Budget Makes Progress For Toodyay

Refurbishment of Newcastle Footbridge, Toodyay’s 175th celebrations, a new skate park and the upgrade of the grandstand at Toodyay Showgrounds are just some of the items on the 2010-2011 budget.

The Shire’s existing buildings will also form part of an ongoing maintenance program funded through this year’s budget.

Acting Chief Executive Officer Simon Fraser said though the Shire is always limited with its financial resources, some good outcomes have been achieved during this year’s budget process.

“Whilst this is the budget available to the Shire at this point, Council through its administration staff will most definitely be seeking grant funding opportunities throughout the year, to further enhance our service and facilities for the Toodyay community.

Shire rates have now been distributed, and ratepayers who can pay their rates before 1 September are eligible to enter the rates incentive competition, with a heap of prizes up for grabs, from overnight stays in Perth to a gas fired pizza oven.

“Council has been extremely fortunate to receive donated prizes from local businesses and those based in Perth for our rates incentive scheme.” Mr Fraser said.

The Shire of Toodyay budget is available for viewing on the Shire of Toodyay website at www.toodyay.wa.gov.au.

Marnie McQueen Helps Recovery Process

Council’s Recovery Committee delivered yet another successful fundraising event with celebrated performer and comedian Marie McQueen with her eclectic mix of characters from an Aussie backpacker, a border security officer and a Cottesloe bride.

Fundraising was boosted by a raffle drawn during interval. The evening proved a real community effort, with raffle donations, Toodyay Football Club on bar, and individual contributions including Vicky Haggerty controlling stage lighting, and Peter Jackson on the sound system.

The Recovery Committee continue to deliver monthly update meetings for residents and fire-affected landowners at the Toodyay Memorial Hall on the first Saturday of the month.

Buying Local Pays Off!

Mother of three and local resident Roslyn Bowman was recently rewarded for buying local, receiving two tickets to Perth’s Good Food and Wine Show.

An avid fan of Master Chef, Roslyn was excited to receive the tickets from the Shire’s Acting Chief Executive Officer, Simon Fraser and planned to use them for a family day out.

The ‘Buy Local’ promotion was run during June.
**E-Waste Collection On the Way**
The Shire of Toodyay in conjunction with other AROC Councils (Chittering, Dowerin, Goomalling and Northam) and with the support of the ZeroWaste Initiative are holding a one-off eWaste collection over the month of September... save your eWaste!

Electronic waste can contain hazardous materials, such as lead and mercury, which when sent to landfill can leak into waterways and cause irreparable environmental and human harm.

**What is eWaste?**
Computer parts, televisions, monitors, desktops, projectors, cd drives, cordless tools, electronic games, joysticks, c/d’s, dvd’s, cameras, dvd players, video’s, and speakers.

E-waste can be dropped off free of charge during the month of September at the Toodyay Waste Transfer Station, Railway Road thanks to funding from the Waste Authority of Western Australia.

**Stay on Your Feet Week**
The Shire of Toodyay will join forces with the Autumn Club to deliver Stay on Your Feet Week following the securing of grant funding from the Injury Control Council of Western Australia.

On Wednesday 15 September from 10am to 2pm, the Toodyay Showgrounds will set the scene for an information and activities day. Enjoy a yoga demonstration, a presentation on managing your medicines, and information on health and nutrition.

A healthy morning tea and lunch will be provided.

To register your interest, please telephone Shire of Toodyay’s Be Active Coordinator Jo Buegge on 0428 291 302.

**Budding Socceroos Wanted for Games without Red Cards**
In the wake of the World Cup, the Shire of Toodyay and Toodyay Soccer Club have joined forces to deliver an Adults Social Soccer Competition each Wednesday evening from 6pm at the Toodyay Showgrounds commencing on 25 August.

The competition is supported by Active and Healthway, and will run over seven weeks, with the winning team bestowed the prestigious Toodyay Social Soccer Competition Cup.

Gather six friends together (3 males and 3 females) and register your team. Registration forms are available from the Shire of Toodyay Administration Office, or you can download it from the Shire’s website www.toodyay.wa.gov.au.

**Don’t Forget Your Building Licence!**
When planning to build a new home, it is important for all potential builders, owners and contractors to note that no works, including earthworks should be undertaken until a building licence has been issued.

Undertaking works without a permit could result in a fine, and costly modifications may be required for those developments not complying with requirements.

For contractors, it’s important to first ask the question of landowners “Do you have a building licence?” To landowners, don’t take the risk. Before beginning site works, talk to the Shire of Toodyay about applying for a licence.

For more information please contact the Shire of Toodyay’s Development Services Unit on 9574 2258.

**Story Time and Teddy Bears**
Toodyay Public Library set the scene for a Baby Rhyme and Story Time with a difference during July. Local children enjoyed stories and songs about teddy bears from long serving volunteer Alison during a teddy bear’s picnic extravaganza.

**New Club Explores Crime**
Adult residents are welcome to join the Toodyay Crime Club who meet regularly at the Library to explore crime, reasons for crime and the deconstruction of crime scenes.

Join in at their next meeting Friday 20 August from 10am. For further details, contact the Library on 9574 2323.

**Sharing a Good Read**
Toodyay Public Library plays regular host to ‘Sharing a Good Read’. This month, meetings will be held on Thursday 5 and 19 August from 9:30am at the Library.

**Morangup Library**
Toodyay Public Library will visit Morangup Community Centre on Tuesday 10 and 24 August at 3pm.

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**Resident's Notice**

**FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

**PROPOSED ARTS AND CRAFT CENTRE, WINEY AND AGRICULTURAL INTENSIVE DEVELOPMENT**

The Shire of Toodyay has received a development application for an Arts and Crafts Centre, Winery and Agricultural Intensive Development at Lot 44 Sandplain Road, Toodyay.

The applicants are proposing an art gallery and winery. This is to include a cellar door, open to the public Wednesday to Sunday between 10am and 4pm. The cellar door is proposed to display a variety of local art work. Further to this, the applicants are proposing to cultivate grape vines, along with an orchard of stone fruits.

Your views on the proposal are encouraged and welcomed. Submissions on the proposed development may be addressed in writing and lodged with the Chief Executive Officer, Shire of Toodyay, PO Box 96 Toodyay 6566, by 4.00pm on Wednesday 18 August 2010.

Further information on the above proposal is available on the Shire’s website www.toodyay.wa.gov.au or by contacting the Shire’s Development Services on 9574 2258.

**Get the Vitality Pumping Challenge Is On Again!**
Residents within the Shires of Gomalling, Toodyay and Dowerin are invited to take part in the Be Active Get the Vitality Pumping Pedometer (GTVP) Challenge.

The challenge commences on Monday 20 September, with pedometer readings taken over a four-week period. At the end of the challenge, the Shire with the highest steps per capita will be awarded the GTVP Challenge Trophy.

An information session will be held on Tuesday 14 September at the Toodyay Showground Pavilion from 5.30pm. Learn all about the program, have your blood pressure and BMI reading and hear from a qualified Dietician.

If you would like to participate but cannot attend the session, telephone the Shire’s Be Active Coordinator Jo Buegge on 0428 291 302 to arrange collection of your information pack, registration form and pedometer.

**WATCH THIS SPACE**
For details of the Be Active Team Sports Challenge.
For further information, telephone Jo Buegge on 0428 291 302.
Toodyay Fire and Rescue Service
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- Neglecting sleep to stay online
- Being dishonest with others
- Feeling guilty, ashamed, or depressed as a result of online behaviour
- Physical changes such as weight gain or loss, carpal tunnel syndrome
- Withdrawal from other pleasurable activities

I will end with a quote by Roman philosopher Seneca who lived some 2,000 years ago: “To be everywhere is to be nowhere.”

Health Matters
Dr Richard Walkey
Toodyay Medical Centre

GOOD cholesterol or HDL cholesterol has been found to significantly reduce cancer risk; it appears the higher the better. One way to potentially increase the amount of HDL is by increasing fish intake.

Tranexamic acid has been around for years and has conventionally been used to treat excessive period bleeding. A recent trial where a 3g loading dose was given intravenously over 10 minutes followed by a further 1g over 8 hours seems to substantially reduce the risk of death in bleeding trauma. A 15% reduction, compared to the control group, was achieved although it did not seem to reduce the need for transfusions or the amount transfused. The drug is not expensive and since more trauma deaths are in middle to low income countries it could potentially save 100,000 lives a year.

If you have ever thought of buying drugs online, be careful to check the site and whether it truly is an off-shore pharmacy. WHO or the World Health Organisation estimates the sale of counterfeit drugs has reached a staggering US$75 billion – that’s right billion.

Talking of Viagra (as this is one of the main drugs targeted), an expert in Sydney states that Male Menopause is a fictional illness and relates to aging rather than a hormonal deficiency. Loss of erections could be from cardiovascular disease, in particular atherosclerosis, and needs treating in its own right. Regarding PSA or prostate specific antigen: while not being 100% reliable its effectiveness is being improved as we learn more about testing and when and whom to refer.

As of the 1st July Mandatory Notification of Colleagues has been introduced. The aim is to make a safer environment for patients by reporting colleagues thought to have a problem that could put patients at risk. This scheme relates not only to doctors but chiropractors, dentists, nurses, radiographers, optometrists, osteopath, psychologists.

St John Ambulance
Karen Jacomelli

In the mid 1990s facility issues were debated, it was determined that the building was too small. The next chairperson, Michael Morgan, and Rex Oliver (past Regional Manager) to ensure funding and the groundwork for the current facility.

The next chairperson, Michael Morgan, continued the momentum during his term in the chair. His enthusiasm and energy has been an asset to the service. With the

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St John Ambulance

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We were living in fire areas. It was such money, men working on the roads, people sitting down on the ground begging for Pretoria where we passed hundreds of people through the crowded, noisy city streets of

The service now welcomes to the Chair a total of 2,817kms.

Volunteers not only attend emergency calls but they attend monthly skills training, sporting and other community events. Some run first aid training and 'skills for life' courses at the school.

Some of these ministries were:

- Going to the taxi stations (punk) where hundreds of taxis and Toyota vans were parked. We offered to wash their windows for money, men working on the roads, people sitting down on the ground begging for Pretoria where we passed hundreds of people through the crowded, noisy city streets of

Both visually and by a recording in which the guitar and sing lots of worship songs. God’s love, without preaching to them - just singing about it.

PRAXIS is the Greek word signifying the tank with a gutter

people seemed to really enjoy that we took the time to sit down with chat. We also were involved preparing huge pots of rice and stew.

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is said that Apostle Paul favoured respect for the Emperor and authority. The word church did not merely recognise the state, but should prize it as an institution which, it seemed to me, is to preserve peace, and protect its citizens, for justice, order and external morality. At large, it is essential from a personal and public point of view, and should be exemplified in every/all aspects of society – a virtue that was sadly lacking almost from the beginning of republics, but certainly at the root of our present day problems.

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Mental Health
'Thermometer' to Save Lives

A COLLABORATIVE project between researchers at The University of Western Australia and Perth Clinic could lower rates of self-harm and suicide in hospital in-patients, potentially saving more than 600 lives every year.

Project leader, UWA Professor of Psychology, Andrew Page, said an Australian study had shown that as many as $177,000 over six years would enable the group to fund a project that could develop a hospital ‘thermometer’. Professor Page is working with Geoff Hooke at Perth Clinic, a 98-bed in-patient hospital in Western Australia, to identify patients whose health is at risk of harm to themselves or others.

“Synergy encourages customers to undertake their own research into an organisation and their own due diligence before paying any fee or making any commitment”, said Ms Zoë Hyde. “Not everyone becomes frail or lives long enough for the benefits of testosterone therapy to become relevant. Men who appear frail, or who may have a reduced quality of life, may be more likely to benefit from testosterone therapy.”

New Link Between Testosterone and Frailty

A new study indicates a link between low levels of testosterone and frailty in older men.

Published in the July edition of the Journal of Clinical Endocrinology and Metabolism, the study by researchers from the Western Australian Centre for Health and Ageing, indicates an important new piece of the frailty puzzle. The study is one of only a few that have looked specifically at testosterone levels in older men.
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- integrating tree crops into farming systems
- trial or demonstration of recommended grazing management practices
- trial or demonstration of recommended cropping management practices

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The Avon River at West Toodyay Bridge showing low water levels

Will Promised Rain Raise Levels Enough?

WATER levels in the Avon River are currently at their lowest in years. Predictions are that they will be similar to those of 2006. With a record number of entries, a lack of rain through July has caused some concern as to the water flow.

Canoeists will need to paddle more as there will be very little current to help them out. The low levels can also cause more injuries on rocks and snags although, because of the slower speed, canoeists will have more time to make choices.

With showers promised on the Thursday and Friday prior to the race, little hope is held that they will raise the levels to a more traversable height. Rains in the week prior to the race made it easier with competitors not needing as much portage as they practised but most of the water upstream will have flowed through by the weekend of the race.

The Avon Descent website (www.avondescent.com.au) states, "The river was measured at 0.37m at Walyunga on 29th July at 2pm. Based on current forecasts, the river will be very little current to help them out. Canoeists will need to paddle more as there is therefore anticipated that the 2010 Avon Descent will run as per normal. Given the low water conditions competitors should pay particular attention to cut off times as event officials will be removing competitors from the river who do not reach checkpoints on time."

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In the 10 years since the program was established under the Court Government, $216.25 million has been spent on 2,011 road safety programs throughout WA.

For full details of allocations under the 2010/11 State Black Spot Program go to www.mainroads.wa.gov.au/understandingroads/roadsafety/blackspotprogram or contact the office of the Hon. Jim Chown MLA on 9481 0082.

Education Holds Key to Boosting Agriculture

THE challenges facing agriculture and food production in Australia and internationally are great. Demand for food is projected to double over the next 50 years from less land base. As such, productivity must be increased - this ‘need to be seen’ in the context of climate change, increasing world population and a finite global water and fossil energy supply.

The agricultural industry in Australia requires the best minds and a highly trained workforce if these economic, social and environmental challenges are to be met and the sector is to remain competitive.

The Productivity Commission report of 2005 indicates that agriculture lags behind the community as whole and other segments of the economy, in respect of education. Just as theslice of a pie on the map of Australia has a degree compared with the Australian average of 22 per cent.

As one of only two Australian university vice-chancellors with an agricultural background, I am well aware of the problem that agriculture faces in attracting and retaining students for this discipline.

This is exacerbated by the fact that agriculture requires a breadth and depth of knowledge similar to that of medicine and veterinary science; requiring a breadth and depth of knowledge.

In the United States it is quite normal for farmers to have a university degree whereas in Australia it is unusual, a state that is being pursued. The agricultural workforce has a university degree, compared with 22 per cent for the rest of society.

Agricultural education is facing two challenges, firstly in trying to attract a large urban population into the faculty and secondly the progressive ‘downgrading’ of high school subjects, especially maths. Maths has started a bridging course in maths and it is an initiative that will have to be kept up in the future, as the report shown that Australia needs 5,000 graduates a year to service the agrifood industries, but it produces just 700 graduates a year.

To tackle these problems, the university has decided on some major changes that will take place in 2012 with the degree courses running for three years with half-credits in the fourth year. Double degrees will cease, more bridging courses will be offered and all undergraduates will be expected to study some units that are not directly relevant to their chosen course.

As educators, we must produce graduates who not only have scientific, management and communication skills, but also understand commercial realities, economics, politics and a raft of environmental realities. Mathematical and computational skills are becoming increasingly important where meaningful integration relies upon mathematical modelling. It is for these teachers to take their positive and understandable initiatives in this area of agricultural science and technology, is to keep us at the forefront of world innovation and discovery.

The University of Western Australia strongly contributes to the international investigation of climate change, from monitoring sheep methane output to decreasing the amount of nitrous oxide in the soil.

Our Institute of Agriculture was the only institution in Australia receiving funding in December last year from the Australian Government Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry as part of the Climate Change Research Program for research into the methane and nitrous oxide emissions.

UWA researchers are also working with the Indian agricultural team in a bid to develop the crops that will be grown in the future. The report shows that the majority of the agricultural workforce is a subset of the population.

There is a need for intensive courses, taught in specialist areas by visiting lecturers.

There is a need for increasing awareness among secondary school students of the existing opportunities in a sunrise industry and to dispel the view of agriculture, farming and the agribusiness industry; as a sunset industry.

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We also need to implement bridging courses to meet shortfalls from the mathematical and chemical skills of prospective students;

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could beat the men in the boxing tent every
time. There was a stand where, if you were
a good shot and could throw a sennit onto a
paper target, you just might win a prize.
In those days, at show time, the Toodyay
hills were covered with pink everlasting.
People wouldn’t think of leaving the show
to see those flowers and the show. The
train would often blow its whistle the day
eight behind the grandstand at the show ground
as that is where the railway bridge was.
The children of those days as children never
ever got too many functions in those days.

Australian University Crops Competition

GRAIN Growers Association (GGA)
announced recently that registrations
were now open for the 2013 Australian
University Crops Competition (AUCC)
being held in Temora, NSW in September.
Following on from the competition’s
enormous success in 2009, the AUCC
allows a fun and competitive environment
in which GGA assists students to acquire
and apply knowledge of the practical aspects
of agronomic and business decision making,
as well as to develop students’ confidence
and communications skills.

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The AUCC is one way we can focus on
agriculture as a career choice.
The top five place getters will receive a
prize of $250.00 for each. The competition
will be held from 17-19 August and is open
to only 40 undergraduate students from
universities from overseas. Registrations
are now open but will close on Friday 6th
August. 1

The AUCC is a unique opportunity that is
open to only 40 undergraduate students from

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National Walk to Work Day 2010

DID you know that walking to work
improves productivity and reduces
absenteeism?

Walking is a free, easy way to improve
health and manage your weight. And while
dimming the workload, it also trims your
carbon footprint.

Walking to work has the added benefits
of making you more alert and more productive
at work and can help banish feelings of
depression or anxiety. National Walk to Work Day
is an annual event being held on Friday, 1st
October 2010 involving workers and workplaces
around the country. Now in its 8th year as a
national initiative, Walk to Work Day helps workplaces
to support their employees to
include regular walking in their daily
routines.

This year, individuals can Pledge to Put
Their Feet First and win one of two walking
prizes available to participating organisations.

The competition, funded by Horticulture
Australia Limited, tested two pheromones
imported from Europe.
Senior research officer Sonya Broughton
said both pheromones produced significant
more western flower thrips to the traps than
those without.

“We’ve been testing the different
approaches in nectarine orchards in the
Perth Hills over the past two years. We
expected they would work a lot better than we
expected them to work,” she said.

Two to three times more western
flower thrips were caught in the pheromone
baited traps compared with the unbaited
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RESEARCHERS have discovered a
new ‘scented’ weapon to help fight the
potentially devastating orchard pest
western flower thrips.

The Department of Agriculture and Food
has been testing pheromones, odours
used for communication by animals, to
attract the pest to traps.

The research, funded by Horticulture
Australia Limited, tested two pheromones
imported from Europe.
Senior research officer Sonya Broughton
said both pheromones produced significant
more western flower thrips to the traps than
those without.

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Scented Weapon Shows Potential to Control Orchard Pest

Chris Openshaw

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Toodyay Rainfall Explained

FIRST we wanted rain but not too much or too hard after the fires for fear of everything washing away. That was definitely the case but then it became too little. We wanted a bit more rain. Surely that wasn’t asking too much! Then the frosts came and what had struggled to grow naturally was devastated by the frost. Still insufficient rain. But in whose opinion? After all we rely on someone taking the readings in our area. However, it appears that we have not been officially recorded this year.

The Toodyay Herald gets its information on rainfall from the Bureau of Meteorology website (www.bom.gov.au) but this year there were no recordings at all.

At first, we suspected that the lack of information was due to the fact that the months on January, February, March were blank as there had been no rainfall at all. However, we realised that, if there was no rain, the averages would have altered, even slightly.

So the Toodyay Herald contacted the Bureau to ascertain the reason, only to discover that the dedicated rainfall reader had, sadly, passed away.

Finding a replacement had proved difficult for the bureau until recently when the Toodyay Club was kind enough to take on the duties.

So thanks now to our local club we can know what rain we are getting in town, officially.

We shall continue to monitor the BOM website to see what is happening about the missing months on this year’s chart.

Graham Boston

Northam Jewellery and Repairs
102 Fitzgerald Street Northam
(Opp Red Rooster)
Phone: 9622 8037
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Notice of Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of The Toodyay Herald Inc will be held on Tuesday 24th August commencing at 7.30pm at The Toodyay Herald 92b Stirling Terrace Toodyay

TOODYAY RAINFALL

Recordings are taken from Bureau of Meteorology (in mm).

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Driest year 1914 - 255.3mm. Wettest year 1917 - 916.8mm. Wettest month June 1945 - 322.4mm. Wettest day March 9 1934 - 191.3mm.
THE Club held its Annual General Meeting on July 17th at the CWA Hall, where we welcomed more than thirty members, including several Life Members, a founding member and our three eminent patrons, John Dell, Stephen Davies and Neville Marchant. We were extremely pleased to have all three of them present, (some of whom came together was done by Beth Fryane, assisted by Robyn Taylor and Wayne Clarke in particular.

There is more detailed information in a separate article in this paper, but copies can be obtained by contacting any of the people listed below. Members were also informed at the General Meeting on the same day that the Club has officially become part of the Keep Australia Beautiful ’Adopt a Spot’ programme and we have been supplied with signs, bright lime fluoro vests and big orange rubbish bags, all at no cost. We intend to regularly clean up the strip of Toodyay Rd adjoining the Minyargaw Nature Reserve, and welcome anyone who would like to help on these occasions. We also encourage other groups or individuals to similarly ‘Adopt a Spot’. Details on how to become part of the programme can be obtained from Wayne Clarke.

Our next gathering will be a wildflower 'expedition' in the Dewar’s Pool Rd end of the Shire.

We’ll be starting off at the home of members Don and Eva, but meeting to travel to their property at the Visitors’ Centre at 9.30am. There are plenty of different sites to explore in that general area, so it will be flexible, depending on the day and what people want to do.

As usual, bring your lunch and morning and afternoon tea, appropriate clothing and footwear for the weather, and, for those who wish, wading equipment and gloves. We Remember (how can one forget) that 21st August is federal election day so, if you’re coming on the excursion and intend to vote, you’ll need to either vote before 9.30am, be back in town before 6pm, or lodge a postal or pre-poll vote.

Everyone is welcome to any of our meetings or excursions. For details, contact President Lee on 9574 2560, Vice-President Greg on 9574 5445, Secretary Wayne on 6364 3609 and Book Editor Beth on 9574 5971.

Lee Francis
President

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just past the eye and it may be large, small or nonexistent, depending on the species. The pupil of the eye may be horizontal or perpendicular.

Our frogs in Western Australia range in size from approximately 1.5cms to approximately 11cms, the female, without exception, is larger than the male. Not all frogs have water-born tadpoles; there are some that change from the egg to the frog within the egg, resulting in the hatching of a fully developed tiny frog.

To correctly identify a frog it is best to photograph all angles of the animal. The front view will capture the mouth and eyes, side view whether it has a tympanum, the limb and skin type and groins, the rear view for skin patterning.

‘Frogs of Western Australia’ by M J Tyler, L A Smith and R E Johnstone from the Western Australian Museum costs $35. It is an interesting edition with wonderful photography and worth adding to a home library.

Compiled by Wayne Clarke

ONE weed that has become wide-spread in Toodyay is Soursob (or Sour Grass - Oxalis pes-caprae), a member of the Wood sorrel Family (Oxalidaceae). It forms carpets of bright yellow flowers along waterways and in reserves during autumn and winter. It is also a major weed of crops, pastures, orchards, gardens and roadsides, and may cause oxalate poisoning in sheep.

Soursob is a weed with stalked leaves and many-flowered inflorescences (the arrangement of flowers in relation to the axis and to each other). These arise on cylindrical stalks that grow from a pale brown underground bulb. Each bulb (usually smaller than 2.5 cm in size) is capable of producing over 20 small whitish bulbils (a bulb arising from another bulb) annually. The leaves are trifoliolate (clover-like), and arise from an enlarged basal stem tip, arranged in a loose basal rosette. Petioles (the stalks of the leaves) are usually less than 12 cm long. Each leaflet measures less than 3.5 cm in length and are often spotted or marked, and have hairy lower surfaces.

Flowers of Soursob are bright yellow, and arranged in umbel (umbrella)-like inflorescences. These inflorescences generally have fewer than 20 flowers each, with peduncles (the stalk of an inflorescence) shorter than 30 cm in height. Sepals are green, less than 7 mm long, lanceolate (lance-like) to oblong in shape. The yellow petals are often clawed, and are less than 2.5 cm in length. Like many of our major weeds, it is native to South Africa.

Oxalate poisoning in sheep
Sheep, in general, tolerate relatively more oxalate in their diet than other animals because they are able to detoxify oxalate in the rumen, thereby preventing the absorption of the soluble oxalates. When large quantities of soluble potassium and sodium oxalates are eaten, they can overwhelm the rumen’s ability to metabolize the oxalates, and are absorbed into the bloodstream, forming insoluble calcium and magnesium oxalates. It is these insoluble salts that precipitate in the kidneys and cause kidney failure. In the acute phase of oxalate poisoning the sudden decrease in soluble serum calcium (hypocalcemia) impairs normal cell membrane function, causing animals to develop muscle tremors and weakness, leading to collapse and eventually death. Oxalates also interfere with cellular energy metabolism that contributes to the acute death of affected animals. In chronic oxalate poisoning, insoluble calcium oxalate filtered by the kidneys causes severe damage to the kidney tubules (oxalate nephrosis). If animals do not die from the acute effects of the low blood calcium levels and impaired cellular energy metabolism, death results from kidney failure.

Livestock should not be grazed on pastures on which oxalate-containing plants predominate without precaution, especially if the animals are hungry and have not been adapted to oxalate in their diet.


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
We are a child friendly church
**Environmental Matters**

**Desrae Clarke**

**The Pallid Cuckoo**, also known as the Rain Bird, is calling at present with the male’s voice an ascending ‘too-too-too-too-too-too’; its female’s call is a hoarse, brassy whistling that is difficult to distinguish.

The Pallid Cuckoo is a medium-sized bird, 28–33cm, with upper parts a rich mid-grey in colour and the underparts an even pale grey. The wings and shoulders are mid-grey and the underside of the long tail is barred. It has a brown eye, with a yellow eye-ring, and a dusky dark line through the eye that extends to the shoulder; its bill is black and it has pale elice-brown feet.

This migratory bird returns to our area June-July to breed. It parasitises species with open cup nests and eggs similar to its own. One egg is laid and, when hatched, the larger, stronger cuckoo chick ejection the host’s eggs or the chicks. The female bird may parasite several nests each breeding period. Nests of birds that it may use can be Willie Wagtails, Robins, Whistlers, Honeyeaters and Waterowls.

Following its fledging, the Pallid Cuckoo squadrons likely to be fed by its much smaller adoptive parents; this may attract birds, other than its adoptive parents, to assist with its feeding. The diet of this Cuckoo consists of beetles, grasshoppers and hairy caterpillars. The taking of the latter creature is quite interesting as it is the only bird species that takes hairy caterpillars – the hairs actually line its throat. It is a very efficient hunter, using the hairs to help it to grab its prey.

**Bird of the Month**

Pallid Cuckoo

Photo of Burlong Park courtesy Wayne Clarke from the Shire of Northam boundary, through the Avon Valley National Park to the Great Northern Highway. It is monitored twice yearly by the Friends who have been allocated individual sections to check water, feral plant and animal activity, erosion and sedimentation.

Guardianship has been transferred to the Friends by the Department of Water of the 5.62ha Lloyd’s Reserve which is for the public to enjoy. It supports a seed orchard for growing endemic species of Toodyay plants for landowner purchase.

Rubbish removal is attended on all Railway Road and Lloyd’s Reserve and attention is given to overgrown grasses and trees in reserve areas. We fund-raise for insurance cover and to maintain and replace our equipment.

Path education of river care is from monthly articles in the Toodyay Herald, the 14 – Year History publication, the Toodyay Agricultural Show Landcare and Department of Water River Care workshops.

Members of the Toodyay Friends of the River attended the opening of Burlong Park, Northam on 19th July. As an Aboriginal Sacred Site, it has important spiritual significance for the Ballardong peoples; it was also a social meeting place for picnics and swimming in the Burlong Pool. With the River Training Scheme of the 1990s/1990s, sedimentation began filling the pools along its length. The Friends interact with groups from the Koumama, railway workers, and its tributaries, to promote river care.

The Friends’ next meeting date is 15th August at Duidgee Park. There will be a BBQ and not often seen bird, was able to clearly identify them as the Black-tailed Native Hen 1 featured in the July edition of the Toodyay Herald. The wonderful observance of this shy, and not often seen bird, was able to clearly identify the species BECAUSE OF THE PHOTOGRAPH!
Mortlock League finals start on Sunday

THE month of July was certainly a busy one for the club, as most members were eagerly preparing for the mid-year closed competition. The gymkhana was held on Saturday 24th July in spectacular winter weather, with almost all club members in attendance. The morning got off to a good start with the best presented being the first class for the day. The winner of this class was Trevor Blight on Scoobie in the walk/ trot ring and Tina Scott on Sapphire in the walk/trot/canter ring. Both riders went on to compete for the prestigious Ali Shar Memorial Trophy. Congratulations go to Trevor Blight and his stunning horse Scoobie for winning this highly contested event. It was fantastic to see a new member to the club taking out this event, especially as Trevor has only recently acquired Scoobie, we look forward to seeing more from this combination in the future!

The afternoon included an involved riding classes, horse and rider combination classes, hack classes, types/classes (Thoroughbred, Arabian etc) finally the show horse and colours classes to finish off the morning. A special mention must go to one of our new members, Kate Johnston, who was at her first show and took home a bag full of ribbons, many of them blue. Well done Kate! We hope to see both horses and riders so neatly presented and enjoying themselves.

Thanks must also go to our fantastic judges for the day, for their contributions to making the day as successful as it was. As well as a bag full of ribbons, many riders took home excellent advice on the individualised strengths and weaknesses for the performances for future competitions. The exceptionally high standard of judging coupled with the events programme meant that each member got to demonstrate their individual strengths and as a result, leave the ring with smiles and a ribbon or two. After a well earned lunch for both horses and riders, it was time to head out for an afternoon of novelties. The novelties for the afternoon included the keyhole marked out by cones. The winner of the keyhole race was Kyle Hall who showed us that it isn’t only the ponies that are quick on their feet. The next race was the bending where members raced each other, weaving in and out of the cones. This event was won by Leanne Murray in a very fast 16.54 seconds! The final event for the day was the barrel racing. This event was won by Bonnie Tuckwell, who managed to win the event with a time of 20.64 seconds. Thank you again to the wonderful members and all the volunteers (especially Trevor Jennings for pitching in and pencilling at the last minute, also Mel Flowers and Tina Scott who were riding but still took the time to help set up the novelties and finally Caroline Venable-Kyrye for yet another fantastic lunch) who made the day a success, and ensured everyone enjoyed themselves. I’m sorry if I have left anyone out! Everyone did a wonderful job and the day wouldn’t have been possible without your help.

The next rally will be held on Saturday 28th August. We hope to see everyone there. If you can’t attend please ring Mel Flowers (rally coordinator) on 9622 8074. If you intend to bring extra mums to feed for lunch please let Caroline know on 9574 1407. If you have any further questions please contact acting president Bjorg Lynn on 9574 4231.

SAFETY and FAMILY ASSOCIATION - The Karate Club will hold FOUR Friday night “Club Challenge” Series events. All students will compete in kata and karate matches in their age/helt levels. The events will count towards the Annual Club Awards presented in December. The “Club Challenge” Series is held at the Toodyay Youth Hall on Friday 13th August, 3rd September, 24th September and 29th October. Each event is 6pm sharp with registration at 5.30pm. Bring all your friends and family for a fun night out: sausage sizzle, cool drinks, tea / coffee on sale.

NATIONAL ABORIGINAL AND ISOLATED PEOPLE’S DAY - Last month’s coming together at Langford of netballers from various regions across Western Australia was a fitting celebration of NAIDOC Week that highlighted the passion for sport and recreation amongst Indigenous Western Australians, says Department of Sport and Recreation General Manager, Ren Alexander.

A record breaking number of teams competed in this year’s NAIDOC Netball Week that highlighted the passion for sport and recreation amongst Indigenous Western Australians, particularly in regional areas where it forms a basis for social interaction for communities and helps to keep individuals fit and healthy, both physically and mentally.

The carnival is an annual initiative of the Department of Sport and Recreation’s Indigenous Sport Unit, in partnership with Nettah WA, Healthway Smart Start, Southern Districts Nettah Association, the Nettah Aboriginal Advisory Committee and the Nettah Sports Association.

The extra teams this year saw last year’s record turnout eclipsed with more than 2,000 people in attendance, including players, officials, volunteer and spectators.

“On another level, netball and the carnival is also used by some of these communities as a means of working through social problems that can come with their isolation, for instance the problem of domestic violence is also used by some of these communities as a means of working through social problems that can come with their isolation, for instance the problem of domestic violence is...
**Local hockey players from Toodyay represented the Under 15s Smarter than Smoking Hockey Junior State Championships over three days from 12th - 14th July.**

The Avon Hockey Association was represented by both a boys’ and a girls’ team for their U15 divisions. In all, 48 teams from all over the state, from big and small metropolitan clubs, as well as 29 country teams played in four divisions at Perth Hockey Stadium during the school holidays.

The Avon boys were coached by Dave Wallace from York with Team Managers Suzette Geary and Mandy Harding. Local player, Damon Geary, captained the team which beat Central Great Southern 5 - 2 in the grand final and were placed outright overall winners through not losing any of their games throughout the tournament in their division. The girls were placed eighth in their division.

Our local players played a high standard of good quality hockey and should be congratulated on their efforts as well as making new friendships. Also special thanks to the many parents who travel each day to support these players.

Another event, which was held during the first week of the school holidays, was the Smarter than Smoking Under 15s Regional Championships. These were held as a part of the Hockey WA elite pathway. Very wet and windy conditions and even hail did not dampen our representation of local players for the Country division. From Toodyay were Renee Ward, Damon Geary and Courtney Fleay, who cancelled due to injury to recover to play for state championships (see above).

Photos from the Regional event were taken courtesy of Jepic Consultancy, to place in our local paper. Thank you Heather for the photos.

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