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Above: The Prowse family trolley, one of thirteen trolleys entered in the race and below, St Johns'.. Photograph by Wayne Weaver

Toodyay Trolleys' Dash for Cash

A CHARITY event in May has raised over \$6000, with community groups participating in an innovative 'Trolley Run' organized by Toodyay Classic Cars' Alan Rose.

The IGA Shopping Trolley Dash, held in mid May, was well supported by community groups who purchased trolleys from the Lions Club and filled them with food to be delivered to a Food Bank in Northam. IGA sponsored the event with over \$1000 in food vouchers.

Coordinator Alan Rose said that funds raised will be used for community projects in Toodyay and Northam and is planned to be an ongoing event.

"I think we've learned a lot about running an event on the road - it was a big learning curve for us," he said.

"Now that we're through that process, the event will be bigger and better next year. There's been a lot of interest from community groups, and the two clubs have

agreed to run the race in the other direction next year - from Northam to Toodyay."

Teams of four raced thirteen trolleys from Duidgee Park to Northam, with one team member pushing the trolley and the other three cycling. Participants included St John's, Toodyay Race Club, Northam Lions, Makit Hardware, Toodyay Classic Cars, 'The Cougars', Northam Police, Northam Shire, Coondle-Nunile Volunteer Bushfire Brigade and the Toodyay Rover Crew.



An Aquatic Centre For Toodyay?

A SHIRE Recreation Advisory Committee has recommended that Toodyay commence building an aquatic centre next to the school as their first priority.

The recommendation came after a series of submissions from the public and debate amongst the members of Council who make up the committee.

Swimming Pool Action Committee Chairperson Carol Plackett said that it was a step forward in the 52 year fight for a swimming pool in Toodyay.

"Toodyay is one of only a few Shires who do not have a swimming pool," she said.

The recommendation included that the first priority for additional recreation should be an aquatic centre; that the preferred site is Lot 1 Drummond Street; that the Centre will comprise a six lane, twenty five metre pool, including provision for an indoor recreation centre and creche and that the administration be authorised to prepare plans for the development in order to actively pursue external funding.

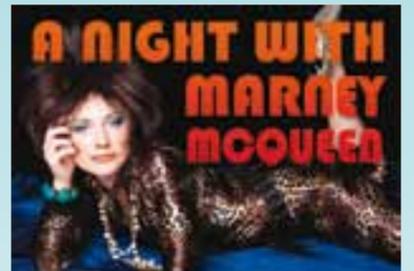
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2010 Australian Safer Communities Award

IF there is a local community group, business or individual who is working to make your community safer, now is the time to acknowledge their valuable contribution.

Nominations are open for the 2010 Australian Safer Communities Awards that recognise innovative practice in the building of safer, stronger and better prepared communities across Australia.

Acting FESA Chief Executive Officer John Butcher said the awards recognised people throughout the State who were working to prepare communities for emergency situations.

"Western Australia regularly faces a range of emergencies, so ensuring communities are well prepared to deal with them and recover quickly is vitally important," he said. "These prestigious awards highlight the many worthwhile projects where government, community groups and the private sector have worked to improve the resilience of our communities."

"Past award winners are now recognised throughout the emergency management sector for their exceptional achievement and professional standing."

Sponsored by Emergency Management Australia and coordinated in WA by FESA, the Australian Safer Communities Awards cover all aspects of community safety with an emergency management focus. This includes risk assessment, research, education and training, information and knowledge management, prevention, preparedness, response and recovery.

Entries must relate to projects that commenced after 1st January 2008 or relate to existing projects with significant enhancements or outcomes since 1st January 2008. Entries close Friday 2nd July 2010.

Visit www.fesa.wa.gov.au for more information about the awards or call the WA Awards Coordinator on 9323 9819.

Fire to Benefit Biodiversity Hotspots

IMPROVED fire management could benefit native vegetation and biodiversity in Western Australia's Wheatbelt according to research by the Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC) and CSIRO Sustainable Ecosystems.

A three-year CSIRO-DEC project has revealed that strategically managed fires could improve biodiversity conservation in the Wheatbelt, which is part of a globally recognised biodiversity hotspot for its diverse plant communities.

Dr Carl Gosper, a scientist working with both CSIRO and DEC, said nature reserves in the Wheatbelt were mostly small and isolated and usually surrounded by agricultural land.

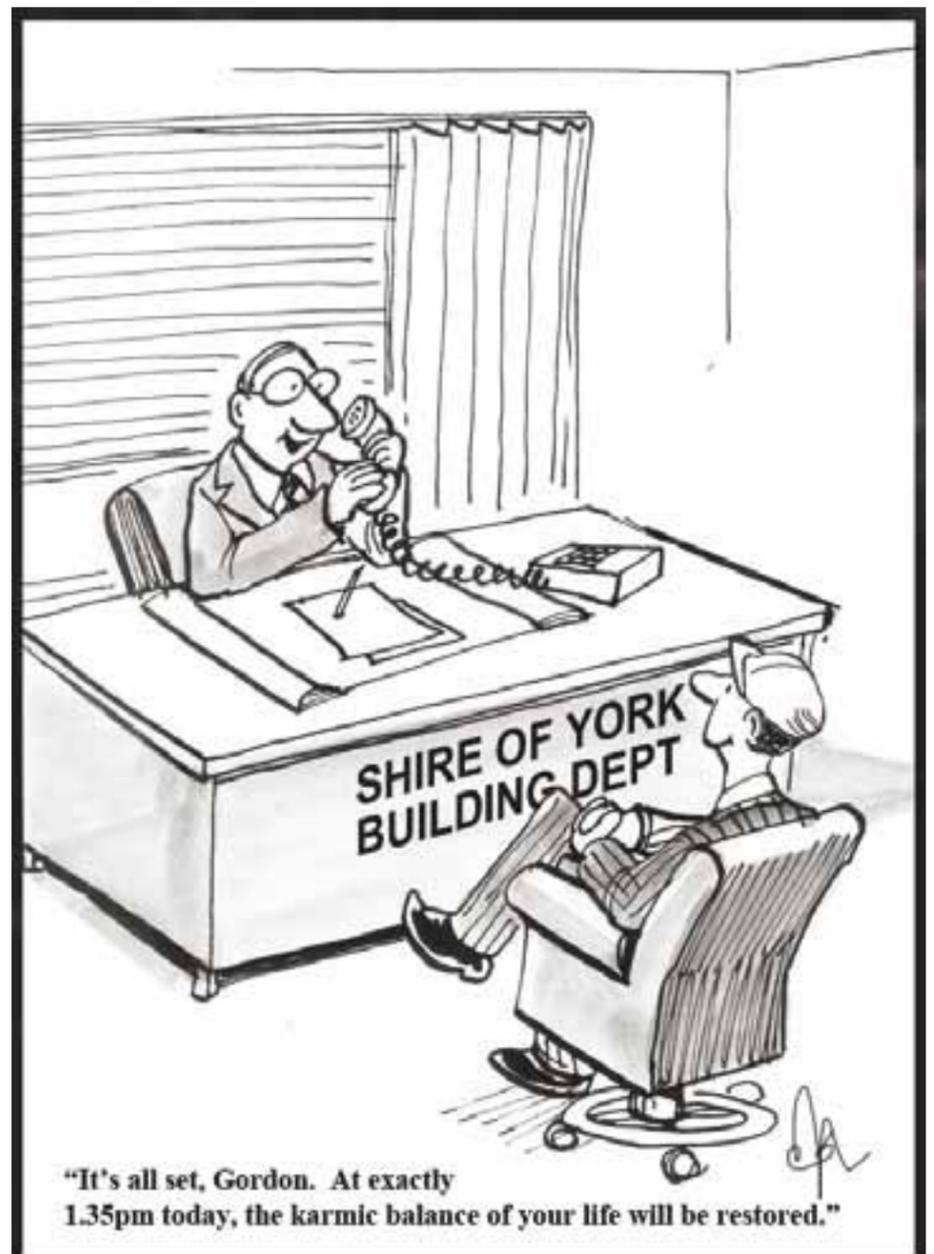
"Because fires have been suppressed in landscapes of this nature in the past, fires in reserves have been infrequent and there has been little understanding of the consequences for flora that would have originally been more exposed to fires," Dr Gosper said. "Our research shows that fire is a viable option for biodiversity conservation in intact mallee remnant interiors because it does not exacerbate weed invasions. Remnant edges, however, are susceptible to weed invasion irrespective of fire management."

"Nutrient enrichment of soils by adjoining agricultural activities and an abundant supply of weed seeds, such as from annual non-native grasses, make reserve edges highly susceptible to weed invasion."

The research also showed that strategically managed fires, combined with current vehicle hygiene protocols, resulted in a low risk of weed invasion along trails within reserves.

Dr Gosper said the next stage of the research will help determine suitable fire frequencies.

"The research will involve measuring vegetation composition and structure and levels of fruit production and plant mortality in individual species at sites of different age, post-fire in two vegetation types, being mallee and mallee heath," he said.



Fundraising Update

OVER the last few months we have printed information, whether stories or advertisements, about fundraising events for the victims and volunteers of the December bush fire. Here, we would like to let you know of some of the projects which have recently finished or are still ongoing.

The Snooker Table Auction was completed and raised a total of \$6500 for the Bush Fire Appeal.

The Perth Business Networking for Toodyay Firefighters raised a total of \$10425 towards the purchase of a vehicle (like a troop carrier) to carry fire fighters to and from the fire ground, meals and other items out to the fire ground, etc. There was also a donation of a well-used Tarago 4WD wagon which is now with the Julimar Brigade.

And the community of Harvey has let me know that there are now 40 people involved growing plants for those who lost their homes. They're waiting for homes to be finished but it's good to hear that their enthusiasm hasn't waned and they're still growing (pun intended!)



Waste Transfer Station contractor Rob Broderick with grader on site



Waste Transfer Station Upgrade

EARTHWORKS are well underway for the erection of a household hazardous waste shed for Toodyay's Waste Transfer Station.

The new shed will mean safe disposal of various hazardous items including batteries, computers, household chemicals, fluorescent lights, flammable liquids, paints, solvents, glues, and acid-alkaline products.

Local contractor, Rob Broderick, oversees the Waste Transfer Station on behalf of the Shire and said the shed will offer compartments for various household hazardous waste with the feasibility of

recycling some of the waste currently under investigation.

The shed has been made possible with 50% funding of capital infrastructure through the Waste Authority, in addition to \$30,000 from the Regional and Local Community Infrastructure Program (RLCIP).

The Waste Transfer Station currently recycles many items, and has been involved with the collection of steel and other materials in the wake of the December bushfires.

"We have been selling materials to Spearwood's Sims Metals with over 250

tonne already disposed of and more steel yet to be sold," Mr Broderick said. "The proceeds from the materials will be passed back to the victims of the fire, to assist as they rebuild their homes and sheds."

Toodyay Waste Transfer Station accepts residential waste only, and is located on Railway Road. The Station is open seven days per week from 8am to noon, excluding Christmas Day, Boxing Day, New Years Day, Good Friday and Anzac Day. For further information, telephone Eleanor or Tin Yi on 9574 2661.

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Black Market Open for Business

Bettina Scobie

MEET Marrelle Bozanich, the new co-owner of The Black Market Shop.

She and her partner, Shane Campbell, opened their new business in mid-March and, although its name may lead you to believe it's a bit dodgy, TBMS specialises in items of a 'criminal' nature - framed black and white photographs of mobsters, gangs and thugs, replica guns, sexy lingerie, slinky dresses and shoes, stylish hats and scarves and all sorts of other interesting things. A range of clothes sporting Marrelle and Shane's 'Black Market' logo is a refreshing change from the usual standard gear, reflecting a good eye for design and an enthusiasm to add their own personal stamp to the marketplace.

The Black Market Shop also has an extensive range of trendy gear for men and women, as well as books, DVDs, greeting

cards and stickers, novelty items and memorabilia, all with a mobster connection or theme.

They also offer a range of services including logos, embroidery, screen-printing and alterations.

After an extensive refit, TBMS has been transformed into a very stylish, interesting place to browse with a very generous dressing room to try on your fabulous new outfit in comfort.

New stock arriving soon will include Unit brand clothing and new Black Market designs.

There is also a website with on-line memberships.

TBMS is right next door to the Toodyay Op Shop and Marell and Shane look forward to welcoming you to their exciting new venture. Trading hours are:

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And last but by no means least, Lynn Marcelli at Country Realty for the time and effort that she put into this on our behalf.

As we are resident in North Queensland, Lynn saved us having to travel over to the west to try and arrange things ourselves. Also, for the help and assistance that we have had from Country Realty in the time (5 years) that they have managed our property for us, we cannot speak more highly of their efficient service.

Barry and Lorraine Cornell

who are doing it tough and then turn to us for help. The gaps are growing and it's very difficult for many families. Our services are stretched to the limit.

In a typical week we provide tens of thousands of meals for the hungry, 2,000 beds for homeless people, up to 8,000 food vouchers, refuge for 500 victims of abuse and much more.

We ask people to help us because we need to raise \$75 million through the year-round Red Shield Appeal and we need to raise \$9.7 million of this amount on the weekend of the big door knock to maintain services in the year ahead. People can donate via 13 SALVOS (13 72 58) or www.salvationarmy.org.au.

People may like to organise a whip round at work and donate it to the appeal. Thanks for thinking of others at this time.

Major Brad Halse
Communications Director
The Salvation Army Australia Southern Territory

Can we have your old pool?

I DRIVE THROUGH a few wheatbelt towns and get a bit cranky seeing towns less populous and affluent than Toodyay with nice swimming pools. Recently I drove through Perenjori (population 700) to see not one but TWO swimming pools. I rang their CEO to see if they could spare one.

He explained they have built a new one and are in the process of decommissioning the old one. In conversation he mentioned that Cunderdin, while they were in between pools for a year or so, (yes, Cunderdin is also on their second!!) noticed a drop in local business trade as locals went elsewhere to swim and did their shopping while they were there.

I'd like to offer an enthusiastic welcome to Simon Frazer, our new CEO, to Toodyay. His CV shows he has form in the swimming pool department and I have done a few laps in that excellent facility in Gingin.

Wayne Fletcher

Toodyay Miniature Railway

ON BEHALF OF the Toodyay Miniature Railway members, I ask all readers to check the Toodyay Miniature Railway article elsewhere in this issue to see how the Skate park relocation to Duidgee Park will affect us and all the visiting public.

June Eastwood
Secretary
Toodyay Miniature Railway Inc.

Nashos Reunion

THE FOURTH REUNION of Nashos WA will be on the 5th of June.

Now boasting 175 members from all around Australia, the group was formed by only five members in 2008. The reunion will be meeting at Ogdens in the Gosnell Hotel at midday and any former Nashos and their partners are welcome to mix in and join the group.

If you're an ex National Serviceman wishing to contact us then please phone 9497 9879 or email bomac51@optusnet.com.au.

We are also saving our National Service history in platoon or section photos so please email photos to the above address. Photos can also be viewed on our web site at www.wanashos.com.

Bob McGuire

A Pony Tale

THANK YOU TO the person who put our two ponies back in their paddock at our property in Bejoording. We appreciate your efforts and would like to thank you personally if you can give us a call on 9928 1029.

To the person who has been on our property, twice now, without permission and unwired the gates and left them ajar, if you think it is funny to put our ponies' lives at risk and even cause a serious accident if they had wandered onto the main road, then from now on, the police will get you the help that you need. Keep off our property.

Jan Hicks

The Rumour Mill

THE RUMOUR MILL in Toodyay is alive and well.

It has come to my attention that a rumour abounds suggesting that the Toodyay Men's Shed is 'profiting' from the recent fires. Nothing could be further from the truth. Allow me to set the record straight.

Toodyay Men's Shed Inc. ('a not for profit organisation') has not and will not 'Profit' from this or any other community. It would be contrary to the Aims and Objectives that we hold as sacred.

On one hand, in recent times we have received into our trust tools, equipment and cash (to purchase other kit as it may be required) for a 'Tool Resource Programme' to benefit those in our community who were directly impacted by the recent catastrophic event. When the programme has completed its course, that equipment will be held in storage and distributed to a like 'catastrophic incident resource organisation' at the discretion of the Management Committee.

On the other hand we have received specific tools, machinery, cash and equipment from generous donors for the exclusive use and discretion of the Men's Shed. These have been bequests from deceased estates and from people who are 'down-sizing' and wishing that their 'gear' is going to a good home. The Men's Shed Management Committee has temporarily directed some of these tools to be used in the 'Tool Resource Programme'.

The Toodyay Men's Shed Inc. has very carefully crafted two 'Registers' of the afore mentioned equipment so as to have clarity in acquitting our responsibilities both legally and morally.

I fervently hope I have scotched the erroneous views some people hold, and invite genuine enquiry to me on 9574 2498.

Sincerely

Jeff Roberts JP
Chairman

Yes, We Can

I WOULD LIKE to thank Council for their wisdom in keeping the Recovery Committee intact and under the capable leadership of Charlie Wroth.

With the help of many others the committee hit the deck running following the disastrous Toodyay fire when badly needed assistance was quickly given helping people cope and restore their lives.

At the surgery where I continue to talk with people about the effects the fire has had there has been 100% support for their efforts.

After any emergency the outcome should be discussed to see what was done well and where improvements, if any, could be made.

Without trivialising the matter I believe some of the paper work was not correctly finalised at the time but independent advice to me suggests the Council could easily resolve the issue if it wishes.

In the aftermath of the fire we had a tremendous feeling of community, a feeling of "Yes, we can" and it would be sad if negativity destroyed that.

We sometimes have to look at the big

picture. In a medical emergency do you want the doctor to save the patient or take their eyes off the ball to write up notes? The patient, in this case Toodyay, survived with quick resuscitation.

I, like many others, suffered from the fire and I have a big debt of gratitude to The Fire and Rescue Services, The Recovery Committee and all those that helped. It was a great relief to me to find out that the Recovery Committee is to remain intact and unchanged for the future health of our community and with Charlie at the helm.

Richard Walkey

What is a Hero?

ANZAC Day this year led me to contemplate the use of the word 'hero' and whether we are applying it too readily.

I thought that a 'hero' was someone like a Victoria Cross winner; someone who had risked their own life to save others and then was humble about the whole thing.

So I looked it up in the dictionary and found that I was mistaking 'hero' or 'heroism' for bravery. A 'hero' in The Macquarie Dictionary (and please forgive the assumption that a 'hero' is male in this quote) is "a man of distinguished courage or performance, admired for his noble qualities" or "one who is invested with heroic qualities in the opinion of others." Now, although the word 'courage' is used, it also says, "... or performance, admired for his noble qualities." This means that a hero can be someone who is admired for something they do or did as long as someone admires what it is that he has done.

Therefore, what is a hero? Certainly our VC winners are heroes. Certainly, any soldier that went to war is a hero. Certainly, someone who tries to 'feather their own nest' for politically motivated reasons is a hero (as long as there is someone who finds that admirable.)

So do we bandy the word hero around too much? I still think we do.

Melissa O'Connor

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Last year's popular Toodyay Festival of Food - one of the biggest events on the Toodyay calendar

Toodyay's Top Chef

SATURDAY 7th August will mark the sixth Toodyay Festival of Food, coinciding with the popular Avon Descent and delivering food samplings from around the globe amidst the picturesque surrounds of Toodyay.

This year, the Shire of Toodyay is inviting interested businesses to be involved. In 2010, the event will feature the inaugural 'Toodyay's Top Chef', a cooking competition for local providers to deliver a signature dish which best optimises their business. You don't have to be a restaurant and the competition provides a fantastic opportunity to promote your goods and services to locals and visitors alike.

In addition, local business has access to valuable promotional partnerships. Whether you would like to offer cash sponsorship, in-kind support or a donation for competitions on the day, Toodyay Festival of Food is the perfect setting to raise your business profile.

Enticing over 5,000 festival-goers to the banks of the Avon River, adjacent to Newcastle Bridge, the Toodyay Festival of Food also attracts significant publicity in the lead up to the event, and is recognised as a family fun day operated in association with the Avon Descent.

Toodyay Festival of Food will feature in a State-wide campaign along with other family fun days being held during the Avon Descent. This promotion will include radio and press advertising, editorial placement, flyer distribution to over 20,000 householders, and collaborative marketing with Tourism WA.

For a sponsorship information package or an obligation free discussion, please do not hesitate to contact the Shire of Toodyay's Communication and Marketing Officer, Tammy Wayne-Elliott on 9574 2258.

Toodyay's Festival of Food

PLANNING for Toodyay's Festival of Food is well and truly under way and stallholders who can deliver dishes with an international flavour are invited to secure their space at this popular event.

Now in its sixth year, the festival, coinciding with the State's popular Avon Descent, is delivered on the banks of the Avon River, enticing over 5,000 festival-goers each year.

Shire of Toodyay's Acting Chief Executive Officer, Simon Fraser, said Toodyay's Festival of Food has definitely

grown to attract high calibre stallholders and performers, and is enjoyed by thousands of visitors as well as local residents.

"Stallholders at Toodyay's Festival of Food always enjoy a thriving business on the day, especially as all the action of the Avon Descent is nearby and spectators really embrace the event as an important part of the Avon Descent festivities." Mr Fraser said.

Toodyay's Festival of Food is open from 10am to 4pm and features a large heated dining marquee as spectators immerse themselves in the festival day, and enjoy

food and entertainment from around the globe.

"We are keen to deliver an eclectic mix of international dishes at this year's event, and we encourage application for food stalls of every nationality," Mr Fraser said.

To download an application pack, access the Shire of Toodyay website at www.toodyay.wa.gov.au or telephone the Shire of Toodyay's Communication Officer Tammy Wayne-Elliott on 9574 2258.



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for local writers - 2010

Entry is open only to residents of the Shire of Toodyay.

There are five categories:

1. Lower Primary - Years 1, 2 & 3
2. Middle Primary - Years 4 & 5
3. Upper Primary - Years 6 & 7
4. Lower Secondary - Years 8, 9 & 10
5. Adults.

All writing to be in short story format and the original work of the entrant.

A COMPLETED COVER SHEET MUST ACCOMPANY EACH ENTRY.

* 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

A Night with Marney McQueen

A COMEDY Festival Show planned for June will feature a protégé of Barry Humphries, Marney McQueen.

Marney, who is related to the Donegan family in Toodyay, was asked by her aunt, Mary Guthrie (nee Donegan), to perform to raise money for the Bushfire Appeal. Marney gladly agreed because of her strong ties with Toodyay.

"Every five years I go to the Ferguson Family reunion on the banks of the Avon, where about eight hundred relatives of AJ Ferguson gather," says Marney.

"So if you meet anyone in Toodyay with the name Donegan, Sinclair, or Ferguson, they are my cousins!"

In Marney's show, she plays six different characters, including 'Rosa the Russian Beautician'. Marney, a NIDA graduate, performed the show recently to sell out crowds at the Melbourne Comedy Festival and also had great reviews in Edinburgh.

"The show is very silly, especially the part where I play Rosa the Russian Beautician, the world's most highly sought after waxer to the stars," says Marney.

A Night With Marney McQueen and Friends is showing for one night only at the Toodyay Memorial Hall at 7.30pm on Saturday June 26. Tickets are \$35/\$30 for groups of 10, with supper provided and drinks available. Proceeds will go to the Toodyay Bushfire Relief Appeal.

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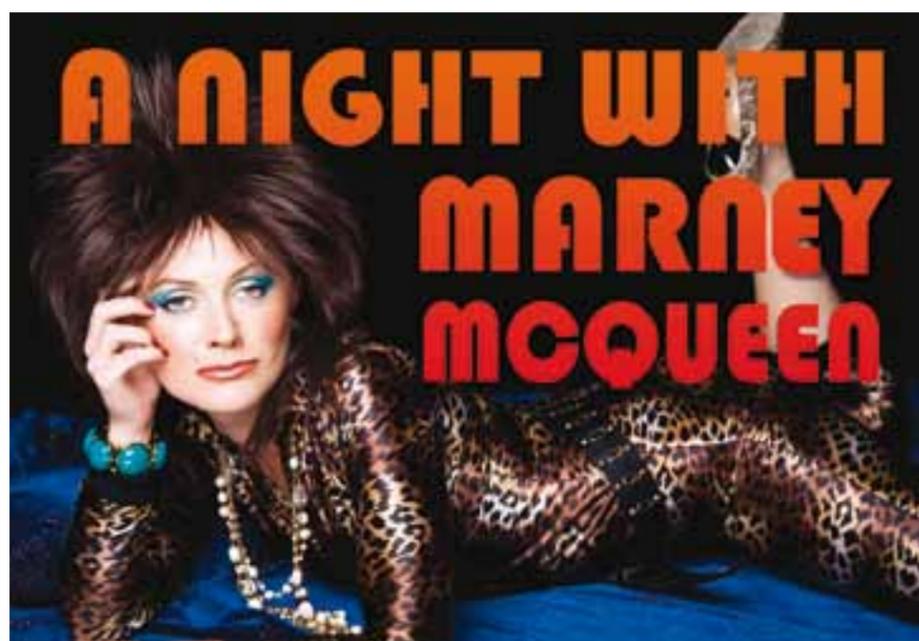
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Avon Wood Turners 80 Years of Service

Max Heath

HI there from the Pavilion.

Well, it has been quite a busy month for the Wood Turners, what with the Moondyne Festival and our lunch and meeting, etc.

Moondyne was a great day and it was beaut to see such a crowd at the festival. Well done to the organising committee.

We had a great day in the gazebo and we had a lot of interest. There was one chap who spoke to us, telling us that he had purchased a set of antique cricket wickets but had no bails; so we turned up a set for him at a moment's notice and just about made his day. Then one of the Fusiliers needed a plug for his rifle and so, again, it was done pretty well straight away. Another Fusilier needed a handle for his rammer and we also did that for him.

There was also one person who was new to the area who will join us once he's settled in. It was also great to see the smiles on people's faces when, after making a simple top, it was handed to someone in the audience.

The following week was our turning morning and a good crowd showed up and we were able to have a look at the gazebo that Bill Beswick had built for us.

Then, on the fourth Sunday, we had three of our new members, Robyn Teasdale from Northam, Andrew McCann from Toodyay and Geof Markin from Morangup, turn up. Then, later, partners arrived and we shared a barbecue lunch and a good time was had by all. It is great to have these social days and meet up with the 'better halves' that put up with some of us Wood Turners.

Well, that's about it from the Wool Pavilion for now but remember that all are welcome to come and see how we 'Wood Turn' any time.

THE local branch of the Mothers' Union (of St. Stephen's Anglican Church) will celebrate 80 years of serving the community next month with a special church service and luncheon.

The main purpose of Mothers' Union groups is to encourage, strengthen and support marriage and family life. In addition, groups throughout the state and all Australian states collect "the least coin" – the smallest coins in their purses to swell a fund to help branches overseas in impoverished areas to improve the lives of those in their communities.

Perhaps the most little-known fact about Mothers' Union is that it is the organisation which has done the most to combat AIDS/HIV and its effects in African countries. By prayer and work, the Mothers' Union works steadily in these and other areas of need. As with other community groups in Toodyay, members have been busy in the aftermath of the 29th December, 2009 fire, collecting funds and goods, and distributing same, to victims of the fire. Our work continues.

Quo Vadis

UPON taking office in 1933 FD Roosevelt promised to use the constitutional prerogative of government to drive out the "money changers from the temple", those who had put the pursuit of profit and speculation before the welfare of USA citizens; he established institutions and laws which would keep the profiteers under control.

Starting in the early 1970s, the free marketers were allowed to dismantle FDR's protections (finally rescinded by the Clinton administration) in the 90's allowing a hyperinflationary explosion in food and fuel prices for which both public and congress have awakened and alarmed to the need to put protective regulation back

into place.

Congress has delved into the skyrocketing role of speculation in fuel prices. During June legislators put forward proposals to force the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC) to regulate all trading by USA firms in oil futures markets to close the 'London Loophole' and to designate the banks and hedge funds as speculators in oil futures. The CFTC could then subject these purchasers to position limits, much greater margin requirements, and to strict regulation. Democrat Stupak has gone after the speculators and solicited the advice of experts on how to bring down the price of oil by as much as 50% in 30 days.

In July, a coalition of airlines issued a letter which blasted the excuses of the speculators and their apologists in congress' banking community. It read, "20 years ago, 21% of oil contracts were purchased by speculators who trade oil on paper, with no intention of taking delivery. Today, oil speculators purchase 66% of all oil futures contracts, and that reflects just the transactions that are known. Speculators buy up large amounts of oil, then sell it over and over to each other. A barrel of oil may trade 20+ times before it is delivered and used, the price increasing on each trade and consumers pick up the final tab. Some estimate that current prices increase as much as \$30-60 per barrel via unnecessary speculation!"

The letter explicitly refers to the measures taken by FDR when congress established regulations to control excessive, largely uncontrolled market speculation and manipulation. However, over the past two decades, these regulatory limits have been weakened or removed-enforcing these limits would, along with other modest measures require/provide, more disclosure, transparency and market oversight. It is stated that Pelosi (the speaker) is a tool of the speculators (including George Soros) with the entire financial system coming apart. This has become intolerable if USA is to survive; it is time for a new Breton Woods.

In Europe (EEC) proposal 81 of the treaty is mooted to use those laws against those who buy and sell 'paper' oil. Even Pope Benedict has preached against the perverse effect of speculation on food and energy. Berlusconi of Italy said we should intervene on the exchange markets, where margin requirements on futures, currently at 5% should increase (some countries propose up to 50% and intervene through EEC and USA anti-trust authorities against speculation.) The EEC could act through Article 1 which says that the markets should consider the wellbeing of the citizens, but this does not occur. Articles 81 and 82 outlaw the abuse of dominant (market) position, and Article 208 establishes rules on violation procedures.

On the opposite sides of the issue in Europe are the London and Swiss banking establishments, which have made their displeasure known. They accused the Italian Tremonti of simply using the fight against speculation and globalisation as a diversion. A Swiss paper wrote, "the Minister, a legal expert by education, is already well-known for his interventionist suggestions."

A self-declared admirer of French mercantilist Colbert has already called for a new Breton Woods and protective tariffs, to bring globalisation under control and accused the financial stability commission led by the central bank(er) who proposes ineffective measures (not surprisingly, the same London-based financial circles who, through Soros and Rohatyn control Polosi and others fighting to stop the restoration of FDR-style regulation in the USA. It is

high time they were removed.

Not unrelated is the comment on 17th February 2010, "The fact is, our Australian government effectively faces, as every other government in the world, because of, instead of, reorganising the bankrupt financial system in 2008." They bailed it out and moved the bankruptcy to the public. The Australian government guaranteed \$700bn in bank deposits up to \$1 million and new foreign borrowings by the banks of more than \$140 billion over \$840 billion in total; they insist that those guarantees were just a show of confidence in the soundness of our banks and will never have to be honoured but, when those same banks carry a \$441 billion, 90 day debt exposure to the international money markets, however can they pay it back?

They can't, except they keep on borrowing more and rolling it over. But that means the government's exposure is not so much to the banks, but to the international money markets. The Greek sovereign debt crisis threatens to blow up these markets (if not Greece, then maybe Spain, Portugal, Ireland, Italy, even the USA or the UK.) And Australian banks will be caught out, just like in October 2008 when they faced bankruptcy and the government rescued them with its guarantee. But this time it is the Australian public that will be caught out! There are pertinent questions about whom to trust, who will guard the national, the communal interest which, in reality (that, really is unreal!) is in the unethical hands / minds of persons detached from the democratic / political process, in the fashion of the Hamlyn Town Civic Elders, who deceived the Pied Piper after he had rendered the public good of ridding the rats!

Who are they now that are playing the different tune which is captivating most of the contemporary young away from the many essential aspects of historic importance, relative to the stable purposes of all societies? Civic guardianship is being abrogated as in the fabled deceit and arrogance of Hamlyn Town.

Unfortunately, Anarchy comes in many forms, beginning with lack of self government which can manifest itself within the control of everyone!

As JF Kennedy said in his inaugural address, "Each person can make a difference and all people should try" (with alacrity and sincerity).

Inevitably the question ends whence it began: Quo Vadis!?

C.Y. O'Connor TAFE Adequately Resourced

RESPONDING to a recent media comment by Hon Ljiljanna Ravlich MLC, the Managing Director of C.Y. O'Connor College of TAFE, John Scott, confirms that the College has adequate resources to deliver quality, student-centred training to its students.

"I am perplexed by the comments from Ms Ravlich," said Mr Scott, "as they come at a time when the College is implementing a major upgrade to its infrastructure and equipment worth \$7.6m. Furthermore, the recurrent funding allocated to the College for delivery of training also increased in 2010."

"C.Y. O'Connor College of TAFE is an outstanding national performer according to the Australian training data. Over the last two years the College received the highest rating of student satisfaction of all publicly funded training providers in the State, so concerns about the level of resourcing are not widespread," said Mr Scott.

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- 1 Entries are to be in short story format only, not poetry or plays.
- 2 The judges are looking for original ideas. Avoid using ideas you have seen on TV or read in a book.
- 3 All writing to be the original work of the entrant.
- 4 A COMPLETED COVER SHEET MUST ACCOMPANY EACH ENTRY. Cover sheets are available from the Toodyay Herald, Toodyay District High School and the Toodyay Library
- 5 Names should not appear on the entry pages. There is a limit of one entry per person.
- 6 Entries should be no longer than FIVE SINGLE SIDED PAGES on A4 paper and double spaced. 7 Illustrations are permitted but will not influence the judges' decisions.
- 8 Manuscripts will not be returned but will be responsibly destroyed. Entrants should keep a copy of their work.
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Little Rascals

The Monster Ball and (inset) Gordon with the fire engine

LITTLE Rascals Child Care Centre's special visitors for May were the Fire Brigade and The Monster Ball.

Thanks to Gordon and Lou for bringing the Fire Engine and to Holli and Angela for the Monster Ball.



Toodyay Gardening and Work Party

FIVE months after 200 properties were destroyed by fire in Toodyay, community groups have come together to support Toodyay families.

Apex Geraldton, the Toodyay Garden Club, the Toodyay Recovery Centre and other volunteers made a difference to the lives of others when they rebuilt fences, replanted gardens and helped with other jobs around the community.

The group worked side by side and enjoyed a night of food and entertainment at the Racecourse.

Thank you to the many volunteers who attended and helped with the recovery effort in Toodyay.



Top - volunteers help with building at the Toodyay Gardening and Work Party and below - volunteer groups with plants.

Photographs - Tom's Photographics



Line the base of a non-stick loaf tin with baking paper, cut to size.

Sift the flours, bicarbonate of soda, and the spices into a large bowl then stir in the castor sugar. Combine the beaten egg with the milk in a small bowl then add to the flour/sugar mixture. Combine the margarine (or butter) with the

treacle (or golden syrup or honey) in a small saucepan and heat very gently (this mixture can readily burn!!!) stirring constantly till the mixture is well combined. Do not boil!!

Pour the hot mixture into the flour/sugar combination then pour into the prepared loaf tin.

Cook in a moderate oven for 50 to 55 minutes. Stand for five minutes on a rack before gently loosening the sides of the gingerbread and turning it onto a rack to cool. Cover with a light cloth (eg a tea towel) to prevent the outside areas from drying. Allow the Gingerbread to thoroughly cool before icing with the Lemon Frosting.

Lemon Frosting

Ingredients:

60gms butter, softened
1 1/4 cups icing sugar
1 teaspoon grated lemon rind
Enough lemon juice to make the frosting easily spreadable, 3 to 4 teaspoons

Method:

Soften the butter by leaving it in a small bowl, at room temperature, for about an hour. Mix the butter, icing sugar and grated lemon rind until well combined then carefully add the lemon juice, one teaspoonful at a time, till the icing is moist and spreadable. With an electric mixer beat the frosting till it is creamy.

Moist Gingerbread

Desrae Clarke

THIS delicious small cake can be made using treacle, golden syrup or honey – I really like the flavour of treacle! When making any cake it is a good idea to take the eggs from the frig half an hour prior to beginning to allow them to warm to room temperature. Another very useful hint is to measure out all the ingredients to have ready to take each one in turn when baking. I find this a really good practice as then you can check that you have everything and no ingredient is missed. NB – this recipe results in a soft pouring mixture which is correct for this cake.

Ingredients:

1 egg, lightly beaten
1/2 cup milk
3/4 cup plain flour
1/4 cup self raising flour
1/2 teaspoon bicarbonate of soda
1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1/4 teaspoon mixed spice
2 teaspoons ground ginger
1/2 cup castor sugar
60gms margarine (or butter)
1/2 cup treacle or golden syrup or honey

Method:



Moondyne 2010

THE Moondyne Festival Committee would like to thank all those who helped to make the 2010 Festival such a great success.

Events

Bob Adair, Blacksmith, Woodchop, Hot Rod Club, Northam Vintage Cars, VW Car Club, Austin Car Club, MG Car Club, Sherlock Holmes Society, 1860 Regiment, Bootscooters, Irish dancers, Blade Shearer, Carnival, Collectors Fair, Arts Toodyay, Juggler, P.S.I. Audio – sound system, Clydesdales.

Helpers

Committee – they are a devoted

bunch!; Nick Cording – Joe; Red – gang; Pete Barwell – gang; Sharon – floozie; Tammy – floozie; Chris Robinson - cop, set up and pack up; Michael McCluskey - cop, set up; Ian Firms – lawyer; Peter Burke – Mayor, set up and pack up; Simon Roberts – undertaker; Poet - preacher and cleavage comp; Phil Watson – swaggie; Mike Devlin – swaggie, parking car clubs, set up and pack up; Pam Walsh – speech; George Murray – speech; Scout helpers – parking; Rover helpers – Bob Adair; Barbara – Bar Bar A Blacksheep, costumes; Norm Sullivan – set up and pack up; Ray Barwell – parking car clubs; Sam Connor – sponsorship; Kevin Hugg – set up and pack up; Charlie Wroth – stage; Ron Waters – storyteller; Carol Ricketts – temperance lady; Maggie – temperance lady; Tom – Photos; Nancy – piano accordion; Alan Henshaw – Grinding his organ with a Monkey!

We would also like to extend a special thank you to all the folk of Toodyay for your support and to the Shire of Toodyay for their help this year and in anticipation of their support for 2011.

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fire chat



bejoording

Terri Spark

FIRSTLY, I give my apologies to the avid readers who have missed this column over the last couple of months. I will endeavour to play catch up with the various events that have occurred and so we'll start with the Bejoording Bash which was our way to thank the firefighters and family members for their support over the summer fire season.

A great BBQ evening saw party-goers finally rolling home by two in the morning (Morganup, a special thanks for the entertainment!).

A big thank you goes out to those who have generously donated and supported the brigade over the year. Your kindness is appreciated.

The AGM took place in April and we have a few changes to positions. Our new equipment officer is Grant who has just joined our community and has come to us from New Norcia Brigade with plenty of experience and ideas. Fiona has stepped up from auxiliary member to an active rostered member and has been more than willing to give up her valuable time to assist. Thank you both for your time and commitment. Doug has volunteered for the position of public relations officer (with his own personal secretary, Terri, who will actually be writing this column on his behalf.)

Gloria has provided us all with a change of clothing with new logo, red singlets, a choice of two hats, burgundy or red, as well as reordering our usual burgundy shirts. Lawrence would like to thank his crew for re-electing him as captain for the year. It is with the great comradeship within the brigade that makes it a great environment to work and the commitment of everyone involved is an inspiration to the rest of us. I would like to acknowledge the time and effort that the brigade put in to make us all feel safe in our community.

We would like to acknowledge and thank the Ranger services, Murray McBride, FESA and all other support agencies for their time and assistance to us as a brigade.

Burning season is looming and just a reminder to check with the necessary personnel as to when you are able to burn. Keep in mind that we need to keep it safe and take responsibility for our actions.

Finally, general monthly meetings will continue to discuss any issues and this offers a good excuse to have a BBQ. Training is the last Sunday of every month, so if you need to get the cobwebs out of the system this is a great opportunity.

central

Desraé Clarke

TUESDAY 25th May saw a really good attendance of members at the Annual General Meeting. The following members were elected to the committee.

- Captain: Kevin Hug
- Chairperson: Paul Thompson
- Secretary/Treasurer: Wayne Clarke
- Training Officer: Mick Giles

It was with great pleasure the 'Fireman of the Year Award' for the Central Brigade was presented to Kevin Hug. Kevin's contribution to the community has been outstanding. Despite the fact that he and his family suffered from the effects of the 29th December 2009 fires in Toodyay, Kevin gave his all with his commitment to the Brigade. Congratulations, Kevin!

The Brigade is also grateful to Kevin's wife, Lesley and his family for the enormous amount of time that Kevin has given to the Brigade. Thank you, Lesley and children!

Training is to be held Sunday 30th May with Brent and Heather Wearmouth, Grant Scobie and Brian Salmond. To date, 10 Central members have signed up for the day.

Mick Giles continues his regular training sessions but would appreciate more support from experienced members. Could those members interested in the training sessions contact Mick on 9574 4336 or mobile 0417 954 298 or Captain, Kevin, 9574 2612 or mobile 0418 932 515 as to their ability to attend.

Through the Toodyay CWA, students from the St Mary's Anglican School, Karrinyup, gave a beautiful gift to those ladies who assisted, in any way, during the December 29th 2009 fires. It was a delightful gesture and very much appreciated.

The next General Meeting of the Brigade will be held on Tuesday 22nd June commencing 7.30pm at the Fire and Emergency Services Centre. New members are made very welcome – please come along to the next meeting. Enquiries may be made to Captain, Kevin Hug 9574 2612, or Secretary, Wayne Clarke 6364 3609.

julimar

Grant Scobie

WORD on the street is that the Restricted Burning Period will have been lifted by the time the paper comes out and residents will be permitted to light fires on their properties. Please note that certain restrictions remain, especially regarding safety, so please check with the Shire if you have any concerns.

During May we joined our colleagues for 'one last bash' when a fire broke out on a block in our area. Luckily, the weather had been favourable and it was all over in only a few hours. We also managed to set fire, legally, to a property in Julimar to help reduce some of the potential for fire on the block. This took a couple of days as it had only just rained prior to the first day and not much (except Grass Trees) wanted to burn or, at least, burn quickly – it was happy to smoulder.

This burn allowed us to get a couple of newer members out on the vehicles, using the equipment and getting an idea of some of the hazards (smoke, heat) that we encounter but in a controlled environment.

On the subject of training, three Julimar trainers joined with one from Coondle Brigade and two FESA officers to present FESA's Bush Fire Firefighting course to a group of local Brigade members. The four local trainers were themselves assessed on their abilities to run this course and, hopefully, will then be able to train and assess future fire fighters at a brigade level.

The Brigade's Moondyne stand was again a success with many dropping in for a cuppa and scone and lots of people stopping to have a chat about bush fire related matters. Thanks to all who volunteered to help on the day and, of course, special thanks to the scone bakers.

Our other fundraising venture for May was for two of our members (who shall remain nameless) to partake in a 'Full Monty' re-enactment as part of the Toodyay Theatre Group's most recent offering, *Opportunity Knocks*. Although the fundraising was for all the brigades in Toodyay, our members were happy to help the Theatre Group's efforts in this matter and, of course, thankful for their generosity.

The next Brigade meeting will be on 3rd July, beginning at 5pm and followed, as usual, by our monthly, BYO barbecue. The June barbecue is on the 5th June.

If you wish to know more about your fire brigade or more about fire and how it may affect you in your community or even if you just want to get to meet some of your neighbours, get down to your local fire shed.

'The Fireplace', behind the Julimar Fire Shed is open from about 5pm on Friday nights for some casual interaction with Brigade members. Even if you're not a member, come along and have a chat about your fire prevention plan, find out about your brigade and get to know the people who are just like you, residents of Toodyay.

coondle

John Henderson

IN at the deep end, one month into committee membership and here I am. Quite a busy month, our craft stall at Moondyne was successful.

Allan Henshaw has more CD's of the aftermath of the fire, \$10 proceeds to fire relief, contact Allan on 9574 4392. Our youngest trainee fire fighter Sam did a great job showing off those lloong legs.

As I write this we have had some good rain, but a decision had to be made and the restricted period ends on May 28th. PLEASE take care when you burn, our teams have done a great job during the season, it's now time for a rest.

And now a report about two of our members, who wish to remain nameless, so I will refer to them as Max and JB. Apparently a feral cat was reported to be caught in a tank - empty I believe. Our heroes phoned around for ideas on how to deal with this, but nothing practical was suggested. At last report the cat

was still in the tank.

The inaugural shopping trolley push went well; it would be facetious to point out that we were the only fire shed to enter, so I won't. New member Mark Gardiner, Brian and Sam Salmond and Greg Warburton did a fine job.

Changing of the guard on the hill has brought some overdue changes to safety factors at the fire shed. Many thanks to all those involved in the construction of our new driveway.

Watch out for us on the street in a couple of weeks with our wood raffle.

Don't forget our regular Friday night get-together, 1700 at the shed. Come along & meet the team, you may be lucky enough to get a snag, or any number of culinary question marks, or contact our Captain, Peter Ruthven on 95742951.

Late News:

The Restricted Burning Period ended at Midnight on Friday 28 May, but you must still be careful.

An apology from Peter Ruthven to the gentleman who asked about hiring the Brigade's spit. I tentatively booked it for you, but lost your name and phone number so I couldn't contact you.

Frank Vern Memorial Award for local writers

Entry is open only to residents of the Shire of Toodyay.

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- 2 Middle Primary - Years 4 & 5
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Op Shop Update

The Ladies of the Op Shop

THERE have been many Thank You's including our own, going out to the various volunteers and organisations who have done such a wonderful job in maintaining the support given to those who were unfortunate enough to lose so much during the Toodyay December Bushfire.

When we first heard about the fire, our ladies opened up the shop (which was closed for the Xmas break) and went into action sorting and organising donations that arrived immediately. Thanks to Bethan Lloyd who came to us on that first day and gave us the news that the CWA had loaned us a key to their hall to handle the overwhelming amount of donations that our shop could not cope with.

At this early stage the only volunteers we had were the wonderful ladies of the CWA, our own members and our members' grandchildren and friends. These young folk did a fantastic job setting up the first 'drop in' so to speak for food, toiletries, clothing and other goods. They stayed until very late

at night with the ladies sorting and accepting donations from every locality. Who would have thought that from this small centre such a huge one would grow and extend to St. Stephens Church Hall, the Memorial Hall and the Showgrounds. These venues then with an army of volunteers and Op. Shop ladies continued to supply those in need.

Upon finalisation of the centre at the Showgrounds we held a Clearance Sale for the general public of all remaining goods. There was also a raffle for a ring which was very kindly donated. The proceeds from the Showground sales and raffle came to the grand total of \$22,364.35. which is a fantastic amount!

The winner of the raffle was Mr. D. Baker with ticket no. (blue) F 23. Our President Shirley Patten presented a very happy Mr. Baker with his prize. Although Mr. Baker resides in Perth he informed us that he has many connections and relatives in Toodyay.

The Salvation Army will distribute the proceeds of the above to the people affected by the fire. There was very little left after the sale and our members sorted it all out and kept what we felt we could sell through the shop and the remainder was distributed through our local churches charities. All



money received through the shop for these goods will of course be directed straight to the Salvation Army for further distribution. Once again our thanks to all, but a special mention to the young folk who took on their task with enthusiasm at the very beginning.

Photo captions: 1. The first day of distribution; 2 Mr. & Mrs. Baker with Shirley Patten; 3 Salvation Army representative Bill receiving the cheque from the Op. Shop Members

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Toodyay Students First in Carpentry Course

A NEW Carpentry Apprenticeship Support Scheme was launched at Toodyay District High School last week by the Building and Construction Industry to generate interest in Carpentry apprenticeships. Toodyay is the first school in the state to run the course.

Thirty Toodyay District High School Year 9 and 10 students were fortunate enough to

be selected to participate in the course. The course is open to male and female students and is being run twice over a period of four days.

Parents will be invited to an afternoon tea to see the results and attend the 'Graduation'. Students will host their guests and explain the process of building new pergolas in the school courtyard.

The course has been delivered through CY O'Connor TAFE. Thank you to TAFE for teaching our students new skills and congratulations to all students who participated in the course.



Jeremy, Aaron and Karen

TDHS P&C News

YOU are never too young (or too old) to help out your local P&C!

We had a group of about 40 students and adults volunteer their time to complete the ground works for the new lower primary playground. Most of the students who helped were older than lower primary age and so did not receive any direct benefit from helping, yet they spent a couple of hours shovelling, raking and pushing wheelbarrows, all with a smile and a laugh. What an asset these students are to the school and the local community!

A big thank you to Kerry Skinner for organising the busy bee, including the delicious burgers which were really appreciated after all that shovelling!

The P&C would also like to extend their gratitude to Liz and Stephen Ferguson for their generous donation of sand for the playground and their ongoing support for the students at TDHS. This donation, combined with the work done by the volunteers, reduced the total cost of the playground by around \$3,000, which is money that the school can now spend on other resources.

Acting Shire CEO, Simon Fraser, attended the May P&C meeting to answer parent's questions regarding issues that concern both the school and the local Shire. Mr Fraser gave some insight into his working background, including examples of successful strong relationships between other local Shires that he has worked for and their local school. He expressed an interest in developing stronger relations between TDHS and the Shire, which the P&C is also keen to foster. Mr Fraser stated that he would be keen to attend future P&C meetings.

Congratulations to Myles O'Connor who was the winner of the P&C's uniform voucher. Everyone who completed our questionnaire at the end of last year had the opportunity to put their name in the draw. Thank you to everyone who completed the questionnaires as they have provided valuable feedback.

Wood Raffle and Cake Stall - 12th June
Please support the P&C by buying some tickets or donating cakes/biscuits/slices (remember to list all ingredients on each product). Donations can be dropped off on the morning of the stall (outside IGA), or at the front office of the school on Friday 11th June. If you are able to assist on the stall or require more information, please contact Larissa Leyland via the school front office, or on 9574 4286.

The next P&C meeting will be on Wednesday 16th June at 7pm in the School Staffroom, everyone is welcome.



Daniel and Kynan

TDHS Notes

A SPECIAL thank you to our school community for their best wishes regarding Mr Alan McLaren and his recovery. I have passed onto him your comments and "get well" wishes. They are much appreciated.

Our teachers are currently in the process of report writing, preparing for our Semester One reports. This process involves teachers collating test results, assessing standards of student work and moderating with other year level teachers to validate teacher judgements. The Department of Education has provided exemplars and grade descriptors to assist with the allocation of grades. These assessment tools ensure allocated grades are consistent within schools, districts and the state. Semester One reports will be distributed in the last week of term two.

Most Australian schools implement buddy systems with their students. For 2010, our school has taken part in the Better Buddies Program. This programme involves our year one classes and Mr Gibson's year six class.

The essential characteristic of this buddy system is that it supports students' transition during their first year of school. It also involves older students participating in positive, supportive, structured and facilitated one-on-one relationships with younger students. The buddy system enables younger students to feel safe and cared for while the older students feel valued and respected.

While our programme is new this year, it is already showing very positive signs of success. I would like to acknowledge the efforts of Mr Orr and Mr Gibson for their initial work in the implementation of the programme in our school. I would also like to recognise Mrs Mackenzie and Mrs Ellis for supporting and participating with their class in the Buddy Program.

Secondary students and parents will be especially pleased to know that our science upgrade is almost at completion. Furniture is arriving this week, and soon students will be able to finally move back to a new, modern and well equipped science laboratory. Thank you to students and teachers who have accommodated this upgrade despite the inconveniences. The wait will be well worth it.

Winter is almost upon us once again and already we have noticed increased student absences due to illness. It is important that students do not attend school if they are unwell. Flu and viruses spread very quickly through a school population and so we encourage parents to please keep their children at home until they are well enough to return. This will assist in minimising the spread of winter illnesses.

Yours sincerely

Wendy Camenzuli
A/Principal

School Punctuality

Punctuality is important and students should be at school and organised before classes commence. We have quite a few students constantly late and on one single day this week we recorded 25 students late for class. This not only interrupts the student's learning but also interrupts the classroom.

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Visitors Carpark

We have two visitor car parks near the front office and on occasions, it has been noticed that these have been used to drop off students. PLEASE DO NOT use these for student drop offs. There is parking for parents near the pine trees and the Kiss and Drop area.

Bus Matters

Students who are not approved bus students, but wish to use the bus, must bring a written letter from parent seeking permission 24 hours prior to the day they wish to travel. This approval is only given for single trip use. At this stage our school buses are quite full and if your child has not regularly used their bus to travel to and from school, then it is possible for them to lose their seat. Please contact your bus contractor for further information.

Student Contact Details

If your child's contact details have changed recently, please notify the Front office staff to update the student records. Please also check that your emergency contact details are current, as we have had incidents where the emergency contact has moved from the area.

If there are applicable court orders for your child, please supply the school with a current copy.

Student Uniform

As winter is approaching, there are numerous students not wearing the correct school uniform. The Uniform shop is open Monday and Thursday from 8.30am to approximately 9.15am with a large amount of stock. Secondary jackets are also available from the Uniform shop.

Street Stall

On 12th June the P&C fundraising working group will be holding a cake stall and wood raffle outside the IGA. If you are able to assist with selling tickets, or can donate cake/biscuits/slice, please contact Larissa Leyland via the front office or on 9574 4286. Donations can be dropped off at the front office on Friday June 11th. Please remember to list all ingredients on each product.

Running out of ideas for lunchboxes? If you are interested in attending a free 1-2hr 'Snackshop' session, run by the Western Australian School Canteen Association, during school hours, please contact Nyaree on 9574 4772.

Senior First Aid Course

Last chance to register!

If you are interested in attending this course, please give your registration forms to Kerry Skinner this week to secure a place. Some people have expressed an interest in attending but still haven't completed the registration form. Forms can be picked up and left at the front office for Kerry, or contact her on 9574 5126.

When: June 9th, 10th and 16th

Time: 9am – 2pm each day

Where: St John Ambulance Toodyay Sub Centre, rear of 120 Stirling Tce, Toodyay (next to Police Station)

Cost: \$120.00 (\$110.00 for Health Care Card holders), includes New Century First Aid book, sling, notebook, registration fees, certificate of competency, tea and coffee.

Please wear comfortable clothing and bring your own lunch and snacks.

Dental Van

The dental van will be based at Toodyay D.H.S from the 7th July. If you need to contact the van before then, please contact Northam Primary School on 9622 2385.

Message from Nurse Meg

We are well into second term now and want to thank all the kindy parents and care givers for returning their health assessment forms and ASQ's. If you have not done so please return to me asap so I can check your child's hearing and sight. If any parent is concerned about their child's hearing or sight, please do not hesitate to contact me or your classroom teacher. We are encouraging the BBC programme at the moment in the kindy and PP helping to improve ear health and teaching kids to clear their noses and cover their mouth with their hand when they cough or sneeze as well as washing their hand to prevent the cross contamination of germs.

Year 7 immunisations will be attended on the 1st June please let me know if you would like your child immunised and you have not yet completed a consent form.

We are having great fun in the Year 7 class at the moment learning some creative ways to keep our bodies and our minds healthy by practicing some children's yoga. Yoga

helps children relax, gain self – confidence increase creativity and learn acceptance of themselves. Physically it helps with co-ordination, body awareness flexibility, balance and strength. Mentally it helps with calming the mind improves concentration and focus in and out of school as well as it can improve a child's self esteem and self worth. Please contact me if you would like any further information on this program.

Prevention of head lice

We have an ongoing problem with lice in all schools and some useful tips and activities that help prevent infestation of head lice are:

- Check your child's hair regularly for head lice and eggs (nits) – use a metal fine tooth comb and plenty of hair conditioner applied to dry hair, to make the task easier.
- Tie long hair back – braid and or put it up if possible.
- Consider applying hair gel or mousse – these do not prevent or repel lice but may help to keep stray hair strands from contact with other heads.
- Avoid sharing combs or brushes.
- Immerse brushes and combs in hot water for 10 minutes after use to kill any head lice or eggs trapped in them. Using an old tooth brush will also help remove any debris from the comb.
- Remind your child to avoid head to head contact with other children e.g. when working at the computer with others, or when playing, or hugging.

Body Image

Body image is how we think and feel about our body. It can be affected by many different things such as the media and comments that other people make. A positive body image gives people confidence to try new things and mix with other people. They are also generally happier with themselves and have less anxiety. A Negative body image can lead to unhealthy eating behaviours, low self esteem and anxiety.

How can you promote a healthy body image in your child?

- Make positive comments about your child's talents, personality or achievements. Even congratulating your child for their effort can be helpful.
- Remember that changing body shape is a natural part of growing up, and people grow and change at different times and rates.
- Teach your child to be assertive when they deal with teasing or peer pressure.
- Provide your family with a wide variety of nutritious foods to help them maintain a healthy weight
- Enjoy regular physical activity as a family. People who are more active are more likely to feel better about the way they look and have higher self esteem. Choose activities that you know the whole family will enjoy.

Take care of yourself and love your family.

Meg Melvin

Community Health Nurse

Phone number 9690 1627

Email Meg.Melvin@health.wa.gov.au



Toodyay Scouts

Only a few months until the Scouts go to the snow! Thank you to our parents and leaders for your support to date.

The Scout section is busy fundraising for this event, a cross country ski trip to Lake Mountain, Victoria. Scouts plan to spend three days in August skiing and meeting other people who have been affected by bushfire in Victoria. This was a pretty ambitious idea for our young Troop, who are all aged under 12, and it goes to show that 'Scouts can do anything'!

We recently held a 'Survival Camp' so that we could meet our neighbours, the York Scout Troop, who will also be attending the Snow Camp. Scouts hiked in to Cobblers' Pool campsite from River Road, 11.6kms, which met the criteria for their Pioneer hike. Well done to all who participated. The Scouts also learned to treat contaminated water, make maps, cook a reflector oven chicken, learnt about fire safety, made camp gadgets, cooked in a pizza oven, cooked in a billy without utensils, built and slept in a hootchie and held an awesome ballista war! Leaders were really proud of the behavior of both of the Troops and the way that they built new friendships and helped one another. Good on you, Scouts!

The Cubs met with Gary Holland, an ex serviceman who was kind enough to lend his time to the Cub section to teach them about ANZAC for a Their Service Our Heritage badge. Thank you, Gary. Cubbies have also been learning about codes and especially Morse code, and plan to go bowling in the next few weeks. Don't forget that July 1 is our breakup for end of term for the Group – all are welcome.

The Rovers participated in the Trolley Run and showed that even Rovers can learn something new every day. Message for the Rovers; if you have size 17 feet and only own one pair of runners, don't leave your shoes in your mum's car when SHE goes on camp, then hike 20kms in thongs! Great new t-shirt for the Rover Scouts – 'We Hike in Thongs'. Well done on your entry, though! The Rovers have an exciting year planned for the remainder of 2010 – for more information, phone Julia on 9574 4427.

Scouts learned about discrimination over the past few weeks and hired wheelchairs for a Citizenship/Disability awareness exercise a few weeks ago. It was really interesting to see how much of our town is accessible to

people who use wheelchairs. We were also visited by Mrs Pamela Walsh, who talked to us about being an indigenous person in Toodyay and about the Stolen Generation. Pamela is of Nyungah and Yamatji descent but is also related to one of the original inhabitants of Culham Farm in Toodyay. Scouts explored their own ancestry and talked about discrimination in our town and at their schools. Thank you very much to Pamela for talking to us.

We really need you to support our Group, and would like all parents to attend our AGM on the 8th June. The AGM will be held at the Toodyay Youth Hall at 7pm. It is vitally important that parents support the AGM, as leaders cannot run all aspects of the Group without burning out. If all of us do a little bit it will help our leaders run a strong and engaging programme for our Scouts. So please, lend your support.

The Snow Camp meeting will be held shortly before the AGM at 6pm. Parents will be given the latest updates and information about the Snow Camp and gear lists etc. There will also be an update about the recent sighting of the snow snake in the Lake Mountain area and discussion about risk management to mitigate the risk of injury for our Scouts.

One of our fundraisers planned for June 19 is a paintballing challenge at WASP. For only \$55 you can bring along your community group, workmates or friends and have the time of your life!

WASP have one of the biggest paintball fields in WA at Clackline and the Scout Troop and other sections are regular attendees.

To pick up a ticket, go to Toodyay Fruit and Veg or email moondyne@iinet.net.au. If you'd like us to talk your boss into letting you shoot him/her, let us know!

Planned in the Scout section for the next few weeks – Troop Council, air activities, environmental awareness and tree planting, Build a Bridge, fundraising and more fundraising and ice skating and back to front night – let's make June our best month ever!

For Scout section enquiries email Samantha at moondyne@iinet.net.au and for Cub section enquiries contact Raksha on 9574 4005.

Yours in Scouting, Dropbear.

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Fly on the Wall

Peter Robinson

IT took three nights to hold the May council meeting.

The first night was Thursday 13th May. The meeting took up the allotted 3 hours plus the extra hour that the Local Government rules allow (if a majority of the councillors vote in favour). The meeting was then adjourned to the following night.

However, that type of very short notice meant that some Councillors had other arrangements and could not make the meeting. Consequently without a quorum the meeting had to be postponed again, this time until the following Tuesday (18th). This is quite clearly a ridiculous scenario, and should not happen. If a meeting has to be adjourned, then it should be to a date to be advised, when all Councillors can attend.

The first item on the agenda from Planning and Development, was an application to construct a dam. In reality it is an earth tank. A dam is a construction across a watercourse, whereas an earth tank collects run-off from a slope. During questions and clarifications it was revealed that the construction was to be fairly large in comparison to the size of the catchment. The concern was that bore water would be used to fill the earth tank. Drawing large amounts of ground water to put into an earth tank then wasting much of the water with evaporation is not deemed fair on other users of the ground water. The debate also revealed that the Shire has no policy regarding dam/earth tank construction, in relation to things like freeboard and overflow design. I also find the maths interesting, as an earth tank with the measurements as printed in the agenda (40m x 30m x 3m) will have a capacity of just under 2,200m³, not 3,600m³ as listed. In the end a motion was passed allowing the construction of the earth tank, 6 votes to 2.

In West Toodyay there is a short street joining Fitzgerald St. to North St. that needs a name. The McGill family suggested Collett Place or Lane recognising the Collett family who had a significant presence in the area for many years. The Toodyay Historical Society put forward the name Royal Oak (after the Royal Oak Inn that was located

in the vicinity). The unanimous decision of Council was to endorse Royal Oak as first option and Collett as second option.

A sub-division application was presented for a block of land on the corner of Julimar Rd and Coondle West Rd. This is an interesting case with good argument both for and against. After a well conducted debate Council voted against the officer's recommendation, which was to oppose the sub-division. Instead they moved to support sub-division subject to the 65ha block of land being rezoned to Rural Residential. This support was due in part because of prior Shire promises.

Our Shire has a policy to review all its Policies and Delegations during May of each year. This was duly done and the motion passed.

The Toodyay Festival of Food will have a new fee structure for stallholders in 2010. Businesses that are not local will be charged \$200 for the day. This is to cover the cost of providing a marquee, table and chairs. Local businesses will be charged just \$75 and community organisations will be free. This will free up grant monies which can be used to provide extra entertainment.

The ongoing saga of Landscaping Outdoor and Hire was back before Council this month. The business has been unable to carry out all the requirements of the directions they were given last October. They had a number of things to do before 30th April 2010. If they failed to do them, they were to be prosecuted again. Discussions were held between the owners and Shire staff to see if a workable solution could be arranged. As a result of these discussions, a motion was presented to Council to give a two-year extension for works to be completed provided the Shire and neighbouring properties are given an indemnification against storm water damage.

All but one Councillor spoke on the matter, with Cr Larkin being most vehement in her criticism of Landscaping Outdoor and Hire. Cr Larkin claimed that the Shire had no fault in the matter; the proponents brought all their problems onto themselves; Council can only bend over backwards so far and they had already had too many extensions. Crs Firms, Hogg and Prater all pointed out that prosecution would not get the works completed. The motion to grant extra time was passed 6 votes to 2 with Cr Larkin

requesting her vote against the motion be recorded.

The only other agenda item I am going to discuss this month is the one introduced as 'an item of an urgent nature introduced by an elected member'.

Shire President Cr Firms had attempted, back on 1st January, to make the Local Recovery Committee (LRC) a properly constituted committee. However this had been thwarted by an outcry from some quarters claiming that it was an attack on the committee and the Recovery Desk volunteers. The CEO at the time gave no advice or support to the President. It seems that the State Emergency Management Act indicates that the LRC should be chaired by a person from the Local Authority (Shire administration), and the committee be answerable to that authority. Once again it was seen as an attack on the work done by the recovery team.

Above the LRC is another committee, known as the Local Emergency Management Committee (LEMC). There is some confusion as to the roles and personnel of the two groups. The LEMC has to develop plans and strategies to deal with emergencies, including but not limited to fire emergencies. That group is now not operational as its work has been done; it has developed a Local Emergency Management Plan (LEMP). On the other hand the LRC is made up of the Recovery Coordinator along with executive officer Bob Jackson, the acting CEO, the deputy CEO, the Snr Ranger, the officer in charge of the Toodyay Police, a FESA rep and a DCP rep. Then there are the recovery desk volunteers. They have done a fantastic job of collecting and collating all the information.

I don't see why the recovery coordinator has to be the chairperson of the LRC. In fact, with the amount of work, time and effort dedicated to the fire survivors by Charlie Wroth (the recovery coordinator), not having to also chair the LRC would lighten the load. However, the end result of the Council meeting(s) is that the LRC is now properly constituted with the addition of the acting CEO, the deputy CEO and the Senior Ranger. The Recovery coordinator, Charlie Wroth, is the LRC chairperson.

At some stage, maybe August, the LEMC should be activated so they can do a de-

brief. It is very important that the LEMP is reviewed. We must know if the plan worked as well as could be expected. It may be possible to improve the plan. It may show that some things could have been done better. The main thing is to have a wide ranging frank discussion with all the survivors and all the volunteers invited to participate.

The other area I intend to cover is the way our Council is behaving. Since the departure of the previous CEO, the whole town has lifted with a renewed vigour, vibrancy and vision. The community groups that I'm involved with now have a positive forward-looking approach. I understand that other community groups have that same feeling. At a time when we should all be expecting some real leadership and cooperation from our Council, we instead find them in bitter conflict. They are indulging in accusations, recriminations, derogatory comments and are backward looking.

How can the bad culture that has developed over the last five years be changed with a Council behaving the way it is? How can the renewed positive attitude of the residents be harnessed and encouraged with a Council behaving the way it is? And how do we keep our new acting CEO who is so positive, helpful, efficient and, above all, a people person?

The answer is for the Councillors to remember the oath they made when sworn in as Councillors. To do the best of their ability for the community that elected them. Stop attacking each other and instead attack the issues. The last thing we need is for the State Government to send in an administrator. Many people fear that as a real possibility. Those Councillors who are indulging in the personal attacks should consider changing their attitude or resigning and letting people with a community focus take over.

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Immediately after a serious disaster, a person may experience a range of thoughts, feelings and behaviour that can be intense, confusing and frightening. These are common reactions to an extraordinary situation.

Most people recover after disasters by drawing on their own strengths and the support of others, and most will gradually rebuild their lives and achieve a sense of well-being again. However, some people may go on to develop a psychological problem. It's important to know the difference between a normal reaction to a stressful or potentially traumatic event and the signs that indicate you should seek additional assistance.

Following a disaster, it's important to remember that you are not alone and that help is available.

Common reactions to an extraordinary event

When a person experiences a stressful or traumatic event such as a disaster, it can have a profound impact on the person's psychological well-being. People may experience many different emotional and physical reactions which vary in severity depending on how close that person was to the event and the degree of loss the person may have experienced.

Common reactions to a disaster
Common reactions experienced following a major traumatic event include:

- feelings of fear, sadness or anger
- feeling overwhelmed
- feeling numb, detached or withdrawn
- difficulty with focusing attention and con-

- centration
- difficulty planning ahead
- tearfulness
- unwanted and recurring memories or bad dreams related to the event
- sleep problems
- constant questioning – "What if I had done x, y or z, instead?" and "What will happen now?"
- 'replaying' the event and inventing different outcomes in order to be prepared should it happen again.

These reactions can be quite strong and are often at their worst in the first week. They are not signs of weakness. In most cases, they fade over the following weeks, although the person may experience them from time to time for a much longer period. However, if at any time these reactions seriously affect a person's ability to participate in day-to-day activities at home or at work, it's important to discuss it straight away with a General Practitioner or mental health professional.

Grief

Grief after the death of a loved one, a pet, or loss of property, can be felt intensely for a long time after the event. Everyone copes differently, but the intensity of the feelings usually diminishes with time. A person may feel one or all of the following:

- a short-lived sense of unreality or feelings of detachment from the world
- numbness, shock and confusion
- anger and self-blame or blaming others for the outcome
- an inability to find anything meaningful and be able to make sense of the experience – "Why has this happened to me?" and spiritual questions – "Where is God in this?"
- feelings of despair and loneliness
- sleep disturbances and changes in appetite
- emotional distress so severe it feels like physical pain
- fatigue
- flooding of memories or preoccupation with thinking about the event
- loneliness or longing
- stress about financial problems, parenting and practical concerns.

Grief reactions can persist and, for some, remain intense for a long time.

Having grief counselling and/or becoming involved with support groups are some ways that you can help yourself and

your family deal with these experiences.

Survivor guilt

Some people connected to the disaster may also be feeling guilty because they survived or did not suffer a loss, but family members, friends, neighbours and people in their community did not. Survivor guilt is common after a natural disaster and can become a problem for some people if those feelings of guilt are particularly extreme or prolonged. Guilt can also get in the way of asking for help (e.g. "I don't deserve help." or "Others need it much more than I do.").

Dealing with the emotional impact of a natural disaster

Following a disaster, it's important to find ways to regain a sense of safety and control. People often need to have access to a safe and secure environment, to find out what happened to family members and friends and to have access to relevant services. There are steps you can take to make the situation more manageable for you and your loved ones.

Helping yourself

Spending time with family and friends. Spending time with close friends and loved ones is critical following a disaster. Ensure that you have regular contact with people whom you trust and who support you. Ask for practical help and support when you need it – people often want to help and appreciate knowing what you need.

Try to get back to a routine. This is very important, particularly if you have children. It can be hard at first because life may be chaotic, but try to think of ways you can return to the pre-disaster routine as soon as possible – for example, eat at the same time you would normally eat each day.

Try to be healthy. Although your life might be disrupted right now, do what you can to eat a balanced diet and get some regular exercise – even if it's just going for a walk. Evidence shows regular exercise can improve mood. Looking after your body will help you gain the strength you will need to get through this time. Also, balance exercise with regular rest, relaxation and adequate sleep.

Take time out. Do things that you enjoy. This sounds simple, but often after a disaster enjoyable activities become low priority as the task of reconstruct-

tion is viewed as more important. It's important, despite it all, to take part in enjoyable activities.

Limit the amount of media coverage you watch, listen to, or read. While getting information is important, watching or listening to news bulletins too frequently can cause people who have experienced a disaster to feel distressed.

Write down your worries. You may find it helpful to write down your worries and concerns. Identify the specific feelings you are experiencing and the concern/worry that may be underlying each of these feelings.

Express your feelings. For some people, writing about their experience can be helpful, particularly if they find it difficult to talk about it. A though some distress is normal during this process, if you find writing down your experience too distressing or overwhelming, don't continue. There are many other ways to express your feelings that you may find helpful, such as drawing, painting, playing music, making collages etc.

Accept help when it's offered. When disasters occur, they often affect people who have never before had a reason to access government or crisis support services. Getting help can be uncomfortable for some people who are not used to accepting assistance. However, there is no reason not to accept the kindness of others now – you would help them if the situation was reversed.

Don't expect to have the answers. When something unexpected happens, there are no guarantees about how the future will turn out. It is normal to feel unsure and confused.

Realise you are not alone. Grief, loss and shock, sadness and stress, can make you feel like isolating yourself from others. It may be helpful to remember that many people are feeling the same as you and will share your journey of recovery. Shutting yourself off from others is unlikely to make the situation any better.

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What I showed at Moondyne

Ron E Waters

MY display of aboriginal artefacts shown at the Moondyne Festival included a punishment spear, hunting spears, digging sticks, tap sticks, seed bowls, grind stones and a dot painted stone showing the women dancing, a killing stick, boomerangs, a stone for sharpening, white quartz stones, woomeras, a forked stick for pulling down blossoms off a tree to shake the nectar into their wooden bowls of water to make sweet drinks, and the fork on the other end of the stick was to hold down goannas. Other things shown were a mug and jug presented to Thomas Waters by the then Governor of Western Australia for his work on botany, a cup won by Corporal A.E. Waters, Tenth Light Horse, for tilting at the ring on horseback at the Perth Royal Show in 1928, a stallion bridle and rod worn on a draft horse

at the Toodyay Show 110 years ago, owned by Edwin James Waters and a racing bridle won by Edwin James Waters 95 years ago at the Bindoon races. There were a back band for the shafts of a horse drawn cart, sulky or buggy, large augur bits for boring large holes in timber, a bottle jack for lifting wagons in the early days, a collection of old tools used on our farm at Toodyay, especially castrating tools used on horses and sheep in the olden days. The rabbit traps were from China, Europe, America, England and Australia.

A yellow and white crystal rock found at Jumperdine years ago, some devil's dice rocks found west of Toodyay a long time ago, and a small piece of Sky Lab from the eastern desert, which fell from the sky years ago, a sheep bell which they put on one sheep in a flock, and a cow bell which they put on one cow in each herd.

The people that day were so please to see the collection of aboriginal artefacts and the convict collection of the ball and chain with three handcuffs which were put on three convicts while they worked, also the leg chains and iron clamps locked on with

keys. I showed them a folder with the photo of the Hangman's tree in Mill Point Road, South Perth. It is said that criminals were hanged there before 1855. The photo was taken in 1910. I also showed them a photo of the Working Men's Institute being built in 1864, also a photo of Bobbinet chained by the neck in jail, - I am not sure what he did. Also a photo of seven police in one of the first old cars driving to work down Roe Street in Perth in 1911. Another photo of the first transport for Police in Perth was Police on push bikes, and another photo, taken in 1890, of an aboriginal with chains around his legs and a chain and handcuff on one wrist and a chain up to an iron ring locked on around his neck. They left one arm free so they could brush the flies and mosquitoes away.

There was also a photo of a French explorer encountering the aboriginals at Sharks Bay in 1818, and another photo of four aboriginal men chained up at Braeside in the North West, they were convicted of killing a Doctor in 1899. I showed them also a photo of a policeman with an aboriginal tracker. I have been told by some of my old cousins, who are now deceased, that our first old family sometimes let the aboriginals go that had been wrongfully chained up for things they had not done.

I told Moondyne Joe that day at the Post Office, that his plastic ball might be bigger than mine, but mine was the heaviest.

Toodyay Music Club

Jenny Edgecombe

I WAS quite surprised to realise what a huge range of songs has come from musicals or been featured in movies and television shows. In spite of some worries about branching out into these rather different areas, our members were as innovative as usual in ferreting out some fantastic music.

Leila pulled out the accordion for a very dashing 'Can Can', although we were disappointed that the Chords and Keys showgirls were not appearing as Moulin Rouge dancers! I forgave them later when they performed that tragic television tear-jerker, 'Louis the Fly', a very popular choice.

Allan chose 'Bran Nue Dae' for his offerings. The backing of Leila and Eileen made for some terrific arrangements of songs from this great Australian musical. Eileen and Moira provided marvellous harmonies for Maurice in the 'Heartbeat' theme and they are making great progress on their ukuleles.

Spencer sang 'Six Ribbons', with Joe's guitar augmenting the ukulele picking. It was beautiful and well worth the hours of practice they put in. I'm sure Spencer's visiting cousin would have agreed.

Joe was much in demand and went well beyond the call of duty, learning some finger-twisting chords to produce the effect I wanted for 'Sunrise, Sunset'. I returned the favour, sort of, by producing a most satisfying 'screaming at the servants' to ensure that everyone was paying attention during his enjoyable version of 'If I Were a Rich Man'.

It was a chilly night, and there were many expressions of gratitude for Dr Walkey's marvellous gift of heating for the hall during our usual friendly supper break and sing-along sessions.

Frank did well with some different styles including 'Mamma Mia', and Jeanette also branched out with the lyrical theme from 'Prisoner'.

It was also good to welcome Nancy with her accordion and her usual great choice of material as well as her reports of happily settling into her new abode in Perth.

The club introduced occasional theme

nights to maintain interest and challenge performers to experiment, learn new pieces and step outside their usual styles of music. The high standard of performance on this evening showed just how successful this has been.

Don't put it off any longer! Come along and join us as performer or listener on the second Friday of each month at the CWA Hall. Any style of singing or instrumental performance is welcome, so long as it is 'acoustic'.

Next Meeting is at 7pm Friday 11th June. If you would like to know more, contact Teddy or Spencer on 9574 4492.

Toodyay Neighbourhood Watch

Neighbours Looking after Neighbours

Desraé Clarke

Rural Crime

THERE has been much publicity over the past few months of the stealing of large numbers of stock. This is an enormous cost to our farmers and runs into millions of dollars annually!!!

A Rural Crime Prevention Plan has been developed to identify crime prevention initiatives, programs and strategies to address the issues specific to country towns and the agricultural regions of Western Australia.

A website can be checked for crime prevention data on www.crimeprevention.wa.gov.au Pamphlets have been produced containing some really useful preventative information that include:

- Stock theft
- Grain theft
- Farm machinery theft
- Fuel tank security
- Property marking and identification
- Trespassers and shooters
- Reporting of suspicious activity.

These, and other pamphlets, can be downloaded from the 'Publications' Quick Link, and Rural Crime Prevention Brochure under 'Brochures and Booklets' at the above web page or, alternatively, copies of the information can be obtained by contacting the Office of Crime Prevention, Level 5, 197 St George's Terrace, Perth, 6000 or telephone 9222 9733 or email crimeprevention@ocp.wa.gov.au.

Crime prevention begins with 'Neighbours Looking after Neighbours' and reporting any suspicious or unusual activity as soon as possible to either your Police 9574 2212 or CRIMESTOPPERS 1800 333 000.

Autumn Club

Autumn Leaf

OUR trip to Fremantle was a great day, stopping on our way for morning tea in the bush and then onto Fremantle where we had lunch ready for us at Sweetlips and then a tour around the town on the local cat bus.

On the 19th May we visited the York Senior Club and had a good time meeting up with old friends.

We would like to thank the Red Cross for inviting us for morning tea the other week.

The next outing for the club will be a visit to the Perth Zoo on 8th June leaving Toodyay at 9.15am.

At our last general meeting we all agreed to get behind proposed local radio station.

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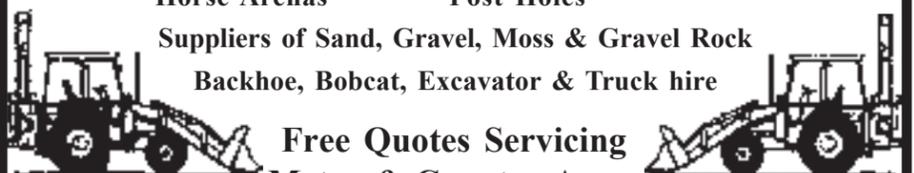
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Gidgegannup Small Farm Field Day

ON 6th June, the third Gidgegannup Small Farm Field Day begins with gates opening at 9am. Admission is still a very reasonable \$10 per adult with children under 16 free.

The Mayor of the City of Swan, Cr Charlie Zannino will perform the Official Opening Ceremony at 10am.

This year the Alpaca Sale will be held on the day along with the Dexter Association Show, the Boer Goats Breeders Association Show and the Bullsbrook Poultry Club Promotional Day and Sale.

There will be visits to the Open Farms of LLewta Dorper and Boer Goat Farm showcasing breeding goat and sheep meat livestock and the famous Auzzie Kid Mohair Products. Autumn Lane Alpaca Farm, where you can see a working farm and meet the animals, is on the tour along with Jim Dawson's Jujube and Fig Farm. Jim is a knowledgeable plants man who shares his experience on growing and propagating these exotic fruit and nut trees. Transport to all farms is free to Field Day attendees.

Over at the Livestock Centre, there will be all the above animals plus llamas, sheep and Lowline cattle. There are shearing displays and sheepdog displays, talks on animal husbandry and advice on caring for your own livestock. There will also be fencing demonstrations and hands-on workshops. The Department of Agriculture is there to provide advice on Small Block Landcare. There is also an animal petting farm.

Examples of value-added goods will be in the Fibre Pavilion and a fashion parade in the Café Entertainment area will showcase some of these fabulous garments as well as garments from Horseland and local boutiques. Live spinning demonstrations will also be held in the Fibre Pavilion.

The Bush Verandah is the corner for local growers and producers and your chance to purchase some wonderful home-grown produce.

The Food and Wine Pavilion offers many chances to sample the olive oil that is produced in Gidgegannup together with local and South West wineries.

The Café entertainment area will provide day-long entertainment starting with Josephine and Goggles the Goose, Punch and Judy, Face painting, the Fashion Show and then the Mucky Duck Bush Band. This area is surrounded with local volunteer groups providing fabulous food and our exhibitors with their great products.

The Sustainability Marquee features talks and question and answer sessions with the Garden Gurus and Ross Mars on all sorts of sustainability related topics in the garden.

Please do not forget all our exhibitors as well with their wonderful range of products for you to view and purchase.

A great day full of information and fun for everyone – come along and enjoy the day in the fabulous setting of Gidgegannup. For more information, contact 9574 7065.

My View

Anne Skinner

WE needed a "green change", just for a while, so to Darwin we did fly. Our country has so much diversity in our landscape and climate. I stand amazed how in the space of a few hours we can be transported from the ravages of fire and the scorched brown land to the ultimate luxury for the eye in the many shades of green with so much density of growth and style very different from our own back yard. Gardens seem to be left to their own natural devices such as only mother-nature can provide, hiding many homes usually built up above ground level. Cyclone Tracy made a difference and I believe Darwin may be all the better for it. I've learnt about the attacks on this part of the Australian coast, with sorties more than Pearl Harbour it would seem. So very little is known of this time in our history, apart from a small piece in the movie 'Australia' shedding some light, but I wonder how many untold stories we have as yet to learn of. How many stories and lives that were lost, especially of those who very often did not rate a mention?

My husband fished for barramundi, until he was all fished out, and I rested on the view of tropical splendour from our 'air-conditioned' accommodation, the home of my sister and her husband. Three weeks retreat and I'm looking forward to being home again.

The flight home reminded me once again of the enormity of our fair land, especially the lakes of sand and the ranges that stretch

out forever. It is just as if some huge hand had tilted this island and allowed the oceans to run off on either side, leaving the undulations, the ripples and the channels of another time leaving their stories behind them to be passed on by the original keepers of the soil. I imagine the owners of this barren waste now vacated by our intrusion, and wonder if we are doing Australia a favour for our arrival.

The occasional scrappy track or a surveyor's route would scar the red earth, or white lesions pock the surface from time to time remnants of salty waters now departed left for our harvesting. Here and there a great crater is seen as a gouge on the surface where man collects the wealth of soil (by toil) in heat too much for me to bear. Black mole shadows cast on the soil to remind me of the clouds that I travel above, and again I shudder at the knowledge that all that is between us and a long way down is the thin skin of our plane.

The core Australia is the same as it was thousands of years ago, only we have changed the surface, as with all invasions the environment changes. The 'botox' we inject into the creases or the dermabrasion we apply or yet the ointments we administer in our attempt to improve-remove-deface or whatever, are none the less damaging the face of a very beautiful land even out there in the back of beyond. The old face of Australia still shines through where no man has tampered. Could it still be in the hearts and face of the indigenous Australians?

This red earth we call Australia can be unforgiving, shy to those who do not understand her, weathered by time dangerous to the novice, but still welcoming to those who dare to learn about her and attempt to civilize her. We should be grateful we are free, and no one has ruled us in tyranny, now are we burdened by the yoke of historical bonds – we are young. We have beauty rich and rare. Let us protect our land from unscrupulous traders, also the sea by which we are encircled from pollution of every kind. (I can feel a song coming on) Forgive my outcry, but speeding across such a small portion of what is 'The Best Place on Earth' I am reminded that each one of us needs to protect that which is our home, our castle, this Australia.

Coming home to our burnt-out property and our yellow homestead on the hill, I am once again appalled by damage of the fire. Research tells me that I probably will not see the bush again as it was before 29th December 2009, I am two and sixty. It would be nice if it was six and twenty, but my time is in His hands. It has been mentioned maybe 20 years or so before the land will return to what it was. We, however, will nurture the soil, replace what was lost, replant with native trees and sit back and watch His hand heal that which man has destroyed. Even though we may not have the time given to see it in completion, we will do our best with the time allotted us. We on the hill did nought to cause this calamity, but we are left to repair and rebuild. We are all enormously grateful for all the help given from every quarter, whether from the residents of Toodyay or the State at large. After all we are all part of the larger community of W.A. And yes, "we are moving on" albeit slowly. A little wounded maybe, not unlike Peter Sellers in his role of Gunga Din (the water bearer) in "Charge of The Light Brigade" as he blew his warning trumpet. Filled as he was with many bullets, he kept on keeping on.

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The Gidge Field Day and Alpaca Sale

The Central Region of the Australian Alpaca Association welcomes all visitors to the Gidge Field Day to check out the alpacas on display in the goat shed, Sunday 6th June 2010.

Once seen as unusual, alpacas are proving to be an exciting and burgeoning industry for many Australians. Since the inception of the Australian Alpaca industry in 1988, intensive breeding and importation has grown the national herd to over 60,000 animals, making it the largest registered herd of alpacas in the world.

Your local breeders, Brookwood, Paradise, Vellum Farm, Encantador, Church Gully, Windella, Winterbrook Farm, Corbracagh Downs, Keis and Treechange Alpacas will be on hand to answer all your alpaca related questions.

"There will be stud alpacas on display, animals for sale, merchandise, industry displays, educational presentations and alpaca product available to purchase," said Mr Ron Raynor, Regional President, Central Region, Australian Alpaca Association.

Treechanger Accolades

Angela and Dieter Bartels of Treechange Alpacas in Toodyay enjoyed their first taste of success at the 2010 Autumn Alpaca Show at Whiteman Park. Hot Chilli (pictured), a two and half year old solid white male won the title of 'Champion Adult Male'. Chilli's fleece combines a high degree of fineness (16 mic) and crimp definition with a very soft handle.

Hot Chilli's first cria are due on the ground from March 2011. For farm visits, stud service or sales please call 9574 4144.



There is a mysterious parallel between Christianity and the Baha'i Faith. Jesus was preceded by John the Baptist who gave the glad tidings of the coming of one greater than Himself. Jesus spoke of John as the return of Elijah and proclaimed His mission after the martyrdom of John.

The Báb, meaning the Gate, arose in 1844 in Iran and declared that one greater than Him would soon appear. He spoke of the expected one as the Qayyúm (self-subsisting). The Báb was martyred in 1850. He and one of His disciples were hung from a wall in the barracks of Tabriz in northern Iran and executed by a regiment of 750 soldiers. Their mangled bodies were placed on the edge of a moat outside the city. A few followers of the Báb persuaded the soldiers guarding the bodies to allow them to take them away. The remains were removed and hidden in various places in Iran for fifty years. Early in the twentieth century, the remains of the Báb were taken to Haifa and in March 1909 they were laid to rest by 'Abdu'l-Bahá in a specially erected mausoleum on Mt. Carmel. Today a beautiful shrine encloses the mausoleum. The Shrine of the Báb on Mt Carmel, facing the Tomb of Baha'u'llah in the city of Akka, flanked on its right by the hills of Galilee, the home of Jesus Christ, and on its left, by the Cave of Elijah; and backed by the plain of Sharon and, beyond it, Jerusalem itself, symbolises in the Baha'i Scripture the fulfilment of the Biblical prophecy of the return of Elijah to Mt Carmel heralding the advent of the Lord of Hosts.

Shrine of the Báb

on Mount Carmel



For information, email: info-toodyay@wa.bahai.org.au or call 08 9330 6999

when and where they meet

Toodyay Swimming Pool Action Committee

WE are pleased that the Shire has reformed the recreation committee and are looking broadly at options for rec facilities. We encourage anyone with an interest in recreation provision to make their views known to the committee which consists of all council members. We hope a recommendation will go to council soon as the application for funding the CSRFF has to be in by 1st October.

Many people have asked why we think swimming pool is a priority. We are of course biased but in potential participatory surveys done in Toodyay and other shires it comes up as the number one choice time and time again. I guess we believe that this is so because you can swim from just after birth to just before you die. Not many other sports can claim that. Also, if you are ill or injured exercising in water is often the only option and of course who wants to go running when its forty degrees.

On to other matters. Many thanks to all the businesses in town and locals who supported our fundraising efforts at the Moodyne Festival through the donation of prizes for our roll a coin stand. We also ran a coconut shy again which was a big hit. There were some excellent shots and we ran out of coconuts by mid afternoon. Overall we made about \$500 on the day. Congratulations to the Moodyne Committee for organising the event and allowing us to participate.

Our next TSPAC meeting is on 14th June at 12:30pm at the Freemasons.

Toodyay Kindergym

HERE comes the rain, so the young ones are running around, screaming their lungs out inside.

Don't stress! Bring them down to Kindergym and let them burn off the energy in a constructed circuit that tests their skill, balance and co-ordination. There are also puzzles and activities for the more articulate. It's a fun and social atmosphere where mums and dads are welcome to try to tire out their children, physically or mentally.

A huge thank you is overdue to everyone who helped out or donated to Toodyay Kindergym at the Moodyne festival. THANK YOU!

On the subject of thank yous, thanks again to the fantastic group of volunteers who set up, pack away and run the circuit. There would be no Kindergym without you.

So feel free to join us having fun in a casual and relax atmosphere, every Friday (that schools on) down at the Sports Pavilion from 9.30am. Don't forget that your first session's free.

Questions? Call Karen (president) on 0421 357 333.

Ida's Hideaway

Greasy Sleeve

TO Graham from the Bakery, and to all the volunteers, who help every week, thank you very much for your ongoing support.

Birthday's this month are, Elma Raine 4th and Mick Dodemaide 27th. We wish them both a very happy birthday.

To Greta Baker we hope you are feeling better. We are all thinking of you and we hope to see you real soon at the Hideaway.

Ida's Hideaway is a voluntary organisation to assist the seniors of Toodyay. We meet every Saturday afternoon at Butterly House, from 1 - 4pm. You can play bingo, cards or you can just have a chat - whatever you like. So if you have nothing better to do, please come along. You will be most welcome.

Ida's Hideaway is looking for more volunteers so, if you are looking for something worthwhile to do, why not come down to Butterly House on Saturday afternoon.

The Judge looked at the Irishman in the dock and remarked, "Patrick O'Riley, you are privileged to challenge any member of the jury now being empanelled." O'Riley's eye glistened, "Well thin, yer Honour", he said with gusto, "oi'll foight the wee man over there in the corner, thank ye kindly."

AAFC 708 SQUADRON

Australian Air Force Cadets 12 ½ to 17 year olds, male and female. Building J1, Northam Army Camp Grt Eastern Hwy. Friday 6:30pm to 9:30pm, during school term. 708squ@cadetnet.gov.au

AFRICAN DRUMMING

Thursdays (adults) 6 - 7.30pm at The Factory Baptist Church All instruments provided. Enquiries: Heather on 9574 5463.

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 Wendy on 9574 4172

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, 1pm to 4pm. Toodyay Sports Pavilion Contact Glenyce Bosnjak 9574 4587

AVON VALLEY ADULT RIDING CLUB

Meets 4th Saturday of each month (Feb - Nov) at Toodyay Race Course. Contact: Sandra 9574 4429

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 Sunday 9am 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: Call for details. 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.

EARTH SOLUTIONS - AVON VALLEY

Third Tuesday of each month, 6pm at the PB Kirby Centre, cnr Gordon and Wellington Sts, Northam. New members welcome. Contact Caroline Barr on 9622 8043 or Belle Moore on 9622 5203 for additional information.

FITNESS AND 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 VOLUNTEER BUSH FIRE BRIGADE

Meets 1st Saturday of month, 6pm at Julimar Fire Station followed by BYO BBQ. Training Sunday following meeting, 10am, Julimar Fire Station.

MOERLINA

Every Tuesday and Thursday Toodyay Sports Pavilion

MORANGUP PLAYGROUP

Morangup Community Hall, Lot 3 Wallaby Way, Morangup. Every Wednesday 9.30 to 11.30am (excluding public and school holidays). Emma Whately 9572 9376, Julie Slater 9572 9914 or Chere Rothwell 9572 9298

MURDER MYSTERY CLUB

Meets Third Friday of the month, St Stephens Church Hall, 10am - 12.30. Ph Liz 9574 5967 or Dot 0407 656 853

RAG BAGS QUILTING GROUP

1st, 3rd Wednesday, 10am CWA Hall

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, 10am at Toodyay Telecentre.

SIMPLY MUSIC

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

SOCIAL TENNIS

Tuesday 8.30am Ladies and senior men

TOODYAY 4WD CLUB

Meets every 3rd Saturday of the month. Please contact Dave Isbill 9574 4035 for location and time.

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 Peewees, 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 DISTRICTS HORSE & PONY CLUB

4th Sunday of every month (Feb - Nov), Toodyay Race Course. Contact Tanzi 0427 859 493

TOODYAY FRIENDS OF THE RIVER

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

TOODYAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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

TOODYAY / JULIMAR JEWELS

3rd Tuesday of the month at 10am, Wendouree Tearooms. Ph Shirl 9574 5077

TOODYAY KINDERGym

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

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

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

TOODYAY MONTESSORI

Monday and Wednesday 9.30 - 11.30am Enquiries phone Sally on 9574 4184 or Jodie on 9574 5569.

TOODYAY MUSIC CLUB INC

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

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3rd Saturday each month, at CWA Hall 7pm. Enquiries to President on 9574 2560 or Secretary on 6364 3609. Visitors and new members will be made very welcome.

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

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Contact Francis Moran for meeting dates 9574 5786.

TOODYAY PLAYGROUP

Tuesdays & Thursdays 9.30am - 11.30am, Playgroup Hall, Community Centre, Brenda Hutchinson 9574 4489

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: CARol Worrell 0407 429 047; Secretary: Phil Harmer 9574 2015

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

UNITING CHURCH

10am, St Stephen's Church, Toodyay

YOGA

Friday 9am Friday CWA Hall. 9574 4184

public notices

Avon Valley Art Society Notes

Landscape, allegory and the metaphysical
Avon Valley Arts invites you to 'Landscape, Allegory and the Metaphysical', a retrospective by Benjamin James Littleton, winner of the 2010 Fred Killick Memorial Art Award. Opening Sunday 6th June at 5pm, in the Old Post Office Gallery, Northam Arts Centre. Refreshments will be served. Exhibiting for the month of June, open daily 10am-4pm.

Life drawing sessions

Calling for expressions of interest to experience live model drawing. Held at the Old Girl's School on Wednesday 2nd & 9th June 5.30pm-8.00pm. Cost: \$22 per person each session. Equipment is supplied (easels), bring your own materials (paper, paint, charcoal etc.) Book now, phone 9622 2245.

Festival of Performing Arts

This year in memory of Judy Reynolds the founder of the Festival of Performing Arts, we present the AVAS Festival of Performing Arts 2010. Sections are Music, Vocal, Dance, Speech & Drama. Scholarships will be awarded in each section. The schedule for the Festival is now available from AVAS. Entries close 25th June.

Northam Art Prize 2010

Entry forms and fees for this prestigious art award are due by 4pm Friday 18th June. Artworks must be handed in by 4pm Sunday 27th June. Entry forms available from AVAS.

St John First Aid Course

The next Senior First Aid Course is to be held at Toodyay on Sunday 11 July. This is a One Day Flexible Learning, so you need to register early to get your manual and CD or workbook. Contact the sub centre on 9574 2390 or Jenny at L J Hooker 9574 2455.

Public Meeting for Toodyay Community Radio

A public meeting for the formation for Toodyay Community Radio will be held at the CWA Hall on Wednesday 16th June. Please arrive at 6.30 for tea and coffee before a 7pm start of the meeting. At the meeting, we will be forming a Steering Committee for Toodyay Community Radio, so if you have something to offer as a committee member or as a general member, please be sure to attend.

Marriages



Munn – Hemingway

On Saturday, 27th March, 2010, Keaton Munn, only son of Diane Hamlyn of Toodyay, and Willard Munn of Whangarei, New Zealand, wed his childhood sweetheart, Carrie Hemingway, younger daughter of Debbie Hemingway of Mt Helena and Paul Hemingway of Mandurah.

Keaton and Carrie met while attending school in Toodyay and married in the Secret Garden of the Cottesloe Civic Centre.

Keaton's best man was Shane Wake and his groomsmen were Dave Lindsay and Anthony Pritchard. Page Boys were Josh Van Raak and Cameron, Rhein and Lochlan Pritchard.

Carrie was attended by her sisters, Hayley and Kylie Hemingway and the groom's sisters, Desa Munn and Zoe and Jade Hamlyn.

The happy couple honeymooned at the Karri Valley Resort in Pemberton.

In Memoriam

Judy Harrington

24.01.51 – 15.06.09

One year has gone by since you said goodbye and with each new day we miss you more than the last, but what a gift you were to all those around you. We hope we make you proud as we try to live our lives just like you taught us, with as much love, courage and conviction as possible. You left us such a beautiful legacy We love you.

From your loving husband, children and grand-children

Stan Robinson

8.05.18 – 23.05.99

Eleven years have passed, Dad. Time goes by and Mum and I still miss you. On that day, Sunday, 23rd May, 1999, we said goodbye. From your son, Norman, and wife, Bertha.

Births



WELCOME to the world - after a dramatic pre-entry, Angus Maximus Phoenix McGowan joined the McGowan family on the 8th May, 2010 at 7p7oz. Congratulations to Bruce, Claire and family.

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 Welburn
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	

Anniversaries

Christine & Brian Dawes
Bettina & Grant Scobie
Vicky & Brendon Watson

40th Wedding Anniversary

Len and Gale (nee White) Anderson will Celebrate their 40th Wedding Anniversary on the 27th June, they met in Dalwallinu after Len was transferred there with Telecom, as a



Technician in Training, two years later they were married at St Christopher's Anglican Church in Bicton, and raised three beautiful girls, Wanda Jacqueline, Penni-Anne (now in Gods care) and Meloni Jayne and have two loving wonderful grandsons, Joshua & Alexander. They will have a dinner to celebrate their 40th Anniversary on the 26th June with family and friends at the "Top of the Terrace."

Arts Toodyay

Margot Watkins

NOT complaining but it did rain on our picnic or would have if we hadn't cancelled. So, with thwarted ambitions of impressionist masterpieces cast aside, we can only be glad for heavens blessing. At least it will be green when we do venture forth. Keep tuned for the rescheduled date.

What we may truly be pleased about though was the success of our 'Wearable Art' Exhibition held during the Moondyne Festival. There was a broad range of interpretations of the theme and some 'fun and fabulous' creations on display. Thank you to everyone who participated and thanks especially to all those who worked hard to make it happen (and to Bev who thought of it in the first place.) We had some really positive feedback and it looks like something similar will be happening again next year, with maybe a Wagga theme which would be appropriate for that rascally bushranger...

The 'Most Popular Choice' award was won by Valerie Richards for her beautifully felted jacket. 'Ocean Fire'. Congratulations, I'm sure your work has inspired many of us.

The next textiles interest group meets on 5th June where Marie-Louise and Bev will be helping us to create some 'Faux Chenille' fabric pieces and touching on previous techniques that can be applied. They will also be showing us some new techniques they have just learnt. I imagine some very exciting and vibrant effects can/will be produced with this method. Please ring Bev 9574 2898 if you would like to come so we have an idea of equipment/materials needed.

The Wire Sculpture workshop will be held Sunday 27th June, 10am to 2pm approx. Cost is \$25 (includes materials). Ring Margot on 9574 2823 to book a place if you haven't already as there is a cap on numbers. There is a short list of items to bring also.

Just out are entry forms for the York Art and Craft Awards. This year the theme for the extra prize of \$1000 each for Art and for Craft, is something that depicts some aspect of recycling. There are 11 categories of different mediums within the art and craft sections, each with a prize of \$500. Phone 9641 1276 for forms or email parkerprint@bigpond.com.

And unbelievably, the Coorinja exhibition is coming up very quickly – a bare four months away – so starting work now would be a good idea. There is no specific theme this time though we will stick to the name 'Vino'. Also we have plans to make so any help will make the load light; please come to our meetings.

Also just in is news that there may be an 'Art on the Move' Exhibition in Stirling Terrace in July. See Tom at the Vegie shop for details.

Quote for this month: "...our creative work is actually our creativity itself at play in the field of time. At the heart of this play is the mystery of joy." (Julia Cameron 'The Artist's Way').

Extraordinary Experiences

TOURISM WA is currently running an initiative for year six students as part of the State's new brand 'Experience Extraordinary'.

Western Australia's extraordinary experiences are set to be uncovered by primary school students in the 'Experience Extraordinary Advertising Competition'.

This initiative aims to help year six students build local pride and knowledge of WA's extraordinary locations and experiences.

The initiative will encourage development of research, literacy and creativity skills, while introducing students to tourism and the fundamental elements of print advertising.

Students will be asked to select an extraordinary location, attraction or event in their local area, and then create a newspaper advertisement to promote it.

Nearly 30,000 students in schools across Western Australia will benefit from the initiative, as they develop a tourism advertisement for their local area and act as ambassadors for the State.

The winning advertisement will appear in The West Australian and the winner's school will receive \$3,000 to take students on an excursion to an extraordinary WA location of their choice.

Teachers need to register online at www.tourism.wa.gov.au/adcomp by Monday July 19 to participate in the competition and receive an information pack.

The overall State-wide winner will be selected by a panel of industry judges that includes the Tourism Western Australia, Department of Education and their respective advertising agencies, Host and Vinten Browning.

Toodyay Spinners

Phil Harmer

SOME of our members went to the Dianella spin-in and had a great time.

The club would like to thank the person who very kindly left a fleece at Parkers Cottage.

Share table: coat hangers in pink with lace, v-shape on both sides with variegated lace, knitted in commercial wool by Alice Bailey; shawl in mohair, knitted by Leon Surawski; coathangers x 4, hand spun in merino (white one in pure merino) by Lois Leeder; pink pig (Poppy) knitted by Glynne Bartlett in commercial wool; crocheted jug covers with beads around the edge by Lyn Boshoff.

We meet every Wednesday at Parkers Cottage from approximately 9am to about 12noon. We also meet on the second Saturday of the month at the same place and times.

For more information, contact President, Carol Worrell on 0407 429 047 or Secretary, Phil Harmer on 9574 2015.

June 5th, 6th & 7th Long Weekend

Trees Cafe Bolgart

Open Saturday 10 - 3

Sunday 10 - 3 Market Day

Monday 10 - 3 Public Holiday

Saturday night three course set menu

Bookings essential Ph 9627 5187 for details

Please join my family and friends at the old bank, main street Bolgart for a fun weekend of lunches & morning & afternoon teas. Three course dinner Saturday night - bookings essential. Market day Sunday, plants, organic compost, potted herbs, jewellery, back massage, reflexology, iridology, garden ornaments etc.

Opening the first weekend of each month

The Murder Mystery Club

THE Murder Mystery Club has now been up and running for a few months and it's been an interesting journey.

We only deal with true crime, no Sherlock Holmes or Inspector Clouseau, just real, actual, hard-core truth which can be, and often is, more horrific and unbelievable than any fiction. The age of a crime is of no consequence. It could have taken place yesterday or go back decades as long as it really happened and was indeed a serious criminal act.

We started off by discussing everybody's favourite, Jack the Ripper, and, since then, have travelled to America, touched down in Russia (nice chap, played chess) and visited Sydney to meet a dear old lady who poisoned her nearest and dearest in a particularly gruesome and unpleasant fashion.

We're a friendly bunch who meet every 3rd Friday of the month for a lively and informative discussion on the darker side of human nature.

Who knows where we are going next?

For more details, phone Liz on 9574 5967 or Dot on 0407 656 853.

New Bolgart Markets Launch on Sunday

THE popular Trees' Café, set to re-open at Bolgart during the long weekend, will introduce a new attraction, market stalls, this Sunday, 5th June.

Kathleen, Alan and family will open the cafe for business on the first weekend of each month, and plan to hold the markets on the Sundays they are open between 10am and 3pm.

The cafe is set in the historic former Bank of NSW building in the main street and the markets will be located in the covered area at the side and back of the property.

Bookings for the stalls are filling up and will offer such products as organic compost, mulch, potting mix and potted herbs, locally made garden ornaments and a wide selection of handcrafted jewellery will be amongst the items available.

A service sure to be sought after will be the back massage, reflexology and iridology with naturopath Julie Wallace. She will be available for consultations on both Saturday and Sunday. Bookings can be made by phoning 0437 880 161.

The cafe will be open from 10am to 3pm on the Saturday and from 6.30pm until 11pm on

Saturday evening. Bookings for the evening meal are essential and can be made with Kathleen on 9627 5187.

The cafe and market will be open on Sunday from 10am to 3pm and the cafe only on this coming Monday from 10am to 3pm.

Healing in the Hills

The Plus and the Minus People

Bob Adair

The Toodyay Christian fellowship

TO be a successful Aussie you need the knack of picking the plus and the minus people.

Plus people are those who make our lives richer. Minus people are those who make us feel as though we had just drunk from an empty glass of beer: there's just the smell left; we've been ripped off.

In classic Aussie books, poems and song, written and/or performed by Banjo Paterson, Henry Lawson, old timers like Slim Dusty and heaps of unnamed songwriters, the theme of plus and minus people come through.

Have you ever wondered how it worked for our old timers? How were they able to see through the hyperbole (that's a fancy word for bull-dust?) They had the ability to see past what the person looked like; they used their nous; they observed their actions, listened and, when we put all this in the pot, that's what we call grass root wisdom.

We have a great opportunity at election time; it gives us plenty of practice in being an Aussie, because we can develop our skill in picking who is the real deal and who are the fakes. But in this materialistic, self-centred, spin driven society it's really hard to tell who the minus people are and who are the plus people – we need help.

Back in history there was someone who saw beauty in everything and everybody and he had a deep desire to change the minus people. His trump card was offering the big prize, grass root wisdom for every life situation and a certainty passed death's door. That's the good news. The bad news is you have to change the way you think. It will mean you have to find out who Jesus really is. Old timers would say, "Use your nous," He can deliver the grass root wisdom. Is He really dinkum? First read about his exploits in the New Testament. Second test him with what's called prayer.

Just a word of caution: grass roots wisdom can get you into trouble with the minus people. Certainly Jesus did and He paid the ultimate price.

Toodyay Olive Growers

Margaret McKeown

HOW tough is an olive tree? It is well known that olive trees tolerate drought well thanks to their large root system and specially adapted leaves and can live for an exceptionally long time, up to several centuries, even in the poorest conditions. There is one tree in Crete that was said to be over 2000 years old and that was verified by analysing the tree rings.

As many people who grow a few olive trees in their gardens in Toodyay have experienced, the olive tree needs very little water during the summer to survive; they are very hardy. When the December bushfire passed through three of our groves in Toodyay, the trees appeared very brown and dead and all hope for a 2010 harvest seemed lost. But this was not the case. At one grove, Place of Plenty, many of the damaged trees held on to their olives, grew them to full size and produced olives with a very high oil content. The olives were harvested last weekend and even though

the harvest was greatly reduced – there was a harvest! Now the crop is in and the rains have returned perhaps the trees will put more energy into making a recovery.

Generally, in the Toodyay area, the olive crop from all reports was lighter than 2009 but the oil seems to be of a very high quality. It should be a few weeks before it is available to enjoy as most growers let the oil settle for awhile before bottling.

Toodyay Miniature Railway

June Eastwood

OVER \$3,000 and countless hours of back-breaking work later, we have our tunnel fixed. A glorious monument to the sacrifices made in the name of vandalism.

Speaking of vandalism, the Club has been rocked to the core with the announcement of the Skate Park being relocated to the expanse of green lawn above us.

When Stan and President Graham were Councillors, they used their own petrol money (no pay back in early days) and time to drive out to visit an area proposed for change, interviewed the people concerned and then felt qualified to vote on that matter to the best interests of all. No one had to drive far to see us at Duidgee, yet not one of the nine Councillors did, though I believe three had the foresight to see the dangers and voted against the proposal. One Councillor stated the lawn area was "just waste space". This "waste space" hosts dozens of families who set up their picnic each and every run day and even when we are not running people chose that high ground as those of us who regularly drive past are aware. Aesthetically it is pure vandalism to replace the lawn with large ugly metal framing and then subject the people who come to the park for a lovely relaxing time, to constant clanging and the choice of coarse language so many of the young see as branding them cool and tough.

So when the riders are tired of riding and the hangers-on bored with watching them what better fun than to derail a train or two? In the past we have had random attacks that overturned both our steamers (extremely dangerous) as well as damaging the diesels and that was when vandals paid their fleeting visits. Now we will have that clientele at trackside. We have just signed up a new member who proposes to bring a much needed new and magnificent 11 foot long steam train. How long will he be around if that goes off the rails?

Our drivers are constantly vigilant but, as has been proved, offenders can lie over the bank, pile debris near a corner and become invisible in minutes.

We have only been running seven weeks this season and have already carried over 1,700 passengers who have loved this inexpensive and novel experience. Static fibreglass novelty rides in shopping centres charge \$2 to jiggle up and down for two minutes. Our kids pay \$2 for eight minutes of chugging over bridges, round about the riverside, twice spotting kangaroos, Moondyne Joe and convict friend, the piebald sheep twins and emu and lastly scream through the tunnel.

An ever increasing number of out of town families now choose to come to Duidgee Park for the healthy outdoor fun the park offers and we are constantly congratulated on our operation and the bush tranquility.

What a pity our own Councillors don't see our value to the wider tourist community and flow-on to business houses.

Initially the skate park should have been in Newcastle Park. This was ignored and now the cost of re-location and that should be back to Newcastle Park where the youth who use it asked for it to be built.

SITUATION VACANT

PART TIME COOK BALYA RETREAT CENTRE MAYO ROAD GIDGEGANNUP

Part time cook required on a regular basis for Retreats, three to five days once a month to work with and supervise volunteers.

Hours are flexible and could be shared, or could be done by a single person.

Experience in vegetarian/vegan cooking would be great, but is not essential, as training will be given.

There are volunteers to help the whole time.

Five day Retreats 42 hours each – Feb, May, Aug, Nov.

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Chaplaincy Notes

M. Heath

ONCE again we had a successful Street Stall on the 14th May. We had many plants, many variety items and cooking although we could have had more cakes. Perhaps there will be more next time.

Many thanks to those lovely people who donated and worked on the stall and all those others who supported us in many ways such as setting up and clearing up afterwards.

Raffles were won by Michael Wood – Green ticket A65 (wood); K Walsh – Blue ticket B77 (Child's Quilt) and Phil Perkins – Blue ticket B56 (cot quilt). The Quilts were made and donated by Ros Davidson of Collectables and the wood was donated by Jim Page, Thank you both so much.

Lucky number winners were 1st Prize: No 32 – C. Stewart; 2nd Prize: No 43 – Alexandra and 3rd Prize: No 25 – Keith Willgoss.

We still have a long way to go to reach our target for this year; however, there are more events to come. Remember the Ball in August, Family Concert in September and a Car Boot Sale to name a few.

Once again, thank you everyone for your support of our School Chaplain.

Toodyay Agricultural Society

Pam Jackson

Committee Member

THE Annual Toodyay Show will be held on Saturday 9th October 2010

Thank you to all who supported the Agricultural Society on Saturday 22nd May by purchasing raffle tickets and/or making a donation. The winner of the load of wood was AB (red ticket E54). Thank you also to Charlie and Alison Wroth for the donation of the wood (many people commented on the good quality of the wood.)

Have you been thinking about what you can enter in this year's show? Sheep, wool, cattle, fibre goats, agriculture, poultry, pigeons or maybe enter in the Alpaca and Coloured Fleeces section?

Group H1 – Wool Fleece

Class 2601 Any coloured wool fleece, not white (skirted)

Group H2 – Alpaca Fleece

Class 2701 Huacaya – white and light fawn
Class 2702 Huacaya – mid/dark fawn and brown
Class 2703 Huacaya – grey (including rose grey)
Class 2704 Huacaya – black
Class 2705 Suri – white and light fawn
Class 2706 Suri – mid/dark fawn and brown
Class 2707 Suri – grey (including rose grey)
Class 2708 Suri – black

Stall Holders

If you are interested in being a stall holder (come and sell your produce, craft, etc) application requests can be made through The Secretary, by mail to PO Box 362 Toodyay WA 6566, by emailing to SecretaryTAS@bordnet.com/au or by phoning 9574 2465.

Membership

Have you considered becoming a member of the Toodyay Agricultural Society Inc? Membership entitles each member to a schedule for the October Toodyay Show, a member's entry and 2 guest passes. SUPPORT YOUR SHOW AND BECOME A MEMBER TODAY. If you would like to become a member, please send details of your name and address and forward it with applicable membership fee of \$20 for one year or \$45 for three years Post to the Secretary, Toodyay Agricultural Society Inc, PO Box 362, Toodyay WA 6566.

Bejoording Babble

Kim Leonhardt

I'M renowned for having a mind like a steel trap! So it surprised me a little that I forgot to mention a couple of things in last month's article. One was the Community Group's AGM, which will be detailed later and the other was Alison's birthday.

Now we could look at Alison's birthday announcement as being a month late. But

that's a little like the glass half empty syndrome. No, I prefer to think that since the announcement is THIS month, Alison is now a month YOUNGER. The onset of Alzheimer's can do that to a person.

Now to the Bejoording Community Groups AGM. Barry Grey was re-elected as President, Marc Bodium is Vice President, Kim Leonhardt is Secretary/Treasurer and our Committee consists of the following eminent persons: Fiona Glossop, Karen Kesic, Carol Croymans and Shane Glossop. And Shane... since you're the only bloke on the committee, we insist that you take a hard line on lamington drives and flower bed construction!

Bejoording Clean Up Day was held on the 16th May. Reports that came through stated that there wasn't that much rubbish to pick up this year, which is a pleasing sign. Though, as fate played its fickle hand, some rubbish was dumped on Bejoording Rd, the very next day! Wouldn't it rot your socks off! And even then you would've picked up the socks that rotted off and put 'em in the bin, eh? It just makes you want to call them names, eh? Not your namby pamby little three letter names like mug etc. But big names, names that'll knock 'em off their feet. Big Oxford Concise Dictionary names! Names that they'd have to waste their time looking up to see if it's an insult or not! As a matter of fact, I'm going to look one up now! How's that eh? I just opened the dictionary up, and there it is! Their just a bunch of Mosasauruses! Now, don't we all feel better? No-one fail now! We must be strong and not pick any of it up until next year's clean up day! (Maybe not.)

The next Bejoording Community Group meeting is on Wednesday the 2nd June from 6pm, with a Curry night following at 7.30pm. Oh, bad luck! You missed it!

We'll take a note of these dates then! The Hoon & Hornblowers car rally will leave the Community Shed at 10am, Sunday the 4th July. All welcome. Cost for non-members is \$10 a car. The next Feast Night is Wednesday the 7th July from 6pm. Soup is the order of the night.

Don't forget the Shed is open every Wednesday night from 6pm. And a reminder that the next Fire Meeting is Saturday 19th June at 6pm.

See ya around the traps.

Inside the Shed

"Blokes Supporting Blokes"

Karl Walsh

HELLO to everyone and welcome to June! I can't believe it's halfway through the year already but so much has happened that it's hardly surprising.

The Toodyay Men's Shed continues to grow in various areas, we have opened at the Racecourse Pavilion on a temporary basis, every alternate Thursday from 9am to 1pm. So to all you Sheddies, just roll up and enjoy yourself. We have currently five projects on the drawing board, sorry, Whiteboard, so if any bloke would like to involve himself, come up and have a look.

We also have members up in the fire ground, assisting those who need it, so well done to those men.

The Tool and Resource Library is well attended with tools currently out on loan to the fire ground survivors to assist in rebuilding. Very good to see. The Executive members of the management committee have met again with the new Shire CEO with regards to a home for us and I can report that he is 100% onside towards the Men's Shed and has offered all assistance in helping to get us settled.

Our next committee meeting will be held on the 1st June, so I will have more information for you then

Thanks to Barrie Bodle for a very successful Men's Breakfast with the Chairman's guest, Mr Steve Bannister, giving a very interesting talk on the proposed Toodyay Community Radio Station. The obvious advantages of this proposal were aired and those present voted with their hands in support of it. The Men's Shed could benefit enormously from a community forum such as this.

Thanks too, to Uncle Vince's restaurant for a terrific brekky, well done.

Good to see Wally with two wings again and Soheil back on deck. To those Blokes who missed the brekky, sorry. We'll be having them frequently, so you'll have another shot. Until the next deadline. Stay healthy, stay in touch and we'll see you – Inside The Shed.



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