

news from

our Shire



From the President Cr Chris Firns

May saw the most successful Moondyne Festival we've had for a number of years. A boost in promotions by the committee and additional media support and coverage since the bushfire seems to have got the message out that Toodyay is still open for business. Thank you to the volunteers and participants who make the festival such a great showcase for our community.

The Lions Club held the inaugural Toodyay Northam Shopping Trolley Dash to raise funds that they put back into the community by supporting many worthy causes.

These and the many other events organised throughout the year by various committees and individuals sustain and drive our tourism industry, which along with agriculture is the economic engine of Toodyay.

Our Acting CEO, Mr Simon Fraser is very supportive of these community events and tourism in general. He has suggested some initiatives that will improve the Shire's support of the industry through improved Visitor Centre operations. Investigation into the level of support offered to local community groups is also underway in the lead up to the budget.

There has been a lot of concern about administrative matters relating to the Local Recovery Committee, Council has finally officially appointed the committee with Cr Charlie Wroth as Chairman and Recovery Coordinator.

The newly appointed Recreation Committee is now attempting to find an affordable and achievable solution to community needs into the future. It's a long road but with such a large investment, both financially and socially, it is imperative that we get it right.

Problems with the depot relocation have seen that project stalled until a full report and budget are prepared. This means Council will be applying for an extension to the deadline for expenditure of its Royalties for Regions funding. Early indications are that the application will be supported due to the exceptional circumstances arising from the December bush fire.

COUNCIL DATES

17 June 2010

Ordinary Meeting of Council
Morangup Community Centre, 7pm

15 July 2010

Ordinary Meeting of Council
Toodyay Shire Office, 7pm

Volunteering Answer to Active Life

While many men may choose to take it easy during retirement, 75 year old Jim Page is busy most days as a volunteer for the Toodyay community.

One of the many volunteers relied upon by the Shire of Toodyay each year to deliver the service at Newcastle Gaol, Connor's Mill and the Library; Jim relocated to Toodyay in 1953 and farmed land a short distance from town for the next 40 years.

When Jim's not welcoming visitors to Newcastle Gaol on Mondays and Thursdays, he's delivering meals on wheels around the town, and distributes fire wood on behalf of the Culham Church and St Stephens Church of England.



Jim Page takes a moment with fellow volunteer Ray Edwards

"Through volunteering, I have met quite a few people, it keeps me active, and time really flies when you're keeping busy," Mr Page said.

May 12-16 marked National Volunteer Week, with an estimated 5 million volunteers helping out each year around the nation, collectively giving over 700 million hours per year to Australian communities.

If you would like to register your interest for volunteering, telephone the Shire of Toodyay on 9574 2258.

Museum Matters

Archaeological Excavations

Toodyay has been selected for the University of WA's annual field school, with foundations of the old Convict Depot buildings the focus of this unique project.

Community members are welcome to observe the project which will take place from 18 to 27 June outside the Shire offices.

Exhibition

A newly refurbished Newcastle Gaol is setting the scene for *Crime and Punishment*, a captivating exhibition exploring criminals of the past from Toodyay, interstate and overseas.

Crime and Punishment will run until Tuesday 15 June. Newcastle Gaol is located on Clinton Street.

Jack Hammer

The Shire of Toodyay was sad to learn of Jack Hammer's passing.



The ultimate local historian, Jack Hammer served with the Shire as the caretaker and volunteer Curator for the Newcastle Gaol.

Jack went out of his way to help tourists and researchers alike, and he will be sadly missed by the Toodyay community. Deepest sympathy to his family and friends.

For further information regarding Newcastle Gaol and Connor's Mill, contact the Shire's Museum Curator, Moss Wilson on 9574 2258 or email museum@toodyay.wa.gov.au.

What's On at the Library?

Baby Rhyme Time and Story Time

Session times have changed to Thursday morning at 10:30am for Baby Rhyme Time, and 11am for Story Time.

These sessions are a wonderful way for young children to discover the joy of reading, rhyme and song.

Volunteers

Like to spend a little more time at the Library? We are always looking for enthusiastic volunteers.



From hosting children's activities, to helping out with book repairs, there is always plenty to do at the Library. We would love to hear from you!

The Library at Morangup

Toodyay Public Library will once again hit the road, with the Library at Morangup Community Centre scheduled for Tuesday 8th and 22nd June between 3pm and 5pm.

Acknowledgements

Thank you for the many book donations received in the past month. Special thanks to Janet Wilkinson for the wall hanging. Also to Toodyay District High School for the donation of children's books, and to Pam Jackson for the biography entitled "My Story" written by former local Betty Jones.

For further information regarding Toodyay Library telephone 9574 2323 or email library@toodyay.wa.gov.au.



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- Moodyne Festival -

The Shire of Toodyay congratulates organisers for a job well done!

Out and About in Toodyay



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- Freedom of Entry Parade -



Minister Rob Johnson



Acting CEO Simon Fraser and Grant Woodhams MLA

**It's On Again - Toodyay's Festival of Food!
Saturday 7 August 2010**

- You're invited to be part of the action! -



Toodyay's Festival of Food is now in its sixth year, and promises to deliver delectable delights from around the world, complemented by captivating entertainment, and all the thrills and spills of the Avon Descent direct from the banks of the Avon River.

This year, the Shire of Toodyay is keen to hear from local businesses who would like to enjoy promotional opportunities in the lead up to the event and on the day, as part of a sponsorship agreement.

Local food providers and community groups are also encouraged to apply as stallholders at the 2010 festival. Last year, Toodyay's Festival of Food attracted over 5,000 residents and visitors, and offers the perfect platform for healthy income whilst promoting your product.

For further information, visit the Shire of Toodyay website at www.toodyay.wa.gov.au, or telephone the Shire's Communication Officer Tammy Wayne-Elliott on 9574 2258.

See you there!

Fire Affected Properties Fast Tracked

The Shire of Toodyay's Development Services team has been busy with building applications for affected property owners to rebuild after December's devastating fire.

Building licence applications for fire-affected residents are being fast-tracked, with requests for supplier discounts currently underway.

The busy times have seen the employment of a full-time Senior Building Surveyor Mario Ioppolo, and the return of Environmental Health Officer, David Coultas to the Shire on a part-time basis, available every Monday and Tuesday. Both officers have a wealth of experience in their respective fields.

To make an appointment with a member of the Development Services team to discuss planning, building or environmental matters, telephone 9574 2258.



Skate On!

Toodyay Skate Park will be located at Duidgee Park following a decision by Council at its April Ordinary Council Meeting.

The development of Toodyay Skate Park is the focus for a Steering

Committee, represented by the Shire of Toodyay, consultants Convic Design, local school representatives and young skate enthusiasts of the area.

In addition to funding received from the Federal Government, the Steering Committee has secured a grant from Bendigo Bank, Toodyay and has undertaken fundraising activities, including a car wash and sausage sizzle held during May.

Upcoming Works

- Fiennes St: Complete retainer wall in front of the Shire office
- Duke St: Prepare and seal the Eastern footpath.
- Duke Street Nth: Kerb eastern side and reseal road section.
- Transfer Station: Prepare site for a recycle shed.
- Telegraph Rd: Gravel re-sheet 4.8 kms
- Chitty Rd: Install 750 mm Culvert

PUBLIC COMMENT

MUNICIPAL INVENTORY REVIEW

The Shire of Toodyay is currently reviewing its Municipal Inventory (as required every four years under the Heritage of Western Australia Act 1990).

Independent Heritage consultants have been engaged to assess and review Toodyay buildings and locations listed on the Municipal Inventory. A final draft of the reviewed Municipal Inventory is now available for public comment.

Public Submissions are invited until **Tuesday 15 June 2010**. Copies of the draft Inventory will be made available online at www.toodyay.wa.gov.au, at the Shire offices and the Toodyay Public Library.

Forward written nominations and other comments to Mr Moss Wilson – Heritage Officer, Shire of Toodyay, PO Box 96, TOODYAY WA 6566

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

CALL FOR MEMBERS

'HEALTHY LIFESTYLE STEERING COMMITTEE'

Community members are being sought for the Healthy Lifestyle Steering Committee.

Led by the Shire's Be Active Sport and Recreation Coordinator, the Committee will be represented by government departments, non-government organisations, community groups and Council staff.

The Committee will assist to develop strategies for a comprehensive action plan to deliver a healthier Toodyay.

For further information, telephone Jo Buegge at the Shire of Toodyay on 0428 291 302.

SUPPLIERS FOR DISCOUNT SUPPLY REGISTER TOODYAY FIRE RECOVERY

The Shire of Toodyay invites Expressions of Interest from suppliers willing to offer discounts on product and/or material purchases, and/or service supply for those directly affected by the Toodyay fires.

Interested suppliers will be added to a "Discount Supply Register" which will be provided to the fire affected residents.

All Expressions of Interest should be made on the "Discount Supply Register" form available from the Shire website www.toodyay.wa.gov.au or by calling 9574 2258.

Psychological Health

Richard Taylor
Registered Clinical Psychologist

Retirees and mental health

A GROUP of occupational health psychologists at the University of Maryland in the US have suggested through their research that taking a part-time job after retirement helps to keep retirees healthy. Retirees who engaged in part-time or temporary work had fewer major diseases including high blood pressure, diabetes, cancer, lung disease, heart disease and stroke, than those who quit work altogether. The study also found that retirees who continued to work in their previous career fields reported better mental health than those who fully retired or took on different skills.

The doldrums are a real killer

Researchers at the University College London found that people who reported greater levels of boredom tended to die at a younger age than those who weren't very bored. Bored people in the study, who were two-and-a-half times more likely to die of cardiovascular disease, tended to be younger, underemployed women who reported relatively poor health and low physical activity. Researchers suspect that boredom makes people prone to harmful behaviours such as excessive drinking, smoking and drug abuse.

Helping teens get more sleep

Researchers at the Rensselaer Polytechnic in New York report that students who wake up early for school often don't get adequate morning sunlight, which is essential to regulating the body's natural sleep-and-wake cycle. In a controlled study to explore this researchers came to the conclusion that it was important for school administrators to factor in the human need for natural light when setting school schedules and designing classroom layouts.

Violent video games and children

A major study at the Iowa State University has found that violent video games make kids more aggressive, regardless of gender or culture. They found that, for both males and females, playing violent video games is a risk factor for future aggressiveness. The implications of this research is that there

should be a focus on how parents can be helped to make more responsible decisions about video games.

Pigeons can be smarter than people!

Recent research in the Journal of Comparative Psychology found that pigeons are smarter than people when it comes to maximizing their returns in a "Lets Make a Deal"- style game. The game is this: Pick one of three doors, watch as one of the non-chosen ones is opened to reveal no prize, then decide whether to switch your choice. Unintuitive as it may be, switching doors doubles your odds of winning. Researchers found that over time, pigeons adopted this optimal strategy while human participants stuck to their original choices and performed more poorly.

Toodyay Medical Centre

Richard Walkey

FOR all those of a more elderly disposition wondering if they should, then yes, karate is the way to go. At least one study suggests that training in martial arts is a great way to learn how to fall and potentially avoid fractures. Add a bit of calcium, judicious sunlight and general exercise and Toodyay could lead the way in elderly health!

This year is the centenary of Florence Nightingale's death. Her preventative care reduced the mortality rate in the Crimean War from 50% to 5%. Now the Federal Government has put aside \$805.5 million to help prevent the increased medical problems that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders experience, with the States putting extra money in as well. Called *Closing the Gap*, the initiative depends on people identifying as of ATSI background and registering with their preferred GP practice and Medicare to get help such as medications at a reduced rate whether they are on a concession card or not. It is hoped that the extra services they will be able to obtain will Close the Gap. So, if not already done, please register with the Toodyay or other practice and improve your health.

Mephedrone is hopefully something that we won't hear too much about. This synthetic drug has hit the clubbing scene in Europe but little is known about its effects or long term

safety. Originally developed from plant food it has been blamed for 18 deaths in the UK, 7 in Scotland. Commonly sold as a powder with a yellowish tinge it can be smoked or usually mixed with a drink leading to a 'rush' like feeling, euphoria and an alertness that can last for up to 4 hours but it also causes paranoia, anxiety, heart palpitations, memory loss and distortion of time amongst other side effects. Other names it is known by include meow meow, drone, plant food, bubbles and kitty cat. You can be sure that someone somewhere will try to get the stuff here because whilst they don't care about the harm and effects it has on individuals, their friends or family they do care about the profits that they will make. Funny how we "don't like multinationals" but some of the biggest have got to be the unregulated and untaxed drug cartels whose moral conscious is zero.

Australian Breastfeeding Association

JOIN us for current breastfeeding information and enjoy the company of other mums. We meet at **Northam** on the 2nd Tuesday of each month and at **Toodyay** on the 4th Tuesday of each month.

We meet for Chat and Play in **Northam** on the remaining Tuesdays. If it's raining, for chat and play or picnics, please call Amanda on 9622 9593 for alternative venue details. If you are having a good day, you may like to bring along a plate of food to share. Babies, children, partners and support people are welcome to attend.

Meeting Dates:

8th June (10am – noon): If the hat fits, Bridgeley Community Centre, 91-93 Wellington St, Northam.

15th June (10am – noon): Chat and Play, Bernard Park, Minson Ave, Northam.

22nd June (Noon – 2pm): Sleep, Toodyay Playgroup, Stirling Tce, Toodyay

29th June (10am – noon): Chat and Play, Bernard Park, Minson Ave, Northam.

6th July (10am – noon): Chat and Play, Bernard Park, Minson Ave, Northam.

The Northam Group of the Australian Breastfeeding Association had a successful day selling cakes at the Moondyne Festival. It was a lovely day, and it was great to catch up with some familiar faces. Money raised will send us to conferences, so we can keep our skills and knowledge up-to-date.

We have a discussion meeting in Toodyay on 22nd June, between 12 noon and 2pm. The topics are 'sleep', which I know is always a concern of new parents. We will be looking at how a baby's sleep pattern is different from an adults, the amount of sleep a baby really needs, and ways to help settle baby. We meet at the Toodyay Playgroup, Stirling Terrace, between noon and 2pm.

We will be having a discussion meeting in

Northam on 13th July, covering 'the first 6 weeks'. If you are pregnant or have just had a baby, you may be interested into coming along to this, and preparing yourself for the change in life. This meeting will be at the Bridgeley Community Centre, between 10 am and noon.

The Australian Breastfeeding Association is Australia's leading authority on breastfeeding. We use up-to-date research findings and practical experiences to educate the community on the importance of breastfeeding. We support mothers to make informed decisions on issues surrounding feeding and parenting. We have a 7 day National Breastfeeding Helpline, which can be called on 1800 686 2 686, and counsellors are available for local counselling. All are welcome to attend our meetings, if you would like to know anymore, please come along to a meeting, or call Louisa on 9574 0229 or Amanda on 9622 9593.

Help for West Aussies to Grow a Healthy Outlook

GETTING more Western Australians to connect with nature and feel better about themselves and the world around them is the aim of a new partnership between Keep Australia Beautiful WA, the Department of Environment and Conservation's Healthy Parks, Healthy People programme and Mentally Healthy WA's Act Belong Commit campaign.

The partnership, which promotes a Grow a Healthy Outlook message, was launched at Yellagonga Regional Park this week.

DEC Community Education Coordinator Maureen Maher said the partnership would make it possible to cross-promote different programmes and help people get involved.

"Our aim is to encourage people to keep mentally, physically and socially active by getting out into their natural environment," she said. "People can make a difference to their health by getting outdoors and they can make a difference to the environment by volunteering for one of the many programmes run by DEC and Keep Australia Beautiful."

Healthy Parks, Healthy People coordinator Cathy Gazey said people could enjoy the benefits of nature through active or passive involvement.

"Parks are places where you can walk, or just sit and appreciate the beauty, and where you can get actively involved as a volunteer and help with a variety of projects including fauna monitoring, tree planting and clean ups," she said.

Mentally Healthy WA manager Amberlee Laws said through the partnership the health and environment sectors would work together to improve community wellbeing and motivate people to look after the environment.

For more information about opportunities to connect with nature visit www.dec.wa.gov.au and follow the Keep Australia Beautiful Council, Healthy Parks, Healthy People and Community and Education links.

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Immunisation Still Important

THE suspension of the paediatric Seasonal Influenza immunisation programme has raised concerns amongst parents about the safety of all vaccines.

It is important to remember that the issues surrounding the Seasonal Influenza vaccine are not affecting the many other vaccines included in the Childhood Immunisation Programme.

Australia aims to have an immunisation rate of 90 percent or above, a good coverage rate by international standards. The vaccinations protect children from diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis (whooping cough), polio, mumps, rubella, hepatitis b and varicella (chicken pox).

Today's parents are lucky not to have experienced the trauma of witnessing children dying or becoming disabled from the aforementioned diseases. This is because vaccines were developed to prevent children contracting such illnesses. It is important that the community does not become complacent and remembers that these viruses do still exist. It is essential that high immunisation rates are maintained to protect the broader community.

"The best defence against illnesses is vaccination. Last year, children presented to general practices with illnesses that could have been prevented," said Dr Steed, Chairman of the Wheatbelt GP Network. The risk to community is high. A pertussis epidemic on the east coast of the country last year led to the death of one child and severe illness for many more.

Children not vaccinated also pose a severe threat of passing on the illness to pregnant women, older or obese people and Indigenous Australians, with potentially tragic consequences. "These illnesses are often much worse for adults, and adults with a chronic condition are at a high risk of serious complications," Dr Steed said.

The Network suggests making an appointment with your GP to further discuss immunisation of your child/ren.

Nyoongar Country defeat Yamatji

ROUND 9 was the AFL's Indigenous Round – a round that celebrates the contribution of Indigenous players to the game of Australian Rules football.

On a day when West Coast Eagles fans celebrated the career of recently retired Indigenous legend of the game David Wirrpanda, the next generation took to Subiaco Oval to show that they are ready to carry the torch in a contest for the Stephen Michael Cup.

The Yamatji Sharks (Mid-West, Gascoyne and Murchison) and Nyoongar Country (Wheatbelt, South West and Great Southern) 16s teams provided the curtain raiser for the West Coast vs St Kilda game on Sunday 23 May.

The curtain raiser was funded by the



Photo courtesy of William Crabb

Department of Sport and Recreation's (DSR) Indigenous Sports Program (ISP) and was organised in partnership with the West Coast Eagles, WA Football Commission, Nyoongar, Geraldton and Gascoyne Aboriginal Sports Associations, the Indigenous community and Stephen Michael.

The wet and windy conditions failed to dampen the spirits or skill level of the Nyoongar Country team which defeated the Yamatji Sharks by 26 points; Nyoongar Country 7.12 (54) to Yamatji Sharks 3.10 (28).

The winning Nyoongar Country side was coached by Bill Bennell and Yamatji by Keno Phillips. Jay Collard was named Best Player for Nyoongar Country and Kyle Dalgety for Yamatji.

DSR Indigenous Sports Development Officer Trevor Stack said playing before the West Coast vs St Kilda game on Sunday

had been a chance for these country footballers to shine.

"Our Indigenous Sports Program is all about creating opportunities in the sport of AFL for Indigenous players in regional areas and is a chance for these players to have their talents recognised," he said.

"For a lot of them this was the first time they had been to Subiaco Oval, let alone set foot on the hallowed turf. It was also a chance for them to play some representative footy and get a taste of what it's like at the next level."

The football immortal himself, Stephen Michael, was there to cast an eye over the game, which according to Trevor had provided an added inspiration for all the players.

In his 243 games played over 11 seasons with South Fremantle, Michael racked up just about every achievement the game had to offer, including Sandover Medals

in 1980 and 1981, a Tassie Medal and five club fairest and best awards. He was selected as captain for the 1983 All Australian team, and was part of South Fremantle's 1980 premiership team. Michael was later inducted into the 1999 Australian Hall of Fame and named in the 2005 Indigenous Team of the Century.

A Welcome to Country preceded the main game, and the young Indigenous players formed a guard of honour for the West Coast and St Kilda players.

Despite a strong start, the West Coast Eagles went down to St Kilda by 35 points; West Coast 8.8 (56) to St Kilda 13.13 (91).

Aboriginal Health – Annual Health Checks

IN November 2008 the Council of Australian Governments (COAG) agreed to a \$1.6 billion National Partnership Agreement on Closing the Gap in Indigenous Health Outcomes. As part of this investment the Australian Government plans to support a number of measures specifically directed at supporting greater Aboriginal access to mainstream primary health care services and more effective chronic disease management for Indigenous patients through mainstream general practice.

Chronic disease remains significant problem for Aboriginals and Torres Strait Islanders. "Aboriginal people experience the burden of chronic disease by two and half times that of other Australians," said Dr Duncan Steed, CEO Wheatbelt GP Network. "Chronic diseases such as cardiovascular disease, diabetes, cancer, chronic respiratory disease and chronic kidney disease are a major problem and can all be reduced through early identification and management of the risk factors and disease itself," Dr Steed advises.

Incentives have been provided through the Practice Incentives Programme to encourage General Practice to improve the coordination of health care for Aboriginal patients within General Practice. Included in this is greater support for Aboriginal patients to actively participate in their own health care, in addition to improved access to affordable medicines and multidisciplinary and specialist follow-up care for those with chronic disease.

"Annual Health Assessments are the best way for Aboriginal patients to gain an overall picture of their health and make the first step to improved health," Dr Steed advises. "By identifying common chronic disease risk factors through health assessments, GPs and the patient can work together to modify behaviour and decrease risk factors, delaying the onset of chronic disease or improving outcomes for those who are already unwell."

General Practices throughout the Wheatbelt will be working with Aboriginal patients in the coming months to improve their access to health care and assist in improving their overall well being.

For more information regarding Aboriginal health services, please contact your local GP.



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Breastfeeding Education Classes Come to Northam

PREGNANT? Thinking of breastfeeding?

Prepare to succeed! is the message the Australian Breastfeeding Association (ABA) sends.

The Northam group is starting Breastfeeding Education Classes in Northam. The first class is on Saturday 22nd May 2010 from 1pm to 4.30pm at Northam Playgroup building, cnr Minson Av and Grey St, Northam. All mums need support to breastfeed, so get your support early by going to a Breastfeeding Education Class.

"Statistics show that about 90% of new mums leave hospital breastfeeding; however, by 3 months, only 54% of infants are fully breastfed." ABA counsellor and class coordinator, Amanda Abbott, said. While some of the parents would be very happy with their choices, others stop breastfeeding because they are worried about their milk supply. Timely information and support would help these mothers

breastfeed for as long as they wish.

By coming to a breastfeeding education class before you have your baby, you can learn how to help your baby breastfeed from birth, using instinctive behaviours. Many mothers make a birth plan, and this class will help them make a breastfeeding plan and combat some of the myths out there about breastfeeding.

Participants will leave with a take-home pack, and 12 months subscription worth \$65.00 to the Australian Breastfeeding Association. This will give them access to ongoing local support at group meetings. Subscription also includes a book, *Breastfeeding...naturally* plus a bi-monthly magazine, *Essence*, allowing the family to learn about different breastfeeding experiences before the baby arrives. The cost of the class is great value at \$85 per couple, including afternoon tea. A concessional rate is available. The classes are aimed at all pregnant women and their partners who wish to learn more about breastfeeding. Classes will be held approximately every 2 months.

More information on Breastfeeding Education Classes including upcoming classes can be found at www.breastfeeding.asn.au. To book your place, please see the website, or ring Amanda on 9622 9593.

Photo opportunity: Photos with pregnant mothers and babies can be organised prior to the Breastfeeding Education Class. For more information please contact Amanda Abbott on 0409 206 607 or 9622 9593. Alternatively, photographers are welcome at our Breastfeeding Education Class on Saturday 22nd May 2010 from 1pm to 4.30pm at Northam Playgroup building, cnr Minson Ave and Grey St Northam.

Rick Hart – Advice for WA Consumers

CONSUMER Protection is offering help to any West Australian consumers affected by the financial difficulties of the Clive Peeters group – the parent company of WA electrical retailer Rick Hart – which recently had a manager and receiver appointed.

Consumer Protection has received numerous calls from customers concerned about their ordered goods and lay-bys.

Department officers are in contact with the insolvency firm McGrath Nicol and appointed manager and receiver PPB.

Commissioner for Consumer Protection, Anne Driscoll, said customers of Rick Hart who have paid deposits or lay-bys should contact Consumer Protection immediately and register their details.

"Customers who have paid cash deposits and have yet to receive their goods should contact us immediately and we will be able to provide advice on their particular circumstances and update them with any developments." Ms Driscoll said. "As always, we would advise consumers to exercise caution when paying for goods or services upfront and only to pay the full amount upon delivery or when taking possession."

"Affected consumers should also lodge a claim with the receiver, which in this case is PPB, and we believe there will be a creditors meeting held in Melbourne next Friday, 28 May 2010. WA creditors may be able to participate in that meeting by phone."

Concerned Rick Hart customers should call the Consumer Protection advice line immediately on 1300 30 40 54.

New Book Teaches Self Defence in Severe Bushfire

"BEFORE this bushfire season closes down," said the author, "people need to know that bushfire self defence is a realistic option. The time to act is now, while bushfires are still fresh in their minds. Any area in Australia can suffer a severe bushfire in any year. Help is at hand."

There is a new book – *Beat the Bushfire Enemy with Knowledge*. "It describes a system of self defence I applied on a property in the path of the Black Saturday fires, and tells how it performed" he said.

The author, Denis O'Bryan, is a bushfire protection adviser who has a long history of working in and training people in fire agencies. "People need to know now that they can make next bushfire season less stressful," he said. "Even though fire authorities try, they couldn't do much more than just watch as the Black Saturday fires tore through Victoria. My message is this: - people really are on their own in a severe bushfire. Maybe it's time for them to think about proper DIY self protection against bushfires."

"I am at war with severe bushfires," O'Bryan said. "The most recent battle I won was on Black Saturday in Victoria, one of the worst bushfire scenarios in Australia's history. The lessons are relevant for all Australia."

"I was on a property. I taught the owners why they were OK to stay. I taught them how to fight the embers. The self defence

system uses the same principles as dry fire fighting. This knowledge and skill has been known for a very long time. We stayed and we fought in safety. We had no fire brigade to help us, nor did we need one. All four people are safe and well, the house is undamaged, the vehicles are OK and the horses survived. Why wouldn't everybody want to learn how to self defend?"

The author said he is aware a lot of people are confused and dismayed by the current government message. The government wants people to leave early on a serious bushfire day to avoid a death toll, but many want to stay and save their property and possessions from a bushfire. "This means if you want to self defend, you could be at odds with the authorities," said O'Bryan. "But if you learn how to self defend properly in severe weather, you protect life and property, and it frees up the fire brigade to go elsewhere."

The author admits the book might be controversial. "Is it risky to encourage self defence based on good science and logic? It is certainly risky for people in bushfire land not to know how to self defend properly," he said.

The author said he wants to arm people with the right knowledge about how to maximise their self defence capability, and then they will be able to make an informed decision to stay or go. "People are constantly told that the fire brigade cannot guarantee it will attend their house in a severe bushfire," he said. "So it might be a good time right now to take this knowledge on board and run with bushfire self defence."

Beat the Bushfire Enemy with Knowledge teaches flame height prediction in different fuel types and weather conditions, and about ember attack. It outlines a self defence system based on the long practiced techniques of dry fire fighting, including no-flame and low-flame zones.

The first edition of this book was released in 2003. It is based not only on O'Bryan's significant years of bushfire experience, but also on a major analysis he conducted of worldwide bushfire behaviour literature: O'Bryan D (2005) *The Science of Bushfire Behaviour*.

Written and presented in an easy-to-understand format, this new edition is updated to include how the self defence system was successfully applied in the path of the Black Saturday bushfire near Whittlesea.

It will be useful for residents, land managers and fire fighters who seek a deeper understanding of how to defeat the bushfire enemy.

Denis O'Bryan has over 30 years experience working in all aspects of bushfire protection. He has worked predominantly in the Victorian Government in fire protection including hands-on fire fighting, fire crew leadership, pre-season planning and preparation, training, statewide fire protection planning and coordination of statewide fire fighting operations.

Denis has trained large numbers of CFA Brigades, other fire fighters and tertiary students in basic and advanced fire courses. He has also authored a number of fire fighting training programmes.

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The Time is Right for Break Crops

FARMERS are encouraged to consider non-cereal break crops as a useful way to reduce leaf disease load this season.

Department of Agriculture and Food development officer Greg Shea said growers needed to take into account the level of leaf disease when deciding on the best rotations for paddocks.

"Leaf diseases in wheat, yellow spot and septoria nodorum, can do significant damage to a wheat crop," Mr Shea said. "Losses in badly affected crops can be up to 30 per cent from both collectively - they look very similar in the field, have similar life cycles and often occur together."

The spores of these diseases are carried between seasons on wheat stubble, with wheat crops sown into last year's stubble risking greatest exposure to disease. Department research has shown that a break of one year with a non-host, such as lupins, peas or canola, can reduce the spore load by 95 per cent.

"Growers do ask us why they need a break crop when they can spray fungicide," Mr Shea said. "Fungicide can be an effective option but it is one more management operation that takes time and money, and is not guaranteed to give complete control. Growers can use a break crop to prevent early disease arrival and build up."

"Sowing following a non-host break crop is the most effective way to reduce disease pressure, particularly early in the season."

Mr Shea said similar principles applied for root diseases such as crown rot and take-all.

"Rotation with a non-host break provides time for breakdown of residue in the soil reducing the amount of pathogen (the fungus that causes the disease)," Mr Shea said. "It is very important to control grass weeds in non-cereal rotation crops for most effective lead in management for the next wheat or barley crop. We are seeing more crown rot in cereal crops in recent years but all the pulse crops, oilseeds and pasture legumes are viable non-host break crops for this disease."

Mr Shea said break crops had a role on farms where income from the crop was high enough to include them in the rotation.

"The positive effects on following crops should be the icing on the cake," he said.

He said the department was undertaking



Yellow spot and septoria nodorum on wheat;



Yellow spot fruiting bodies on stubble.

on-going research aimed at more quantitative assessment of the need for a break crop with large dynamic crop sequence trials at Katanning and Wongan Hills.

New Vision for Agribusiness Education

CY O'CONNOR College of TAFE is working to establish the Centre for Agribusiness and Farm Technology, in line with the Liberal-National Government's aim to raise the status of training in Western Australia.

The Centre will focus on delivering higher level qualifications in four streams, comprising Vocational, Short Course, Higher Education and Farm Technology programmes.

Training and Workforce Development Minister, Peter Collier, said that these programmes would be developed in close consultation with industry to fill specific skills gaps while also providing valuable post-secondary education and training in the region.

"The College has committed to develop a higher education qualification in agribusiness at the Associate degree level, and is seeking a partner university to provide pathways for students from the region to complete a full degree," he said. "This initiative will enhance the relevance of the College to the community and add considerable value to the region."

"The College's commitment to establish itself as a centre of expertise in agribusiness and technology will define its role in a competitive marketplace on state, national and international levels."

The Centre for Agribusiness and Farm Technology will be the latest vocational academy to be developed through the college's Wheatbelt Centre for Regional Skills Development. Others that have already been formed target regional infrastructure and local government, with another four in various stages of development (Health Services; Automotive; Building and Construction; and Regional Small Business).

"This will be important for the College

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as it will signal a new and exciting vision for the delivery of training and education services in the Wheatbelt," Mr Collier said. "I congratulate the college's Governing Council for such visionary thinking."

Students Shown the Possibilities of Science Careers

SCHOOLS in the Wheatbelt region had the chance to find out what amazing doors are opened by studying maths, science and engineering at school, university and TAFE when Scitech's Beyond the Beaker

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programme rolled out a series of workshops on the 30th and 31st March.

Nearly 300 high school students from Northam Senior High School and York District High School were treated to an interactive presentation that provides information on a range of careers available to graduates looking to explore a career in science.

"Science and engineering skills are very valuable in a state such as Western Australia, which relies on the mining, agriculture and construction industries," says Scitech tour coordinator, Emma Lucas.

Students with a keen interest in science were also given the chance to investigate the impacts of climate change in an interactive workshop. They discussed the benefits and possible disadvantages of future scientific developments, such as hydrogen-powered cars designed by engineers and clean burning biodiesel fuel made by chemists.

The workshop aimed to increase awareness of the effect climate change has on ecosystems and the community. These 'energy auditors of tomorrow' also examined what impact their households might be having on the environment by calculating the cost, energy consumption and green house gas emissions produced by different light globes and various household appliances.

"The 90 minute lab sessions were designed to encourage scientific thinking and critical analysis of real science scenarios," says Emma. "At the end of these workshops, we hope that we left the students feeling inspired by real-life science and motivated to investigate local and global career opportunities in the science industry."

Older Generations Demonstrate Their Generosity

THE phrase 'respect your elders' has many connotations and now there is another reason to follow in the footsteps of older generations with research revealing that almost 90 per cent of people aged over 60 contribute to charities in some way. 'Include a Charity' thanks those who are giving back and setting a good example to younger age groups.

'Include a Charity' is a non-profit working group of some of Australia's leading charities united in their commitment to increase the number of people including charitable bequests in their Wills. The four member charities are the Heart Foundation, Cancer Council Australia, Cerebral Palsy Foundation and Mission Australia.

The mandate of 'Include a Charity' is to increase awareness of the importance of charitable bequests and instigate behavioural change resulting in more Australians including a gift to charity in their Wills.

'Include a Charity' has free information packs about Wills and bequests. If you would like to order an information pack or have any questions please call 1800 400 300 or visit www.includeacharity.com.au.

There are many ways in which we can behave charitably, be it through donating money or time to a worthy cause or by giving back to our local communities.

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Research also revealed that residents of NSW are more likely to consider leaving a bequest to a charity in their Will than those in other states, and 'Include a Charity' is encouraging people to recognise the generosity of those around them and consider the ways in which they too might want to contribute to charity.

Junior Sports Development Days

GOOMALLING will host one of two Junior Sports Development Days in the Wheatbelt this year.

The joint initiative by The Department of Sport and Recreation and the Australian Sports Commission provides professional development for all communities in promoting physical activity and education.

DSR Regional Officer Chelsea Gellard said, "It's a fantastic day for wheatbelt teachers, rec centre managers and community members to learn different physical activity skills which they can

bring back to their communities. It also provides a chance to network and hopefully bring back other fresh ideas."

Workshops in circus, sportschamberra, soccer and cricket will be held at the Goomalling sporting precinct on 23rd July. Registrations are required.

Teacher relief funding is also available for Active After School Community schools.

For more information or to register your interest contact Chelsea Gellard at DSR on 0429 881 369 or chelsea.gellard@dsr.wa.gov.au.

The Nationals Endorse Muresk Recommendations

MEMBER for the Agricultural Region, Hon Philip Gardiner MLC, advised that the recommendations of his completed independent report into the future and commercial viability of the Muresk Institute had been adopted by The Parliamentary National Party (WA).

The commissioner of the report, Hon Brendon Grylls MLA, Minister for Regional Development; Lands received the report on 22nd February. It has now been delivered to Hon Hendy Cowan who is conducting a broader review into tertiary agricultural education in Western Australia and who may build on these recommendations.

Mr Gardiner said he had sought to deliver on Minister Grylls's request for refreshing ideas and had determined to deliver a comprehensive report in a short timeframe.

"I was conscious of the need to minimise the time taken to prepare recommendations," he said. "The longer uncertainty prevails the more difficult it is to rebuild the Institute's outstanding educational reputation and long-term sustainability."

Mr Gardiner said that of the 22 recommendations the decisive view is a proposal for Muresk to become a distinctive, on-campus live in facility from which programme providers can deliver academic courses across a number of levels.

"I have recommended that Muresk be a professional, independent institute, separate from any single education entity," he said. "The institute would then negotiate with academic providers from a number of fields to provide teaching in such areas as TAFE programmes and flight instruction, as well as continuing the outstanding agribusiness programmes Curtin University has sought to offer."

"I have recommended that the multi-academic level approach also include a high level short course programme focused on the world's agricultural issues and the relevance of business in dealing with managing food production to meet the growing population. The programme would cover topics such as climate change, water, energy, soil fertility, yields, impending shortage of nutrient supplies and food security, all increasingly relevant in today's world."

In announcing the release of the report Mr Gardiner extended his appreciation to the members of his sounding board for their contribution, namely Mr Colin Carter, Dr Ian Fairnie, Mr Rob Meecham, Ms Wendy Newman, Professor Ian Reid, Mr John Scott, Mr Ken Severson and Mr Crawford Taylor.



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End of an Era at the Toodyay Tavern



Mark Lloyd

AN emotional evening of Karaoke finished a run of entertainment at the Toodyay Tavern on Sunday 30th May.

All of the regular supporters of the musical events, which had spanned over four years gathered, for what was to be the last.

Dave Mitchell has supported many local and out of town bands and entertainers during his position as manager and licensee of the Toodyay Tavern Top Pub.

Local entertainer and regular of the pub, Ray Barwell, said, "It is a shame, but at least we have had a lot of fun and entertainment over the years. The karaoke has run almost every week for four years and it didn't matter if you were good or not, you were always supported by the audience because at least you got up and had a go."

The evenings certainly produced a full variety of singers ranging from the big voice of Meatloaf through to the melodious Patsy Cline's 'Crazy'.

"I would like to thank and say goodbye to all the friends I have made here," said David in his farewell speech.

He is unsure of what's next but would welcome a break for a while.



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Agricultural Region MLC, Jim Chown, said the project, which is backed by a consortium led by investment bank Investec, will be underpinned by electricity purchases from State owned electricity retailer, Synergy.

"The State Government has approved Synergy entering into a 15-year power purchase worth about \$1.5 billion which will allow the State's largest renewable energy project to proceed," said Mr. Chown. "This is a significant project for WA and reaffirms the Government's commitment to delivering a cleaner energy future for West Australians, while providing an economic stimulus for the Agricultural Region."

"The Collgar Wind Farm will help meet the State Government's aim of providing secure, reliable competitive and clean energy for the future and is a major step towards achieving the national renewable energy target of 20 per cent by 2020.

"Meeting the renewable energy target is a key objective of the Strategic Energy

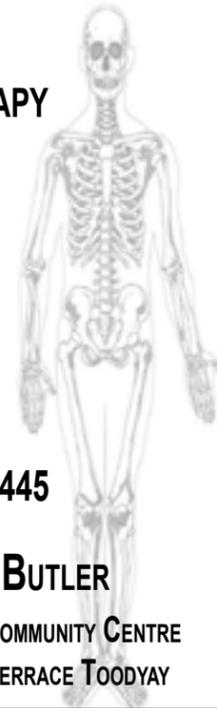
Initiative, which has been developed to provide a clear and co-ordinated direction for the State's energy sector, and provide a basis for investment in renewable and low emission, sustainable energy sources," said Mr. Chown. "The Government has already provided an additional \$6.5 million to expand the solar Schools programme, established the Household Renewable Energy Scheme and committed to develop a new net residential feed-in tariff."

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Toodyay Naturalists' Club

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

The President and some members attended the Heavenly Hectares workshop on 11th April. There is a full report in another article in this issue of the Herald from Cr Bethan Lloyd, who was responsible for initiating and managing the whole event. Thanks Bethan for inviting the Naturalists' Club to be involved. It was a very worthwhile experience. Thanks also to Zara Kivell, the Land for Wildlife Officer for this region, who brought along the lovely Harmony the Carnaby, the white tailed black cockatoo who is always very popular.

Particular thanks must go to the businesses who donated prizes to the Bushfire Appeal at Bendigo Bank for funding and to Wayne and Desrae who helped all day despite Wayne being unwell. To top it off, Desrae had cooked up a storm of cakes and soup which were greatly appreciated by the

attendees. Feedback from the presenters since the event has been very positive. One story is that a gentleman who had been to one of the earlier workshops had taken the advice given then, and planted a suitable shelter belt of trees. He credited this with saving his house in the December fire, so good advice is very valuable.

Our next excursion is on 15th May.



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

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

Everyone is welcome to any of our meetings or excursions.

President Lee 9574 2560, Vice-President Greg 9574 5445, Secretary Wayne 6364 3609.

python watch

Desrae Clarke
Member of the Toodyay Naturalists' Club

PERTH is very fortunate to have to excellent displays of herpetofauna, one being our zoo and the second, the 'volunteer-run' Reptile Centre at Byford. This wonderful home to a great variety of animals is located on the right hand side (driving south) on the South Western Highway, past Armadale in the area of Byford. The Toodyay Naturalist Club members and friends had a recent Club outing to the latter centre with the day thoroughly enjoyed by the younger members of the group and the 'not so young'.

On arrival at the Centre we were told there was a Queensland Carpet Python taken to the rear of the main building enjoying itself on the lawn in the sunshine.

What a magnificent creature! It had recently 'sloughed' resulting in a gloriously shiny, iridescent skin. The two metre long animal was enjoying all the attention investigating the onlookers with its tiny tongue.

It is interesting to note that many reptiles use the flicking of its tongue to gather particles from the surrounding air. The tongue then touches the Jacobson's organ, a sensory structure situated in the roof of its mouth, to identify the particles collected.

Another interesting aspect of all Australian pythons, except the genus *Aspidites* (the Woma and the Black-headed Python) is that they have heat-sensitive pits on the lip scales. These pits, which can be seen on the sides of the mouth, assist in the location of warm-blooded prey both during the day and at night.

While befriending this beautiful creature the handler asked that no-one touch either its head or its tail as large predating birds, such as the Wedge-tail Eagle, use either the head or the tail as its aiming point so the python is very sensitive to its extremities.

The adult Carpet Python is normally very placid, except if threatened like any other animal (humans included!), but the very young can be more wary of intruders.

The Naturalist group enjoyed wandering around looking at all the different species of herpetofauna that also presented several surprises. The Boa Constrictor hid beneath its electric blanket! By patiently watching one would see its tongue begin to flick in and out from beneath the blanket then slowly the nose would appear to eventually be followed by the head with the eyes visible. It really did not want to leave the comfort of its electric blanket!

There were quite a number of species of python including the Stimson's, Children's, the small Brown Python, who shared a home with a white one marked with ginger-coloured bands (the same species), the very large Olive Python and the spectacularly marked Woma and its relative, the Black-headed Python.

There are a variety of snakes at the Centre

including Mulgas and Dugites of different colourings and markings and Death Adders from both the north and southern areas of our State. Skinks included the King's Skink, Bobtail, Blue-tongue and the rare Western Spiny-tailed Skink and there were many Dragons.

The Monitors were also a great drawcard with most of them in the midst of 'sloughing'; it was easy to see the beautiful markings of the newly sloughed areas and where the patterning of the Aboriginal art is derived. One large fellow had had an amputated lower back leg as a result of being caught in a dingo trap. When found he was extremely emaciated from lack of food and his mangled lower leg severely infected. He was brought to the Centre where it was decided that the damaged area would have to be removed for his survival. And, survive he has! He is now in a very healthy condition and can climb trees as well as any of his brothers!

Beautifully patterned frogs of different species, a large Water Dragon and Turtles were also a drawcard. It was important to actually view the feral Red-eared Slider Turtle, a creature that is a BANNED IMPORT!!! with a Western Australian fine of up to \$4,000. The International Conservation Union of Nature (ICUN) has placed this turtle on the world conservation 'hit list' of 'the world's 100 most invasive species' and besides Australia it is banned in most countries of the world. (Python Watch Toodyay Herald article - February 2009).

The Reptile Centre has a great variety of books for sale. These range from colouring books for children, books for those interested in herpetofauna and quite technical books. The time spent at the Centre was a great learning experience and a visit is strongly recommended.



Photo of a Carpet Python courtesy of Bethan Lloyd

weed of the month
fountain grass

Compiled by Wayne Clarke

WITH the coming of winter, the grassy weeds are already beginning to emerge in the crops and gardens of the Shire. Fountain grass (*Pennisetum setaceum*), also called crimson fountain grass, tender fountain grass, pronggrass or African

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environmental matters

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fountain grass, is a member of the Poaceae (grass) family, and as one of its common names indicates, originates in (north east) Africa.

This grass is densely tufted (a densely packed cluster, arising from an axis, or stalk) and tussock-like, growing up to a metre in height. Flowering from late winter through to summer, it is perennial (plants with a life span of more than two growing seasons), and its flowers are moderately dense and erect (or sometimes pendulous). They have spike-like panicles (flowers on branches of the main axis, or on further branches of these) that are cylindrical, and plumose (like a feather, with fine hairs arising from a central axis).

Introduced as an ornamental plant, its escape - like many of our weeds - poses a significant threat to our environment. More importantly, these types of fine grasses are the fuels that carry fires very swiftly. Its weedy status is recognised in many countries, and is listed as one of the ten most serious invasive plants being sold currently by Australian nurseries. It is banned from sale in a number of countries, including New Zealand.

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Photograph courtesy Roger Cousens (*Western Weeds, Plant Protection Society of WA 1997*)

bird of the month white-naped honeyeater

Desrae Clarke

Member of the Toodyay Naturalists' club

THE White-naped Honeyeater is found in Jarrah/Marri and Wandoo woodlands together with banksias, grevilleas and kangaroo paws in the lower part of our State but not the arid area. It has an interesting scientific name being *Meliphreptus* (nourished by honey) and *lunatus* (moon-shaped) which refers to the small, white crescent head marking.



Drawing by Desrae Clarke

Honeyeaters constitute the largest bird family in Australia with over 70 species with its most typical distinctive feature being its 'brush-like' tongue for sucking honey from blossoms.

The sexes are similar in colour with a black cap and black lower cheeks to extend beneath the chin with white beneath the wings and the underparts. It has shoulders, back and rump of citrine green and a colouring of deep grey/brown on the wings and tail. It has a pale cream eye ring, black bill with a bright orange mouth and its feet are a buff or light brown.

Breeding is between July and January with the building of a delicate hanging cup-shaped nest made of fine grass and strips of bark; it is lined with down and closely bound with cobwebs and fixed to the hanging foliage up to 15 metres from the ground. Two to three pink to pale buff eggs finely spotted with red/brown or grey are laid.

The White-naped Honeyeater may nest in pairs or small communal groups with assistance given to the senior breeding pair when feeding and rearing the nestlings. The nests are aggressively defended by all members of a group.

To feed, this species of honeyeater gleans the leaves of the outer branches and foliage of trees, craning or hanging upside down among them. They also take the sugary secretions from damaged leaves and leaf insects, the nectar of blossoming eucalypts, insects, their larvae and spiders.

This bird does not have a song. Its call can be a soft 'mewing' or a harsh grating sound when feeding or flying. Watch for it high in the eucalypts.

Pest Bird Found in Toodyay

THE Department of Agriculture and Food is reminding bird owners to keep their pets secure following the removal of an Indian ringneck parakeet from the Toodyay area.

Department development officer Marion

Massam said Indian ringnecks, also called rose-ringed parakeets, were pests which posed a high risk of establishment in the wild if they were released or escaped.

"Escapees have been regularly found in the wild, with many detections in the metropolitan area and most recently at Toodyay," she said. "A single bird was reported by local residents Doug and Glen Jones who suspected it was not a native species and contacted the department. They then assisted by capturing the bird which will now be re-housed with a licensed keeper with a secure aviary."



Toodyay residents Doug and Glen Jones with the captured Indian ringneck.

"Over the past year, ringnecks have been removed from West Swan, Belmont, Applecross, St James and Hamilton Hill."

Ms Massam said the department would continue capturing and re-homing these birds in secure keeping facilities to prevent them establishing in the wild.

"These species are declared pests in Western Australia and all escapee birds found in the wild are immediately removed," she said. "Their pest status requires that they are kept under secure conditions indicated by a permit."

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environmental matters



Swimming in the Avon River Rocky Basin Pool, Toodyay in the early 1950's courtesy of Derek Donegan

Toodyay Friends of the River

Compiled by Desraé Clarke

ALTHOUGH Sunday 9th May was Mother's Day and several members were unable to attend, the overall results of the River Reporting Day were excellent. Maxine and Robin Walker are sincerely thanked for hosting the day at their home.

The Friends have divided the River into monitored sections of 'river health' from Glen Avon (just inside the Toodyay/Northam boundary) to Brigadoon. Each section is reported on annually. Data collected includes water flow, sediment movement, sediment removal, water health, stability of banks, change in direction of flow, health of riverine vegetation, water and land birds, fauna, feral animals and plants, deposition of rubbish, vandalism, soil and plant damage by pigs, and any further interesting information collected.

Sunday 16th May was another busy day

with members of the Friends clearing the fire break on Lloyd's Reserve. Western Power contractors have recently replaced existing poles plus erected additional poles through the Reserve. The Friends are very grateful to both Western Power and the contractors for the communication held between all parties and the sensitive manner in which the operation was attended – thank you, Western Power and your contractors, your approach was most appreciated.

The Friends are always looking for old and interesting new photos of the Avon River. We would be very pleased to scan them and, if used in the Toodyay Herald, would acknowledge ownership.

The next get-together of the Friends is on Sunday 20th June to meet at Duidgee Park at 9am to continue the programme along the River with rubbish removal, eradication of feral plants and preparation in the removal of piles of waste vegetation..

'Pest Bird Found in Toodyay' cont. from Page 35

The ringneck poses a significant threat to agriculture, with the potential to damage a range of crops including cereals, oilseeds and horticulture as well as stored grain. This species may also compete with native species for nest hollows and food.

The Indian ringneck is a long-tailed, grass-green, red-beaked parrot, but some blue, yellow, grey and white birds have also been bred. Sightings of this species or other unusual birds or animals should be reported to the department's Pest and Disease Information Service on freecall 1800 084 881.

Further information about identifying this species, its keeping requirements and the species of introduced birds and animals that can be kept in WA, is available from the Department of Agriculture and Food's website www.agric.wa.gov.au.

Property Planning Small Landholder Information Service

Workshops will be held in June to assist small landholders in identifying issues relating to their property and the natural environment and come up with practical solutions in the form of a property plan which you can adapt to changing circumstances. Learn how to manage erosion and salinity, plan for dams and establish revegetation and pastures.

DATES for the workshop are 11th June to be held at South Perth and another on 25th June 2010.

The cost of \$225.00 includes everything you need, including an aerial photo of your property, a manual, all stationery and lunch etc.

To book and find out more information please call Yolande Jones on 9733 7703 or email at yolande.jones@agric.wa.gov.au

Toodyay Workshop

If there is enough interest a property planning workshop will be held in Toodyay during August or September. If you are interested in this please register your details with Bethan Lloyd on 9574 5882. If we get 12 interested properties we can run the workshop and we may be able to get some funding to reduce the cost a little.

National Tree Day

PLANET Ark is calling on individuals, school teachers and members of community, faith, sporting and green groups to register and run tree-planting sites for National Tree Day and Schools Tree Day, being held on Friday 30th July and Sunday 1st August 2010.

"You don't need to be an expert gardener to be a National Tree Day Site-Coordinator," says Planet Ark Spokeswoman Rebecca Gilling. "Planet Ark partners with local councils and Toyota dealers to provide Site Coordinators with the information and resources they need."

"We encourage any Toodyay Shire resident with a genuine interest in getting involved in a worthwhile community activity to register a National Tree Day site," says Gilling.

Celebrating its 15th year in 2010, National Tree Day is responsible for planting more than 15 million native trees and shrubs over the years.

To register a National Tree Day site or for more information, visit treeday.planetark.org or call the National Tree Day Hotline on 1300 88 5000.

National Tree Day is organised by Planet Ark in partnership with Toyota and its dealer network which provide on-the-ground support at local and community tree-planting sites Australia-wide.

Farming Women to Benefit from Grant

A NEW programme is hoping to encourage better recognition of rural women and the influence they have on farms.

The programme is being run by the natural resource group Wheatbelt NRM, which has identified women as the ones most likely to drive land care. Women who live on farms, but don't necessarily work on the property, are being targeted.

Wheatbelt NRM's Natarsha Woods said many women don't realise the influence they have on how farms are managed.

"We love hearing from women who are leaders, but we really need to hear from the women who are making important farming decisions around the kitchen table, without knowing it," Natarsha Woods said. "This includes women who aren't from farming backgrounds, but now find themselves living on a farm."

"While we've found men are our main audience at field days, the social research suggests women are the ones most likely to drive work on the environment."

The grants programme is looking for four women to tour Victoria's Wimmera Mallee region and meet with the Birchip Cropping Group.

"The successful candidates will help us identify the barriers to groups like us connecting with them, including child care, travel, role definition and knowledge" Natarsha Woods said. "It will also be a great opportunity and comfortable way to get some agricultural knowledge and develop networks."

The deadline for applications is Friday, 18th June 2010.

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News from Bolgart and Surrounding Areas

Doris M. Martin

SENDING a cheerio and good wishes to both Harry Ludemann of Bolgart and Leo Camerer of Toodyay but late of the Bolgart area who have both spent time in the Northam Hospital in recent times. I'm sure that the good wishes of the district have been with you both.

Have noted that Trees' Cafe at Bolgart is re-opening on the first weekend of each month and will include a market on the Sunday. It will be open from 10am to 3pm and Saturday night from 6.30pm to 11pm. On Sunday it will be open from 10am to 3pm with market and Monday it will be open from 10am to 3pm.

Reflexology, back massage and Iridology will be available on Saturday and Sunday.

For further information phone Kathleen Tree on 9627 5187, as bookings for dinner etc, are essential.

It is interesting to note that Bob and Jennifer Furey of Bolgart have now become distributors for the Shade of Green product range and go under the name of PASS (Plant Animal Soil Solutions). They also carry a range of animal supplements such as mineral lick blocks and Humavyte. They can cater to the needs of both the small home gardener through to those working with broad acre operations. Enquiries can be made on 9627 5270 or mobile 0427 052 618 or email plant.animal.soil.solutins@gmail.com We wish them well with their new venture.

Belated birthday wishes to Darren Manuel who a little bird told me celebrated his 40th birthday recently in the city with wife Stephanie. Also, turning 14 on 7th June is Cassandra Martin who began her early life at Bolgart. We wish her a lovely birthday.

The Back to Bolgart held recently to celebrate the original opening of the Bolgart Railway Line and various football achievements of the past was held on Saturday 1st May. It was expected that about 60 folk would attend, but the total blew out to 150 and took the form of a barbecue come picnic. Mr Ron Travers of Bolgart gave a very informative talk on the original railway line to Bolgart.

Those who remember Ron Lee affectionately known to Toodyay folk in the past by his nick name of 'Gobbler' will be saddened to learn of his death. Ron, who had been a Toodyay lad in his youth, was an inmate of the Murray River Nursing Home at Mandurah. He went on a recent outing with the group on 15th May and, on the return trip at Dandelup, suffered a stroke. He passed away on 18th May.

Ron was the 4th child of the late William George Lee and the late Mary Anne Lee (Nee Coles) who lived at Toodyay in their early married life but moved to Mandurah on their retirement. There were eight children in their family, Daphne (Mrs Hodgkinson), Alan (deceased), Valma (Mrs Martin), Ron (now deceased), Max, Vernon (deceased), Robert and Donald (deceased). Sympathy is extended to Daphne, Val, Max, Bob and families and the family of the late Vern Lee.

Toodyay Historical Society (Inc)

Robyn Taylor
Vice-President

WHAT a great Moodyne Festival we had this year! The street was buzzing with life with plenty to see and do. The weather was perfect but the sun became too hot with one umbrella between us. Many sincere thanks to Beth and Peter Ruthven who came to our aid with a gazebo, which was up in no time providing much needed shade. Member Greg Warburton was out and about again menacing the public in his role as a convict, while members sporting their new Society t-shirts dealt with a wide range of public enquiries about the town's history, Moodyne Joe, and family connections to Toodyay.

The Society is currently going through the Shire's Municipal Heritage Inventory Review. This is an opportunity for everyone to check the information on those places they own or know about, and advise the Shire if any changes are needed or additional information added. It is available to the public at the Library, the Shire office or you can download it from the Shire's website. We encourage anyone with an interest in Toodyay's history, heritage, tourism and real estate, to look at what is a

very important document.

By the time this issue comes out we would have had our excursion to the Sisters of Mercy Convent in Stirling Terrace. The Sisters played an important role in the education of many Toodyay school students. A couple of former pupils have agreed to come along so we are looking forward to a very interesting afternoon.

Our next excursion will be on Sunday 27th June. This will be a visit to the historic property 'Wansborough House' in York, followed by a walk through the Blandstown heritage precinct. Meet at the Visitors Centre for carpool at 10am and bring morning tea and lunch.

Our next meeting will be Wednesday 16 June 2010, 7pm at Donegan's Cottage.

For information about any matter to do with the Toodyay Historical Society, or how we may assist you or your group, please contact our Secretary Beth Frayne - 9574 5971, President Len Leeder - 9574 4343, Vice President Robyn Taylor - 9574 2578.

Our headquarters are at Donegan's Cottage, which is open to the public every Thursday from 1pm to 3pm. You will find us on Toodyay Street in the Toodyay Showgrounds. Membership \$10. (Postal address: PO Box 32, Toodyay, 6566)

Toodyay Playgroup

TOODYAY Playgroup is a community run organisation and fundraising is an important part of our group activities. Money raised pays for rent of our facility in the community centre, utilities and, of course, toys, equipment, craft supplies and outings for the children.

In May we held a fundraising Cake Stall and Raffle in Federation Square. Thank you to all Playgroup members for your support in baking and organising this event. A special 'Thank You' to all the mums who braved the rain and gave their time to set up, maintain the stand and pack away on the day; without your help this fundraising event would not be a success. Also special 'Thanks' to all who donated gifts to be raffled off - your generosity is greatly appreciated. Lastly, 'Thank You' to everyone in the community for supporting Toodyay Playgroup and this event.

All our fundraising efforts are not just for our playgroup. On Thursday 27th May Toodyay Playgroup hosted 'Biggest Morning Tea' to raise money for cancer research. This was an Open Day held from 9.30 - 11.30 at playgroup. All current members, past members and members of the community were invited to have a cuppa and bring a plate to share. We all had a great time and enjoyed some yummy food. Thank you to everyone

who participated and donated money for cancer research.

Our next outing will be on the 15th June at Fun Station in Midland. There are facilities to suit both toddlers and older kids. It's great fun for the kids and nice for the mums too so come along and join in the fun. Entry for all current members will be paid by Playgroup.

Our next committee meeting is on Thursday 24th June.

Playgroup is on every Tuesday and Thursday between 9.30am and 11.30am for children aged 0-5 years at the Community Centre in Stirling Tce. New mums and dads are always welcome to come along and try. The first 3 sessions are free and thereafter it is \$3 per session. There is a one-off payment of \$28 per family/year for insurance.

Australian Forest Growers in the Wheatbelt

AUSTRALIAN Forest Growers (AFG) is the national association representing the interests of private growers for over forty years. It has recently formed its first truly low-rainfall branch, to be known as WA Wheatbelt AFG, that will represent the concerns and needs of those growing commercial tree crops in the

WA Wheatbelt.

Traditionally, commercial plantation forestry has predominately been the growing of sawlogs, pulpwood and biomass in the high rainfall areas of Australia. However, there has been interest in growing commercial tree crops in the WA Wheatbelt for many years. Reasons include the ever tighter margins in current agricultural production systems, the demand for timber and wood products in part as a climate change solution, the need for environmental repair and for land managers to diversify their income streams. For these reasons and in the WA Wheatbelt, the term 'dryland forestry' has been coined. It covers any tree crop that will grow in WA low-rainfall conditions with a commercial outcome.

Parts of the WA Wheatbelt can receive as low as 250mm annual rainfall, but with a changing rainfall pattern some of this rain can come in summer, just when tree crops will benefit most. Planted at a sufficient scale tree crops can also provide significant environmental benefits. "We will advocate that industry-scale plantings equal good NRM outcomes," said WA Wheatbelt AFG Chairman Ian Hall. "Farmers need to make a quid but are also concerned about the health of their land and want to protect it, their most important asset."

Tree crops currently being grown in the WA Wheatbelt are WA Sandalwood (*Santalum spicatum*), Brushwood (*Melaleuca* species) and oil mallees (*Mallee eucalypts*). Research is on-going to expand the range of commercial species, but there is already scope to provide significant diversification for farmers. "If only 10% of the cleared landscape in the Wheatbelt were planted to tree crops then there is the potential to have over one million hectares of a range of tree crops throughout the WA Wheatbelt landscape," said Mr Hall. "These, side by side with traditional agricultural crops, will help to make farming sustainable into the future."

WA Wheatbelt AFG will be working with the AFG National Office and with two other new WA AFG Branches, and with AVONGRO Wheatbelt Tree Cropping and Timber 2020 for a rounded and coordinated approach to commercial dryland tree cropping in Western Australia.

For more information contact WA Wheatbelt AFG Secretary, Monica Durcan, on 08 9291 8249 or 0418 934 870 or email to mdurcan@iinet.net.au, or visit the AFG website: www.afg.asn.au

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toodyay sports

Toodyay Tennis Club

Angela Fox

CHILLY cold mornings now, so Tuesday tennis starts at 9am.

Numbers have been steady though Friday nights are still a struggle; the numbers have steadily gone down.

The wood raffle again was a great success. Many thanks to Ron for the wood and also to Frank and Mike who helped. The ladies did a great job selling the tickets - thank you.

We had a lovely lunch at the Victoria on the 25th. We all look forward to the lunches and the next one will be a 'Christmas in July' one so I shall have to get that happening next month. Any ideas will be welcome as to where we'll go.

The AGM is going to be held on Friday 28th May so there may be a few other bits to comment on next month.

Keep warm and well.

Toodyay Junior Hockey Club

TOODYAY juniors (13 and under) have started off the season very well with some very well played enthusiastic games. Results so far are;

1st May 2-0 win over the Kookaburras

Mitchell Cording scoring both goals

8th May 1-2 loss to the Redbacks

Ewald Ellis scoring the goal

15th May 2-1 win over Wongan-Hills

Ewald Ellis scoring both goals

22nd May 1-1 draw with York Wolves

Mitchell Cording scoring the goal.

We have 13 players in the team. Our goalie is Zoe Ellis who does a mighty job every week. The other players are Isabel Ferguson, Cogan Love, Thom Gilbertson, Sam Chitty, Ruben Street, Viv Fleay, Josh Flaherty, Mitchell Cording, Josh Boyz, Ryan Delacata, Bailey Glenn and Ewald Ellis. The coaches for the season are Naomi Lucas and Courtney Fleay who are doing a great job.

Thanks to the parents who come every week to the games a give such great support to the team with positive encouragement and much needed half-time oranges. We also have some of our boys trying out for the 13 and under team to attend the state championships held in the July school holidays, good luck to Ewald, Mitchell, Sam and Ruben.

Office bearers for the year are;

President Helmi Ellis

Vice Pres Nadine Cording

Secretary Debbie Ferguson

Treasurer Sara Gilbertson

This is a milestone year for the hockey club, that has been going for around 60 years with most of that time being played in the Mortlock Association and for the last 14 years in the Avon Association, in that we are finally an incorporated club. We shall now be back to hosting home games starting 12th June.

A very big thank you must go to Vince's Italian Restaurant for being our major sponsor and providing us with new playing shirts. The kids look and feel great wearing the maroon and gold representing Toodyay.

Toodyay Bowling Club

June Eastwood

THE ladies Handicap Singles has finished and the winner was Heather Henderson.

Another successful Gala Day has concluded with 14 participating teams. The overall winner on the day was a team from Morley. Six of the visiting ladies stayed overnight so they could enjoy the Moondyne Festival and Collectors' Fair on Sunday.

The combined wind-up and trophy presentation was an enjoyable evening with a delicious array of food being presented. It was suggested that more men would have attended if the dinner had not been the evening before Mother's Day. I don't know whether this is because several gents were at home slaving over a hot stove so they could present their beloved with a gourmet breakfast or lunch Sunday or whether they had magnanimously taken their Mum away on a relaxing weekend. Whatever, if you feel your plans were affected, please let Kaye, the ladies Captain know and if necessary we will look to changing the wind-up date.

The Fund Raiser held by the Club in aid of those affected by the bushfire has now surpassed all hopes for its success. There has now been over \$40,000 raised, a magnificent result.

Thursday 10th June will see the beginning of Social bowling afternoons. This is open to any lady or gentleman keen enough to come along and enjoy a fun afternoon. Names must be in by 12.30 for a 1pm start. Format is drawn Pairs, dress mufti. Flat soled shoes are a must.

Clackline/Toodyay Karate Club News

WELCOME to all of our new students and their families. Our class numbers have grown considerably over the last two terms, with all students training hard and getting the most out of each lesson. KEEP UP THE GREAT WORK!

MARGARET RIVER TOURNAMENT Sunday 6th June - Margaret River

A team of students and their families will spend the long weekend in Margaret River, where students will compete in a tournament along with clubs from all over the State. We wish our students well for the tournament and hope you enjoy this fun long weekend.

GRADING - TOODYAY DOJO Sunday 27th June - Grading fee \$15.00

Timetable

10.00	Red Tip and Belt
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11.30	Green Tip and Belt
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For further information, phone Prim on 0419 917 266.

The Monday and Friday walks are listed below:

DAY / DATE	THE WALK	MEETING PLACE
June		
Fri 4	West Toodyay	Donegan's Cottage
Mon 7	River and Mini Rail	Duidee Park
Fri 11	James Cottage	Next to Old Catholic Church
Mon 14	Subway/Pelham	Duidee Park
Fri 18	Two Bridges	Duidee Park
Mon 21	West Toodyay	Donegan's Cottage
Fri 25	River and Mini Rail	Duidee Park
Mon 28	James Cottage	Next to Old Catholic Church
July		
Fri 2	Subway/Pelham	Duidee Park
Mon 5	Two Bridges	Duidee Park
Fri 9	West Toodyay	Donegan's Cottage
Mon 12	River and Mini Rail	Duidee Park

Be Active and Have Fun



Proposed Temporary Road Closures for Avon Descent

The Northam Avon Descent Association has requested two temporary road closures to take place during the Avon Decent. The requested road closures are as follows:

- **Temporary closure of Cobbler Pool Road, between 12.00pm Friday 6 August 2010 through to 12.00pm Sunday 8 August 2010.**
- **Partial closure of Julimar Road - one lane of the Toodyay West Bridge from 12.00pm Friday 6 August 2010 through to 12.00pm Sunday 8 August 2010.**

Comments and submissions from the public are welcomed and should be presented in writing and will be received until 4.00pm Tuesday 29 June 2010 at the Shire of Toodyay Administration Centre, 15 Fiennes Street (PO Box 96) TOODYAY WA 6566.

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toodyay sports

Toodyay Pony Club

Cassandra Duckworth

OUR regular rally date this month was transformed into an Unofficial Gymkhana hosting three rings of ridden events plus showjumping, fancy dress competition and games. The day was organised as a fundraiser for our club and fortunately entries were sufficient to support the classes held with many locals attending along with riders from Perth.

It's been some time since the club has held an event like this, due to the hard work involved and number of helpers required. This year's members have proven they are not afraid of a challenge, which enabled us to have a go at organising and running the Gymkhana under the skilful guidance of Committee Members, Alison Cook and Tanzi Carpenter.

The day was a tad cold and a few showers rained down on us but overall it was a very enjoyable day that ran smoothly.

The highlight for many was participating in or watching the Fancy Dress Competition. A variety of horses and ponies were dressed to the point of humiliation by their loving owners, who then dressed themselves to suit their chosen theme. Some of those on show were a dinosaur ridden by a cave girl, a unicorn ridden by a princess, a lion ridden by a lion cub, a clown on a decorated pony, a fairy on a fairy garden and a Mickey and Minnie Mouse combination.

Toodyay Pony Club sincerely thanks the following sponsors who supported the event in some way: Toodyay Pharmacy, Avon Valley Jewellery and Gifts, The Victoria Hotel, LJ Hooker, Jenny and Keith Wilgoss, Saddleworld Maddington, Silvia and John Leaf, Claire Love, Magic Browbands, Wayne and Alison Cook.

Hacking Results

Champion Senior Rider

Amanda Hunter

Champion Junior Rider

Ashleigh Hill

Reserve Champion Junior Rider

Casey Booth

Champion Hack

Dianne Hull – Josh

Reserve Champion Hack

Morgan Holmes – Snooker

Champion Large Pony

Tessa Forbes – Blondie

Champion Small Pony

Kirra Haigh – Tyalla Persephone

Reserve Champion Small Pony

Nicholas Conway – Ebony

Champion Galloway

Amanda Hunter – Little Paddocks Passion

Reserve Champion Galloway

Casey Booth – Spinners Choice

Champion Walk/Trot Pony

Georgia Holmes – Tinky

Reserve Champion Walk/Trot Pony

Kasey Pringle – Stormy

Champion Lead Line Pony

Mary Bendtsen – Ryan



Reserve Champion Lead Line Pony

Caitlin Duckworth – Chelsea

Showjumping Results

AM7 45cm

1st A. Hill – Blossom

2nd M. Reid – Kitty

3rd S. Roberts – Kallie

Optimum Time 45cm

1st M. Reid

2nd S. Roberts

3rd I. Mullins

AM7 65cm

1st C. Booth – Peggy

2nd A. Hill – Blossom

3rd M. Reid – Kitty

Optimum Time 65cm

1st C. Booth – Peggy

2nd M. Reid – Kitty

AM7 75cm

1st C. Booth – Peggy

Optimum Time 75cm

1st C. Booth – Peggy

The next rally date was scheduled for 27th June but, due to a busy timetable, we have decided to hold our midyear camp on this weekend instead. This will be held overnight on our President's property in Toodyay and is sure to be a lot of fun for riders, their parents and the horses.

Also, we noticed someone taking photos of our stall at Moondyne and we would love a copy of any of them. If the photographer is reading this, would he please let Tanzi know.

For all enquiries please contact Tanzi Carpenter on 0427 859 493.

Toodyay Football

WITH a Jacob Lynn goal after the final siren, the Toodyay Lions won their first game for the season over archrivals, Calingiri Cougars on 2nd May. Final scores: Toodyay 11.20 (88) defeated Calingiri 11.6 (72).

Calingiri started with three goals to the town end. Stan Collard took a good mark with the scoreboard attendant expecting a goal when the kick went awry to score a behind. And that was the order of the day for the Lions, it seemed. A goal to Nic Smith on the half-time siren put the Cougars in a good position for the game.

Adam Pearce was in brilliant form taking strong marks and kicking long. His brother, Ryan, was also in good form, kicking a few good goals.

Mother's Day, 9th May saw a strong Dowerin side crush the Lions at Dowerin Oval. Final scores: Dowering 17.11 (113) defeated Toodyay 7.7 (49).

David Wilson kicked six goals for the Tigers while Joel Falconer kicked three for the Lions. Best for Dowerin were Dean Trehella, David Wilson and Daryl Brown. Best for Toodyay: Ryan Pearce, Joel Falconer and Chris King.

After their ten-goal loss to the Tigers, the Lions bounced back on 16th May to down 2009 Premiers, Wongan Ballidu by 31 points. Final scores: Toodyay 12.15 (87) def Wongan Ballidu 7.14 (56).

The Lions were out of the blocks with a goal to Ryan Pearce followed quickly by a reply from the Boomers. Stan Collard kicked the Lions' second and then it was all Wongan Ballidu with the scores 10.11 to 6.10. But the Lions came good when it counted, winning their second of four games.

The ups and downs continued for the Toodyay Lions when they went down by a big margin to Gingin Eagles on 23rd May. Final scores: Gingin 19.15 (129) def Toodyay 7.5 (47).

The Lions only looked good for a short time in the third quarter when they kicked three goals with one to Jaworski and two to Ryan Pearce. Then, in the last quarter, Gingin ran away with the match.

Christian Kelly and Justin Kuhl were the best for the Eagles while Adam Pearce (the 2009 MNFL Medal winner), his brother, Ryan Pearce and Pat Wilson were the Lions' best. Stan Collard, who kicked six goals the week before, was restricted to just one goal.

Tom Street left the ground after going for a mark and falling heavily and, in the last quarter, Gavin Hislop was shirt-fronted badly by an opposition player (who was yellow carded) and players got into a bit of a mix-up.

In the reserves, Toodyay 17.13 defeated Calingiri 3.9 on 2nd May and then went on to down Dowerin 10.6 to 7.7 a week later. The following week, they also had a big win over Wongan Ballidu (22.9 to 6.3) but failed to keep the run going over Gingin on 30th May.

Bolgart Football Club Reunion

OVER 180 people attended the reunion of the former Bolgart Football Club's premierships team, winners of the Goomalling and Districts Football Association premierships in 1960.

Members of the 1969 premierships team also returned for the celebrations.



Back row, l-r: John Erickson, Robert Edmonds, Herbie Feast, Boyd Ford, Ken Lally, Col Watson. Front row, l-r, Doug King, Frank Bradley, Captain Coach Harry Regan, Vinnie Watson and Laurie Watson.

Toodyay Cricket

THE Toodyay Cricket Club held its season wind-up at the Toodyay Tavern and the following players were presented with trophies:

A Grade

Batting Average and Aggregate

Peter Dasborough

Bowling Average and Aggregate

Corey Higgins

Cricketer of the Year

B Grade

Batting Average

Batting Aggregate

Bowling Average

Bowling Aggregate

Corey Higgins

Steve Bradford

Damien Higgins

Ryan Van Beek

Ryan Van Beek

Peter Jankauskas

Cricketer of the Year

Trophies were sponsored by Ian MacGregor, John Lucas, Toodyay Movie World, Sue McComish, Richard Gallaher

Air Conditioning and Toodyay Tavern.

News from the Golf Course

The Grey Shark

SEASON 2010 kicked off with golfers confronted by a very burnt course from 'The Fire'. At the time of writing this report, there has been some rain, so the course is slowly starting to get a green tinge about it.

Makit Hardware Opening Day

The club opening day was held on Saturday 24th April with 23 starters ensuring a good day of golf.

Winners of the Ambrose event for the day were D Toop, W Mastin and D Gordon with a gross 67 / nett 55 1/6. Runners up were A Boston, M Spence and L Slater with a gross score of 67 and a nett score of 57.

Summer Golf Trophy, 1-5-10, Stableford

Winner W Mastin 42pts

R/up D Gordon 39pts

3rd C Jackamarra 38pts

C/back A Boston

Toodyay Club Trophy, 9/5/10, Par Event

Winner D Gordon +11 (New course record)

R/up Mark Hasson +6

Gross A Eddy

Toodyay Tavern Trophy, 16/5/10, Stroke

Winner M Spence 69 nett C/Back

R/up A Boston 69 nett C/Back

3rd B Shaw 69 nett C/Back

4th J Smart 69 nett C/Back

Gross A Eddy 83 gross

Leo Ayling Memorial Trophy, 23/5/10, Stableford

Played over 27 holes, a good field of 20 players turned up for this annual event.

Winner Ron (Butch) Ryder 62pts

R/up Mike Ryder 61pts

Gross D Gordon

Butch's very solid score also included a hole in one on the Par 4, 16th Hole. Well done, Butch!

Ladies' Golf News

TOODYAY'S lady golfers held their opening day on 28th April. Eleven ladies enjoyed a lovely lunch then played and Ambrose event.

Winners J Preece, S Gilpin and R Heath

R/up L Dival and M McBride

Graham Boston Northam Jewellery Trophy, 5/5/10, Stableford

Winners J Preece and Bronwyn King

R/up N Cording and M Scahill

Northam Garden Centre Trophy, 12/5/10, Stableford

Winner N Cording

R/up R Myers

Avon Valley Jewellery Trophy – 19/5/10

Winner N Cording

R/up M McBride

Putting Competition Winner – R Myers

There will be a golf coaching day on Monday 14th June at a cost of \$20 for 4 hours (lunch supplied.) If any ladies are interested, please contact Rose Myers on 9574 2487 for more details.

Toodyay Christian Fellowship

GETTING BACK TO BASICS

We welcome everyone to join us for communion and worship at 9.30am Sunday mornings in the Toodyay Community Centre

If you are interested in getting to know more about God then we have groups that meet informally.

For further information call 9574 5002

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