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Toodyay Playgroup

Brenda Hutchinson

IN May we will be busy celebrating Mother's Day. All the kids will be making cards in the days leading up to Mother's Day. We will also be holding a fundraising cake stall on Saturday 22nd May and we would appreciate all the support we can get. On the 27th May we will be holding our Biggest Morning Tea for Cancer WA once again all support will be greatly appreciated.

Our Committee Meeting will be held on May 18th during playgroup hours; all playgroup members are welcome to attend.

Congratulations to Brenda, Guy, Jessica and Lukas on the safe arrival of their beautiful daughter and sister Tiana Grace. Birthday wishes this month to Olivia (2), Emily (2), Harry (3), Zackary (3) and Blake (3). Welcome to all new members who have joined us recently and we hope you enjoy your time at Playgroup.

Toodyay Playgroup is open on Tuesday and Thursday from 9.30 - 11.30am. New families are always welcome. Please come along; it's a great way to meet other parents, make new friends and allows little one to socialise with other children (dads welcome as well.) Our playgroup is informal, set in a casual environment for you and your little ones to enjoy.

Any enquiries about Toodyay Playgroup please call Brenda Hutchinson on 9574 4489.

Toodyay Garden Club Inc

Gale Anderson
Secretary

ALL of us had a great visit to The Maze, starting off with a lovely Devonshire Tea followed by an up and close koala viewing and a little wallaby joining in with the crowd.

A few lost persons in the 1st maze were eventually shown just how easy it was as John had it all figured out very quickly. This maze was planted with 'Dwarf Willow Myrtle' (Agonis Flexuosa Nan) and had that wonderful smell of peppermint about it as you brushed by. The wooden maze was something of a chore but help came from children above in the tower giving their friends directions so, after a few dead ends, we thought we'd follow the kids. Much to Edith's relief, we finally came to the door of enlightenment.

Margaret, Barbara and Francis were the only ones game enough to go down the slide. Ellen and Gale set off to the Pine Maze which was different again: wonderful tall pine trees giving the feeling of being lost in a Hansel and Gretel forest. Mini golf with a team of six was won by Marian on a score of 28 and Roma had a hole in one (sorry Roma; unfortunately no badges given out for this hole in one.)

Chess games were booked out so, after walking the lovely grounds with mature palms, maples, cypress trees, huge big grass trees and lovely green lawns, we stepped into the walk-in aviary with some beautiful parrots and pheasants followed by lunch and a celebration of Margaret's birthday with a

cake that Alison had brought along. After announcing the winner of the raffle (Vern Wright), we then set off for 'Greenacres Nursery'. Yes, they couldn't resist it! As we pulled into the drive they break out in a bit of song, 'Green Acres is the place to be!'

Here, many a plant was purchased except for Gale who came back with an antique (well kinda) dolls' pram for \$5. Many had walked past it and admired the old pram but didn't think it was for sale A little TLC and she could come up lovely.

One of the features at 'Green Acres' was an old house that looked like the house on the TV series, 'Green Acres', but we were all tricked as it was just a façade (like a studio prop) and very well done.

With plants abundantly filling the isle of the bus, we then set off to the 'Muche Tree Farm' for some great specials. Kangaroo paws for \$1 and many other tube-stock at \$2, some finding plants they had wanted for ages like 'Katie's Blush' and 'Little John' (Callisterum), which Francis was happy with to add to their hedge of these of these lovely shrubs.

Then finally, arriving home, John stalled the bus getting up to Charcoal Lane (must have been that extra weight of our purchases) but, with a round of jibing from the back seats, we made it home with a round of 'For he's a jolly good fellow'.

Our next garden visit is two great local gardens at Toni Chrimmes and Barbara Turner on 6th May 2010. Brochures will be in the windows of stores around town with more details.

Any queries please call Gale on 9574 4740 or Margaret on 9574 5885.

Toodyay Olive Growers

Margaret McKeown

OLIVE harvest time is here again. Where does the year go? Reports from the various groves around Toodyay show the 2010 harvest is moderate to light. The lighter harvest is to be expected as the harvest in 2009 was exceptionally heavy.

At any given time, there are two crops developing on the same tree. This year's crop has flowered, been pollinated and is ready to pick. At the same time, next year's crop is being formed by minute buds on the branches. The more energy the tree uses this year on bearing fruit, the less it will have for shoot growth. That is why an olive tree has a natural tendency to bear heavily every second year.

Deciding when to pick is a critical skill for olive growers. Earlier harvested olives tend to yield a green, strongly flavoured oil. Later harvested, riper olives usually yield a milder, buttery oil.

In Toodyay, the harvest can begin as early as April and runs through to June. Some growers began harvesting over the Anzac Day weekend so as to beat the twenty-eights to the crop. The parrots are a perennial problem. Other growers are patiently waiting for the olives to ripen more fully.

There will still be a harvest in the fire affected groves although it will be very much reduced in volume. Who knows, maybe these groves will produce their best oil yet!

So, we can look forward to the new season's oils very soon in Toodyay and remember what the ancient Roman, Pliny the Elder, once said: "Sip the wine but splash the oil!"

Mothering: Together we do better

Mothers in Avon region celebrate National Mothering Week 3-9 May, 2010

THE Australian Breastfeeding Association (ABA) is inviting all mums and families to celebrate National Mothering Week in the week leading up to Mother's Day. ABA's Northam group is having a special morning tea on Tuesday 11th May 2010 from 10am to noon at Bridgeley Community Centre, 91-93 Wellington St, Northam. Grandmothers and support people are especially invited to come along as well.

National Mothering Week has been celebrated by the ABA since 1979 and this year's focus is on the importance of mothers connecting with each other by joining support groups. There are many programs in our community that are set up for mothers to help other mothers, including the ABA's own support groups.

For many mums, their mothers' group can become a welcome refuge, a place where they can share their feelings and know that others have been there too. Often mothers form life-long friendships.

'New mums get a chance to meet other mothers and have their breastfeeding questions answered by a qualified breastfeeding counsellor', ABA counsellor and mum, Amanda Abbott said.

'Mums find this mother-to-mother support a great help in getting through the early days with a new baby, but we also have members with toddlers and older children too', Ms Abbott added.

The ABA runs over 260 local mother support groups around Australia, as well as its 24-hour toll-free National Breastfeeding Helpline, 1800 mum 2 mum (1800 686 2 686) which takes about 1,500 calls per week. It also has a website which has lots of valuable information for mums which can be accessed at www.breastfeeding.asn.au.

The ABA's Northam group also holds regular meetings on Tuesdays. The second Tuesday of the month is at Bridgeley Community Centre from 10am, the fourth Tuesday of the month is at Toodyay, and the first, third and fifth Tuesdays are at Bernard Park, Northam from 10am.

Photo opportunity: Photos with mothers and babies can be organised prior to National Mothering Week. For more information, please contact Amanda Abbott on 0409206607 or 96229593. Alternatively, photographers are welcome at our National Mothering Week event on Tuesday 11th May 2010 from 10am to noon at Bridgeley Community Centre.

For more information, contact Amanda Abbott on 0409 206 607.



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Toodyay Scout Group

Dropbear

WE really wanted this to be a short article, but with the amount of stuff going on I don't think that's going to happen!

Firstly, many thanks to Mona and Phil Coffey for the loan of some ski gear to our Scouts, who are attending their ski trip on the 13th of August. Thanks also to the parents who are supporting their kids and our Committee to make sure that we have a strong and vibrant Scout Group.

Cubs participated in ANZAC Day, doing the march and making themselves very useful handing out programmes to people on the day. Well done, Cubbies. The Cub section has lots of very exciting activities going on, including ice skating and bushwalking.

The Cubs have planned a Group activity for July 1 with a sausage sizzle and fun activities for the whole Group. We're looking forward to seeing their rendition of 'shaving cream'! Cubs also participated in the First Aid in Action event – that is two badges for you guys, well done.

Rovers have been participating in WARC activities and getting ready for Bush Baja. Baja is an annual CAMS Motor Sport activity that is held at Northam and which is heavily attended by WA Rovers. They plan to take last year's Baja car to the Moondyne Festival to display it. Baja is designed for off road driving style of motor khana to give the Rovers an opportunity to practice their skills by entering specialty vehicles in a number of tests and obstacles. The Baja event is held at the end of September each year.

Other recent Rover events include a poker night with the Kalamunda Rovers.

Young people between the age of 18 and 26 are welcome to contact the Crew about joining in with Rover activities – call Crew Leader Julia on 9574 4427.

Scouts have been busy with planning for the Snow and Survival Camps and First Aid in Action week. The Scouts made fake flesh and fake blood to simulate wounds and emergency scenarios. Well done to all of you.

The Survival Camp is on next week, to be held in conjunction with the York Scouts. It is to be held on the 15th – 16th May, 2010 at the Cobblers Pool campsite. Scouts will meet on the corner of Folewood and River Roads and hike into the campsite (approx 10.8kms). You'll be achieving the bushcraft proficiency badge and hopefully beating the York Scouts to the Survival Camp Trophy!

Tom, Viv and Lachie selling scratchie tickets for the Snow Trip in August, 2010

Here are your hike rules - RULE 1. A Scout packs for himself/herself and is solely responsible for what he/she does or doesn't take. If you don't bring toilet paper, people probably won't sit next to you at dinner. ☺

RULE 2: NEVER let mums pack.

RULE 3: If you don't need it don't take it but if you take it and don't use it (except First Aid Kit) don't take it next time. Hint to the Toodyay Scouts (oh, NO, the newspaper now goes to York, the York Scouts can read this too!) – it is in your best interests to remember your trail signs so that you can find cool, secret contraband along the hike trail. We'll be putting this out the morning before. Some of it MAY be related to food and your comfort for the camp.

Our Scout Group Committee Meeting was held with the result that we now have a Fundraising Committee for the Snow Camp. Fundraising ideas from last week included a progressive dinner, publishing a cook book and a nature deficit disorder book, a raffle for motorcyclists, a three way shoot (archery, rifle and paintballing), Avon Descent and Moondyne Festival events, wood raffles and a sausage sizzle.

About nature deficit disorder – this is a made up term coined in America which has turned into a movement to promote the outdoors for our children. Toodyay Scouts happily embrace this concept, because we believe Scouting is important to get kids out and about, prevent obesity and promote kids development.

If you see any of these events happening in town, please support our Scouts – we now have 31 people going to the snow, a trip to Lake Mountain, Vic, with the York Scouts, where both Troops will meet with Victorian Scouts who have also come from a bushfire stricken town and will learn to crosscountry ski on the mountain.

Last, but not least, congratulations to the Scouts, who carried out the Vigil at the Toodyay War Memorial prior to ANZAC Day. It's a big ask, standing in the cold for an hour at corners and showing your respect for those Australians who fought and died for our freedom. As leaders, we were proud that our Scouts conducted themselves with complete respect and honest sincerity for the seriousness of the occasion. A special mention to our Patrol Leaders and to Tom, who volunteered for extra work and, like the rest of the Troop, made us proud to be Scouts.

See you at the Youth Hall on Thursday. For enquiries about Scouts phone 9574 2363 or email moondyne@iinet.net.au – Cubs phone Danielle at 9574 4005.



Artist Calls for Information

A SCULPTURE has been stolen from a property in Toodyay, highlighting concerns about a spate of recent burglaries and vandalism in Toodyay.

Award winning artist Margot Watkins was shocked to discover a significant artwork had been stolen from the front of her studio on or around 5th or 6th of April. "They also tried to steal another one, but it was internally attached and they abandoned that attempt," said Margot. "If anyone has information, could they please notify the police?"

The theft is one in a string of recent incidents which are currently under investigation by Toodyay Police.

Toodyay Music Club

Jenny Edgecombe

MUSICALS, Movies and Television will be the theme for the May meeting, with the stipulation that nobody is to perform the Soliloquy from 'Carousel' – there just is not that much time in the world. It should be a good night, pushing quite a few of us out of our comfort zones!

The Missing Chords and Keys have to be mentioned first this month, just to prove that I really do know the group's proper name. They entertained us mightily in the April meeting with a selection of childhood songs, those lovely ones where kids (as well as grown-ups like our own Jan Smith) have made up their own gruesome versions of well-known songs and rhymes. I think my favourite from the MC&Ks, Rhonda,

Kathy and Bob, was the delightful 'Hot Cross Bunny'.

We also enjoyed some new songs in the sing-along sessions. The aim is to have a body of songs that are easy to sing and play along with, to encourage everyone to join in, singing them regularly so that people can learn them. Of course after the fortieth repetition of some songs, people do get a little bored, so we are always on the lookout for suitable new ones. This time the additions included 'Little Ole Wine Drinker Me' and 'Michael Row the Boat Ashore' – an oldie but goodie for audience participation.

Leila's violin playing has moved up several levels lately, and 'Killing Me Softly' was lovely this month, while the speedy rendition of 'Turkey in the Straw' was amazing. She also performs with many other club members, on violin or double bass, adding variety to our meetings. In fact we have seen a great many new combinations lately, as members seek out new challenges in their singing and playing.

Frank gave us the great Steve Miller Band number, 'I'm a Joker', we had lovely harmonies from Maurice, Eileen, Moira and Peter in 'Who'll Stop the Rain' and Peter presented a moving version of Ted Egan's 'Nakamura'.

'Singing the Spirit Home', featuring Jeanette's powerful voice balanced so well by Allan's harmonies and guitar accompaniment was just sensational. It seemed that harmonies were flavour of the month, with Jenny and Joe adding their version of Tom Paxton's delightful song, 'I Will Love You'.

The ukuleles and bass really came together splendidly for Spencer's 'Mystery Girl', the Roy Orbison hit. Spencer and Teddy's coordinated ukulele picking for 'There Goes My Everything' had to be seen to be believed – great work, you two!

Next Meeting: 7.00 pm Friday 7th May – Theme night 'Musicals, Movies and Television'. Any style of singing or instrumental performance is welcome, so long as it is 'acoustic'. Come to our monthly meeting as performer or listener - Second Friday of each month at the CWA Hall. For further information, contact Teddy or Spencer on 9574 4492.

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Avon Wood Turners

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THINGS have been hectic at the Wool Pavilion with the project for the coming Show Raffle in the middle of discussion and now Allen Richeleau has done the drawing of the project ready to be commenced by the group.

We also had quite a few come and see us and a couple of these people joined our group. We have been able to acquire a lathe from one of our new members, Robyn Teasdale. We welcome you Robyn to our group.

Bill Beswick has been busy building our shelter and this has now been finished and is ready to use; a job well done and thank you, Bill.

We had our meeting on the 25th April and it was decided that, at our next meeting, we would have a barbecue lunch with our wives and partners to come along. We feel we can partake of this now that the weather has cooled down.

As you will all have seen by the time that this is printed that we had a stall at the Moodyne Festival and we are looking forward to this. It is hard work for a small group to take part in things like this as some of us are generally involved in more than one thing.

Well that's about all from the Wool Pavilion for now so will see you next month.

Toodyay Historical Society (Inc)

Robyn Taylor
Vice-President

EACH year we aim to provide an interesting speaker to follow our AGMs and, for our April meeting, we were fortunate to have Lesley Brooker who gave a fascinating talk titled "Explorers' Routes Revisited - the Toodyay Area".

By using drawings, maps and extracts from the explorers' journals, Lesley explained how she and husband, Michael, retraced the steps taken by these intrepid men. They camped out at night and, along the various routes, took photographs of the sites and features as they appear today. As one of our members aptly commented, "This is 'living history'." Lesley has published her findings in a number of self-published books (see our April column for details) and are available on line at lesmikebrooker.com/explorer.htm.

May promises to be another busy month. We are participating in the Moodyne Festival with a stall and this year we are placing information sheets in the windows of several selected premises along Stirling Terrace giving the history of that particular building. There will be a quiz and prizes for children.

We are holding a wood raffle outside the IGA on the Friday and Saturday 28th - 29th May. A roster will be drawn up at our May meeting - members are encouraged to help out.

Our excursion on Sunday 30th May will be to the former Sisters of Mercy Convent on Stirling Terrace. This promises to be a

fascinating and very enjoyable event. We hope to have one or two former retired Sisters on hand to talk to us about the history of the order in Toodyay, and the important educational role of the Sisters of Mercy in WA. We will meet in the forecourt at 2pm. Please bring a plate for afternoon tea. An excursion of the buildings will follow.

The Society was very saddened to hear that former member Jack Hammer had recently passed away. Readers of the Herald may recall Jack's 'Then & Now' column, which he published on behalf of the Society before moving down south in 2003 with wife, Lyn. See elsewhere in this paper for our tribute to Jack.

Our next meeting will be Wednesday 19th May 2010, 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, 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.

Tips for Photographers

THE Herald largely relies on contributions from the public, including photographs and stories about community events. If you're a budding photographer, consider submitting some of your work for publication - it must be relevant to a current event or news in Toodyay, Morangup, Gidgegannup or Bolgart, and submitted in high resolution jpg format.

Here are some tips for photographers who plan to submit images for the Herald.

When photographing people, consider that legs and bodies are not always necessary for the shot - hone in on the face and get faces nice and close together if you're photographing a group.

Make sure your subjects have taken off hats, sunglasses etc unless they're part of the story. Take a few shots to ensure you don't catch a subject mid blink.

Hold your camera at eye level (unless you're going for a specialty shot) - it creates a more engaging shot regardless of what direction the person is looking.

Avoid distractions in the background - these can include inappropriate logos on clothing or cluttered background. Don't be afraid to rearrange the shot to get the photograph you need.

Use natural lighting to your advantage - landscape shots with natural lighting (dull days and cloud cover are best for portrait shots) will work well. Bright sun creates shadows on faces, so use a fill in flash, even in bright sunlight.

And finally, if you need tips to help you with your photography, there are a number of amateur and professional photographers in Toodyay who will happily offer advice. The Herald publishes a number of images each month from community photographers, particularly from professional photographer Wayne Weaver.

Submit your photographs and help us keep making the Herald a fantastic community newspaper!

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The Legacy of Jack Hammer

Jenny Edgecombe
Archivist, Toodyay Historical Society

LAST week I attended the funeral of John (Jack) Hammer, my predecessor as Toodyay Historical Society Archivist. He was involved in many areas of Toodyay's life but my own knowledge of Jack is of his contribution to the recording and passing on of Toodyay's history. He never pretended to be an academic, but his lively enquiring mind and dedication to his work were significant for Toodyay Historical Society and the town of Toodyay.

Jack served on the Historical Society Committee and was President from 1999 to 2000. He worked hard to ensure that the Society maintained a presence even when membership grew quite low in the late 1990s, supported by his wife Lyn, who also served on the Society's Committee and was Secretary 2001-2003.

As the Historical Society's Archivist and Public Relations Officer, he built on the existing research collection. Very importantly, he made regular photographic records of changes to historic buildings in the town, stretching back to the 1980s. These photographs are now in constant demand for answering historical enquiries, because there have been many changes in those decades.

Jack's regular 'Then and Now' features in the Herald, using archival photographs of local buildings, will be remembered by many. They stimulated interest in Toodyay's past, and passed on some of the information collected by the Society. He produced pamphlets on Toodyay's historic buildings for visitors to the town, and ensured that the Society added to its library of historic publications, which is now quite impressive for such a small town.

When I arrived in 2003 and confessed to my archives background, Jack welcomed me, invited me to join in his work, and proceeded to teach me a great deal about working in a small organisation that was part archive, part library and part local studies collection.

One of my enduring memories is of his fascination with the detail in the background of photographs. The subject might be a flood in Stirling Terrace, but the background might contain our only photo of a certain building before its demolition. I have taken up this pastime with a vengeance, eagerly scanning for details when I come across new photographs.

Jack's outreach activities were substantial. He worked for involvement with school history programs, organised Historical Society participation in town celebrations with displays and procession floats, and maintained links with the Old Gaol Museum. He had a long association with the Museum, part of it as Curator, at a time when there was little access to professional museum staff and enthusiastic local people simply 'made do' with limited resources.

Generous with his time and knowledge, Jack spent countless days taking local and visiting groups around Toodyay and its surrounds, showing them where things happened and explaining the town's development. He believed strongly in relating history to the landscape, rather than purely reading about it in books. Whenever I attend gatherings of historical societies, I meet people who mention with gratitude the time and help given to them by Jack when they visited Toodyay.

He gradually reduced his active role in the Historical Society and he and Lyn eventually moved to Rockingham, where he worked on writing up the material he had collected over the years. His work included an illustrated history of the Old Gaol Museum, and he was always planning new versions of historic Toodyay walks and drives.

Jack Hammer's influence and his memory will most certainly live on in Toodyay.

Men's Bowling Notes

ASHLEY Grundy recently competed in the Champion of Champions Singles event for Western Australia and was Runner up. This was a terrific achievement and congratulations to Ashley.

The Toodyay Club Pairs Men's Event was also concluded with Peter Healy and Ken Adams being the winners. Runners up were Barry Groves and Bert Hardstaff.



Toodyay Ballet School

Lani McGeady
A(dip)CBA CICB cert iv

THE students and families have once again been very busy over the holidays.

We were in Perth for eight days straight of competitions. The On Stage Performing Arts comps are held at Penrhos College and ran from 9am Easter Monday to 10.30 pm Monday 12th April. There were three sessions a day from 9am - 12.30, 1.30 - 5.30 and 6.30 - 10.30. With at least an hour and a half travel time (3 hrs a day), it made for very long days. But the kids and parents have had a fabulous time, with many trophies and lovely reports and catching up with friends and making new ones.

It's just a tremendous atmosphere. The children are all adorned with careful make-up and glitter and diamonds on their faces, wiglets and hairpieces fitted and secured and magnificent costumes that parents have slaved away on to ensure their presentation is superb. Proud parents fight back tears of joy in the audience while their children whirl and smile their way around the stage, and everyone gets a huge clap no matter what errors or mishaps have occurred. The students all received a written report on their performance to help us identify things that we need to work on and points that the adjudicator thought were strengths.

It's such a great tool for us as teachers to give our students the opportunity for stage time and to be exposed to the bigger dance community. My daughter, Bonnie, (just turned 14) has made lifelong friends with students from other schools. They all talk to each other on Facebook and love catching up in person side stage. The teachers lead by example and all kiss and hug when we see each other. In fact, when I accidentally left Bonnie's costume at home, we were inundated with offers of help from other schools. She was taken into the dressing rooms of another school and they added diamonds to her leotard, loaned her jewellery and found her some fishnets. Another school found a headpiece and another took a skirt off one of their costumes and we attached it to hers. Would you believe that, with all this help, the adjudicator loved the costume and Bonnie won the section as well as \$50 prize money and a huge perpetual trophy? To make it even more amazing, she was actually competing against the girls that had helped her and they were all so thrilled and excited afterwards!!

So Bonnie ended up coming runner-up aggregate dancer of the Festival for the eight days and received \$100 prize money.

There is a misconception that children shouldn't be competitive, but this example is exactly why we do it; it ensures the children understand that friendship and helping others to enjoy dancing is why we do it, not for the trophies.

In other news, Kate Arber has just returned from a week intensive training at the Australian Ballet School in Melbourne. She was accepted into this elite institution last year and is enjoying being one of the very few students around Australia given the opportunity to train with our National Ballet School.



We are also busily preparing for our next set of competitions in June and July. Unfortunately I will not be available to accompany the students in July who are competing in Mandurah, so my most senior student, Lauren Smart, will be assuming the role of teacher and will be in charge of assisting the students. She has begun the long and arduous task of training to become a fully qualified teacher and is taking the opportunity to take on some responsibility while I am away.

I am taking three of my students to Italy for a 10 day intensive Summer School. Bonnie McGeady, Kate Arber and Rhyce Toovey, along with their families, will be travelling to Italy for the experience of a lifetime to take class with world renowned teachers, choreographers and dancers. I originally entered these students in an audition process for the Ajkun Ballet in America when they recently travelled to Australia cities and, although they were considered too young to take class with the company in America, they were offered this opportunity to allow the Americans to keep an eye on their progress and reassess them as they get older. We are all very excited and are planning to spend time in London and Paris as well as on the coast in Italy.

The opportunities keep coming for these students. Rhyce is also looking forward to taking class with the WA Ballet Co in August. He did very well at the Penrhos comps receiving an unbelievable score of 98 out of 100 for one of his solos and also taking out the prestigious Boys Only section at St Mary's comps against some of the most talented young men in WA.

I'd like to take the opportunity to congratulate all the students who took part in the comps and tell them again how very proud I am of all of them. It takes great courage to stand on the stage alone in front of strangers as well as family and friends and share their passion and love of dance, and I love watching you all achieve a little more each time you take part.

Keep stretching.



St John Ambulance

AS has become the norm, it has been another busy month on the road for local St John Ambulance crews. A total of 22 calls were attended, including 2 by Bolgart crews and 1 by Morangup. In this total, there were 7 transfers to tertiary hospitals in the metropolitan area.

Last month, volunteers were fortunate to have Henry Edwards from the SES attend a training evening to deliver an informative training session on the use of our radio system.

The time has come to put together the annual St John Ambulance Christmas Stocking, for which raffle tickets will be sold over the winter months. Donations for the stocking will be gratefully received at Toodyay Hair Studio. Speaking of winter, it is nearly upon us so it is time to think about getting some wood! Keep an eye out for St John's volunteers selling tickets for a wood raffle in the main street in the coming months.

For all enquiries relating to memberships, first aid classes or becoming a volunteer, please contact the sub-centre on 9574 2390.

Morangup Playgroup

LOCAL families have restarted the Morangup Playgroup for parents and their young children (aged 0-4 years) to share in sessions of play and learning in a happy, relaxed and safe environment within their local community.

Playgroup parents manage the sessions and make up the committee. Your involvement and new members are always welcome.

For enquiries call Emma (President) on 95729376 or drop in for a play any Wednesday 9:30-11:30am at the Morangup Community Hall located at Lot 3 Wallaby Way, Morangup. We look forward to meeting you.

Workplaces Can Improve Their Bottom Line

A HEALTHY Active Workplaces Training Workshop in May will show Northam and surrounds organisations why, in today's working environment, it pays to not only have employees that work but also work out.

Open to all private, public, local government, not for profit, small or large organisations, the free workshop on Monday 17th May will be presented by the Department of Sport and Recreation (DSR) with the support of Avon and Central Wheatbelt Primary Health at the Northam Visitor's Centre from 10am-12pm.

"While people living in regional WA typically enjoy a more laid back lifestyle, they are not immune to the effects of today's working environment which is contributing to inactive lifestyles, stress and alarmingly high rates of preventable disease," said DSR Manager Wheatbelt Jenifer Collins.

Workshop presenter Tahlia Maslin, also from DSR, said creating a workplace culture that supported and enhanced the health and wellbeing of Western Australians should be a priority to provide health, social and economic benefits across the state, and encouraged Northam organisations to be among those reaping the benefits.

"Research shows healthy workers are almost three times more effective than their unhealthy colleagues," Ms Maslin said.

A Healthy Active Workplaces resource kit and online questionnaire recently launched by DSR in partnership with the Physical Activity Taskforce will be introduced at the workshop. These resources enable workplaces to plan, implement and evaluate a comprehensive health and wellbeing program simply and at a low cost.

To confirm your place at the free workshop, which includes a copy of the Workplace Health Resource Kit, RSVP to Tahlia Maslin at DSR on (08) 9492 9776.

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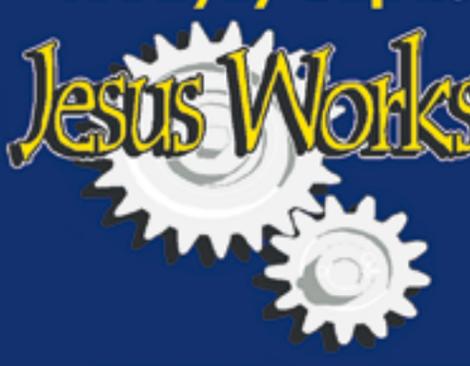
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Richard Walkey

WHAT to make of the influenza vaccine and the health scare for those under 5 years of age?

Unsure is the first answer. There have been scares before such as the measles, mumps and rubella vaccine. The myths were subsequently debunked but children suffered from not receiving the vaccine.

In the influenza cases it sounds frightening and it was obviously right to suspend further vaccination in those under 5 until it is clear what is going on. Hopefully an answer will be swift in coming.

Recently in Berlin where a late spring had leafless trees and biting winds, with statues of famous leaders and generals as well as memorials to the holocaust, my mind asked how did people cope in the World Wars? When cold, I could enter a warm café or have a hot shower, a luxury denied those in the front lines and beyond. I thought about this at the Dawn Service on Anzac day a time for reflection on those that died all too young.

While we debate the ethics of war it cannot be denied that at times it brings forth deep strengths in humanity such as compassion, sacrifice and endurance.

On a more medical note about 15% of all Americans have no health cover whatsoever, 50% of adults with a mood disorder have had symptoms dating from adolescence and it is reported that rural areas in Australia are short of 1800 doctors.

Could vitamin D be involved with MS? So it seems and increasing vitamin D levels to 90nmol/l could reduce the relapse rate. It is important not to overdose, however, and increase by too much the calcium loads in the body or the risk of a stroke or cardiovascular disease.

A study potentially linking paracetamol intake and developing asthma in childhood has flaws and the link suggested is very unlikely.

The debate about whether boys should be immunised against HPV as well as females continues as the number of HPV related mouth or oropharyngeal cancers rises. The number of HPV positive cancers has risen from 19% in 1987-90 to 66% in 2005-6.

While investigations are necessary to locate and therefore treat disease it is important to be aware that investigations have their own risks with CT scanning giving a radiation risk. Children and young adults are more at risk than adults with the risk of a fatal

malignancy from a single CT scan of about 1 in 1000.

Finally the PSA debate. Dr Richard Ablin whose work four decades ago led to the current test has gone on record stating the test is too expensive and ineffective. Why would he say that?

Well PSA is raised not only in prostate cancer but also from infection, over the counter medications such as ibuprofen and benign prostate enlargement. He felt the PSA test was best reserved for those where there is a family history of prostate cancer or for following up those treated with the disease.

About 3000 Australian men die each year from prostate cancer so it is important to try to reduce the numbers affected. The urological society feel that a PSA test in conjunction with a physical examination are still the best 'flag' we have in trying to achieve this.

Fruit Trees Need Winter Care

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WHILE fruit trees are either dormant or not actively growing during winter, there are a number of jobs that need to be done to ensure healthy flowering and growth next season.

Peach leaf curl, apricot freckle, brown rot, scale and mites are just some of the pest and disease problems that attack our fruit trees every year, sometimes with disastrous effects. Often prevention is easier and cheaper than cure, and a couple of well-timed sprays go a long way to help control many problems in fruit and vines.

Winter is the time when we can do a lot to help. The earlier the better, because spring can creep up on us and by the time there is blossom and new growth, it is too late for preventative measures to be successful, particularly for diseases.

Pruning
Apart from controlling the size and shape of trees, encouraging replacement fruiting wood and sunlight penetration, neatly pruning trees is important. Wide branch union angles, unclustered branches and fruit reduce the areas where pests and diseases can build up.

It also leads to easier and more effective spraying, as a very thorough coverage is needed for a preventative spray, which should be applied to the point where the spray is running down the trunk to the ground.

If you have been having continuing

problems, or notice a disease for the first time, it may be sensible to burn the prunings, or at least put them through a mulcher. Remember also to treat any pruning cut larger than 15mm with a wound dressing or pruning paint to protect against wood-rotting fungi.

Copper Sprays
Copper is the best fungicide we know, closely followed by zinc and manganese. They are also organically based, so it makes sense to use them. Using them as fungicides has the added benefit of being nutritional, as they are the three most important trace elements for fruit trees and are deficient in most of our soils.

They are also very good defoliant, so using the raw sulphate forms should be restricted to deciduous plants during dormancy, unless they are neutralised by mixing with hydrated lime. This is known as a Bordeaux spray.

Proprietary products are pre-neutralised and thus are much safer to use. They are either based on copper-oxy-chloride or copper hydroxide, and are sold under a variety of trade names.

Copper sprays help control most fungal and bacterial diseases such as leaf curl, shot-hole, freckle, black spot, bacterial canker and sooty mould. They should be applied to all fruit trees, including evergreens, and to most vine crops.

The first application that is not promoted enough for deciduous trees is at leaf fall. This is best applied at the first sign of leaf fall, in fact burning the leaves off and forcing the trees into dormancy is beneficial. You can actually gain quite a few extra chilling hours, so important to get a crop on fruits such as cherries. As a lot of the disease spores over-winter on plant trash on the ground, this spray effectively coats this with its fungicidal protection.

The right time is the first week of May for cooler areas through to the end of May in warmer areas. Evergreen trees such as citrus also benefit from this spray as it helps reduce problems with sooty mould and brown rot, and even help repel snails to some degree.

Another spray in mid winter may be necessary for nastier problems such as bacterial canker in cherries. This can be mixed with an oil spray, giving more effective spread and penetration, and many growers say an improved fungicidal effect.

The most important application is on deciduous trees at the first sign of budswell. Any later is too late to get proper control. Once new leaves have emerged, use a lower concentration to reduce the risk of burning. If in doubt, switch to the synthetic powder fungicides.

For the best control of powdery mildew in grapevines, apply a lime sulphur spray during dormancy, switching to a wettable sulphur after budburst. Sulphur is also a very good fungicide, but can burn green growth, especially in hot weather. It also is an effective miticide, controlling both bunch mite and grape leaf blister mite.

Oil Sprays
Oil sprays are mainly used to help control scale, but they can also help to reduce mite numbers on deciduous trees. It works by leaving a film of oil over leaves and branches that smothers the tiny young insects as they hatch from the eggs. With some pests such as citrus leaf miner, it can also deter the adult moth from laying eggs.

We were once restricted to using two different formulations. One is called winter oil which can only be used on deciduous trees during dormancy. The other is white oil which is really only suitable for evergreens. However, a new oil developed by Ampol is suitable as both a summer and a winter oil. It is sold as D-C-Tron Plus® or Pest Oil®.

Deciduous trees are sprayed in mid dormancy to help prevent both mites and scales. Applied at heavier rates, it can help to promote a stronger flowering. An insecticide such as chlorpyrifos can be added if there is a severe scale problem.

Citrus and some other evergreens are sprayed in early summer to control wax scale, and mid summer for other scales. Citrus leafminer is most active in spring and to a lesser extent in autumn. However, I do not recommend more than four or five oil sprays per year, as the oil film can build up to the point that plant health can be affected.

Fertilisers and Water
Healthy, strong trees suffer less from pests and diseases, and keeping trees well mulched, fed and watered helps achieve this. Organic growers also say that Potassium is important for disease resistance, but be careful not to apply too much as it is easy to cause toxicity.

It is important to note that deciduous trees do 75% of their year's root uptake of nutrients between budswell and Xmas/New Year, so that's when most of your fertilising

should be done, especially on heavier soils. July and August are the months where at least half the year's fertiliser should be applied. Remember also that the roots become active up to three weeks before you see signs of bud movement or flowering.

However, even the best-managed trees will still suffer to some degree from the pests and diseases we have discussed here, and the preventative sprays mentioned are really "must do's".

Care of Fruit Trees

Horticulturist Peter Copping is holding a series of workshops, discounted for people affected by the Toodyay bush fire.

"This is the first of a number of workshops for this winter where we will cover all the why's and how's of pruning," said Peter. "The session will suit those who need to know the basics, but also those who wish to hone up their skills."

The workshop will cover:

- The three main reasons for pruning
- Which fruits need pruning, why and how
- The techniques for each species to get the best fruit
- Winter care (soil management, pest and disease control)

The workshop will be held at Christine Read's property in Morangup on Sunday 9th May, 2010. Registration is at 9.45am, workshop from 10am-3pm. At 3-4pm there will be an optional Q&A session for those who can stay on.

The cost of the workshop is \$55 per person (\$88 per couple) or \$33 (\$55 per couple) for Toodyay bush fire survivors.

To register, contact Peter at pcoppin@tpg.com.au or phone 0419 906 584. For information on other workshops go to www.petercoppin.com.

Local Performs at Perth Concert Hall

LOCAL lad, Chris Robinson, spent his Anzac Day performing as part of the New I Voci Singers at the main Anzac service at the Esplanade Park in Perth. Chris has been a member of the choir for over two years, and was part of the choir which performed in Channel 7's Battle of the Choirs TV show in 2008.

The choir's Musical Director, John Christmass, who recently celebrated his 87th birthday, has been conducting choirs for over 50 years and is one of the most respected choral directors in WA. He began his career at Perth Modern School, quickly becoming Head of Music there. He then became Head of Music for the entire state education department.

The choir, which was formed 30 years ago, is made up of young people from many walks of life, including schoolteachers, university students, graphic design artists, and office workers. Music is what brings them together, allowing them.

The choir recently returned from their third invitational tour of Germany, performing most nights of the three week tour, receiving standing ovations and singing encores at every concert.

This month, Chris will perform with the choir in the Perth Concert Hall for the 19th Annual Best of British concert. The choir will be accompanied by the Perth Pops Orchestra, with guest appearances by solo artists. The Best of British, along with the Vienna Pops concert on New Year's Eve, are always sell-out concerts and have received enthusiastic reviews from music critics.

The Best of British concert will be on Saturday May 15th, at 7.30pm at the Perth Concert Hall. Tickets can be bought from BOCS on 9231 9946.



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From left to right - Tim, Sarah, Julia, Rob, Rob and Kiah

Rovers Lend a Hand

TOODYAY Rovers joined a number of other community organisations last week to help make the 2010 Moondyne Festival a resounding success.

Rovers Rob Curtis, Sarah Oliver (Stirling Lakes) and Tim McGarr (Kwinana) joined Toodyay Rovers Julia Robinson, Rob Webb and Kiah Connor to assist with the Toodyay Church Groups' 'Fusion' Family Fun Day.

The Fusion event was held for children attending the Festival and included apple dunking, ring toss, goal kicking, nail hammering, coconut shy, wellie toss, sack races and 'kill the rat'.

The Rovers also displayed their 'Bush Baja' car - a vehicle which won the Trailblazer event in 2009. The Rovers are seeking sponsorship and people with mechanical skills to assist with a rebuild and upgrade prior to this year's Bush Baja motor sport event.

Crew Leader Julia Robinson says that the

Bush Baja event is one of many events run by WA Rovers.

"Bush Baja is an annual event which is designed as an off road driving style of motor khana to give the Rovers an opportunity to practice their skills by entering specialty vehicles in a number of tests and obstacles," she said.

"Rover Scout Motorsport gives Scouting a good promotional tool as many other car clubs seem surprised when we mention that Scouts do motorsport."

Rovers meet as a Crew and participate in a variety of activities. These activities offer you the opportunity to mix socially, push yourself physically, challenge yourself mentally and develop spiritually. Each Crew is different and chooses the activities that suits its members most.

The Toodyay Rovers are a new Crew who are being sponsored by the 3rd Kalamunda Rovers. If you are between 18 and 26 and are interested in becoming a Rover, supporting Bush Baja or attending an event, phone Julia on 0428 820 010.



Australian Breastfeeding Association

Amanda Abbott
Group Leader, Northam

SINCE Louisa Dyer qualified as a breastfeeding counsellor with the Australian Breastfeeding Association, she has been a tireless supporter of breastfeeding. Her passion has been to support mothers by empowering them to make their own decisions that suit them. In the past 10 years, Louisa has been busy at a local level

- providing feed and change facilities at local shows, free local counselling and holding local group meetings in Northam, Toodyay and York. She says that she enjoys watching mums who are uncertain with their newborn babies blossom into confident parents.

Louisa will still be involved in the group, being a helping hand at group meetings and will be continuing her role as trainer for the Australian Breastfeeding Association. Louisa has enjoyed leading the local group of subscribers, community educators, trainees and counsellors and she is handing over the reins to community educator and now breastfeeding counsellor, Amanda Abbott. With the day-to-day dealing of the group now being done by Amanda, Louisa has already volunteered for the email counselling provided by the Australian Breastfeeding Association, as well as regular shifts on the 7 day National Breastfeeding Helpline. Louisa is also the Breast Pump Hire Officer for the Northam group, so she will still be involved locally.

Louisa has enjoyed her time as group leader, and now is the time to let go. Amanda is looking forward to carrying on the group work and looking at new activities, while still providing essential services for parents in the Avon community. We are a non-profit volunteer group, raising awareness of the importance of human milk, while assisting parents to make informed choices. For more information please contact Amanda on 9622 9593, call the free call 7 day Breastfeeding on 1800 mum 2 mum (1800 686 2 686) or see www.breastfeeding.asn.au.

Photo caption: The Australian Breastfeeding Association Northam Group thanks Louisa Dyer who has been group leader for the past 10 years

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environmental matters



python watch
barking gecko

Desraé Clarke
Member, Toodyay Naturalists' Club

DESPITE the hot weather I have neither seen nor had a lot of reports of many reptiles. The 29th December 2009 fire, no doubt, would have severely impacted on the reptile population in the southern sector of the Shire. However, I recently disturbed a beautiful, sleepy, adult Barking Gecko which was resting beneath a bucket; the bucket was resting on a piece of wood with just enough space for the gecko to hide. It was interesting to note that it had flattened itself sufficiently to fit beneath the bucket. As I watched it slowly unwind its curled up body, it seemed to 'puff' itself to its full adult size; it then

stretched up on its front legs. The Barking Gecko is also known as the Thick-tailed Gecko but many geckos have thick, fleshy tails so the name Barking Gecko seems more appropriate. Despite the fact that I have seen a number of Barking Geckos around our home over the years, I have never heard one actually 'bark'; however, I believe the sound is quite audible especially if the little creature feels threatened.

The Barking Gecko is one of the larger geckos found in the Toodyay Shire, being approximately 60mm (3¼ inches) snout vent length, SVL, which is the length from the snout to just before the back legs. The tail is thick at its base but rapidly graduates to a point. The ground colour of this beautiful creature is from a reddish-brown to a purple-brown with either white or yellow spots patterning its body, merging into lines from the back of the head and on the cheek. The original tail is strong black with vivid white markings on it. With so many exquisite markings on the bodies of our reptiles it is very easy to see where the beautiful

Aboriginal art develops. Geckos may lose a tail in combat but it will regenerate; however, it will not have patterning as the original tail. This has been observed with one unfortunate with a newly grown tail of a pinkish colour - and no patterning at all!

As the gecko does not have movable eyelids it has an eye covering of a transparent scale; this is cleansed with its long tongue - an instantaneous action. By pure luck we have captured, on camera, this cleansing action!!!

The Barking Gecko lives in a range of habitats from wet bushy areas to dry scrubby terrain. It is terrestrial (stays on the ground), sheltering beneath leaf litter, under loose bark at the base of trees or in small rock crevices, or such like, and is nocturnal, meaning it forages mainly at night. It feeds on insects and spiders and lays two soft-shelled, leathery-textured eggs.

The Toodyay Naturalists' Club welcomes reports of sightings of interest that include animals, insects, trees, plants, etc, to enter on its data base. This is such an important project as the reports give a base line of what is in the Shire, what has been and anything undiscovered or that has moved into the area.

Photo: Wayne Clarke

Toodyay Seed Orchard Group

MOST of the plants we have grown this year are now almost ready for planting.

The shade cloth is off and the watering reduced. Those who have ordered tubestock should get a call towards the end of May but if you don't hear anything please call the number below. Distribution will happen on the weekend of the 29th and 30th May at the parks and gardens depot near the ANZAC memorial and again on the following weekend if plants are still there. At the same time we will be assisting distribute to donate plants to those properties affected by the fire.

Unfortunately we don't know exactly what

sort of plants will be coming. Anyone from the fire affected areas needing plants please come between 10am and 3pm.

Anyone with a bit of gardening knowledge who wants to help with this and provide advice please call the number below or contact Rita Harrison on 9574 4485.

All we need now is some good persistent but gentle rain so we hope it will arrive in good time for some weed control before planting in early June.

Contact details 9574 5882 Email: bethanlloyd_8@msn.com

Anyone who wants to join our group, our meeting times at the shade house are as follows.

- Wed 12th May 3pm
- Wed 26th May 3pm
- Sat 29th and Sun 30th May 10 - 3pm
- Plant pick up
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2000	94.4	0.0	13.0	31.6	7.6	73.0	115.6	78.8	26.0	0.8	5.0	2.8	488.6
2001	7.2	3.2	2.6	2.8	60.4	6.4	78.6	70.6	50.8	22.4	28.0	0.0	333.0
2002	9.0	5.4	2.2	52.4	37.2	72.4	90.4	50.6	50.0	27.0	11.4	2.6	410.6
2003	0.0	26.6	46.2	49.0	71.8	120.0	68.6	92.0	75.2	7.0	26.8	6.8	590.0
2004	2.2	2.4	3.4	4.2	73.6	93.2	63.8	82.8	28.6	21.2	35.0	0.8	411.2
2005	0.0	2.2	25.2	10.6	86.0	135.6	43.6	71.6	51.0	22.6	9.6	4.6	462.6
2006	119.5	16.6	3.0	21.2	19.0	29.8	54.8	88.8	73.2	15.6	13.8	9.4	464.7
2007	16.4	26.6	10.2	34.0	58.2	43.2	121.0	74.0	70.4	39.2	0.0	57.6	550.8
2008	0.0	10.8	9.8	76.8	38.2	62.8	146.2	8.4	50.6	43.0	31.0	3.4	481.0
2009	8.0	8.0	9.0	32.6	39.2	83.6	115.0	76.2	56.2	17.2	30.2	2.6	478.2
2010	0.0	0.0	0.0										0.0
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environmental matters



weed of the month
afghan melon

Wayne Clarke

ONE weed that has begun to proliferate in the Wheatbelt is the pie melon, or Afghan melon (*Citrullus lanatus*). A member of the Cucurbitacea (or pumpkin) Family, this weed is native to tropical and southern Africa. Summer growing, it is a common weed of firebreaks, farm paddocks, roadsides and in disturbed watercourses. It belongs to a

Family of some 830 different species, a number being important food plants (such as pumpkin, cucumber, squash, zucchini, marrow, rock and honeydew melons) and mostly from tropical regions of the world.

Afghan melons are easy to identify as they are usually the only large fruiting plant growing during the summer months. The plants are annuals (plants that complete a cycle from germination to fruiting in one season, and then dying), have long, prostrate, villous (hairy) tendrils, some metres in length. The leaves are deeply lobed (lobed is the division of a leaf up to near the middle of the leaf stalk), up to 20cm in length, with the tendrils being many-branched; tendrils arise from a fleshy taproot.

Both male and female flowers grow on the one plant, and have yellow corollas (the inside whorl of a flower, made up of

the petals) 3cm to 4cm across. The mature fruit are hairy, can be up to 15cm across, are coloured with mottled green stripes while young and turning yellow (and hairless) with age. The skin is dense, and the core is bitter to taste and unpalatable.

Photograph courtesy Rod Randall (Western Weeds, Plant Protection Society of WA 1997)

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Toodyay Naturalists' Club

Lee Francis

OUR April meeting was low on numbers, due to many people taking the opportunity for a rest and a bit of globe-trotting, but the lucky people who were there experienced a very interesting presentation by Nathan Heal, who is Project Officer for the Wheatbelt NRM. Part of his current position is to engage with Indigenous people and work on environmental remediation projects in the Wheatbelt. But we also heard about making water sources for elephants in Africa, and many other challenging adventures. We now have our own projection equipment for guest speakers to use, and to share with Toodyay Friends of the River, thanks to the generosity of Lotterywest and the effort by our Secretary to put together the submission and check out all the options and prices.

The President and some members attended the Heavenly Hectares workshop on 11th April. There is a full report

in another article in this issue of the Herald from Cr Bethan Lloyd, who was responsible for initiating and managing the whole event. Thanks Bethan for inviting the Naturalists' Club to be involved. It was a very worthwhile experience. Thanks also to Zara Kivell, the Land for Wildlife Officer for this region, who brought along the lovely Harmony the Carnaby, the white tailed black cockatoo who is always very popular.

Particular thanks must go to the businesses who donated prizes to the Bushfire Appeal at Bendigo Bank for funding and to Wayne and Desrae who helped all day despite Wayne being unwell. To top it off, Desrae had cooked up a storm of cakes and soup which were greatly appreciated by the attendees. Feedback from the presenters since the event has been very positive. One story is that a gentleman who had been to one of the earlier workshops had taken the advice given then, and planted a suitable shelter belt of trees. He credited this with saving his house in the December fire, so good advice is very valuable.

Our next excursion is on 15th May. We will be going to Karaakin (the old Cohunu Wildlife Park in Gosnells), which is now a rehabilitation centre for Carnaby cockatoos, followed by a visit to the Armadale Reptile Centre. We'll meet at the Visitors' Centre at 9am. Bring all you need for a picnic lunch and morning and afternoon tea. If you have any spare old towels for the cockies, bring them too. Zara has warned that the cockies love jewellery, buttons and all things shiny, so she recommends not wearing your eveningwear!

Members should have received a programme by now. If you haven't, please let Wayne know.

Everyone is welcome to any of our meetings or excursions.

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bird of the month square tailed kite

Desraé Clarke
Member, Toodyay Naturalists' Club

THE rare Square-tailed Kite is a solitary bird except when nesting. It is a large bird of 50 to 60cms with wings measuring up to 1.25m and extending past the square tail when folded. It nests in the canopy of tall trees with an untidy collection of sticks, lined with green eucalypt leaves, built in the fork of a thick horizontal limb not the thin outer branches.

The Square-tailed Kite has a conspicuous off-white coloured chin, face and forehead. Its crown, neck and underparts are a mottled rufous-brown and the upper parts are a mottled brown-black. It has a dull, whitish 'window' towards the tip of each slightly upswept wing. It has a yellow eye, a brown-yellow bill and the unfeathered feet and talons are a yellow-brown in colour.

Nesting is between July and October with 2 to 3 spotted or blotched rust and brown eggs. Incubation, mainly by the female, is approximately 40 days with the young fledging at about 9 weeks. The nest is relined, each morning, with fresh green eucalypt leaves.

It soars effortlessly over woodland and tree canopies in search of its main source of food of nestlings, insects, reptiles; it 'spots and picks' off the outer foliage of the tall trees especially the nestlings of honeyeaters.

The call of the Square-tailed Kite is a thin, high single-noted whistle or it may be a 'yelp' but it is mainly silent.

Toodyay Friends of the River

Desraé Clarke

APRIL has been a slightly lighter month for the Friends although a number of members collected rubbish and plastic surrounds from the revegetation project along Boyagerring Brook at the April get-together. Unfortunately, the plant survival in the area has not been significant which is possibly related to the extreme weather that has been experienced over the past few months. However, the plants that have been strong enough to survive appear nice and healthy. Sincere thanks are given to those members that participated in the 'clean up'.

The River Project Meeting is to be held on Sunday May 9th commencing at 10am. All members are urged to attend together with data, photographs and maps on the particular section allotted to them. It is always a 'fun' meeting so new members are most welcome to attend even if you do not have an allocated section of the river. As several members have left the district sections have been added to other members' workload so new members would be most welcome to take on these sections. Please direct all enquiries to members of the committee shown below.

On the day of the River Project Meeting could members please bring along a chair, morning tea and something to share for lunch. It would be appreciated if an RSVP could be made as soon as able to President, Gaven Donegan 9574 5347, Vice-President, Desraé Clarke 6364 3609 or Secretary, Robyn Taylor 9574 2578.

River Project Meeting
Sunday May 9th
Commencing 10am
Held at
Maxine and Robin Walker's property
654 Lovers Lane
Toodyay

The next general get-together is to be held on Sunday May 16th commencing at the winter starting time of 9am. The Friends meet at Duidgee Park to then work on weed eradication along the river. Ensure you wear strong footwear and bring along rain gear – hopefully the heavens may have opened by then!!

Fire Recovery Special

Bethan Lloyd

PRESENTED by Chris Ferraira and Garry Heady from Great Gardens, this event was well supported by the community with 50 participants attending made up of people affected by the fire looking to recover their properties and those looking to improve fire protection around their homes.

Topics included how to establish a waterwise garden and increase eco-friendly features on you properties. Chris and Garry covered a variety of topics through garden design, selection of fire retardant species and how to plant them, looking after bushland and creek lines, managing regeneration, controlling weeds and pasture establishment.

Some of the key messages were: fire resistant features such lawns, vegie and fruit gardens; swimming pools should be nearest to the house; create a 30m fire resistant zone around your house and shed; if you have water you can establish deciduous trees on the north side of your property to give shade in summer and let the light through in winter; try to use the rain where it falls on your property, in other words, water should not be running off your property on to others', causing soil erosion and other problems. Do this by having well designed fire breaks, ripping across the contour when you plant, creating mini contour banks along steep driveways and taking action to combat non wetting soils.

The importance of building up your soils was stressed as the most important factor in growing your chosen plants whether its garden plants, fruit trees or establishing pasture. The importance of the addition of good quality organic matter was stressed and treatment of very sandy soils and clay soils was discussed. To ensure success, DONT PLANT A \$20 PLANT IN A 20C HOLE.

Peter Coppin talked about orchards and recovery of trees after fire. We were advised not to cut trees back until well into June to give them a chance to regenerate. Generally native trees under 5-years-old will be lost in a hot fire but after that age they should be able to produce growth from epicormic buds under the bark. Burnt fruit trees growing from below the graft may look hopeless but, if you wait a while, these suckers may establish a sap flow which may cause the tree to burst into leaf further up. If, in a couple of months from now, there is still no growth from the top part of the tree then the option is to replace or regraft. If only suckers are coming from below ground, the tree will not recover and can be removed.

Many thanks to the businesses who provided spot prizes, drawn during the day, including Bunnings from Midland, Mitre 10 in Northam, Toodyay Garden Centre. Very special thanks to MAKIT hardware for some wonderful electric tools which were major prizes.

Thanks to Lee Francis from the Naturalists club for support and assistance and other members who helped tidy up. Special thanks to Desraé Clarke for her beautiful cakes and carrot soup, which were much appreciated.

Many thanks also to Zara Kivell from DEC who set up a wonderful display featuring Harmony, the Carnaby's Cockatoo and presented information on Land for Wildlife. When you add all the individual properties together this scheme is the largest private holding of land for conservation. Anyone seeking to manage their land to encourage wildlife should enrol in this scheme and you will get all the information you need. There is a bit of waiting list but it is worth the wait.

And thanks to all those who attended and please remember that we hope to run some further property planning workshops if there is enough interest. These involve more detailed planning of your property using overhead photographs and individual assistance. Groups will be no more than 12 properties at a time.

If you are interested in enrolling in one of these please call Bethan on 9574 5882 or email bethanlloyd_8@msn.com.

Toodyay Local Hero Nominated for WA Citizen of the Year

A TOODYAY man's dedication to his community after the devastating December 29th bushfires has put him in the running for the WA Citizen of the Year Awards.

Charlie Wroth, Bushfire Recovery Coordinator and Chairman of the Toodyay Bushfire Recovery Committee has been nominated by Agricultural Region MLC Jim Chown for the WA Citizen of the Year Community Service Award, which honours extraordinary voluntary service and dedication by an individual that leads for the betterment of life for the Western Australian community.

"Following the devastating Toodyay bushfires which destroyed 38 residences and damaged numerous properties, over 200 people found themselves displaced from their homes with no food, clothing, shelter, and in many cases no money or identification," said Mr. Chown.

"Mr. Charlie Wroth was one of the many volunteers who not only fought the fire, but following its extinguishment took an active role in rebuilding the community and helping the victims of this State disaster."

"The day after the fire, Mr. Wroth took on the role of the local emergency manager, which involved the coordination of emergency services to help alleviate community issues resulting from the fire."

"Three days later, he was elected Chairman of the Toodyay Bushfire Recovery Committee which was established to support and rebuild the community after the fire, and continues to serve in this vital role."

A long serving volunteer and Bushfire Control Officer with the Julimar Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade; a trained St John's Ambulance Officer; an active Shire Councillor, and past President of the Toodyay Agricultural Society, Mr. Wroth is an active member of the Toodyay community and in his role as Bushfire Recovery Coordinator is responsible for the coordination and implementation of all recovery services and programs to rebuild the Toodyay community.

"Mr. Wroth's role as Bushfire Recovery Coordinator is an extraordinarily difficult task, due to competing demands and overlapping responsibilities," Mr. Chown said.

"Mr. Wroth has managed this challenging task with dignity and integrity, and without any hesitation, and has sacrificed the management of his farming operation and transport business interests in order to serve his community."

"In his role he has conducted and chaired daily meetings in the town hall for affected and concerned residents; co-ordinated services with numerous agencies including the Red Cross, the Department of Child Protection, Western Power, Telstra, the WA Police, and State and Government Ministries; organised funding arrangements and organised protocols for donations; and offered emotional support to those who had been affected by the fire."

"Under his leadership, the committee has established a timeframe of 18 months to replace destroyed residences and rebuild the community."

"Mr. Wroth's initial involvement in the recovery process involved working a voluntary minimum 16 hours a day on behalf of his committee. Such was the volume of the phone calls he received immediately following the fire that his personal mobile phone wore out, which he replaced and paid for at his own cost. He personally covered all of his phone and other costs throughout the disaster."

"The dedication and hard work that Charlie Wroth has undertaken in his role as Chairman of the Toodyay Bushfire Recovery Committee has fostered good relationships throughout the community and has resulted in the growth of community spirit not only in Toodyay but thorough out the Agricultural Region," Mr. Chown said.

"Charlie Wroth's dedication and involvement to the Toodyay community prior, during and following the December 29th bushfires is an outstanding example of a true WA 'local hero'; and I consider him to be the most worthy nominee for the 2010 Western Australian Citizen of the Year Community Service Award."

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C.Y. O'Connor Students Graduate

C.Y. O'CONNOR College of TAFE celebrated the achievements of its graduating students of 2009 with a gala graduation ceremony held at a colourfully adorned Muresk Hall on 17th April, 2010.

The Hall was at almost full capacity with 180 guests enjoying the ceremony and refreshments, including pork for the buffet provided by Linley Valley Pork.

Mrs Maxine Gossland, the College's Aboriginal Development Officer gave a warm acknowledgment to the traditional owners of the land, the Balardong People. The Minister for Energy, Training and Workforce Development, Hon. Peter Collier MLC attended the event and offered further acknowledgment to the traditional owners of the land. The Minister gave a very informative address, outlining some exciting new developments in aboriginal training. He also highlighted the ongoing value of the College's training delivery to the Wheatbelt region.

"For the last two years in succession, the College has achieved the highest student satisfaction ratings of all publicly funded training providers in the State, a remarkable achievement by any standards," said Managing Director John Scott during his address. "This would simply not be possible without quality lecturers and support staff."

Mr Scott also announced that he intended to develop the College as Western Australia's premier dual-sector, open learning institution.

"I would also like to recognise the support provided by our sponsors who have generously donated funds to enable a host of prizes to be awarded today," added Mr Scott. "This is very much appreciated by the College, and I think it is a reflection of the depth of support for the College across the Wheatbelt, and an acknowledgement of the value of training in building stronger communities."

The final part of the ceremony was the presentation of the outstanding student awards, with each receiving a trophy, framed certificate, cheque and a loud round of applause.

Awards winners were: Northam Boulevard Student of the Year - Anthony Wray WA Farmers Regional Business Student of the Year - Nicole Fleay Directions Regional Services and Lifestyle

Student of the Year - Denese Smythe
 CBH Regional Trades Student of the Year - Josh Lyons
 Shire of Northam Aboriginal Student of the Year - Kylie Dann
 Northam Toyota Apprentice of the Year - Josh Lyons
 Shire of Northam Trainee of the Year - Michelle Pryor
 Linley Valley Pork Encouragement Award - Troy Sprigg
 Avon Valley Advocate Most Improved Student Award - Breeanna Waight
 James Dawson Memorial Award (sponsored by Valley Ford/Hyundai) - Kelly Mauchline
 Ashley Brooks (runner up)
Photo: James Dawson Memorial Award winner, Kelly Mauchline with lecturer Jeanette Grieves

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Doors Open for People with Disabilities

A JOINT initiative by the Disability Services Commission, the Shire of Northam and C.Y. O'Connor College of TAFE has been launched to provide information about access in the Wheatbelt for people with disabilities.

Disability Services Minister, Simon O'Brien, recently launched the You're Welcome WA website, which provides information on more than 2,300 accessible venues and facilities for people with disabilities living in Western Australia.

"Every day, people with disabilities and their families face challenges to do things others take for granted, going to the shops, having a meal at a cafe, picnicking at a park or going on a holiday," Mr O'Brien said.

The initiative received funding of \$950,000 from the State Government in a partnership between the Disability Services Commission and the Western Australia Local Government Association. C.Y. O'Connor College of

TAFE partnered with the Shires of Northam and York to collect access information.

Students from the College worked with staff to collect data for the programme. Together they collected information from 275 businesses and facilities operating across the Wheatbelt, including the towns of Beverley, Cunderdin, Northam and York.

Managing Director of C.Y. O'Connor College of TAFE, John Scott, said that the College was proud to be included in the initiative. "This is a good example of how the College works with and adds value to the community that we serve," he said.

36 local governments and more than 1,000 businesses, community organisations and government agencies have joined the program as You're Welcome WA partners. To access the website, go to www.accesswa.com.au.

Awards for Heart Health Initiatives

THE Heart Foundation is urging local governments in Western Australia that are leading the way in creating healthy communities and encouraging people to be active, smoke-free and make healthy food choices to nominate for the Heart Foundation Local Government Awards 2010.

Entries are now open and councils not only have the chance of receiving recognition from the Heart Foundation but could also receive part of the \$34,000 in cash awards and a plaque. Entries close on 4th June 2010.

Cardiovascular disease is a leading cause of death and a major source of disability in Australia. But people can reduce their risk of cardiovascular disease by making healthier lifestyle choices. Local governments that create supportive environments to promote better health and reduce the risk of chronic conditions can receive recognition through the Heart Foundation Local Government Awards.

Heart Foundation Chief Executive Maurice Swanson said, "The awards focus on the implementation of initiatives that build a sense of community, encourage people to be physically active, be smoke-free and make healthy food choices. These highlight the impact that Local Governments are having on creating healthy communities."

The 2010 awards program has six categories:

- Employee Health and Wellbeing
- Facilities
- Healthy Weight
- Planning for Active Living
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For entry forms and information about the 2010 awards contact Anna Sheppard, Acting Manager Physical Activity, on 9388 3343, visit www.heartfoundation.org.au/lga or call 1300 36 27 87.

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Avon Valley Baseball Association

CONGRATULATIONS to Ben Day-Archer for being chosen to play for Country Cavaliers in the WA Country Regional Championships

Ben was chosen to represent the Avon Valley along with players from Kalgoorlie, Karratha and Tom Price. They did extremely well resulting in being the winning team, against Pilbara and Batavia Blazers.

Country Cavaliers will now go to Queensland accompanying Perth Heat Baseball to represent WA in the National Regional Championships.

The Avon Valley Baseball Association would like to congratulate Ben on his achievement.

High Performance Scholarships

THE starting whistle has been blown on the Department of Sport and Recreation's (DSR) High Performance and Regional Scholarships, so if you're a coach, official, administrator, practitioner or support personnel, make sure you're in with a shot this year.

The scholarships are offered under DSR's Coaching and Officiating Excellence Program and are part of a state-wide initiative to develop coaches, officials, administrators, practitioners and support personnel.

"DSR is committed to providing development opportunities for coaches, officials, administrators, practitioners and support personnel in Regional WA, where sport and recreation plays a particularly vital role in building stronger, healthier, happier and safer communities," said DSR Project Officer Aaron Morse. "People filling these roles are vital in keeping sport and recreation safe, fair and enjoyable for us all, and we are delighted to be able to support them through scholarships like these that help them to continue and excel in their roles."

The High Performance Scholarships are offered state-wide, to those in both metropolitan and regional areas, and provide a unique opportunity for state sporting associations to work closely with their key high performance personnel and those within a high performance pathway.

The scholarships can be used for professional development, mentoring, training opportunities, and travel to national and international events for education and training or to improve accreditation levels.

The Regional Scholarships are available only to regionally-based coaches, officials, support personnel, practitioners and administrators. These scholarships provide opportunities for applicants to access education, training, mentoring and professional development to improve their skills and techniques within their own region or by travelling to other parts of WA or interstate.

Applications close on Friday 21st May 2010.

Football

TOODYAY Lions made the long trip to Dalwallinu on Saturday 24th April for the first game in the 2010 season but came away without a win. Final scores – League: Dalwallinu 18.9 (117) def Toodyay 10.11 (71). Reserves: Dalwallinu 5.6 (36) def Toodyay 3.5 (23).

Dowerin, Wongan Ballidu and Calingiri all came away with wins after the first round with Wongan Ballidu looking very hard to beat in this year's competition.

Toodyay Pony Club

WHAT a busy month April has been! Toodyay Pony Club members and their families have worked very hard in the last few weeks fundraising at a big horse show in Perth and holding a wood raffle and cake stall outside IGA in town.

The horse show was held at the Claremont Showgrounds and showcased a variety of pony breeds with the Australian Pony Stud Book Society (APSB). Our hardworking Pony Club members travelled to Perth on the Friday night to set up a large marquee to operate as canteen, selling food to all of the show people over the weekend. Thank you to Toodyay Bendigo Bank for the use of the catering trailer all weekend.

Pony Club mums, dads and teenagers cooked and served customers all day and then served a dinner to 60 people on the Saturday night. We are not cooks but we are devoted to our club, and running a canteen like that not only helps other horse groups involved in the show but most of all, raises much needed funds to keep our Pony Club alive. It was a very successful, although tiring, weekend but very worth it I think!

We had barely recovered from the show when we were thrust into cooking mode again, this time baking cakes, biscuits, scones and rocky road for the street stall held on Saturday 24th April. The baked produce was sold along with craft items, plants and knitted goods made by some creative members over the last few months in preparation for the stall. The winner of the load of wood for the raffle lived in town and received their prize that afternoon. Congratulations! The day was a huge success and we thank everyone who supported it.

Thank you to all the members who have dedicated their time and energy to these big fundraisers!

Work is progressing very well on the new cross country course with several obstacles taking form on the Pony Club grounds. A small jump painting day was held in early April to weather proof the new portable cross country jumps.

Pony Clubbers like to get out and show off their ponies and riding skills. Rachel Cook competed at the APSB show on Banshee and placed 1st in Ridden Connemara / Highland APSB gelding, then going on to win Reserve Champion Ridden Gelding. She also placed 1st in Dressage 17yrs and over. Well done! Please let Cassandra know if you have any results from showing you would like to have published.

We are now looking forward with much excitement to the Open Gymkhana we are holding at the racecourse on Sunday 23rd of May. The program has been finalised and is available for viewing on www.cavalletti.com and www.stockyard.net.

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Junior Tennis Club

Therese Chitty
Junior Coordinator

WELL done to our juniors on another successful season. We finished off the season with the Jones Perpetual Trophy, which has been donated by Bobby Jones and family and played for, for 24 years. Once again Bobby provided great prizes for the players as well as afternoon tea. The winners of the day were Kristen Twine and Liam Leyland; runners up were Andrea Chitty and Jayden Ellis. The younger players played a fast tennis format and the winner of this was Olivia Ferguson with Riley Blankendaal being the runner up. After the tournament a BBQ was enjoyed by parents, players and some of the senior members. Social tennis followed, the senior members and parents joining in with the kids and playing some very good tennis.

The junior members are also eligible for a consistency award which is taken over the whole season. The winner of this was

Andrea Chitty with equal runners up being Mitchell Cording and Kristen Twine. During the season we had between 24 and 32 juniors playing tennis every Thursday afternoon, with some of our members also participating in zone events played in other towns and seven of our members represented the zone in the CBH country challenge in Perth during April. Well done to Kieran Hug, Mat Haines, Andrea Chitty, Taylor Ferguson, Dresden Moffet, Kristen Twine and Megan Moffet. Congratulations also to Mat Haines and Mat Taylor (Wanamal) who were chosen to go to Tasmania in June to represent the State in the regional development talent tour.

Thanks also to the Toodyay Op shop, IGA community chest, Sunsmart and the DSR for their support of junior tennis.

Finally thanks to Vicki Blankendaal, Nadine Cording and Di Delicata for the help they gave me on Thursdays.

Above: The Toodyay Junior Tennis Club

Below: Bobby Jones with Andrea Chitty, runner up for the Jones Perpetual Trophy



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* Guidelines for writers and cover sheets are available from the Toodyay Herald, Toodyay District High School and the Toodyay Library
* There is a limit of one entry per person.
* The winners will be announced and published in the December issue of the Toodyay Herald

The closing date for entries is Friday 15th October 2010



Clackline/Toodyay Karate Club

WE'RE back! After the most amazing and exciting trip ever, Senseis, Ken and Helen, are all fired up and ready to teach you all that they have learnt in Japan.

In Nakatsu, we trained with Sensei Andre Bertel (6th dan Japan Karate Federation). In Takanabe, we had private training with Shihan Kenichi Fukamizu (8th dan Universal Shotokan Karate) every morning for 2 hours and attended USKU training sessions each night. Shihan Kenichi has told us that we are welcome any time, can bring groups of students with us and we can send students to him for intensive training.

In amongst a whole lot of karate training, we were taken to some of the most awesome places. We saw museums and art galleries, temples and shrines, music and dancing, gardens, mountains, etc ... and a heap of cherry blossoms! We'll tell you lots more about the adventure I'm sure.

Hopefully we'll be organising a huge trip for all of us in the future.

Sunday 16th May, Morley Rec Centre, 9am:

Who is going to have a go at becoming West Australian Karate Champion? We think you are ALL champions!! A strong team representing Avon Valley Shotokan will bring enormous credit to our club. We are now members of the Australian Karate Federation in our own right.

RESULTS - Tournament of Champions

Novice events:

Jock Thompson	3 rd	Boys 8/under Kata.
	3 rd	Boys 8/under Kumite.
Ben Smart	3 rd	Boys 8/under Kata.
	3 rd	Boys 8/under Kumite.

Open events :

Regan Flaherty	1 st	Boys 9/under Kumite
	3 rd	Boys 9/under Kata
Jacob Blankendaal	3 rd	Boys 10/11 Kumite
Carl Streek	2 nd	Veterans Open Kata

Congratulations to all students who participated we are very proud of your efforts!

Jordan Turnock and Layne Gulbransen competed valiantly in large divisions. Well done boys - better luck next time. Thank you

to Russ for representing our club as a judge and to Jordan for coaching our team.

OSU!! St Johns Ambulance Senior First Aid Course

Toodyay, 22nd & 23rd May - cost \$120.

This certificate course is open to everyone. The karate club will contribute \$50 towards the cost for all financial members. A reminder to the Black Belts that it is a mandatory qualification! Junior students may also do the course with their parents - the stipulation being that they are strong enough to roll an adult over on their own.

Forms available now - please return ASAP.

Healthy Club Sponsorship
Our club has been sponsored by Healthway and Sports Medicine Australia and is pleased to promote the 'Healthy Club' message. A Healthy Club is a club that ensures it provides a healthy and safe environment for players, coaches, officials and spectators and provides healthy role models for junior members.

- It addresses:
- Alcohol and other drugs;
 - Smoking;
 - Sun protection;
 - Sports safety/injury prevention;
 - Healthy eating.

This year the money will be used to subsidise club members attending Senior First Aid Courses.

Photo: Ken and Helen Bainbridge



Toodyay Hockey

THE Under 17s Smarter than Smoking Hockey Junior State Championships were held 14th to 16th April during the school holidays at Lark Hill Sporting Complex, Port Kennedy.

The Avon Hockey Association submitted

a girls' and boys' U/17s team. A large representation of players was from Toodyay, especially in the girls' Division. The girls are to be congratulated on their efforts and overall winners of the B Grade Division. Special mention and recognition to the parents and supporters who did travel down to Port Kennedy during this event.

Caption: Damon Geary, Courtney Fleay, Renee Ward, Naomi Lucas, Hannah Welburn, Jess Ward



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