dog that didn't bark,

He crept up to the flock of sheep when it got very dark.

The Moondyne Swagman had kangaroo-skin moccasins on his feet so he wouldn't make a sound even if he stood on some tree leaves that lay

thick on the ground.  
His dog got ten sheep and they headed off to find a slaughterhouse, he knew if he stole some sheep from every flock he could get enough money to buy some land and build a house.  
After many years of stealing sheep he got his land and a home,  
He stocked the land with stolen sheep and fenced it well so they could not roam.

The Moondyne Swagman found he could not sleep because he had always been awake at night,  
Every time a sheep bleated he got a real big fright.  
He thought someone was stealing his sheep and after many sleepless nights he grew very weak and only lasted a few weeks with his moccasins still on his feet.

Moondyne Joe and the Moondyne Swagman are still talked about today, and the train goes down to the river where both men used to stay.

I had a good day at the festival and I am sure all the people did as well.

Ron E. Waters

**toodyay ratepayers and residents association**

IT is imperative that we have the support of the community to function effectively with so many things happening and so few people being aware of them. The main purpose of the TRRA is to inform the people of Council decisions and also to inform Council of the community's wishes. We have had some success in avoiding the use of concrete furniture in the refurbishing of Duidgee Park, but the children's playground equipment, which was given as the reason for the update, is still in a deplorable condition and is, in fact, unsafe. We were advised by the Councillors attending the last meeting that we must submit a work order form in order to have this work undertaken, also the badly deteriorated and unsafe paving in front of the pavilion at the sports oval. We can only act on these things if we have the information.

It is also quite evident that, unless the community make their voices heard, we will also be suffering the Option 7 fiasco again. The Recreation Committee has passed a resolution that all recreational facilities must be located on the one site. The Racecourse area has been discounted as being too far out of town (a mere 2 - 3 kms), the Drummond Street site is not large enough and, in order to enlarge it, they will be required to purchase adjoining land at a cost of \$2.9 million but there is no costing for the purchase of properties surrounding the showgrounds. We believe that the co-location of all facilities is not essential, and to have some facilities in Drummond Street just a short walk across Telegraph Road to the sports grounds would be ideal. However, unless we can get the community involved, we won't be able to lobby on this issue.

There are many more issues coming up and we wish to have a public discussion on what we want for the future of Toodyay and the priorities that we feel are essential for the accomplishment of things. We wish to get many more people involved and would love to see you at our meetings and voice your opinions. There are many people in Toodyay with diverse skills in business, trade and creative interests. We need all of you to make a contribution and assist us in furthering opportunities for our children's future.

Our meetings are usually held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month (or the Tuesday before the Council meeting) at the C.W.A Hall at 7pm. If you cannot attend just drop us a note at TRRA, PO Box 1488, Toodyay. Look forward to seeing you.

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## Tuna and Corn Mornay

THE Tuna and Corn recipe is a delicious meal! It is low cost, healthy and very tasty. For our two member family, I make it in single serves, using ramekins, and, as it makes six ramekins, I freeze the remaining four meals. However, it is great made in a casserole dish for a hearty family meal served with cooked vegies or salad and crusty bread.

### Ingredients:

425gm tin chunk style tuna in spring water (drain the tuna and save the spring water)  
Large tin corn kernels (drained)  
2ozs butter or margarine  
2 cups liquid made up from saved spring water and milk  
2 tablespoons plain flour  
Cayenne pepper (optional)  
Pinch of salt (optional)  
A small finely chopped onion or 2 tblspns onion flakes  
1 cup grated cheese  
1 cup crushed cornflakes with a pinch of thyme  
Extra grated cheese for topping

Small amount of liquid cream (optional)  
**Method:**

Heat the mixture of spring water/milk gently until warmed but not boiling. Melt the butter or margarine in a large container then add the plain flour mixing it well to ensure that there are no lumps. Add the heated spring water/milk, a little at a time, continuing to stir as the liquid is added; sprinkle in a little cayenne pepper and salt then add the chopped onion. Place the container over heat and stir until the mixture has thickened. If you use the microwave, cook the mixture for 1 to 2 minutes at a time until it has thickened. Stir in the cup of grated cheese and the drained corn. Break the big chunks of tuna a little and add to the mornay mixture and blend gently. A handy tip is not to break the tuna too small as the mixture will be 'mushy'.

### To serve:

Sprinkle the crushed cornflakes on top of the mornay then the extra cheese and heat the dish till the cheese melts. If you place the mornay in the oven you can brown the cheese topping by using a great little trick by 'drizzling' a small amount of cream over the cheese half way through the browning process.

*Desraé Clarke*

## news from bolgart and surrounding areas

ONCE again, Bolgart Sporting Club did a sterling job in raising money for Cancer Research with their Great Australian Morning Tea (in this case, afternoon tea) held at the Bolgart Sporting Club on Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> May after 3pm. The sum raised was \$608.

Congratulations to Ben Syred for his recent 21<sup>st</sup> birthday. Ben celebrated with friends and relatives at the Bolgart Hotel with drinks and nibbles on the evening of 15<sup>th</sup> May.

Humble apologies for the error I made in my column last month when I stated the date of the school bus and train smash at Toodyay was 1993 when it should have been 1991. That's what happens when one half-writes an article and intends to look up the date in their family history because it doesn't look quite right and then forgets. I could have kicked myself for the error. At least I have now corrected it.

There were several other errors in my article in the Herald not of my making and I won't mention names to protect those who misread my text when it was being typed up for the paper.

Three cheers and many thanks to the Toodyay Shire Council for the wonderful job they have done in levelling a new parking area on the northern end of the Culham Church year. For all too long, the parking facilities in the area have left much to be desired when some funeral services attract crowds of up to 600 or so mourners. This has meant, in the past, that folk have had to park along the Toodyay-Bindi Bindi Road and motor vehicles have sometimes stretched for about 500metres either way on both sides of the road from the church itself. This, in turn, meant that mourners were wandering down the roadway itself to get to the church, thus risking being run down by speeding traffic. It was also distressing for the aged and infirm to have to walk such a long distance.

The next item on the agenda for the Culham graveyard will be finishing off the fencing on the new section as there are currently 289 folk on the list for burial and that will take a great deal of the area

about to be fenced. Of course, burials will be spread over many years. I have also been informed that, for those who choose cremation, ashes may now be interred along the pathway in the jam thicket on the southern end of the churchyard. At this stage there is no niche-wall.

Following the death of Mrs Barbara Walker (nee Lee) on 21<sup>st</sup> February, 2009, a cremation ceremony was performed with a service at Pinnaroo. Her ashes have now been returned to the area of her childhood and have been interred in her parents' grave at the Culham graveyard.

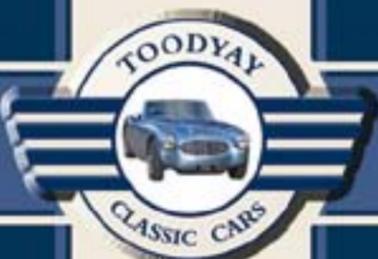
In the May edition of the Victoria Plains Community News, I read where it was planned to introduce a Kerbside Recycling Service for Bolgart and Calingiri which, if introduced, would cost townsites ratepayers approximately \$80 per year on top of our usual rubbish disposal fees. At present, we have the normal waste disposal service and I, like many others, was not happy with this suggestion. We already have a perfectly good recycling system introduced by our local Parents and Citizens group who have the use of a storage depot where recycled goods may be collected and the funds that this produces goes into P&C funds for the good of the Bolgart school students.

We were invited to contact the CEO of our Shire for comment on the matter. I immediately rang and voiced my opinion of the proposed introduction of the 240l yellow-lidded bins. I pointed out that this could interfere with the current system and in turn cost our local school in that, if folk knew that they had to pay the \$80 fee for the bin, they would use it in preference to taking the goods to the recycling shed. The CEO had not been aware, apparently, that this system was in place and I was told that, if enough local people contacted the shire on the matter, it was unlikely that it would proceed.

Incidentally, there is much cardboard in box form that seems to be finding its way to the local rubbish tip which, if it was crushed down, could be of real value in the recycling depot to help raise money and, at the same time, help the local tip not to be such an eyesore.

I believe the Mothers' Day Special Dinner held on Saturday, 9<sup>th</sup> May for a three-course roast at the Bolgart Hotel was quite popular with quite a few bookings.

*(Mrs) Doris M Martin*



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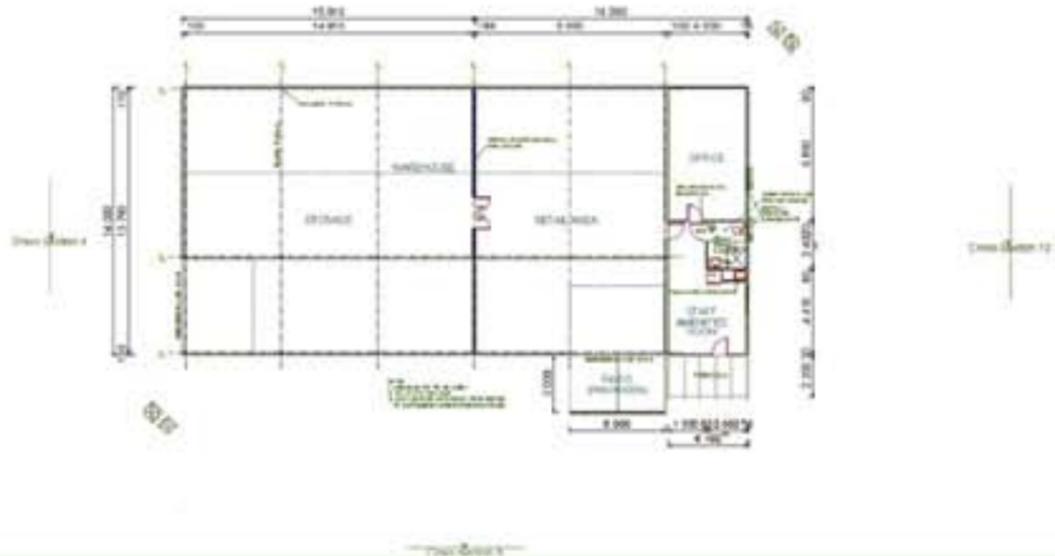
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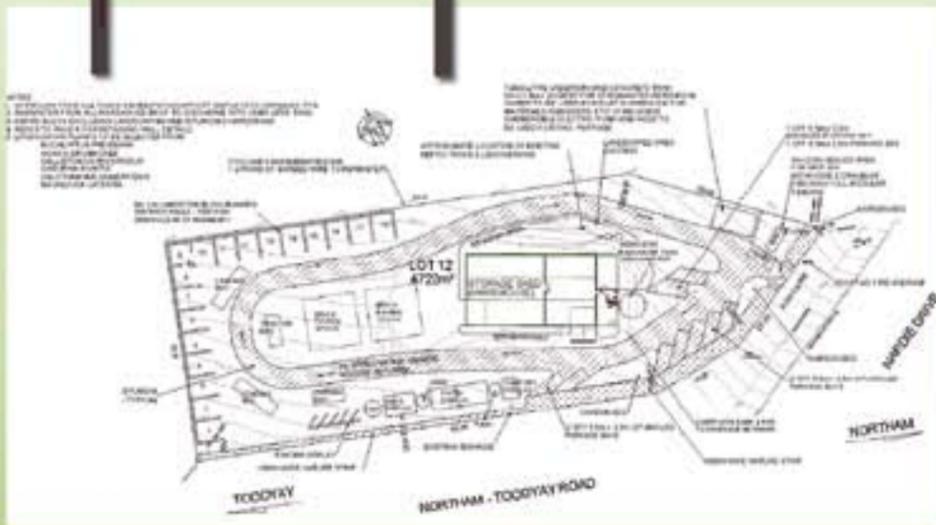


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## A big thank you for your support.

Over the past few months we have received a lot of support from other local business owners and the public. We have also received a fair hearing from some of the councillors.

The Chamber of Commerce have taken an interest and we are very appreciative of this and reiterate this message on their behalf, that it is important that all businesses become members. As a thank you, we have some quality mulch at sale prices prior to our closing for development reasons in July. It is just our way of saying thank you.

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## Sandakan: The Story That Must Be Told

IN April 2009 two local boys went on a pilgrimage to Borneo, there to pay homage to the memories of Australian soldiers who fell or were captured by the Japanese during World War II. The two-week trip, which included an ANZAC Day service at the Sandakan Memorial, was deeply moving. It was made more so by the fact that many people are still unaware of what happened in the regions of Sabah and Sarawak, formerly British North Borneo, and so here is presented a short version of the story of the Sandakan.

In February 1942, the Japanese Army captured nearly two and a half thousand Australian soldiers who were guarding the island of Singapore against attack, overrunning them swiftly and violently.

After the capture of Singapore, the new prisoners were taken to Japanese-controlled British North Borneo, to the town of Sandakan on the north-eastern coast. The prisoner of war camp was eight miles out of town, an ordered collection of hastily assembled palm-and-timber huts surrounded by a severe and extremely solid fence. The Australian soldiers could have been excused for thinking they'd been dropped into hell; the huts were roughly built, with long wooden benches along either side that acted as the prisoners' beds, and they were open to all of Borneo's insect life. They also leaked terribly in the tropical storms that occurred every afternoon, so much so that many men took to sleeping beneath the raised huts for more protection from the elements. Within a month, most of the men in the camp would have contracted some unpleasant tropical disease – malaria and beriberi were particularly prevalent.

A few weeks after their arrival in the camp, the Japanese guards assembled the prisoners and the camp commandant, a man called Hoshijima, explained to them their first major task: they were to build an airfield at a site a few kilometres away. The prisoners were marched through solid jungle, hacking away a path with machetes and axes as the Japanese soldiers stood well back and made it clear that they would shoot any man who so much as looked askance at them while holding the tools.

The site itself wasn't much better than the path. The ground was covered mostly by a kind of aerated stone that turned into thick, immovable jelly in the afternoon rains, and there was more vegetation to be cleared. The guards on the building site were some of the least pleasant from the camp, and took every opportunity to inflict horrible punishments on the Australians, often for no reason at all.

It was a testament to the Australians' resolve that they continued to retain some amount of cheer throughout this. The battle to keep morale up became the Australian officers' greatest work. They asked Hoshijima if they could stage some entertainment for the men. Permission was granted, with the proviso that everything was seen first by the Japanese officers to make sure there was no 'inflammatory' material. They also held art displays in the small hospital/chapel, showcasing the remarkable skills of some of the men in the camp, and set up illicit gambling clubs beneath the huts.

They resisted in other ways, too; while the guards at the airfield were brutal, they were also easily bored and did not pay much attention to the workers. This made it easy for the Australians to sneak away and meet local villagers in the thick jungle, trading with them for food, medicine and information. This was the beginning of the Sandakan Underground, a network of sympathetic locals in the nearby town who would help the Australian prisoners wherever possible. This would become more and more necessary as time went on and the Japanese cut rations and medical supplies.

With the help of the Underground, the Australians also managed to obtain the parts for a wireless radio receiver. The construction and use of this device was highly regulated, to prevent it being discovered by the Japanese, but with it the Australians managed to gain some idea of what was happening in the world. The Underground also contacted a few of the American submarines that patrolled the waters nearby and let them know of the captured soldiers.

When information of the Australians' predicament was delivered to the Australian military, possible rescue attempts were included in long-standing plans to infiltrate Borneo and gain information on the Japanese. Stealing away their workforce would be a slap in the face for the Japs, but it proved much more difficult than expected. The plans

were constantly delayed; supplies were sent to the wrong places, necessary information was misplaced and the transport – usually American submarines, which had so far been successful in their attempts to avoid Japanese ships – was given the wrong date and time for the pickup.

In Borneo, the Australians' situation was getting worse and worse. Over a year, the prisoners' rations were continually cut back while the workload increased. The medical supplies also dried up, leaving men with malaria, beriberi and leg ulcers so large and fetid that bone could be seen. The carefully constructed Underground, which many had seen as their last hope of getting out, was betrayed and its members locked up or executed, including an Australian prisoner named Matthews who had organised much of it.

The war in the Pacific was beginning to slip away from the Japanese, and they were getting nervous. The Sandakan camp was strafed by Allied aircraft from time to time, the pilots being unaware of the prisoners until a large sign facing upwards was erected. Eventually, those in charge decided to shift the prisoners to Ranau – a two-week trek through thick jungle right across the middle of the country.

There were three marches, later known as the Death Marches of Sandakan. The Japanese knew it would be a massacre – on the seventeenth of March 1945, a month after the first march, Hoshijima was ordered to eliminate all prisoners of war.

The second march began on the 29<sup>th</sup> of May. 536 prisoners of war set out on the slippery track. This time Japanese soldiers were assigned to follow a little way behind to 'clean up' any prisoners who fell back. Many men, tired and hungry and barely able to walk because of enormous leg ulcers, simply fell to the ground and refused to get up again. They, like those too sick to move at the Sandakan and Ranau camps, were killed.

But the turning tide of war in the Pacific had begun to fall over British North Borneo. Allied planes were making frequent runs over the Sandakan camp and the trail, often mistaking the marching prisoners for Japanese soldiers and strafing them. New plans were drawn up, to retake Borneo. The Japanese were nervous, and life became even harder for the prisoners.

A few men managed to escape, slipping off

the track and fleeing into the jungle. The Japanese guards didn't bother to pursue them, telling each other confidently that they would be dead within hours. In the end, the escapees were the lucky ones – by the 28<sup>th</sup> of July only 40 prisoners were left alive at Ranau.

When the Australian troops finally made it to Sandakan, the camp was empty. Acting on information supplied by one of their surveillance groups, they moved up the track to Ranau, but they were too late. On the 27<sup>th</sup> of August the last 15 prisoners had been killed and the Japanese had fled. The rescue had been a colossal failure.

However, as they trawled the jungle, searching for Japanese soldiers, the Australians happened across the escapees – all six of them, the only six men left alive from Sandakan. They were tired, hungry and sick, but they had survived – come through the worst the war had to offer. They were airlifted to safety on the 20<sup>th</sup> of September 1945.

The men who fell in Borneo were not only good men; they were the ultimate Australians – kind, brave and ready to sacrifice everything that a mate might live. Even as prisoners they showed the kind of resolve and strength of spirit we value in this country today and for everything they did and went through, they deserve to be remembered.

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# morangup community news

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The Toodyay Herald is now publishing a monthly column from Morangup. If you live in the area and have any news for the column, please email it to the Herald at [toodyayherald@westnet.com.au](mailto:toodyayherald@westnet.com.au).

### Morangup Craft Group

Social meetings held from 9.30am to 12noon at the Morangup Community Hall. There is a small charge of \$3.00 per meeting to cover hall hire and tea and coffee.

We meet every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each Month.

### Tuesday, 2nd June 2009

Happy Birthday to us! We will be having a Birthday lunch for all of us, everyone will bring a plate to share and a present up to the value of \$10.00 that has to be wrapped beautifully, and we all get to celebrate our birthday on the one day. The Lunch is being held at Kaye's place so please ring Kaye on 9572 9386 to obtain her address.

### Tuesday 16th June 2009

We have had a few people ask about learning how to crochet, so today will be a "learn to crochet" day at the Hall, we will have several experienced crocheters here to help, whether you are interested in fine lacy work or chunky work bring your wool and crochet hooks. If you are not interested in crocheting come along and have a coffee and a chat.

### Coming Events

Christmas in July, watch out for these details in next month's news. For enquiries phone Isabel on 9572 9041.

### Morangup Yoga Group

Yoga sessions are held every Thursday from 9am to 10.30am at the Morangup Community Hall. The cost is \$10.00 per session or 5 sessions for \$40.00. This includes tea and coffee. For enquiries phone Sally on 9574 4184.

### Morangup Library

The Morangup Library is open from 3pm to 6pm every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each Month at the Morangup Community Hall. Maureen, Peter and Wilma are our volunteers who collect and sort the books catered for all ages. Special requests are always welcome on the day for upcoming school projects or

for your general interest. You can phone Angela at the Toodyay Library on 9574 2323 or send your request by email to [library@toodyay.wa.gov.au](mailto:library@toodyay.wa.gov.au) for them to include in the next collection.

### Morangup Community Hall - Hire

Some of you may not be aware that our Morangup Community Hall is available for hire - \$6 per hour for short meetings, \$100 per day for 24 hours, a \$200 bond for functions with alcohol and a fee for cleaning if it's not left clean by the hirer - for birthday parties, weddings, seminars, information sessions, sports meetings, etc. Please phone Isabel on 9572 9041 for more information or to make a booking.

### Dirt Bike Track

A sub-committee has been formed to get this long awaited project up and running. We have had lots of positive feedback from the kids at Gidgegannup Primary School along with some interesting drawing designs. A plan of the track is being drafted as an overlay on the recreational area which has been set aside for us to use. We are looking at forming a Youth Advisory Group to take charge of this Dirt Bike Track and to raise some funds to help towards materials and construction. We have a number of volunteers already on stand by who are keen to share their time and equipment for this project. For enquiries or to register your interest please phone Emma on 9572 9376 or email [bottlefed.performance@bigpond.com](mailto:bottlefed.performance@bigpond.com) with your contact details.

### 'Rubbish' Clean-up Day

Clean-Up Day in Morangup was held last Sunday, 17th May. We had a successful pick up although only 8 volunteers managed to make it out to the Hall.

We collected two 6x4 trailer loads of bags / tyres / wire from the entrances to the Morangup area at Morangup and Dryandra Roads from the intersection of Toodyay Road inwards. A collection pile was formed at the Community Hall Car Park and then a few more bags were added to it collected from

around the Community Hall itself.

We enjoyed a great sausage sizzle for lunch and ALL went home satisfied with a job well done.

Thanks for all the assistance provided by the Toodyay Shire. We would like to extend the volunteers' appreciation to the outside staff for managing the removal of our collected rubbish to the Transfer station.

If you notice any illegal dumping of rubbish please report it to our Shire by phone 9574 2258 or email [records@toodyay.wa.gov.au](mailto:records@toodyay.wa.gov.au) usually these people can be caught 'red handed'!!!

### Morangup Progress Association

Our meetings are held 1st Tuesday of each Month at the Morangup Community Hall at 7.30pm. All welcome to attend.

### Morangup's Proposed Bus Service Via Gidge

A proposed bus service for operation within Morangup as an extension from a Gidgegannup service is being looked into by the MPA. The MPA will further update the Community once more information becomes available. To help organise this proposed bus service to the metro area we are asking for interested people to submit their preferred times, days, destination stops and/or any ideas they would like to put forward. Please email your suggestions to Fran on [blitz044@inet.net.au](mailto:blitz044@inet.net.au) or phone on 9572 9528 to discuss.

### Structural Reform In Local Government

Two information sessions will be held to inform residents of recent developments in Minister Castrilli's proposals for Local Government Structural Reform, and the impact this may have on our community.

Session 1: Morangup Community Hall on Tuesday, 9th June 2009 at 7.30pm.

Session 2: Toodyay Memorial Hall on Wednesday, 10th June 2009 at 7.30pm.

(this session will also incorporate the Public Budget Meeting).

All are welcome to attend.

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## What is a Chronology?

A CHRONOLOGY is an arrangement of events in order of occurrence. So it is not difficult to work out what a Long Chronology might be? So the next question is: What is The Long Toodyay Chronology? It is the Toodyay Historical Society's new book! Well, Part 1 of our new book, as the rest is not ready yet. Part 1 covers some events in the years 1829 to 1900. Not all events, as we are leaving space to add more events and therefore publish revised editions.

About our new book: The Long Toodyay Chronology: events in Toodyay's history. Part 1, 1829-1900. First edition (2009). Compiled by Beth Frayne. (Toodyay Historical Society publication series; no. 1). Published by The Toodyay Historical Society (Incorporated), Toodyay, WA. (ISBN: 978-0-9806517-0-6)

The Long Toodyay Chronology is primarily a reference work for the members of the Toodyay Historical Society. It is a self-serve, fast fact finder to help remind us of the critical events and dates in Toodyay's history. It brings together events on the same page that allows us to see correlations in the happenings in Toodyay, and perhaps causes and effects. Only events that can be matched to at least a year have been included, as this work does not aim to be a broad analytical history. Our intention is to identify a day and month for events where possible and appropriate, and confirm this information in primary and secondary sources.

We have included dates relating to firsts and lasts, building and demolition, beginnings and endings, main street and heritage precinct activities, landscape changes, important events and amusing 'not so important' events. Some facts about people are included, but not everyone, of course. Other sources specialize in this sort of biographical information. However, people holding significant positions, particularly in local government, have been included.

As we trawl through all our many sources of information, we often confirm facts that

have been presented by other sources and histories. We find totally new facts of significance. And we are occasionally able to correct misinformation, or move events a little to their right place in time.

Why is this the Long Chronology? Well, it is long, and will be longer. We hope, one day, to produce a Short Chronology, which will highlight a few of the more interesting dates, and to which we can add some lesser known photographs.

Part 1 (1829-1900) will be followed by Parts 2 (1901-2000) and 3 (2001 onwards). These Parts are in process. A word of warning: Toodyay's history is complicated by the change of name of the main town in 1910 from Newcastle to Toodyay. Hopefully, references in the indexes will help you find the right place.

A copy will be given to the Toodyay Public Library, in due course. And copies of the book are available for purchase (price: \$10.00) from the Society, at Donegan's Cottage, in the Toodyay Showgrounds, 1pm-3pm, Thursdays, or from Beth Frayne (Ph: 9574 5971). We will also have copies available at our usual public events throughout the year.

### As a taster: Did you know?

In 1851: Mr Robert Viveash was appointed Medical Attendant to the Convict Hiring Depots at Toodyay and York.

On 24<sup>th</sup> October 1864: William Penphrase Tregoning asked for tenders to build a 15-room House at Newcastle, which he later named the Newcastle Hotel (ie the current Freemasons' Hotel)

In 1878: William R. Graves was the first known Town Clerk of the Newcastle Municipal Council, for the year 1878.

In April 1886: It was reported that the Newcastle Municipal Council was contemplating the removal of 'a grand old blue gum tree, standing near Connor's mill', outside St. Stephen's Church, on New Road, Newcastle.

On 31<sup>st</sup> July 1900: In the Referendum on joining the Australian Federation, Toodyay voted Yes: 75, No: 578. The final vote count for Western Australia was Yes: 44,652, No: 19,636.

*Written by Beth Frayne, Toodyay Historical Society.*

# public notices

## AVAS Notes 'alice gallery'

Call into AVAS and have a peek in the 'alice gallery'. Glimpse at Trish Hamilton's miniature exhibition of a 'Gecko Rock Band'. All wired up, ready to go!

## TOODYAY SOCCER CLUB

is about to start the season off!  
Sunday June 7th 9.00am At the Toodyay Hockey oval. Queries to Kerry Green 95742602 or Bronwyn Gavlik 95742650

## FLORALS

The artworks currently on display in the Orana Gallery is a lovely collection of floral delights. Come and view the different styles by the artists representing this theme.

## JUNE EXHIBITION

On exhibition for June in the Old Post Office Gallery, AVAS presents the art collection of Harry Newton. An eclectic and extremely interesting selection of works from his world travels, spanning 70 years. From aged traditional works to contemporary. All artworks must be sold.

## 2009 NORTHAM ART PRIZE

Entry forms and fees for this prestigious art award are due by 4pm Sunday June 21. Artworks must be handed in by 4pm Sunday June 28. With the Opening and Presentation of Awards at 5pm Sunday July 5. Entry forms available from AVAS.

## EISTEDDFOD 2009

The Eisteddfod 2009 Syllabus is now available from AVAS entries close 4pm Friday June 5. The Eisteddfod commences Monday August 10 with Piano, School Choirs on Wednesday August 12 and Dance on Saturday August 16.

The Eisteddfod Concert will be held at the Northam Town Hall Friday August 28. Collect your entry form now.

ON the 20th of June the Nashos WA will be having their second reunion at Ogdens in the Gosnells Hotel at 11 am. Any former

nashos and their partners are welcome to mix in and join the group. Phone 9497 9879 or email bomac51 @optusnet.com.au for further information.

We are also saving our Nasho history in platoon or section photos and most RSL branches are helping gather the photos, or you can email them to the above. You can view the photos that we have on our web site at wanashos.wikidot.com.

Chaplaincy Street Stall to be held on Saturday 6 June, please support our School Chaplain, Benn Gladden. All donations gratefully received. Thank you.

## ADVERTISEMENT OF INTENDED APPLICATION FOR INCORPORATION OF: TOODYAY CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Notice is hereby given that: Warren Craig Preece, 95 West Toodyay Road, Toodyay WA 6566, Project Manager; Being duly authorised by the above named association intend to apply to the Commissioner for Consumer Protection on or after the: July 12 2009 for incorporation of TOODYAY CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP. The association is formed for the purpose of not for profit religious organisation.

Warren Preece

## In Memorium

STAN Robinson, aged 81 (8.5.18 - 23.5.99)  
It's 10 years, Dad, since you said goodbye to Mum and I. Time goes so fast - we still miss you a lot. From son, Norm and Stan's wife, Bertha.

## ATWELL, Dawn,

I wish to express my heartfelt thanks to the many people who attended Dawn's funeral; also for the great number of phone calls of support and for the lovely cards mentioning little incidents in Dawn's life. The outstanding help from the Toodyay Naturalists' Club was wonderful, and greatly helped me to get through the last 12 months.

The Club is about to publish a book on its history, and has honoured Dawn by dedicating it to her. This touched my heart and made me feel so proud for Dawn.

Each and every one please accept my appreciation for the many acts of kindness. Words cannot express what it all meant to me.

Bless you one and all.

Ray Paynter



## Births

Georgia Grace Marston was born at 12.24 am on Sunday 03/05/2009 at Mercy Hospital in Mt Lawley. She weighed 7 lb & 7 oz s. Georgia would like to thank everyone for their kind thoughts and wishes, as well as all the lovely gifts and presents she has been spoilt with.

## Found

Bracelet, must be able to describe. Box 545 Toodyay 6566 or ring 0895742106 and leave a message.

## Wanted

Warm bedding for local people. We have never required so many. Perth keeps sending but we cannot keep up with the demand. If you have any blankets, quilts or warm sheets please drop them off at Vinnies Toodyay 9574 2529. There are many people who do not have a blanket.

## Congratulations

Congratulations to Shirl and Rodney on 50 years incarceration (on Monday 1 June 2009)

Grant and Samantha and Herald staff

## Thank You

We would like to thank the Lions Club and their wonderful members, who arrived in truckloads to lay a path for the wheelchair, for their most generous help.

Also thank you to the Shire for the generous donation. We are eternally grateful for the kindness shown to us.

## Birthdays

Matt Murray	Michael Currell
Gaye Atkins	Keith Gill
Brendon Watson	Bianca Swift
Christie Downie	Kathleen Chitty
Michael Groves	Tara Taylor
Laurel Taylor	Rachel Ferguson
Brayden Taylor	Wendy Taylor
Wayne Smart	Jarrad Adamson
Anthony Reid	Sara Wellburn
David Elson	Alison Johnson
Brian Johnson	Greg Orgles
Lisa Maslin	Charlie Portlock
Christine Becker	Liam McDermott
Lily Menner	Ross Cullen
Doreen Higbee	Margaret Walter
Mick Dodemaide	

Happy birthday Keely the energiser bunny!



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**AFRICAN DRUMMING**

Tuesdays children and adults 3.30 - 4.30pm  
Thursdays adults 7.30 - 9pm at The Factory Baptist Church  
Drums available. All welcome.

**ARTS TOODYAY INC**

Meets first Tuesday of the month, 7pm at The Old Police Station in Duke St Sth. For all interested in arts/crafts, workshops. Enquiries to John on 9574 4664

**AUSTRALIAN BREASTFEEDING ASSOCIATION**

For breastfeeding information and the company of other mums. 2nd Tuesday of month at Parent Information Centre, Gordon Street Northam 10am-noon. 4th Tuesday of month Toodyay Playgroup 10am - noon. Contact Louise for more details on 9574 0229

**AUTUMN CLUB**

Every Wednesday. Toodyay Sports Pavilion  
Contact Ida Edwards 9574 2858

**AVON VALLEY ENVIRONMENTAL SOC.**

3rd Friday of each month at Dept of Water,  
254 Fitzgerald Street Northam, noon.

**AVON VALLEY VINTAGE VEHICLE ASSOCIATION**

3rd Thursday every month, 8pm at the old engineers quarters, next to Northam Railway Museum, Fitzgerald Street, Northam. ph 96221192.

**AVON WOODTURNERS GROUP**

Monthly meeting 4th Monday 7.30pm to 10pm. Workshops 2nd and 4th Sunday 9am - Wool Pavilion, Toodyay Sports Ground.

**BEJOORDING VOLUNTEER FIRE BRIGADE**

Meet at Bejoording Fire Shed, 3rd Saturday 5pm

**BINGO**

Every Wednesday, eyes down 7.30pm Community Centre

**CENTRAL VOLUNTEER BUSH FIRE BRIGADE**

4th Tuesday of each month, 7.30pm at the Toodyay Fire and Emergency Services Centre. Training 2nd Thursday of each month.

**CHILD HEALTH IMMUNISATION CLINIC**

The next immunisation clinic: 27<sup>th</sup> May from 9am-11am. Please call Sheree on 9574 4577 to book an appointment.

**COONDLE NUNILE VOLUNTEER BUSH FIRE BRIGADE**

Meets 2nd Saturday of month from October to April, June and August, 5pm at Coondle Fire Shed.

**COUNTRY WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION (CWA)**

General meeting - 4th Thursday of each month, 1.30pm, C.W.A. Hall. New Members very welcome.

**CUBS, JOEYS & SCOUTS (only during school term)**

Youth Hall, Showgrounds, Cubs & Joeys 4.00pm - 5.30pm  
Scouts, Thursday 6pm - 8.00pm Ph: 9574 2363

**DRAMA CLASSES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE**

Monday 4-5.30pm. Call Anne on 9574 2458.

**FITNESS & FUN FOR THE OVER 55's**

Wednesday 9am, Sports Pavillion.

**IDA'S HIDEAWAY**

Every Saturday, 1pm to 4pm at Butterly House.  
Contact Ida Edwards on 9574 2858

**JULIMAR JEWELS**

Ladies only. Thursday 19th June at 12noon, Terrace 123 for lunch. All ladies welcome. Contact Shiril to make a booking on 9574 5077.

**JULIMAR VOLUNTEER BUSH FIRE BRIGADE**

Meets Saturday 4th July 5pm at Julimar Fire Station. BYO BBQ 1st Saturday of every month 6pm.

**MOERLINA**

Every Tuesday and Thursday Toodyay Sports Pavilion

**RAG-BAGS QUILTING GROUP**

1st, 3rd (& 5th) Wednesday, 10am Uniting Church

**ST STEPHEN'S MOTHERS' UNION/GUILD**

3rd Tuesday of month, Anglican Hall, 2pm from March to November

**SHIRE OF TOODYAY COUNCIL MEETING**

3rd Thursday of each month Council Chambers 7pm

**SILVER CHAIN AUXILIARY**

Meetings 2nd Tuesday of each month, 2pm at Toodyay Telecentre.

**SIMPLY MUSIC**

Piano lessons for all ages. CWA Hall Friday afternoon and Saturday morning. Contact Jan 0416 054 942.

**SING AUSTRALIA TOODYAY**

Every Thursday (except summer holidays), 7.30pm at The Factory, Baptist Church, Stirling Tce. Contact Beth 9574 5971

**SOCIAL TENNIS**

Tuesday 8.30am Ladies and senior men

**TOODYAY BALLET SCHOOL**

Classes in Classical, Jazz and Tap held at 507 Julimar Rd, new studio. Ages from 4yrs to Adults, girls and boys. 9574 4459. Saturdays 9am - 2.30pm (except school holidays)

**TOODYAY/CLACKLINE KARATE CLUB**

Wednesday 3.30-4pm, under 8, 4-5pm under 11, 5-6pm under 14, 6-7.30pm seniors. Friday 3.30-4pm Peeweeps, 4-5pm juniors, 5-6pm intermediate, 6-7pm seniors at the Youth Hall

**TOODYAY DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL P & C**

Every 3rd Wednesday (except school holidays)  
School Library, 7pm

**TOODYAY FRIENDS OF THE RIVER**

3rd Sunday of each month Duidgee Park (near Bolgart Bridge) at 8am October to April and 9am May to September. Enquiries 9574 2578

**TOODYAY KINDERGYM**

Kindergym Fridays (except school holidays), Toodyay Sports Pavilion. Contact: Debra Andrijich 9574 2676

**TOODYAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

3rd Wednesday of each month, 7pm Donegan's Cottage

**TOODYAY IRISH DANCING**

Friday 5pm Anglican Hall. Contact: Lyn Johnson - 9574 2530.

**TOODYAY LIONS CLUB**

1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month Hotel Freemasons

**TOODYAY MASONIC LODGE**

3rd Friday each month (except Jan)  
Masonic Hall, Fiennes St, 7.30pm

**TOODYAY MINIATURE RAILWAY (Inc)**

1st and 3rd Sunday commencing Easter Sunday. Enquiries 9574 4462

**TOODYAY MOTHERS' GROUP**

Meets the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month from 1.30pm - 3.30pm. Baptist Church / Community Centre. Contact Sheree 9574 4577 for enquiries.

**TOODYAY MUSIC CLUB INC**

2nd Friday of the Month from 7pm  
CWA Hall. Contact Teddy or Spencer 9574 4492.

**TOODYAY NATURALISTS' CLUB**

3rd Saturday each month, at CWA Hall 7pm. Enquiries to President on 9574 5445 or Secretary on 6364 3609. Visitors and new members will be made very welcome.

**TOODYAY NEIGHBOURHOOD/RURAL WATCH**

2nd Tuesday each month commencing 6pm Toodyay Police Station (General Meeting bi-monthly - Feb, April, June, Aug, Oct, Dec) Enquiries 9574 2212

**TOODYAY OLIVE GROWERS**

Contact Francis Moran for meeting dates 9574 5786.

**TOODYAY PLAYGROUP**

Tuesdays & Thursdays 9.30am - 11.30am, Playgroup Hall, Community Centre, Bindi Baxter 9574 4430

**TOODYAY RATEPAYERS & RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION (INC.)**

General Meetings 3rd Tuesday each month @ the CWA Hall, 7pm. Committee meetings fortnightly on Tuesday evening. Contact Roger Bray (Chairperson) 9574 4562.

**TOODYAY RED CROSS**

2nd Monday of month, Anglican Hall, 1.30pm

**TOODYAY SPINNERS**

Wednesdays and 2nd Saturday from 9am Parkers Cottage. President: Greta Sauta 9574 2868; Secretary: Rita Morald 0428 956 909

**TOODYAY SUB -BRANCH RSL**

1st Saturday of March, May, July, September and November at 2pm at the Bowling Club. AGM second Saturday in February at the Bowling Club. Contact Lou 9574 4310

**TOODYAY SWIMMING POOL ACTION COMM.**

12.30pm on the 2nd Monday of each month at the Freemasons Hotel.

**TOODYAY VOLUNTEER FIRE BRIGADE**

1st Monday of each month Fire Station, 8pm

**TOY LIBRARY**

Tuesday and Thursday, 9am to 10am at Toodyay Community Centre. Contact Tracey Hunter 9574 5642

**UNITING CHURCH**

10am, St Stephen's Church, Toodyay

**YOGA**

Friday 9am Friday CWA Hall. 9574 4184

AS anticipated, the Moondyne exhibition in the Town Hall Foyer by our members attracted a huge crowd of visitors (maybe some unintentional ones!). The venue was excellent in terms of location, though lighting was tricky, and some work not therefore displayed to best advantage. We did, however, attract some new members and we welcome them warmly. Many thanks to all participants and helpers.

At our May meeting we resolved to begin researching a new venue for a major exhibition, with prizes. We are looking for an interesting place that would also be attractive to visitors (and exhibitors) on another level e.g. historical, local produce, special event etc, that would be mutually beneficial. So if anyone has a brilliant idea please let us know. Members might like to bring some ideas on this to the next meeting, no matter how unusual. It might inspire another one.

Another proposal is applying for a grant for a project - but what is it to be?? Denmark has an annual 'Brave New Work' that involves the whole community practically. Something like that would be fabulous for Toodyay. Any input welcome.

We have started an "art exchange" whereby a member supplies an artwork for an 'art credit' which can then be exchanged for someone else's work of your choice. The pieces can be in any medium of an approximate size of 20 x 20 cm (or sculptural equivalent). There are some great pieces already available so get busy if you would like to become an art collector! Our "office" is open now on Fridays 10am to 4pm for members who want to work there in an amiable environment with other artists. The place to be is at the Old Police Station, Duke St South. Any spare easels lurking in sheds that can be donated to the cause? Or loaned.

Ceramic pieces from the last workshop are awaiting firing and eagerly anticipated... June's workshop on Sunday 14th is linoprinting with Sharon Boxall, costing \$20, with all materials provided. Phone Sharon on 0429 829 440 to book. This is a wonderful medium and very versatile.

Check When and Where column for next meeting's details.

Margot Watkins 9574 2823

## toodyay chamber of commerce

AMALGAMATIONS - to unite, blend, cooperate, consolidate, etc. It sounds really good doesn't it? But, can it work and do any of us have a say in which Shire Toodyay will amalgamate with if higher Government authority forces this issue on us? Out of the four Shires closest to Toodyay - Chittering, Goomalling, Northam and Victoria Plains, which one would suit the residents of Toodyay best to be amalgamated with? It is time that we all sat up and took notice of what is happening around us and have some input into what affects our everyday life. If you would like to give the Toodyay Chamber of Commerce your thoughts on this topic please attend our next meeting on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2009, 7pm, Dining Room at the Freemasons Hotel.

I would like to apologise to the people that trekked out to Black Wattle Cottage in Coondle expecting to attend the Chamber's last meeting. Due to unforeseen circumstances the venue had been changed after our column went into the newspaper. This will explain why we had such a poor turnout for the May meeting after such a wonderful attendance at April's meeting. In future we have decided to hold all meetings at the Freemasons Hotel, 125 Stirling Terrace, Toodyay unless there is a new business that would like to host a meeting.

Our Committee is a little depleted and if you would like to come along and help us out please contact Mike Knowles on 9574 4488 and he will gladly inform you of the small amount of time that is involved. Also we are trying to make a database of 'expertise'. What is this I hear you asking? It is a list of what people are good at. We would like to help people and contrary to popular belief, we do not know it all! If you have any area of expertise in business, law, writing reports or submissions etc. could you please contact either me, Lee on 9574 2148 or Mike Knowles on 9574 4488 and give us your information. Please be assured that your details will not become public knowledge and we would appreciate any time that you can give us.

See you at the May meeting. Take care and stay safe.

**toodyay swimming pool  
action committee**

MANY thanks to those who supported us by purchasing tickets in our recent raffle. We raised \$575 which was wonderful. Dawn Fisher was the winner of the money tree.

We are aiming to have a raffle more often and Toodyay Fresh has offered the site outside their shop at no cost. Other community groups may like to take advantage of this site so check with Tom and Carlos.

A reminder to all that money we raise is held at the Bendigo Bank by us and not by the shire.

Our pens are still available for purchase at TDHS, Makit Hardware and the Freemasons. The Recreation Strategy Advisory Committee meets on 30<sup>th</sup> of April so we hope there will soon be a recommendation to council about a site for the pool. The swimming pool has been on our minds for such a long time, it is sometimes difficult to keep enthusiastic but we do hope that, once we have a project ready to go, we will attract some more members to our committee. We already know the community is behind us and we thank you for your support.

Our next meeting is on May 11<sup>th</sup> at 12.30pm at the Freemasons

**healing in the hills**

**The Evolution Puzzle: Fact or Just a Theory**

THE puzzle with the evolution theory is this: most people believe in the evolution theory but the fact is that, in science, no other non replicable theory is portrayed as fact like the 'evolution theory'. Darwin himself stated that it was a theory only and, unless there was substantiating evidence, his theory would not stand; this has given rise to the great search for the missing link.

Most of us actually believe the things we are taught because we can see it work or we knew it could be replicated; we understood that the things we were taught were factual. We never talk about theories as fact. Most of us, when we hear someone say, "I have a theory," treat the statement with some scepticism and wait for it to be proven. Yet, all around, we hear people talk about the 'Science of the Darwinian Theory' as if it were fact. For most of us, we would not even be able to explain what the Darwinian Theory is (the origin of the species through the survival of the fittest).

We often accept theory as fact because eminent people say or imply it is true. An example is when we were taught in the early 20th century that the atom was the smallest particle because it could not be divided; that was the theory until Hiroshima blew it apart.

Think about this for a moment: in the medical profession any procedure or chemical intervention is not used unless it can be proven to be beneficial; it must then be proven to work over a number of times. We accept that the brain produces electricity as fact because the electrical charge can be demonstrated but we do not know how the body produces it.

In physics all the laws governing the material world like the law of gravity or propulsion are accepted as fact because they are consistently in use, but we still do not understand the mechanics: how do they work?

Yet the fact is Jesus was a real person who

changed the course of history; our time line is based on His birth. His claim to be God in the flesh has never seriously been disputed because he demonstrated His divinity.

The fact is that most of the social institutions and values emanate from the start point Jesus Christ and were influenced by his teachings. Many millions of people have had their lives turned around and have received great comfort through His teachings – in other words, they work.

The life and teachings of Jesus are fact not theory.

Do you want to know more or express your opinion? Why not talk to a practicing Christian you trust?

*Bob Adair*

*For the Toodyay Christian Fellowship*

**chaplancy news**

OUR year has started well and we are very happy with the response of "Friends of the Chaplain". If you are not aware, "Friends" are individuals and organisations who, for the sum of \$1000 a year become supporters of our School Chaplain. Anyone who cares to join our little band can do so by contacting Joy Street who will happily accept your money. We are very appreciative of the support we receive.

There will be a Street Stall on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June, and all donations are gratefully received. Once again we look forward to the Op Shop Ball in August. Watch for further details in the next Herald. Also, there will be the annual Family Concert in September. Keep these activities in mind and you may be sure of a good time.

*M. Heath*

**the view through my  
gallery window**

OUR spare room is just that – spare. Standing in the window and looking out through the front porch and, just past the pretend bridge over our pretend creek, you will see that our front garden is, essentially, bush.

For those of you who have not read my previous 'Windows', we live on a bush property, left mostly to its own devices. However, we have cleared around the house up to a clutch of young saplings grouped, a little like teenagers, leaning and falling over one another, jostling for a look see. Before you reach this clutch, we have what can loosely be described as a porch or archway made up of downed timber and put together with found railway bolts; Rustic is a description that comes to mind. If you stand in the entrance as I am this evening, especially during this, my favourite time of year, as the receding sun sheds its golden glow through this area, it actually becomes a window to the rest of the property that lies beyond.

A sign hangs overhead on rusty hooks proclaiming in elegant writing, strangely out of place, the word, 'Gallery'. This was rescued from a local garage sale. To my left, we've fashioned a pathway with an old wooden farm gate leaning slightly askew while holding up recycled timber fencing. You may be saying, a pathway, leading to what? I hope it is alright to borrow a title from another time; maybe this path leads to "God's Little Acre". The path is rough pebbles as we are drawn through and under the rambling creeper (the name of which I don't know how

to spell) which has done so well despite the lack of our attention and hardly any water.

Duck your head down. This branch causes a moment's pause as you will notice a couple or three cavorting fairies near a burnt tree-stump while, as we move on, we follow the bend round to a white iron fence and a cement letter-box.; gnomes and fairies might receive mail, you know! This, I am well-informed by Atiya, my grand-daughter, is very true and who am I to question?

The Iron Gate, attached to the fence will open, with a little encouragement, and there we have its (God's) gallery – nature at its best.

Why have a fence and a gate in the middle of the property? Well, why not? Who made the rules? We have a paint-chipped window frame hanging on the back wall of the house with broken pieces of glass tentatively holding on, while an old mesh curtain hangs and blows through the gaps in memory of times past when life was simple and there was no such thing as fly screens and air-conditioning was an open window. But I digress.

This evening, there are no clouds to clutter the sky and the air is becoming crisp as autumn still promises to arrive. The sun, now an orange/red ball, quickly makes its move behind the saplings, low scrub, burnt out youngsters and the newly arrived young guns – oops, gums.

Regal grass trees gently wave their spikes, catching the golden light now falling on them, as in an embrace of goodnight.

I can hear some critters begin their chorus of the night as the air moves over the dry undergrowth and a sudden new smell causes

Cody, our Lab, to rush off to investigate. Rush? A little bit of exaggeration, maybe; sauntered off more like it. Nothing much to report, eh, boy?

Some noisy 28s regroup for the night and Maggies, far off, call in family members. The first mozzie has found me.

The sun, in its final burst of energy, seems to cause a flurry of little fires as the rays touch the last of the garden's glory. Have you noticed how the sun suddenly goes and all that's left is the memory, a glow of fire? Once again, a magnificent sunset has blessed our West Australian skies with such a wonderful, breathtaking experience; one which we all too often take for granted and miss this simple pleasure in our often busy life.

The word, 'Gallery' has several uses: a covered walk, a raised floor over a part of an area in a church, the top floor of a theatre, spectators at a game of golf or a place to show works of art. I think that this place is all of the above. Oh, except the spectators at golf but who knows what the gnomes get up to with the fairies.

Cody has given up bugging me at long last and is lying at my feet pretending not to be interested in the prospect of dinner. Ah, but then he is a Labrador and you can't expect too much. The light is fading fast now and I've noticed another mozzie – or is it the same one?

Don't tell me this path leads nowhere. It's just the beginning of somewhere if you just look through God's window, His gallery.

Come on, boy, let's go get dinner. Let's see what tomorrow brings us.

*Anne Skinner*

<p><b>HODDYWELL COTTAGE</b></p>  <p>Call Suzanne on 9446 2271 or 0414 943 823</p>	<p><b>A Quiet Country Cottage</b></p> <p>Do you need to get away? Your answer is in Toodyay. Mid week Special is Book 3 Nights &amp; get the 4<sup>th</sup> night FREE Weekend Special is Book Fri &amp; Sat night and stay Sun for FREE Early 1900's Heritage hand made mud brick cottage set on 7 acres of peace, quiet and seclusion. The cottage is fully self- contained with three bedrooms including two queen and two single beds. It has an open fire in the lounge and a big claw foot bath on the veranda to soak in whilst the sun is setting. Lots of fun things to do in the area with the kids. Situated 9kms before Toodyay and only 85kms from Perth. <a href="http://www.hoddywellcottage.com.au">www.hoddywellcottage.com.au</a></p>
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