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Skateboarders try out the new ramps at the Toodyay Skate Park. Photo: Wayne Weaver.

Davies Opens Toodyay Skate Park

MEMBER for the Agricultural Region, Mia Davies, officially opened the Toodyay Skate Park on Saturday 30 April.

\$150,000 of Royalties for Regions Country Local Government Funding was allocated by the Shire of Toodyay to kick-start the project.



Shire of Toodyay Deputy CEO, Sam Mastrolembo, Member for the Agricultural Region, Mia Davies, and Shire President, Kevin Hogg. Photo: Wayne Weaver.

Ms Davies joined representatives from the Toodyay Shire, volunteers, local kids

and community members at the Skate Park and congratulated those involved for their foresight in creating a space for young people living and visiting the town.

"It's vitally important that young people have 'space' in a community," Ms Davies said. "When you look around our towns and see what older members of the community have got, CWA halls, senior citizens rooms, bowling clubs, there's a whole social structure that revolves around these places."

Ms Davies said the skate park was more than just concrete, bricks and mortar.

"At a time when so many of us lament the fact our kids spend too much time in front of the TV and computer, the skate park provides a focal point to encourage young people to interact co-operatively, make new friends, get some exercise and develop social networks," she said. "The kids were also involved in the design of the park and have contributed financially through fundraising efforts, assisted by the Shire."

Ms Davies said by engaging with young people the process had allowed them to understand the value of public infrastructure and given them a sense of ownership.

In conjunction with \$150,000 Royalties for Regions Country Local Government Funding,

the Toodyay and Districts Community Bank donated \$20,000 toward the project and the Shire of Toodyay contributed their staff's time in labour to construct the retaining walls and landscaping.

"The true value of Royalties for Regions funding is its ability to act as a catalyst, leveraging dollars from other sources to deliver the project and local businesses are to be commended for their tremendous support for donating time and materials," Ms Davies said.

The Shire of Toodyay put funding provided through the Dry Seasons Assistance Package toward the opening, with a number of activities for kids and adults held in Duigee Park to celebrate the unveiling of the skate park.



Toodyay Community Bank representatives, Don Bates and Margaret O'Sullivan present Shire President, Kevin Hogg with a cheque for \$20,000. Photo: Wayne Weaver.

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Special Offer for Bushfire Survivors and Others Affected by Recent Wild Weather

A GROUP of Western Australia's leading professional conservators will be donating their time free of charge to offer advice on how to conserve and care for objects in your private possession, including items that were affected by fire and smoke.

There will be professional help with items as diverse as family photographs, Christening gowns, wedding dresses, valuable books, paintings, leather objects, items of furniture and metal objects.

WHEN Sunday 22 May 2011

WHERE Toodyay Town Hall
 Stirling Terrace,
 Toodyay

TIME 10am - 4pm

Advice will be FREE to those affected by natural disasters such as the bushfires in the Toodyay, Roleystone/Kelmscott areas and Lake Clifton, or by storm and flooding at York, Northam and Nungarin.

Advice will also be available to members of the public who were not affected by any of these disasters. A small fee of \$5 per item will be charged to assist with offsetting the travel costs of the visiting conservators.

The conservators will be available through the day from 10am to 4pm with a break for lunch from 12.15pm to 1.15pm. There will be a 'meet the conservators' session from 11.30am to 12pm but otherwise the day will be quite informal. You are welcome to come and go as you please through the day.

Further details are available from Greg Manzie on 0448 844 381, Brian Shepherd on 0410 344 812 or Robyn Taylor on 9574 2578.

This event is an initiative of the 29/12 Toodyay Bushfire Projects Group and is supported by:

Shire of Toodyay;
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 Western Australian Museum;
 Museums Australia Inc WA Branch; and
 Conservators: Greg Manzie, Ian Godfrey, Jon Carpenter, Del Smith, Rinska Carr, Paul Malone and Doug Firth.

\$10K Available to WA Community-based Disaster Recovery Projects

As part of the *Travelling Sisters Roadshow - Australian Disaster Recovery*, a unique charity initiative by the Mary MacKillop Foundation, the deadline has been extended for community based Australian disaster recovery projects to apply for grants of up to \$10,000 each.

The closing date for applications for disaster recovery projects has been extended to 20 May 2011. The deadline for all other small life changing projects is 30 June 2011.

The Mary MacKillop Foundation is calling on all small life changing projects to apply for funding that will help them meet even more needs. The Mary MacKillop Foundation is looking for small life changing projects that help people to overcome destitution, isolation, and the effects of misfortune. Most importantly, a project must assist people in achieving an increased measure of self-reliance and human dignity.

To help raise money for the grants, the Mary MacKillop Foundation has launched *Travelling Sisters Roadshow - Australian*

Disaster Recovery which will see two Sisters of St Joseph drive to towns all across Australia in a Travelling Sisters tour van, visiting schools and town centres in Melbourne, Adelaide, Perth, Sydney and Brisbane. They will be encouraging people to roll up their sleeves to help their communities and to donate money to the 'small-life changing projects' that are directly helping the disaster recovery.

Their visit to each state will include a fundraising gala dinner, meeting small life changing projects and grant recipients, visiting areas affected by recent disasters, and spending time at over one hundred schools. The Sisters will spend a number of hours at each school, discussing with students, teachers and others the work of St Mary MacKillop and empowering young people to "Never see a need without trying to do something about it" (quote: St Mary MacKillop).

To apply for a grant or for more information, go to www.mackillopfoundation.org.au

State Heritage Champions Honoured in Awards

HERITAGE Minister, John Castrilli, has announced the winners of the 2011 Western Australian Heritage Awards.

Mr Castrilli said author and retired teacher Barrie Baker was among a list of outstanding individuals, organisations and projects to be recognised for the promotion and conservation of WA's heritage.

"The Western Australian Heritage Awards showcase the very best in the endorsement of conservation, adaptive reuse and interpretation of State-Registered heritage places," he said. "This year, the awards were spread across 11 categories to acknowledge the contribution of volunteers, owners, professionals, organisations and local governments."

The Minister said the winner of the individual contribution to heritage was Barrie Baker, patron of the Mount Lawley Society, who had shown extraordinary dedication in the past three decades to promoting heritage conservation.

Outstanding contribution by a heritage professional was awarded to Dr Brian Shepherd, who had been a driving force in educating heritage professionals, while best newcomer was given to Two Feet and a Heartbeat, which operate informative and exciting walking tours in Perth.

Beagle Bay Mission Church, with its mother-of-pearl and shell altars, received the top honour for outstanding conservation of a non-residential place. The project team and the community worked together to restore, with meticulous detail, one of WA's most remote heritage places on the Dampier Peninsula.

The personal commitment of its owners saw the 1976-constructed Marsala House, the youngest residence on the State Register, receive the award for best conservation of a residential place.

The Minister said the Fremantle Society and the Fremantle Prison received top honours for outstanding contribution to heritage by community and public organisations. Fremantle Prison also received best heritage tourism product.

"The clever design and excellent use of interpretation material and historical imagery saw the B-Shed Ferry Terminal named the outstanding adaptive reuse project of the year," he said.

"It was also pleasing to see the City of Perth and the Shire of Toodyay honoured for best heritage practices by local governments and the City of Joondalup's Yellagonga Interpretive Signage Project receiving the best interpretation project."

The Salvos Affirm Their Support for Toodyay



SINCE the bushfires decimated the Toodyay community in December 2009, The Salvation Army has worked alongside the Shire of Toodyay in supporting the community, well supported by the Bendigo Community Bank and the general community of Western Australia.

The Salvation Army has been able to distribute over \$1.6m in grants to those affected hoping to empower individuals and families in their recovery. This has only been made possible by the generosity of the public, business and representatives from the local community working together to develop a matrix for the distribution of funds to ensure equality and transparency.

On 27 May 2011, Mr Bill Mauser, who has worked in the Toodyay community for the past 12 months, will conclude his role. However, support will still be available through Lieutenant Russell Butcher who has recently been appointed to Northam.

Warren Palmer, Public Relations Secretary of The Salvation Army said, "Bill has provided more than just a listening ear to the community of Toodyay; he has been a friend to many. In many regards, Bill was perfect for the job as he has many years of experience in the building industry but, above all, Bill always displayed a positive approach to the recovery process and exemplified a 'can do' attitude to support people in their time of need.

"Whilst we acknowledge that Bill will be missed as he relocates to Victoria for

personal reasons, Russell Butcher has worked in the fire ravaged area in Victoria and has a significant amount of experience in supporting similar communities. Russell will continue to make himself available for people in the community in much the same way that Bill did."

In reconciling the balance of Appeal funds held as well as assessing future needs that may still be required, Russell will oversee a third distribution of grants to those who had their home destroyed or those who were renting and lost all their contents. The first distribution of approximately \$1m was completed around April 2010 and was given to all people affected according to the matrix which was developed by the financial subcommittee of the Recovery Committee. The second distribution was narrowed down to around 40 residences based on total destruction as either owner or as a tenant. This second distribution of around \$550,000 went out in July 2010. The final distribution will be completed by the middle of May 2011 and there is another \$194,000 to distribute to the same 40 residences that received the second distribution. This will be made in August 2010.

With the majority of appeal funds exhausted, we will retain a small amount for any support required in the future. After Bill concludes, Russell Butcher can be contacted on 9622 1228 or 0427 826 250 to access further assistance.

From the Pavilion Avon Woodturners Notes

Max Heath
Convenor

WELL it's that time again. Another month gone by and the Herald notes are due.

Things have been going along nicely at the pavilion. We had our meeting a week early because of Easter and a few things came up but it was still a short meeting.

Three of our members, Andrea McClandish, Bill Beswick and Max Heath, are going to do a demonstrator's course in May. This should be interesting and they hope to learn a lot. To be able to turn is one thing but to turn and describe what you are doing is another thing altogether.

One of our members completed a potpourri bowl at the Sunday morning session and, seeing this is a present, I had better be quiet about whom it is for.

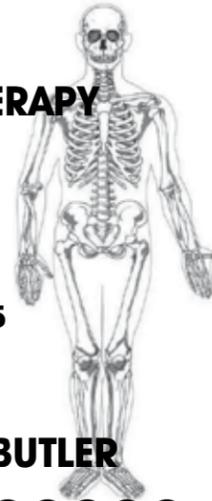
We had our excursion to Swan Woodturners. This was a good night and we learnt a lot, including the fact that top turners also make mistakes and you take spare pieces with you in case this happens so you can start again. We did feel sorry for the demonstrator when this happened.

Our club project is still progressing, thanks to Bill Beswick who is making the wheel for it. Others in the club are making a few things that will make some income for the club.

Well that is about all from the Pavilion for now so, if you wish to have a look see, come along on Sunday mornings or ring me, Max Heath, on 9574 2069 if you want further information about our Woodturning Club.

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Desraé Clarke

A REQUEST for expressions of interest by community groups and individuals in being part of the parade of floats depicting our history of 175 years of settlement of Toodyay, 1836 - 2011, on Saturday 1 October has begun well!

Celebrations will be occurring throughout the year. A recent addition has been a special trip on Saturday 18 August around the old Anglican churches of the area which has been organised by the Anglican Church sub-committee.

The history of Toodyay's beginnings are well-written in Rica Erickson's 'Old Toodyay and Newcastle', an interesting, hard-covered publication available from both the Shire Office and the Information Centre. There are so many names still heard in our Shire that were those of pioneers mentioned by Mrs Erickson.

The 175th Anniversary Celebrations Committee would like to encourage community groups, children, sporting groups and community members to begin to organise floats or their participation now that depict the history of our Shire.

Wearing period dress is always a lot of fun, especially for the children! Display machinery, old farm trucks, draught animals, carts, treadle sewing machines, household goods, hand wringers, wash boards, farm implements and the list goes on and on.

The committee welcomes your enquiries, suggestions and, most of all, your participation in this exciting event.

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THERE HAS BEEN much debate and speculation in the community concerning requests for the Shire of Toodyay to provide direct funding to the Toodyay Medical Centre.

At its meeting on 19 April 2011 Council resolved to conduct a ratepayer survey – the letter accompanying the survey refers to a forecast average rate increase of 2.92% to assist with the recruitment package for a second doctor. As always averages can be beguiling.

The reality is that because of “Concessions” extended to rural ratepayers with more than 100ha and to Morangup ratepayers on greater than the minimum rate, there is a reduction in overall rates of 7.8% based on 2010/2011 budget figures. What does this mean?

Well, to achieve an average of 2.92% most ratepayers will be faced with a rate increase of 3.2% whereas the “rural sector” will face a 2.4% increase and Morangup concession holders 2.78%.

I also point out that contained within the existing 2010/2011 budget, assistance is provided to the Toodyay Medical Centre operators through payment of all:

- Water charges
- Electricity charges
- Building maintenance expenses
- Gardening expenses
- Cleaning expenses

This assistance amounts to over \$60,000 per annum or 1.53% of budget revenue. This assistance has been provided to the Medical Centre for many years by the ratepayers through the Shire.

In short, if additional subsidy is approved by the ratepayers, total subsidy will then amount to nearly 5% of rates revenue. That is, for every dollar collected in rates nearly 5 cents will go to supporting the medical centre and leave only 95 cents to do the other work expected and required of the Shire.

To translate to a dollar figure, if you now pay \$2000 in rates your rates for the

additional subsidy will increase by \$64.00 and you will be contributing in total around \$100 per annum to the Toodyay Medical Centre.

Although the indication has been given that the bulk of the assistance is required for only one year – there is no guarantee of this. When there is an increase in rates there is a varying impact on individual ratepayers, and I would suggest it would be very difficult to return to the status quo and reduce rates in ensuing years as the increase becomes entangled in total rates revenue.

I am aware of the efforts being made by volunteer group in the district – the Medical Action Group (MAG) which efforts are most commendable. The MAG is seeking a voluntary contribution of \$50.00 per family from users of the Toodyay Medical Centre. The Shire can only target ratepayers to raise funds. However the MAG is also seeking assistance from the very many people from outside Toodyay who make use of the Toodyay Medical Centre. It would appear that at least half of the Medical Centre's clients are from outside the Toodyay district. I commend the work of the MAG as its approach seems far more equitable than an impost on a narrow ratepayer base.

I urge all ratepayers to think carefully about the overall implications of a subsidy to a private for profit business and take the time to complete and return the ratepayer survey.

Kevin Hogg

I BROUGHT SOME things to be auctioned at the Lions' auction. Never again!

We were advised to come early as there were only 500 lots allowed – according to the radio promos.

At 7.45 I was fourth in the queue in the showground. At about 8.30 two large trailers fully loaded came through the main gate and were promptly unloaded. When I complained I was told it was all donated and had to be unloaded.

personal attack. The meeting turned very acrimonious with the CEO, Mr Merrick, and the Recovery Coordinator, Councillor Wroth, both walking out of the meeting. At the time it looked as if the Recovery Committee wanted to run the recovery entirely on their own with the perception that WANDRRA (West Australian Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements) would pay all accounts without hesitation. It was not until 18 May 2010 that the Local Recovery Committee was officially established. The correct procedures for the authorisation of the expenditure of Shire funds did not occur until 18 March 2010. The auditors found that,

- in many instances, no purchase orders found in relation to the expenditure occurred;
- in many instances, acknowledgement of goods having been received was not evident;
- on many occasions, purchase orders were raised after tax invoices had been received; and
- in one instance, it appears a payment was

So from being fourth in the queue I ended up being lot 104 and didn't get out until about 10 o'clock.

Not good enough Lions!

Bob Kermode

RESIDENTS of Toodyay and surrounds should be informed of the proposed Class 2 Landfill (which includes materials such as asbestos, medical waste and contaminated soil) facility at Lot 11 Chitty Road, Toodyay.

Research shows that there is potential for contamination of Jimperding and Harper Brook and a real fire risk in an area surrounded by thick bushland only 15 kilometres from Toodyay township.

In response, I contacted the WA Department of Health to seek an assurance that living in the vicinity wouldn't pose a health risk. Instead, I was told to install the best filters on my water tank and not to go outside during the operating hours for the proposed landfill facility – being Monday to Saturday, 7am to 6pm!

I am aware that a handful of people would 'line their pockets' if this proposal received the go-ahead. However, most residents don't want their health impacted, their waterways contaminated, or increased fire risk.

I strongly urge the Toodyay community to contact their local Councillors and say “NO, we don't want this in Toodyay. We love this town too much!” Furthermore, what would this proposal do to the value of real estate in Toodyay if it received the ‘yes’ vote at the council meeting?

Trevor Strickland

ON MONDAY I attended the Anzac dawn service in Mandurah for the third time.

Wonderful though it was, my thoughts returned to Toodyay and memories of your dawn service.

How I loved to see the car lights wending their way down through the hills into the valley and coming together at the memorial, quietly greeting friends as we stood together

made for goods not received. The extra work undertaken by the auditors to sort out this mess has cost the Shire an extra \$28,000, money that could have gone some way to secure an extra doctor for Toodyay. The Shire is going to produce ‘emergency recovery packs’, which will include Shire purchase order books and information on the Statutory Compliance Requirements. This should prevent any reoccurrence of last year's debacle.

Nevertheless, the CEO at the time, Mr Merrick, should have known the rules and advised the Recovery Committee accordingly.

Crossovers
The policy for the standards and specifications for crossovers has been reviewed. The main difference is that all crossovers adjoining a sealed road, urban or rural, have to be sealed. Also crossovers in rural and industrial areas have to be of a stronger construction.

Subdivision
A new subdivision has been proposed for an extra 68 rural residential lots in an area adjoining Woodland Heights, Sanctuary Park, Rugged Hills and Francis Street (off Toodyay West Road.) This was deferred to

under the lemon gums (hi all), the mist in the valley and the laughter of the occasional kookaburra as we waited for dawn and the service to begin.

I miss it.

*Irene Wilson
Mandurah*

IT IS WITH sadness that I see young adults trying to get work here in Toodyay.

There isn't much available but sadder still is the attitude exhibited by some business operators here in town.

Having been assessed as suitable, the young adult is on roster. After one or two days of work that person is removed from the roster and not contacted again; no explanation or reason is given. Surely this isn't the attitude of a good employer?

Next example is to be offered an interview. A time is given but the person is unable to meet the time and asks for a later interview. Arriving for this interview the applicant is told that there is no one available to conduct the interview. Another interview time is arranged and, on the day, a phone call to confirm the time receives the casual response that the business has enough staff so the interview is cancelled.

Please, business people, these kids have fragile egos. Why stomp on them when they are at least trying to get work, not just putting out their hands like some members of the nation.

Remember that one day your children may get treated like this; then see how happy you are about it.

Fred Fellowes

TO THE PERSON(S) who helped themselves to a 200 litre water tank on trailer plus a 16 disc international plough from Lot 190 Dewars Pool Road, please return to Waylen Farms.

Ring 9574 2046 to make arrangements.

Thank you.

Peter Fairhead

a forum and a site visit due to concern over the topography of the area.

Sale of Land
There is a small lot of land (approx 1ha) between Toodyay Northam Road and the Avon River which is cut in half by Dumbarton Road. An adjoining landholder is interested in purchasing the eastern section. Council however decided not to sell as the land may be needed when (not if) the Dumbarton Bridge is replaced.

Subdivision
The next stage of the Mountain Park subdivision has come before Council. There is a lot of opposition to this plan as the proponent is the same one who developed Mountain Park Stage 1. Although Stage 1 was signed off by Mr Merrick, it, in fact, was not and still is not completed. Despite this problem the Council is obliged to consider this new plan in isolation from the previous subdivision. The Shire Planning and Development department had a list of items it decided needed attention. Council changed the motion but still requires many things to be changed.

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Fly on the Wall

Peter Robinson

IT was off to Bejoording for the April Ordinary Meeting of Council. With the size of the agenda, it was always going to be a long night. But, at 1.15am on Wednesday morning with items still to debate, it was a bit over the top and the six hour meeting was adjourned.

Anyway, after some questions and submissions, including some relating to Mountain Park, we got onto the recommendations.

Bush Fire Recovery
The first item concerned the Bush Fire Recovery effort. Councillor Firns must feel vindicated in his endeavours to legalise both the Toodyay Local Emergency Management and the Local Recovery Management back on 1 January 2010. He was Shire President at the time but, instead of that meeting only lasting a few minutes to place the matters in legal order, he was subjected to a savage

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North Street

The proposal to close North Street came back to Council after having been deferred from the February meeting. After an hour of questions and clarification the matter was once again deferred.

Street Trading

The Planning and Development department advised all retail outlets in the main street that footpath displays need Council approval. As a result, the Op Shop is the first business to apply for a permit. The Officers recommended against granting approval; however they did provide an alternative motion for Council. The Op Shop has permission provided they retain a minimum 2m wide pedestrian footpath.

Picnic Shelter

The Friends of the River have permission to erect a picnic shelter and interpretive signage next to Millard's Pool at the bottom of Glencoe Estate. There is already a walkway along that part of the river. This is a great idea as I have recently visited a similar arrangement at Burlong Pool just out of Northam and was very impressed.

Charcoal Lane Carpark

Council requested permission from itself to grant planning approval to construct a car park across from the new IGA shop between Charcoal Lane and the railway line. The Council started earthworks but then realised they didn't have any plans or costings. They now have some of the plans and some of the costings. This is another Merrick mess that is going to cost us ratepayers a lot of money. The item was deferred to forum for more details and discussion.

Bridge Maintenance

Late last year it was discovered that the Shire did not have a bridge maintenance plan. Nor was it spending enough on bridge maintenance to ensure that it would receive the state government's 2/3 contribution toward bridge maintenance. Thanks to some fast work and dedication from the Manager of Finance and Administration, the Shire has averted that disaster.

It is another problem inherited from Mr Merrick. Dumbarton Bridge is the problem, with \$50,000 needing to be spent 'propping it up' for the short term. Roads to Recovery allocated \$400,000 towards properly fixing Dumbarton Bridge but further investigation has shown that \$1.2 million is needed.

Playgroup

A great deal of time was spent (wasted) deciding whether to charge Playgroup \$500 or \$1,000pa for the use of the Community Centre. Some of those Councillors who were willing to give away \$7,000 of Medical Centre rent wanted to 'protect the public monies' and charge Playgroup the full \$1,000. It was decided (6:3) to charge \$500.

Medical Centre

The Shire has agreed to send out a survey to all ratepayers seeking your opinion of a small rate increase to recover the cost of an additional doctor for Toodyay. Have your say in this matter by filling in and returning the survey by the prescribed deadline.

By this time it was after 1am so the meeting was adjourned until immediately prior to the Annual Elector's meeting (later the same day.) The final agenda items were discussed on 28 April, ten days after the Ordinary Meeting. I was unable to attend due to other commitments.



The ANZAC Day Parade turns into Harper Road. Photo: Lou Kidd

RSL – Toodyay Sub-Branch

John Adams
Secretary/Treasurer

ANZAC Day has come and gone and has again been a great success due to the support received from the Toodyay community. The Dawn Service, in particular, was the largest in attendance



TDHS students read the Honour Roll at the Dawn Service. Photo: Lou Kidd

that we can remember. Sincere thanks and appreciation is extended to the Lions Club of Toodyay for again providing the Gunfire Breakfast following the Dawn Service. We also wish to thank the Shire of Toodyay, the Toodyay District High School and the Emergency Service Cadets, the Toodyay Scout Group, Fr Sharbel (Padre), the Toodyay Police, Murray Swain (Bugler) and the Toodyay community for their help and support.

We would also like to thank the VW Club

of WA, Mike Knowles (Brewbakers) and Ros Bailey (Courtyard Antiques) for their very kind donations.

Thank you also to the Toodyay Club for their catering and putting up with us again.

As mentioned in previous issues of *The Toodyay Herald*, we are attempting to compile a history of the Toodyay Sub-Branch. The State branch of the RSL is also undertaking a three year project to compile a history of the RSL and they will be visiting Toodyay on Tuesday, 7 June. They, along with members of this sub-branch, will be at the Toodyay Memorial Hall from 9.30am.

Further details of this event appear in this issue. Any information, photographs etc. will be very much appreciated.

ANZAC Day 2011

G R Holland
President – Toodyay RSL

FIRST of all, I would like to thank the people of Toodyay and visitors for their attendance at our Dawn Service.

After the Dawn Service we were treated to a wonderful Gunfire Breakfast put on by the Lions Club. Well done to the Lions' members for their sterling effort.

At around 10.30 the parade around town began and ended at the Memorial where our service started at 11am, after which we all gathered at the Bowling Club for our usual

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get-together.

One point for future consideration. All the large stores in Perth pay their respect by remaining closed until after 12noon. Unfortunately, this wasn't the case in Toodyay, with one of our hardware stores opening before the appointed time.



Bugler, Murray Swain, plays the last post.
Photo: Lou Kidd

I would like to say thanks to the Toodyay Police for their help with traffic control again while the march was on. Last but not least, thank you to Deb and her staff at the club for their service on the day.

Thank you, Toodyay.

RSL Living History Project

THE RSL Living History Project is a three year project undertaken with the support of Lotterywest. The RSL has existed in some form in Western Australia since 1916 with sub-branches opening throughout the State to support the needs of returned service personnel. The RSL is a community organisation and the history of the League is not one story but many stories told through the sub-branches of the League. The RSL

Living History Project aims to capture these histories and present them in the form of an online exhibition.

What we are looking for are photographs of sub-branch members, functions or commemorative services; photographs of halls or meeting places; photographs of Honour Boards and Rolls in the custody of the sub-branch; documentation relating to the sub-branch, and the formation and/or operation of the sub-branch, for example, sub-branch charters.

We will also be conducting oral histories with those affiliated with the League focusing on the history of the sub-branch and the role of the sub-branch within the community.

We will be equipped with a video and stills camera with which to conduct videoed oral histories, and a scanner to make digital copies of any photographs or documents relating to the sub-branch.

Not all content collected will become part of the online exhibition, although all content will form part of the RSL digital archive which will be available in the future to researchers and interested persons by application. We will not be removing anything from the sub-branch – all material will be returned to its owner as soon as it is copied.

We will be in Toodyay on Tuesday 7 June at The Memorial Hall from 9.30am, along with members of the Toodyay Sub-Branch. For further details contact rsldenatary@gmail.com or contact Naomi at RSL Headquarter, ANZAC House Perth, John Adams 9574 5682, Allen Clabaugh 9574 5110 or Lou Kidd 9574 4310.

Follow the project on Facebook <http://tinyurl.com/2cd13c8> and Blogger <http://tinyurl.com/249kff6>

Ferguson Descendants Descend on Toodyay

A VERY large gathering of the descendants of Alexander James and Sarah Elizabeth Ferguson held their eighth Reunion on a property near Toodyay over the Easter long weekend.

In 2006, over 500 campers and day visitors attended with the numbers for this year expected to top that.

Not that that will be all their descendants. After the 2001 reunion there were 1,221 names on the Family Tree and by Easter 2006 they had multiplied to 1,334.

The tradition of the AJ Ferguson Reunion began at the funeral of Henry James Ferguson, Sarah and AJs fifth child, at Toodyay in December 1965. There, the most common greeting amongst the cousins was, "The only time we see each other now is at someone's funeral."

The possibility of having a family social gathering for a happier reason was discussed while they toasted Uncle Henry in the usual style, reminiscing about the good old days and the importance of keeping the memory of the ancestors alive so that the following generations would know of their roots. Vern

and Boyce Donegan, Mac Ferguson and Spec Sinclair agreed to organise the event.

All descendants of Sarah and Alexander were invited to attend the first family reunion which was held at Spec's property on Easter Sunday 10 April 1966, commencing at noon.

Camping sites were available for those wishing to sleep overnight. The programme included sport and entertainment from 3 – 5pm in keeping with the Rose Valley tradition. This evoked keen competition from some great athletes. A dance and social evening followed.

Only two of the original 13 children were still living in 1966, Elsie May and Herbert Edward, and both were present at that first reunion.

Reunions were originally held every ten years but since 1986, as their popularity grew, they have been every 5 years.

Organisation for this year's reunion commenced with the first Committee meeting in August 2010, followed roughly at monthly intervals. Various family members took on responsibilities for such tasks as:

- Arranging a large marquee to house the family tree;
- Providing water supplies to site;
- Arranging portable toilets;
- Grading firebreaks and the provision of fire units;
- Printing Attendance Certificates;
- Budgeting and Accounting;
- Shire and Landowner liaison;
- Notices and Publicity;
- Sporting and novelty events;
- Saturday night 'concert';
- Recycling and garbage disposal;
- Insurance;
- photography; and so on.

The reunion site has a special place in the hearts of many descendants. They are all urged to not spoil it by destroying any living trees or bushes, killing any wildlife or by making any scars on the landscape and to leave their campsites and all the surroundings as they find them on arrival, so that many further generations may enjoy future reunions as much as they do.

As the years roll on, the older generations inevitably give way to the new. Each separate family spreads its branches, growing a little more distant with every marriage, and these introduce the additional mixture of other family ties. Yet the kinship remains, with strong satisfaction in an ancestry that reaches back to the beginning of settlement in Western Australia.

Give All Australian Farmers a Pat on the Back

Geoff Bell
Managing Director, Australian Year of
the Farmer

I'VE always had a strong connection to farming – but I'm not a farmer. Like many other Australians, I have family ties to the land. I also married a farmer's daughter and, as the CEO of the Sydney Markets Limited, I came to understand the pressure farmers and

growers are under as they work to provide food and fibre for the Nation.

I often wonder how many people fully appreciate the role farmers play in this country. There's a common perception that farming is only about people in rural communities; well, I'm here to tell you that's wrong.

Whether you live in the smallest country town or one of our biggest cities, farming is integral to all our daily lives.

If you disagree, imagine for a second how you'd be impacted if our farmers went on strike. What would you eat? Where would your fresh fruit and vegetables, your dairy products, your fish, meat, poultry, eggs, grains and fibres, your takeaway hamburger come from? Maybe you'd like to crack open a cold beer or a glass of wine to drown your sorrows, think again – the malt, hops and grapes also come from a farm.

Then again, it's not just things we consume that come from our farmers. Think about wool, cotton, leather, paper and timber. There are so many other fine quality products that our farmers grow and harvest that we too often take for granted.

I am proud 2012 is going to be the Australian Year of the Farmer. It's a celebration of what farmers do for all Australians.

Farming is a very diverse and exciting industry. It combines things like economics, engineering, environmental management, science, plumbing, labouring and building.

Our farmers and agriculture service industries are leading the world, constantly addressing issues like climate change and food security. Our farmers produce more while using less of the environment's resources. In 2010, our farmers used 7.3% less land than they did 60 years ago, but are producing 220% more product and using 50-80% less water than before.

The Year will acknowledge the hard work and innovation of the many Australians involved in the farming industry, from the farm gate, forest or estuary to consumption. An exciting calendar of events and activities is being finalised to celebrate all things farming, to reinforce the relationship between rural and urban communities and to help educate children (and adults) on the important role farming plays in this country. We hope the year will also serve to enthuse youngsters about the wealth of careers available in agriculture and related industries.

I was talking to a teacher the other day and he said to me the most common response to a simple question like "where does milk come from?", is "the supermarket." To me this sums up exactly why a year that specially recognises farmers is needed.

Farming is a partnership between rural and urban communities. For farming to remain sustainable, people living in our cities need to understand their role in the partnership. They need to take the time to find out where their food comes from, to understand the exciting careers available in the farming and agricultural sectors and the crucial role farming plays in Australia's economic and social fabric.

It boils down to all of us remembering our farmers are integral to our future. And that our farmers' future is in our hands.

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Get Walking - It's National Walk Safely to School Day Friday 20 May 2011



WALK Safely to School Day (WSTSD) is an annual, national event to encourage all primary school children to walk and commute safely to school. It is a community event to promote road safety, health, public transport and the environment. All Western Australian primary school students, parents and carers will be asked to participate in the twelfth national Walk Safely to School Day on Friday 20 May 2011.

An initiative developed by the Pedestrian Council of Australia, *Walk Safely to School*

Day encourages parents and carers to walk to school with primary school-age children to instil healthy lifestyle habits and reinforce safe pedestrian behaviour.

"Parents and carers need to be informed about the importance of developing their child's vital road-crossing skills at an early age. To reduce the number of accidents involving our children, we need to make sure that children up to ten years old are holding the hand of an adult when crossing the road and using a safe place to cross the road," said Chairman of the Pedestrian Council of Australia, Harold Scruby.

As well as encouraging health and safety, *Walk Safe to School Day* helps to reduce the car dependency habits that are being created at an early age and to promote the use of public transport. This will assist in reducing the long-term levels of air pollution created by motor vehicles and reduce the level of traffic congestion – all from walking.

WHAT: National Walk Safely to School Day 2011

WHEN: Friday 20 May 2011

WHERE: In all Primary Schools around Australia

WHY: To encourage children to lead a healthier, more active lifestyle by simply including a walk at the beginning and end of each day. The idea is to ensure each Australian child achieves at least 60 minutes of exercise a day to help prevent obesity and other health problems.

For more information, visit our website at www.walk.com.au.

CWA – Toodyay Branch

ON Sunday 3 April, the Toodyay CWA ladies walked the 5km 'Girl Power Walkathon' through Toodyay to help raise money for the CWA State Funds and for Diabetes Research. Thanks to Nyaree Lawler for joining us in the walk and also for giving her talk on Diabetes.

Members will be attending a craft day at Mt Helena on 9 May and, as our country of study for 2011 is Morocco, we have been invited to attend an International Day at Bindoon on 25 May. This should be a very

entertaining day and will be attended by all branch members.

April birthdays were celebrated by Pat Eyres, Mavis Rowles and Judith Walton.

For information on joining our branch, please contact President, Vivien Street, on 9574 4871 or Secretary, Kath Haynes, on 9574 2923 or please just come along on the 4th Thursday of the month at 1.30pm to our rooms on Stirling Terrace; new members or visitors are always welcome.

Pulling Together in Good Times and Bad

AT the time of the recent Carnarvon floods, the chairman of our board of directors (Vicki) was very quick to put into action the opening of an appeal to help our fellow West Australians in a time of extreme crisis.

It was wonderful to see the generosity of everyone getting behind this appeal.

Seen in the photo is Vicki, chairman of Toodyay board, with Bendigo & Adelaide Bank Limited state manager, David Boromeo, and Lord Mayor, Lisa Scafdi, presenting the \$54,718.84 raised to the Lord



Mayor Distress appeal.

The successful Community Bank involvement with appeals such as this reinforces our commitment to reinvesting our profits back into communities.

Toodyay Bendigo Bank Postie Bike Run

Alan Rose

IT'S now about seven weeks to departure!

As seems to be the case with all trips of this nature, although we seem on top of things, the last few weeks are just manic. This is very much the case at the moment.

All the bikes are now in stock for the trip. We have four left to put through the workshop and they will all be ready giving us a stock of 27 serviced bikes. The bikes seem to have taken forever picking up from auction, cleaning and servicing. The problems on the servicing have been many and varied and we have got to know every part of the bikes really well. Although the bikes are classed as bomb proof, many have similar problems which have to be overcome. We have rebuilt two engines and one gearbox. Probably the main cause of all problems has been abusive use and lack of oil. Looked after, these bikes will go forever.

We have spent a lot of time discussing and reading up on ways to improve the performance of the bikes, but the conclusion we have come to is to do very little. The bikes were never built for sustained running at speed and we must remember that. We could do this and that, which would improve this and that, but then that might happen etc, etc. Our simple conclusion: service thoroughly, give them the best oil possible, change the engine drive sprocket from a 14-tooth to a 15-tooth which would give a better cruising speed at lower revs and check the oil during running as frequently as we

can. That's it.

Rider numbers have and still are fluctuating; we have lost a few and a few more have stepped in. I believe that we will run with 25 bikes of which 8 will be shared riding placements. The fluctuations have meant it has been difficult to plan the final stages. The travelling party will now be reduced from the original 50 to 40. I am fine with this and it certainly makes things more manageable. Lots of riders and crew need to now make decisions as to the departure from Broome. Some that were originally flying back now want to stay on – many have revised plans. I will shortly need a definitive decision from everyone so that the flights home and other arrangements can be finalised.

I must apologize to many of you as we had an unplanned trial run on Sunday 17 April from Toodyay to Gidgegannup and the Ford Museum at Bailup Farms. The invite to this was last minute but gave a good opportunity for a run. About eight local riders answered the call and we had a really good run down. We have spent a lot of discussion time after this event reviewing running arrangements for the event.

We ran the bikes to Gidge with about a six second gap between bikes – this was fine from a safety point of view but meant a long distance between front and rear bikes. Traffic still became frustrated in trying to pass a long line of bikes. We have revisited our running arrangements for the Broome trip.

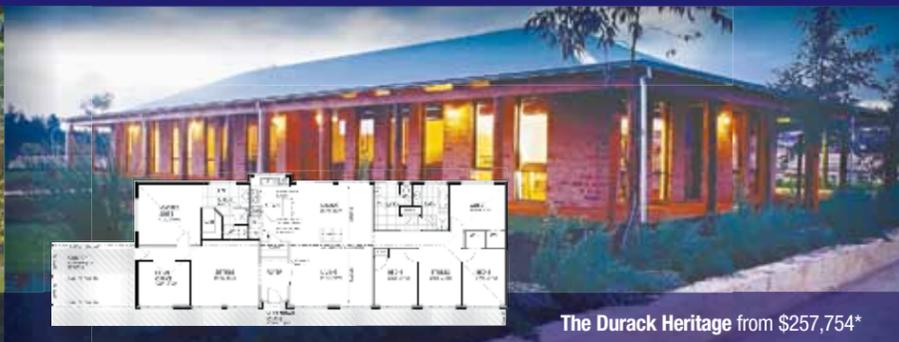
We will still run with groups of six bikes

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with a five minute gap between each group of six. Each group will have a 'leader' who will be responsible for maintaining the set speed and spacing although we will now run the bikes in pairs with a six second gap between each pair. We feel that this will not impair safety and the benefits are to halve the convoy length overall but maintain the essential gap. The average speed would still remain at 65kph with stops every 100km.

Taking part in these trial runs is a vital part of the learning and final planning curve as safety must be our paramount concern at all times. We had a great fun day though and there were lots of smiling faces at the end of the day but we were also aware of the challenge ahead. We will plan a couple more trial rides shortly and give you all more notice.

We still constantly discuss equipment to take and it often comes down to a swag versus tent situation. Carolyn and I are going for the tent option but guys, it's up to you! We must travel as lightly as possible though.

Some riders have been a little slow to respond to various questions and to hand money over and this is taking our time up in chasing the individuals. Please get back to us as promptly as possible with all of our queries etc.

Carolyn and I are about to embark on a gold prospecting trip to Menzies. It is our first time at this so should be fun. I have borrowed a metal detector which is pre war but I am told found an 8 ounce nugget. If I repeat this you may never see us again!

Hope you all had a great Easter.

Meeting Venue

For the month of May we will be meeting every Wednesday night at 6pm in the St Stephens Anglican Church hall. Anyone who might be interested in our cause is welcome to attend.

Shire of Victoria Plains

Gwenda and Brian McGill from Bolgart have kept the Shire of Victoria Plains advised of our drive to secure a financial package to help attract a second doctor to the Toodyay Medical Centre. At their council meeting on Tuesday 19 April a motion of 'in principal support' was passed. This follows significant support from people living in this area and a donation of \$1,000 from the Bolgart Progress Association has also been received.

Morangup

Thank you to the Morangup Progress Association for calling a Public Meeting on Monday 18 April and inviting us to attend and present our Action Plan.

Councillors

For our meeting on Wednesday 6 April, an invitation was extended to all Shire of Toodyay Councillors

Medical Action Group for Toodyay

Questionnaire

THANK you to everyone who has taken the time to complete and return our questionnaire. We have received completed questionnaires from Bolgart, Calingiri, Yerecoin, Goomalling, Jennacubbine, Jennapullen, Northam, Chidlow, Clackline, Bakers Hill, Wundowie, The Lakes, Gidgegannup, Woorloo, Mount Helena, Lower Chittering, Woodridge, Midland, Mount Nasura, Bassendean, North Perth, Kardinya, Booragoon, Applecross, Bullcreek, South Perth, Glen Forest as well as Bejoording, Morangup and Toodyay.

We have received back 745 completed questionnaires within two weeks of distributing them. The results are as follows:-

- Q1** Do you want the Toodyay Medical Centre to continue to provide a medical service in Toodyay?
A Yes 740 No 2
No answer 3
- Q2** Do you believe the Toodyay Medical Centre should receive financial assistance to help attract another doctor to the practice?
A Yes 731 No 9
No answer 5

Q3 Are you prepared to help provide financial assistance to the Toodyay Medical Centre to help attract another doctor to the practice?
A Yes 617 No 101
No answer 27

Q4 Are you prepared to provide \$50 per family per year for a period of no more than two (2) years to the Toodyay Medical Centre to help attract another doctor to the practice?
A Yes 645 No 79
No answer 21

Q5 Do you believe the Toodyay Shire Council should provide financial assistance to the Toodyay Medical Centre to help attract another doctor to the practice?
A Yes 704 No 22
No answer 19

At the time of writing we have received financial pledges of \$27,800 per year for two years and currently have \$15,185.00 in our bank account. Thank you to everyone for your financial contributions.

John Pearce

to attend. Councillors Kevin Hogg, Bob Somers, Bethan Lloyd, John Prater, Debbie Larkin and Bob Jackson attended with apologies from Councillors Charlie Wroth, Pim Nouwland and Chris Firms.

At our meeting on Wednesday 13 April Councillors Kevin Hogg, Chris Firms and Charlie Wroth attended.

We thank them for their interest and input into our progress. There is a standing invitation to all Councillors to attend our weekly meetings.

Outstanding Questionnaires

Please return as soon as possible. **Toodyay Op Shop**

Our sincere thanks for your most generous donation of \$5,000.

Bank Account Details

An account has been set up at our Bendigo Bank for people who would like to make a donation that will only be used to attract a second doctor to the Toodyay Medical Centre.

If we cannot secure the services of a second doctor, all funds will be returned to the people who have made the contributions.

Please ensure that your contact details are filled in when depositing your money.

News from Bolgart and Surrounding Areas

Doris M Martin

IT was noted in the April edition of *The Victoria Plains Community News* that The Victoria Plains Shire council has approved the Bolgart Progress Association's request to have the supper room of the Bolgart Hall named The Jean Broomhall Room in recognition of her voluntary services to so many causes in the area.



Jean Broomhall

Mrs Broomhall, who died in December 2010, played the piano for many dances and balls at Bolgart during her life here and also played piano for the local choirs over the years. She also played the organ for St Augustine Church and was an acting librarian

for many years. She was always ready to donate her time or a plate of her famous cheese scones or other goodies for street stalls and the like, and it is heartening to know that she will be recognised in this way.

Sad to note that the huge pine tree which stood in the midst of the old section of Culham graveyard was no match for the elements when a severe wind storm struck the area a short time back. Unfortunately some headstones have been badly damaged due to this.

I have noted that headstones belonging to such family names as 'Beard', 'Macpherson' and 'O'Neil' have mainly borne the brunt of the tree's destruction. Descendants of the O'Neil family have already visited the graveyard and surveyed the damage and, hopefully, members of those other families can be contacted or traced to inform them of the damage.

It is to be hoped as the *Herald* goes to press that the forecasted rain will have finally brought some reprieve to the parched earth in the area. I have never seen the paddocks and hills in the area so red and bare as at the present time.

Toodyay Spinners

Phil Lansell
Secretary

SOME of our members went to Porongurup and had a good day.

Share Table

Skein in mohair and merino, greenish-gold by Val; child's pink jumper (plus same jumper on a teddy) - patterned front in commercial wool by Margaret Rankin; brown pre-felted

bag with blanket edging and brown skein in alpaca by Val; nuno felted strips by Jan; tissue silk (purple) and green scarf with material and felted pattern by Jan; purple scarf crocheted pattern in commercial wool by Mavis; knitted alpaca with knitted green bikini in Scrumpy by Jan; fingerless gloves x 2 in hand-spun dyed wool by Rita; long-sleeve cardigan with long-ribbed bottom in multi-coloured (pure merino) by Glynne.

The club meets every Wednesday between approximately 9am and 12noon at Parkers Cottage in the showgrounds. We also meet on the second Saturday of the month at the same time and place.

For further information, call Carol Worrell, President, on 0407 429 047 or Phil Lansell, Secretary, on 9574 2015.

Toodyay Garden Club

Gale Anderson
Secretary

OUR April visit to Sona and Harry Toutikan's property in Morangup was outstanding.

Harry's presentation on their Bio Dynamics Operation was interesting to many members, based on the numbers of our members who attended and paid heed to the wealth of information he imparted.

They have an amazing five acres of vegetable patches, fruit trees and grape vines (the working flowform of table and wine vines all trained to adult picking and pruning height) covered in mesh some 6 metres above ground level suggests the enormity and seriousness of their commitment.

We did notice that there were some large speakers attached to a pole in the centre of the vineyard and Harry said that he played music to the vines and that is why they are

bigger and better than anyone else's. Well, I think he may have been pulling our leg on that one!

An intricate watering system has been established to make sure all vines, trees and vegetables get the correct nutrients required for their individual nourishment. At its core is a substance called '500' which is a combination of manures buried for months before being mixed with water and introduced into the plants' watering system. This medium also ensures the health of the soil, their ecosystem and their Biodynamics' lore.

Harry and Sona took over the property from Harry's father 12 years ago and it is certified with the (NASAA) National Association for Sustainable Agriculture, Australia

Harry and Sona believe that health and taste also accrue from working without chemicals and, from the taste of their succulent dried sultanas, one would have to assent.

Our Annual General Meeting was held on 14 April at the CWA Hall and it was lovely to see a good percentage of members turn up on the day. The results of the election were:

- President Sheena Hesse
- Vice President Heather Wright
- Secretary Gale Anderson
- Treasurer Margaret Scahill

Committee Members:
Wendy Lewer, Edith Miles, Roma Heath and Reg Smith.

Sue Thompson and Fiona Glossop were our two outgoing committee members and we thank them both for their time with the Committee in 2010. Congratulations to Barbara Turner and Sadie Gilpin as our new incoming Committee members for 2011.

Thank you also to Wendy Lewer for proceeding with the raffles, Roma Heath for organising our morning tea and to Reg Smith and also Ben Camenzuli who place our Garden Club flags ahead of time for our visits.

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emergency services

WA Volunteer Fire & Rescue Services Association

Annual Easter State Championships



AFTER a number of years since the decimation of the Toodyay Volunteer Fire and Rescue running team in 1985, five young members of the brigade decided to enter the competition and have a go at the different events in the Annual State Fire Fighting Championships which ran over the Easter long weekend. The competitors were Darren MacGregor, Shane MacGregor, Mat Fleay, Joe Fleay and Michael Orr.

At the annual Northam Christmas function with Captain Ian MacGregor, Darren was involved in a conversation with the Northam running team's coach, Daniel Arnold, and was invited to attend a training session and possibly join the Northam team. With the added enthusiasm it was suggested that he get others involved and re-establish the Toodyay running team. After attending one training session with Northam, Darren's enthusiasm rubbed off onto new members

of the brigade, Mat, Joe and Michael. Due to other commitments the boys were unable to attend training regularly as a full team, often training with only two or three members. Thanks to Northam running team members Toodyay were able to train for events with a composite team. After numerous training sessions, the Toodyay team attended the Central zone picnic demo at Bassendean; this gave them the taste for competition. The other five teams encouraged Toodyay to continue participation and have a go at the Easter Championships.

On arrival at Gilbert Fraser Oval in Fremantle the boys were overcome with the amount of support offered to them by fellow competing teams, officials and spectators. The first event which was the disciplined drill, a marching event with specific instructions, was lead by team captain Darren MacGregor. Leading his

charges around the parade ground the team received rapturous applause when introduced to the crowd by the master of ceremonies. This would be the start of the team's first appearance on the running track for the Toodyay Brigade in our 25 years.

Throughout the weekend, the Toodyay running team competed in various events including the straight ladder, which resulted in Mat placing 3rd in the 'C' grade grouping and receiving points towards the fire fighter of the year. Other events included the wet hose double disc, disabled wet hose, hose and ladder and the pumping competition. Due to a lack of numbers in certain events, Aaron McRae from Christmas Island was offered a position to compete with the Toodyay team, resulting in efforts that would not have been achieved otherwise. With the crowd behind them the team was able to achieve times that were hundredths of seconds off the lead teams, but unfortunately not enough to gain placing. All in all the boys had a wonderful experience that formed bonds with other brigades and teams that puts them in good stead for future events.



A special thank you is extended to Daniel and the Northam running team, Aaron McRae and Brian Bartling for their efforts, and to the Op Shop for their kind donation.

Coondle Nunile Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade

Megan Ebdon

ALTHOUGH the weather is cooling down, the restricted burning season is in place till 14 May. This may be extended depending on whether good rain occurs. No fires are allowed without a permit during this time. Now is a good time to trim trees as well as tidying up fallen branches, twigs and leaves and making your home and block fire safe. There will be plenty of time for safe burning of rubbish when the bans are lifted. Please do the right thing.

Our Brigade recently held its Annual General Meeting. The following office bearers were elected:

Captain	Peter Ruthven
Lieutenants	1 st Allan Gregory 2 nd Tracey Salmond 3 rd Jay Wakka 4 th Rob Frank

Secretary	Megan Ebdon
Treasurer	Colin Blanchett
Training Officer	Mark Middleton
PPE Officer	Allan Henshaw
Logistics Officer	Jenny Blanchett
Social Officer	Kerry Gregory

Peter Ruthven received the 'Fire Fighter of the Year' award and the 'Auxiliary of the Year' award was presented jointly to John and Heather Henderson.

Our elder statesman, Max Heath and his lovely wife, Milly, will be participating in the Postie Bike Ride from Toodyay to Broome in June. Funds raised will go to the Royal Flying Doctor Service and Toodyay Lions Club. If you wish to know more, please contact Max and Milly on 9574 2069 or Kerry and Allan Gregory on 9574 4470.

Kerry Gregory and other Coondle members
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Toodyay Theatre Group
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Avon Master Tree Growers Course

The 2011 Avon Master Tree Growers (MTG) course was recently held for Wheatbelt tree crop growers and was attended by 15 land owners and managers. The 8-day course took place in two day blocks around Perth, West Dale/Brookton/York, Gabbin/Bencubbin and Wongan Hills/Goomalling/Dowerin. It was the 19th course to be run in Western Australia and one of over 70 to be run Australia-wide. Graduates of the 2011 Avon Master TreeGrower Program now join a national support network of private tree crop growers.

The 2011 Avon Master TreeGrowers learned, not just about tree species with commercial potential for our region, but also how growth and productivity can be manipulated to help tree crops reach their best potential. 'It is not just about selecting a species to suit a site' said coordinator Monica Durcan, 'it is about learning how everything from genetics to nutrition and from planting design to stand management influences the productivity of any tree crop. How to measure a stand and how to calculate when and how to prune and thin a stand for the best results.' Each course is designed to suit local needs, tree species and conditions.

The national MTG Program is an 8-day adult learning experience that includes the sharing of experiences and knowledge, not just from 'experts' but also between participants – everyone has something beneficial to share. The delivery is a mix of class room type presentations and field visits.

A special 3-day introductory course is scheduled for August 2011 and will target broad acre farmers in the southern part of the Avon catchment. For more information or to book your place contact Monica Durcan at AVONGRO on 9291 8249 or email: mdurcan@iinet.net.au

Soil Conservation Incentives Scheme (SCIP)

The SCIP offers funding for farmers to demonstrate management practices that reduce the risk of soil acidification, soil loss through wind and water erosion and increase the carbon content of soils.

Applications are assessed in the suitability if proposed works and the applicants commitment to sharing knowledge and skills for the design, establishment and management of farm practices and soil quality.

Round 6 funding will open in July so if you have plans or would like to develop plans please contact your local Natural Resource Management Officer (NRMO) or call Georgina Troup, Program Manager Sustainable Agriculture on 9690 2258. Information can also be found on our website at www.wheatbeltnrm.org.au then click on Sustainable Agriculture.

Why not sign up as an associate? Becoming an Associate is free and everyone is eligible.

You will receive out fortnightly e-news and stay informed of Wheatbelt NRM activities in the Avon River Basin. This is also an opportunity to have your voice heard through your sub-catchment reference group (Avon, Yilgarn or Lockhart). These groups take your ideas, thoughts and opinions directly to the Wheatbelt NRM Board for consideration. Simply follow the link and register your details in the top right hand corner of the website.

Tell us what you think!

Wheatbelt NRM and the WA State Government would like to know more about you and your opinions so that we can improve our service to the community. Please help us by going to th elink below and filling in this quick and easy survey:

www.wheatbeltnrm.org.au/about-us/local-survey

emergency services

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will be holding an Arts and Crafts stall at the Moondyne Festival. Items for sale will be made by local artists and craftspeople and a percentage of sales will go towards the work of the Brigade. Please support our stall. A lot of stalls are run by people from out of town, so this is an opportunity for you to buy locally, support our Brigade and keep the money circulating in Toodyay.

Our next Brigade meeting will be held on Saturday 11 June. You are always welcome to come up to our shed on a Friday afternoon from 5pm for a bite to eat and a chat with Coondle members. If you can't get to the shed but would like to know about fire prevention and safety, please ring our captain, Peter Ruthven, on 9574 2951.

Toodyay Central Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade

Desraé Clarke

CENTRAL'S Annual General Meeting is to be held Tuesday 24 May preceded by a BBQ tea commencing 6.30pm. Members, please make a note of the date for a good turnout.

Fortnightly training, to accommodate those members that may find working time not allowing them to attend one session or another, is continuing under Jason Newman with the next session due on Thursday 19 May commencing at 7pm; Jason's contact numbers are 9574 5596 and 0433 543 880. He asks participating members to dress appropriately for training sessions and to meet at the Fire and Emergency Services Centre. Please contact Jason or Kevin Hug, 9574 2612 or 0418 932 515, for all enquiries.

Meat will be supplied for the BBQ and members are asked to bring nibbles, salad or dessert to share. Please RSVP by 17 May to either Bobbie or Desraé to establish numbers for catering purposes.

Volunteers are always needed, active and ancillary, to join Central Brigade. Enquiries may be made to Captain, Kevin Hug, on 9574 2612 and Secretary, Wayne Clarke, on 6364 3609.

St John Ambulance

Karen Jacomelli

MARCH statistics took volunteers out on 36 callouts, clocking up 4326kms. Toodyay covered 25 of these jobs and 2362kms. Morangup took on 13 jobs and 1849kms. Bolgart had 1 job totalling 115kms. The case breakdown included 8 trauma cases, 25 medical and 3 cardiac.

Whilst the volunteers are committed and cover as many shifts as they can, they also have other commitments. Despite recruitment drives there is a lack of new recruits stepping up to the challenge and the average age is increasing. If the community is concerned about sustainable medical services for the Shire of Toodyay then perhaps they should also consider that if there is no one available to take a call-out then another Sub Centre will be contacted and it may mean a long wait before an ambulance can attend. So if you are able-bodied, have common sense, patience and compassion then consider volunteering for this service. Training and mentoring is provided. This takes time so it is an ongoing process.

The next Senior First Aid Course will be held on Saturday and Sunday 18 and 19 June at the Toodyay Sub Centre. Registration is essential and forms can be obtained from Jenny Willgoss at L J Hooker Toodyay on 9574 2455, or after hours on 9574 2412. Don't forget, if you have a group of 10 or more that require First Aid certificates, you may apply for dates that fit in with you. As the trainers are volunteers and they also work for a living, they will try their very best to meet your first aid requirements. Contact Jenny Willgoss, or Valerie Cale for the Bolgart area.

Please take note that the St John Ambulance Sub Centre office will be closed from 13 May until a date yet to be determined in June. A notice will be posted on the Sub Centre's door entrance when a date is known.

If you are seeking to take out St John Ambulance cover then this can be done at the local pharmacy.

Morangup Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade

Cheryl Mustchin
Secretary

WE recently held our AGM and now have a new Treasurer in Jen Hawes and Lieutenant in Dave Mustchin. We would like to thank them both for accepting their nominations.

To our outgoing Treasurer, Angela Bartels, for all of her hard work and dedication throughout her term, thanks heaps, Ange.

We have some new members who have completed their Introduction to Fire Fighting and the next step will be to get some practical training on a controlled fire ground situation, which we hope to achieve in the next few weeks with the help of our training officer Dieter Bartels.

We have only had two call outs this month, for which we are grateful, as the rains seem to be delayed. Due to the current conditions there is no burning without a permit and the non-burning period has been extended until at least 14 May. If you are unsure about when you can burn, please contact your local brigade or Ranger Services at the Shire.

With the promise of some cooler weather it's now time to do those other jobs: clean out the gutters, get the fire wood stored away and then wait for the rains. I can hardly wait for those Sunday afternoons, curled up with a book in front of a fire, that aren't going to require a fire truck. For those days that aren't quite right for that yet, how about starting on your property clean-up with the bigger items through the winter time and then there won't be nearly as much work for you when summer arrives.

To one of our members Steve, we wish you a speedy recovery (he had an accident camping, pulled a hammy and had an argument with a cooking plate on a camp fire.) He seems to be walking like one of my ducks at the moment but don't tell him I said that.

If you're new to the area or have ever just wondered what type of people your local 'firies' are, guess what? We're just like you. Normal, everyday members of the community: farmers, teachers, public servants, mums and dads, nans and pops. You don't have to get on the back of a fire truck to help out; we have lots of other jobs around the station. Just ask Bill and Lawrie. I'm sure by now they've been working on their winter programme and would love an extra pair of hands from time to time.

I rather like good company with my coffee and there is absolutely no shortage of either at the station so come down and say hi on a Saturday morning between 8am and 9am or the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7 pm for our monthly meeting.

Julimar Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade

Grant Scobie

POLITICS is all around. It's well known that it's there; it's well known that it's part of every group or club; it's not just the Shire or the Government. Yet, it's thought that those that like to play are just whingeing or just having a chat to see what they can do to help. However, it's when the politics comes out of its box that it is surprising and disruptive.

Julimar Brigade has just had a big dose of politics and it's not over yet. It started with a comment at a meeting; it progressed to phone calls asking people to help topple the current regime; there were emails lobbying for support. It could have been the toppling of Kevin Rudd all over again – but it wasn't!

Oh, well, it did work in a way. There was a change at the top; the Captain, Heather Wearmouth, and First Lieutenant, Brent Wearmouth, decided that they would step down and move away (we believe they've joined Central Brigade.) However, politics came into play again and the proposed new order failed to come to fruition.

The new Julimar Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade office bearers are:

Captain	Lou Kidd
1st Lt	Rolfe Woodward
2nd Lt	Grant Scobie
3rd Lt	Simon Holding
Training Officer	Grant Scobie

Equipment Officer

Chair	Wade Robson
Secretary	Brian Raynor
Treasurer	Karen Dore
	Graham 'Bubbles' Barber

Committee Members

Sue Eldridge
Corrie Murcott

We are still working on filling the Brigade specific positions such as Catering Officer, etc but there are moves afoot (and these are open and apolitical!) to sort them out.

One other position that was proposed and filled subject to the nominee becoming a Brigade member was that of Asst Training Officer. Anne Woodward has accepted the role to help in the training of members.

Incoming Captain, Lou Kidd, praised the outgoing Captain, Heather Wearmouth, saying that he believed she was the best captain the Brigade had ever had in his time there. Heather remains an FCO for Julimar. Lou thanked both Wearmouths for their contribution to the Brigade.

As for the season, it's not over yet but call-outs are fewer and far between (most involve the pager going off once to call brigades to a fire, then once more to say, "Oh, it's only a controlled burn with a permit.") The restricted burning period has been extended to 14 May – the April rains were not enough to take away the risk. After 14 May, check with the Shire or your local Brigade to see whether the period has been extended before you decide to do that burn. Once this period is over, please remember to be careful. Many call-outs result from small, 'controlled' burns getting out of hand due to the dryness of vegetation.

All the Brigades will be participating in a controlled, hazard reduction burn near Toodyay town site on 7 May from about 2pm. Be aware of smoke and fire trucks on the roads at that time.

With the changes in the management, it was decided not to have a stall at the Moondyne Festival (although Brian Salmond, recently returned from Coondle Brigade did take the 1.4 and a heap of pamphlets in to, at least, have a presence there – thanks, Brian) or at the Show Gates. This is unfortunate as we have manned the gates for many, many years but it was impossible to get enough people to actually do the job.

The next meeting of the Brigade is not until July but we continue with our monthly barbecues on the first Saturday of the month, beginning around 5pm. Drop down on Saturday 7 May or Saturday 4 June to meet the people who work to protect their community from fire.

If you wish to know more about your fire brigade or more about fire and how it may affect you in your community or even if

you just want to get to meet some of your neighbours, get down to your local fire shed.

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

Toodyay Neighbourhood Watch 'Neighbours Looking after Neighbours'

Desraé Clarke

Personal Safety

CRIME prevention is everyone's business. It is up to all of us, not just the police, to help keep crime at bay. By taking a few precautions you can make life harder for the criminal and protect yourself, your home, your property and belongings.

Crime comes in many forms and requires us to be constantly vigilant. The following suggestions may be of help.

Keep in touch with family and friends. If going out or away, let someone know and, if plans change, ensure someone is aware of the change.

If walking or jogging, stay in well-lit areas or in areas where there are residences. Walk or jog on the right side of the road which is actually walking into the traffic. This will prevent a vehicle driving alongside.

When approaching your vehicle have your keys ready in your hand, check the surrounds (especially at night) and lock car doors when driving.

Take particular care of personal identification data such as passports, credit cards, pension cards, etc.

Talk through a security door if a visitor is not known.

When occupied in a particular area of the home, ensure that doors are locked in other areas.

Planting of prickly shrubs in front of lounge and bedroom windows is an obstacle to would-be intruders.

Toodyay Police	9574 9555
Crimestoppers	1800 333 000
Goodbye Grafitti	1800 44 22 55
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The Shire of Toodyay has cancelled the extension to the restricted burning period.

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TDHS P&C News

ALTHOUGH the winners of our Mother's Day raffle aren't yet available for this article, the P&C would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who donated towards the various prizes on offer.

A big thanks firstly to Liz Ferguson for making the ragged quilt. The other prizes were donated by Coorinja Winery, Bronwyn King, Therese Chitty, Jodie Johnson, Petrina Moffet, Fiona Glossop, Lee King, Tanya Harrison and Hayley Potter. Thank you to everyone who bought tickets. The classroom winners - those classes that sold the most tickets - will be announced at the first assembly in Term 2 and also in the school newsletter.

At our next meeting we will be discussing the future of the canteen and the potentially new faction sports shirts. Reduced student numbers at the school will also be discussed and hopefully we will have some feedback from the exit surveys by then. If any of these topics/issues concern or interest you, please come along to the meeting and have your say.

In Term 2 we will be trialling having a P&C meeting after assembly in the new building at the school. On 17 June we will have the P&C meeting at 9.30am after assembly, over coffee and morning tea.

Would you like someone in particular to attend a P&C meeting as a guest speaker, or do you have a particular topic which you would like discussed? If so, please talk to Owen Catto on 9574 4682, or Nyaree Lawler on 9574 4772.

The next P&C meeting will be on 18 May at 7pm in the staffroom.

Take a day off from thinking about what to put in your child's lunchbox and support the Ha Ha Lunch Bar at the same time. There is

a great variety of options available, including recess and after lunch snacks. Just 20 cents and an apple can buy your child a fun and healthy slinky or it's 70 cents if they don't have their own piece of fruit. Remember to put sushi orders in by 9am Fridays, for lunch the next Tuesday. For just \$5.00 you can choose from tuna, chicken, smoked salmon, Californian or a combination.

Would you like someone in particular to attend a P&C meeting as a guest speaker, or do you have a particular topic which you would like discussed? If so, please talk to Owen Catto on 9574 4682, or Nyaree Lawler on 9574 4772.

Please note the change of date for the next P&C meeting: Tuesday 15 March, 7pm in the staffroom.

Toodyay Youthcare Council Chaplaincy News

Moya Bruce
Secretary

THE next fundraising event for Chaplaincy will be a street stall and raffle on Stirling Terrace in front of the old IGA building on Friday 13 May from 8.30am to 4pm and Saturday 14 May from 8.30am to 12noon. All donations of cakes and slices would be greatly appreciated. Please label any baked goods with the ingredients they contain, so as to comply with regulations.

Our next committee meeting and AGM will now be held at 2pm on Wednesday 11 May at the school.

The 'Friends of Chaplaincy' has kicked off to a wonderful start in the first term back at school with a fantastic response. If you would like to support this way of sponsoring Benn, it costs as little as \$10 per year and we all get together at the end of the year for a very special morning tea catered for by the 'Yummy Chummies' at the school. If you would like to support the 'Friends of Chaplaincy' please contact Gina on 9584 0136 and a sponsorship form will be sent to you.

Up and coming chaplaincy events planned

are a masquerade ball to be held in August and the annual Chaplaincy Family Concert on Sunday 11 September. Any community groups wanting to participate by performing an item on the day are asked to register their interest by emailing Gina with contact information to gepiercytoodyay@hotmail.com or call her on 9584 0136. This event is a gold coin donation entry and is to celebrate the community's support for our school chaplain, Benn Gladden.

Thank you.

Denese Smyth: a Journey Along Two Roads



HIGH energy and high kilometres. That just about sums up the life of York youth worker Denese Smyth.

Denese, who covers an area the size of Tasmania in her role as Youth Connections Manager for Regional Development Australia Wheatbelt Incorporated, is constantly on the go.

When she won last year's WA State Training Award for WA Vocational Student of the Year, mother-of-two Denese said she was keen to constantly continue learning, so

she could keep helping Wheatbelt youth.

Nothing much has changed in that regard. When we spoke to her she was in Perth at a three-day conference with colleagues from her sector.

Caught between presentations, Denese said she is "still operating at the same pace ... and loving it." It's a combination of the actual results, and the ongoing training, that drives her.

Having completed her Certificate III and IV in Youth Work, she is now studying for a Certificate IV in Training and Assessment.

"There're so many kids out here who need help," said Denese. "Only last week I had a young chap who appeared in court but he had no comprehension of what the judge said in his sentence. So, simple things like ensuring youth have basic literacy levels are essential.

"Not only can I provide the kids with advice, but I can steer them towards a brighter future by showing them the path to further education. By continually educating myself I can improve their outcomes, and mine.

"For example, once I complete the training and assessment course, I can write and present specific packages for certain groups."

Meantime, the kilometres and the learning outcomes mount.

Denese is supporting this year's WA Training Awards, which will be announced on 16 September.

The WA Training Awards, now in their 17th year, recognise the significant achievements of students, trainers and organisations within the State Training Sector, across 14 categories.

Nominations for this year's awards opened on 4 April and can be lodged until 5pm on Friday 13 May.

Further information or to register your interest visit dtwd.wa.gov.au/trainingawards.

Sponsors of the WA Training Awards include: AHG, GESB, AMA Apprenticeship and Traineeship Services, the Graham (Polly) Farmer Foundation, the Training Accreditation Council, the Department of Education Services, The Sunday Times, XLT Industrial Training, the Chamber of Minerals and Energy Western Australia, Apprenticeships Australia and the Australian Institute of Management.

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WITH the ANZAC Day commemoration fresh in our minds, perhaps it is an opportune time to ponder on the communal bonding that the event seems to bring, not only amongst those who are 'veteran' connected, but also among so many of the youth and younger persons within the populace who attend, probably for many reasons.

Perhaps the attraction of these future citizens to something that is symbolically national engenders not only a sense of belonging, but of purpose. (If we can psychoanalyse the 'urge' forming/creating that purpose.) It is something creating a value to not only believe in, but to embrace daily as an ethos, as an ethic, as a guide-post to a purpose of both substance and essence for life, that is other than bread alone. It also has to do with spiritual manna, unseen yet experienced, impelling a deed, and in this ANZAC milieu it is repeated, as it was in the original act of voluntary service.

Who can analyse that motive? Often not even the one so impelled to reveal, or to act. However, for we who serve, and learn from these occasions, there must evolve a sense of purpose that belies what was once a lead article in our national newspaper, *The Australian* (whose ancestor was much involved in the Gallipoli affair) wrote "A Nation believing in nothing much!"

Thus, if what is inferred in the above paragraph, that there is a ponderable assessment possible, then there is a possibility of it becoming a fact; however, for that to occur it does require it to commence with us as individuals (self governing) and for it to have sufficient groundswell to become an ingrained element of our national psyche, which in some respects it has to become. So the challenge is the conversion of that mode of inspiration into a lifetime of nobler aspiration and achievement, worthy of the sacrifice of lives we honour on these sombre

occasions.

It is not without significance that the ANZAC Remembrance coincided with an event that occurred just over two millennia ago, when a life was taken because it was disturbing the status quo. Not so much of the government of Rome, but that of a certain religious sect, who also had a pecuniary interest in the proceedings this exemplar was overturning. Without drawing too long a bow, it has its parallels today, with the exception that the Pharisees are in a different guise and garb. They still object to anyone who may endeavour to divert their spoils for far greater, nobler purposes, which in many cases, still need ennobling further!

This brings us to the realm of civility; to civilise; to bring out of savagery; refine and enlighten, all of which have relevance to the above theme – of violence and death. For what purpose do we invoke either, and what do they achieve? In some minds it portrays as a sacrifice and some purposes are assigned, even in the case of the cross which does conceal the sins of lucre, but does not reveal the wiles and schemes of the mind, nor the means by which they may be countered and out(law)ed by way of a national psyche, having the means and will to bring about a reformation.

Having the basis of fundamentals for its thrust, and fuelled by the secular bread and the spiritual manna, whose affinity made them both possible in the act of the creation, that we assign in faith to a deity as a first cause. Biblically, we use the phrase "Faith, Hope and Charity" and use the three in a logical deductive sense whose philosophic induction has a psychological bearing on the health and wellbeing of terrestrial and spiritual life; requiring a wise application to give life both a purpose and a meaning; but needing the example of a sane and coherent message.

How our state has changed and how our lives have changed. Change really isn't all that hard to bear. We now have a pretty good transport system that generally gets us to our destination on time with comfy seats and air-conditioning. We have a wider variety of foods from all over the world, giving us choices never had before. Young mothers have meals that are so much easier to prepare, with modern meat cuts and pre-packaged ingredients. We can cook whole meals in the time it would have taken our grandmothers to light the Aga (for the uninformed the Aga is a stove.)

However, being of the older generation, I feel I have the right to voice some observations and my fears.

Perth city has a great need to up-grade its look and facilities to entice us back, and to give interest to tourists, we are no longer a backwoods city. But I worry about the loss of the beautiful trees along the foreshore on Riverside Drive and the uniqueness that truly has always been Perth. Is it possible, our city could change too much? Some would say no.

In this same frame of thought, I worry about our little town. I'm all for keeping us a rural town but, at the same time, I'm immensely impressed with our new IGA and PO and our wonderful library, but is there anyone else out there like me who feels that Toodyay has lost something of its charm and country like feel? It's almost as if our town has been gutted. Have we lost something at the expense of our future place on the map?

I know we needed to make our main street safer, before someone was killed, and I know we needed these new facilities but I hope we haven't lost that which was so evident in the last year or so – the community spirit.

How nice it was to have someone call out across the road at a friend, and the little groups of farmers chatting while they gathered up supplies along the main strip.

The creation of the Kingdom of Heaven within each of us on this Earth is the civilizing essence of love. We must cultivate and nurture this! The earnest study of philosophy and its course throughout history is of utmost importance in understanding human achievements in the high domain of the intellect. To follow the course of human effort; to learn the ultimate truth; to be culturally enriched by the knowledge of what these efforts have won; to help avoid the calamitous mistakes of the past; to achieve a real enlightenment of mind. It is a noble and worthy exercising of both understanding and will to improve human society, as its members advance in the knowledge of the truths fundamental to the social order, to sound political and economic science in which leaders and teachers lead, but do not become expert in only following public opinion.

Indeed, what is needed now are leaders who say "you may not follow me, but I am going to try persuading you". The malaise in this country is really much deeper than that. The Golden Age of Athenian Democracy ended when Athenians were no longer prepared to volunteer for public service (in mind and person). Although the principal problem in this country is no longer a forum for the meeting of leaders, it is a forum for the meeting of career politicians. We have placed the selection of our leaders into the hands of an extraordinarily narrow band of people, who have ambitions of their own that are not 'Pro Bono Publico', but for interests that are vested elsewhere, which keep, or throw out, the genuine leaders!

Whilst we honour, even revere, the ANZAC spirit of sacrifice, it is time we devoted more of our resources and energy into becoming fully fledged citizens of both our own country and of our world. Universality as a motto! We are part of a whole, and a holiness!

Am I being too hasty in my comments? Will it be there as it always was, the reason we moved here in the first place? I hope so.

I'm all for change but not at the expense of something that is part of our heritage.

Please Toodyay, don't take the country out of our town. What can we do to keep us rural?

More importantly, WHAT CAN I DO?

Toodyay Mini Railway

June Eastwood

EASTER Saturday was not an official running day for us but, by popular demand, we did run and were overrun by the demand.

Because of the Anzac observance falling with Easter and the usual practice of having a Wednesday run in the school holidays, the Mini Rail found itself running five days straight and it appears that, by Wednesday, we will have carried near a thousand passengers overall. In earlier years this amount would have been a third of the yearly running which proves how popular the railway has become.

Adults will often appear embarrassed when asking if they are allowed to ride. In fact, we carry a very large proportion of adults and some days they outnumber children. 'Big kid' passengers often declare it is the best \$3 they have every spent as they leave the station laughing.

We cannot claim, as a 1902 London rail service did, to serve a menu of Plaice, Anchovy sauce, Roast Mutton, Vegetables, Cold Ham, Pressed Beef, Rice Pudding, cheese, biscuits, butter and etc. (whatever etc. was) but we do a good Aussie experience with Moondyne Joe, kangaroo, emu and jumbuck friends.

Although the odd (luckily very odd) inattentive driver will drive into the pit when attempting to turn the engine, that pales into insignificance when measured against an English driver in 1937 attempting to break the 100 miles per hour barrier. LMS wanted a record so he kept going to reach 114 before shutting the regulator. However, the momentum was so great he thundered through Crewe Station at 50 miles per hour in a 20 mph limit area throwing passengers off their feet and damaging the track. Disaster was narrowly avoided and they had their record. No one sued in those days so it would have been a case of stop whinging, you should carry your broken arm proudly.

Our new extended platform covering has meant that all trains are fully covered when parked. If the clouds look threatening at the beginning of a run, we can offer umbrellas!

My View

Anne Skinner

IT can't be that long ago that I was seventeen, surely?

With this thought in mind, I look around me at all these young people, all trying so hard to express themselves by what they wear or how they style their hair. We notice how many seem to be attached to their mobile phones. My husband echoed my confused thoughts – "What are they all doing here – in a shopping centre?" They didn't seem to be shopping, just walking around. What actually seemed so strange to us, at a mere 60-something, is the right thing to be doing for our young folk of today.

This seems to be what every teenager does, to flock together like migratory birds testing their wings before they take to the air. I was reminded how birds often do brilliant displays of plumage and dance. Oh my? Were we so outlandish? How things have changed since my mother was a girl. Gosh, how things have changed since I was a girl!

How did we get through our teens without a telephone either in the car or in our homes? How on earth did we manage to pair up without the shopping centres?

Of course we had the small corner shop, or in my case the village shops – maybe two or three. However, we did have church youth groups, sporting clubs or, even more uniquely, we walked the family dog. This last resort often startled our stunned families. Do you remember the song 'Standing on the corner, watching all the girls go by'? That is what the boys did, while we (disinterested) girls walked by taking the air. How times have changed. Bicycles were the main means of transport or in our case the 'Walkswagon', feet.

Don't get me wrong, I know change is inevitable, and we need to move with the times. Believe it or not, there are still a few of us, who refuse to be connected, much to the annoyance of other family members. Do you remember the excitement the arrival of a telegram would bring, the wedding messages, the announcement of the latest baby and, even more poignant, the ones that told of the passing of a loved one? Everything seemed so much slower then, now we know everything – instantly. Is this good or bad? I don't know. It gets harder and harder to keep up as we get older. Is it just me or have others noticed it too? The older I become the clearer the past seems to be.

I have been in Australian since 1962.

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Arts Toodyay

Clive Eger

IN March we showcased our group at a Craft Market in the Courtyard of the Antique Shop. Our members displayed their work and some even sold a few things. There were paintings, prints, beads, jewellery, pottery, contemporary embroidery and photographs on show. The visitors enjoyed seeing us at work and chatting about the work on display. We hope that some of them may join the group. Thanks to Roz for hosting us! And thanks to Naomi and Anastasia for providing such delightful music to accompany our display.

With the assistance of a grant from the Shire Council, we are having a set of painting easels constructed by the Toodyay Men's Shed. They will be a valuable asset for the group and will enhance the growing collection of arts equipment available for the use of members.

On 7 May a jewellery workshop will involve the creation of a charm bracelet from recycled materials and found objects such as antique buttons, old coins and odd jewellery items under the expert guidance of Ruth Lawford. The workshop runs from 9am to 3.30pm and the fee is \$25 plus the purchase of a small kit of 'findings' such as chains and clasps if required. Time is short so contact Ruth on 9574 4695 as soon as possible to secure your place and find out more details on what to bring along. Ruth has described it as "... an exciting workshop which will encourage people to take a new look at what they think is rubbish."

By the time you read this, the Moondyne Festival will be history and we hope that you were able to come and see the Arts Toodyay Wearable Art Exhibition at the CWA hall. The title 'Waggas and Wonders' has generated some curiosity as to what a 'wagga' could possibly be. Well, it may come as a surprise to learn that they were quilts made by men. The swaggies of the depression after the shearers' strike in the 1890s and later in the Great Depression created blankets and quilts from whatever scraps of fabric they could find. Typically, wheat sacks and flour bags and, later, fabric sample swatches were used. These quilts were called 'waggas'. They now form part of our folk heritage and this is why they were celebrated at the Moondyne Festival.

Our activities are not restricted to the Toodyay locality and Arts Toodyay member,

Monika Zechetmayr, has recently participated in the Easter Exhibition at the Beverley Art Gallery, Beverley, and the 'Strips' exhibition at Atwell Arts Centre in Alfred Cove.

Plans are currently being drawn up for workshops to be held during the next year or so. Topics include creative writing, raku pottery, contemporary textile work and watercolour painting. Stay tuned! Or better still, join Arts Toodyay and get involved!

Perth Band Heads Our Way

BENEDICT Moleta is a Perth-based musician who has been playing shows since 2001.

He soon began collaborating with a wide range of players and these collaborations have been documented on his various releases. He has independently released five albums.

His current five-piece band has been together since early 2009 and features *Capital City* front man, Sam Scherr on guitar, Harry Kneen (*ex-Thermos Cardy*) on bass, and Lily and Lorraine Sumich who previously played together in *The Spinsters* on drums and keyboards.

Benedict's music has been compared to Paul Kelly, The Triffids, The Mountain Goats, Smog, The Eagles, Death Cab for Cutie, Red House Painters and The Smiths.

Comprehensive information on his back-catalogue is available at benedictmoleta.com.

As well as normal shows in pubs around Perth, Benedict enjoys organising shows in more interesting and unconventional settings, such as town halls and art galleries. He recently organised a candlelit show at the Maylands Yacht Club on a nice bend in the Swan River. Because the music is rather quiet, with a focus on story-telling lyrics, it's well-suited to halls and other acoustically nice venues.

Following a recent performance in Bridgetown in the south-west, Benedict was so delighted with the response from the audience, he decided that he would like to take his music to more places out of the city of Perth.

On 28 May he will be coming to Toodyay with his four-piece band, to play a concert in the CWA Hall at 7pm. He will play some songs on his own and the remainder with the band.

Toodyay Music Club

Jenny Edgecombe

THE Music Club gathering once a month provides a wonderful night of entertainment and all it costs is a modest donation towards supper and hall hire. Come along sometime - we love an audience and there is no requirement to perform if you prefer to listen or just join in the sing-along sessions. The variety is huge and the quality of performances will surprise you.

Spencer surprised some visitors last month with songs prepared especially for their names. 'Kerry' was a particularly melodious and moving song. Allan sang a haunting version of 'Some Day I'll Get Over You' and Jan continued in that mood with 'Gone the Rainbow'.

You would never have thought that Eileen's performance of 'Put a Little Love in Your Heart', accompanying herself on ukulele, was her first attempt at 'flying solo'. It is hard to take that step and perform quite alone - well done! Pete from Toodyay on his ukulele, playing the popular 'Ukulele Lady' and Jenny trying her guitar on a Jesse Winchester song were also taking first steps. This club encourages people to 'have a go' because it can take your music to a whole new level as you develop confidence. Members are delighted to hear and support someone making that effort.

'The Hills Group' of Peter, Moya, Eileen and Maurice presented a stunning version of the Seekers' song 'Keep a Dream in Your Pocket'. The harmonies were so beautiful they scarcely needed the instrumental accompaniment - will we see them branching out into a cappella singing soon?

Gale also upped the tempo with 'Big River' and Leila kept our feet tapping with some really expert work on the accordion including a number of favourites like 'Isle of Capri' and 'My Merry Oldsmobile'.

Members were in the mood for something light-hearted last month. Jan treated us to her song in defence of Earl Grey tea (is it possible to defend it?) and she and Joe performed their 'Jan' songs amid much laughter. The Frog song was rendered by all with gusto, and the gathering cheerfully supplied the chorus for Maurice and Eileen's 'Montego Bay'. The audience also related with smiles to Meg's poem about travelling to the city on the Red Hill Road. Maurice's Impossible Music Quiz went down a treat too, when we saw the chocolate frog prizes.

Club members enjoy taking their music out to the wider community. Recently they took part in the Toodyay Expo and also played for a Country and Western party at Beth Avon in Northam, getting into the party mood just as much as the staff and residents!

Remember that the May meeting will be a theme night around boats (all kinds) and

associated music - please try to include at least one item based on this. See you there.

Next Meeting: 7pm Friday 13 May. 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.

Wheatbelt Training Provider a Standout Performer

THE freshly rebranded C.Y. O'Connor Institute (formerly C.Y. O'Connor College of TAFE) is a standout national performer according to recently released Australian training figures.

The 2010 Student Satisfaction Survey conducted by Patterson Market Research on behalf of the Department of Training and Workforce Development shows that C.Y. O'Connor Institute outperformed other state training providers in the area of student satisfaction for the third year in a row.

Students were surveyed across a broad cross-section of the Institute, including youth, mature age, class based, employment based, apprentices and trainees.

"One area that we excel in is our online learning," said C.Y. O'Connor Institute General Manager, Academics and Innovation, Delia Pascua McGlew. "Students are not locked in to specific times and classes - they can study at their own pace and fit it around their work and family commitments - leading to students who are very satisfied with their learning experience. Our flexible delivery approach ensures that all students have access to training and education."

Principal Lecturer, Sharon Ross, felt that the student satisfaction results from 2010 were consistent with previous years.

"The results illustrate the extreme dedication of our lecturing teams and support staff," said Sharon. "This level of excellence is maintained by the Institute's understanding of the needs of our geographically dispersed student base."

"It's not only the quality of the delivery and assessment provided, but also the regular contact and guidance provided to the student, coupled with genuine care and interest shown by the lecturer that gives us the edge. To know that many of our students come to us through 'word of mouth' is encouraging."

C.Y. O'Connor Institute Managing Director, Mr John Scott, was delighted with the results.

"The survey shows we are on the right track and are continuing to provide a service that meets the expectations of our students," said Mr Scott. "In 2011, we will strive to maintain this market leadership position."

Benedict Moleta Band Saturday May 28 Toodyay CWA Hall



**\$10 entry from 7pm * Tickets on the door
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"Moleta has been releasing records for the past eight years ... quietly building up one of the most impressive and unique discographies Perth has seen."
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- X Press Magazine

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during the 2011 Toodyay Bug-In



The VW banner was last seen at the **Toodyay Race Track on Sunday 24th April 2011.**

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If you would like to leave it at the Toodyay Police Station or a location in Toodyay, we will collect it.

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The Toodyay Historical Society



J.O'K is Back in Town – with “The King”

IT'S nearly 33 years since the passing of Australia's rock'n'roll pioneer, Johnny O'Keefe.

Not only did he single-handedly lay the foundations for the Australian music industry as we know it today but he also became a legendary and well-respected showman along the way and an icon in Australian culture.

Speaking of icons, there is arguably none bigger than a boy from the small, impoverished town of Tupelo, Mississippi who rose to become a universally recognised legend in popular culture through his amazing gifts as an entertainer. Dubbed 'The King', Elvis Presley was one of a kind and shall never be dethroned.

Imagine if these two legends were on the same bill in the one show. What a show that would have been! Well, Cool Man Luke & The Edge of Blue have a special tribute show to these two great entertainers. Called 'The King & the Wild One', it's touring the

Wheatbelt in May/June.

Cool Man Luke has been WA's premiere 'Elvis Tribute Artist' for nearly a decade now and has shared billing with such names as Johnny Young, Darryl Braithwaite and Kevin Bloody Wilson, toured parts of Asia and is off to the U.S in August.

After noticing the same popularity and magic of J.O'K through performing a few of his songs at a benefit several years ago, CML decided to take this tribute to another level. Since both shows have been very successful, CML has decided to combine them into one mega-show. Backed by the exceptional show band, 'Edge of Blue', who also rock the night out with tunes of the era, this is sure to be an unmissable trip down memory lane in rock n roll history.

See the show live at Toodyay Memorial Hall, 14 May (Tickets available at the Toodyay Tavern – 9574 2250), York Town Hall, 21 May (9641 1301), Merredin Cummins Theatre, 4 June (9041 3295).



Robyn Taylor
Vice President

IT was a wonderful night on Thursday evening 14 April when Toodyay was represented at the State Heritage Awards. The event was held in Winthrop Hall at the University of WA.

Two of our committee members, Dr Robyn Taylor (nominated by THS) and Dr Brian Shepherd, were among the four finalists for the Outstanding Professional Contribution category. We were thrilled that Brian won. In the words of the Minister for Heritage, John Castrilli's media release, Brian has been "a driving force in educating heritage professionals." The Shire of Toodyay also did well, being the Regional winner for 'Outstanding Heritage Practices by a Local Government'. Shire President Kevin Hogg accepted the award on behalf of the Shire. Shire Curator and Heritage Officer Moss Wilson, and the Toodyay Public Library were also finalists in their categories.

Our AGM was held on Sunday 10 April 2011 at the CWA Hall followed by a very pleasant afternoon tea with three members of the Toodyay Agricultural Society. We all enjoyed an informal talk about the history of the TAS illustrated with displays of photographs and memorabilia. There was little change to our Executive. However, Treasurer Kathy Robinson stepped down

as her three year term was up, with Allen Clabaugh taking over.

The Oral History Workshop was a great success, with more members interested in learning this very important research skill at a workshop to be held sometime in the future.

We are still collecting photographs for our 'Toodyay Pictures - 175 Years' display in October as a contribution to the 175th Anniversary. We welcome photographs from the public that may assist us.

Our next excursion will be to the historic Gwambygne Homestead, 11km south of York on the Great Southern Hwy. Meet at the Toodyay Visitors Centre for carpool at 12.45pm to arrive at 2pm. Bring afternoon tea and something to sit on.

Next general meeting: Wednesday, 18 May 2011, 7pm at Donegan's Cottage. For information about any matter to do with the Toodyay Historical Society, or how we may assist you or your group, please contact our Secretary, Beth Frayne, on 9574 5971, President, Len Leeder, on 9574 4343 or Vice President, Robyn Taylor, on 9574 2578.

Our headquarters are at Donegan's Cottage, which is open to the public every Thursday from 1pm to 3pm. You will find us on Toodyay Street in the Toodyay Showgrounds.

Membership \$10. (Postal address: PO Box 32, Toodyay WA 6566.)

Toodyay Pictures – 175 Years Historical Photograph Exhibition



Jenny Edgecombe
Toodyay Historical Society Committee member and Curator of Toodyay Pictures – 175 Years

DID you recognise the April photo?

What was that building pictured with our April Exhibition article? Did you know that it was the partly demolished Boarding House that stood where Duidgee Park is today? It started life as John Henry Monger's two-storey warehouse and store in 1862 and was later used as a boarding house.

Wanted: Home Movies of Toodyay

Do you know of any home movies from the 1950s to 1970s that show scenes or events in and around Toodyay?

Toodyay Historical Society members are busy collecting photographs but we would also like to copy and show short movie clips of Toodyay during the 175th Anniversary Exhibition 24 September – 2 October.

There will be official footage from films produced by government departments but we need to show a more human side of life in Toodyay. See the advertisement on page 23 of the March *Toodyay Herald* for more information or contact one of the Historical

Society members. You can email Jenny at twojay52@bigpond.com or phone Len on 9574 4343 or Beth on 9574 5971.

Closing Date Reminder

Please submit possible material for the exhibition by 30 June 2011.

Can You Help? Where Was This Photo Taken?

We know it was taken in 1965 by Jack Mensforth during construction of the Standard Gauge Railway, but where was it taken?

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Bahá'í Faith

"The earth is but one country,
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-Bahá'u'lláh

Physical Pain and Suffering

"Is there another life? Shall I awake and find all this a dream? There must be, we cannot be created for this sort of suffering." (Poet John Keats)

Bahá'u'lláh assures us: "O My servants! Sorrow not if, in these days and on this earthly plane, things contrary to your wishes have been ordained and manifested by God, for days of blissful joy, of heavenly delight, are assuredly in store for you. Worlds, holy and spiritually glorious, will be unveiled to your eyes. You are destined by Him, in this world and hereafter, to partake of their benefits, to share in their joys, and to obtain a portion of their sustaining grace. To each and every one of them you will, no doubt, attain...."

Shoghi Effendi, the Guardian of the Baha'i Faith, in answer to a believer who had asked about the meaning of physical suffering and its relation to mental and spiritual healing gave this explanation:

"Physical pain is a necessary accompaniment of all human existence, and as such is unavoidable. As long as there will be life on earth, there will be also suffering, in various forms and degrees. But suffering, although an inescapable reality, can nevertheless be utilized as a means for the attainment of happiness. This is the interpretation given to it by all the prophets and saints who, in the midst of severe tests and trials, felt happy and joyous and experienced what is best and holiest in life. Suffering is both a reminder and a guide. It stimulates us to better adapt ourselves to our environmental conditions, and thus leads the way to self-improvement. In every suffering one can find a meaning and a wisdom. But it is not always easy to find the secret of that wisdom. It is sometimes only when all our suffering has passed that we become aware of its usefulness. What man considers to be evil turns often to be a cause of infinite blessings. And this is due to his desire to know more than he can. God's wisdom is, indeed, inscrutable to us all, and it is no use pushing too far trying to discover that which shall always remain a mystery to our mind."

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

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AUTUMN CLUB

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

AVON VALLEY ADULT RIDING CLUB

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

AVON VALLEY ENVIRONMENTAL SOC.

3rd Friday of each month at Dept of Water, 254 Fitzgerald Street Northam, noon.

AVON VALLEY VINTAGE VEHICLE ASSOCIATION

3rd Thursday every month, 8pm at the old engineers quarters next to Northam Railway Museum, Fitzgerald Street Northam. Ph 9622 1192.

AVON WOODTURNERS GROUP

Monthly meeting 4th Sunday 9am to 10pm, Workshops 2nd and 4th Sunday 9am - Wool Pavilion, Toodyay Sports Ground.

BEJOORDING VOLUNTEER FIRE BRIGADE

Meet at Bejoording Fire Shed, 3rd Saturday 5pm

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4th Tuesday of each month, 7.30pm at the Toodyay Fire and Emergency Services Centre. Training 2nd Thursday of each month.

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The next immunisation clinic: Call for details. Please call Sheree on 9574 4577 to book an appointment.

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Meets 2nd Saturday of month from October to April, June and August, 5pm at Coondle Fire Shed.

COUNTRY WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION (CWA)

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MOERLINA

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MORANGUP PLAYGROUP

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

MORANGUP VOLUNTEER BUSH FIRE BRIGADE

Meets 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7pm, Saturday mornings at 8am at 3 Wallaby Way, Morangup. New members welcome. Contact Cheryl Mustchin 9572 9556

MURDER MYSTERY CLUB

Meets Third Friday of the month, Toodyay Library, 10am - 12.30. Ph Liz 9574 5967 or Dot 0407 656 853

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1st, 3rd Wednesday, 10am CWA Hall

ST STEPHEN'S MOTHERS' UNION/GUILD

3rd Tuesday of month, Anglican Hall, 2pm from March to November

SHIRE OF TOODYAY COUNCIL MEETING

3rd Thursday of each month Council Chambers 7pm

SILVER CHAIN AUXILIARY

Meetings 2nd Tuesday of each month, 10am at Toodyay Telecentre.

SIMPLY MUSIC

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

SOCIAL TENNIS

Tuesday 8.30am Ladies and senior men

TOODYAY 4WD CLUB

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

TOODYAY BALLET SCHOOL

Classes in Classical, Jazz and Tap held at 507 Julimar Rd, new studio. Ages from 4yrs to Adults, girls and boys. 9574 4459. Saturdays 9am - 2.30pm (except school holidays)

TOODYAY/CLACKLINE KARATE CLUB

Wednesday 3.30-4pm, under 8, 4-5pm under 11, 5-6pm under 14, 6-7.30pm seniors. Friday 3.30-4pm Peewees, 4-5pm juniors, 5-6pm intermediate, 6-7pm seniors at the Youth Hall

TOODYAY COMMUNITY RADIO 105.3fm

Meets 1st Tuesday of the month at 7-ish (or as soon as the coffee is ready.) Phone 9574 4554 for this month's venue. New members and volunteers to help run the station welcome.

THE TOODYAY COMMUNITY SINGERS INC

Thursdays 7-9pm, St. Stephen's Church Hall.
Contact: Peter 0421704429 or Trish 9574 4330

TOODYAY DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL P & C

Every 3rd Wednesday (except school holidays)
School Library, 7pm

TOODYAY DISTRICTS HORSE & PONY CLUB

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

TOODYAY FRIENDS OF THE RIVER

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

TOODYAY GARDEN CLUB (Inc)

1st Thursday of each month 10am. Contact Gale 9574 4740 or Margaret 9574 5885 for next club venue.

TOODYAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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

TOODYAY IRISH DANCING (Inc)

Fridays (except school holidays), 3.30 - 7pm. Anglican Church Hall.
Contact Alison on 0409 295 369

TOODYAY KINDERGYN

Kindergyn Fridays (except school holidays), Toodyay Sports Pavilion. Contact: Jodee 9574 4656

TOODYAY LIONS CLUB

1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month Hotel Freemasons

TOODYAY MASONIC LODGE

3rd Friday each month (except Jan)
Masonic Hall, Fiennes St, 7.30pm

TOODYAY MINIATURE RAILWAY (Inc)

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

TOODYAY MEN'S SHED

Meets at 6176 Toodyay Road on Thursday mornings. Phone Geoff Ebdon on 9574 4568

TOODYAY MONTESSORI

Monday 9.30 - 10.30am
Enquiries phone Felicity on 9574 4254.

TOODYAY MUSIC CLUB INC

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

TOODYAY NATURALISTS' CLUB

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

TOODYAY NEIGHBOURHOOD/RURAL WATCH

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

TOODYAY OLIVE GROWERS

Contact Francis Moran for meeting dates 9574 5786.

TOODYAY PLAYGROUP

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

TOODYAY RATEPAYERS & RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION (INC.)

General Meetings 3rd Tuesday each month @ the CWA Hall, 7pm. Committee meetings fortnightly on Tuesday evening. Contact Roger Bray (Chairperson) 9574 4562.

TOODYAY RED CROSS

2nd Monday of February, May, August and November, Anglican Hall, 1.30pm

TOODYAY SPINNERS

Wednesdays and 2nd Saturday from 9am Parkers Cottage.
President: CArol Worrell 0407 429 047; Secretary: Phil Harmer 9574 2015

TOODYAY SUB -BRANCH RSL

1st Saturday of February, April, May, July, September (AGM) and November at 2pm at the Bowling Club. Contact John 9574 5681

TOODYAY SWIMMING POOL ACTION COMM.

12.30pm on the 2nd Monday of each month at the Freemasons Hotel.

TOODYAY TOWN WALKS

Walk around our beautiful town. Monday and Friday (varies).
Contact Prim on 9574 2490 for details.

TOODYAY VOLUNTEER FIRE AND RESCUE

1st Monday of each month Fire Station, 8pm

UNITING CHURCH

10am, St Stephen's Church, Toodyay

YOGA

Friday 9am, Monday 6pm Toodyay Community Centre. 9574 4184

Healing in the Hills

Bob Adair

For the Toodyay Christian Fellowship

"Muslims are not the problem, Islam is."
Senator Cory Bernardi Feb 2011

SOMETIMES statements like this are politicised and we shout loudly "racist", but we fail to look any deeper than the media or our politicians will allow us. Well here is my view from an Aussie immigrant's perspective.

We get many who try to define what it is to be an Australian and the reasons why we are one of the most effective multicultural societies in history.

Australia was founded on a Judeo-Christian ethos which has two very important nonreligious social benefits; the rule of law and tolerance. We could argue that, because of this, there are some things that Jews, Christians and Muslims are intolerant about. One is injustice and the other is immorality.

The catch cry we hear often is "fair go". To me this sums up the combination of the justice tolerance and morality that we Aussies believe in.

So why are so many afraid of the Muslim hordes? In addition, what makes someone like Cory Bernardi come out with such a seemingly outrageous statement?

First, I would like to enlighten my readers with a brief history lesson. Jesus, a Jew, declares He is the living personification of God. Because He mixes with sinners, He is often castigated. His miraculous powers were non-discriminatory; He did not see that a Jew might be better than a Samaritan or a Roman. The amount of money or position in life did not make a person more deserving of His attention.

Jesus never condemned the person, only the person's actions. Jesus understands the complexities of the human condition. The good news He brought to us was that there is a better way for us to interact with people; we call this the Gospel. This is the fundamental message of Christianity, and it is this message of forgiveness and renewal that drives the Christian faith, employing love and service to convince others of the Gospel.

The Australian psyche is now tuned into justice and tolerance so we get very nervous when people come from an unjust and intolerant society. An example of these attitudes in recent history are the Irish. We painted them as bombers and revolutionaries, mad religious fanatics. This was never a conflict between Christians; it was a political struggle between the Royalists and the Republicans imposing their political views on others.

Muslims from a variety of countries are fleeing because of intolerance and injustice. They come from countries where, either actively or covertly, one of the fundamental principles clearly taught in the Koran are applied: that all who do not believe are infidels and must be compelled by any means to come to accept the teaching of the Koran. I would call these people Islamists, not Muslims. A leading moderate Muslim writer has pleaded with her fellow Muslims that it is about time they relooked at some of the Islamic teachings; she now travels with an armed bodyguard.

Most of us continue to accept the naive and uninformed statements of our politicians that this or that is racist, but perhaps Cory Bernardi hit the nail on the head.

If there are questions about Christianity that have concerned or puzzled you, or if you would like to find out more about the Gospel, write to me at PO Box 1397, Toodyay.

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public notices

AVAS News

ASAP

The After School Art Project for young people is held at the Old Girl's School on Fridays 3-5pm, starting Friday 6 May. Book with AVAS.

Vessel

AVAS presents 'Vessel', the next exhibition with works by artists Jane Button and Ben Littleton. On display at the Northam Arts Centre 1 - 17 May.

Northam Art Prize 2011

Entry forms are available from AVAS for this art award. Entries are due 18 May and artworks to be handed in by 27 May. For the opening night and presentation of awards AVAS will hold a gala evening on 5 June at 5pm.

Eisteddfod 2011 Festival

Entrants from the Avon Valley and districts are invited to participate in music, speech drama, vocal and dance sections of the Eisteddfod. Entries need to be in by 4pm on Friday 3 June. The eisteddfod week starts Sunday 14 August through to Wednesday 17 August. The Eisteddfod 2011 Festival Concert is on Sunday 21 August commencing at 2pm. Eisteddfod 2011 Festival schedules are available from AVAS and No. 90 Gallery and Music.

Artist's Chronicle

Available from AVAS is Western Australia's 'Artist's Chronicle'. A bi-monthly magazine for artists and collectors. A great read covering all aspects of the arts here in W.A.

In Memoriam

ROBINSON Stan

8.5.18 - 23.5.99

Twelve years have passed, Dad. Time has gone so fast. Mum and I still miss you a lot. From your son, Norman, and wife, Bertha.

Engagements

Groves - Hermanson

Barry and Mary of Toodyay, together with Alvin and Alanna of Standard, Canada, are delighted to announce the engagement of Mel and Russell.

We wish them a lifetime of love and happiness.

Birthdays

WALSH Pam



Friends from Toodyay and from Perth came to celebrate my 60th Birthday with me. It was so relaxing with my friends at Duidgee Park. A special thank you to the Toodyay Music Club for making it that extra special and having my best mate and husband, Karl, sing to me. Thank you for making my day.



Small jobs welcome
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coondletrailers@westnet.com.au

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Birthdays (cont)

Nathan Wellburn	Clayton Orgles
Fiona Orr	Pamela Portlock
Bella Menner	Brad Menner
Jarrod Higgins	Ben Smart
Toni Chimes	David Turnbull
Dean Mills	Peter Connor
Jordan Connor	Lyn Bolton
Lyndell Siebermaier	Mary Ellen danger
Mitchell Kelly	Adelle Currell
Joan Cook	Torben Bendtsen

Ailsa Lewis-Bicknell

Anniversaries

Sara & Rob Welburn

Thank You

Following Wayne's recent unexpected happening, I would like to thank everyone who gave so much support to us both with phone calls, emails, e-cards, verbal messages, get well cards and visits.

I would especially like to thank Kevin Hug and his team and also Brayden and Shane at a time when help was urgently needed.

Thank you - your support is so appreciated!

Desraé Clark

Bereavements

MURPHY Jim

Passed away on 29 April 2011.

The President and members of the Toodyay RSL send their condolences to the Murphy family. Jim will be sadly missed.

LEST WE FORGET

Fundraiser

The Toodyay Medical Action Group is holding a fundraiser with stalls and a car boot sale at Little Rascals Child Care Centre on 21 May to raise funds to support another doctor coming to Toodyay. All donations to stalls will be gratefully accepted.

This is your chance as community

members to support our doctor so please give generously and come along on the day and have some fun. The stalls are being run by:

Cakes/jams and pickles/eggs/fresh produce stall:

Pam Walsh 9574 5765

Second hand books/DVD's etc stall:

Mary Groves 9574 2216

White Elephant stall:

Nerrilyn Aguis 0427 647 245

If you can donate to any of these stalls or help run them, please contact the person in charge of the stall or Coral on 9574 2922. All donations can be left at the Child Care Centre leading up to the day. We really appreciate your support.

To book a bay for the car boot sale please ring Coral on 9574 2922 or 0409 574 292.

First Aid

The next St John Ambulance Senior First Aid Course will be held on Sat/Sun 18/19 June at the Toodyay Sub Centre. Registration forms and details can be obtained from Jenny Willgoss at LJ Hooker on 9574 2455 or after hours on 9574 2412. This is a full two day course. The next course will be in September.

Extra dates may be made by appointment for groups of 10 or more. Contact the above.

Annual General Meetings

Toodyay Youthcare Council

Last month the incorrect date was advertised for the AGM. It will now be held on WEDNESDAY 11 MAY AT 2pm at the school. We apologise for any inconvenience.

Please call Gina with any enquiries on 9584 0136

First Toodyay Scout Group

The First Toodyay Scout Group AGM will be held on Monday 9 May 2011 at 7pm at Freemasons Hotel, Stirling Terrace, Toodyay.

All interested parties are invited to attend. Contact Gina on 9584 0136 for enquiries.

Notice of Incorporation

Medical Action Group for Toodyay

I, Karl Walsh of 7 Connor St, Toodyay in the State of Western Australia being duly authorised by the above named association intend to apply to the Commissioner for Consumer Protection on or after 28th Day of May 2011 for incorporation of Medical Action Group for Toodyay Inc.

The association is formed for the purpose of assisting in the provision of a medical service for Toodyay, WA.

Karl Walsh

General

Ethan's Legacy Support Group

People who have suffered loss through suicide are invited to come along to our group. Come and share your story in an environment without judgement or fear of talking about your loved one.

We are not alone; we understand the pain. Come hold our hand and we will be together, not alone in silent pain.

Share a cuppa and time of reflection.

Contact Karl or Pamela on 9574 5767.

Boot Scooting (Line Dancing)

Is there anyone out there who can teach boot scooting?

Our local group is to close because the instructor is not able to do it anymore.

Interested persons please phone Kaye 9574 2056.

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Top of the Terrace

Mother's Day Lunch 8 May 2011

Menu - \$45 per head

Entrees

Grilled Asparagus with Prosciutto

Fresh green asparagus wrapped in prosciutto, chargrilled and served on a bed of roasted cherry tomatoes with bocconcini and drizzled with a lime mayonnaise.

Lime Scallops on Cucumber

Scallops marinated in mirin and lime, served with sliced cucumber and diced mushroom.

Sliced Grilled Breast of Duck

Marinated in an orange syrup and chargrilled, served on a bed of steamed bok choy with a sweet chilli and coconut sauce.

Grilled Mushroom Tart with Wild Berries

Chargrilled mushrooms with melted parmesan cheese and a wild berry coulis.

Mains

Wrapped Lamb Rack

A three-point lamb rack, oven roasted, filled with Kalamatta olives and sundried tomatoes and wrapped in puff pastry served with a mint jus on a bed of basil potato mash.

Roasted Salmon

Salmon with a black olive crust served with a spinach puree and scalloped potatoes.

Pork Loin Steak

Chargrilled pork loin served on a bed of witlof, snow peas and peaches with an orange and sesame dressing.

Chicken Supreme

With a pistachio crust, served with an apricot syrup on a salad of garden greens.

Desserts

Poached Pears

Poached pears slowly cooked in a white wine syrup and served with fresh cream.

Oeufs à la neige with passionfruit anglaise and orange caramel (Snow Eggs)

Chilled snow egg whites served with passionfruit and orange caramel.

Tarte aux pommes (French Apple Tart)

Freshly baked apple tart served with vanilla ice cream.

Clafoutis aux Strawberry

An old favourite: a strawberry custard pudding drizzled with cointreau and cream

123 Stirling Terrace Toodyay

Bookings 9574 5425

West Meets East



ON 10 April 2011, ex-Toodyayite, Cassie Williamson, married Ashley Webb, ex-Melbourne-ite at the Amphitheatre on Scarborough Beach.

In attendance were many locals and ex-locals.

Cassie's stepfather, local shed erector, Colin Roberts, gave Cassie away. Cassie's Mum, Chrissy and Cassie's 91-year-old grandmother, Sylvia, tried not to shed tears of happiness at the ceremony.

Cassie's sister, Jessica Doyle, was the maid-of-honour while one of the bridesmaids was Jules Young-Milan who worked with Cassie when they were barmaids at the Freemason's Hotel (Cassie later worked at the Shire Office before moving to Perth.) The other two bridesmaids were two of Cassie's best friends from Perth, Dee and Casey.

Jessica's three daughters, Jade, Jemma and Jewel, were flower girls as was 2-year-old Lily, Ash's niece.

Danny Grundy read a poem at the wedding ceremony. Desa Munn and Don Martin, son of Chris Martin, were also in attendance as were Cassie's two brothers, David Williamson and Manu Roberts. Paul Smith, another ex-Toodyayite who now lives in Tasmania came over for the ceremony.

The reception was held at The Marmion Angling Club.

It was a wonderful night and everyone had a lot of fun.



A Crater Out of a Pothole

Grant Scobie

FOR some weeks, there has been a strange blockage in the sewage line at the bottom of Stirling Terrace. Attempts to clear the line seemed to work at first but the problem kept reoccurring.

On Friday, 29 April, Shire workers filled in a small pothole which had miraculously appeared in the street outside the Cola Cafe to level the road for Moondyne Festival goers. At around 2pm on the following Saturday, the filled in pothole had suddenly expanded to become a large crater about a metre in diameter.



The crater

On inspection, the crater under the bitumen proved to be approximately 3m long by 1m wide by 1.5m deep. Shire workers, investigating the problem, discovered an amazing feat. It seems that Western Power, when drilling a hole for the high voltage cable to connect to the new IGA supermarket building had managed to drill straight through the sewer pipe. What was amazing was the accuracy of the hole drilled.

The sewer pipe is 12" (30.5cm) in diameter while the conduit for the power line is 8" (20.3cm) in diameter. The hole was straight



The orange conduit passing straight through the white (brown!) sewer pipe

through the middle.

Shire workers have been able to put a temporary fix on the sewer line but a lot of work needs to be done. Much of the section of road will have to be dug up, the pipe relocated and the road refilled and resurfaced.

Toodyay Agricultural Society

Pam Jackson

Committee Member

A WOOD raffle will be held on Saturday morning 21 May. If you are in town please purchase a ticket or make a donation or come along and talk to the committee about becoming a member of the Agricultural Society.

Annual membership is \$20 which includes 1 member's ticket, 2 guest tickets and 1 schedule or pay \$45 for a three year membership. Junior membership (aged under 18) is \$5 per year.

Help raise funds for your community group and at the same time support the Toodyay Show. The Society is seeking expressions of interest from local community groups, community organisations, businesses or individuals for completion of various tasks related to the Annual Agricultural Show. Monetary remuneration for services provided will be donated to the groups or persons undertaking any of the tasks. For further details look at noticeboards around town or contact the TAS Secretary on 9574 2465.

What are you entering in the 2011 Show? There is a large variety of sections you can enter into at show time including:

Section A – Sheep

Farmers Classes – Merino – strong wool
Farmers Classes – Merino – fine/medium wool
British/Australasian or any other breed
Commercial classes

Section B – Wool

Commercial fleeces

Section C – Cattle

Large breeds
Small breeds
Trade cattle
Cattle Handlers Competition
(novice/junior/senior/open events)

Section D – Fibre Goats

Australian Cashmere Goat
Australian Cashmere Goat Fleeces

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Little Rascals

CHILDCARE CENTRE

2 Settlers Ridge Toodyay WA 6566

Ph/Fax: 9574 2922 Email: littlerascalsccc@westnet.com.au

COMMUNITY DAY AND CAR BOOT SALE

2 Settlers Ridge ~ 21 May 2011 ~ 8.30am to 3.00pm

- Sausage sizzle
- Bouncy castle
- Face painting
- Stalls and Raffles and much more!

A great opportunity to come and visit your local Child Care Centre and meet the caring professional team.

All proceeds from the day will go to the MEDICAL ACTION GROUP to support their endeavour to attract another Doctor to join our community.

SEE YOU THERE!

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- Section E - Agriculture**
Farm Crops
 - Section F - Poultry**
Group F1 Pair
Group F2 Large Fowl Heavy Breed
Group F3 Large Fowl Light Breed
Group F4 Large Game Bird
Group F5 Game Bantam
Group F6 Soft Feathered Bantam
Group F7 Water Bird
Group F8 Junior Entry
 - Section G - Pigeons**
Group G1 - Pair
Group G2 - Working Homers
Group G3 - Fancy Pigeons
Group G4 - Junior Classes
 - Section H - Alpaca and Coloured Fleeces**
Group H1 - Wool Fleece
Group H2 - Alpaca Fleece
- More sections will be printed in the next issue of the Herald.

Toodyay Kindergym

THE kids had a great time at Duidgee Park for our end of term Easter wind up. They made rabbit ears, tail, nose and an Easter basket for the exciting Easter egg hunt. They even got to hold and pat Olivia's pet rabbit - thank you. Then we all sat down to a lovely, shared picnic. Congratulations to Claire, Jenny and Adele who were the winners of our fundraising raffle outside of IGA and thanks to the community for your support we raised \$295.00 which will go toward upgrading our equipment.

Thank you to the fantastic group of volunteers who set up, run and pack away the circuit each week. I am not sure who has the most fun?

Please feel free to join us having fun in a casual and relax atmosphere, every Friday (That schools on) down at the Sports pavilion from 9.30am to 10.30. Don't forget that your first session's free.

Enquires? Call Jodee (president) on 95744656



Ray Willis 2011 Toodyay BugIn Coordinator

THE 42nd National Bug-In was recently held in Toodyay over the Easter long weekend. The 2011 Bug-In had over 100 registrations from all states, including 10 cars that travelled across by road from the east to attend. 30 people were attending a Bug-in for the first time.

The Bug-In is the get-together of members from Volkswagen Clubs around Australia to participate in a long weekend of friendship and social motor sport competition. It comprised 10 events over the four days ranging from dinners to the Show 'n' Shine and the Motorkhana. This year it included Anzac Day where Bug-In participants were welcomed to attend the services and the 'gunfire breakfast' by the Toodyay RSL.

The Show 'N' Shine car show on the Saturday morning attracted over 80 Volkswagens including some Toodyay locals and many others just making the trip to Toodyay for the day. This nearly filled the closed Stirling Terrace and appeared to fill most cafes and eating establishments on the day. Many who were in Toodyay just for the car show stayed on into the afternoon taking in the Toodyay attractions.

The Motorkhana held at the Toodyay Race Course had 26 starters on the day and was held over six official tests, one special test and a small autokhana course. The only incidents on the day were a little rain and one flat tyre. We had a small but loyal group that watched the events through the day. Unfortunately, one the VW Club's 'VW Banners' went missing on the day and a request has gone out to locate its whereabouts.

The events over the weekend used local businesses and locations and nearly all those that attended stayed at local accommodation in and around Toodyay. Once helped with

the pronunciation, our east coast visitors all became familiar with using '2J' in their conversations. Over 25 trophies were handed out over the weekend, many now on their way back to the east coast, and all made from local Toodyay stone donated from Steven and Debra Andrijich's property.

Feedback from around the town was very positive, from the general public to the Shire President Kevin Hogg, to the shop owners and businesses of Toodyay. Comments received so far from those that attended include: A big thanks to all those involved in organising, getting it going, helping, volunteering, attending (esp from over east) and to the people of Toodyay for letting it happen. Well done, great show great weekend and great people; like everyone I have spoken to, I had a great time... I'll be going back to Toodyay on Sunday for the Moondyne Festival; Just a short note to say a big "THANK YOU" to you and your hard-working team. A fantastic effort. I had a great time and the location [Toodyay] was well-chosen.

Special mention (in no particular order) goes to Peter and Delveen Wakefield, Sally Bolger, Larissa Taylor, Lynda Burke, Sam Mastrolemba, Debra Andrijich and Stephanie Slater. The Volkswagen Club of WA (Inc) would also like to thank the people of Toodyay, and the following for helping make the event a great success. Apologies for anybody missed.

- Avalon Homestead
- Avon Valley Jewellery, Gifts and Homewares
- Bee Happy
- Coorinja Wines
- Freemasons Hotel
- John Lucas (Bus Services)
- Northam Race Club
- Oliomio
- Shire of Toodyay
- Toodyay Central VBFB

- Toodyay Photography
- Toodyay RSL
- Toodyay Tavern
- Toodyay Visitors Centre
- Top of the Terrace
- Vince's Restaurant
- Wendouree Tearooms
- ...as well as sponsors
- Don Yates (VW Club Member)
- Indian Pacific
- Scott Print
- Shannons Insurance
- Volkswagen Australia
- Thankyou Toodyay...

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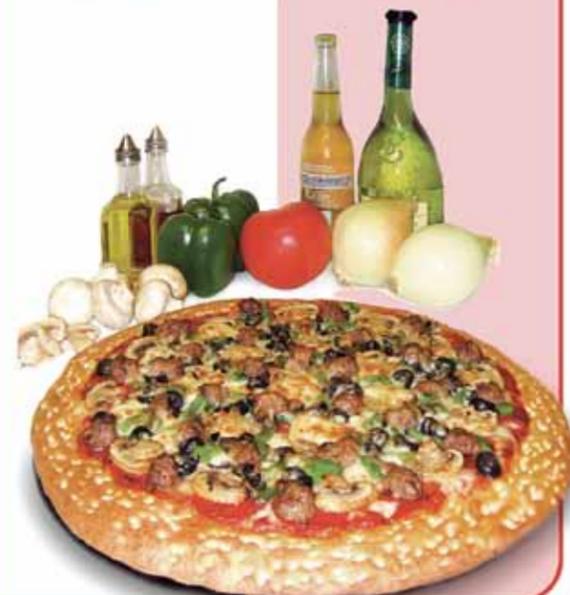
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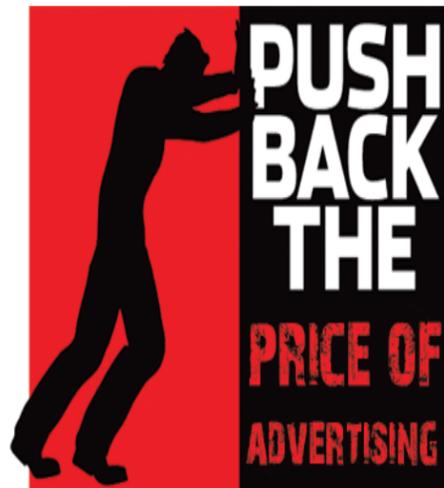
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