

news from



our Shire

November 2010

From the Acting Chief Executive Officer's desk



Stirling Terrace

Council continues to progress works in relation to the Stirling Terrace upgrade. With Stage One now complete, Council is progressing the installation of new bollards and chain railing in order to enhance public safety.

Regional Waste Facility investigations

The Shire President and Acting Chief Executive Officer have met with other Shires in the Avon region with a view to developing a regional approach to waste management. Specifically, the Shire of Toodyay has committed \$10,000 to a regional investigation into potential landfill sites capable of servicing the long-term needs of the Shires.

Partnership negotiations with the participating Shires are progressing well and will hopefully lead to the identification and acquisition of suitably located land on which a state-of-the-art regional landfill facility can be developed. It is intended that this joint venture initiative will bring economies of scale to all participating Shires in relation to waste management service provision.

Toodyay Races

Due to the severe impact the December 2009 fires had on the Toodyay Race Club facilities, the annual Toodyay Races were hosted by the Northam Race Club. Although unfortunate for Toodyay, Northam rose to the occasion and produced a fantastic day. It is anticipated that the 2011 Toodyay Race Day will be back here in Toodyay. With insurance issues now resolved, it is expected that the rebuilding of Race Club infrastructure will commence shortly.

Toodyay Show

I had the opportunity to attend various functions associated with the Toodyay Agricultural Show. Having attended many Agricultural Shows during my tenure as a Local Government Officer in a number of country Shires, the Toodyay Show was indeed one of the most memorable. To all involved in organising and running the event, well done!! Certainly the event showcased the Toodyay district and reinforced the sense of community which clearly prevails.

Other works

Re-sheeting of Wandoo Circle will commence early this month, as will clearing and re-sheeting of Old Plains Road.

Asphalting of footpaths along Fiennes St, adjacent to the tennis courts and Shire Administration offices, is scheduled to commence in late November. Toodyay Stone has been sourced for placing on the wall outside the Shire Administration offices.

Simon Fraser

Premier's Australia Day Active Citizenship Awards

The Shire of Toodyay invites you to nominate an individual or community group for one of this year's Active Citizenship awards.

The awards foster, recognise and celebrate significant contributions to community life and active citizenship in all local government areas of Western Australia.

The recipients will be selected from people and groups who have made a significant contribution to the local community during the current year, or given outstanding service to the local community over a number of years through active involvement.

The Three Awards

- A person of 25 years or older
- A person under 25 years
- A community group or event

Eligibility and Selection criteria

The winners will have been judged to have shown active citizenship, demonstrated leadership and has inspiring qualities as a role model for the community.

Nominees should reside principally within the Shire of Toodyay.

- A person cannot be awarded the same award twice, but can be considered for another award.
- Unsuccessful nominees may be nominated in future years.
- Sitting members of State, Federal and Local Government are not eligible.

Presentation of Awards will be presented on Australia Day, 26 January 2011.

Nomination forms may be obtained from the Shire of Toodyay Administration Office, 15 Fiennes St, Toodyay or downloaded from the Shire of Toodyay website at www.toodyay.wa.gov.au

Completed nomination forms should be received at the Shire Administration Office by close of business:

Friday 26th November 2011.



Ranger and Emergency Services

Animal Control

2010 dog registrations expired on 31 October 2010. Renewal notices were sent out to all dog owners affected within the Shire of Toodyay; please ensure your dog's registration and your contact details are up to date. A \$100 fine may be imposed for unregistered dogs.

If your dog is registered elsewhere in Western Australia, bring in the dog registration papers to the Shire Administration office and we will swap the dog tag for a Shire of Toodyay tag at no cost.

Dog poo bags are located at Duidgee Park, Newcastle Park and the sports oval. Please pick up after your dogs.

Toodyay sports oval is the only recognised dog exercise area in Toodyay. Designated dog exercise areas allow you to exercise your dog off the lead. However your dog must still be under complete control of a person, over the age of 18, capable of controlling your dog.

When sports and other community activities are being undertaken at the sports oval, this venue ceases to be a dog exercise area and you are not permitted to exercise your dog off the lead.

Bushfire Recovery Progress

It is just over ten months since the December 2009 bushfires and already great inroads have been made towards recovery. During the devastating fire, 152 properties were affected with 38 homes being destroyed and several more damaged, in addition to the loss of fencing, sheds and other improvements.

The initial recovery process consisted of re-establishing essential services such as power and water supply to enable residents to return to their properties. For the people who lost their homes and buildings, the Recovery Committee worked with landowners to remove the dangerous remains so people could start planning the rebuilding process.

The Toodyay Recovery Coordinator, Mr Charlie Wroth who was on the fire ground initially and played the important role of coordinating the recovery, recalls that "the initial recovery process was emotionally straining, some people had lost everything and the only possessions they had were the clothes they were wearing at the time".

Long inroads have been made since the fire and the community spirit has been overwhelming. Members of the community have donated so much of their time, goods and money to assist the people and families affected by the fire. The 'Hope from the Ashes' concert which was arranged on quick notice and coordinated by volunteers is an excellent example of how the community came together to help the people affected.

While the recovery process has been ongoing and is still continuing to this day, the hard work and determination of landowners who lost their homes and are intent on rebuilding is remarkable. Already five homes have been completed and families moved back in, another seven families are hoping to be in their new homes by Christmas and many more have plans in place to see rebuilding commence in the next 12 to 18 months. This has been a huge effort by the families affected, the builders and trades people involved, the Recovery Committee, the Shire of Toodyay and the wider community who assisted in this process.

A community information session is scheduled for 13 November. All members of the community are encouraged to attend, not just fire survivors. Presenters include Ryan Hamblion, Project Officer from the Department of Child Protection, Bill Maunder from the Salvation Army and representatives from the Red Cross and FESA. They will provide updates on the fire recovery progress and continuing services, as well as broader community information.

Reconstruction meetings are winding down with the focus shifted to working on a 12 month anniversary, celebrating recovery. Input to the celebration is sought from fire survivors; please contact Charlie Wroth on 9574 2681.



Council Dates

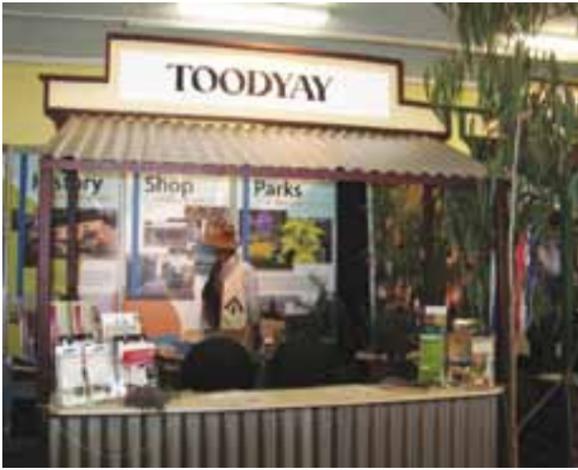
18 November: Ordinary Meeting of Council, Council Chambers, 7pm.

9 December: Ordinary Meeting of Council, Council Chambers, 7pm.



Administration Centre
15 Fiennes St, (PO Box 96)
TOODYAY WA 6566
Mon - Fri 8:30am - 4:30pm

T: 9574 2258
F: 9574 2158
E: records@toodyay.wa.gov.au



Toodyay Showcase at Perth Royal Show

Staff from the Toodyay Visitor Centre, in conjunction with local tourism operators, were busy at this year's Perth Royal Show showcasing Toodyay as part of the Avon Valley's Tourism display.

The Shire of Toodyay, as part of its ongoing commitment to promote tourism in our region, contributed \$10,000 towards the venture.

Efforts to promote a generic Toodyay received an overwhelming response from the public with huge numbers visiting the pavilion each day to see what was on offer in our region. Several long term patrons of the Perth Royal Show commented that the Avon Valley's Tourism display was the best they had seen in 18 years.

A highlight for the region was winning the "Presidents Commercial Exhibitor Award for Design & Presentation".

Thank you to all those who assisted with set up, manning and dismantling the Toodyay display. Special thanks must also go to Mrs Lesley Hugg who worked tirelessly with Shire staff to develop our display.

Shire of Toodyay

Proposed Temporary Road Closure for Chamber of Commerce – Christmas Street Party/ Toodyay Festival of Plenty

The Chamber of Commerce has requested a temporary road closure to take place as part of the Christmas Street Party/Toodyay Festival of Plenty on the 26th November 2010.

The requested road closure is as follows:

Temporary closure of Stirling Terrace, from Oddfellows Street to Piesse Street, between 5.00pm through to 10.00pm on Friday 26 November 2010.

Comments and submissions from the public are welcomed and should be presented in writing and will be received until **4.00pm Thursday 25 November 2010** at the Shire of Toodyay Administration Centre, 15 Fiennes Street (PO Box 96) TOODYAY WA 6566.

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ACTING CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

How strong are your bones?

Osteoporosis is a crippling bone disease affecting 1 in 2 women AND 1 in 3 men.

Osteoporosis Solutions will station a mobile screening unit at the Toodyay Medical Centre, Friday 10th December 2010. Bone screening is non intrusive and take about 15 minutes.

Medicare rebates are available and those over 70 receive one free scan per 12 months.

To find out more or make a booking call 1300 659 796, or talk to your doctor today.

Would you like to receive Our Shire News via email? Register your details by downloading the form at www.toodyay.wa.gov.au or email us at records@toodyay.wa.gov.au

Ranger and Emergency Services

Fire Season Outlook

A recently released document from the Australian Fire and Emergency Services Council (AFAC) highlights an increased risk of *above normal* fire potential across most of south-western Australia. The map below shows Toodyay is situated in the high risk area, indicating we may experience an increased number of wild fires.



This potential is a result of the preceding extremely dry winter. The lack of rain, whilst impacting on crops, seems to have had little impact on the weeds and wild oats. In September, the Shire of Toodyay Bush Fire Brigades undertook a hazard reduction burn in the Malkup Reserve in Julimar. This area had not seen a fire in close to 20 years and had significant fuel loading. Senior Fire Fighters present at this hazard reduction burn indicated that the fire behaviour witnessed was similar to fire behaviour expected in mid January, not late September. The fire burned rapidly through mostly green grasses and rushes. Due to the heavy fuel load there have been some small flare ups through October and the Julimar Bush Fire Brigade will be continuously monitoring this reserve over the summer period.

Please ensure you are extra fire conscious this year. Undertake fire prevention strategies early to ensure your property is less susceptible to fire. Rangers from the Shire of Toodyay Ranger and Emergency Services team will be out during the summer months patrolling and inspecting fire breaks. It is your responsibility to ensure that your property complies with the Shire of Toodyay Fire Break Order. Please feel free to contact the Shire of Toodyay Ranger and Emergency Services on 9574 4555 during normal business hours if you need further information.

The Shire of Toodyay offers a Harvest Ban, Hot Works and Vehicle Movement Ban SMS Service. This service advises, via mobile phone SMS, that a Harvest Ban, Hot Works and Vehicle Movement Ban has been implemented. When implemented, a Harvest Ban, Hot Works and Vehicle Movement Ban prevents all harvesting, hot works such as welding and grinding as well as vehicle movement in paddocks. An exception to this rule is for diesel powered vehicles only and solely for the purpose of feeding and watering stock. Should you wish for your mobile phone number to be added to this list please contact the Shire of Toodyay and register your interest.

FOR ALL FIRES PLEASE CALL 000

150th Anniversary of the Proclamation of "Newcastle"

Did you know the old Newcastle town site was proclaimed on 1st October 1860? The name change to "Toodyay" occurred some 50 years later.

To mark the occasion, 150 limited edition Memento Certificates have been produced and are available for purchase at the Toodyay Visitor Centre. Certificates are individually dated from 1860 – 2010 and the subscribers name can be entered onto the document.

All subscribers are registered at time of purchase.

Shire of Toodyay

Proposed Development for public comment

Application for Retrospective Planning Approval - Dam, Lot 70 Howard Road, Julimar

The Shire of Toodyay has received a Retrospective development application for a dam at Lot 70 Howard Road, Julimar.

The dam is proposed to be 40 metres in length, 20 metres in width and 4 metres in depth. The proposed method of water catchment for the dam is from paddock runoff.

Your views on the proposal are encouraged and welcomed. Submissions on the proposed development should be addressed in writing and lodged with the Chief Executive Officer **by 4.00pm on Thursday 2 December 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.

Simon Fraser

ACTING CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Library News

The finishing touches to our beautifully renovated and refurbished library are almost complete. The arrival of a jarrah board room table, coffee table and three large public notice boards complement the existing decor.

Our junior library room now has a child safety gate installed across the open doorway to relinquish the chance of losing any of our most valued little people through the automatic doors, whilst Mum or Dad is predisposed perusing the Library shelves.

November in the Library:

- *Morongup sessions*
9th and 23rd, 3 - 5pm
Morongup Community Centre
- *Sharing a Good Read*
Thursday 11th and 25th, 9:30am (Topics for discussion will be subject to popular demand.)
- *The Toodyay Adult's Crime Club*
Friday 12th, 10am

Can't find the book you're looking for at the Morongup Library sessions?

Fill in a request slip and pass it to Maureen or Peter. If the item is in the Library system we will order it for you and send it along to the next Morongup session.



Baby Rhyme Time and Story Time...

are an integral part of the Library experience; these FREE sessions bring the joy and magic of reading and storytelling into the lives of our children. Alison, our resident Story Time volunteer donates her time and energy to provide this worthwhile service but she needs the support of parents and their pre-school children to attend.

If you have children aged from birth to 5 years and wish to stimulate your child's mind and body, call in to the Library and register your interest to keep this most valuable service available.

Please note the Baby Rhyme Time and Story Time sessions have temporarily been suspended until next year. However we will still hold our Pre-schoolers Christmas Party Wednesday December 8th at 10.30am. RSVP to the library.

Would you like to trace your family tree and find out who your ancestors were? Register your interest at the Library – with enough interest we can consider the commencement of a Genealogy Group.

Toodyay Visitor Information Centre
7 Piesse St, Toodyay
7 Days Per Week: 9:00am to 4:00pm

T: 9574 2435
F: 9574 2431
E: visitorscentre@toodyay.wa.gov.au

Toodyay Library
96 Stirling Tce, Toodyay
Mon to Fri 9am - 5pm, Sat 9am - 1pm

T: 9574 2323
F: 9574 2323
E: library@toodyay.wa.gov.au

Toodyay Medical Centre

Richard Walkey

IT looks as if Dr Shobha Mokala will be rejoining the practice in January. She will be completing her 3 year GP training. The practice is always looking for a more permanent solution but, realistically, we could not cope without the help of the wonderful registrars we have had over the years. I think the practice is well managed and equipped but it has to be

made attractive for people to want to either move or work here which involves fees as well as a convivial work environment.

A timely reminder to book for long appointments if you have several issues you wish discussed or complicated matters to go over. The reason is to reduce waiting time and frustration for other patients.

Low dose aspirin has been thought of as medication to prevent heart problems but there is increasing evidence that a small amount such as 75mg daily could reduce the risk of bowel cancer by 22%. It must be remembered, however, that even this small amount will cause stomach irritation in some people so, as always, it is a matter of balancing the pros and cons.

A Swedish study into prostate cancer is suggesting a single blood test at age 60 years of age could predict a man's lifetime risk of dying from prostate cancer. PSA levels below 1ng/ml at 60 suggest the risk in the next 25

years as being extremely low.

Where are we heading with weight and how to reduce it? With yet another slimming tablet coming off the market, the old idea of you are a balance of what you eat and what you burn off doesn't always provide the answer. The reason seems to be the extra kilojoules you eat can change your metabolic rate, how you respond to hunger and body composition and different kilojoules from different sources such as fat or muscle also have feedback issues that differ. This is one reason why two people can be on the same diet and yet lose different amounts. We don't have the answers as yet but the fact of identifying the issues helps find new solutions to weight problems that now affect up to two-thirds of Australians. In the short term we are still left with good diet and exercise.

Age-related Macular Degeneration or AMD causes sight problems and for those with the problem significant morbidity. While there is

no cure there are some new treatments and ideas. It is thought that 15% of Australians over the age of 50 have early signs; one reason why regular eye checks are a good idea.

Dry AMD progresses slowly and accounts for most cases and involves thinning of part of the retina. Wet AMD is generally rapidly progressive and involves new blood vessel growth over the retina and can lead to visual distortion and loss of vision. The new blood vessel growth is thought to be related to elevated levels of vascular endothelial growth factor (VEGF) and so new drugs that inhibit this factor are showing promising signs in treatment.

Prevention is important and smoking cessation high on the list. There are some benefits of using supplemental vitamins, antioxidants, zinc, lutein, Omega 3, plus, importantly, a low fat diet which includes dark-green leafy vegetables and corn.

Just a reminder that the surgery Xmas tree will be up later in November and those wanting to put a gift for local, needy children are most welcome to do so. I would like to voice my appreciation to the many that do – over 120 gifts last year. The colouring competition will be up and running so all you kids please enter and show us what you can do.

And finally, in case there are any quiz nights in the offing, you may like to know that 350,000 people visit Monument Valley on the Utah-Arizona border every year.

Toodyay Well Being Support Group

Gina Gulbransen

ANOTHER lovely morning was enjoyed by all who dropped in to our newly formed friendship group on Thursday 20 October. We welcome anyone who would like to make new friends over morning tea and a hot cuppa. Lots of smiles, laughs and great conversation are guaranteed, so come along and join us every third Thursday of the month at St John the Baptist Catholic Parish Hall, Stirling Street, Toodyay. Our next get together will be on Thursday 18 November at 10am.

Contact Gina Gulbransen on 9574 0136 or 0414 168 077 or just come along.

Toodyay Residents Get Free Postage

NATALLIE Wright, owner of Verissima Natural Skincare, has recently moved to the Shire of Toodyay and is giving local residents VIP treatment. From now until Christmas Eve we are wrapping, packing and posting Christmas gifts FOR FREE. Beyond Christmas until the end of March 2011 residents of the Toodyay Shire will continue to receive free postage!

Verissima Natural Skincare, located in Craig St, Mundaring, has just launched its brand new skincare label and is now using the very best certified organic ingredients throughout their range. Each product is made lovingly on the premises and is created uniquely as 'soul food for your skin'.

A completely pure, natural and nourishing skincare range, Verissima's products are made with the utmost care and attention to detail with no synthetic ingredients and no animal testing.

Verissima's exquisite range includes; massage oils, essential body care creams and lotions, a nourishing 'mother and baby' range and beautiful gift packs.

For more information, drop into beautiful Verissima Natural Skincare today, or call 9295 6473 or visit their webpage www.verissima.com.au.

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Agistment and Fodder Register

WA Farmers - 9486 2100

Seedbank

CBH - 1800 199 083

Farm Family Support

Centrelink - 13 23 16

Financial/Business support services

Rural Financial Counsellors - 1800 612 004

Support for Rural Families & Communities

Regional Men's Health - 9690 2277

Crisis Care 24 Hour Support - 1800 199 008

Young People On-line Counselling and Information Service

eheadspace

www.eheadspace.org.au

Share experiences with former farmers

Contact Beyond Farming 1800 616 076



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*Ventilator Dependent Quadriplegic

We are looking for people in Toodyay to join our specialist VDQ team assisting Geoff with quadriplegia. He is dependent on a respiratory ventilator which enables him to live at home in Toodyay with his family. Support Worker (Carer) experience is not essential as PHCS provide paid extensive training to join the team.

- Excellent pay rates are offered with penalty remuneration.
- Part-time flexible shifts are available
- Weekend and overnight's available

For more information ring Jay {Coordinator} in VDQ North on 9204 7800 or email jay.landuyt@phcs.org.au

Or Lyn in recruitment on 9204 7818 email lync@phcs.org.au

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Quo Vadis

PARADIGM theory or methodology – a fundamental shift – a fundamental change in approach, philosophy etc from the Greek/Latin (show side by side compare with? any pattern, example arising from the recent Federal Parliamentary Election the lexicon has embraced the word, which in that context, of the Election, and change of approach represents a fundamental change in the manner of government within Australia – and perhaps a change in form of relationships and beyond Oz borders! There is an historic aspect to the Westminster System of Government, under which the Australian Federal / State Governments conduct and operate with the connotation of Ministerial (especially Prime Ministerial) ascendancy and control – sometimes by both inner/ outer cabinets! In summary to quote Edmund Burke's famous definition of a Political Party "as a body of people, united for promoting, by their joint endeavours, the national interest, upon some particular principle in which they are all united (can we call it a "mission" for which a constitution exists and outlines!)? Within that paradigm the question (of importance) arises – "What is the "national interest" in today's modern world – one can add also "What is the global interest as well – for increasingly we are becoming aware that there is an interconnectedness universally in almost every aspect of life in which there is a physics(al) and, most importantly, a psychologic(al) basis as a foundation for the above "mission", which must need be philosophically and practically used. In his foreword of *The Ascent Of (Hu) Man*, Brownoski postulated, "to create a philosophy for the 20th Century which shall be all of one piece – to present philosophy rather than history – a philosophy of nature. rather than science, a subject once called Natural Philosophy: the understanding of nature has as its goal the understanding of human nature, of the human condition within nature – a spoken argument (parley is formal/informal and heuristic (aiding/ guiding) (even as with Religio's to unite bond!)?) it singles out the heart of the matter and shows in what way it is crucial and new – it gives the direction and line of the solution, so that even simplified, is logically correct! (suigeneris of its own kind) (sine qua non – an indispensable condition!) just to clarify. without any ambiguity, or (mis) construe / construct, with guide!) So let us view the role of politics in the function/ operation of present day Government – as a generality – it is pivotal to the election of members of a particular Party who are preselected by committee's of that Party who, when publically chosen – group together to form a Government/opposition under the Westminster System, begun primarily, out of the Magna Carta of 1215 at which the King agreed to share the "power" within the realm with the Barons (who have been replaced by whom? Can we equate any power elite what was the paradigm shift from there to today's democracy? Which is a voting franchise only, held hostage to the political ploys – ideologically driven – but for what "reason/purpose"?

in the preface of *Contemporary Social Problems* it says "there is almost no limit to the ways in which a Society may be approached for purposes of nurturing understanding – it can be seen in terms

of its dominant values (so what are they – list) its technological achievements, its major institutions – or its spiritual/ intellectual systems as was pointed out by historian A.J Toynbee. Social problems are distinguished from other problems by their close association with moral values and social institutions; they are social in the sense that they pertain to human relationships, and in the normative context in which all human relationships exist – this is a sociological viewpoint that does not inculcate that environmental/ ecological aspect which is the fundamental basis/foundation upon which exist(ence) depends in the first place and priority; for too long humankind has not only ignored that but has disavowed it increasingly. As well on the basis of the Icarus style ideology, culminating in a syndromic set of concurrent symptoms, indicative of the presence/nature of a dis-ease as Baran and Sweezy showed in their book "driven by another illusory notion, that the emotional catharsis/psychopathologic One, sensitive to the contradiction between the relaxation of repression (drugs/booze) and the growing obstacles that the laissez-faire system, places in the way of emotional drives, so that family breakdown becomes the Number One social problem – this state of affairs cannot be changed by wish/ incantation, but by a spiritual role that also sets out and clarifies both national/ personal goals in a sane and coherent manner – to awaken all people to the need for basic change, that will bring about an increasing relish for life – before the psychic stress leads to/in a collapse of the present system's ability to function, even on its own conditions and terms! There needs to and a stronger resolve to reform/repair systems as they are, rather than the chaos of even a partial collapse which was a warning signal arising out of the recent (2008) financial near collapse! The "system" is very vulnerable and as a consequence so is society at large not only have we abandoned our own "self-sufficiency" but in the process our resource use from the soil, and below, is not only hubristic, wasteful – it reeks of an un-wisdom that was/is displayed by the Icarus fable of Greece. We not only create so much waste – but in creating it we are despoiling the very Nature of our one and only home, to the condition of collapse, within which the power of "politics" has none of itself left to uplift/sustain! Thus the essence/content of poile(y)ies pursued / desired is paramount! Some are happenstance such as those arising out of the Industrial Revolution and to the culmination, presently, of the Telecommunications era in which innovation changes the (mantra) constantly – including resource and commerce in many aspects that incorporate influences bearing upon Social activities of many kinds, from employment, education and entertainment – some of which are benign – some of which are malign, to the social fabric, needing the sociologists, to assess/ weigh the consequences, generally without the ecologic / psychic content / impact; our industriousness has divorced our self from our self and the self of others – impacting thus on the communalism that is so essential to the concept/essence of a "society" in which consensus (a collective concord) is the dialectic/dialogic part of our relationships; this in part reaches back

into the understanding of the purpose of Education as (L) "educare" (the nurture of care) from which the gaining of "wisdom" is the ultimate aim/prize, resulting in attaining a sane and coherent purpose of life and living – a vision that becomes a "mission" The technical means are at hand for achieving such – by breaking the nexus between the monetary and the materialistic elements that drive economic activity/ theory, we consider essential to our standard of living – without regard to the quality/ equality of, not only for our humanity – but the life force(s) of the cosmos/planet!

We are undoubtedly "Icarus" bound, unless a new paradigm for governing the "self/ourselves" is grasped, and applied; this is indeed the test for both liberty / freedom, which is the essence that democracy both offers and demands!

As Lycurgus said "It really begins in the home (for it to begin in society too) What we need are States – people – not squabbling politicians who cannot tell the difference between morality and the "spirit of the times" ethics!

From Then to Now (or how things have changed)

Ron E Waters.

LOTS of things have changed over the years since I was a boy. The children used to walk in the hills in the Toodyay area, some had picnics, girls and boys together. Some studied the bird life and learnt what kind of nest each kind of bird made and found out what colour eggs the birds laid by the shells they found on the ground, after the young birds were hatched. Lots of children of today would not know what kind of nests most birds make.

Some children just went picking flowers in the bush. In April, May and June, children went picking mushrooms. Their fathers made them swings with ropes from branches of the trees with wooden seats.

Boys made high jump stands to practice for the school sports. A lot of children had a horse and went for a ride after school. Children went trapping rabbits for their parents to cook, and they could sell the skins when they were dried by stretching them out on U-shaped wires.

Some farm children had to bring in the cows to milk and feed horses. Some went swimming in the river. Others went bike riding and some children brought in the wood for the night for Mum to cook the meals and warm the house.

Boys and girls played marbles and girls had skipping ropes and were skipping everywhere, even down the main street in Toodyay. Most boys kicked a football. Dad made me and my brother one out of a pig's bladder and he made hockey sticks for my sister, my brother and me, out of young York Gum saplings as the main root on the bottom of them had the right curve to hit the ball. Most girls played hockey those days. Some girls played cricket with the boys. Some children went catching gilgies in the creeks and the river for their mothers and fathers to cook.

In those days children in the country had a long way to walk after they got off the bus,

and the same in the morning when catching the bus. Children did not have TV those days so most children, after they did their homework, listened to stories on the radio or played snakes and ladders, ludo, dominoes, cards, Chinese checkers, monopoly and all sorts of indoor games.

Today lots of children just seem to want to watch TV after school, and a few play outdoor sports or join Scouts and a few learn a musical instrument. I don't see many young girls learning to knit clothes anymore or learning to crochet the nice things the women used to do.

Young boys today like skate boarding which is good exercise for them and lots of girls and boys join swimming clubs and it is nice to see girls doing the Irish dancing. It is nice to see all these things going on in Toodyay and some of the children getting plenty of exercise like we used to get in the old days.

Liquid Gold Under the Microscope at UWA

IN a world first, researchers at The University of Western Australia have isolated the genes for sandalwood oil and lodged a patent for the process.

The team, which also comprises members from the Forest Products Commission (FPC) and the University of British Columbia, has synthesised the oil's major components in three species of sandalwood.

Team leader, Professor Julie Plummer of UWA's School of Plant Biology, said by identifying the genetic makeup of those trees which produce high volumes of wood and oil, it would be possible to understand the oil biosynthetic pathway to select for genetically superior trees and stimulate oil synthesis for higher yields.

As one of the State's first exports sandalwood is sometimes referred to as liquid gold as its oil and timber are so valuable. It is again shaping to be a significant export earner for WA. The export of native sandalwood oil alone earns Australia more than \$15 million per annum.

"As a deep-rooted perennial whose host trees are nitrogen fixers, sandalwood helps control water tables and salinity and adds to biodiversity within the farm mix, minimising risk for the farmer," Professor Plummer said.

Dr Liz Barbour, representing both FPC and UWA as a research development officer, said sandalwood was one of the few tree crops which would potentially give a good return, providing high value and a long storage period: "The project provides a unique opportunity to combine the new age of biotechnology with classic forestry."

Sandalwood was first exported from Fremantle in the 1840s and was second only to whaling in supplying the new colony with an income. Sandalwood oil is still highly regarded as a key ingredient in the finest perfumes, providing the wood base note and acting as a fixative. The oil is also used in medicine and the tree itself supplies fine timber and nuts similar to macadamias. Incense and soaps are other products that often require sandalwood.

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MARGARET MASTALERZ

FARMERS CLASSES-MERINO

Landmark Northam Trophy
Best Exhibit Group A3 BH & AJ WHITE

Robert Waters Perpetual Trophy - M&B Mohr
Best Outstanding Lamb Exhibit Group A4
BROOKWOOD GRAZING

Robert Waters Perpetual Trophy - M&B Mohr
Best Wether Exhibit Group A4
BROOKWOOD GRAZING

SECTION B WOOL

Grant Woodhams MLA Trophy
Most points SAM CHITTY

Doug Wood Memorial Trophy
Champion Fleece LYN HASSETT

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Most Points in Classes 610-613 SAM CHITTY

SECTION C CATTLE

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Most Points
LIBERTY CHAROLAIS STUD

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Champion Cow
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Champion Cow Small Breeds Group C2
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Class 903 Group C3
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LIBERTY CHAROLAIS STUD

SECTION D FIBRE GOATS

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Most Points DENNIS MOTTERSHAW

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R & S Millar Trophy
Most Points KEVIN HUTCHINGS

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Best Exhibit KEVIN HUTCHINGS

SECTION F POULTRY

Avon Valley Vet Trophy
Most Points JACQUELINE LUCAS

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Best Exhibit IMRE UNGVARY

Shire of Toodyay Prize
Best Exhibit Group F2 IMRE UNGVARY

Shire of Toodyay Prize
Best Exhibit Group F3 JACQUELINE LUCAS

Shire of Toodyay Prize
Best Exhibit Group F6 JACQUELINE LUCAS

SECTION G PIGEONS

Toodyay Electrics Trophy
Best Exhibit Group G1 IMRE UNGVARY

Shire of Toodyay Prize
Best Exhibit Group G2 IMRE UNGVARY

Brendan Fitzgerald Mobile Mortgage Broker Toodyay Prize
Best Exhibit Group G3 - sub group A
BRUCE FEHLAUER

Toodyay Lawnmowing & Garden Service Prize
Best Exhibit Group G3 - sub group B
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Toodyay Lawnmowing & Garden Service Prize
Best Exhibit Group G3 - sub group C
BRUCE FEHLAUER

Toodyay Laswnmowing & Garden Service Prize
Best Exhibit Sub Group G3 - sub group D
IMRE UNGVARY

SECTION H ALPACA & COLOURED FLEECES

Shire of Toodyay Prize
Most Points VALERIE RICHARD

Toodyay Spinners Prize
Best Exhibit MARGARET MASTALERZ

Rivermist Alpacas Prize
Best Exhibit Group H2
MARGARET MASTALERZ

SECTION I HOME PRODUCE

Toodyay Physiotherapy Prize
Most Points COURTNEY FLEAY

Brendan Fitzgerald Mobile Mortgage Broker Toodyay Prize
Best Exhibit ANGELIKA STURMAN

Der R Walkey Prize
Best Exhibit - Group I1 - eggs
TANYA STUART

John Butler Prize
Best Exhibit Group I2 - jams
BETH RUTHVEN

Dr R Walkey Prize
Best Exhibit Group I3 - pickles
ANGELIKA STURMAN

Shire of Toodyay Prize
Best Exhibit Group I4 - young adult
COURTNEY FLEAY

Toodyay & Districts Community Bank Prize
Best Exhibit Group I5 - children 15yrs and under
COURTNEY FLEAY

SECTION J FRUIT & VEGETABLES

Toodyay Physiotherapy Prize
Most Points RON WATERS

Toodyay Garden & Outdoor Centre Prize
Best Exhibit
VERNON & HEATHER WRIGHT

SECTION K APICULTURE

Toodyay Pharmacy Prize
Most Points LB HUTCHINGS

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Best Exhibit - Group K1 LB HUTCHINGS

Shire of Toodyay Prize
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SECTION L HAND SPINNING

Toodyay Op Shop Prize
Most Points LEE WOLSONCRAFT

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Best Exhibit CAROL WORRELL

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SECTION M PATCHWORK & QUILTING

Brendan Fitzgerald Mobile Mortgage Broker Toodyay Prize
Most Points SHARLENE TOOP

Toodyay Hardware & Farm Supplies Trophy
Best Exhibit LIZ FERGUSON

Shire of Toodyay Prize
Best Exhibit Group M1 SHARLENE TOOP

Shire of Toodyay Prize
Best Exhibit Group M2 LIZ FERGUSON

Shire of Toodyay Prize
Best Exhibit Group M4 C STEVENSON

Moya Hammill Prize
Best Exhibit Group M5 CHELSEA MORGAN

SECTION O FLORICULTURE

Brendan Fitzgerald Mobile Mortgage Broker Toodyay Prize
Most Points TONI CHRIMES

Toodyay Garden & Outdoor Centre Prize
Best Exhibit TONI CHRIMES

Brendan Fitzgerald Mobile Mortgage Broker Toodyay Prize
Best Exhibit Group O1 COURTNEY FLEAY

Toodyay Garden & Outdoor Centre Prize
Best Exhibit Group O2 TONI CHRIMES

Peg Geary Prize
Best Exhibit Group O3 TONI CHRIMES

K Jacomelli Prize
Best Exhibit Group O4 TONI CHRIMES

Toodyay Garden & Outdoor Centre Prize
Best Exhibit Group O5 TONI CHRIMES

Toodyay Garden & Outdoor Centre Prize
Best Exhibit Group O6 TONI CHRIMES

Eleanor Maria Bell Trophy
Best Exhibit Group O7 COURTNEY FLEAY

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Grant Woodhams MLA Prize
Best Exhibit TRACEY SALMOND
Lynn Cook Prize
Best Exhibit Group Q1 KYLIE GREEN
Eugene & Margaret O'Sullivan Prize
Best Exhibit Group Q2 TAYLOR FERGUSON
Mrs Peg Geary Prize
Best Exhibit Group Q2 runner up
COURTNEY FLEAY

SECTION R ART

Western Cellars Liquor Store Trophy
Most Points ELIZABETH NORRIS
Hon. Max Trenorden MLC Trophy
Best Exhibit ELIZABETH NORRIS
Shire of Toodyay - Acquisition Prize
Local Theme Groups R1 & R2
WENDY LEWER
Brendan Fitzgerald Mobile Mortgage Broker Toodyay Prize
Best Exhibit Group R1 ROBYN TAYLOR
Brendan Fitzgerald Mobile Mortgage Broker Toodyay Prize
Best Exhibit Group R2
MARYANNE GREENHILL

SECTION S NEEDLEWORK

Bar-Bar-A-Black Sheep Prize
Most Points BETH RUTHVEN
Mrs Bel Rowe Trophy
Best Exhibit GISELA DUNSTAN
Margot Hodge Memorial Trophy
Best Exhibit Group S1 GISELA DUNSTAN
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HEATHER WILLIAMSON
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Best Exhibit Group T6 DAMON GEARY

SECTION U CHINA PAINTING

Brendan Fitzgerald Mobile Mortgage Brokers Toodyay Prize
Most Points JOAN LIVINGS
R Harrison Prize
Best Exhibit SALLY ALLEN

SECTION V PHOTOGRAPHY

Grant Woodhams MLA
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Lynn Cook Prize
Most Points Group V6
ANTHONY ANDRIJICH
R & TA Chrimes
Best Exhibit Group V6
ANTHONY ANDRIJICH

Lynn Cook Prize
Most Points Group V7 TOM DALE
R & TA Chrimes Prize
Best Exhibit Group V7 TOM DALE

SECTION W WOOD CRAFT

Avon Wood Turners Prize
Most Points JOHN SMART
Avon Wood Turners Prize
Best Exhibit Group W1 DAVID EYRES
Avon Wood Turners Prize
Best Exhibit Group W2 DON BULL

SECTION X CHILDREN - SCHOOL YEARS 6 - 10

Beth Somers Memorial Trophy
Most Points DAMON GEARY
Ian & Beth Harrower Prize
Best Exhibit CHELSEA MORGAN
MJ & KL Knowles Trophy
Best Exhibit in Group X1
COURTNEY FLEAY

Toodyay CWA Prize
Best Exhibit Group X2
CHELSEA MORGAN

Toodyay & Districts Community Bank Prize
Best Exhibit Group X3
TAYLOR FERGUSON

Heather Blackwell Prize
Best Exhibit Group X4 JAYDEN ELLIS

SECTION Y CHILDREN - SCHOOL YEARS 1 - 5

Beth Somers Memorial Trophy
Most Points CAMERON FERNIHOUGH
Toodyay Shire Prize
Best Exhibit STORM HOGAN
MJ & KL Knowles Trophy
Best Exhibit Group Y1
CAMERON FERNIHOUGH

K Jacomelli Prize
Best Exhibit Group Y2
CAMERON FERNIHOUGH

Toodyay & Districts Community Bank Prize
Best Exhibit Group Y3 CHERALEE WALLIS
Heather Blackwell Prize
Best Exhibit Group Y4 STORM HOGAN

SECTION Z CHILDREN SCHOOL YEARS KINDERGARTEN - PRE-PRIMARY

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Equestrian Events

Leah Broderick

I WOULD like to thank all of my judges for both days, all of my helpers and stewards, especially Tiffany Maddox and Rob Broderick. I would also like to thank all of my sponsors as, without their support, things would be a lot worse off. Thanks also goes to the Pony Club for running the novelties and, of course, all competitors as, without you, all we would not have any ring events.

Thank you

LOCAL EVENTS - HACKS

Judge: Coreen Halter

Local High Points Winner NERIDA EVANS

High Point Winner NERIDA EVANS

Local Hack: over 14hh

First TRACY WILLIAMS (Duke of Hazard)

Second KERRY DUGGAN (Lebonstern Accolade)

Third SAM COOK (Joshua Brook Stylish Gem)

Local Rider: 17yrs up to and inc 24yrs

First RACHEL COOK (Mirravale Banshee)

Second SAM COOK (Joshua Brook Stylish Gem)

Third MONICA BLOOM (Rusty)

Local Rider: 25yrs and over

First

KERRY DUGGAN (Lebonstern Accolade)

Second

TRACY WILLIAMS (Duke of Hazard)

Third

HEIDI HASSON (Goldie)

LOCAL PONY HACKS

Judge : Lois Johnson

Local Pony Hack: 14hh and under

First CHLOE MOON (Tyalla Dimity)

Second RACHEL COOK (Mirravale Banshee)

Third SAM JAMES (Tyalla Ornament)

Local Rider 9yrs up to and including 13yrs

First SAM JAMES (Tyalla Ornament)

Second KIRRA HAIGH (Missy)

Equal Third

MICHELLE REID (Coliban Metallic Zip)

NERIDA EVANS (Coment)

Local Rider: 14yrs to 17yrs

SARAH SEED (Dooley)

Local Led Rider: under 11yrs

First HAYLEY DUCKWORTH (Monty)

Second CAITLIN DUCKWORTH (Chelsea)

Third

CHERALEE WALLIS (Wallis Hill Hippie)

Champion Galloway Hack

CHRIS LAMBERT (Bevanlee Folklore)

Reserve Champion Galloway Hack

BRITTANY WILSON

(Brayside National Treasure)

Champion Hack

PETA GALLAGHER (Yule Tara Thanksgiving)

Reserve Champion Hack

SAM APPLIN (Intangible)

Champion Show Hunter

SAM COOK (Joshua Brook Stylish Gem)

Champion Rider

ALEXANDRA ROBERTS

(Palmerston Park Silhouette)

Reserve Champion Rider

INGRID CHRISTMAS (Vagabond to a King)

PONIES

Champion Lead Pony and Rider

HAYLEY DUCKWORTH (Monty)

Reserve Champion Lead Pony and Rider

AMY BOUCHER (Twinicle Berry Elora)

Champion Small Pony Hack

CHLOE MOON (Tyalla Dimity)

Reserve Champion Small Pony Hack

RACHEL GAYNOR (Gem Park Cassanova)

Champion Large Pony Hack

CHLOE MOON (Greenwood Hello Sunshine)

Reserve Champion Large Pony Hack

SHANNON CAREY-SMITH (Wendamar Equity)

Champion Show Hunter Pony

RACHEL COOK (Mirravale Banshee)

Champion Junior Rider

CHLOE MOON (Greenwood Hello Sunshine)

Reserve Champion Junior Rider

RHIANNON PURSER (Paparazzi)

STOCK HORSE CLASSES

Judges : Scott Rogers and Kelly Stewart

Junior Trifecta MICHELLE REID

Juvenile Trifecta TAYLA CONWAY

Novice Trifecta LEAH BRODERICK

Maiden Trifecta CATHY BENDSTEN

Overall Trophy CATHY BENDSTEN

BREEDING

Champion Ash Female

LEAH BRODERICK (Beansville Sheza Miner)

Reserve Champion Ash Female

GEORGIE TROUP (Rocky Miss)

Supreme Champion

LEAH BRODERICK (Beansville Sheza Miner)

Champion Male

JEANETTE MURRAY (Docs Impact)

Reserve Champion Male

CATHY BENDSTEN (Thowra)

Champion Female

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My View

Anne Skinner

"HAVE faith." People often challenge those of us, who for one reason or other are unsure of tomorrow or are facing a particular difficult task. Now I am, in particular a little confused about this saying. What does it actually mean?

To some it may mean to believe in oneself, capabilities, or our own strengths or fortitude. We may in actual fact have faith in our partners/spouses, our children, our parents, may even go as far as faith in our Governments. We should have faith in our Doctors, even our Councillors and our Police. All these things, including the faith we have in ourselves can and do more often than not, let us down. We, and I do mean WE, are not infallible. Why is this so, when we have faith?



You may say as a Christian, I have faith, but then atheists need faith to not believe. You have faith that the chair you are sitting on right now will hold your weight; the tablet you took this morning will do what it was prescribed to do. When you flick the switch, the light should come on – as you all know these too can fail us.

Faith is a religion. I can hear some say. Yes, one needs faith in what they believe. But faith is not a religion.



After the fire replaced our once beautiful bush block with plenty of soil and rocks and blackened trees, my faith was surely tested. I was tossed about in my thinking with why had the one true God, the source of my faith, allowed this to happen? Then being tossed back to rejoicing in the fact that He really had saved us and all that was truly important in life. I still do not know why this has happened, but then I don't need to know anymore. It is sufficient to know who holds my hand, I'm pleased to say.

While planting our new little plants, I prayed that each would grow and become big and strong, and on my endless watering trips, I chat to each one encouraging them to hang in there. Even when a rogue echidna kept digging them up. It wasn't that my faith would keep them growing, but I hoped that they would. The death toll is small, so I'm still hopeful. We were told by our friendly Ranger Alan, that a firebreak was now in order. I grew anxious and feared the only remaining trees would be felled to pay the price for safety. My faith was tested again, but I hoped we would not lose the one which was most important to me, a very large native Christmas tree. I looked forward to seeing her every October/November. She suffered greatly, but she lives, and we don't have to remove her. I'm happy to say the first splashes of colour have begun to appear, my faith wouldn't make it so, but my hope continues and each day more and more fire brands appear and by the time you read this she will be in full crowning glory.

People are frequently let down when their prayers are not answered the way the thought they should be, no matter how strong their faith maybe, but it's not their faith that does the answering, but the one in whom the faith

is directed.

I am reminded of John's first letter to the believers in Corinth, chapter 13, where he tells us there are three important things Faith, Hope and Love, these three go together. To have faith we need to trust the One True God to hope in an eternity with Him and above all to love and worship Him regardless of the outcome, while we live here on earth, for good or bad.

That is faith. As humans we are prone to circumstances, and I know this last year has been difficult for a great number of people in Toodyay, especially those of us on the hill, but this I know, that He never changes and He never fails if we put our faith in Him and let earthly matters take care of themselves. This doesn't mean that we sit back and do nothing about our lives as they are, but to relax more and enjoy the many blessings that we have here in this wonderful country.

I read this recently. "Our strength and hope is in the Lord – We rest secure in His sure Word; And though we're tempted to despair, we know we're kept within His care." Ponder on these words if you will. That hope springs eternal, quoted by Alexander Pope in 1732.

I hope to win the lottery, and I hope that next year will be a better one, even though I know my chances of a win, are pretty slim, and I know that each year will bring with it its own troubles, I know I need not fear, but fear itself will be destruction and immobilising.

A Yiddish proverb says "You can't control the wind, but you can adjust your sails." So come with me, and let's sail away, and let faith be the wind in our sails.

Chilli Solution to Olive Pest

A HOT and spicy solution has been found to help control the potentially devastating pest apple weevil in olives.

The Department of Agriculture and Food has been working with growers to treat fluffy bands tied around olive trees with a chilli extract to prevent the pest from climbing from the soil to the tree canopy, where it does the most damage.

Senior research officer Stewart Learmonth said the technique has proven to be successful and would suit organic growers.

"The fluffy bands of synthetic crafters battling have been used for about three years with great success but it wasn't getting all the apple

weevils," he said. "We've been testing bands tied around olive trees near Mount Barker that were sprayed with the chilli solution. The numbers of weevils getting across the bands has been further reduced by more than half, creating a significant benefit to growers."

The chilli solution is acquired from a commercial company in Queensland and diluted with water. Mr Learmonth said the ingredients in the chilli solution were a commercial secret.

"As soon as you take the lid off you know that it's something different. It smells hot," he said. "But the treatment doesn't result in chilli olives, you'll have to do that to your table olives yourself."



DAFWA senior researcher Stewart Learmonth sprays the fluffy fibre bands with a chilli solution

Mr Learmonth said growers had been happy with the results and many were willing to give it a go.

"The main cost is the labour involved in putting the bands and the chilli on," he said. "It's usually applied in December when the weevils come out of the soil. Some have chosen to do a second spray in February when the beetles have matured to be able to lay eggs."

The trials were conducted with funding support from the Rural Industries Research and Development Corporation and have now concluded.

Mr Learmonth said the idea for the chilli treatment came from the industry. "The olive industry is very proactive," he said.

The apple weevil is thought to have been introduced into Western Australia in the 1930s. Left unattended the pest can kill young olive trees and in mature groves can cause significant yield loss.

The commercial olive industry has access to a minor use permit for use of a synthetic pesticide to spray for the pest but this is not acceptable for use by organic growers.

For more information about the apple weevil and control options visit the department's website www.agric.wa.gov.au.



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To cook, wrap in foil and bake at 180 for approx 2 hours.
Allow for browning.
\$25.00 each
*Plain chicken rolls also available - \$22.00 each

FREE RANGE GOURMET PORK ROLLS - \$20.99 kg

- ***EUROPEAN***
Rolled and boned loin of pork filled with herbs, salt, pepper, garlic and parsley.
To cook, bake in oven/weber at 180 for approx 1hr per kg.
 - ***NEAPOLITAN***
Boned and rolled loin of pork, filled with apricots and prunes, soaked in brandy.
To cook, bake in oven/Weber at 180 for approx 1hr per kg.
- *PLAIN ROLLED LOINS OF PORK \$18.99kg.
*PLAIN LEGS OF PORK ON THE BONE \$10.99kg

FREE RANGE WHOLE TURKEY - \$14.99 kg

Weight approx 3-12 kg.
To cook, bake in oven at 180 for approx 45min per kg.
Allow for browning.

FREE RANGE GOURMET TURKEY ROLL - \$24.99 kg

Boneless turkey breast filled with chicken breast, English style pork mince, breadcrumbs, bacon and pine nuts.
Weight approx 2-4kg. Serves approx 6-15 people.
To cook, wrap in foil and bake at 180 for 45mins per Kg.

FREE RANGE TURKEY VALENTINE - \$29.99 kg

Whole boneless chicken rolled into a whole boneless duck, which is then rolled into a whole boneless turkey. Decadent and delicious!
Weight between 10 – 15 kg
To cook, bake in oven at 180 for 45 mins per kg.
\$50 deposit required upon ordering

FREE RANGE TURKEY VOL AU VENTS - \$5.00 EACH

Turkey breast with cranberry sauce, wrapped in puff pastry and twisted into the shape of a bon bon. Fantastic starter to your Christmas meal.
Single serve
To cook, bake in oven at 180 for 30 mins.

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Toodyay Friends of the River

Greg Warburton

FIRSTLY, I would like to thank members for their vote of confidence in me back at the AGM in August and to acknowledge the huge amount of work and time that Gaven Donegan contributed during his time as President. Gaven won't be putting his feet up though; he will be busier than ever as our Project Officer. I anticipate working hand in glove with the committee and members in progressing the good work.

The Toodyay Friends of the River has had a presence at the Agricultural Show for many years and 2010 was no exception. Not only on the Saturday but also the rubbish and manure pick up on Sunday. Even though most of the time was spent trying to stop the tent and displays blowing away, it was a worthwhile day. Our work trailer, topped with the kayak attracted a lot of attention. Thank you to Lee of the Toodyay Naturalists' Club and Vicki for holding the fort, especially during the fire call! Special thanks to all those members who turned up for the rubbish collection. We will be back next year bigger and better I hope.

Welcome home to our eternal travellers Wayne and Des after a stint in the USA visiting family and sightseeing as well. Thank you to Robyn and Des for writing up the monthly column in the past, a task that I look forward to taking over. There will be much to report as the 'Friends' embark upon a programme of restoration and environmental work along the river in the coming months.

Despite the record dry winter the Avon at the moment still has some flow, a result no doubt of the event way back in March. As we know there has been precious little rain since. The water level of the pools, however, are starting to drop and will increasingly become a haven for wildlife as the summer wears on. It's crucial we monitor the condition of the River and continue to report observations and concerns. The Department of Water is currently conducting a series of ecological surveys in a number of the River Pools which are revealing some surprising results which I will report on soon.

During October I was fortunate enough to attend a four-day 'International River Symposium' held at the Burswood complex. It was the first time it had been held in Perth with some 600 delegates in attendance. The Avon Valley was well represented and I was in good company with Peter Weatherly of the Avon Valley Environment Society and

Nathan Heal of Wheatbelt Natural Resource Management. There was, admittedly, much doom and gloom reported as rivers all over the world are increasingly subjected to enormous environmental pressures. Population growth, climate change and water resource issues are great challenges for the future.

There were good news stories as well with the International River Prize of \$300,000 awarded to the Thames River Management for bringing a biological dead river back to the point where now otters breed and the fish are safe to eat. The National prize went to the Derwent River Estuary Project for minimising the pollution that was threatening to wipe out the ecology of this magnificent waterway. The Symposium was informative and inspirational and I expect to see TFOR represented at the next event. Thank you to Wheatbelt NRM and Lotteries West for the funding that allowed Peter and me to attend.

Our last official event for the year will be a fully catered riverside breakfast at a member's residence commencing at 8am on Sunday 21 November. This will be followed by a short planning meeting in order to get some project work ratified for early commencement. Please phone either me on 9574 5445 or secretary, Robyn, on 9574 2578 if you wish to attend or indeed with any enquiries regarding the Toodyay Friends of the River (Inc).

Python Watch Field Guide to Reptiles and Frogs of the Perth Region

Desrae Clarke
Member, Toodyay Naturalists' Club

AT last the revised field guide of reptiles and frogs is on the shelves of bookshops and what a beautiful book it is! Entitled 'Field Guide to Reptiles and Frogs of the Perth Region' it is a revised and updated version of the original 1995 edition produced by herpetologists Brian Bush, Brad Maryan, Robert Browne-Cooper and David Robinson.

What is 'herpetology?' Herpetology is the study of reptiles and amphibians and this book has a comprehensive coverage of frogs, turtles, (both fresh-water and sea), lizards and snakes (including sea snakes). The original book and its revised version were published by the University of Western Australia with the current version published by the Western Australian Museum.

There have been many books published pertaining to reptiles and amphibians. However, a book such as this guide is written about those that are found in Western Australia and our surrounding coastal waters. Being a 'field guide,' it is compact and informative enough to be taken out in the field allowing 'on the spot' identification of most of the herpetofauna. However, in saying that, some of the snakes that are categorised in the same family, such as the Gwardar and the Dugite, are more difficult to identify because of the need of a 'scale' count of the tail.

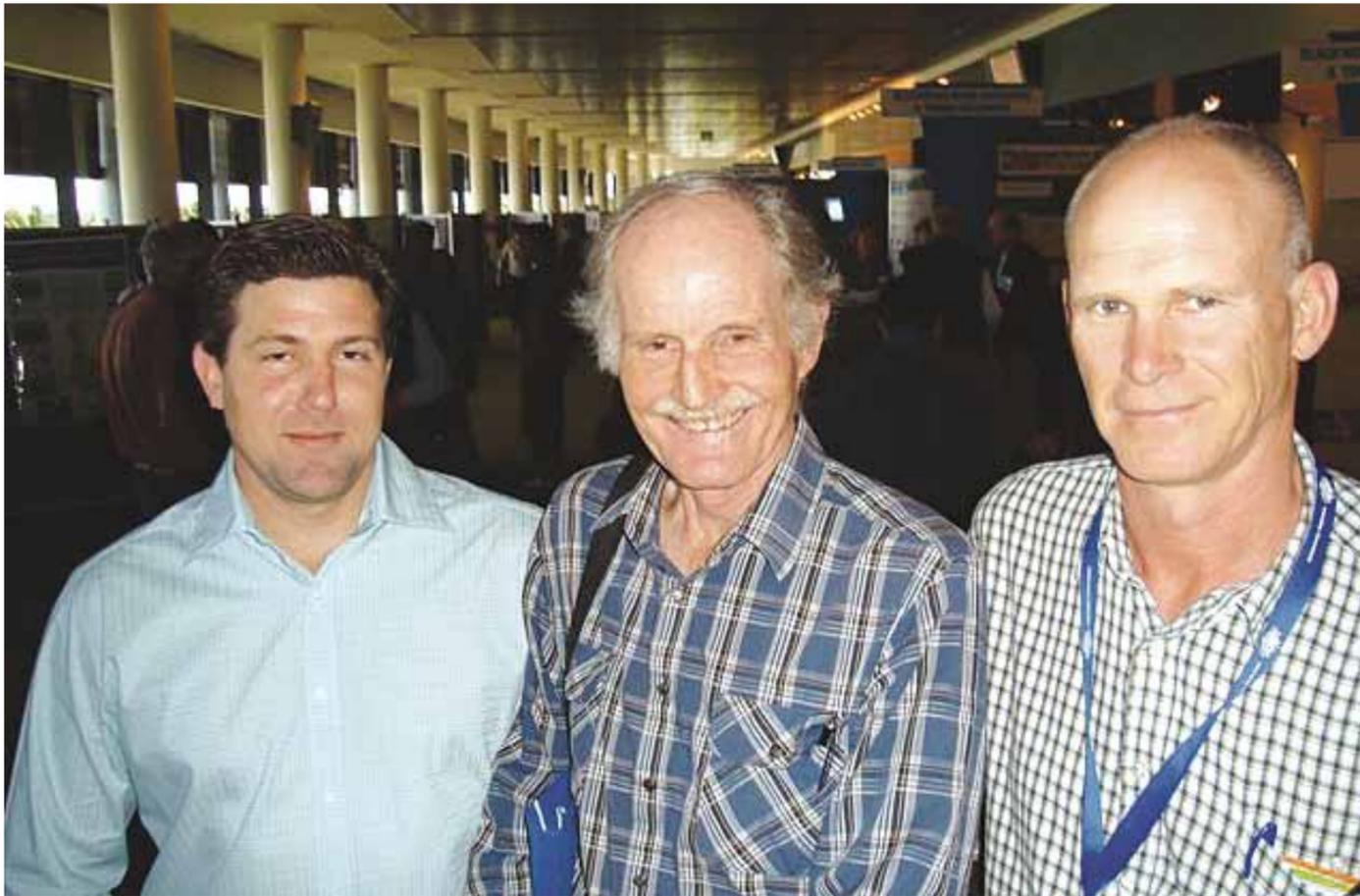
Although the field guide is entitled '...of the Perth Region', distribution maps in this publication depict areas throughout Western Australia. The description of each animal is well written and in a way that is extremely easy for anyone to ultimately give a name to a sighting. Also, the photography, taken by enthusiastic West Australian herpetologists, includes a great variety of locations such as Red Hill, Rottne, Jandakot, Bindoon, Waroona, Quinn's Rocks, Meckering, Cottesloe Beach, Boyagin Rock, Karragullen and the Montebello Islands.

The field guide has an excellent introduction, 'further reading' section and a comprehensive glossary. The section on 'snake bite' is based on material by Professor S. K. Sutherland, author of 'A Venomous Life' who is well-known for his work on animal toxins.

All in all, this handbook, at a cost of \$35, would be an asset in any home library and, with Christmas just around the corner, make a wonderful gift.

I recently had a query about mice prevalence among hay bales. On checking with a horse expert it was recommended to use last year's hay and not to, if possible, put new bales on top of the old hay. Another person's piece of advice was to sprinkle sulphur on the floor of the hay shed over which is laid black plastic - the bales are then placed on top of the black plastic. Salt sprinkled between the

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L-R Nathan Heal of Wheatbelt NRM, Peter Weatherly of Avon Valley Environment Society and Greg Warburton of TFOR at the International River Symposium.



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

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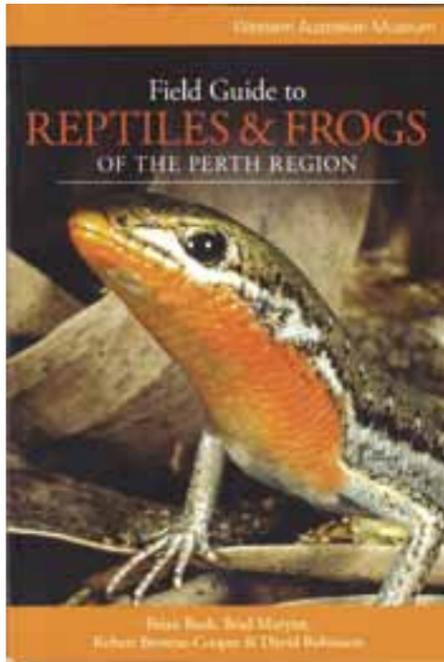
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layers of hay has also been mentioned as another deterrent. As Carpet Pythons main diet is vermin (rats and mice) there is always a chance that you may have a resident Carpet Python. If poison is put down to eradicate mice and rats a Python, or other creatures including birds, may take a dead animal and will die from secondary poisoning.

Because of the early heat it has been noted that snakes are prevalent. Take care when walking through grasses and lifting sheets of iron or lengths of timber; both adult and juvenile snakes may be sheltered there and the little ones can be just as feisty as their parents. Of late, we have found a number of sleepy geckos in our sheds. However, one adult Barking Gecko was not pleased at being woken and, yes – barked at us!

The Toodyay Naturalists' Club is always grateful to receive notice of your sightings which are added to our data base. There is a number of our flora and fauna species that have become quite rare so your observation may be extremely important as it may be of something 'rare!' – who knows!



'Field Guide to Reptiles and Frogs of the Perth Region'

Permission kindly given by Brad Maryan.

BioBlitz 2010

ON 23-24 October, 133 people of all ages converged on a small, but special reserve 80km northeast of Perth with one aim in mind – to explore and discover as much biodiversity as they could.

As its name suggests, BioBlitz 2010 was a 24-hour intensive community survey of native plants and animals across Blackboy Ridge, a 64ha reserve in the Shire of Chittering that was extensively burnt by bushfires earlier this year. Sponsored by conservation group WWF-Australia, the survey was officially opened by WA Chief Scientist Professor Lyn Beazley, and led by volunteer scientists from the state's top research organisations, including

CSIRO, the WA Museum, Birds Australia, the WA Department of Environment and Conservation, Curtin University, and retired and consultant experts.

The good news during the 24-hour survey was Blackboy Ridge Reserve was found to be making a very healthy recovery, with extensive regeneration of vegetation and the discovery of 171 species of native plants and 61 species of native animals and birds – not including more than 100 species of invertebrates (and millions of flies!)*

Blackboy Ridge is a prime example of the astounding diversity within Australia's Southwest Ecoregion – a corner of the continent stretching roughly from Shark Bay to Esperance that is internationally recognised as a 'global biodiversity hotspot', and one of only 34 in the world.

In ecological terms, the Southwest Ecoregion is as important as the Amazon Rainforest, the Galapagos Islands, the Jungles of Borneo and the Plains of Africa.

Within this remarkable Ecoregion, Blackboy Ridge Reserve is an area that has been defined as a particularly important area for conservation, with WWF-Australia working to improve management of native vegetation and habitat within its landscape.

The reserve is managed by the Chittering Landcare Centre on behalf of the Shire of Chittering, with WWF-Australia working with both to ensure it endures in the face of a number of threats, including introduced weeds, feral animals and too-frequent bushfires.

It was with this in mind that volunteers from around the region – and as far away as Burracoppin and Manjimup – converged for WWF-Australia's 6th BioBlitz to search hills, gullies, trees, leaf-litter and dense scrub to find whatever they could. The almost 30 children who accompanied their parents were particularly good at spotting hidden frogs, camouflaged grasshoppers and tiny flowers, with birds, mammals, spiders, reptiles, amphibians and fungi all found in this beautiful patch of bush they call home.

As well as celebrating this magnificent natural area, those who participated in BioBlitz will never look at bushland the same way again – realising that every bit of bush is a treasure.

It was a fitting activity for the area in 2010, the International Year of Biodiversity, with the project supported through funding from the Australian Government's Caring for our Country program and the Council of Australian Museum Directors, through assistance from the Science Connections program within the Department of Innovation, Industry, Science and Research.

*2010 Chittering Bioblitz statistics

Participants: 133
Youngest: 1 year
Oldest: "Wouldn't be polite to say!"
Under 18s: 28 (often kids were the first to spot the animals)

Number of survey sessions: 47

Native species recorded during survey:
42 species of birds (including Carnaby's Black Cockatoo)
171 species of flowering plants (though reserve probably has around 300 species)
2 species of fungi (pretty good for this time of year)
9 reptiles
5 frogs
5 mammals – including 3 species of bats
Invertebrates – a conservative estimate would be 100 species, including at least 10 different species of grasshoppers and 40 million flies!

Unfortunately also 4 non-native species of mammals (not including humans) and a significant number of weeds.



Photo Credit: WWF-Australia: Paul Gam

So You Think Roses Aren't Waterwise!

Karen Davey
HRIA Perth Region

MAYBE we have to think outside the box when planting roses in dry conditions. Roses are very forgiving and hardy plants. They will tolerate harsh dry times, regardless of what you may hear.

Roses are easy to maintain. Who attends to rosebushes as a chore? Never, with love and a little attention they will survive and thrive in dry conditions, especially the old tea roses. They smell like roses should. They tend to transport us with their charm, their perfume, their colours and endless varieties for us to enjoy and maybe, evoke many memories.

What is a garden without some rosebushes, especially tea roses?

Environmental factors such as plant nutrition, intensity and duration of sun exposure (they can have filtered light), will affect their performance.

The position of the bushes should be considered, in an effort to conserve any

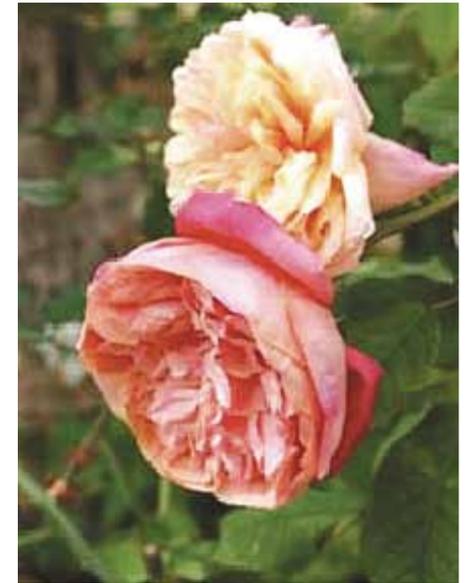
moisture. Give them protection from harsh winds. Consider good soil, good drainage and mulch to maintain any moisture. When planting, use water retaining crystals. Of course, without continual water, they may not flower consistently or as much, but they will generally survive and come to glory when there has been some rain.

How often do you see old neglected farms with the rose bushes still surviving?

Of course when they are planted they will require water, perhaps for a little time afterwards, to establish them and get their root system going. Roses work very hard, so they need to be fed too.

Tea roses originally came from China around 1824 and are well known for their stamina, unique colours, blooms that are classical in form and have excellent repeat blooms. They can grow from 1 to 4 to 7 metres. They are generally disease free, and some are great for arbours, against walls and climb up trees. Teas often require little or no pruning.

So you see, you can grow those beloved roses. Try some tea roses in your garden. Learn to love them as we do in the



Heritage Roses Association in Australia: www.heritage.rose.org.au/regions.html.

The image is Monsieur Tillier which was bred in France in 1891. (It also is sold in Australia as Archiduc Joseph) The colours in this rose are amazing. It changes from a brick red with violet, pinks and gold/orange tones, not to mention its wonderful perfume and amazing form. Try it; you will love it.

Fire survivors can email Ailsa Allen at ailsa44@bigpond.net.au for any requests for special roses they may have lost.



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Bird of the Month

Fan-tailed Cuckoo

Compiled by Desraé Clarke

THIS small bird, that is slightly larger than a Willie Wagtail, and ranges in size from 25 to 27cm, calls in the winter months in a plaintive, descending, quivering trill that is repeated several times.

The adult bird has a slaty-grey back and head, with a cinnamon-rufous upper breast that fades towards the lower abdomen. Its long, slim, dark grey tail that, despite the name, rarely 'fans', is blue-black with notches of white on the outer feathers that give it a somewhat jagged barring effect. It has quite a large dark brown eye with a surrounding fine yellow ring. The sharp, slightly curved bill is black with an orange mouth. The female is duller in colouring. It breeds from early spring to January and, as with all the cuckoo family, parasitises other small species of birds particularly the dome-nesting fairy wrens and thornbills. It lays one white to mauve-coloured egg that is flecked and spotted all over and requires an incubation of 14 days; the young fledge within 16 to 17 days. The foster parents are kept extremely busy feeding the young cuckoo that can be two to three times their size.

In flight the Fan-tailed Cuckoo has pointed wings and a graceful, undulating flight elevating its tail on landing. Its diet consists of caterpillars, moths, beetles and other insects. It is a 'sit and pounce' bird and will sit for quite long periods waiting for passing prey or may catch insects in flight.

Quite a number of years ago, while camping in Dryandra, a Fan-tailed Cuckoo sat quietly on a low branch just outside our tent. It was not perturbed by our presence and we watched, and photographed, it for approximately an hour.

The four cuckoo species of the south west of our state have now been described but



there is another, the Black-eared Cuckoo, found much further north in the semi-arid and arid mulga regions and also in the Kimberley and Pilbara; it is rarely found below the northern Wheatbelt.

Carnaby's Black-Cockatoos Need Your Help

SPRINGTIME in the Wheatbelt signals the return of the Carnaby's Black-Cockatoos as they head to their nesting sites to breed. Carnaby's Black-Cockatoos are icons of the South-West, and they are in danger of disappearing. The Carnaby's Black-Cockatoo Recovery Project, headed by Birds Australia, is working to conserve the species by protecting nesting and foraging habitat throughout the Wheatbelt.

"Influences such as habitat loss, poaching, persecution, car-strikes, and competition for nesting hollows have seen drastic declines in Carnaby's Black-Cockatoo numbers by over 50% in the last 50 years, and this trend continues," said Birds Australia's Conservation Officer Claire Bartron. "There was a time when flocks of up to 5000 birds 'blackened the sky', but in present times flocks in the hundreds are considered large."

These large black birds with their white tail panels and distinctive call make their presence known, leading to the common misconception that they are abundant; but those living in the Wheatbelt are likely seeing the same individual birds each year. Carnaby's Black-Cockatoos are long-lived, up to 50 years, and each year they return to the same nesting site to breed. These highly social birds mate for life and each pair only raises one chick a year, most of which do not survive to age two.

Miss Bartron said, "The situation is looking increasingly bleak for these charismatic Cockatoos but, by reporting any sightings, you can help us find nesting and feeding sites so that we may work with the community to undertake conservation action."

Want to do more?

Birds Australia is always looking for volunteers to assist with monitoring and rehabilitation activities, and if you are landholder with potential Carnaby's Black-Cockatoo habitat and a desire to help we at Birds Australia wants to hear from you.

To become a volunteer or just learn more you can visit the website: www.birdsaustralia.com.au/carnabys, or contact Claire Bartron, Conservation Officer: c.bartron@birdsaustralia.com.au, phone 9881 9223 or 0428 762 292.

To report a sighting you can contact us directly or go to our new online database where you can create your own login and report and review all your sightings: <http://birdsaustralia.gaiareources.com.au/BDRS/home.htm>

This project is funded through the State NRM program and supported by

WWF-Australia and the Department of Environment and Conservation.

Birds Australia

Birds Australia is a national organisation committed since its formation in 1901 to the conservation, study and enjoyment of Australia's native birds and their habitats. The Carnaby's Black-Cockatoo Recovery Project has been operating since 2000.

Carnaby's Black-Cockatoo is classified as 'Endangered' under the Federal *Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act* and as 'Rare or likely to become extinct' under WA's *Wildlife Conservation Act*.

Carnaby's Black-Cockatoos spend the non-breeding season in large feeding flocks in more coastal areas, and from July breeding birds migrate to the Wheatbelt to breed where they are more often seen in small flocks of around 20 birds.

Nesting occurs in large hollows that form in select species of Eucalypt, with trees needing to be upwards of 150 years in age to form hollows of a suitable size. While the female incubates the egg and cares for the young chick the male must forage enough food to feed himself, his female and the growing chick. To do so successfully there needs to be sufficient food within a 12km radius of the nest, and this is becoming harder to find, resulting in fewer chicks surviving to fledge each year. Carnaby's Black-Cockatoos feed on a variety of native and introduced plant species, particularly the seeds from a variety of banksias, grevilleas, hakeas, dryandras, eucalypts and pine trees. They are also known to eat the bark and flowers. During the breeding season the majority of birds seen in the Wheatbelt are males in small foraging parties.

Living for up to 50 years, current populations are thought to have a high proportion of aged birds many of which are likely too old to breed.

Carnaby's Black-Cockatoos maintain monogamous relationships throughout life and parents care for their chick for up to a year.

It is currently thought that if a bird's breeding area is destroyed it is unlikely to attempt to breed at another location.

The Carnaby's Black-Cockatoo Recovery Project works with and supports private landholders to conserve and restore suitable habitat through a variety of methods such as erection of stock-exclusion fences, revegetation and hollow repair.

Over the last two years, Birds Australia volunteers and community members have contributed over 1,000 hours of their time to assist in nest monitoring.

Toodyay Naturalists' Club

Lee Francis
President

THE main event for October was the Toodyay Show. The Club is grateful to the Fergusons, who again loaned a marquee and set it up. Unfortunately, the windy, unpleasant weather kept us on our toes and, at one stage, the marquee almost collapsed, taking our display with it.

Thanks to those who helped on the day, especially Vice President Greg, who did double duty representing Toodyay Friends of the River. Late in the day he was called to a fire, so a very busy day for him. Greg

has also provided a lot of information for this article.

Our September gathering was a trip to Bindoon to view the annual Chattering Wildflower Show which our member, Jacqui, was involved in organising. Despite it being a poor season for flowers, the organisers had managed to find a wide variety of plants to display. After filling up at the bakery, we moved on to a small nature reserve further north and returned to Toodyay via Old Plains Road, stopping for a wander through the Rica Ericson Reserve.

The Club has been keeping an eye on roadside clearing issues and I am pleased to report that, with the support and assistance of member and Councillor, Bethan Lloyd, and the cooperation of the Shire, there has now been clarification of the details of clearing proposed for Old Plains Road.

Members have been busy attending a variety of environmentally based activities. On 22 September three TNC members attended The W.A. Naturalists' Club Serventy Memorial Lecture at UWA. The keynote speaker was Professor Kevin Keneally on the subject of botanical pioneers of the Kimberley. Many people prominent in the conservation movement were there including Club patrons, Neville Marchant and John Dell.

On 7 October several members, including Frank Turnbull who drove up from Rockingham, met with WWF officers, Carla Swift and Helena Mills, at Reserve 5273 on Julimar Road to conduct an assessment survey with the view of upgrading its status and providing more protection. This is a pristine bit of bush, with important botanical life including DRF (Declared Rare Flora). For many years while living nearby, Frank worked on surveying this reserve, so now Jacqui and Sally are continuing that work.

Six TNC members and Patron, Neville Marchant, attended the 'Granite Symposium' held in Mukinbudin during October. This was a two-day event to learn about the ecology and diversity of the Wheatbelt's unique granite outcrops.

Vice President, Greg, attended the 4 day International River Symposium held at Burswood about river conservation and water issues across the world. There were 600 in attendance.

Last weekend Greg and Jacqui also attended a 'Bio-Blitz' at Blackboy Ridge Reserve in Chittering. This was hosted by WWF and about 100 people were there. Topics covered were mammal trapping, botanical surveys, reptile collecting, bird banding, spiders and camera trapping. There were lots of experts and scientists, making it a major event. This event emphasised the importance of studying and preserving the bio-diversity in our area. It was noted with some envy that Chittering Shire has a 'Bio-Diversity Strategy'. WA's Chief Scientist, Lyn Beasley, was there. Also present were representatives from the WA Museum, DEC and Wheatbelt NRM. This was the first ever biological survey of the reserve. There have so far been seven 'eco-blitzes', the last one in Corrigin two years ago.

Details of our end of year event are still being finalised, but keep the third Saturday of November free. Members will be advised soon.

The Club welcomes reports of interesting observations. These can be reported to any of the numbers below.

Everyone is welcome to any of our meetings or excursions.

For details, contact: President, Lee, on 9574 2560, Vice-President, Greg, on 9574 5445 or Secretary, Wayne, on 6364 3609.



CAN YOU HELP?

Assistance is required to help with putting the Christmas decorations for Toodyay together.

The first meeting will be held at CWA Hall on Saturday November 13 (time to be advised), working on Sunday November 14 starting at 10.00am. Further dates may be required.

All offers of assistance would be gratefully accepted.

If interested please call Lynlee or Dianne at Toodyay Medical Centre on 9574 2223.

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Online Tool to Help Provide Habitat for Carnaby's Black Cockatoo



FINDING suitable plants for Carnaby's black cockatoos is just a mouse-click away following the launch of a versatile online tool that compiles customised lists according to selected criteria such as rainfall, soil type and the proximity of infrastructure.

Environment Minister, Donna Faragher, recently launched the *Plants for Carnaby's Search Tool* developed by the Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC) as part of a suite of projects that aim to assist the recovery of the endangered bird.

DEC Director of Nature Conservation, Gordon Wyre, said home gardeners, land managers and developers now had easy access to information on which species to plant that will provide feeding, night roosting and nesting habitat for Carnaby's.

"The search tool can also be used to help land owners or managers identify preferred plant species that are important

to the cockatoos that might occur on their land that should be protected," he said. "In this way the tool will also assist people involved in the assessment of development projects that might affect Carnaby's black cockatoos and allow for more informed conditions to be written for development approvals."

Mr Wyre said the innovative use of existing software had resulted in a significant cost saving to the project which was funded through State Natural Resource Management funds.

A print function, which will enable people to print their list of plants, is being developed for the search tool in cooperation with the University of Queensland and is expected to be available in the near future.

To access the *Plants for Carnaby's Search Tool* go to www.dec.wa.gov.au/plantsforcarnabys.

development of the crop from field to shelf. Growers, processors, representatives from the seed, food, health, cosmetic and energy industries and other interested parties are welcome.

Ancient Crop May Be a Lifeline for Farmers

A HARDY, ancient Russian oilseed crop could prove a lifeline for farmers in marginal regions of the State, according to researchers at The University of Western Australia.

Preliminary trials around WA have shown that camelina grows best on sandy soils. More drought and frost tolerant than most other oilseed crops, it needs less fertilisers and other inputs than canola.

Director of UWA's International Centre for Plant Breeding Education and Research, Professor William Erskine, said camelina's hardiness and applications to food, cosmetic, health and energy industries made it an attractive product for farmers and consumers.

"Not only is camelina a food oil, it can also be used in cosmetics and pharmaceuticals as it is a good emollient with excellent moisturising properties and possible medical applications," Professor Erskine said. "The gluten-free seed meal can be developed into a sought-after healthy food ingredient in a growing market. In the USA, the oil is also being considered as a biofuel.

"While the oil not only looks good with a pleasant nutty flavour, it has high alpha linolenic acid (an Omega-3 fatty acid) content complemented and stabilised by natural antioxidants, such as vitamin E."

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The first meeting will be held at CWA Hall on Saturday November 13 (time to be advised), working on Sunday November 14 starting at 10am.

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Bowls

June Eastwood

SUNDAY 10 October saw the Mixed Opening day, Patrons Trophy. This also included a Grant Woodhams sponsorship day with Grant providing \$500.

Players paid \$20 to play which included a delicious lunch organised by Terri Watson.

Winners of the Patrons Trophy were Bronko Andricich, Kaye Adams, Ken Adams and Dennis Gilpin. There were also Runner-up and Round winners. All teams got 'winning game' money back, even those who hadn't won a game so everyone got at least \$15 of their \$20 back. There were 29 players, so they played 4's with teams only having 3 players having extra bowls. Grant Woodhams did a good job of Skip with Kaye Rewell and John Smart making up his team.

Ladies

Ladies Opening Day was 6 October with Social bowls followed by a luncheon for nine ladies. We would like to welcome back Lorraine Musielak and also new member, Glenys Bywaters.

Ladies Day is Wednesday and we have been playing mixed competition with the winners getting a small trophy. Ladies Pennants is on Tuesday. First Pennant on 19 October saw Kaye Rewell's team with a win and, though Kaye Adams team lost, Toodyay got the 3 points and Beverley 1.

Tuesday 26 we will have played Goomalling and the following week we play Northam on Wednesday (Melbourne Cup Tuesday.)

Championship Pairs were held on Wednesday 27 October.

There is a busy time ahead with Gala Days and League events in addition to Club Days and Pennants.

Men

The first Pennant day of the season was against Bolgart with Toodyay coming away with a 7 - 1 win in both First and Second Division.

The second Pennant day was against Beverley. First Division had a 7 - 1 win. Second division had a clean sweep, winning 8 - 0.

It is heartening to have the luxury of fielding two full teams for the first time in quite a while. First Division is under the watchful eye of James Jaworski and George Due is heading Second Division.

The club welcomes back former member, Don Coombes, and new members, Tim Watson and Keith Strahan. This is probably the smoothest start to any season and we look forward to a happy and successful year.

Toodyay Golf Ladies News

Rose Myers

ON 20 August the Verna Cook Memorial Toodyay Open Day was played. Nineteen pairs from 13 Golf Clubs played Canadian Fours Stableford. The winners, Janet Bowder and Robyn Bycroft, were from Wanneroo Golf Club. The day was very successful both socially and financially. Sponsorship was provided by Verna's daughters Corrine, Lila and Shelley in the form of a Perpetual Trophy and a replica. We were also very lucky to receive generous sponsorship from the Bendigo Bank, Dr R Walkey and I.G.A. We are very grateful for this wonderful support.

August 11

1st Round Championships. Captain and Vice Captain Trophy.

Winner R Heath
Runner up K Rewell.

September 8

2nd Round Championships T & P Watson Trophy

Winner N Cording
Runner up R Heath.

September 15

Final Round Championships Patrons Trophy R. Matlin.

Winner N Cording
Runner up M McBride

Overall Winners of Championships

1st Division N Cording
Runner up R Heath

2nd Division M. McBride
(on a count back)

Runner up K Rewell

September 22 Closing Day

Twelve ladies played three person Ambrose prior to enjoying a platted lunch. We had a very pleasant season and look forward to bigger and better in 2011. Anyone interested in playing golf in 2011 will be made very welcome.

Toodyay Cricket

COREY Higgins' century (119) was the highlight of the Toodyay Cricket Club's opening game of the 40-over competition. He was ably supported by fellow 17-year-old, Kirwan Stuart, who made 92.

Higgins' century was the club's first at senior level for about 5 years, ensuring a

convincing win for Toodyay over Railways.

The club Under 16 team also started the season with a convincing win even though the team is still short of a few players. Anyone in years 8, 9 and 10 is welcome to join the team by contacting John Lucas on 9574 2406.

The Under 13 Primary School team this year has, once again, had good numbers roll up and the club has decided to enter two teams in this division to ensure all the boys get more cricket. With two teams, anyone in years 5, 6 and 7 can still join now by contacting Paul Morgan on 9574 5765.

'A' Grade

Sat 16 Oct - 20/20 Game

Toodyay 4 for 101 lost to Grass Valley White 104

Toodyay Batting:
Paul Morgan 28no
Damien Higgins 27no
Kirwan Stuart 20

Toodyay Bowling:
Patrick Cording 2 for 1
Jack Dasborough 2 for 11

Sun 24 Oct - 40 over Game

Toodyay 6 for 285 def Railways 188

Toodyay Batting:
Corey Higgins 119
Kirwan Stuart 92
Jack Dasborough 24

Toodyay Bowling:
Blade Brown 2 for 16
Ryan Van Beek 2 for 27
Ben Jenkins 2 for 28
Jack Dasborough 2 for 42

November

Sat 6 Country Cup Bert Hawke
Sun 7 Country Cup Bert Hawke
Sun 14 Toodyay v Federals Toodyay Oval 12.30pm

Sun 21 Toodyay v Emus Toodyay Oval 12.30pm

Sun 28 Grass Valley Green v Toodyay Bert Hawke #2 12.30pm

December

Sun 5 Toodyay v Roos Toodyay Oval 12.30pm

Under 16 Juniors

30 over Game

Toodyay 7 for 196 defeated Avon West 52

Toodyay Batting:
Damon Geary 73no
Tom Lucas 41no
Connor McBride 29

Toodyay Bowling:
Damon Geary 3 for 3
Tom Lucas 2 for 5
Mitchell Cording 1 for 7
Jeremy Ferguson 1 for 8
Michael Hart 1 for 8

Fixtures

November

Sat 6 St Josephs v Toodyay Bert Hawke #1 8.30am

Sat 13 Toodyay v Avon West Toodyay Oval 8.30am

Sat 20 Toodyay v NSHS Toodyay Oval 8.30am

Sat 27 St Josephs v Toodyay Bert Hawke #1 8.30am

December

Sat 4 Toodyay v Avon West Toodyay Oval 8.30am

Under 13 Juniors

Fixtures

November

Sat 6 Toodyay Gold v St Josephs

Toodyay School
Avon West Gold v Toodyay Red
Henry St Oval
Both 8.30am

Sat 13 Toodyay Gold v Avon West Gold

Toodyay School
NPS v Toodyay Red
Henry St Oval
Both 8.30am

Sun 14 Rutherford Shield Training

Bert Hawke
10am

Sat 20 Toodyay Gold v NPS Toodyay School

Avon West Blue v Toodyay Red
Avonvale Sch
Both 8.30am

Sun 21 Rutherford Shield Training

Bert Hawke
10am

Sat 27 Toodyay Red v Toodyay Gold

Toodyay School
8.30am

Sun 28 Rutherford Shield

Northam v Merredin Tammin

December

Sat 4 Toodyay Red v St Josephs

Toodyay School
Avon West Blue v Toodyay Gold
Henry St Oval
Both 8.30am

Toodyay Tennis Club

Angela Fox

GETTING a bit hot now on the courts, so thankfully we are starting now at 8.30. The numbers are still good, which is great. We are hoping to start Friday nights soon. Also, we will put a notice at the supermarket, so watch out for that.

Nice to see Mike is getting on so well with his arm; hopefully he will back on the courts in the not too distant future.

Congratulations to Judy and David on the birth of their darling little grandchild. Also, all the very best to Beryl and Tim in their new house.

There's not much other news for this month. Keep well and come to tennis when you can.

Toodyay Pony Club

THE year has flown by and our last rally for 2010 has been held. We have had a very busy last few months with competitions and fundraisers and replacement of the cross country course continuing at a rapid pace.

Some of you may remember back in August on a rather dry weekend, a boat race came through town, accompanied by the Toodyay Food Festival. Those down at Duidgee Park may have seen a bunch of ponies down by the riverside beside a small tent advertising Pony Rides run by Toodyay Pony Club. We are so fortunate to have such a great selection of ponies (and horses) owned privately by our members. These ponies and their owners walked all day with an assortment of children on their back, taking regular breaks but well and truly earning their weight in gold. A huge thanks to everyone who helped and supported this very successful fundraiser.

The dressage championships, which were

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Emily Carpenter, Hayley Duckworth and Caitlin Duckworth at the Perth Royal Show

held at SEC on 11 and 12 September was a full two days of competition with over 600 riders competing from all over the state. Everyone enjoyed a very social weekend, in an extremely relaxed atmosphere. For a small club, to have 10 riders at the championships to represent Toodyay was a fantastic effort. Once again we must take our hats off to Rhonda and Jennifer Kob for fantastic choreography and music composition. A big thank you to Rachel Cook and her side kick Tash for their artistic contribution to the costumes. The character helmets were a sensation and all mothers are eternally grateful to Tash for her sewing efforts. It was very encouraging to receive so much positive feedback from other competitors regarding our entry. Our riders placed third in this event, but in all Toodyay members' hearts, our team was first. To have so many young riders in a team riding to such intricate choreography was truly an outstanding achievement!

Rachel Cook and Sam James turned both themselves and their ponies out to an excellent standard to compete on Sunday in the Wanda Nelson pair of ponies' event. This was Sam's first attempt at riding a pair's event and to his credit, rode a lovely test. It is far more difficult to ride as a pair, than to ride alone. Each rider must at all times be aware of the other and constantly regulate rhythm and tempo to suit the other, whilst all the while ride accurate lines and circles. Well done the pair of you!

Our three youngest members were lucky enough to be invited to the Perth Royal Show to compete in the Combined Leading Rein class on 1 October. This is huge event for such young riders but Emily Carpenter (4yrs), Hayley Duckworth (7yrs) and

Caitlin Duckworth (6yrs) handled it with ease, loving the chance to get dressed up in their best riding clothes and riding a real show pony. The ponies used were Tyalla Dimity, Tyalla Opal and Tyalla Divinity, owned by Rhonda Kob. The girls were led out in a class of 15 and rode very nicely to receive a participation ribbon and a small toy. I'm sure the highlight for each of them was answering questions over the loudspeaker and was nice for their proud parents to hear their answers in loud, clear voices announced over the showground.

One of the highlights of the year for all members is the Toodyay Show. After a year of lessons, it is really nice to prepare your horse and yourself for a day of competing in Official classes against some of the best riders in WA. Most of our members this year entered the show and were seen at the end of the day with ribbons galore hanging off their horses' and ponies' necks with even a few very happy riders taking home trophies and prizes! It was a very successful and enjoyable day for these riders and they should be very proud of the effort they have put into their riding.

Now, to wind up the year, we are looking forward to holding our camp, awards night and AGM at Mrs Tighe's farm on 27 and 28 November. We were hoping to hold a huge event to celebrate the opening of the cross country course and recognise Toodyay Pony Club's 30th year but, due to ongoing problems regarding the lease, this has had to be postponed, much to our disappointment. We hope to set the new date soon as these events are much too important to be dismissed.

For any enquiries please call the Secretary, Tanzi, on 0427 859 493.

Australian Country Cricket Championships

THE 2011 Commonwealth Bank Australian Country Cricket Championships received a major boost with the WA Department of Sport and Recreation supporting a grant application to become the State Supporting Partner of the event to be hosted in the Bunbury Region in January next year.

The support comes just three months before the championships are due to begin and will assist in ensuring the financial viability of this major Australian Regional Sporting Carnival.

In announcing the successful grant application, the Minister for Sport and Recreation and former leading country cricketer, the Hon Terry 'Tuck' Waldron MLA said, "I have competed in these championships seven times—so I know how much fun they are. More importantly, I know how much sport means in the country. The clubs are very often the glue that holds the community together. In difficult seasons like this year, many in the country are under pressure and getting together with friends through sport is a great way to break down social isolation and share problems – so I am very happy that my department is supporting this event."

Organising Chairman, Peter Grygorcewicz was delighted by the announcement saying, "This is a great result for the hard work of members, our organising committee who have worked with the DSR's South West Manager, Troy Jones, to submit an excellent grant application which will now help to underpin the success of the championships."

The championships are due to kick off with T20 fixtures in Bunbury on 3 January before heading out of town for a series of one-day and two-day fixtures in Collie, Donnybrook-Balingup, Harvey and Capel Shires and then returning to the City of Bunbury to complete the 12 days of exciting cricket.

For further information regarding the championships please do not hesitate to contact either Peter or Dave by phoning 9731 1556 or 0418 930 150 or emailing hutch1@iinet.net.au.

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