



**From the desk of the Chief Executive Officer**

The youth of the district will be delighted to witness the construction progress of our new skate park in Duidgee Park. This Shire initiative, being funded essentially by Royalties for Regions money, will provide our youth with a state-of-the-art recreation facility. The project has received significant support from local businesses with donations of labour, machinery and materials. It is pleasing to note that the major beneficiaries of this project, namely the youth, have also made a positive contribution through fundraising activities.

Special thanks are extended to the following businesses for their support and contributions: Vernice Pty Ltd; Toodyay Sands; Reids Mechweld; Mobile Concrete Services; Ask Sean; and Midalia Steel.

DME Contractors has been appointed to oversee the project. In recent weeks, the Shire's Auditors have been undertaking the Shire of Toodyay's 2009/10 Annual Audit. The Audit Report and supporting Auditors' Management Report were considered by Council at a Special Meeting held on 23 February 2011.

As a result of the meeting, a detailed resolution resulted which, in part, requires various actions including:

- Referral to the Department of Local Government in order for the Department to assess whether an Inquiry into the financial management of the Shire of Toodyay is warranted; and
- Referral to the Corruption and Crime Commission.

The referrals to the external agencies relate specifically to the

potential "Misapplication of funds and property" as prescribed in Part 8, Division 4 of the Local Government Act, 1995.

Progress is being made in relation to the design and documentation of the required repairs to the Toodyay Footbridge substructure and replacement superstructure. On 18 February 2011, I met with the Consulting Engineers with a view to finalising the technical specifications relating to the footbridge infrastructure. Upon receipt of the finalised engineering documentation, it is intended that a two-part tender process will be enacted involving two specific project elements, namely substructure work and superstructure replacement.

At this stage, it is not possible to predict a likely timeframe for the re-commissioning of the footbridge however the Shire is focused on progressing this project as a matter of priority. Unfortunately, the cost of the project is difficult to estimate in advance of the project being put out to tender. The tender process will ensure that Council is fully informed in respect of potential cost implications before deliberating on whether to proceed with the project.

Acknowledging the inconvenience the closure of the footbridge has caused the community, I would like to thank regular users of the bridge for their patience and understanding in respect of this matter.

Simon Fraser

**Building Regulation Reform**

The State Government is presently considering a number of Bill's which would introduce reforms to building regulation in Western Australia. This will not only impact upon local government approval process but will also affect the building process and people working in the building field. There are three Bill's presently being considered:

1. The Building Services (Complaint Resolution and Administration) Bill  
Builders, painters and building surveyors are currently registered under three separate statutes. The new Bill, along with the Building Services (Registration) Bill 2010, will replace those statutes with a single system of registration and approval for persons working in the building industry. The CRA will establish a new Building Commissioner as a statutory role and the new Building Commission as a central place for the administration of building regulation and customer service.

2. Building Services (Registration) Bill  
The Building Services (Registration) Bill (the bill) updates practitioner registration and provides a more flexible framework for the registration and regulation of building service providers. Initially, it will cover builders, painters and building surveyors and specialist certifiers, and provides for approval of owner-builders. The Bill will establish a new Building Services Board to replace the current Builders' Registration Board, Painters' Registration Board and the Building Surveyors Qualifications Committee and will provide disciplinary powers.

3. Building Bill  
A new Building Act is being developed to replace the Building Regulations 1989 and parts of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1960. The Building Bill will cover all building and the whole State of Western Australia, introduce permit issuing authorities, enable private certification of design compliance. The Bill includes:

- All buildings to be covered, including those owned by the Crown;
- Giving a clearer definition of what constitutes a building and clear exemptions from the building permit process;
- Nominating Permit Authorities - confirms local government's role issuing building permits, also enables State Government or special permit authorities are able to issue building and occupancy permits and to enforce building control;
- Enables private registered building surveyors to certify design compliance;
- Introducing separate and streamlined processes for approving domestic and commercial buildings;
- Retaining the option for owners to use the current local government combined certification and permit issuing function for residential construction houses and minor building work (class 1 and 10);
- Taking a risk-based approach to inspection requirements so that registered building professionals require less independent checking than lay designers and owner-builders;
- Providing a clear end-point to the construction process, and certification that the building complies with the building permit issued;
- Registering a wider range of industry practitioners to certify compliance;
- Implementing a nationally agreed accreditation framework for building surveyors; and
- Implementing a process for the assessment and approval of building works carried out without a building permit.

Copies of the Bill's and information is available on the Building Commissions website at <http://www.buildingcommission.wa.gov.au>.

**Council Dates**  
**15 March:** Ordinary Meeting of Council, Council Chambers, 7pm.  
**19 April:** Ordinary Meeting of Council, Bejoording Fire Shed, 7pm.  
**17 May:** Ordinary Meeting of Council, Council Chambers, 7pm.

**Free Worm Farm and Compost Workshops**  
 Following the popularity and success of the "Community Worm Farm and Compost Bin Workshops" that were held last year, further workshops have been scheduled for Tuesday 5 April, 6.00pm and Saturday 16 April, 10.00am at the Toodyay Community Centre.

Orders can be placed, and / or workshop bookings made at the Shire Administration Centre. Products will be ordered in batches and delivered to the Shire Depot for collection. Please note that product numbers are limited and will be allocated on a first come first serve basis. One subsidy applies to each rate assessment.

Further information is available by phoning the Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Sam Mastrolembo, on 9574 2258.

*The subsidies, giving residents and ratepayers the opportunity to purchase heavily discounted 'greenlife' composting products, have been made possible by funding received from the Waste Authority's Regional Funding Programme for Local Government and the Shire of Toodyay.*

	RRP	Resident Price
210 lt Compost Bin with aerator	\$67.65	\$35.00
340 lt Compost Bin with aerator	\$99.55	\$50.00
220 lt Tumbling Compost Bin	\$209.00	\$130.00
Worm Cafe Worm Farm	\$207.00	\$130.00
1kg Worms	\$95.00	\$45.00

**Clean Up Australia Day**

**Volunteers needed**

Sunday 6 March 2011

**Duidgee Park**

8.30am - 11.00am

Please wear a hat, long pants and enclosed shoes. Gloves will be provided.

**Enjoy a free sausage sizzle afterwards**

Further information or to register your interest contact Kerry Skinner on telephone 9574 5126, or

Greg Warburton, mobile 0438 920 617 or after hours 9574 5445.

**Proposed Temporary Road Closure**

An application has been received for a temporary road closure of Stirling Terrace for the Toodyay Moondyne Festival. Road Closure would commence at 7.00am and conclude at 5.00pm, Sunday 1 May 2011.

Concerns, comments and submissions from the public are welcomed. They should be presented in writing and will be received until 4.00pm Friday 7 April 2011 at the Shire of Toodyay Administration Centre, 15 Fiennes Street (PO Box 96) TOODYAY WA 6566.

**Simon Fraser**  
**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

**Summer Skate Series**

The final round of the YMCA HQ's 2010/2011 Summer Skate Series was held at the Toodyay Skate Park on Saturday 12 February.

Supported by Healthway and Drug Aware, Department of Sport and Recreation as well as local and regional councils across Western Australia, the YMCA HQ Summer Skate series involved 11 skateboarding competitions, both in metropolitan and regional areas.

Almost 20 skaters registered at the Toodyay competition for the State qualifying event. The majority of entrants competed in the 12 & under division. There were limited competitors in the 18 & under division, therefore the decision was made on the day to compete this with the Open division.

The place getters in divisions competed in on the day are listed below:

Division	Name	Place
12 & Under	Cameron Boden	3rd
12 & Under	Noah McPherson	2nd
12 & Under	Max Kunkler	1st
15 & Under	Peter Wozlowski	3rd
15 & Under	Zaine Hicks	2nd
15 & Under	Thomas Harrison	1st
Open	Sean McDermott	3rd
Open	Stephen Logan	2nd
Open	Daine Brown	1st

All of the above named competitors have now qualified through to the State Final which is being held at YMCA HQ Leederville on Saturday 5th March - congratulations and good luck!



**Library News**

**Hot and bothered? You'll find cool comfort and a freshly brewed coffee in the Library!**  
**We're open weekdays 9am - 5pm; Saturday 9am - 1pm**

**Library Trivia**

Ever wondered where the internationally acclaimed numbering system for non-fiction was derived? The "Dewey" system was the brainchild of Melvil Dewey, an American librarian who founded the American Library Association. Melvil Dewey became chief librarian of Columbia University in 1883, he then served as the director of the New York State library for a total of 17 years.

The "Dewey" decimal classification dates back to 1876. It is now the most widely used method throughout the world for classifying books in libraries. This system recognises subjects, dividing them into 10 main groups with numeric representation. Each main class is broken into more specialised fields. When the classification becomes further defined, decimals are used to represent specific areas. As the classification becomes more detailed the decimal fractions increase.

**February in the Library**

**Sharing a Good Read**

Thursday 10 & 24 March, 10.00am. "Alternative Medicine" "Childhood Memories" and "The Seven Deadly Sins & Virtues" are a few of our topics to cover this year.

**Toodyay Crime Club**

Friday 18 March, 10.30am. If you're interested in true crime, analysing crime scene reconstructions and examining what makes a person turn to crime then this is the club for you!

**Baby Rhyme Time and Story Time**

Friday mornings, 10.30am - 11.30am. "Summertime" and "Fun at the Beach" shall continue throughout March. Come and see our colourful display!

**Morangup Library**

Tuesday 8 and 22 March, Morangup Community Centre, 3.00pm - 5.00pm. Maureen, Peter and their band of helpers look forward to seeing you there. Don't forget you can phone us on 9574 2323 or complete a request slip to order that book you can't find.



**YOUTH WEEK**  
**1 - 10 April 2011**

The Shire of Toodyay, in conjunction with the Toodyay Youth Hall Committee, are hosting an open day for the new Youth Hall.

Located behind the Toodyay Baptist Church, the Hall has been built specifically for Youth use, funded by Lotterywest and the Toodyay Baptist Church.

Coinciding with the opening will be a Youth Activities day, Saturday 2 April, 10am - 2pm. If you're aged 12 - 25 years you're a Youth, and are encouraged to join in this free event. Activities will include pool competitions, basketball, table tennis, arts and crafts and much more! It is also proposed to host a blue light disco from 7pm to 11pm.

For more information please contact Jo Buegge on 0428291302.

**Disposal of Property by Public Tender**  
**March 2011**

The Shire of Toodyay invites tenders for the purchase of the following property for disposal by public tender:

1. 1971 MK 4 ACCO 4x4 Truck GCM12485
2. Ute mounted Elevated Work Platform - scrap value only
3. Used pine poles, assorted sizes
4. Used playground equipment, pine post construction; twin fibreglass slide

**Conditions of Tendering**

Tenders may be:

- a) delivered by hand to the tender box located at the Shire of Toodyay Administration Centre at Fiennes St, Toodyay or;
- b) sent through the mail for placement in the tender box. Tenders should be addressed to the Chief Executive Officer; PO Box 96, Toodyay, WA, 6566.

The tender must be lodged by the deadline. The deadline for this invitation is 4.00pm Friday 1 April 2011. The tender must be:

- a) placed in a sealed envelope; and
- b) clearly endorsed with the item you are tendering on and titled as "Tender - Disposal of Property".

The aforementioned items may be inspected at the Works Depot, by appointment made through the Shire Administration on 9574 2258.

**'Be Active'**  
**Beach Volleyball Competition**  
Toodyay Beach Volleyball Competition has commenced! Six teams are competing for the 2011 honours. Come down to the Toodyay Bowling Club, Sundays from 4pm to watch!

**Shire of Toodyay**  
**Community Sponsorship**

The Shire of Toodyay is calling for applications from local organisations as part of its Community Sponsorship program. Requests may be made for a specific event or project, or for a contribution towards continued operations.

If your organisation or club would like to apply for sponsorship, further information and application forms are available by contacting the Shire's Manager of Finance, Cherie Delmage, on 9574 2258 or via the Shire's website at [www.toodyay.wa.gov.au](http://www.toodyay.wa.gov.au)

**Applications close 4.30pm Thursday 31st March 2011.**

**Keep Australia Beautiful**



The Shire of Toodyay is proposing to establish a Tidy Towns Committee. Individuals, businesses and community groups keen to participate in promoting the Shire of Toodyay as a neat and sustainable community are encouraged to register their interest.

In addition to promoting a positive visual aspect, the Tidy Towns initiative incorporates environmental challenges and considerations, litter control, wildlife habitat preservation and restoration of historical buildings, all which are significant characteristics of the Shire of Toodyay.

The Committee would oversee, co-ordinate and report on activities in the Shire and also be the link between community, Shire, Keep Australia Beautiful Council and Department of Environmental Protection.

Expressions of interest are sought from interested community members to establish a Tidy Towns Committee for the Shire of Toodyay. To register or for further information please telephone the Shire on 9574 2258.

# health matters

## Toodyay Medical Centre

Richard Walkey

AT the surgery, we recently underwent accreditation. This is done every three years and involves a rigorous review of equipment, procedures and quality of care given to patients. Although it takes some time to get the official report, I feel confident that the staff at the surgery has once again met the standards with plenty to spare.

As a team we depend on each other and the differing skills brought to the job. Our nurses are top rate but the competition for their skills has made them much in demand with many government agencies that have started in the region in the last couple of years paying up to 50% more per hour, a situation that cannot continue if we are to retain them. You will notice some billing changes at the surgery that reflect this need to improve their conditions and I have approached the Shire CEO and, through him, the Councillors, to look at short- and long-term options for keeping and improving medical services in this area.

One option discussed locally has been the GP Super Clinic in Northam which would concentrate on Northam as the centre for services and other towns having visiting GPs on a rotation and /or reduced service basis. Whilst not an option I like, the reality is that one or two GPs can only do so much before burnout sets in or some leave for family reasons or better working conditions. I hope that I can have fruitful discussions now to help for now and the future.

Type 1 diabetes, often thought of as early onset diabetes requiring insulin, may be linked or triggered by an enterovirus after research has suggested that children with type 1 diabetes are 10 times as likely to have had an infection compared with controls. Though not confirmed it does open up the possibility of immunising against the disease if found to be the case. Type 2 diabetes is the type of diabetes that comes on more with age and a sedentary lifestyle. For adults,

reducing the risk of diabetes could be as simple as walking 10,000 steps a day with the risk halved over five years for those that do this. If developed to reduce circulation problems both of the heart and peripheral blood vessels adding a fenofibrate to a statin could be very helpful to reduce blood fats as low as possible.

Long used in the treatment of breast cancer Tamoxifen could reduce the risk of lung cancer in women. The reduction in deaths approached 87% in a Swiss trial and, if repeated in other studies, could have substantial implications for clinical practice. Early detection services for breast cancer have reduced mortality by 30%.

Finally, for the just in case it comes up at a quiz night, archaeologists believe the first people came to Fiji in 1500BC from South-East Asia.

## Free Whooping Cough Vaccinations

FREE whooping cough vaccinations are now available to all West Australian parents, grandparents and carers of young babies. The eligibility criteria are those living with a baby born 1 July 2010 – 30 June 2011, within 6 months of the baby's birth.

Avon and Central Wheatbelt Primary Health encourages parents, grandparents and carers to take advantage of the free vaccine to help prevent the spread of whooping cough to newborn babies, who are the most vulnerable to the infection.

Australian research has shown that about 50 per cent of babies who catch whooping cough get it from a family member, most commonly a parent. A vaccination would help protect parents from catching the infection and passing it on to their baby.

Whooping cough, also known as pertussis, is an acute respiratory infection, which is transmitted from one person to another through respiratory droplets when an infected person talks, sneezes or coughs. The classic 'whooping' sound associated with pertussis is created when a patient is forced to breathe in vigorously in order to catch their breath

following an extended coughing fit. Whooping cough can cause severe health problems in young babies, including pneumonia, seizures and in some cases, permanent disability or death.

Avon and Central Wheatbelt Primary Health will be holding vaccination clinics for all parents, grandparents and carers who meet the eligibility criteria of "those living with a baby born 1 July 2010 – 30 June 2011, within 6 months of the baby's birth". Anyone else interested in receiving a booster for pertussis should consult their General Practitioner.

For further enquiries or bookings please ring 9690 1320.

## Psychological Health

Richard Taylor  
Specialist Clinical Psychologist

### Technology and psychological health

I AM increasingly coming across media reports and research about technology and its impact on behaviour. Media articles are common with headings such as 'An ugly toll of technology: impatience and forgetfulness' and 'More Americans sense a downside to an always plugged-in existence'.

We are all aware of the rapid growth of technology, particularly hand-held devices. While it may make our lives and jobs easier in some respects, it appears from surveys that the technology is intrusive and increases levels of stress and makes concentration more difficult. One survey last year conducted by the *New York Times* found that 30 per cent of those under 30 years found that the use of these devices made it harder to focus. Less than 10 per cent of older users agreed.

Another finding is that 40 per cent of users can find it hard to shut down after work or when on vacation. One in seven married respondents surveyed said the use of these devices was causing them to see less of their spouses. One in ten said that they spent less time with their children under 18 years.

Nicholas Carr, the author of a new book on what the internet is doing to our brains, says that social and family responsibilities, work and other pressures influence our use of technology. In a recent blog on the topic he reportedly said, "The deeper a technology is woven into the patterns of everyday life, the less choice we have about whether and how we use that technology."

Some researchers have concluded that excessive technology use is a problem similar to an eating disorder. Both are essential to daily life for many and, if it has proven difficult to give up disordered online behaviour, then moderation and controlled use may be a first option. Some use the internet 'as a way of escape' and in these cases the underlying psychological issues may have to be examined.

### Mental health ministers

A new Mental Health Minister has just been appointed in Queensland with first-term MP Curtis Pitt being sworn in as the Disabilities, Mental Health and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander minister.

The new Mental Health Minister in WA is

## Wheatbelt Clinical Psychology

- Psychological health problems and disorders
- Work, career problems, business issues and change of direction
  - Workers' compensation
  - Legal reports

Toodyay & Bindoon

## Richard Taylor

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Helen Morton who was the Parliamentary Secretary for the previous minister.

Many hope that more funding will flow to mental health services. However, it is also important that the new ministers can drive new models of service delivery to promote accessibility to services particularly in rural and remote areas.

### Diabetes

A book that explores the application of new behavioural approaches in the management of diabetes may be of interest to some readers. It is called 'The Diabetes Lifestyle Book, facing your fears and making changes for a long and healthy life', New Harbinger, (2007), and written by Jennifer Gregg, Glenn Callaghan, and Steven Hayes (all are psychology academics). A copy is being donated to the Toodyay library.

## Dealing with Personal Difficulties after a Storm

Julian Krieg  
The Regional Men's Health Initiative

ONE of the frustrating things about personal recovery after any storm in our lives, either real or emotional, is that there is often no one to blame. When we try to work through such situations we ask ourselves all sorts of questions about what we could have done differently, and all the 'what if' scenarios flow through our heads and tend to create additional frustrations. We try our best to guess the future, particularly what will happen next and when, but our guesses often lead to extra stress and frustration.

It is important to realise that we can find ourselves creating additional problems by taking out our frustrations on those nearest and dearest to us. Often this behaviour is unintended but can lead to us alienating ourselves from those who are in the best position to give us emotional support, our families and friends.

We react to worries and distress in many different ways. Sometimes putting our foot in our mouth! I know I have done it with people I care about and it can be embarrassing and damaging to relationships. Be quick to say sorry if needed.

There are things we need to consider if we find ourselves lashing out at people unnecessarily. We need to understand that we all like to shift responsibility for difficult "before storm" situations to someone else. We often hear people cursing God when things go wrong but this doesn't do much good because God doesn't answer back. Blaming others or growling at our loved ones is often an indication of our own frustration with ourselves in not being able to fix the problems.

When we fail to deal with a misdirected outburst we often alienate the person who has borne the brunt of our frustration. When this happens it can have a detrimental impact and makes it very hard to restore the trust needed to get things back together again.

As we face the problems created by any storm it is important to realise these things can impact on our wellbeing.

Remember a few key points:

- Share with others how you are coping. (hurt, angry, worried, vulnerable or stressed etc).
- Accept responsibility for communicating how you are.
- If we make a mistake or lose your temper act quickly to rectify that mistake before it festers into something major.

Remember our catchcry, *TALK TO A MATE* ...before it gets too much. Storms create pressures in all sorts of different ways. Don't let it get between you and those that matter most in helping to deal with the problems.

If you need to talk your feelings over with someone give us a call. Our office number is 9690 2277, Julian's mobile 0428 211 537, Owen 0427 716 060 and Heydi 0438 910 148.



**PHCS**  
PERTH HOME CARE SERVICES

**VDQ\***  
**TOODYAY**

\*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.
- Weekly Sunday & Monday overnight shifts as well as some morning shifts available

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

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## Toodyay Theatre Group

AUDITIONS for 'CinderFELLA' A Modern Twist On An Age Old Classic were held on Tuesday 22 February.

It was a delight to be part of the audition process with many talented actors trying out for their favourite role in the up-coming production. New talent was discovered and our more experienced members didn't let us down.

IT'S NOT TOO LATE! We still need extras for a crowd scene, dancers and understudies. PLUS, we need production crew to help with various jobs.

Rehearsals are every Tuesday and Thursday at 7pm so please call Dave on 0400 283 425 or Gina on 9584 0136 if you want to be involved.

## RSL Toodyay Sub Branch

**John Adams**  
Secretary/Treasurer

WITH Anzac Day fast approaching we are about to get into full swing in organising this important event. The day will include the usual Dawn Service, March and Main Service. Full details will be published in the April issue of "The Toodyay Herald". The main problem we have this year is the lack of any pipers and/or drummers for the march. Any assistance in this regard would be most welcome.

The Sub Branch is also exploring the possibility of compiling a history of the RSL in Toodyay and personal histories or narratives of ex-servicemen and women. This could also include any relevant anecdotes or stories which people may remember. To assist us in formulating an oral, written and/or photographic history we would appreciate any help and suggestions.

If you have any information or ideas could you please contact John Adams on 9574 5681.

## Inside the Shed

A NOTE to keep you up to date:

Did you know that we have a Breakfast at the Shed (6176 Toodyay Rd), 7.30am start for 8am, on the **last Saturday** of the month. The last one saw twenty-four members turn up and had great fellowship. It will be bigger and better on 26 February but do not forget to give Geoff (9574 4568) or Jeff (9574 2498) a bell to let us know you are coming. We would like to see you, enjoy your company and keep you abreast with what is going on.

This February Breakfast, we will be playing host to Northam and York Men's Sheds as we hand over to those 'Sheds' our Tool and Equipment Loan Resource. This is sponsored by Makita Australia and The Real Estate Institute of Western Australia and others and has been of such a benefit to our community through 2010. Those Sheds can, in turn, provide assistance to their communities which were badly damaged in the recent storm, with many suffering considerable hardship.

The Shire of Toodyay has given us to understand that they are prepared to consider a plan for us to take up a plot of ground immediately west of the new Works Depot (adjacent to the old railway station) out on Railway Road and situated 3.35kms from Harper Road.

Your Management Committee will consider that proposition amongst other options being made available to us and will call a Special General Meeting for the membership to decide upon where our premises could be built.

It is good to see that those who have not enjoyed the best of health recently are now out and about and feeling a lot better. Keep on Bob, Karl, Phil, Irish and Joe.

Enquiries are welcome from those men of all ages who may wish to take part with this amazing group of men.

## AVON VALLEY PEST CONTROL

(P.H.D. LIC 655)

**Chris Openshaw**

FOR ALL YOUR PEST CONTROL REQUIREMENTS

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Toodyay

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9574 2639

## Toodyay Mini Rail

**June Eastwood**

A QUIET time as we are in recess with the exception of a few private runs. On Australia Day we had our diesels running for the many children and adults who took the opportunity of a happy ride around the track.

Despite a knee replacement, Vern continues to shovel soil onto the works wagon which is then distributed round to widen shoulders of the track. Eight days after surgery he was bucketing water onto our plants which proves you can't keep a good man down. Our Treasurer is another who is recovering from an operation, as is Smoky's co-owner, Betty. Hopefully this means they will all be in fine fettle by the start of the new season.

The Shire is anxious to see a wheelchair access to our station and plans are under way. We cannot carry wheel chairs as their height above a flat bed wagon would be too high for safety. However, if a person is reasonably able we have been able to assist them into a carriage from their chair.

## Toodyay Music Club

**Jenny Edgecombe**

THERE was always a possibility that a theme night based on 'Love Gone Wrong' would be a rather mournful affair. Not at Toodyay Music Club in February! The performers and audience obviously enjoyed their music even though some of the lyrics were real tearjerkers.

It would be impossible to pick just one favourite item from an evening where our members presented such wide-ranging entertainment. Peter's subtle guitar and singing of the popular blues classic, 'Cry Me A River', and Frank's 'Stand By Me' were both striking, but it is only possible to describe a small sample of the evening's music. Eileen and Maurice combined well with lovely harmonies in Rhythm of the Rain, and Joe's offbeat 'Her Father Didn't Like Me Anyway' was well received.

The Missing Chords and Keys contributed a well-presented and moving piece involving Bob weaving the spoken words around Rhonda and Kathy's singing in 'I Love You.' Members of our regular band, Allan, Leila, Spencer and Teddy, really produced an outstanding sound this month as they sang Teddy's choice, 'Your Cheatin' Heart'.

It was good to see Terry and Coralie again. Terry's version of 'The Death of Queen Jane' gained him a whole new fan club. What a wonderful voice he has. New members Pete and Meg were warmly welcomed. Pete played some short banjo pieces very well for someone who started playing so recently and Meg's reading of her own poem, 'The Winter It Forgot to Rain', struck a chord with many in the audience.

The following day, a number of our members joined the Toodyay Community Singers in raising funds for Disaster Relief. We defied the howling gale and sang outdoors, a great opportunity to sing with a different group and hear some new performers. We enjoyed ourselves immensely and helped raise a substantial sum for the victims of the numerous recent natural disasters in our country.

Members, please remember that we have two extra opportunities for performing in March, one on the morning following the next club night and the other at Beth Avon



TOODYAY HOSPITAL 1895

### Toodyay Chiropractic Centre

7 Henry Street West  
(Behind Old Newcastle Hospital)

Office Hours:

Mon: 4pm - 6pm

Tue: 2pm - 6pm

Fri: 4pm - 6pm

Sat: 8.30am - 11am

Telephone: 9574 2493

in Northam on 31 March. Contact Joe on 0417 910 050 for more details.

The next two club meetings will be the usual free choice for performers, followed by a theme night set around Boats and associated music in May.

Next Meeting: 7pm, Friday 11 March. Any style of singing or instrumental performance is welcome, so long as it is 'acoustic'. Second Friday of each month at the CWA Hall. Further Information: Teddy or Spencer on 9574 4492.

## Arts Toodyay

**Margot Watkins**

A GREAT start to the year has seen the group expand its compass by embracing more of the arts with the very first writers' group meeting on 8 February. All had a very productive time with plenty to enjoy. It was decided to commence meetings at 7.30 instead of 7pm and they will take place twice a month on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at Duke St. Ring Nuala for details on 0429 386 317.

We have now a very classy membership card which can be used to negotiate discounts from artist supply stores. Of course you need to join up first! Even more reason to come along and see what we do.

A reminder of the March workshop coming up at a very moderate price as it is subsidised by our community group's allocation from the Shire. It runs for two days on 19 and 20 March at a cost of \$65 plus a basic kit for \$10. Again a 9am start. Jacky McFarlane is bringing her skills and experience to help you create a journal using found objects to create a tactile assemblage or sculptural piece. Ring Ruth on 9574 4695 to book or for more information. This is open to anyone in the community; there is no need to be a member. Places are limited though.

Remember our exhibition in May for the Moondyne Festival, titled 'Waggas and Wonders'. Any art, textile or craftwork inspired by the 1930s can be entered and is free. It will be held in the CWA Hall which is the perfect setting as its walls would bear witness to many a creative endeavour over the years and much else besides. This is a great way to participate in this festival if you haven't done so before. Contact John on 9574 4664 with enquiries if needed.



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- Significant Events
- Agriculture and Commercial Activities

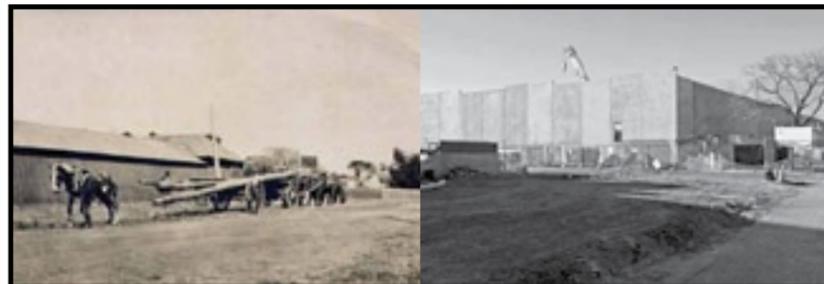
Bring out your photographs, slides, videos and home movies.

Toodyay Historical Society would like to make copies of suitable items to include them in the exhibition. Prompt return of originals assured. Possible assistance can be given to convert some Super 8 and video movies to digital format on DVD.

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The two photos below are taken from the same position nearly 100 years apart.



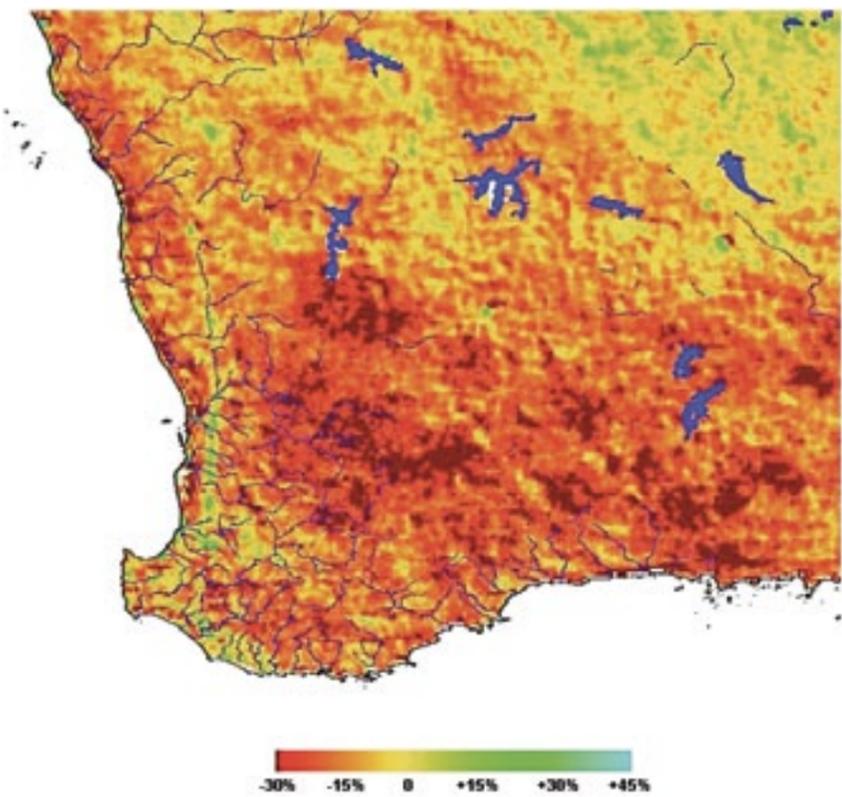
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Difference in mean soil moisture between 2009 and 2010. (The extensive red colour indicates that 2010 was significantly drier than 2009.)

## WA's Record Dry Captured from Space

THE grip of the drought in Western Australia's farming regions is showing up from space.

A new system developed by Landgate's Satellite Remote Sensing Services has, for the first time, enabled regional information to be gathered on soil moisture levels throughout the State. Data analysis shows stark evidence of the effects of the drought on the South West agricultural regions which are, on average, twenty percent drier than 2009.

Satellite image processing shows the effects of the record dry are widespread, with most farming areas from Geraldton to Esperance suffering. In some cases soil moisture levels are below what plants require for survival.

The soil moisture analysis system developed by Landgate generates more spatially detailed readings than traditionally provided by satellite passive microwave sensors. The new method uses multiple thermal imaging to gauge soil moisture at levels never previously achieved. It has pinpointed the hardest hit areas as Wialki, Gabbin, Kondinin, Karlgarin, Wickepin, Toolibin, Salmon Gums and Yilkari.

The new system can also be used in flood monitoring by gauging soil saturation and how that will affect run off from rainfall. Its applications in both flood and drought monitoring will be universal. The new process complements current measurement methods and is expected to attract widespread scientific interest.

## Farmers should Think before Burning Stubbles

THE Department of Agriculture and Food is encouraging farmers to consider all options before burning stubbles prior to seeding crops this season.

Department grains industry development officer, Ben Curtis, said burning stubbles had the advantage of removing some weed seeds, pests and diseases, but also left the ground bare to wind erosion and damaged long-term soil sustainability.

However, given the dry season which has significantly reduced crop biomass and the generally short harvest heights last year, it is unlikely that significant burning might occur this year. Most crop paddocks will be heavily grazed if farmers have sheep and won't need burning to allow easier seeding.

Disease loads in cereals will be lower as a consequence of the dry season so wheat on wheat will be more popular than normal and a lower risk than after a high rainfall year.

"Burning stubble removes valuable nitrogen, soil carbon and other nutrients and leaves the ground vulnerable to damage from wind erosion," Mr Curtis said. "The decision not to burn is made easy where maximum ground protection was needed to limit wind erosion after several dry seasons. However, farmers with low returns might need to burn to offset the cost of buying fungicides."

"Farmers are facing unique challenges right now, so the decision for many will not be easy."

In other situations, farmers would be growing wheat-on-wheat, which presented a high disease carryover risk.

"It gets down to decisions to burn being made a paddock-by-paddock basis," Mr Curtis said. "If farmers have to burn, it should be delayed as long as possible to protect against erosion through autumn."

More information on stubble management is available on the department's website at [www.agric.wa.gov.au](http://www.agric.wa.gov.au) searching for 'stubbles.'

## Calling for Avon Wheatbelt Master TreeGrowers

The Australian Master TreeGrower Programme is a national programme that explores tree crop options for the regions in which they are run. WA Wheatbelt AFG (Australian Forest Growers) has secured funding through Wheatbelt NRM's Community Grants to run a course specifically aimed at our low-rainfall environments.

The course runs over eight days and delves deeper into tree cropping, covering issues including nutrition, management, silviculture, tree measurement, pruning and thinning, value-adding, marketing, insurance, planning and much more.

Experts include not only government staff and consultants, but also the other growers themselves. "The spirit of the Master TreeGrower Programme," says architect of the programme, Rowan Reid, "is about sharing experiences and a diversity of views. It is an 8-day, field based, course for landholders interested in planting and managing trees for conservation and profit."

In today's farming environment, many land managers are looking for alternative ways to stay profitable. While largely not yet proven for the low-rainfall wheatbelt, they can have significant potential in the future. "If 10% of the cleared landscape in the Avon Wheatbelt were planted to productive tree crops," said WA Wheatbelt AFG Chairman, Ian Hall, "we could have 700,000 hectares of alternative crops that are doing their bit for the environment while providing a sustainable source of resources for a range of value-adding industries."

The Avon Wheatbelt Master TreeGrower Programme will run from 11 March to 12 April in four two-day blocks. Locations include: Perth, Brookton/York, Bencubbin and Wongan Hills/Dowerin. Participant cost is \$275 for the entire course plus accommodation.

For more information on the programme, go to [http://www.agroforestry.net.au/main.asp?\\_=Australian%20Master%20TreeGrower](http://www.agroforestry.net.au/main.asp?_=Australian%20Master%20TreeGrower)

To register or for more information, contact Monica Durcan at WA Wheatbelt AFG on 9291 8249 or email [mdurcan@inet.net.au](mailto:mdurcan@inet.net.au).

# Lions Club of Toodyay Annual Jumbo Auction

## Saturday 9th April 2011

The 2011 Lions Auction will be held at the  
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1. Maximum 500 Lots
2. Lots will only be accepted on Friday 8th April 2011 from 8.30am
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6. Lots not sold must be removed by 5.00pm on the Auction Day
7. Auctioning of goods will commence at 9.00 am sharp on Saturday morning
8. Sellers donation is \$2.00 per lot plus 10% commission on sale amount
9. Buyers donation is \$2.00 per number
10. Food and Drinks will be available for purchase at the Auction
11. No Dogs are permitted at the oval during the event
12. Contact is Ina Prior on 9574 5928 or Mobile 0439 745 928



<http://toodyay.wa.lions.org.au/jumboauction>

## Major Development Sites Approved in the Wheatbelt

PLANNING Minister John Day has granted final approval to two significant urban development proposals in the Wheatbelt that will help stimulate population growth and economic activity.

Amendment 93 in the Shire of Gingin will rezone 197ha of land, known as Lancelin South, for urban development and conservation, while Amendment 29 in the Shire of York will establish the 113ha Daliak precinct, west of the York townsite, as a major future development area.

Mr Day said the rezoning of Lancelin South, located approximately two kilometres south of Lancelin, would pave the way for the future growth of Lancelin and provide employment opportunities and an expanded water supply scheme.

"The development proposal will provide 197ha of land for urban purposes and include some 1,000 residential dwellings, 50ha of industrial land and 22ha of conservation land," he said.

"The environmental values of the area warranted formal assessment of the proposal by the Environmental Protection Authority, which led to a number of environmental conditions being set and land to the east of the site allocated for conservation purposes.

"The creation of a formal conservation area is an important part of this proposal that will allow development to occur in the context of the site's important natural values."

The Minister described the proposal for the Shire of York's Daliak precinct as a significant development for York that would support the growth of one of the State's most historic townships.

"The Daliak precinct will ultimately provide about 1,000 residential dwellings with a mix of lot sizes, including a proposed retirement village," he said.

Mr Day also approved the zoning of a 343ha site to the south of York for rural residential purposes that will provide approximately 150 lifestyle lots.

"This proposal will establish the Gwambygine Estate five kilometres south of York and add variety to the area's land market," he said.

The approved development proposals will now proceed with structure planning and site investigations for servicing, water management and detailed design.

## Quo Vadis Sages of the Ages

A FAR-SEEING person of wisdom and prudence. The power of true and right discernment plus conformity to the course of action dictated by such discernment.

One of the earliest references is to the Hebrew King Solomon in the Bible who reigned over Israel from 1015-975BC with a mixture of human foibles. He was the son of King David who was credited with unifying his kingdom. His city of David became known as Jerusalem. He died 1015BC. It may be said that his act of unifying was one of political wisdom.

It has since been recorded by modern history that the 12 tribes of Israel, tired of the internecine wars (destructive to all sides) agreed to accept the God of their faith as the adjudicator between them and their disputes, and was thus the first nation to acknowledge God as their Father rather than Abraham who was succeeded but not entirely diminished!

Solomon's Biblical book speaks of his wisdom in many phrases – but pertinently 1:4

uses these words "We will be glad and rejoice in thee. We will remember thy love more than wine. The upright love thee!"

Immediately above that is this statement in Ecclesiastes, "Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter. Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man. For God shall bring every secret thing be it for good or evil." In summary Ch8 V18 says "Wisdom is better than weapons of war but one sinner destroys much good!"

But wherein does one nurture/find the pearls of wisdom and extrapolate it (to project those values of a magnitude of function, that lies beyond the range of known values) on the basis of values that have already been determined and distinguished.) (Biblically and historically) (Exodus 16.32 plus Ch 20!)

Were those part of the reason for the founding fathers wording the *Australian Constitution Preamble*? "We the people of Australia, under the guidance of Almighty God gather together as a nation to with one common aim submit ourselves to abide by his will in all we do and achieve" Both houses of our parliament begin their daily activities with the Lord's prayer, then the solicitude of "Vouchsafe thy blessings upon our deliberations to the greater glory of thy name and the true welfare of the people." Thus it may be claimed that there is the framework of 'wisdom' that we intend, as a nation, to embark on, on a daily basis. It is the super structure of a coherent and same purpose with a visionary mantra. Spiritual 'manna' indeed! However there intervenes the dichotomy between ethics and morality, both quite embracing in their range/scope. But to simplify, the former is a code of conduct; the latter is the intention of the thought/act. Altruistic, or selfish. Mine not thine syndrome. Thus it is imperative to distinguish the difference and the consequences that follow from that (those) difference(s). It does become a personal choice as to which syndrome is applied. Years ago John Steinbach wrote, significantly titled, *East of Eden* in which he featured Chinese sages doing an in-depth study of the Christian Bible, arising from which they concluded. It was not thou shalt but thou mayest choose which indeed does fairly place the responsibility for one's character and actions upon that self giving rise to the will(ing) of being the self of oneself, of obedience to the voice of conscience. Abiding by his will!

Over the last few centuries humankind has broken the nexus between the sacred and the secular as is illumined in two realms of our society, namely the Church and the university. Of the former the problem is how to articulate the right relation between the moral socialisation and the spiritual dynamism of the Gospel. For the university it is an even more complex task of art inculcating the right relation between economic and technical imperatives, and intellectual socialisation, and the urge to moral and spiritual activism.

The above is a summation of a guidance for the crux of a lead article of *The Australian Newspaper* of some 20 years ago. A country believing in nothing much which can be epitomised by the worship of the golden calf in recent times and thus may be diagnosed as the distinction between true and false consciousness, though related to, are not identical with the distinction between truth and falsehood. It is this confusion which results in a spiritual hubris and indiscipline of every kind, for contemplation and action are not rivals but complementary. However our practice of rationalisation is done without consideration of both our ecology or our humanity!

It is indeed time to invoke a generous serve of the wisdom of the Greeks and their 'praxis' of acquiring specific knowledge within the ambience of this thesis.

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## Chance to Celebrate Our Best Small and Medium Businesses

AUSTRALIANS are urged to celebrate the nation's best small and medium businesses by nominating them for the 2011 Telstra Business Awards.

Entries are open for the Awards programme now in its 19th year of recognising excellence in business. It is bigger than ever in 2011 with the introduction of two new Awards, the Telstra Regional Business Award and the People's Choice Award.

For the second year, entrants in the Awards can elect to receive a 70-page Business Health Check, an independent report that assesses a company's performance against best practice and can help in identifying opportunities for growth.

For finalists and winners, the Awards offer accolades, public profile and the privilege of joining an exclusive, national, business alumnus. Winners will share \$500,000 in overall cash and prizes.

Deena Shiff, Telstra Business Group Managing Director and Telstra Business Awards Ambassador, said the Awards were the best way to recognise the contribution made by small and medium businesses.

"Many are built on adversity and overcome obstacles – as communities across Australia face immense challenges such as rebuilding after the recent natural disasters, small businesses are making an enormous contribution," Ms Shiff said. "As Australia's longest-running and most prestigious national business Awards, they play an important part in supporting the development of this diverse sector. The Awards celebrate not just success in business but also the skills and innovation needed to breathe life into an emerging business idea."

"Nominating businesses for the Awards shines a light on the courage, persistence and sheer hard work behind their achievements as well as opening entrants to a unique evaluation process that provides a 'health check' of invaluable insights that can help them grow and thrive. Winning a Telstra Business Award often catapults a business on to bigger and better things, with previous winners expanding across the country and overseas."

"The state and territory Telstra Regional Business Award is a chance to highlight the success and importance to local economies of regional businesses while the Telstra Business Awards People's Choice Award will allow customers and supporters to vote for their favourite businesses and recognise the service, values, innovation and other strengths that the businesses offer," Ms Shiff said.

Mr Peter Lilley, co-founder and CEO of the 2010 Telstra Australian Business of the Year, stratsec, said winning the Award was a fantastic honour for the company that provides independent information security consulting and testing services. The win has been followed

by stratsec's acquisition by British information security company BAE Australia as well as new cyber security opportunities for stratsec in South-East Asia and the Middle East.

"The reputation boost and recognition in international markets afforded by that kind of independent Award is incredibly important," Mr Lilley said.

The 2011 Telstra Business Awards have six Award categories:

1. Business Owner Micro-Business Award - For businesses with five employees or fewer.
2. MYOB Small Business Award - For businesses with more than five employees but less than or equal to 20 employees.
3. Panasonic Australia Medium Business Award - For businesses with more than 20 employees but less than or equal to 200 employees.

All entrants will be considered for the following two specialist Awards:

4. AMP Innovation Award - For businesses that have successfully introduced an innovation.
5. Yellow Pages Social Responsibility Award - For demonstrated leadership and contribution by a business to the environment, people, education or the community.
6. Telstra Regional Business Award - For businesses in each state and territory located outside the metropolitan areas of the capital cities.

The People's Choice Award is open to all submitted entrants in the Telstra Business Awards. It gives the Australian public the opportunity to vote for their favourite businesses via the Telstra Business Awards website from early April.

To nominate and enter go to [www.telstrabusinessawards.com](http://www.telstrabusinessawards.com) or call the Telstra Business Awards Team on 1800 262 323 between 9am and 7pm AEST Monday to Friday. Entries close at 5pm Eastern Standard Time on Monday 4 April 2011.

Category Awards are offered in each state and territory, and an overall state or territory winner is selected from the category winners.

Winners of state and territory categories are then eligible to take out national categories, with the overall state and territory winners eligible to win the 2011 Telstra Australian Business of the Year, which will be announced at a gala event in Melbourne on 26 August 2011.

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# Wheatbelt Women Identify Salt as Key Environmental Concern



A survey of women living in the WA

Wheatbelt has revealed some of their greatest concerns when it comes to the environment.

Natural resource management group Wheatbelt NRM surveyed more than 100 women, following the second driest year on record in the region. The results have been analysed and reveal salinity and water conservation as the two top concerns.

Soil erosion, lack of rain and farm sustainability were also identified as areas of concern.

Wheatbelt NRM's Natarsha Woods said the survey was part of a larger study aimed at improving contact with rural women.

"Social research shows women are often the biggest drivers of natural resource management change on properties," Natarsha Woods said. "Given last year's poor season,

now more than ever it's crucial we engage with these people to help maintain a healthy environment and community."

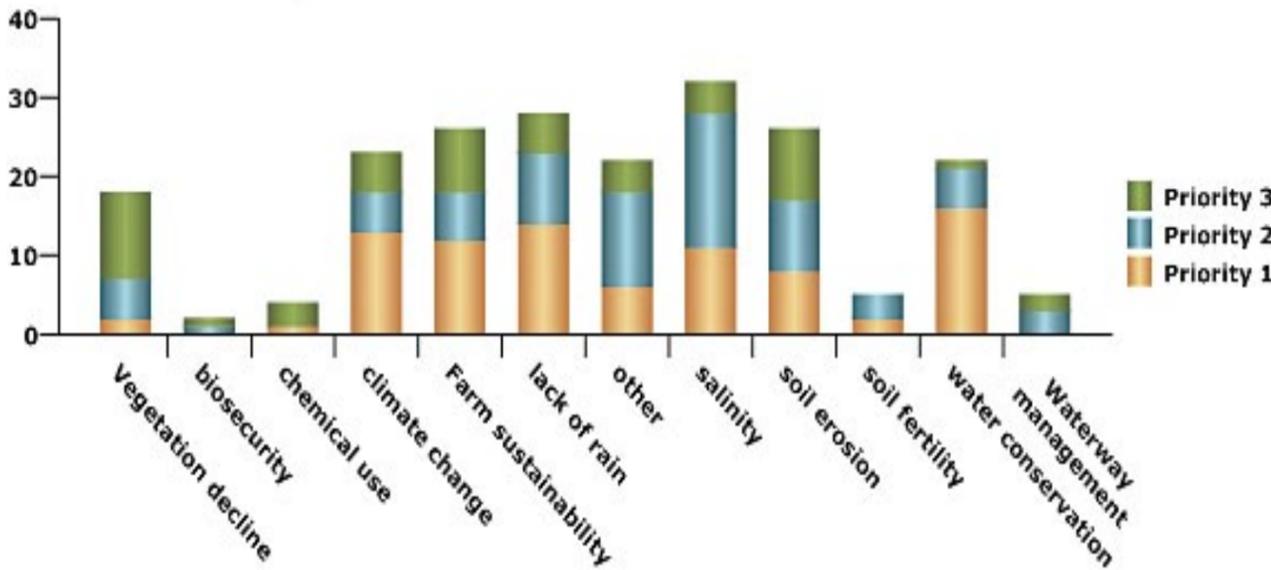
The survey followed a study tour by a group of Wheatbelt women to the drought affected Birchip cropping district in Victoria.

Natarsha Woods said the surveys were handed out at information sessions held by five of the women who were on the tour.

"The surveys also revealed how much of a toll drought has had on people emotionally," Natarsha Woods said. "More than half of the women said they came to the information sessions because of concerns about their family's social and mental health."

The results of the survey will be used to strengthen relationships between Wheatbelt NRM and the community.

## Top Environmental Concerns



## Bush Poets Wanted

BUDDING poets around Australia have the opportunity to showcase their rhymes by submitting an original bush poem that captures the spirit of Australia and our people for the 2011 Australian Unity Bryan Kelleher Literary Award.

Now in its fourth year, the national competition aspires to honour and keep current the style of poetry made famous by Henry Lawson and Banjo Paterson so that it can be enjoyed by future generations.

"Last year this competition received 445 entries from all around Australia by people of different ages and backgrounds—showing that the appetite for bush poetry is alive and well in Australia," said Alan Castleman, Australian Unity Chairman.

"Bush poetry was created by Australian poets who wrote about rural life during colonial times and about the bush. Australian Unity has deep roots in Australian history that go back to the early 19th Century.

"The company is delighted to be a part of one of Australia's most popular bush poetry competitions and help contribute to preserving the art form in modern times," adds Mr Castleman.

Entry is free and the competition closes on 30 June 2011. Winners will share in over \$2,500 worth of prize money. Application forms are available online at [www.australianunity.com.au/literaryaward](http://www.australianunity.com.au/literaryaward) or by calling (03) 8682 6701.

## Dodgy 'Back of Van Salesmen' Spotted in Perth Suburbs

PERTH consumers have reported being approached by 'back of van salesmen', prompting a warning from Consumer Protection. One consumer was approached by two men who were selling electronic equipment from the back of a white van in a car park in Inglewood and two others were approached in Rockingham.

Commissioner for Consumer Protection Anne Driscoll advises consumers to avoid doing business with these dodgy traders.

"These illegal traders normally use high pressure sales techniques to sell cheap electronics at inflated prices, but give the impression that you are getting a bargain," Ms Driscoll said. "The salespeople often make misleading claims about the value and quality of the goods being sold. They also create a sense of urgency, saying that the prices are reduced as they have to quit stock for a variety of reasons.

"The 'back of a van salespeople' are also breaking door to door or unsolicited trading laws which allow consumers a ten-day cooling off period for any unsolicited sales over the value of \$100.

"It's also difficult to track down the traders if there is a problem with the product and consumers may not be able to get a repair, refund or replacement that they are entitled to.

"Our advice is for consumers to resist unsolicited approaches from salespeople wanting to make a quick cash sale on items that will not be worth the money you are paying for them."

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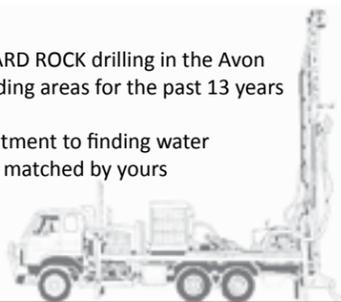
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**30 Years Trade Experience**

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 & MAINTENANCE**

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**Dallimores**  
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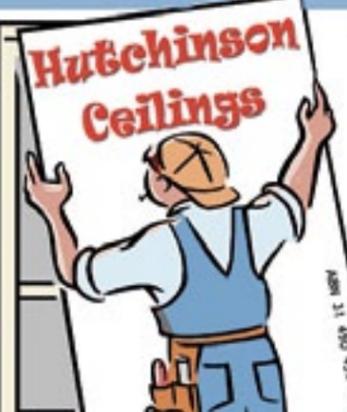
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TOODYAY 6566

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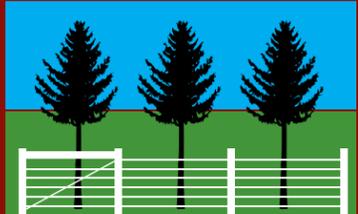
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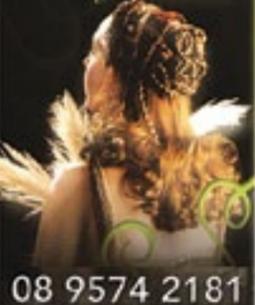
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**0429 093 794**

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## TREE LOPPING

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32 Years Experience

BORE BLOWOUTS  
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## WEB SITES

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2001	7.2	3.2	2.6	2.8	60.4	6.4	78.6	70.6	50.8	22.4	28.0	0.0	333.0
2002	9.0	5.4	2.2	52.4	37.2	72.4	90.4	50.6	50.0	27.0	11.4	2.6	410.6
2003	0.0	26.6	46.2	49.0	71.8	120.0	68.6	92.0	75.2	7.0	26.8	6.8	590.0
2004	2.2	2.4	3.4	4.2	73.6	93.2	63.8	82.8	28.6	21.2	35.0	0.8	411.2
2005	0.0	2.2	25.2	10.6	86.0	135.6	43.6	71.6	51.0	22.6	9.6	4.6	462.6
2006	119.5	16.6	3.0	21.2	19.0	29.8	54.8	88.8	73.2	15.6	13.8	9.4	464.7
2007	16.4	26.6	10.2	34.0	58.2	43.2	121.0	74.0	70.4	39.2	0.0	57.6	550.8
2008	0.0	10.8	9.8	76.8	38.2	62.8	146.2	8.4	50.6	43.0	31.0	3.4	481.0
2009	8.0	8.0	9.0	32.6	39.2	83.6	115.0	76.2	56.2	17.2	30.2	2.6	478.2
2010							69.4	36.2	12.0	3.4	7.2	21.4	149.6
2011	14.8												14.8
AVERAGE ALL YEARS: (RECORDING COMMENCED IN TOODYAY 1/1/1877)													
	10.7	12.4	19.5	25.9	67.2	99.9	102.4	80.3	47.8	31.4	14.8	9.1	521.4
Driest year 1914 - 255.3mm. Wettest year 1917 - 916.8mm. Wettest month June 1945 - 322.4mm. Wettest day March 9 1934 - 191.3mm.													

# environmental matters

## Toodyay Friends of the River

Gregory Warburton

SEVERAL TFOR members were in attendance at the recent funeral service for Bruce Paterson who had been a member of our group. We will all fondly remember him for many things not least his humour, hospitality and entertaining stories of a wonderful life well lived. Our thoughts are with Nina and family.

The promised summer rain has yet to materialise, at least in our part of the world; rather we had a damaging, freak storm. We would love to experience some rain after our seemingly endless dry period but, all along the river valley, bare, over-grazed paddocks denuded of any vestige of vegetation await the wind to send valuable topsoil out to the Indian Ocean. Inevitably, rains will erode countless tonnes of soil into the Avon River. Many farms have cleared close to the banks of tributaries and the river removing the vegetation barrier needed to stem the inflow of soil into the waterways. This will add to an already unnaturally high sediment load impacting further on a rapidly declining riverine eco-system.

The Toodyay Friends of the River are working hard to address this problem, at least on a small section of a major tributary of the Avon, Harper's Brook. At our last working bee members put the finishing touches to the fence that will exclude damaging livestock, allow the Flooded Gums to re-generate and the tree plantings to establish. Members were delighted with the work so far, the fence and the ripping complete. We now just await seasonal changes so we can commence weed control and winter planting. A meeting, and morning tea, was enjoyed among the mighty 'Rudis' that almost seemed to sigh a thank you for the protection.

Later in the morning, members assessed

the proposed site of the picnic shelter and interpretive signage that is planned for installation on the southern bank of Millard's Pool at Glencoe Estate. This is the first stage of an ongoing and ambitious project by TFOR for the Lloyd's Reserve, Extracts Weir and Millard's Pool river section. Plans include a walk trail, public art works, a bird hide, re-vegetation and a canoe ramp. Funding has been secured for stage one and we expect the shelter to be in place by Avon Descent time. Several members are currently working on the wording and design of the panels and we look forward to seeing their concept designs.

Work is proceeding on the renovation of our signage in Duidgee Park. It has served us well but, after 12 years, it is in need of a face lift and updating of information. Thank you to the Shire for offering to re-locate it to a more prominent position.

It is rapidly coming up to River section reporting time and members are encouraged to submit their reports on time. We are very grateful to Sarah Dudley for volunteering to collate the mountain of previous reports into an easy reference data base.

One of the on-going projects TFOR has been actively engaged in for many years is the control of Tamarisk (*Tamarix parviflora*) in the River. It is a challenging task but an essential one as this plant is highly invasive. Its closest relative, Athel Pine is a 'Weed of National Significance' and considered one of the 20 worst weeds in this country. Athel Pine has all but totally destroyed the riparian zone of the Finke River in Central Australia and is threatening many others. Kay Bailey of the National Athel Pine Management Committee will be visiting WA in May and plans to meet with TFOR to update us on Tamarisk control and to inspect the work TFOR are doing. Kay

was in Toodyay last year and conducted a forum in Perth. We look forward to some encouraging words from her.

TFOR will have a strong presence at Clean Up Australia Day on Sunday 6 March. It will be conducted from Duidgee Park between 8.30 and 11am with a sausage sizzle provided. Phone the Shire on 9574 2258 for details or me on 0438 920 617. TFOR is also represented on the Tidy Towns Committee and encourages other community groups to sign up. Thank you to Greg and Caroline of Makit Hardware for donating Hi-Vis safety vests for our



Members tying wire on the Harper Brook revegetation fence

roadside litter pickups.

Vacancies exist on the TFOR committee and I encourage those with energy, enthusiasm and ideas to nominate as they will be warmly welcomed. There are exciting times ahead for the group with great projects and activities with the chance to make a real difference while having a lot of fun at the same time. A strong, effective committee will be the key to future successes. Our catch cry is "TFORward!"

TFOR has a strong link with Lloyd's Reserve and is anxious to ensure best practice management is carried out within the Reserve. Much needs to be done and we need assistance. As dedicated and hard working as we are most of the work is beyond the capacity of the group. Our next meeting will consist of some hazard reduction work in the Reserve but primarily it will be a 'brainstorming and whiteboard' session to begin piecing together a workable management plan that will serve us well into the future. Wayne and Des have volunteered to conduct a detailed survey over the next month and the results will be presented at the session. Meet at 8am, Duidgee Park on Sunday 20 March. For further information, please direct enquiries to Greg on 9574 5445, Wayne/Desrae on 6364 3609 or Robyn on 9574 2578.



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'PERTH Hour' will make its debut this year alongside the inaugural WWF Earth Hour Awards, as the sister cities of Perth Australia, Scotland and Canada all switch off their lights and pledge to do more 'beyond the hour' in a bid to save the planet.

With Earth Hour 2011 fast approaching on Saturday 26 March at 8.30pm, Awards nominations will close on Sunday, 6 March. Nominations can be made online at [www.earthhour.org.au](http://www.earthhour.org.au)

Anyone can take part in the Earth Hour Awards, with five categories drawing on different ways people might take action. A People's Choice Award will be drawn from the pool of finalists.

Last year's Earth Hour was celebrated in 4,616 cities and towns in 128 countries and territories, as part of a global movement to inspire people to live more sustainably. A record number of cities, towns, homes, office buildings, iconic landmarks and public spaces around the world are expected to switch off their lights for one hour as part of the fifth anniversary of Earth Hour, which was first launched by WWF-Australia in Sydney in 2007.

This year, WWF is asking people around the world to go 'beyond the hour' and take action to make their lives more sustainable.

"Individuals, towns and cities form the backbone of Earth Hour," said Andy Ridley, Co-Founder and Executive Director of Earth Hour. "City mayors have been among our strongest supporters and continue to play an important role in engaging their communities to take positive action."

"Earth Hour gives cities and towns an opportunity to showcase what their community has done for the environment and commit to the actions they will sustain for Earth beyond the hour."

In a unique link-up, Perth in Western Australia will coordinate with Perth in Scotland to switch off the lights at their respective concert halls, while Perth in Canada will turn off its Town Hall lights.

Other landmarks along WA's Perth city skyline will also be dimmed, including the Bell Tower, Kings Park, the Narrows Bridge decorative lights, and Council House, which is also planning a colourful LED light message after the event urging residents to save energy 'beyond the hour'.

"Perth has often been called the City of Light, but turning off our lights for 60 minutes will send out a message that we need to change our ways when it comes to conserving energy," said WA's Perth Lord Mayor Lisa Scaffidi, a committed supporter of Earth Hour since its inception. "We cannot be in a state of denial about the real impact of climate change. But it goes beyond turning our lights off on one evening - we can all find ways of reducing the impact we are having on the planet."

WWF-Australia chief executive, Dermot O'Gorman, said he was proud to be part of a global event originally conceived in Australia.

"The phenomenal thing about Earth Hour is the changes it has inspired people to make in their everyday lives," Mr O'Gorman said. "It is not about one hour of darkness; it is about a lifetime of sustainability. We know that to create a sustainable planet, we all need to play our small part."

"Australians continue to show leadership on this important issue, therefore we look forward to seeing some of Australia's best examples of people going beyond the hour."

Cities can register their participation in the iconic 'lights out' event by visiting [www.earthhour.org](http://www.earthhour.org) or emailing [contact@earthhour.org](mailto:contact@earthhour.org) if interested in becoming an official Earth Hour organiser.



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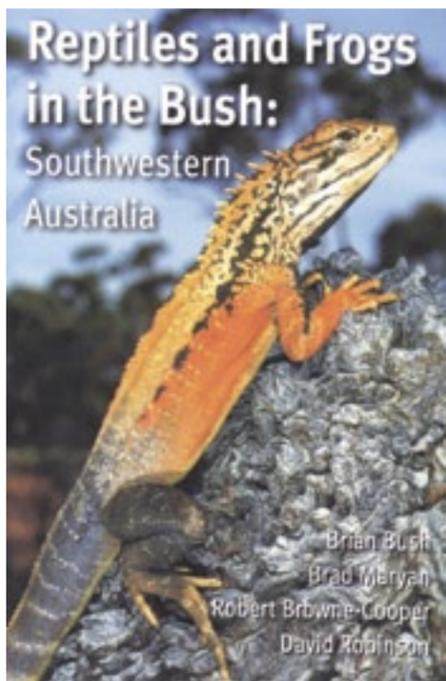
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# environmental matters



## Python Watch

**Desraé Clarke**  
Member: Toodyay Naturalists' Club

I HAVE recently bought another book on herpetofauna entitled 'Reptiles and Frogs in the Bush: Southwestern Australia'. The authors are the great team of Brian Bush, Brad Maryan, Robert Browne-Cooper and David Robinson, a team that has written a number of books together but also some have been published individually; there has also been a significant number of individual research papers presented.

This handsome publication describes herpetofauna covering an area from Peron Peninsular (just south of Carnarvon) on a line through Mount Magnet, slightly above Kalgoorlie and Rawlinna to conclude at Eucla; the land to the coastline, from that line of demarcation, and coastal islands are included.

The book is full of excellent photography. Added information of peculiarities of scalation, close-up photography of eyes, feet of geckos and maps of areas where each creature may be found is furnished in great detail.

'Reptiles and Frogs in the Bush: Southwestern Australia' is divided into five distinct sections that then become subsections. The initial section gives an overview of general information under such headings as identification, taxonomy, scientific and common names, signs of frogs and reptiles (their scats, tracks and burrows) the deadly fungus that has been attacking our frogs, conservation, photography hints and handling of herpetofauna.

Section two covers the searching for creatures. It is an exciting chapter as there are a variety of methods of finding these critters, including the skill of observation of scats, tracks and burrows. Pit-traps are a successful method of trapping the smaller creatures such as little snakes, legless lizards, frogs and small mammals. Pit traps are receptacles which may be several pieces of buried polypipe and plastic buckets that have been buried in a line, about a metre apart, with their open tops flush to the ground - this forms a line of 'pits'. Following the line is a piece of fine wire-netting, of

approximately 12cms in height, held vertical by small stakes. The aim is to direct a small creature as it wriggles, crawls, hops, etc, across the ground to move along the fine wire-netting till it drops into the bucket or piece of polypipe. It is imperative that a piece of wood or a stone is placed in the base of the pit-trap; this will allow a trapped creature, such as a frog or small skink, to sit above a scorpion or ants who may also be 'pitted'. Another precaution is that if there has been rain overnight, the little creature can escape any trapped water. It is vital to check the pit traps daily and as early as possible especially before the sun rises!!! The trapped creature is identified, recorded, photographed then released back to where it had been trapped!

Section Three is entitled 'In the Bush' in which the members of the team, plus fellow enthusiasts, give accounts of trips around the area. Some very humorous tales are told while out and about.

The fourth section gives excellent information on the three families of frogs which include the Ground Frogs, Tree Frogs and the Water-holding species. The difference between the species is well-explained.

The final section, comprising one hundred and eighty pages, is sub-sectioned into the great variety of reptiles. It commences with Freshwater Turtles followed by Lizards, which has been broken down further to Geckos, Legless Lizards, Dragons, Monitors (Goannas), Skinks and Snakes.

The Snake section is enormous! It begins with a variety of Blind Snakes followed by Pythons, burrowing snakes such as the Tiger, Dugite, Gwardar, little hooded snakes, square-nosed snakes and the very small banded snakes (of 30 to 39cm in total length) together with Sea Turtles and Sea Snakes. To complete section five there is a species listing of reptiles found on various islands such as Dirk Hartog, Houtman Abrolhos, the small cluster of limestone islands between Dongara and Lancelin, Rottneest, Garden and Carnac Islands and Archipelago of the Recherche.

'Reptiles and Frogs in the Bush: Southwestern Australia', ISBN 978 1 920694 74 6, printed by University of Western Australia Press, is a book I would thoroughly recommend to include in the home library. The photography is excellent, the descriptions clear to read for the average person interested in natural history and it also includes some humour - what more could one want?

## Bird of the Month Little Eagle

**Desraé Clarke**  
Member: Toodyay Naturalists' Club

THE Little Eagle is one of the two 'true eagles' found over mainland Australia with the second bird being the Wedge-tailed Eagle; both 'birds of prey' are found in the Shire of Toodyay. 'True eagles' are signified by their legs being heavily feathered to the feet. Both the Little Eagle and the Wedge-tailed Eagle are known as 'raptors', a member of the order of Falcons, and are characterised by the hooked bill, intense eyes, powerful feet (each having three toes forward and one back) with sharp, curved claws.

As with practically all birds of prey the female of the species is larger, thus heavier, than the male with the size of the male Little

Eagle 45cm-55cm and a wing span of 1.5m - the female is up to 10cm larger. This solitary bird is small, but powerful, stocky and compact with a short, square-cut tail. It has dark facial streaks which give it a hooded appearance and it has a blackish crown, eyebrow and cheeks and a short black crest on the nape (the back of the neck). Upperparts are mainly dark brown with a paler band on wing coverts (feathers overlying wing feathers); the rounded wingtips are deeply 'fingered' and the tail is barred. The head and underparts are light to dark brown with heavy black streaks and the underwings are wholly dark brown with pale inner primaries. Its eyes are brown and its legs are cream-coloured.

The call of the Little Eagle is a high pitched 'chick-a-chuck, chick-a-chuck' or 'pip-it, pip-it, pip-it' when mobbed by Ravens or Magpies.

The Little Eagle is found over plains, farmland, woodlands, along water courses and forested areas, and breeding in southern Australia is generally between July and October; it is thought that the Little Eagle mates for life. A large nest, of up to 80cm across, is built of twigs and branches in the fork of a living tree and may be from 5m to 45m from the ground; it is lined with green leaves that are replaced each morning.

One to two eggs, white or bluish white, blotched and smeared red/brown, are laid; they are incubated by both sexes, although mainly by the female, for 35 to 40 days, with the male bringing prey to the female and nestlings. The young hatch with creamy/white down but usually only the one chick survives to fledge and that is at approximately 55 to 65 days.

The Little Eagle may be seen soaring in tight circles with straightened wings or it will hunt by watching, for long periods, from a commanding position in a nearby tree. Although it prefers live prey it does not usually take birds in flight, snakes or fish. Its main prey is the young rabbit but it also catches small goannas, large skinks, dragons, cats, foxes, birds as large as ducks and, occasionally, carrion.

This beautiful raptor is not globally or nationally threatened and is common throughout Australia. It has possibly benefitted by the introduction of the rabbit but may have been slightly affected by clearing in agricultural areas and the decline of rural trees by 'die-back'.



## Weed of the Month Caltrop

Compiled by Wayne Clarke

CALTROP was the Weed of the Month in the July 1998 and the March 2000 editions of the Herald. The article is repeated here with the hope that you may recognise the plant and be in a position to control it.

Caltrop (cat-headed or puncture-vine) is a declared 'Pest Plant' and lives up to its declaration as a pest in the Shire of Toodyay. It is one of the Twinleaf (Zygophyllaceae) Families, with the name Tribulus terrestris. It is called a 'cosmopolitan weed' because it is widely distributed in many countries with no obvious country of origin. Forms of it may have been in Western Australia prior to European settlement.

The plant is prostrate (growing flat on the ground) and has spiny, five-segmented fruits (or burrs) hence the name puncture-vine. It is an annual (a plant that germinates from seed, flowers, fruits and dies all within one growing season) with small yellow flowers that are less than 10mm across. The leaves are pinnate (having small leaflets opposite each other, arranged like a feather) and between 3 to 7 pairs of leaflets on each stem.



The seeds germinate in summer, after rain. A woody taproot grows rapidly from the plant, ensuring that it can extract moisture from deep in the ground. It can even survive during drought. It takes caltrop three weeks to flower after the seeds germinate and within ten days viable fruit can be produced. It grows on many types of soils but prefers those with a lighter texture. Considerable effort has been made to eradicate it from areas like Newcastle Park, but this year's rains have allowed it to get away again.

Controlling the plant manually by digging it out is quite a task, particularly with the size of the taproot. All the fruits (or burrs) must also be collected. If you learn to recognise the plant in its juvenile stages, before it grows too large, the task will be much easier. The recommended control of Caltrop is with the use of Gleen or Glyphosate. If using a knapsack spray, the recommended rate for Glyphosate (or Roundup) is 50-70ml/10 litres of water to cover an area of 100 square metres.

For information on rates for agricultural land, contact Agriculture WA on Freecall 1800 068 107.

Remember - if using any chemicals to spray herbicides (or pesticides) it must be a calm, windless day and you must wear protective clothing and a mask.

(Note the seed is similar to the 'doublegee' but with many more points).

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## WA's Incredible Underground Orchid

*RHIZANTHELLA gardneri* is a cute, quirky and critically endangered orchid that lives all its life underground. It even blooms underground, making it virtually unique amongst plants.

Last year, using radioactive tracers, scientists at The University of Western Australia showed that the orchid gets all its nutrients by parasitising fungi associated with the roots of broom bush, a woody shrub of the WA outback.

Now, with less than 50 individuals left in the wild, scientists have made a timely and remarkable discovery about its genome. Despite the fact that this fully subterranean orchid cannot photosynthesise and has no green parts at all, it still retains chloroplasts – the site of photosynthesis in plants.

"We found that compared with normal plants, 70 per cent of the genes in the chloroplast have been lost," said Dr Etienne Delannoy of the ARC Centre for Excellence in Plant Energy Biology, the lead researcher of a study published in *Molecular Biology and Evolution*. "With only 37 genes, this makes it the smallest of all known plant chloroplast genomes.

"The chloroplast genome was known to code for functions other than photosynthesis, but in normal plants, these functions are hard to study," said ARC Centre Director, Professor Ian Small. "In *Rhizanthella*, everything that isn't essential for its parasitic lifestyle has gone. We discovered that it has retained a chloroplast genome to make only four crucial proteins.

"Our results are relevant to understanding gene loss in other parasites, for example, the *Plasmodium* parasite that causes malaria."

Associate Professor Mark Brundrett from the Wheatbelt Orchid Rescue Project describes *Rhizanthella* as one of the most beautiful, strange and iconic orchids in the world.

"Combining on-the-ground conservation efforts with cutting edge laboratory technologies has led to a great discovery with impacts for both science and conservation. The genome sequence is a very valuable resource, as it makes it possible to estimate the genetic diversity of this Declared Rare plant."

Professor Brundrett has been working with the Department of Environment and Conservation and volunteers from the West Australian Native Orchid Study and Conservation Group to locate these unique orchids.

"We needed all the help we could get since it often took hours of searching under shrubs on hands and knees to find just one underground orchid!"

## Toodyay Naturalists' Club

Desraé Clarke

FOLLOWING the January get-together of members, the Committee met on 4 February to organise the year's calendar and what an interesting and fulfilling year it is to be!

We look forward to several Club member speakers who are experts in their particular field of natural history, exciting excursions, a weekend away, and some dynamic guest speakers. Over and above the regular third Saturday on the calendar, there will be the participation in Toodyay's recognition of its 175th year of settlement, observations made of several reserves in the Shire, revegetation projects and fund raisers. What a year!

On a sombre note the members were saddened to hear of the passing of a member and staunch participant, of anything in the area of conservation, Bruce Paterson. Bruce had endured bad health for a number of years but maintained his great sense of humour whenever well enough to participate in Club activities. Our thoughts are with Nina and her Family.

One of our three Club Patrons, John Dell, has recently undergone significant surgery. We send our best wishes to John and wish him a speedy recovery.

The Toodyay Naturalists' Club is fortunate in having a geologist among its members. Martin White offered to speak at the club's first meeting of the year and gave a wonderful, visual presentation of his time working in the area around the middle and eastern highlands of New Guinea in the early 1970s.

The rugged mountainous beauty, the mists over the rainforests, the ravines with deep, gushing rivers and the impenetrable terrain were included in the spectacular visual presentation. The mountainous backbone of the island was the result of tectonic plates moving northward and meeting a resistance to be pushed upwards to form the notorious Owen Stanley Ranges with Martin explaining the origin of the various rock layers.

While working out of the 'office', Martin explained that dress was important to allay the attention of leeches. Trousers were tucked into socks with socks over the top of the socks! Because of the constant moisture notebooks were made of waterproof paper. It was also most important to be protected from mosquitoes as malaria was rife – Martin had succumbed to the disease.

As is known in rainforest areas, there is a never-ending array of gloriously coloured butterflies. There were photographs depicting giant stick insects, dragon flies, beautifully marked St Andrew's spiders, moisture daintily clinging to spider webs and an insect that resembled a bright green leaf. A dead, small, bright green snake (non-venomous) was brought to Martin by a local tribesman who was very pleased with his kill; it resembled a python with the heat pits clearly visible. Tree kangaroos were obviously relatively common and were a food source for the inhabitants. Few birds

were captured on film but a Cassowary chick, which resembled an emu chick with its yellow striping, strutted across the screen.

Included in Martin's presentation was a collection of native artefacts from the island. When working there in the 1970s, the main language, apart from English, was 'pidgin'. However, there is a possibility this may have altered since that time. Humour was provided, at the Nat's meeting, with a sample of the language:

'Some pella bokis you hit im in teeth ee sing out' (Playing a piano).

'Pepa bilong inkamtakis' (Return of income or Income tax.)

The speaker for Saturday 19 March is to be confirmed. It is hoped that a project representative will speak on the Great Western Woodlands, an internationally recognised area and one of the most biologically significant natural areas left on Earth. It is an area twice the size of Tasmania located in the heart of southern Western Australia - a global treasure in our own backyards!!

The next General Meeting is on Saturday 19 March commencing 7pm at the CWA hall, Stirling Terrace, Toodyay; new members will be made most welcome. Enquiries may be made to Vice-president, Greg Warburton 9574 5445, or Secretary, Wayne Clarke 6364 3609.



Green Leaf Insect (above) and St Andrew's Cross Spider (below)



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The College also finished 16th overall in the State for 'Vocational Education and Training (VET) Achievement' with 90% of the College's graduating students completing and receiving at least one Certificate II level certification. The 20 graduating students achieved 50 certificates all up with an average of 2.5 certificates each.

The College offers an excellent range of Certificate courses as part of the Western Australian Certificate of Education across areas such as Agriculture, Equine, Hospitality, Automotive and Engineering in some of the best purpose built facilities in the State.

Principal, Mr Damian Wallis, congratulated the 2010 Graduating Class and puts the success down to the continued efforts of the trainers, teachers and staff at the College who are constantly encouraging the students to perform to the best of their ability, and the hard work of the students to achieve their results.

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## Toodyay Cricket

**John Lucas**

THE Under 13 Teams, the Red and Gold, continue to have some wins and play competitively for their coaches Paul Morgan (Red) and Barry Clarke (Gold). The three clashes between them have resulted in Red 2 Gold 1.

The Under 16 Team is third in a four team competition and has been hampered by a lack of numbers in some games with some players not turning up on a weekly basis. Saturday 5 February won on forfeit.

### Sat 12 February

Toodyay 89 defeated Avon West 78

Toodyay Batting:	
Peter Wlazlowski	22
Connor M <sup>c</sup> Bride	20
Patrick Cording	15
Toodyay Bowling:	
Peter Wlazlowski	1 for 12
Andrew Watson	1 for 13

### Sat 19 February

Toodyay 64 defeated by St Josephs 107

Toodyay Batting:	
Damon Geary	25
Patrick Cording	18
Toodyay Bowling:	
Jeremy Ferguson	2 for 19
Tom Lucas	2 for 29

### Fixtures

**March 5, 6 and 7 Peel Carnival Games** for Under 12 and Under 14 Northam Association Teams.

**March 12** last round of games for both Under 13 and Under 16 Teams.

**March 19** Finals for both divisions.

### Seniors

#### 'A' Grade

**Sat 29 January**  
Federals 34 defeated Toodyay 2 for 27  
Game stopped by storm.

Toodyay Bowling:	
Jack Dasborough	6 for 5
Corey Higgins	3 for 7
Toodyay Batting:	
Shane Farrell	12 no

### Sat 5 February

Toodyay 128 defeated Emus 115

Toodyay Batting:	
Blade Brown	53
Shaun Bazley	29
Toodyay Bowling:	
Jason Jones	4 for 22
Corey Higgins	2 for 21
Mick Carter	2 for 32

### Sat 12 February

Toodyay 9 for 197 defeated Grass Valley Green 80

Toodyay Batting:	
Jermaine Davis	46
Mick Carter	30
Corey Higgins	27
Peter Dasborough	26

Toodyay Bowling:	
Corey Higgins	4 for 28
Jermaine Davis	3 for 12

Paul Lindsay	4 for 9
Ryan Van Beek	4 for 20

### Sat 19 February

Toodyay 143 defeated Roos 116

Toodyay Batting:	
Jermaine Davis	77
Peter Dasborough	19
Toodyay Bowling:	
Jason Jones	4 for 36
Jack Dasborough	3 for 28

### Sun 6 February

Toodyay 3 for 254 defeated Grass Valley White 8 for 169

Toodyay Batting:	
Kirwan Stuart	107
Rob Glover	90
Andrew Vallance	27
Toodyay Bowling:	
Andrew Vallance	4 for 13

### Fixtures

#### 'A' Grade

<b>Sat 5 March</b>	BYE
<b>Sat 12 March</b>	Toodyay 1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> Semi Finals
	Bert Hawke Oval

#### Sun 13 March

Preliminary Final Bert Hawke Oval

#### Sat 19 March

Grand Final Bert Hawke Oval

#### Sun 20 March

Grand Final Bert Hawke Oval

### Sun 13 February

Toodyay 166 defeated Grass Valley Green 64

Toodyay Batting:	
Rob Glover	39
Damon Geary	31
Shaun Bazley	20
Paul Morgan	19
John Lucas	17

#### Toodyay Bowling:

Rob Glover	3 for 9
Josh Wlazlowski	3 for 24
Steve Risley	2 for 2

#### Sun 20 February

BYE

### Premiership Table

#### 'A' Grade

Grass Valley Green	229
Toodyay	208
Roos	188
Grass Valley White	182
Federals	155
Emus	128

#### 'B' Grade

Toodyay	179
Grass Valley White	156
Grass Valley Green	133

#### 'B' Grade

### Sat 5 February

Toodyay 168 defeated Grass Valley Green 79

Toodyay Batting:	
Paul Morgan	52
Ryan Van Beek	35
Paul Lindsay	25
Toodyay Bowling:	

### Fixtures

#### 'B' Grade

<b>Sat 5 March</b>	BYE
<b>Sat 12 March</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> Semi Finals Toodyay Oval
<b>Sun 13 March</b>	Preliminary Final Bert Hawke Oval
<b>Sat 19 March</b>	Grand Final Bert Hawke Oval
<b>Sun 20 March</b>	Grand Final Bert Hawke Oval



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## Avon Valley Adult Riding Club

**Caroline Venables-Kyrke**  
Treasurer

AVON Valley Adult Riding Club started its 17th season with an enrolment afternoon followed by the annual general meeting.

The enrolment went smoothly with about 25 members present, though more enrolments are expected at the first rally held on 26 February, as some people were unable to attend the afternoon.

At the annual general meeting all office bearing and committee positions were filled. We welcome back Sandy Sutton as our president after a year off from committee duties. Bjorg Lynn was re-elected as vice-president with Kerry Duggan as secretary and Lacey Ford as assistant secretary. Caroline Venables-Kyrke as treasurer and Heidi Hasson as assistant treasurer were both re-elected. Mel Flowers agreed to be rally organiser again this year, after doing such a wonderful job last year. The committee members are Liz Gibson, Tina Scott and Tom Kress. Our instructors are David Britza and Catherine Trindall.

A busy bee was held at the racecourse on Saturday 19 February and a big thanks to Kerry, Caroline, Julie, Heidi, Suzette and her daughter, and Leanne and her daughter, who managed to rake up all the leaves, burnt wood and iron from around the stalls and get most of it out of the way. Unfortunately, we ran out of time and so there will be a bit of cleaning up at the next rally removing the piles of leaves.

Plans are already underway for the Interclub Challenge which Avon Valley is hosting on 1 May. If members are not intending to take part on the day, please put your hands up to take up one of the volunteer helping positions to make the day run smoothly. The club is hoping to provide some prizes at the challenge, so if members know any friendly retailers who are willing to donate a small gift that would be most appreciated.

The club meets every fourth Saturday of the month at the Toodyay Racecourse from about 8.45am to 3pm, with lunch provided.

The first full rally day will be on 26 March and, if you are unable to attend, please contact Mel for the riding groups and Caroline for catering.

Annual fees have remained the same as last year, with a \$10 rally fee.

Anyone who is over the age of 18 and owns their own horse is most welcome to come along as a guest to see how the club rallies are run. However, you must let Mel Flowers (9622 8074) know so she can put you in an appropriate group.

If you would like more information on the club, please don't hesitate to call Caroline on 9574 1407 after 6pm or email pkyrke@optusnet.com.au.

## Toodyay Districts Horse and Pony Club

**Alison Cook**

ON the fourth Sunday of every month, a group of very enthusiastic young horse riders gather on the Toodyay Race Club grounds to join in fun games, jumping, a few formal lessons and general horsemanship.

This group is the Toodyay Districts Horse and Pony Club.

The club would like to invite anyone curious about pony club to bring their ponies and be a part of the Toodyay Pony Club on Sunday 13 March 2011, free of charge. Our committee will be at the grounds from 8am for all visitors to sign in. Ridden activities will commence at 9.30am.

There will be games, clear round show jumping, barbecue lunch and it will be a great opportunity to meet and chat with other members, parents and instructors.

The Pony Club has been operating since the early 1980s and has been a strong organisation of young competitive riders in the Avon region. In more recent times the club has developed a focus on being a non-competitive club, teaching safe horsemanship skills, improving riding skills and generally having fun with our four-legged friends.

The club welcomes all children from the age of 4 through to the age of 26 of all levels of riding experience.

Monthly rallies are held at the Race Course Grounds and start off with a quick gear check to ensure the safety and comfort of both the rider and their mount.

The rallies include a variety of lessons in flat work and jumping, also individual and team games with horsemanship theory to improve members' knowledge on looking after their loyal friends during the changing seasons. Organised ridden activities at alternative venues, social outings and camps are also worked into the yearly calendar.

The club encourages its members to sit Pony Club certificates; these are age and ability appropriate levels designed to test the practical and theoretical horsemanship knowledge.

For further details on the open day rally or general inquiries about the Toodyay Pony Club please phone our Secretary, Tanzi Carpenter, on 0427 859 493 or Chief Coach, Alison Cook, on 9497 1550.

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## Toodyay Bowls

**June Eastwood**

**Ladies**

THE Judith Walton four week challenge Night Rounds played during January has been completed. Judith generously donates prizes for each round winners.

Week 1 Winner: Kaye Rewell; Week 2: Gale Anderson (the person who could not see to score her card but ended up scoring 56 in Scroungers – huh!) Week 3: Kaye Adams; Week 4: Adele Bell. Our overall winner was Heather Henderson. Heather is another who has difficulty seeing the jack at night. Ha Ha. Congratulations, even if we don't know how you do it!

In Social Bowls which resumed in February, 4s winners on the 2nd were Marilyn Smith, Sadie Gilpin, June Eastwood and Ann Woodward. Ann is a new player showing great promise.

9 February. Pairs: Marilyn Smith and Margaret Scahill. Triples: Adele Bell, Roma Heath, Lorraine Musielak. Lorraine won a pair of new white socks so now she can retire her brilliant pink ones and be dull like the rest of us. However, if you want to see Margaret Scahill's cheeks flush the same colour as those pink socks, ask after the health of her dog. This is the one she raced to the vet and which landed her a \$45 bill. The one with the unusual complaint. (Author's note – blame Gale, not me).

February 16th. Highest Score: Adele Bell and Margaret Schahill (dog owner). Runner up Kaye Adams.

Our Captain, Kaye Rewell, should be soon returned from the depths of the Antarctic in time for the Singles Championships which commence 2 March. Also in time for Country Week which commences 21 March.

Ladies Pennants were over a short season and Toodyay fared much better than last season.

**Men**

10th Pennant: 1st Division lost to Dowerin 1/7 2nd Division defeated Dowerin 7/1

11th Pennant: 1st Division lost to York 2/6. 2nd Division defeated York 7/1

12th Pennant: 1st Division lost to Northam Blue 1/7 Second Division defeated Northam Gold 6 and a half to 1 and a half

Club Championships: Triples – Winners – Ashley Grundy, Jim Bruce and B. Yokich. Runners Up: Ace Eddy, Butch Dinnison, Don Coombs. Congratulations to all winners.

Corporate Bowls are half way through their competition with 36 teams competing. Unfortunately, a rare storm washed out play after only 30 minutes last Wednesday. A bit hairy for a while but no real damage.

## Toodyay Tennis Club

**Angela Fox**

HOT and very muggy weather is not ideal for tennis; however, despite this, the numbers have still been fairly good on Tuesdays. There has been a very good attendance on Friday nights also. It's so good to see the youngsters there and all really enjoying themselves. Also, there are some coming back after a break away.

We have had to do some court sweeping and twig collecting as the winds have been very strong at times but we all set to and get it done. Thank you to Mike and Roma for all your efforts at the courts; it is much appreciated.

We are still looking for more members. Remember, all levels of tennis are welcome so, if you can't manage Tuesday mornings, come along Friday nights at 7pm; we would love to see you!

Now to some very nice news! We have been chosen to hold a very special tennis match here in Toodyay. The Governor of Western Australia, His Excellency Kenneth Michael, and his wife, Mrs Julie Michael, are bringing their Ladies tennis team up on 24 March 2011 to play against our club! We have selected a team of ladies from our club along with some past members from around the district.

It starts at 10am and will finish at 11.45am. Everybody is welcome to come and watch; bring a chair and morning tea for yourselves (I'd love to say we will provide both but we could have a lot of people there to seat and cater for) and, hopefully, you will enjoy a very pleasant morning watching some very good tennis.

That's all for this month. Try and keep cool.

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## Toodyay Golf Club

ATTENTION members. The General Meeting of the Club is on 29 March at the Club House at 7.30pm. This is the chance to come along and voice an opinion on the running of the club. Your committee needs your input.

Other dates to note are the wood raffle 6 and 7 May, and stall 7 May (the day before Mother's Day). Donations of cooking, crafts and plants would be appreciated.

## Clackline/Toodyay Karate Club

WHAT a great start to the year for the club!

We had a very successful weekend of karate seminars presented by Sensei Andre Bertel which was well attended with people from across the state and as far away as Sydney. We would like to once again thank the Shire of Toodyay for their generous support, as well as the Water Corporation and Woolworths in Northam for their sponsorship.

Check out the photos of Andre Bertel's Karate-Do and read his blog to see how much he enjoyed his trip to Toodyay. Having the opportunity for someone like Sensei Andre to visit our club is a testament to the continued enthusiasm and commitment from Ken and Helen Bainbridge, even after 20 years at the club! A big thankyou also to the parents and students who helped with setting up, packing up and organising the social events. It was a huge team effort and well organised.

We would like to welcome all the new members to the club and hope that you each have as much fun learning Shotokan Karate as the current members do. If you would like to keep up-to-date with all that is going on at the club, email Helen at [helenbain@optusnet.com.au](mailto:helenbain@optusnet.com.au) and ask her to link you into the Avon Valley Shotokan facebook site.

Everyone at the club would like to send their best wishes to Saxon Jensen and his family at this very stressful time. Our thoughts are with you and we all hope that Saxon makes a full recovery.

Toodyay classes are held in the Youth Hall:

	Wed	3.45 – 4.15pm	5 – 8yr olds
		4.30 – 5.30pm	8 – 12yr olds
		6.00 – 7.30pm	Highschool and adults
	Fri	3.45 – 4.15pm	5 – 8yr olds
		4.30 – 5.30pm	8 – 12yr olds
		6.00 – 7.30pm	Highschool and adults

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## Talented Local Players

LOCAL hockey players representing the Avon Hockey Association have done their Association proud.

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Elite Athlete Education Programme during December 2010 and February 2011 held at Perth Hockey Stadium.

All players valued the opportunity to attend and extend their skills while local Toodyay player, Damon Geary, appreciated the new tackling techniques and was looking forward to the Game Development Session in February.



Brodie Young (Northam), Damon Geary (Toodyay), Scott Love (Northam).  
Absent: Iscaac Temby (Northam)

## Toodyay Football Club

### Call for Sponsors

THE Toodyay Football Club is an important part of the Toodyay community, not only because of the physical benefits of playing sport but also in the camaraderie provided by the members, the bringing of the community together for a common cause and as a social outlet as the club runs numerous functions throughout the year.

The generous support from all sponsors contributes towards the overall success of the club and the community as well as lifting the profile of our sponsors.

Financial contributions help to provide quality training staff and equipment and also help in the recruitment of talented players.

The more the club raises, together with physical support and a positive culture, the better the chance of winning this year's Premiership Flag.

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Memorial Game.) Information on packages between *100 Club* and *Platinum* can be obtained by calling the number below.

For all enquiries on sponsoring the Toodyay Football Club, please call Shane Campbell on 0404 817 755.

### TFC Jumper Presentation

The 2011 Toodyay Football Club Jumper Presentation will be held on Friday 1 April at 8pm, Toodyay Sports Pavilion. Come and join in and enjoy the presentation, a meal, open bar and entertainment.

## Toodyay Hockey Club

### Toodyay Senior Womens Training

FRIDAY 11 March, 6pm at the hockey field. This is a new team starting in the Mortlock hockey association so all interested ladies and girls are urged to attend this training. The first game for the season is Sunday 17 April. Contact Dave Flaherty on 9574 4145.

### 13 and Unders mixed A team for the Avon Hockey Association

Training commences Wednesday 16 March at 5pm. Coach for the season is Courtney Fleay, team managers, Nadine Cording (9574 4165) and Therese Chitty (9574 4274.)

### Have A Go Hockey

Have A Go Hockey for beginner hockey players of primary school age commences Wednesday 16 March at 4.30 at the hockey field. This will run for 6 weeks at a cost of \$24. Damon Geary will be the coach. If you would like further information contact Therese Chitty (9574 4274.)

## Avon U16s Win Indoor Hockey State Title

LOFTUS Recreation Centre, in Leederville was the venue for the 2010 Junior Indoor State Championships three-day event in December. Four Under 14 Boy's teams, eight Under 16 Boy's teams and seven Under 16 Girl's teams took part in this event. All teams put on a great show and displayed impressive skills especially our local Toodyay players.

The Avon Under 16s boys were undefeated in their pool and in the champion's pool. This placed them into the grand final in which they defeated Victoria Park 5 - 0. While some players were not available due to injury, Courtney Fleay was happy to assist the boys, working strongly in the back line with Damon Geary making a great team combination while Geary dominated the scoring with his penalty drag flicks. Mathew Ferguson had his first event for indoor hockey developing new skills and enjoying the moment of scoring for the team. Top Goal Scorer for the tournament was awarded to Damon Geary and player of the tournament also went to an Avon player.

While the girls Under 16s represented

team 2 for the C T Pirates, first-time player, Hannah Welburn, enjoyed her experience and would like the chance to play again. Working with Hannah on the forward line was Renee Ward, hard on the ball, darting around players going towards goals and achieving her best on the penalty corners. Strong in defence was Courtney Fleay who outdid the opposition with her well-held stick work forcing the free passes.

Special mention must be made of Mrs Rose Power for organising all the teams as manager and Codey Power for coaching three teams during this event. Codey's effort was well rewarded to celebrate his 18th birthday on grand final day. Also, thank you to our local boys who arranged to do their own umpiring duties and to our local parents who arranged transport every day to give these local players the opportunity to show their talent.

During the Tournament, local Toodyay players, Courtney Fleay and Damon Geary and other Avon players, were selected for the W.A Indoor Talent Squad for 2011.



Mathew Ferguson, Damon Geary Hannah Welburn, Renee Ward and Courtney Fleay



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**100ac.** Outskirts of town. Bitumen frontage. Scheme water, power, bore, tank & fitted shed. Winter creek fenced & with revegetation planting. 75% arable, fully fenced productive lot.

**An excellent hobby block ready to enjoy!**

**\$299,000**



**ON THE RIVERSIDE**

Neat 3bed cottage on 1,138sqm with circular driveway & 2 carports. Shady block overlooking Avon Valley, just around the corner from Toodyay Showgrounds.

**\$269,000**



**DARE TO DREAM**

Almost **40 acres** just 2kms from Toodyay on the Perth side. Panoramic views, water soak & stone cottage ruins on an interesting property. Be adventurous & invest in your own space & fresh air, all very close to town at below cost.

**Unbeatable value – so inspect now.**

**\$390,000**



**SO MUCH SPACE!**

For a **BIG family** on a **BIG block** in the heart of Toodyay. Room for everyone with great separation of living areas and a pool in a shady garden! Located so you and the kids can walk to everything.

**Built for two families or integrated for one.**

**\$439,000**



**THE PRETTIEST 100 AC**

Creeks, dams, pasture, tall trees and seclusion - this farmlet has everything. Big neat sheds and weekend accommodation. **You won't find better than this!**

**\$499,000**



**FOREST RETREAT**

Classic D/B 3bed, 2bath country home. BIG open plan living overlooks secure, private pool area. Giant lock-up workshop with fully serviced accommodation unit. Easy care gardens, fruit trees & more. All on 10 acres with sandalwood & wildflowers.

**\$499,000**



**ABSOLUTELY UNIQUE**

A home as individual as you are. Set on 77Ac of nature's own loveliness is this remarkable 4bed 3bath circular straw bale home with two distinctive living areas. Pool, spa, outbuildings & much more.

**Come & see for yourself.**

**\$695,000**

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