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Helitac 669 drops 1100 litres of water on a 'burning' tree at 50m high whilst travelling at 50 knots. Photo: Jeff Venn

Just Another Unit on the Fire Ground

Grant Scobie

TOODYAY volunteer bush fire brigade members were treated to a training session from out of the blue on Saturday 14 April.

Thanks to the work of Corry Munson and Mark Middleton from Coondle Nunile Bush Fire Brigade and Peter Munson from Darlington Bush Fire Brigade, members had the ability to get up close and personal with one of the various aircraft and crew that are so important to firefighting operations these days.

On a farm to the north of the Shire, anticipation grew as the sound of a chopper broke the silence. Gradually it flew into view only to head off in another direction (checking on a plume of smoke in the distance.) Finally, having ascertained that the burn was under control, the Eurocopter AS 350 Squirrel B3 (Helitac) returned and landed in the field nearby kicking up an inordinate amount of grass and dirt all over the watchers.

On the ground, pilot (Cameron) and helicopter supervisor (Phil) were introduced to the group by Corry. Phil then gave a pretty all-inclusive summary of what the aircraft are capable, how they respond to an incident, their range and time limits at a fire, etc. Cameron explained some of the problems of flying the craft, especially in poor weather conditions (unfortunately, that means bad bush fire days) and the weight of the water on top of the fuel load with which they start an incident.

Then it was question time with many questions as to safety, drop patterns, quantities of water, etc.. All were answered in a frank and instructive manner.

The next stage of the morning was to have an opportunity, close up, to observe how the unit worked. On so many occasions at fires, crews have their heads down doing their own firefighting while the air support is somewhere over the other side. This time all were able to observe exactly what happens. This was

also the time when those who, although qualified on paper, had never had the opportunity to work as ground controller were given the chance to direct the chopper as it asked for instructions..

Firstly there was a static drop on a tree. This was where the helicopter hovered above the tree and dropped all its water in one go. Then it was time to refill and it was incredible to see the skill of the pilot as he lowered the craft to drop the snorkel into a portable tank of water or collar tank (see photo page 15). The pilot ran through a few more passes and then returned to home base.

Members then had the opportunity to enjoy a lunch supplied by the auxiliary of Coondle Fire Brigade and chat about the experience of the day.

The most important thing learnt from the exercise was expressed by Phil, the helitac supervisor. "We're not there to put the fire out; we're there to support the ground crews," said Phil. "We're just another unit on the fire ground."

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Toodyay Agricultural Society

Show Day

Saturday 13 October 2012

Pam Jackson

Committee Member

FUNKY Rural Fashion – this year we will be running a competition for the best Funky Rural Fashion. More details later. In the meantime, put on your 'creative hat' and design a costume or outfit. Maybe you could dress up a chequered shirt?

Section R – Art (in the Show Schedule). Please note that Group R2 Open Special Category has been deleted. The prize for Rural Theme will be awarded from all classes in Group R1 – Open.

Section G - Pigeons We advise that there will be no Pigeon Section in the 2012 Toodyay Show. Unfortunately there is a highly contagious virus in the eastern states (not WA) and we have been advised not to include pigeons in the schedule this year. The virus is no threat to poultry.

Once again there will be a very wide range of sections that you can enter your exhibits in: Section S is Needlework. Now is a good time to get your knitting needles, crochet hooks, sewing machines and needles out, start on your entry now.

Group S1 – Knitting and Crochet

Class 6201 – Adult's hand knitted cardigan or pullover

Class 6202 – Adult's crocheted cardigan or pullover

Class 6203 – Hand knitted, 3 x items of baby wear

Class 6204 – Crocheted, 3 x items of baby wear

Class 6205 – Baby's or toddler's dress, knitted

Class 6206 – Baby's or toddler's dress, crocheted

Class 6207 – Knee rug, knitted (150 x 125cm max)

Class 6208 – Knee rug, crocheted (150 x 125cm max)

Class 6209 – Blanket – larger than class 6207

Class 6210 – Blanket – larger than class 6208

Class 6211 – Childs jumper or cardigan any fibre

Class 6212 – Crocheted table centre or tablecloth

Class 6213 – Knitted item not specified above

Class 6214 – Crocheted item not specified above

Class 6215 – Child's cuddly toy, hand knitted

Class 6216 – Child's cuddly toy, crocheted

Group S2 – Embroidery

Class 6301 – Dressing table set

Class 6302 – Table centre

Class 6303 – Article of counted cross stitch maximum size 20cm x 20cm

Class 6304 – Article of counted cross stitch – larger than 20cm square

Class 6305 – Article of smocking

Group S3 – Stretch Stitch Sewing

Class 6401 – Child's nightwear, top and pants or nightie

Class 6402 – Article of stretch stitch sewing

Group S4 – Machine Sewing

Class 6501 – Child's garment, 2 to 12 years

Class 6502 – Teenage or adult's garment

Class 6503 – Baby to 2 years, garment of clothing

Group S5 – Teddy Bears

Class 6601 – Teddy Bear - knitted or crocheted

Class 6602 – Teddy Bear – any fur fabric

Class 6603 – Teddy Bear – any other medium

Group S6 – Miscellaneous

Class 6701 – Cushion, machine embroidered

Class 6702 – Cushion, hand embroidered

Class 6703 – Best dressed doll, hand knitted or crocheted

Class 6704 – Best dressed doll, material machine

Class 6705 – Article, any age, handworked

Class 6706 – Article featuring candlewicking

Class 6707 – Article featuring ribbon embroidery

Class 6708 – Article of canvas tapestry

Class 6709 – Article of long stitch

Class 6710 – Open class, any other article not specified

Group S7 – over 70 years

Class 6801 – Any article, knitted

Class 6802 – Any article, crocheted

Class 6803 – Any article, embroidery

Group S8 – Young Adults 16 to 18 years

Class 6901 – Any article of hand sewing

Class 6902 – Any article of machine sewing

Class 6903 – Article featuring hand embroidery

Class 6904 – Article featuring knitting or crochet

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Toodyay Comes to the 'Big Smoke'

A GROUP of artists from Toodyay will be at the Midland Junction Arts Centre in May with a colourful exhibition of their diverse arts and crafts. Arts Toodyay is an enthusiastic group of painters, fabric workers, potters, jewellers and printmakers who gather to share their skills and promote the arts here and throughout the Avon Valley.

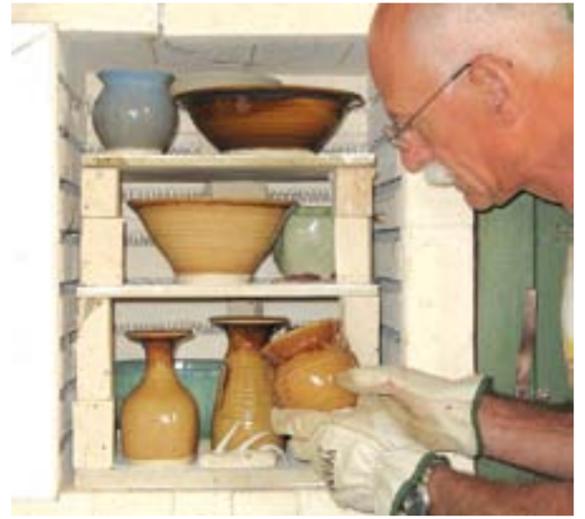
"We have regular exhibitions in the Toodyay area and our members wanted to show people in 'the big smoke' what is on offer just a few minutes' drive up Toodyay Road," said Arts Toodyay President Sharon Boxall.

"Seven of the members have worked very hard to put together a diverse and colourful exhibition to be held in the marvellous environment of the Midland Junction Arts Centre."

The exhibition, entitled '2J or not 2J', will include paintings, pastels, prints, jewellery, textiles and pottery. Exhibitors include Ruth Lawford, who creates beautiful jewellery from vintage beads and other found objects, Bev Bush, whose beautiful felted and layered textile creations are well known in Toodyay, and Wendy Lewer, who paints in a variety of media including pastels, acrylic and charcoal and has exhibited widely. Monika Zechetmayr will exhibit her abstract Australian landscapes, Sharon Boxall will be showing some of her silk paintings and sculptures while Alexander Moore will display his distinctive paintings and Clive Eger will exhibit some pottery including items featuring local Toodyay clay.

The exhibition begins on Thursday, 24 May and will be officially opened on Friday 25 May at 5pm by Toodyay painter and local identity, John Mitchinson. Michael Woods will showcase some of his wines from the Coorinja Winery at the opening. The gallery will be open daily between 10am and 4pm until Thursday 31 May.

For more information, contact Sharon on 9574 2703 a/h or Ruth on 9574 4695. Midland Junction Arts Centre is on Great Eastern Highway just west of Midland Gate and BigW.



Pots fresh from the kiln for Midland exhibition



l-r Su Griggs, Carolyn Brown, Karen Goodman, Russell Ryan, Di Ashley, Thomas Ralph, Luke O'Hara. Photo: Wayne Weaver

Local Business Digs Deep

Grant Scobie

LOCAL business, Toodyay Traders, received a letter from a couple of students, Thomas and Russel, at CY O'Connor asking for some help.

Now, businesses get a lot of letters but this one, from students with disabilities, struck a chord; these kids are working, despite their life challenges, to further themselves. So Diane and Bob Ashley, decided they could help.

Diane headed over to Northam to meet the Skills for Life students, find out what they needed and then returned home and hit the phones. With the help of Bob and their staff, they contacted many suppliers and received goods to donate to the group. Along with their own contributions, they soon had enough to make a difference for these young students.

On Thursday 26 April, Di, Bob and one of their employees, Luke, popped over to

Northam to deliver to a delighted group the items on the students' list.

The donations included blood and bone and heaps of packet seeds from Gemma McQuade at Yates Products, two Colourbond steel garden beds from Rainfill Tanks, garden gloves and various garden tools from Padstow Grange Distributors, paint from Paul Godfrey of Dulux Australia, a one tonne bag of potting mix from Mumballup Organics, plastic backed drop sheets freighted in from Victoria by Mark Kavanagh of Wagner and a whole pile of goodies including Home hats, pallets, wheelbarrows, garden hoses and whatever tools that Bob, Di and staff thought were also needed; these were from, of course, Bob, Di and staff from Toodyay Traders.

The generosity of all who dug deep for this worthwhile cause will ensure the positive experience and outcomes sought by all those involved in the Skills for Life project.



Skills for Life students and lecturers inspect the contributions while Di Ashley and Luke O'Hara from Toodyay Traders look on. Photo: Wayne Weaver



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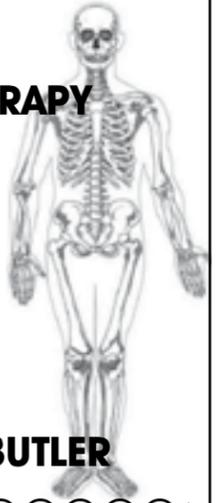
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OUR town and the Shire Council want to encourage tourism! And of course why not? We need tourist attractions.

I would like to suggest that the Shire needs to investigate the opportunity of applying to Royalties for Regions for funds to construct a Shire Administration Centre at the western end of the New Depot to improve working conditions and space for staff. Land that the Shire controls, so therefore free. This will place the Administration next to the Works Depot for close co-operation, a major parking area for employees and townsfolk to attend to business.

This would of course free up the Old Court House for a tourist attraction, with the possibility of the Historical Society having an administration centre at the Court House. Besides, removing the car covers and the demountable building would restore the Court House to heritage level. What a pleasant historical area we could have with the Court House, Old Gaol, and the Police Stables all together as a historical precinct.

Why has the Council not thought of this with their press for tourism and historical attention?

Perhaps this Council cannot think outside the square, why not?

We need our town to progress; any and all ideas need to be given serious consideration.

Fred Fellowes

THE DECISION TO increase the width of fire access tracks to six metres appears to have been kept rather under-hand. Most locals I mentioned it to didn't know about it.

The shire doesn't properly maintain its existing fire tracks, as can be observed on the eastern boundary of Springbank Farm, Julimar. This access track has been illegal for years, including the year I was fined for non-compliance of a fire-break.

When Sinclair Place, Julimar was graded a couple of months ago, an unnecessary rut was cut part way across the entrance to the shire access track at the end of the cul-de-sac. In the panic and poor visibility of a fire emergency, it has the potential to cause vehicles fleeing in that direction to lose control creating a blockage or pile-up with tragic consequences. When I brought this to the attention of the current CEO, I was, once again, ignored. I have given up trying to negotiate with the Works' Department. The double standards seem to permeate through.

People who purchase a bush block are well aware of the risk of wildfire but weigh it against the joy of living amongst the beauty and constant new fascinations experienced in a pristine, natural environment. The importance of fire access tracks is obvious but a balance must be struck between practicality and aesthetics.

Strategically placed alcoves or at least the trees and rarer vegetation left in place would allow vehicles to pass each other and be less

aesthetically challenging.

My late uncle used to say, "There's no beauty in a straight line." Virtual airstrips butchered through the environment are being arrogantly forced upon us by unenlightened philistines from afar.

Constant pressure on council to more diligently consult and consider the opinion of the electorate needs to be applied by every clear thinking, caring member of this community. Those that don't care, don't matter.

Footnote

The Toodyay Herald made a 'mistake' in the letter I submitted last month.

The concluding paragraph should have read "Access to electronically recorded council meetings would add necessary scrutiny and reson to the debate in a furtherance of democracy."

R. Barker

The Toodyay Herald *apologises for the error. A line was left out when typing the letter and was not picked up in proofing.*

Ed

SOMETIMES THINGS HAPPEN in our small community that warm your heart and make you think 'this is why I live here'.

I work at our local TAFE where we run a course for students with learning disabilities. The students are a marvellous group who live in Northam, Toodyay, York and as far away as Calingiri. They're studying units from a Certificate I course - Gaining Access to Training and Employment.

The units have an element of project work. Earlier this year, they decided to build a garden, learn basic building skills and build some outdoor furniture and create artworks so they wrote to local businesses in Toodyay, York and Northam to ask for supplies.

We had some mixed reactions to some of the letters but one business took the letter and went beyond what any of us expected.

Di and Bob Ashley, from Toodyay Traders (Home Hardware), read the letter and decided to make a difference in their community. Di took the time to meet with the students, then went back and rang up all her suppliers. Last week, a truckload of goods arrived to the applause of a dozen delighted young people.

It is often difficult working in the disability sector, because people often discriminate without knowing. Some of the young people in our towns are often isolated by geography, circumstance and disability and their peers are generally without disability. There are over 900 people with disability living in Toodyay, but you'd never know it.

That one random act of kindness by Bob, Di and the staff has restored my faith in the thing we call community.

I'd like to extend a personal thanks to Bob and Di. I'll shop with you because I want to support the people who support our community. Thank you, sincerely, guys.

Samantha Connor

Toodyay Community Resource Centre

A New Beginning

New Management Committee

AT the March AGM of the Toodyay Community Resource Centre Inc (TCRC) a new Management Committee was formed and we are pleased to announce the new TCRC committee members are:

Chair: Liz Hughes; Treasurer: Jacquie Chaney; Secretary: Kaye Rewell; and members: Bel Rowe, Gale Anderson, Jan Broadbent, Desrae Clarke, Laurie James, Meredith Neilsen, Wayne Clarke and Pamela Walsh.

New Chair, Liz Hughes, praised the outgoing Chair, Bel Rowe, and committee members for their dedication and commitment to the TCRC and presented a small gift of thanks to Bel Rowe.

A meeting with the Department of Regional Development and Lands representative, Anna Painter, who is the CRC Coordinator for our area, briefed the committee on the roles and responsibilities of a CRC management committee. Anna also briefed the committee on the many services and facilities provided by CRCs throughout WA, outlining a number of areas where the Toodyay Community Resource Centre could obtain funding to enhance existing services and expand into some new ones. This was met with keen enthusiasm from the Committee.

Another meeting was called to set the stage for a new management plan to bulk up services and strategies for obtaining funding and continual improvement in the services the TCRC provides to the Toodyay community.

The new committee will be working with the TCRC Manager, Ken Stivey, and staff member, Alison Godfrey, to take full advantage of the funding opportunities through Royalties for Regions and other funding sources to provide a more enhanced and comprehensive list of services and activities in the Toodyay community.

New Opening Hours

The centre's new opening hours are 9am to 12.30pm and 1pm to 4.30pm Monday through to Friday. Contact us on 9574 5357 or email us at toodyay@crc.net.au and, of course, you can also drop in and see us at the Community Resource Centre located at 79 Stirling Tce, Toodyay.

Services

Some of the services provided by the TCRC are the use of computers, free online access to government services and information,

along with extensive brochures. Free access to Centrelink online, phone, fax & printed materials. The online access to Medicare is not as yet complete, but will be very soon.

Also provided is printing, photocopying, binding, and laminating services. Visit our website to see the full range of services.

Volunteer Hub

Over the next few months we shall be working towards creating a centralised point of contact for our community groups and for those of you who wish to contribute, through volunteering, some of your time and skills towards strengthening our community.

Volunteers are essential to society, and many charities would struggle to survive without the support of their volunteers. Australian volunteers contribute more than 700 million hours of community service to so many areas of society, including community health care, heritage and arts, environment, conservation, emergency services, education, social justice and sports.

National Volunteers Week Celebration 16 May - 11am - at the Toodyay Community Resource Centre alongside the doctor's surgery.

To celebrate National Volunteers Week we will be bringing together Toodyay's valued volunteers and organisations which utilise volunteers, with Guest Speakers from Kanyana Wildlife Rehabilitation Centre from Lesmurdie, Pam Tennant from the St John's Ambulance Society and Beth Frayne from the Toodyay Historical Society. The TCRC would like to create a HUB where volunteers and community organisations can register their interest. We would like all prospective volunteers to come along and representatives from community organisations to display their particular organisation's needs.

For further inquiries contact Bel Rowe on 9574 2396.

Australia's Biggest Morning Tea

Australia's Biggest Morning Tea is on again this year at the Community Resource Centre at 10am Tuesday 29 May. Guest Speaker, Marg Ferguson is a volunteer and will be there representing Balya. Join us with friends and make your cup count in the fight against cancer and support the Cancer Council's work in research.

There will be a door prize, lucky seats, raffles and a quiz - all for \$5.00 entry fee. For further details please ring Kaye on 9574 2056.

Country Women's Association

Maxine Walker

SIX members attended the local ANZAC Parade on Wednesday 25 April with Mavis Rowles, assisted by Glenys Clabaugh, laying the Wreath on behalf of all our branch members.

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Tammin International Day was, for those ladies that attended, a great day. This year we study Portugal and members always do well when it comes to dressing up with Glenys Winning the National Dress section and Vivian winning for her costume as a Portuguese Man-o-war (Jelly Fish). We certainly do have lots of fun on these outings. Other members on the day were very lucky when it came to the raffles.

On a more serious note, we are now preparing for our yearly fundraiser for the Cancer Council, this being The Biggest Morning Tea to be held on Tuesday 15 May. Members will be taking orders on the Monday 14. Toodyay businesses have always been a great support to us in this fundraiser and we hope that once again we will have your support.

Our conference is getting closer and thoughts now will be on the motions that CWA members will be putting forward to be voted on. These motions if accepted at conference benefit all of us both here in the country and in the city.

Motions in the past have seen:

Widows without support being granted monetary assistance.

'Use by' date being stamped on all perishable goods.

Prohibiting the use of hand held mobile telephones by drivers of motor vehicles.

All foodstuffs to be labelled with country of origin, irrespective of whether it is packaged in Australia.

If you are interested in joining and being a part of this very active group, or would just like to see if this is for you then please come along. We apologise if you have knocked on the front door and not been heard. We have to keep this door closed during the meeting because of the passing traffic noise.

Entry to our hall is from the rear on Charcoal Lane.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday 24 May at 1.30pm.

Toodyay Dental Clinic

Welcomes

Dr Jenni Bowman B.D.Sc. (UWA)
Dental Surgeon

Dr Bowman has extensive private practice experience including twelve years in Kununurra and later in Europe and the UK. Dr Bowman has held teaching positions at the University of Western Australia as a Clinical Co-ordinator, teaching Restorative Dentistry and as a tutor for undergraduate students in other clinical areas.

Recently Dr Bowman has worked in the Central Wheatbelt and Great Southern Regions and brings to Toodyay thirty years of professional experience including charity work providing dental care to underprivileged children in Vietnam. Dr Bowman will be providing clinical services on Tuesdays and Fridays between 9am and 4.30pm commencing Tuesday 1st May 2012.

Appointments can be made between 8.30am - 4.30pm

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Speed 'Saves'



The Hon Max Trenorden, watched by Shire President, Kevin Hogg, and Deputy Chief Bush Fire Control Officer, Brian Wood, cuts the ribbon to formally hand over the tanks to the Shire of Toodyay. Photo: Wayne Weaver

Grant Scobie

IN December 2009, Toodyay suffered a devastating bush fire in which 38 dwellings were destroyed and 273 properties were impacted in spite of the incredible efforts put in by volunteer bush firefighters from far and wide. While fire is, in part, a natural element of the Australian landscape, the provision of extra firefighting resources helps firefighters minimise the impact of these events on our communities.

On Thursday 19 April, a small ceremony was held on Folewood Road to hand over one of these resources to the Shire of Toodyay.

The need to get water into the firefighting appliances at a rate that will enable them to return to the fire ground in the shortest amount of time is extremely important.

A test by one of the brigades of the Toodyay standpipes produced some alarming results with, in some cases, a refill time of over 20 minutes. This means the vehicle is unable to be on the fire ground for the time it takes

to reach the water supply, 20 minutes to fill and then the time to return. Much too long.

So Alan Knapp, Community Emergency Services Manager (CESM), for the Shire of Toodyay put in a request to rectify the issue. After obtaining a grant from the State Government from the Dry Season Assistance Scheme and assistance from a number of local businesses, seven tanks were purchased, installed and commissioned.

The tanks are located at:

- Folewood x Sandplain Road. An old tank moved from a previous location and a new tank now supply 13,500 litres of water. Where it once took 20 minutes to refill a 2000 litres tanker, it should now take less than 3 minutes;
- Kane Road. Connecting an old tank and new give 20000 litres. The old standpipe took 24 minutes to supply 2000 litres;
- Julimar Fire Station. 4000 litres has been increased to 14000 litres;
- Bejoording Fire Station. 3000 litres taking 25 minutes now has 13000 litres



Firefighters, Wes Smith and Lou Kidd, connect the new tanks to the fire appliance prior to draughting. Photo: Wayne Weaver



A prepared community is the best defence against disasters

Being prepared is clearly the best defence against disasters. Many of us are still learning the lessons of the past and rely on others to respond in time of need.

However, there is a growing number of people and community organisations that are working together to be better prepared for the times when disaster threatens our homes, loved ones and neighbours.

Please help us. In your community, on Thursday 31 May, 4pm – 10pm, Toodyay Community Centre, your local government and the members of its local emergency committee will host a workshop that provides historical incident information which will be used to establish our risk and vulnerability from established hazards such as plane or road crash and fires in structures/buildings for example. This workshop is open to the public and you are welcome to be part of that decision making process.

If you wish to attend, please RSVP to Margaret Woodthorpe by: woodm@jlta.com.au or by telephone 9483 8815.

The community survey is still open online by following the link: <https://www.zoomerang.com/Survey/WEB22EZ75P8AF9> from 31 March 2012.

Your participation will help us save lives and protect our homes and livelihood. **BE RESILIENT NOT RELIANT** and you can help make a difference.

Acknowledgement: This community project is proudly supported by your Local Government and its local emergency planning committee, the Western Australian Local Government Association and Emergency Management Western Australia. Funded through the Natural Disaster Resilience Program.

- and fast fill time;
- Three locations within the Shire of Toodyay in the Avon Valley National Park along the rail access road where there was previously no static water resources at all.

At the ceremony, Shire President, Cr Kevin Hogg, thanked the Department of Water and the Department of Agriculture and Food for the invaluable assistance provided by the Dry Season Assistance Scheme and singled out Alice Benz from the Department of Water who had to put up with the "harassment" from the CESM and who facilitated much of the grant process with him.

He also took time to publicly acknowledge the contractors who also assisted the Shire with donations of time and machinery for the preparation of the sites prior to delivery and with the commissioning of the tanks. "The contractors saved us thousands of dollars by allowing themselves to be 'sweet talked' by the Community Emergency Services Manager," said Cr Hogg.

The contractors were Craig Hills of Hills Concrete Products who supplied the tanks

at below cost, Steve Ferguson of Vernice Contracting who prepared sites and tank pads at no charge, Ian Garnet of Timberden Plant Hire who also prepared sites and tank pads at no charge, Bob Graham of Brookfield Rail who prepared sites and tank pads in the Avon Valley at no charge and, finally, Reg Tipple of R&JT Contractors who commissioned the tanks at a heavily discounted price.

The Hon Max Trenorden, acting for the Minister for Agriculture, told of his affinity with Toodyay and how, whenever he hears of a fire in the shire, his heart sinks. He explained that he was delighted to be able to act for the Minister in officially handing over the tanks to the Shire of Toodyay as he knew that it would greatly aid in our ability to fight the, unfortunately, inevitable fires that would impact on the community.

After a thank you from Brian Wood, Deputy Chief Bush Fire Control Officer who stood in on behalf of the Chief, Mr Trenorden cut the ribbon and the first water was draughted into a firefighting appliance.

It took 30 seconds to fill the 1000 litres. Speed kills but speed saves, too.

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education

School ANZAC Service



Naomi Millett

TOODYAY District High School held its ANZAC Day service a little earlier this year in the first week of April.

After a procession of special guests and dignitaries were seated on the outdoor stage, the school choir presented a poignant song about diggers in Anzac parades. This was followed by an impressive march by a group of smartly attired cadets and their teachers.

Lest We Forget was beautifully sung before students Rebecca Moffet, Tehani Tainsh and Daniel Lawler delivered

short 'student reflections' on the history and spirit of ANZAC Day. The flag was lowered and raised by the cadets, and wreaths were presented and laid out at the flagpole by school captains Jessica Browne and Faith Kelly.

A poem, *The Ode*, was read out as an introduction to the *Last Post* and *Reveille*. Mr Maurice Tola presented the Cadet Encouragement Award, and the national anthem completed proceedings.

The ceremony concluded with morning tea served to the visiting guests in the school courtyard.

Toodyay Youthcare Council Chaplaincy

Moya Bruce

Outgoing Secretary

THE Youthcare Council held their AGM on Wednesday 4 April at 2pm at the Toodyay District High School

Mr Tim Martin, the Principal of the school, took the chair for the election of officers. Max Heath was elected unopposed as Chairperson; Vivienne Freeman was elected as Secretary; Ray Jackson as Treasurer and David Street as Deputy Chair.

Mr Martin thanked everyone for all their hard work fundraising for Chaplaincy. Vivienne Freeman proposed a very warm and sincere thank you to Joy Cruickshank for all her work in chairing the Chaplaincy Council

for eight years. Vivienne also asked for a vote of thanks to Gina Piercy who was resigning from the committee and also to Moya Bruce who was resigning as Secretary.

Our next fundraising event will be on Friday 1 and Saturday 2 June outside the old IGA. As the cold nights are starting to come in, you will have a chance to win a trailer load of wood in our raffle as well as purchase lots of preloved goods at very reasonable prices and some yummy cakes and slices.

Write it on your calendars. Don't miss out! Thank you all very much for all your support over the years.

We welcome back staff and students from their Easter holidays. We hope you all had a very happy and relaxing couple of weeks.

Take care. God bless you.

TDHS P&C

Steve Bannister

President

FIRSTLY, let me welcome everybody back for Term 2 at school and I hope you all had a good rest over the holidays.

Unfortunately, there was no such rest for the wicked amongst the P&C! Easter Sunday saw us hosting our first ever Car Boot Sale at the school, which was an amazing success. We had sellers turning up well before the advertised start time, all keen to be set up and organised. It was a beautiful morning, with plenty of tea and coffee on hand, and it wasn't long before we had a stream of buyers looking for some bargains. Over 300 people were sorting and rummaging their way through books, plants, tools, toys, household goods and thousands of other items. I don't think I saw a single person leave empty handed. If you want to be involved with our next Car Boot Sale, they're on the 2nd Sunday of every month, with our next one on Mother's Day, 13 May. We all know that mums like a bit of a bargain, so why not bring her down to the Boot Sale, then take her home and spoil her for the day! As always, we open to sellers from 7am and to buyers from 8am. Entry is \$5 if you're selling from a car, \$10 for a van or a ute, and it's only \$1 for adults to come and buy. As our next one is on Mother's Day, we're putting on something a bit special to keep the kids occupied on the oval. We're having a bouncy castle, bouncy slide and a carousel! All for free.

What's next? Oh, yes, the Kindy car park. A few parents have been complaining since last year about the state of the Kindy car park at school. When it was laid, there was a bit of a ditch between the actual car park and the gravel road that leads to it, and continues around to the back of the school. This ditch was the perfect way to catch your bumper as your wheels went down into it. I got to hear about this from one of our parents at the Car Boot Sale, as this was the car park where the Boot Sale was being held. The following week, we managed to get the ditch filled in with the help of the Shire and Carl and his bobcat in particular. Carl was able to fill in the ditch and then flatten it the best he could in about 10 minutes, so, hopefully, no more scratched bumpers.

Carl then had a bigger job on his plate. As a P&C, we had decided to turn the old School Gardening Area behind the tennis courts, into a Community Garden for both the school and the wider community of Toodyay. The Gardening Area had been unattended for quite some time, and it was decided to create not only a new Environmental Studies area, with classroom, for the school, but also to open it up to the community as well. Over the summer holiday, we had met with five local community groups, and they all showed their interest in redeveloping the site, getting the kids involved in growing produce, learning about sustainable issues, starting a hydroponics area, etc. So, over the Easter Holidays, members of the P&C, Gale and Marlene from the Toodyay Garden Club and Wayne and Desraé Clarke from the Naturalists Club helped to clear out the site. We got rid of old dead plants, old garden beds, 3 tonnes of bricks and slabs, old oil drums... the list goes on. Then, in came Carl and his Bobcat. Carl managed to fill 3 x

12m² skip bins, and then not only completely levelled the site for us to start with a clean slate but also built us a new pad as we await our new Environmental Studies Classroom. Carl spent three days with us, and we are extremely grateful to him for his effort and expertise and also to Glenn and The Shire of Toodyay for donating so much time and effort into helping the school. Thank you.

The help over the holiday didn't stop there, either. The new classroom was going to have to come from somewhere and we weren't sure whether we could salvage one from another part of the school or whether we would have to buy a new one. A trip to Northam and a meeting with Kim Guelfi would sort that one out. Kim Guelfi is the Department of Education Regional Executive Director for the Wheatbelt and he has kindly offered to find us a new building, for free, to become our new Environmental Studies Classroom. We are extremely thankful.

Help from our Shire hasn't stopped there, either. Some of you may have noticed that the P&C has arranged to have the parking bays at the school remarked as these had faded away over time and it was difficult for parents to see where the bays were. As this was also potentially dangerous for our children, we decided to ask for the Shire's help. We have asked the Shire to not only remark the parking bays, but also to install yellow 'No Parking' lines along the kerb adjoining the school oval. This has always been a 'No Stopping' area, but parents have still parked there. This has meant that our kids have had to cross into the car park between these parked cars, as cars are driving around the car park. The Shire has also installed new 'No Stopping' signs along this kerb. We have also requested that a crossing be painted onto the road for the children, as well as two offset barriers to stop children coming out of the school and crossing over into the car park on bikes or scooters. The barrier idea came from Kerry Knowles at our last P&C meeting. Children will now have to slow down to navigate the barriers before crossing the car park to access the footbridge. Again, our Shire has agreed to undertake all of this work for us, and I am very impressed that all it took was one letter to the Shire, and a meeting with Glenn to discuss what we wanted, where we wanted it, and when we wanted it.

So, all in all, a very eventful Easter Holiday. We have a long list of jobs to do this year, and we are starting to tick them off one by one. For Term 2, we are holding more Car Boot Sales, trying to make our School Photos cheaper for our parents, putting on subsidised Family Resuscitation courses with St. John Ambulance, introducing EFTPOS to the Uniform Shop... told you it was a long list!

From the Parents & Citizens Association history pages...

Thursday 12 August 1937 Mrs G Wroth proposed that a committee of five be formed to test various wireless sets and decide which set to purchase. The committee consisted of Mr Wood (President of P&C), Mr Crabbe (Head Teacher), Mr Clive Piesse, Mr S Davis and Mr Jager. At the next meeting, the President explained that the committee concerned had tested the various sets, and after keen attention to the matter of detail a

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Looking for something to do this weekend?



NATIONAL ALPACA WEEK is in May. Why not visit your local alpaca farm and find out more about these enchanting and inquisitive animals. See below for planned activities.

ENJOY THE AVON ALPACA TRAIL, MAY 12TH TO 20TH

Join the alpaca trail in the Avon Valley with five studs in the area hosting visitors during National Alpaca Week.

For more information call Corbracagh Downs Alpacas 9574 7028, Autumn Lane Alpacas 9574 6105, Katydid Alpaca Stud 9574 9148, Rivermist Alpacas 9622 5669, Lavender Hill Mob 9574 5577 for more information.

MAY 12TH ALPACAS AT THE PICKERING BROOK SHOW

Three studs will be presenting alpacas for sale, hosting an information display, husbandry demonstrations, 'pat a paca' and activities for the kids. For more information call Treechange Alpacas 9574 4144, Vellum Farm 9574 4932, Keis 9641 2058.

GIDGEGANNUP FIELD DAY SUNDAY MAY 27TH

Visit the annual alpaca sale and information day, held this year on Sunday, 27th May. It offers an opportunity for speaking with breeders, information sessions, fleece displays, spinning and craft as well as activities for the kids.

For further details contact the Australian Alpaca Association Ltd WA Region or <http://wa.alpaca.asn.au> or call Angela on 9574 4144 for more information.

Frank Vern Memorial Award for local writers
Guidelines for writers



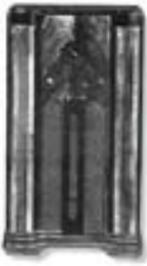
- 1 Entries are to be in short story format only, not poetry or plays.
- 2 The judges are looking for original ideas. Avoid using ideas you have seen on TV or read in a book.
- 3 All writing to be the original work of the entrant.
- 4 A COMPLETED COVER SHEET MUST ACCOMPANY EACH ENTRY. Cover sheets are available from the Toodyay Herald, Toodyay District High School and the Toodyay Library
- 5 Names should not appear on the entry pages. There is a limit of one entry per person.
- 6 Entries should be no longer than FIVE SINGLE SIDED PAGES on A4 paper and double spaced. 7 Illustrations are permitted but will not influence the judges' decisions.
- 8 Manuscripts will not be returned but will be responsibly destroyed. Entrants should keep a copy of their work.
- 9 The winners will be announced and published in the December issue of the Toodyay Herald

Entry is open only to residents of the Shire of Toodyay

The closing date for entries is Friday 19th October 2012

Entries may be left at the Toodyay Herald office or posted to Post Office Box 100 Toodyay 6566

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Westinghouse Receiver Model 666 for £31 0s 0d, and a wireless license for £1 1s 0d was purchased, it being undoubtedly the clearest reception. In order that the wireless could be installed, a pole and an aerial were necessary. The President offered to attend to the same, and his offer was accepted with gratitude. The purchase of the wireless receiver, allowed the children at the school to receive lessons broadcast not only from Perth, but also from other schools. The first broadcast received, was at 8:55 on 20 August 1937, just 8 days later, when the students listened to a broadcast from West Northam School.

Toodyay Scout Group

Dropbear

LAST week, the Scouts participated in the ANZAC vigil. We do this every year, and it is a hard thing to stand for ten hours without moving, at quarters.

We are always surprised by how well our Scouts undertake this challenge. They are unfailingly respectful when honouring those who have fallen – the youngest of our Scouts is eleven but still behaved appropriately. Well done to all of you, especially Aiden, who carried out a three hour shift. A special thanks to Group Leader ‘Muppet’ who not only attended and slept in her ‘dodgy Dodge’, but also brought a fabulous beef and Guinness stew, and a giant thank you to former Rovers Rob and Julia for helping out. Thank you also to the RSL for giving us the opportunity to pay our respects locally, as the Scouts have carried this out since the 1950s.

We farewelled Tom last month and wish him all the best in Army Cadets. Our new Patrol Leaders are Aiden and Annie, with Stella in the position of ‘Apple’ (APL) and another APL yet to be officially appointed.

We’re just about to ramp up the fundraising for Jamboree. This will cost us just over \$20,000 and is a significant investment of time and fundraising energy. If you

can help the Scouts out, please do. We’ll have a stall at Moondyne and there will be several fundraisers carried out towards the end of the year. We plan to send six Scouts to Maryborough, Queensland. Although \$2,500 per Scout seems like a big investment, it is not when you consider the leadership qualities the kids develop at the 23rd Australian Jamboree, with 13,000 other Scouts. In addition, there is a great deal of work to be done before we get there – the Scouts must all reach Pioneer level, learning skills that effectively mean that they can look after themselves. We look forward to ensuring that all our Scouts reach the required level of ability to get there.

Scouts and Cubs start back up next week, Thursday 3 May 2012. We look forward to seeing you there – new members welcomed. For Scout enquiries (10 – 14) call Samantha (Dropbear) on 0400 890 571 or Rob (Rocky) on 9574 4661 and for Cubs (7-10) call Danielle (Raksha) on 9574 4005.

Yours in Scouting.

Northam Flying 50

ON Sunday 1 April the town of Northam hosted the Northam Flying 50 Round the Houses event for Historic Racing and Sports Cars.

The Vintage Sports Car Club of WA organises the annual event. This year’s event celebrated the 60th Anniversary of the first round the houses event held in 1952. Street



Bruce Jones in his Ford Zephyre Special leads with Thomas Benson following in his BMH Special

racing took place in many country towns prior to WA getting a permanent race circuit.

Ninety-six historic, vintage racing and sports cars were split into four groups which made up the 20 event programme.

The pit area was set up along the banks of

the Avon River in Minson Avenue, where spectators could get up close to the cars of yesteryear.

Round the Houses series are run as timed regularity trials. The 1.36 kilometre street circuit was made up of closed public roads in Northam’s CBD.



Geoff Whall in his 1972 Escort leads with Steve Boyal’s Fiat 125T following close behind

A free family fun activity area and local markets were set up in the Avon Mall and Fitzgerald Street.

One hundred and fifty volunteers from local community organisations assist in the set up of the street circuit and benefit from the event.

The town of Northam and Vintage Sports Car Club of WA are planning the 2013 Northam Flying 50 which will be bigger and better than ever before.

Arts Toodyay

Clive Eger

IT’S all ‘go’ with Arts Toodyay at the moment. In April, Marie Louise Orr conducted a marvellous felting workshop which was enjoyed by all who attended. She began by explaining how to identify the finer points of an alpaca fleece before showing the method of creating a variety of objects using manual and mechanised felting techniques. Although it took some time to master the art, it was a hugely successful workshop and left the participants keen for more. A tremendous amount of work goes into preparing for these workshops and it was great to see such an enthusiastic number of participants.

If you weren’t there, do not despair as there will be another workshop on felting on 19 May. Catherine Jensen will be running the workshop and more information can be obtained from Ruth Lawford (9574 4695) or

Marie Louise Orr (9574 4698). Get in quickly as enrolments close very soon!

On 9 June there will be a full day watercolour workshop run by Kaye Devlin and enrolments can be arranged by contacting Ruth or Marie Louise at the numbers above. Enrolments close 10 days before the workshop.

Meanwhile, preparations are nearing completion for our group exhibition at the Midland Junction Arts Centre on Great Eastern Highway between 24 May and 1 June. The participants visited the venue recently to check it out and it is a wonderful old school building with heaps of character but, we were assured, no ghost. Local artist and celebrant, John Mitchinson will officially open the exhibition on Friday 25 May and Toodyay will also be represented by Michael Woods and Coorinja Winery. The exhibition is open between 10am and 4pm each day and everyone is welcome to drop in.

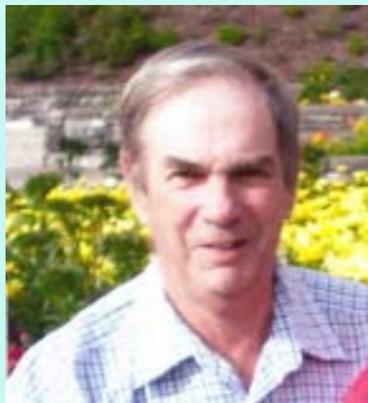


Preparing artwork for Midland exhibition

Closer to home, Arts Toodyay will be taking over the CWA Hall during the Moondyne Festival on 6 May for our annual exhibition and sale of work. Come and see us there if you want a break from bushrangers and beards.

Looking to the future, Arts Toodyay will be once again sponsoring a prize in the Art section of the Toodyay Show and of course our major local exhibition ‘Vino’ is to be held, once again at Coorinja Winery in September - stay tuned!

Everyone is welcome to join Arts Toodyay - there is bound to be something to interest you amongst our activities. We meet on the first Tuesday of each month in the old Police Station on Duke Street at 7pm. Come along and join us there.



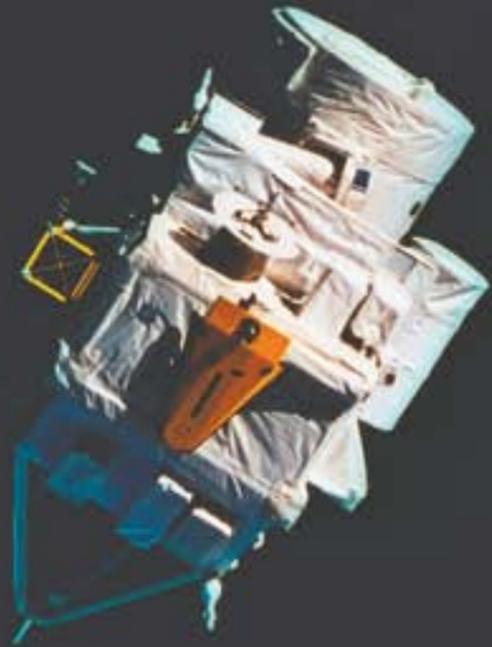
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emergency services

WA Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association Annual Easter State Championships



Back: l-r Matthew Fleay, Joseph Fleay and Shane MacGregor.
Front: Peter Millar and Darren MacGregor

A YEAR has passed since the Toodyay Volunteer Fire and Rescue Service last competed against other fire brigades from around the state at the prestigious Easter Championships in 2011.

Since making a return to the competition 25 years after Toodyay last competed, members, Darren MacGregor, Shane MacGregor, Matthew Fleay and Joseph Fleay returned to the State Championships with a new member to the running team, Peter Millar, to try and win glory.

Throughout the Easter weekend numerous events were run with each member competing in their specialist events and then as a team in other events. The championships began with a discipline drill which showed remarkable improvements from last year's score. The team members then began their specialist events with Mat and Joe running in the ladder events (a special mention to Joe who won the straight ladder event in the C grade). Darren and Shane ran the hydrant event and Peter Millar ran the dry hose work events.

Over the course of the next two days, the running team competed in numerous events such as the disabled hose, double disc and pumping competition taking the

crowd and other competitors by surprise by placing in the top five teams after only two years of competition. The results and times that were run by the team were highly competitive and much improved from the championships last year and the Central Zone Picnic Demo held at Bassendean.



Double Disc event.

Unfortunately one of the team members, Michael Orr, was unable to compete at the Easter Championships but put in a solid effort at the Demo helping Toodyay place first in the hose and ladder event.

By the end of the competition the Toodyay Volunteer Fire and Rescue Running Team gained an overall position of fifth in the C grade and valuable skills ready to begin training with and ultimately compete in the 2013 State Championships.



Four person Lamborghini 'Y' event

St John Ambulance Toodyay & Districts Sub Centre

for January, February and March 2012:

# of cases	Total km	
Trauma	24	1728
Medical	53	6154
Cardiac	17	1887
Total	94	9769

THE Toodyay & Districts Sub Centre has had a busy start to 2012, both with call outs and changes in office personnel. Our beloved office manager, Pam Tennant, has left the Toodyay Sub Centre administration role to take on a similar but larger role in Northam, supporting the St John Ambulance Wheatbelt regional team.

As with her volunteer role, Pam gave over and above the call of her office duties. Although we are sad to see her go from the office, Pam will continue to volunteer her time on the ambulance roster, and you will also be sure to see her at the first aid post at local events. **THANK YOU PAM!**

Kerry Fletcher has taken on the task of filling Pam's huge shoes... drop in and see Kerry or give her a call if you have any queries about your ambulance cover, or you would like more information about joining up as a volunteer. If you are a little hesitant to be involved in call outs, there are plenty of other ways you can help out as a volunteer!

The Toodyay St John Ambulance office is located at the rear of 120 Stirling Terrace, behind Toodyay Hair Studio. Office hours are Monday to Friday, 9am to 3.30pm; phone 9574 2390.

Combined ambulance transport statistics

Toodyay Central Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade

Desraé Clarke

CENTRAL'S Annual General Meeting held Tuesday 24 April was preceded by a casserole tea. The members and partners are to be congratulated on the incredible array of different yummy casseroles, hot dishes and delicious desserts that graced the table. Thank you to everyone who was able to participate!

The proceedings of the Annual General Meeting resulted in:

Kevin Hug - our reliable and hard-working Captain.

Paul Thompson - our esteemed and eloquent Chairperson.

Wayne Clarke - our competent and hard-

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Members of the Toodyay bush fire brigades at Helitac training. Photo: Jeff Venn

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Thursday, 10 May 2012 at 6.30pm
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Time	6.30pm
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working secretary/treasurer who has on his wish list - a new computer - it played up again for this AGM!

The past month has seen the members responding to six call-outs which included a couple of 'out of control' burns. Members felt the joint brigade 'Helitac' training, with the use of the 'collar tanker', held Saturday 14 April a very worthwhile exercise.

There will be no Brigade training through May and a trial of training on a Wednesday at 7pm and a Sunday at 9am in June. There will also be no General Meeting in May!

The next General Meeting of the Brigade will be held on Tuesday 26 June commencing at 7.30pm at the Fire and Emergencies Centre, Stirling Terrace, Toodyay. Volunteers are always needed, active and ancillary, to join Central Brigade. Enquiries may be made to Secretary, Wayne Clarke 6364 3609 or Captain, Kevin Hug 9574 2612 (mobile 0418 932 515).

Coondle Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade

Corry Munson
Captain

Once again we are entering the cooler months with hopefully the smell of rain in the not too distant future.

Coondle-Nunile Bush Fire Brigade itself is just going through a change in seasons as well. On 14 April, the Annual General Meeting was held at the shed with the usual lovely meal to follow. This AGM saw the change of appointment of several key positions within the brigade. Four lieutenants' positions have been filled with varying degrees of knowledge and experience that I hope we can all, at the brigade, use to build great crews for the next fire season. These are: Jay Wakka, Colin Blanchett, Mark Middleton and Samantha (Sam) Salmond.

We also have a new Secretary, Equipment Officer, PPE Officer, Catering Officer and Social Event Organiser. Congratulations to the people who have filled these important positions and a very BIG thank you to the people who have filled these positions for the last fire season and those who have filled these positions for several years; the incoming shift has very big shoes to fill. The role of captain was also changed at the AGM and I'm hoping that I can achieve as much as the last captain in my new role. My name is Corry Munson and I have very exciting plans for the off-season and the next fire season. I'm looking forward to building a great leadership team at the Coondle-Nunile Bush Fire Brigade and I'm also hoping to learn from the many years of experience within the shed. My previous history is mainly with Fire and Rescue but I feel that I have a lot to share with crews and the new team leaders.

Even though we are near the end of the fire season, it has still been busy. We have had one very serious incident where one farmer is lucky to be alive and, with all the farmers preparing for seeding, there have also been a few false alarms, but all in all it has been a pretty quiet season.

If you have any queries about the Brigade, please feel free to contact me on 0429 086 726 or our Secretary, Sam Salmond, on 0421 993 050.

Julimar Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade

Alison Wroth

OUR AGM has taken place and our legendary Captain Kidd has passed his torch and his big shoes to a willing and more than able newly-elected captain, Grant Scobie. Congratulations must go to Grant and his committee as they have inherited a strong and vital brigade of fire fighters. A presentation was made to Lou and Anne Kidd by all the Brigade members to thank them for all their time spent and dedication to the Julimar Brigade.

The best onsite training you could ask for occurred when a large contingent from all brigades attended a very worthwhile exercise on a farm off Dewars Pool Road during April. We had the opportunity to observe and talk to a Helitac crew. This turned out to be beneficial and interesting to everyone involved. The pilot was very forthcoming with information and details and the Helitac Supervisor answered questions and also corrected a number of misconceptions we fires had.

The Helitac was then put through its paces by doing four passes; dropping a full load on a tree, splitting a load (dumping half a load then approaching again for a second pass) along a road, dropping a full load at 50ft above the ground and at 50 knots and finally doing the same (dropping a full load) to that poor tree mentioned earlier. All in all it was a very beneficial exercise for all concerned.

We have expressed to the Agricultural Society our interest in running the Youth Hall kitchen again. This proved a real find for us last year, raising nearly \$1000 for the brigade in just one day. Our members find this easy to run and manage and, if Wes can supply us with a couple of those amazing sponge cakes on the day, we will have to fight them off!!

Don't forget to support the new Training Officer, Brian Salmond at the Moodyne Festival this May. Recruitment of eager vollies is foremost now as some of the more experienced firefighters hang up their helmets for the last time. Whether your interest lies in bush fire fighting, radio, catering or fundraising, we can definitely use you; it doesn't matter what skills you have. Think about it!

The Restricted Burning is still going and will for some time until we get some decent rainfall. Most farmers are continuing to burn stubble and this will continue until early May. Our Brigade assisted Charlie and me with a 60 hectare pasture burn late in April. What an excellent day to burn. Just what we wanted; a clean burn with the only problem being the rocks and how plentiful they were, soon becoming very clear to everyone as the burn progressed! Our thanks go to those that assisted on the day and especially to Brian Rayner and Peter Sapwell who offered me a lift in the trucks when I sorely knew I couldn't move another step!

Julimar Brigades' newly elected officers and management committee for 2012/13 include:

- Captain: Grant Scobie
- Lieutenants: Corri Murcott, Peter Sapwell, Brian Salmond
- Training Officer: Brian Salmond
- Treasurer: Jenny Cornwall
- Secretary: Karen Dore
- Chairperson: Brian Rayner

- Vice/Chairperson: Sue Eldridge
- Equipment Officer: Wade Robson
- Logistics Officer: Sue Eldridge
- Fire Fighter Rep: Simon Holding

The Julimar 'Fireplace' is open to both members and newcomers to the area from 5pm on Friday nights for some social mingling with brigade members. Come along if you're interested in becoming a volunteer firefighter; we need all the help we can get and the more the merrier! Come and discuss your Fire Prevention Plan, or just what happened during the week; come and get to know the people who one day you might just have to call on to save your property!

Police Beat

Sergeant Geoff Dickson
OIC, Toodyay

ROAD Safety is a topic that is close to most people's hearts, especially if you have personally suffered the loss of a family member through a traffic crash. Police are regularly called to attend traumatic traffic crashes and it is disturbing to see that seatbelt compliance is still an issue within our community.

Put simply, seatbelts save lives. Seatbelts reduce the severity of injuries sustained in a crash and are one of the most important safety features offered in a vehicle. Given this, you have to wonder why people still choose not to wear them. It is a choice. Some people say they forget to put their seatbelt on. I find that excuse hard to reason with. I personally feel naked without my seatbelt on in a car, even when I am travelling around the family farm!

The penalties for not wearing a seatbelt are far greater than the \$500 to \$900 that a police officer will give you for not wearing one or permitting occupants of your vehicle to not wear one. There is no greater penalty than death, or permanent, disfiguring, serious injury. So remember, belt up!

Whilst on a road safety focus, I still receive information from our community that people in town still blatantly drive a motor vehicle whilst using their mobile phone. Inattention through mobile phone use is a key issue in traffic crashes. Again, it's a choice that YOU make as a driver. Police have the choice to give you a \$250 ticket for using your phone when they catch you using it. Strong words I know but it is about emphasising the risk to you, your passengers and other road users. Make the choice to pull over and answer the phone, ignore the call and allow it to go to voicemail or fit a hands free system and cradle.

Recent burglaries in our townsite have been of significant concern to your local police. We have been working closely with local community members and business owners to try and identify persons of interest to our investigations. Remember to keep your homes and businesses locked, during the day and night time. This includes all doors and windows.

As neighbours, keep an eye on the day-to-day movements of people in your area. It's not about being a 'sticky beak'; it's about being a good community citizen and looking out for your next door neighbours.

When police come knocking for information, it is your observations that could solve the crime, so help us to help you, your neighbours and the community - please pay attention and write things down as they

occur to help your memory when later asked by police.

Crimes are solved by putting together a complex jigsaw puzzle. Something that you see may seem completely irrelevant to you, but may be the missing piece of a jigsaw that police are trying to put together. People like to joke that police are down at the station eating doughnuts, but you can rest assured, we are actually down here solving jigsaw puzzles. Who said that police work wasn't all fun and games?

Toodyay Neighbourhood Watch

'Neighbours Looking after Neighbours'

Desraé Clarke

TOODYAY CRIME eWATCH

THE Toodyay Police have launched an initiative called eWATCH which is an alert email that can be sent to all those registered as an eWATCH recipient.

What does eWATCH do?

Registered members will receive regular updates from the Officer in Charge of Toodyay Police Station on various topics including crime occurrences and safety tips.

Some examples of the types of information that will be entered on the alert email are:

- 'Please be aware Ex-Cyclone Iggy could possibly cross the coast between Geraldton and Perth tomorrow afternoon.' This alert was sent to our Ranger who sent it on the Toodyay Police to enter on the eWATCH email. This information is then sent to those eWATCH registered as the weather alert may affect our district with high winds and heavy rain.
- Theft of two motorcycles with a description of the make, models and colour.
- A new community safety website is available on: communitysafety.police.wa.gov.au

How do you register to become a registered eWATCH member?

Send your name and preferred email address to: Toodyay.Crime.Ewatch@police.wa.gov.au

TOODYAY POLICE	9574 9555
CRIMESTOPPERS	1800 333 000
GOODBYE GRAFITTI	1800 44 22 55
EMERGENCY	000
AUSTRALIAN PASSPORT INFORMATION OFFICE (in the event of a stolen Passport)	131 232

Morangup Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade

Cheryl Mustchin
Secretary

WELL, another month has gone by and I have remembered the *Herald* closing date this time so here goes.

It's getting closer to the end of the season which thankfully has been relatively quiet.

A big thank you to Coondle for organising the Helitanker training and information session. It was well attended and very informative.

We have had two of our members attain their truck licences. Congratulations and thank you to Angela and Matthew; it will make a big difference.

On 19 May at 4.30pm at the Morangup Hall, we will be co-hosting a 'volunteer thank you day'. This will be for all the volunteers in the area - not just fires. We would like you to come along and meet us, your locals (food provided). We're all run of the mill people and you might have a little spare time to help us out. You don't have to fight fires but, if you're interested, we can give you all the training. I was one of those people that helped out behind the scenes; you wouldn't get me near a fire unless it was in the lounge room. Now, I've done the courses and had the training and I go out on trucks as well. It's great being part of the team. Even if some of the boys give a couple of us a ribbing about the length of our legs and the height of the trucks, we know we can rely on them and that's what counts.

Toodyay Memorial Hall Sunday 20 May 2012, 7pm.

Your chance to hear
Gary Stephen "Angry" Anderson
AM speak on topics such as peer group pressure, alcohol, drug and substance abuse, depression and other mental health issues.



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Mental Health and Suicide Prevention Strategies

For more information call Karl Walsh on 9574 5767

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To Lawrie, young Bill's offsider, who has not been 100% of late, slow down and get well soon; we still need you. For young Bill, we hope that you can keep up with Lesley now she's on the mend. To Deb, our grants officer, we wish you a speedy recovery.

Time to start preparing your clean-ups. If you need advice on fire breaks or burns, our captain and FCOs are very friendly and approachable, or come to the volunteer day. There will also be representatives from St John Ambulance and the Morangup Progress Association. This is the perfect opportunity to meet all your local vollies in one place and, yes, we are always looking for new members for all organisations. We hope to see you there.



**Vote
Tanya
Baker ✓
for Central Ward**

I GREW up in Toodyay and moved back to this beautiful town with my family in July last year, predominately so my children could experience the great opportunities this Shire has to offer.

I am 43, married with two primary school aged children. I am the daughter of Max (deceased) and Edna Browne.

I have previously worked in local government for 14 years, after which time I worked as an Integrated Therapy Assistant. I am currently employed as an Education Assistant doing relief work in the area.

I believe in maintaining and improving essential community services, especially the medical centre. I am focused on obtaining new amenities including an aquatic centre, which would enhance this great community for all residents and electors.

I also believe in an accountable, local authority that represents its community interests whilst being mindful of Toodyay's wonderful heritage.

I am a skilled communicator and will ensure that I convey my constituents' views to Council with honesty and integrity.

out and about in toodyay

Maree Lewis

THE former fire station building is one of Toodyay's treasured heritage building sites and so many of us watched with curiosity as it underwent restoration in preparation for a new tenant. Who would be occupying it and would the business suit the character of the building? On 4 September last year, our curiosity was satisfied when Premier Colin Barnett opened the **Sommerville Gallery** and, in the words of Margaret Sommerville, artist and gallery business owner, "The opening marked a new chapter in the story of Toodyay fire station." The building "just felt right" for the purposes of a gallery, she explained and it satisfied her criteria that it provided her with a "community link". She added that all that needed doing to complete the refurbishment was to add walls suitable for the hanging of artworks. Indeed, the large windows of the front wall and the shine from polished floor boards makes a perfect setting for the wonderful array of works on display.

The art featured and for sale is of the modern and contemporary genre and is the work of a number of artists. One of these, which should come as no surprise, is that of Margaret herself. She is an award winning artist, last year winning the City of Melville art competition for her piece *On the Airwaves*, but is very modest about her achievements describing them as "fortunate". She has painted for a long time, she coyly contributes to our conversation, and her work has been shaped by her experiences working as a nurse in country and outback centres, by her love affair with Europe and Venice in particular, and more recently by experiences in Toodyay, one of which includes the devastating bushfire that struck the area. Other artists whose work is promoted in the gallery are that of Danilo Pravica, Patty Vincent, John Mitchinson and Bettina Scobie. Sculptures by Nina Patterson are also for sale. What criteria are used to select the art for sale? "It must be well executed and well presented...and it must interest me," Margaret confided.

Personally I would be happy to own any number of the paintings available for sale at **Sommerville Gallery** but will stop short at any attempt to describe what appeals because as Margaret said, most people "buy art simply because they love it (a piece)". She has a mission, if one can put it that way, for the gallery to provide an experience for locals and tourists alike and wants to show people, for instance through the arrangement of the paintings, just what they can do with a piece of art. For that reason, many of

the prints available for sale can be fitted into generic frames that can be sourced in common retail outlets. Further to that, arrangements can be made for purchases to be shipped overseas as well as interstate. As people meandered around the gallery, pausing to consider, it became apparent that if required, Margaret is more than willing to discuss and share an appreciation of the work displayed for sale and of art in general for that matter.

Sommerville Gallery is open on weekends from 10.30 am.





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Toodyay Ratepayers and Residents Association

Democracy in Action

AN invitation is extended to all residents of Toodyay to attend an evening with the four Candidates for the May Council By-Election. It is important to remember that the Councillors represent us all, no matter which Ward has elected them.

We are fortunate to have in our community Mr Larry Graham, who will be our facilitator for the evening, and for those who are not familiar with his background, he was a State Parliamentarian (16 years) and has considerable experience in broadcasting, being still active with 6PR.

The Candidates will be given the opportunity to influence their chances of being elected with a two minute presentation. After the candidates submissions, you will have the chance to ask them any questions that you may have, regarding their prospective involvement

when on the Council.

The Toodyay Ratepayers and Residents Association Inc (TRRA) in conjunction with Toodyay Community Radio who will be recording the event, encourages you to come along to the Community Centre on Stirling Terrace on Tuesday 8 May at 7pm. Refreshments will be provided for what should be an informative and enjoyable evening. So, please come and make the connection with these candidates, who are willing to give so much of their time and energy on our behalf.

If you have questions to submit before the evening please e-mail them to studio@jukeboxradio.com.au.

For all queries regarding the evening with the council candidates, please call Chris Ballam on 9594 3167 or email cballam@iinet.net.au.

Looking forward to seeing you there.



Vote David Dow
for Central Ward

64 years of age, 40 years married to Judy. 41 years resident in Toodyay.

Business owner for 29 years (Toodyay Machinery), now retired, and ready to give back to a community that has been extremely good to me and my family.

My main aim will be to inject a little common sense and stability to council. Being financially independent and having divested myself of all local business interests, I will be able to serve the community without the need to align myself to any factions within council or the general community.

The appointment of a permanent CEO appears to be happening at last. However, council needs to remain extremely diligent to ensure that we don't have a repeat of the mistakes of past appointments. If elected I will work to this end.

Council still needs to pursue the appointment of permanent doctors and ancillary medical services to ensure that Toodyay residents have medical care that is reliable and ongoing. The passing of this responsibility to another agency may not achieve this aim.

I will encourage applications for grant monies to rebuild the town and district to an acceptable standard, eg. footpaths adjacent to the heavy haulage route and then a network of footpaths allowing our older residents to access the town centre safely (road trains and mobility scooters don't mix!)

Council needs to re-establish a good working relationship with police, emergency services and the general community so that we can continue to live in a safe and vibrant area.

Local laws and regulations need to be modified extensively so that administration staff can assist business and homeowners in their endeavours. I believe that we have too many poorly drafted policies that discourage growth and individual effort within the town and also cause resentment toward council staff.

Council needs to recognise that they have a responsibility to advise government agencies of community concerns that are not within the normal scope of Shire operations. These may include youth, seniors or environmental issues but also problems that directly affect the majority of residents on a regular basis. An example of this is the lack of overtaking lanes and parking bays on the main road to Perth, particularly the section from Toodyay town to the Shire boundary.

I do recognise the need for new recreation facilities including a swimming pool. However, I do not support the pursuit of a facility that is greater than the community requires and therefore becomes a community burden causing dissent and financial stress to the ratepayers and residents of Toodyay. I am yet to be convinced that amalgamation of current sporting venues into the new recreation centre is the correct path to follow. Toodyay has a unique character that can easily be eroded by poor planning decisions. Move the current facilities and what do you put in their place!

I am realistic enough to recognise that one councillor alone cannot change policies without the support of the majority of councillors so I will endeavour to work as part of a team but I will always consider each issue on its merits.



Vote Pamela Walsh
for Central Ward

SINCE moving to Toodyay I have realised a passion for our community.

I grew up in the North Midlands District (Wheatbelt area). My childhood was around farming and the sheep industry. I have been married for 41 years. I was an owner / operator of a small business within the Tourism Industry. My work within the Government Sector gives me an understanding and knowledge of how Federal, State and Local Governments operate. I am a decision maker within a team. My attributes make me tenacious, compassionate, astute, connected, a little quirky and I have organisational skills. Over the years, I served on five different Ministerial Advisory Councils: Disability; Housing; Juvenile Justice; Inaugural Chairperson Police Ministers Council on Police, Aboriginal and Community Relations. In 1991, I was appointed to serve as a Justice of the Peace. I work with the Department of Children's Protection as a Volunteer Foster Carer and in Partnership with the Wheatbelt District DCP Council.

- I have been involved in the following:
- Participated in the Opening Ceremony -Toodyay Healing Festival 2002, 2003 and 2004;
 - Past Member of the Toodyay District High School Council;
 - Past Member Toodyay Envision Committee;
 - Pamela and husband Karl were heavily involved in 2008 / 2010 as Members of the Avon Valley Avengers Baseball Committee and Team Manager of U 15's Team;
 - In consultation with the Local Government of Toodyay assisted with the Federation Square Reconciliation Plaque;
 - Participated in the Toodyay 'Old Gaol' Museum History;
 - Past Secretary/Treasurer Central Wheatbelt Branch RAJ 2006 – 2010;
 - Participated in the 175th Anniversary Toodyay Proclamation celebrations;
 - Initiated 2012 Youth Forum on Mental Health and Suicide Prevention Strategies, currently organising Stakeholders and Working Group to bring this event to our area for enhancement of life for young people;
 - Initiated and arranged the Toodyay Community Meeting with "Angry" Anderson to be held on Sunday 20 May 2012;
 - Coordinator of 2012 Youth Forum "Have Courage – Communication Counts" to be held 21 May 2012 (4) schools in the Avon Valley;
 - Current Committee Member of the Annual Moondyne Festival;
 - Current Member of Toodyay Music Club, and
 - Current Committee Member of the Toodyay Community Resource Centre.

The Youth feel that nobody listens to them. I would like to see a forum for the young people to voice their views and make recommendation to assist the decision makers to implement those views. I envisage a modern Recreation Centre for all ages and in particular a Drop-in Centre for the young people. I would also like to see a Frail Aged Facility in our community; it won't be long before we will all need care.

I would not want to leave my surrounding in later life. I value my integrity and believe that I can offer a positive and active service to you without fear or favour and within the guidelines of the Local Government Act. On Saturday 12 May 2012, I seek your support.

Thank you.

Art Exhibition and Book Launch

MARGOT Watkins' upcoming Seventh Solo exhibition will this time be held in her mud-walled studio (in the Toodyay townsite, with a view of Mt Anderson). This is the first time Margot's studio will be open to the public since it was built in 1999. Visitors will be able to see working spaces and the varied objects and materials that inspire, and sometimes become part of, the paintings, sculptures, and mixed media artworks in the exhibition. Drawing folios and display folders of career highlights will also be on show for the first time.

The opening is Saturday 5 May 2012 starting at 2pm. This is also an occasion for the book and CD launch of 'Life with Frank' by popular contemporary poet, Christine Boulton, who will treat visitors with lively and colourful renditions of her poems. The book drawings are by Margot, and the CD and book (signed by the author and the artist) will be available

for purchase at the exhibition. Christine will also be reciting at the Moondyne Festival the following morning at 10am.



There will be other musical entertainment to reflect the musical themes in some of the work on display. Lucian Watkins, who is studying voice performance at UWA and who sang at the Perth Concert Hall recently in a performance that received a standing ovation, will be singing and playing.

The exhibition continues 10 – 4pm daily until May 13. There will be signs up to assist visitors find the studio/gallery.

For a personal invitation email or phone Margot on 9574 2823 or 040 506 7591 or email her on magart2j@westnet.com.au. See her newly updated website: www.margotwatkins.com to view recent works in the mediums that interest you. There is also a map to help you locate the house (where it is best to park) and the studio.

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when and where they meet

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AFRICAN DRUMMING

Thursdays (adults) 6 - 7.30pm at The Factory Baptist Church All instruments provided. Enquiries: Heather on 9574 5463.

ARTS TOODYAY INC

Meets first Tuesday of the month, 7pm at The Old Police Station in Duke St Sth. For all interested in arts/crafts, workshops. Enquiries to Wendy on 9574 4172

AUSTRALIAN BREASTFEEDING ASSOCIATION

For breastfeeding information and the company of other mums. 2nd Tuesday of month, Parent Information Centre, Gordon Street Northam 10am-noon. 4th Tuesday of month Toodyay Playgroup 10am - noon. Contact Louise for more details on 9574 0229

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 Max Trenorden's Office, Entrance Northam Boulevard, 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

Meet every 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

CENTRAL VOLUNTEER BUSH FIRE BRIGADE

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

CHILD HEALTH IMMUNISATION CLINIC

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

COONDLE NUNILE VOLUNTEER BUSH FIRE BRIGADE

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

COUNTRY WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION (CWA)

General meeting - 4th Thursday of each month, 1.30pm, C.W.A. Hall. New Members very welcome.

CUBS, JOEYS & SCOUTS (only during school term)

Youth Hall, Showgrounds, Cubs & Joeys 4.00pm - 5.30pm Scouts, Thursday 6pm - 8.00pm Ph: 9574 2363

EARTH SOLUTIONS - AVON VALLEY

Third Tuesday of each month, 6pm at the PB Kirby Centre, cnr Gordon and Wellington Sts, Northam. New members welcome. Contact Caroline Barr on 9622 8043 or Belle Moore on 9622 5203 for additional information.

FIRST STEPS PLAYGROUP INC

TOODYAY MONTESSORI
Monday 9.30 - 11.30am
Playgroup Room - Community Centre
Enquiries phone Felicity on 9574 4254.

FITNESS AND FUN FOR THE OVER 55's

Wednesday 9am, Sports Pavillion.

IDA'S HIDEAWAY

Every Saturday, 1pm to 4pm at Butterly House. Contact Ida Edwards on 9574 2858

JULIMAR VOLUNTEER BUSH FIRE BRIGADE

Meets 3rd Saturday of June, August, October, 5.30pm at Julimar Fire Shed followed by BYO BBQ. Training Sunday following meeting, 10am, Julimar Fire Shed. BYO BBQ other months, 5.30pm.

MOERLINA

Every Tuesday and Thursday Toodyay Sports Pavilion

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

RAG BAGS QUILTING GROUP

1st, 3rd Wednesday, 10am CWA Hall

RSL TOODYAY SUB -BRANCH

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

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 CHAMBER OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY INC

Meets 1st Monday of the month at CWA Hall, Stirling Tce, starting at 6pm. Contact Jan 9574 4675 or 0438 373 861

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

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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

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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 KINDERGYM

Kindergym 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

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TOODYAY MINIATURE RAILWAY (Inc)

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

TOODYAY MEN'S SHED

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

TOODYAY MOOONDYNE FESTIVAL (Inc)

Meets 2nd Monday of each month, 5.30pm, Toodyay Public Library. New members always welcome. Contact Jasmin 9574 4068 or email moondyncommittee@gmail.com

TOODYAY MUSIC CLUB INC

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

TOODYAY NATURALISTS' CLUB

Meets 3rd Saturday each month. Venue can be found in the article under 'Environmental Matters. Enquiries to President on 6364 3609, Vice President on 9574 2578 or email toodyaynats@westnet.com.au. New members and visitors are 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 PLAYGROUP

Tuesdays & Thursdays 9.30am - 11.30am, Playgroup Hall, Community Centre, Claire Moore 9574 4529

TOODYAY RATEPAYERS & RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION (INC.)

General Meetings: venues and times, please contact Chris Ballam (Chairperson) 9594 3167 or email ttrainc@gmail.com.

TOODYAY RED CROSS

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

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

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

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TOODYAY VOLUNTEER FIRE AND RESCUE

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public notices

Toodyay Community Bus

Obituary Former Toodyay Resident Dies on Holiday Trip



Halse, Jean Margaret
23.03.47 – 20.03.12

MEMBERS of the Toodyay community were shocked to learn of the death of former local, Jeannie Halse (nee North) when she was killed in a traffic accident in South Australia on 20 March.

Her death was particularly tragic because she and her partner, Doug Gillett, were on a touring motorcycle, enjoying the trip of a lifetime, going over to Mildura to attend the annual meeting of the Ulysses Motor Cycle Club.

A large crowd attended her funeral on 3 April at St Stephen's Church of England and burial at the Toodyay Cemetery.

A memorial service was held for Doug at Rockingham on 19 April.

Jean Margaret North was born on 23 March 1947, the daughter of Albert (Albie) and Margaret of Strathavon, Toodyay. She spent all of her youth in Toodyay, attending the Toodyay Primary School and later the Toodyay Convent where she completed her secondary education.

Her time in Toodyay included work on the farm where she developed an affinity and love of animals in particular the Welsh Mountain ponies and Arabian horses bred by the family.

She was an excellent horsewoman and competed successfully at the annual Toodyay Shows over a number of years. Riding companions of Jeannie knew where the blue ribbon was going when she lined up with her pony 'Pride' to compete in the novelty races.

This background of animal breeding and care translated into an enduring interest of a lifetime for Jeannie. Over time she bred Arabian horses, Jersey cows, Siamese cats, canaries and French bulldogs.

Jeannie met her husband, David Halse, when she moved to Perth to work, and they were married on 7 December 1967.

She packed many activities into her life and tackled it all with enthusiasm and skill, including new computer technology. Jeannie could discuss the latest music releases with

her grandchildren and kept abreast with all of their interests, and she played an important role in the lives of her children and surviving siblings, Arthur, Peter and Donna. She often visited Toodyay to visit friends in the district.

She leaves three children, John, Paul and Sonia, and ten grandchildren.

Her many friends will miss her companionship, generosity in life and endearing cheeky wit.

In Memoriam

Stan Robinson

08.05.1918 – 23.05.1999

13 years have passed Dad. Time has gone so fast since you left me and Mum.

We still miss you.

Wife Bertha and son Norm

Thank you

Thank you, Sue and Steve for your invaluable assistance for us on Sunday 22 April.

Enid & Jim Rose

Meetings

Toodyay Community Bus Inc.

The Toodyay Community Bus Inc. will be holding a General Meeting on Thursday 24 May 2012 at St Stephens Anglican Hall, Stirling Terrace, Toodyay, commencing at 7.30pm. All interested persons welcome.

Morangup Progress Association Morangup Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade

The Morangup Progress Association and the Morangup Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade would like to invite the community to a **Thank your local volunteer day** on 19 May at 4.30 pm at the Morangup Community Hall, 3 Wallaby Way Morangup. Food and drink provided. All welcome

Expressions of Interest

Country Regional Umpire Coordinator

The WACA is looking for expressions of interest from persons with a passion to assist in the development of cricket within Country Associations in Western Australia.

Within each region we are looking to appoint an Umpire Coordinator to be responsible for the development of cricket umpiring within that region.

The person will have responsibility for the recruitment, training and development of umpires for the region.

They will operate with the full support of the WACA Umpire Coordinator for the delivery of training programmes.

The person will be provided with access to all WACA training and development resources. Travel and accommodation will be provided to attend training sessions at the WACA including the weekend seminar held

at the Ern Halliday Camp in September.

Through a train-the-trainer programme they will be accredited with CA Level 2 provider status to run accreditation courses within the region.

A modest financial remuneration will supplement the role.

This is a challenging role that requires energy and enthusiasm and the reward will be a positive contribution to the development of cricket within the region.

Expressions of interest should be lodged with the WACA Umpire Coordinator by 31 May 2012 indicating personal details along with relevant cricket background experience to:

WACA Umpire Coordinator

WACA

PO Box 6045,

East Perth, 6004

Ph 9665 7216 / 0411 056 587

Fax 9265 7275

or

Barry.rennie@waca.com.au

Barry Rennie

WACA Umpire Coordinator

General

Mother's Day Craft Fair

St Joseph's Parish Northam is holding their upcoming Mother's Day Craft Fair on Friday 4, Saturday 5, and Sunday 6 May 2012, one week prior to Mother's Day.

During the fair, there will be a variety of different and diverse crafts for sale, a White Elephant Stall, and the opportunity to sit and have a Devonshire Tea and chat to the craft people. Some of the craft people will also be demonstrating their crafting techniques for customers to see.

Saturday, 5 May is a Family Fun Day with a sausage sizzle and more.

The Mother's Day Craft Fair is FREE ENTRY and it is open to EVERYONE to come along.

Come along and see what gifts are on offer for Mother's Day. All crafts are handmade.

Eaton Family Reunion – 160 years

The descendants of Richard Eaton and his family from first wife, Lavinia (nee Vile) who died in England, and his wife, Mary Martha (nee Vile), of Maidstone, Kent, England.

They arrived in Fremantle aboard the SS Raleigh on 31 May 1852 with Jane, daughter of Lavinia, and Mary Martha's children: Richard Thomas, Alfred Thomas, William George, John Edward and Alice Mary who came from England.

The following were born in Western Australia: Anna Sarah, Henry Vile, Mary Ann and Rebecca Maria.

The reunion will be held at the Toodyay Showground Pavilion (cnr Toodyay West and Telegraph Road, Toodyay) on 9 June 2012 from 1 – 5pm (afternoon tea).

Please bring memorabilia and photographs to allow for pinning on display boards of your family tree.

Contact Heather Tangey on 0407 720 998 or PO Box 198, Kelmescott, WA 6991.

Di Roberts Secretary

Hi Fellow Travellers

Wow! What a month and I must give our new committee grateful thanks for their enthusiastic approach to making the Toodyay Community Bus a success.

Special thanks must also go to Toyota Northam for providing our bus with the greatest 'service and overhaul of brakes, wheels, etc' (thanks for your expertise Toyota Northam!) We now have a bus which is splendiferous and is ready and waiting for all to take part in various activities.

Must tell you, what a fun of cork! The Toodyay Community Singers (ably led by maestro, Trish), made the day for the bus recently with their great solos and singing throughout the region towards Wundowie. Of course this was before the bus had arrived and the singers sang their lovely hearts out, no not rehearsal, but just enjoying the sights along the way and the friendship they felt with their fellow singers on the bus.

The singers gave a great performance and brought many smiles, many memories and happiness to others. On our way back home each singer was presented with a delicious chocolate to say thanks for their participation and their enjoyment and sharing on our bus.

What a bus! It has character, it has friendship but above all, it belongs to us in the Shire of Toodyay and we thank the Shire of Toodyay for their help and enthusiasm in keeping the bus keeping on, of which we are so very proud.

We have a new beginning here with this bus. As I said it has character, just come and sit in it, and you will feel that there is a certain charisma that is attached to the wheels, windows and the chairs. But above all, listen to the purr of the engine or the tape that is playing music from the 60s, 70s, 80s, (the Johnny Mathis, Tony Bennett, Matt Monroe times), the era of romance and happiness, and of course music for all ages.

Our bus has and will give to the community a friendship that each and every one will enjoy, so we ask the wonderful folks of Toodyay to get behind sharing and become a member of the Toodyay Community bus; we have great membership subscriptions, single (\$2), family (\$5), group/corporate (\$10), and also there will be discounts to the members who hire the bus for any occasion. There is a general meeting to be held at the Anglican Church Hall on 24 May commencing at 7.30am and you are all invited to come forth and become members and hear the stories of others who have participated in the bus of recent times.

If you wish to hire the bus for any occasion, please contact the magnificent staff at the Toodyay Visitors Centre on 9574 2435 for hire bookings or just general information, or just to find out what is happening in our fair Town, or to become a member of the Toodyay Community bus Inc, why not contact Di, the Secretary on 9574 2498, have a chat and enjoy the friendship from the other end.

Well, cheers for now, next month we will bring forth new surprises of the happenings of the Toodyay Community bus.

Remember: May this month of May, provide you with the friendship and happiness you deserve!

Take care and be happy



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Toodyay Historical Society



Len Leeder and Robyn Taylor showing off the awards they received at Government House Ballroom. Courtesy State Heritage Office

Robyn Taylor

CLEAN-UP Australia, Julimar Road, Saturday, 31 March.

This joint event with the Naturalist Club and Friends of the River produced 82 bags of rubbish, aided by our new 'picker-uppers'. Afterwards we enjoyed a well-earned morning tea in the nearby Dawn Atwell Reserve.

2012 WA Heritage Awards

This year the Awards were held in Government House Ballroom. Our Vice-President and finalist, Dr Robyn Taylor, received a High Commendation Award for 'Outstanding contribution to heritage by an individual in the heritage industry'. Our Society, also a finalist, received one of two High Commendation Awards for 'Outstanding contribution to heritage by a community-based organisation'. The winner of this category was St John of God Heritage Centre in Broome. Our Patron, Len Leeder, and Mrs Leeder were guests, stating it was a most enjoyable evening with approximately 400 in attendance. Many thanks to Moss Wilson and the Shire of Toodyay for nominating THS and our Vice President, Robyn Taylor.

AGM: Sunday, 8 April at CWA Hall.

We are pleased to announce that we have a new President, Peter Robinson, and a new Secretary, Desrae Clarke. Past President, Len Leeder, is now our new Patron, and Beth Frayne is still on committee and happy to receive enquiries as usual. The revised Constitution was passed. The AGM was followed by a fascinating, illustrated lecture by member and author, Alison Cromb. Titled 'Toodyay: Researching the Toodyay Convict Depot', the talk was based on her book *The History of the Toodyay Convict Depot*, published in 2010.

Next general meeting: Wednesday, 16 May 2012, 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 Desrae Clarke on 6364 3609, President Peter Robinson on 0417 957 378 or Committee member Beth Frayne on 9574 5971.

MAY EVENTS:

Moodyne Festival: Sunday 6 May – THS will be having a stall. Members are encouraged to come and lend a hand.

May excursion: visit to Nardie Cemetery (off the Toodyay-Northam Road next to Industrial Park) where our Hon Architect, Ron Bodycoat, will talk about historic cemeteries and their care and maintenance. Meet at Nardie Cemetery, Sunday 27 May starting 11am. Bring a seat and morning tea. Lunch afterwards in town.

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

Peter's Pitch

I am delighted, and a bit daunted, to have been elected to the position of President of the THS. This is a very active group which has achieved a great deal in the last several years. The awards we have received both locally and at State level have recognised these achievements. Although awards are not the aim (enhancing our community is) they do help to keep up enthusiasm. We all congratulate Robyn for her award, but also thank her for the huge amount of work that she does for history, heritage and conservation. Much of the credit for the success over the last 3 years has to go to our immediate past President and now Patron, Len Leeder.

I have some ideas for projects that the Society can work on to make our residents' and visitors' experience of Toodyay more rewarding. To this end we have arranged to have a workshop to flesh out these and other ideas. I look forward to working with and for the members of the THS and the community of Toodyay.

Peter Robinson
President

Hidden Treasures at AVAS

N Millett

A UNIQUE and fascinating exhibition was organised by the Avon Valley Arts Society in Northam over two weeks in April.

Without the funding to support a show by a solo artist, the recently revamped body instead appealed to the public to lend private artworks that meant something special to them. Hidden Treasures unearthed some wonderful gems.

Following the appeal, almost fifty art items – paintings, drawings, watercolours, oils, tapestries, photos and sculptures belonging to community members were donated and put on display. It was a rare treat to be able to view so many personal treasures, gathered from across the globe, and read in the programme about why they were important to their owners.

Highlights included Kate Bear's sand picture (by Leslie Styles), an Aboriginal silk painting given to Ray Head during his time as Mayor, and an American Indian ink drawing from Peta Newbound.

AVAS President, Carol Anne Wescombe, displayed a limited print of Picasso's *Mother and Child* drawing, a restful picture she says has been part of her life for many years. Wescombe also shared a tapestry

called *The Bullfight* – a work she began when her daughter was a baby in 1969, and finished more than 40 years later.

Ceramics were also included, such as *The Indian*, a pottery piece made by Pam Northey, a relief of Tutankhamen made and submitted by John Dallimore, and Ken Emberson's ceramic teapot designed by internationally recognised artist Dhang Yammanee.

Marie and Cliff McLachlan submitted their own landscape scenes of Rottnest and Grass Valley, while Graeme Butler lent a landscape done by his great aunt, Jean Farral.

Other items of interest were May Wilson's pencil drawing (done by her son Jeff) of a 1930 Ford restored by the Wilson family, and mixed media pieces by student artist, Aaron Eacott.

Debbie McCauley's photo quilt made in memory of her family was an exquisite offering, with black and white photographs cleverly transferred onto the cotton. A series of framed original prints and etchings found in op shops and bought for a few dollars each, and a much loved birthday gift oil painting by her friend Mitchell Shreeve were displayed by Naomi Millett.

Toodyay Music Club

Jenny Edgecombe

THE April club night featured folk and country music, as well as a wide variety of popular songs from many times and places. We welcomed Rick and Pat, visitors from Bunbury who timed their visit to coincide with the Music Club. Pat's accordion and Rick's singing entertained us with thoughtful songs like '40 Shades of Green' and some lively country and western numbers.

Joe and Jenny kept up the folk singing end with the haunting 'Across the Hills of Home', followed by 'Margarita', the beautiful story of an English soldier whose memory was kept alive by his sweetheart after he was killed at the Somme.

There is something inspiring about being part of the chorus for 'Working Man' and the whole audience combined very sweetly to swell Jeanette's rendition this month.

Allan produced his usual enjoyable mix of ukulele and guitar accompaniment to his songs which included the catchy 'What A Day For a Daydream'.

All Leila's hard work in learning such a difficult instrument as the violin is really paying off. It was so lovely to listen to 'When You Wish Upon a Star' and 'Unchained Melody'.

In her other role, Leila's double bass rounded out Spencer's singing and guitar nicely for 'Daddy Frank'. In fact, Spencer was having a real Merle Haggard night, as Teddy provided some nice harmonies in 'Livin' With the Shades Pulled Down'.

Maurice and Eileen also produced some beautifully restrained harmonies in 'Vaya con Dios'. It was quite an 'harmonious' night all round, with more striking harmonies in Peter and Moya's 'Blue Spanish Eyes' which also featured a moody, evocative guitar solo by Peter.

At the other end of the scale, one might say, Peter later brought the house down with his marvellous rendition of 'The Sheikh of Scrubby Creek', complete with Chad Morgan hat and goofy grin. Well done!

There was a certain Spanish flavour to the Kalamunda folk's offerings this month, although Maurice's confession that he'd 'Never Been to Spain' did mention some rather interesting local destinations. Has he

really been to Bolgart?

A reminder about our intriguing theme night in June: Days, Months, Years, Calendars and Seasons!

Next Meeting: 7pm Friday 11 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.

For further information, phone Teddy or Spencer on 9574 4492.

Autumn Club

Autumn Leaf

WE invited Goomalling Seniors Club on 11 April for a game of bingo with lunch and afternoon tea and then, on 18 April, we had a visit from the York Seniors Club. I was unable to attend but I believe that everyone had a good time.

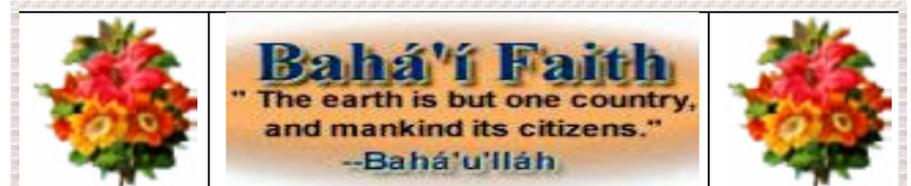
On Sunday 22 April, a bus load of us went to the Tivloi Variety Club at Canning Bridge club rooms and met some more members there for an afternoon of entertainment and

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photo finish

Helitac training - the helicopter draughts water from a collar tank. Photo: Jeff Venn



The Great Expectation – God Has Kept His Promise

Bahá'u'lláh (the Glory of God) declared His mission in April 1863. Bahá'u'lláh and His family were banished from place to place and finally, in August 1868, to the penal colony of Akka in Palestine (today's Israel). He remained a prisoner in Akka to the end of His life in 1892. Bahá'u'lláh claimed that He was the universal Saviour promised by God. He stated that His advent was the return Christ in the Glory of the Father expected by the Christians and the Lord of Hosts anticipated by the Jews.

The Baha'i Faith teaches that the appearance of the human race on this planet can be likened to the conception, growth and birth of a child. The seed of man, planted in the womb of this earth by the Will of the Creator, has developed and progressed and passed through the realms of the minerals, vegetables and animals until it has reached the human form, standing erect and walking upon the earth. Throughout its journey which could have taken millions of years, it might have been like other creatures at certain stages of its growth, but it has always been human just as the foetus that begins its journey in the womb as a tiny worm is always human. Man at one time might have been a creature of the sea, then a crawler on land, then walking on four legs possibly with a tale and finally standing up with his features gradually refined and beautified. No matter what it might have looked like, it has always been human and not animal. The story of Man as recorded in the Book of Genesis has spiritual meanings which have been explained for us in the Baha'i Writings.

The Baha'i Faith teaches that humankind is in need of education and the Heavenly Father sends Divine Teachers from age to age for the purpose of educating His children. Of such Divine Teachers have been Moses, Jesus and Muhammad. Humanity has now reached a stage in its growth that it requires a Universal Educator. Bahá'u'lláh is God's Universal Educator. Any fair-minded person examining Bahá'u'lláh's teachings would agree that they are the remedy for today's ailing world.

For info Email: info-toodyay@wa.bahai.org.au or call 9330 6999 or 9574 5610
Baha'i Library: (<http://reference.bahai.org/en/>)

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chicken lunch. As everyone enjoyed the day, we plan to make it for their Christmas show.

One of our long time members, Peggy Beech, passed away on Wednesday 19 April and a number of the club's members attended her funeral at Northam on Tuesday 23 April. Peggy will be remembered for her big smile, roses and, of course, her dolls. She has gone but memories of her will live on. Our condolences go out to Laurie and her family.

The one birthday for this month is Joan Cook's on 29 May. We hope you have a very happy birthday, Joan.

Avon Woodturners

Max Heath

Hi there from the pavilion.

We have had a busy time at the pavilion the last few weeks with one thing and another.

There wasn't a lot of interest in the ad we put in the Herald offering classes through the week, so that won't be going ahead. I did have one phone call later and will see what I can do there. We have had a couple of juniors join us and it is tremendous to have some young turners with us.

The new mini lathe is in full swing now and is performing well

Then, there was a Sunday when six people from Swan woodturners came up and gave us a demonstration morning on tools with different angles of sharpening on them, etc. Also, they demonstrated different techniques on different tools. It was a most interesting morning. This was followed by a barbecue lunch and, as usual, the ladies came good with an enjoyable array of salads and sweets.

We are having our usual demonstration at the Moondyne Festival and we are having a raffle with first, second and third prizes so be sure to see and support us.

Well, that's about all for now from the pavilion so cheers and remember that you are always welcome to call on us on a Sunday morning or, for further information, call Andrew McCann on 0488 477 216.

Toodyay Community Singers

Glenys Clabaugh

APRIL! Wow! Where is the year going?

The singers are very busy and enjoying every minute.

Easter was a welcome mini break to spend with family and friends. Now busy as ever again.

19 April saw us at Wundowie aged care facility for the morning. We hired the Toodyay Community Bus and 12 of us set off to sing. What a great idea for us to have the Community Bus. We arrived stress free and ready to sing (well we did practise all the way); even Jeff the driver joined in! It was a wonderful morning with the delightful residents who joined in the sing-along with gusto. A certain gentleman got more kisses than he expected when we were told of his birthday!

25 April saw us at the ANZAC Day Service. We are always happy to be a part of this service. This year, we introduced a new song/hymn. Excerpts were taken from letters written by the wives of British servicemen serving in Afghanistan and other parts of the world. It is a very stirring song with heartfelt lyrics.

On to May and we will be once again performing at the Moondyne Festival. This year promises to be bigger and better again. The Moondyne organisers did such a great job last year, I don't know how they will top it this year. We will be singing in front of the stage at around 2pm. See you there – come and join in with us.

We are slightly overwhelmed with the support we are receiving from the community for our 'Musical Memories' show planned for August. Preparation for this is well under way. Toodyay Shire is supporting us with the use of the Memorial Hall and the CWA are making their hall available for rehearsals. Also, the Toodyay Theatre Club is providing lighting for the evening. There are many more behind the scenes and we are grateful for the assistance.

We now have two rehearsals per week, and the wardrobe mistress is busy in her sewing room. This will be a night to remember. Please mark your calendars for 18 August at the Memorial Hall, 7pm. As we are a non-profit community organisation, we will be requesting a gold coin only donation for the tickets and this will also include a supper plate on receipt of ticket. Proceeds from these tickets will go to The Toodyay Men's Shed which is busy raising funds for their very own shed.

The Toodyay Community Singers' aim is to instil a feeling of well-being to members and audience. We all want to feel good about ourselves and singing is such a great way of achieving that.

We meet for singing practice every Thursday in the CWA Hall at 7pm sharp. \$4 for members and that includes your supper; \$3 for concessions.

Don't feel lonely, don't be sad. Come to choir for the best laugh you've had (and we sing as well!)

Trish is our arm flapper at the front and is given a hard time trying to control us. Come and join in – no charge for friendship and laughter.

Toodyay Community Radio

Steve Bannister

TOODYAY Community Radio is getting involved with the elections for a new councillor in a couple of ways this month.

Firstly, we are inviting all four of the candidates to be involved in an interview where we plan to question them on local issues, and also on the wider issues that will see Toodyay through the coming years. Questions will range from finance issues, to future development and expansion of the town, as well as questions on swimming pools, crime and educational facilities. We hope that the prospective councillors take this opportunity to allow our listeners, the people of Toodyay, to hear what they have to say, and hopefully get to know them a bit, before we are expected to vote for them.

The Toodyay Residents and Ratepayers Association is holding a public meeting on Tuesday 8 May at 7pm in the Community Centre, just four days before the elections, and have invited all of the prospective councillors along to give a short speech to us all, on their goals and aspirations, and also to allow the public a chance to ask questions of them.

Toodyay Community Radio will be facilitating the meeting and recording it for both broadcast and prosperity, and we are also offering residents who are unable to attend the meeting, a chance to email us your questions so that we can ask them for you on the night. The interviews, and the meeting, will then be broadcast on Toodyay Community Radio 105.3 FM on Thursday 10 May at 6pm, and will be repeated on Friday 11 May at 9am and on Saturday morning at 8am, just before the elections. Between us all, we hope to conduct all future council elections this way. The email address for your questions is studio@jukeboxradio.com.au.

Lions' Lines

WELL has it been a busy month? Yes. On ANZAC Day the sun rose at 6:43am to breakfast wafting across Toodyay and was once again a hit for the ANZAC Day dawn service. A big thanks go to the Toodyay RSL Branch for their assistance in setting up.

Our next event is the Moondyne Festival on Sunday 6 May. The club will be bringing out the Chocolate Wheel and this is the first time it has been at the Festival.

The club has engaged Toodyay local businesses in support of the Chocolate Wheel. The responses from local businesses has been fantastic and the general feel is that of "What a Great Idea!" As a result we have lots of prizes and vouchers to choose from.

The club would like to thank the following businesses: Avon Valley Jewellery & Gifts, Uncle Vince's Italian Restaurant, Toodyay Hair Studio, The Victoria Hotel, Wendouree Tearooms, Chemart Chemist, Cola Café, Toodyay Tavern, Toodyay Emporium, Freemasons Hotel, Bee Happy, Post Office, Makit, Toodyay Butchers, Ladyravens, Moondyne Café, Toodyay Garden Centre, Visitors Centre, In Ones Hands, Wix a Glow, Courtyard Antiques, Newsagency, Toodyay Tyres & Exhaust, Bar-Bar-A-Black Sheep, Moondyne Gallery, Bakery, Leather and Lace and Toy World Northam.

"How does the Chocolate Wheel work?" I hear some say so here is the drill – You purchase one of 48 numbers for \$1, the wheel is spun, and, if your number comes up on the spin of the wheel you get to choose one of our fantastic prizes. All funds raised are directed back to the community. And REMEMBER all winners of a spin go into the draw for the MEGA prize.

On a final note the administration side for the Lions Jumbo Auction is being finalised and there have been a few hiccups and we would like to thank all affected community members for their patience, as we resolved

some issues. It was also very remiss of the club in our last Lions Lines not to thank our 'Friends of Lions' (you know who you are) and the Toodyay Bendigo Bank for their assistance in first outing of their NEW GoPOS. All in all the club believes this is a fantastic community service the Bank has to offer and would recommend GoPOS.

So roll up to the Moondyne Festival for a "SPIN" – LIONS WE SERVE.

News from Bolgart and Surrounding Areas

Doris M Martin

IN the last Herald I spoke of the passing of Jean Halse (nee - North), late of Toodyay who, with her partner, Doug Gillet, had travelled to South Australia where they were both the victims of a road accident which took their lives.

The funeral service for Jean Halse was held on Tuesday 3 April at St Stephen's Anglican Church in Toodyay.

Jean was the daughter of the late Albert and Margaret North and was raised in West Toodyay on their farm. Her love of animals was evident from an early age by her interest in horses and she regularly took part in the Toodyay Show as a young girl, winning ribbons in the various equestrian events. The family's Welsh Mountain ponies and palominos were a major part of her life.

She left Toodyay and married David Halse and together they raised three children, John, Paul and Sonia and she was later to become a grandmother to Josh, Brendan, Alex, Connor, Sean, Ashley, Amy, Leah, William and Jayde.

Jeanie (as we once knew her), was very involved with her family and, at the funeral, various family members including her brothers, Arthur and Peter, as well as her children, recounted their memories. They have been a close-knit family which was very important to her. There were photos from her earliest years up until more recently, and these were shown on the screen inside the church.

Apart from breeding Siamese cats and various breeds of dogs over the years she also included in her hobbies machine embroidery, which helped raise funds for the French Bulldog group.

Jeanie travelled a lot and in recent years enjoyed trips to Europe, the US and Canada with other siblings. Whilst in the US last year she met up with a former Toodyay resident, Brendan O'Reilly, who now resides in Colorado, USA.

The pallbearers at the funeral were her brothers and family members and the white casket had a large display of roses and a silver-coloured horse-shoe.

As she had recently become involved in the Ulysses Motorcycle Club, several members travelled from the church to the cemetery in a procession and the Reverend Peter Bourne (who conducted the ceremony), commented that there was a switch from horses to horsepower. She is buried near her brother, Richard, and her parents in the Toodyay Cemetery. Sympathy is extended to all of her loved ones.

Sympathy is also extended to the family and relatives of the late Dennis Peter Lalor on his sad passing. Known to us as Peter, he was the son of the late Dennis Lalor and Kathleen (nee - Waters). His Mother (the late Kathleen Lalor), was the daughter of the late Richard Waters and Mary Jane (nee - O'Donohue), who were farmers and who in turn descended from early pioneers who lived in the Toodyay area.

Another sad passing was that of Leo Waters of Toodyay who had not enjoyed good health for quite some time. Leo was the son of the late John (Jack) Waters and Eliza Waters (nee - Buckley) who at one time were also farmers in the Toodyay area. Leo was a first

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cousin to the late Dennis Peter Lalor and so both of these men descended from the late Richard Waters and Mary Jane Waters (nee - O'Donohue's) lineage.

Leo was part of a large family of siblings, most of whom have predeceased him. Sympathy is extended to his grown up children who live in the metropolitan area, and other family members. His funeral was to take place at Karrakatta cemetery.

Birthday Greetings this time go out to Tobe McGill of Bolgart, who this year celebrated his birthday with his family.

My View

Anne Skinner

'I WISH I lived in a caravan, with a horse to drive like the pedlar man, where he comes from nobody knows, or where he goes to but on he goes!' by W.B. Rands.

My mother used to tell me this poem, which was and still is one of her favourite pieces. She would tell it to me with such passion; it was inevitable that I should grow up liking it also. I remembered it again a few days ago, while watching the usual line of 'grey nomads' and their caravans turn off to head for northern parts. How I wished I had a caravan to join them.

"With the pedlar man I should like to roam, and write a book when I came home; All the people would read my book, just like the Travels of Captain Cook".

Someone asked me the other day, how many countries had I travelled to? It took me a while but, including parts of here and where I was born, it turned out I had been to 18. When I analysed the number, I realised a number of them had been as a '10 pound pom' with my parents. How wonderful to have travelled to these places on such a marvellous journey of four weeks. A holiday not many folk get to enjoy, all found, with swimming pool and entertainment laid on. My mother was seven months pregnant with my soon to be Aussie brother, so I'm sure she enjoyed the benefits of no meal preparation, no bed making, no other children to supervise. My sister and I spent a lot of time elsewhere, having huge fun. My father did a lot of - well nothing that I can remember. We did a little sightseeing at different spots, and enjoyed the touristy sort of thing. But all in all, we count ourselves as extremely lucky.

Travelling has an addictive effect on some people; it's called the 'wanderlust' or maybe 'itchy feet'. My one regret is that I haven't seen more of Australia. Poems like 'My Country' by Dorothy McKellar explain the love of our brown land and all it offers and, like Dorothy, my yearning for home has always been for Australia. And yes, "I still call Australia Home." The huge thrill I get when we fly back into Perth with its distinct skyline and surrounding hills (our hills) has never diminished.

Having a wanderlust can be quite strange especially for someone who enjoys having their roots in one place, and I have envied those fortunates who have lived in the same house, maybe all their lives.

Someone told me once that life is all about the journey not about the destination. I agree we must make the most of our lives and live them to the fullest, whatever way we are best able. Some of us will travel others will stay home. My journey has been and still is most exciting and has been one roller coaster ride, but I am looking forward to going home eventually when my time is up.

We are constantly being challenged on TV to prepare for our funeral, and to make sure we have enough funds to cover all our bills after we are gone. I love hearing about the retirees jetting around the world spending their children's inheritance - I like this idea (sorry kids.)

I guess the idea of living in a caravan, like the pedlar man, is a concept of carefree lives, with no ties, no encumbrances, travelling with the wind in your face, letting the horse take the lead - its sounding better all the time.

Oh, who am I kidding? It would be more like dust from a passing road train, or abuse from an impatient traveller hell bent on his destination. All romance aside, I do remember the pedlar man. He always looked very thin, cold and dirty, and his children equally so, just like the gypsies. As a child I was taught never to trust a gypsy as they liked to kidnap small children. How politically incorrect can a person get, you may ask? The things we tell our children.

Maybe I will be like Captain Cook and write my book, now that I enjoy looking back, and remembering the quiet country roads and the stormy seas of my life. I even have the title all prepared: 'Beyond legless money'. What do you think? But in the meantime, is it all right to still wish I lived in a caravan?

Healing in the Hills ANZAC: Celebrating What?

Bob Adair

For the Toodyay Christian Fellowship

THIS is the season of thanks; it is a time of reflection. Right now farmers are getting ready for seeding. What a wonder of understatement. A seed dies so that it might produce multiples of itself helping to sustain millions of people.

ANZAC day, another wonder of understatement. How can anyone turn a resounding defeat into a victory that galvanised our nation? Some even believe that this was the birth of our nation. The elements that brought this about are a combination of sacrifice, duty, dedication, bravery and comradeship. Here is a lesson for us all. These ANZAC elements are the missing stuff of successful living in 2012.

The problem is these elements needed a catalyst. The first ANZACs had faced a war and what do we have that can provide a catalyst? April is a time of the year when we can focus on the planting of seed to sustain us, we can celebrate the triumph of victory over defeat and we celebrate the most significant event in history: Easter, the ultimate triumph.

Jesus said, "I have come that you might have life." This is the same person that turned death into life and sadness into joy. He also said, "If the Son sets you free you are free indeed." The Beatles sang "What the world needs now is love" but Jesus offers freedom from those things that destroy relationships. He calls those things sin. He offers a solution. It is like the single seed that dies in the ground. It does not just replicate its self once, it multiplies.

You might be like me thinking how we can restore those ANZAC elements. Jesus said, "Ask anything in my name." For millions around the world, Christ is the catalyst that brings these elements together. History clearly details the influence of Christians in building a strong society.

Paul wrote this in Ephesians 2:4-9: 'But God, who is rich in mercy, for His great love with which He loved us (even when we were dead in sins) has made us alive together with Christ (by grace you are saved), and has raised us up together and made us sit together in the heavens in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us through Christ Jesus.

'For by grace you are saved through faith, and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast.'

Easter is the ultimate wonder: a new way of dying so that we all can have a new way of living.

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Pink Footy & Netball Day 2012

Join Toodyay Football Club this Mothers Day weekend from 12-13 May, as we 'sport pink' to raise funds for Breast Cancer Network Australia.

Toodyay vs Wongan Ballidu

Date: Sunday 13th May, 2012

Time: 12.30pm

Location: Toodyay Football Oval

Fundraising Activities: Raffles and Afternoon Tea

For more information about our club's contribution to Pink Footy & Netball Day 2012, please contact: Darrell Jolly 0407 890 268

Recipe Corner Fruit Mousse



Desraé Clarke

I FOUND this dessert in a cookery book of diabetic recipes; it is light and tasty and a perfect sweet to serve after a heavy meal like a roast. A fruit yoghurt of your choice is used as a base and using a tangy fruit yoghurt, like apricot, gives a delicious sweet/tangy flavour. Served in pretty individual dessert bowls and topped with fruit of your choice this dessert is certain to be a winner.

NB. If you have a favourite recipe that is nutritious, reasonable in cost, tasty and easy to make and you would like to share please call me on 6364 3609 or email desraec@westnet.com.au

Ingredients:

2 teaspoons of gelatine
2 tablespoons cold water
2 egg whites (taken from the fridge for an hour to reach room temperature)
½ cup castor sugar
2 x 200gm fruit yoghurts
Choice of fruit to decorate

Method:

Sprinkle the gelatine over the water then stand the container in a small saucepan of hot water and simmer till the gelatine dissolves. Allow to cool a little.

Separate the eggs by using a cup; leave the whites in the cup (to check for spots) then transfer them into a bowl and the yolk is transferred into a second small bowl. (Remember to always break each egg into a cup first; sometimes there is a little blood in the egg. If all the eggs are broken into the same bowl and one has blood in it then all have to be discarded - and wasted).

Beat the egg whites until soft peaks form. Gradually add the sugar a little bit at a time.

Stir the slightly warm gelatine into the yoghurt.

Fold the beaten egg white mixture into the yoghurt.

Spoon the mixture into bowls ready for serving and chill for two hours.

Just before serving decorate with fruit of your choice.

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For further information, please contact Anne Bouveng on (08) 9621 1530 or email your letter of application, together with your resume to central@wheatbelt.com.au

Closing date : 21 May 2012

RSL Toodyay Sub Branch

John Adams
Secretary/Treasurer

ANZAC day has again been appropriately observed and commemorated by our community. The Toodyay Sub Branch extends sincere appreciation to all members of the community who supported this special day.

We wish to extend a sincere thank you to the following:

Toodyay District High School cadet unit;
Toodyay Scout Group – all night vigil;
Shire of Toodyay;
Toodyay Lions Club – gunfire breakfast;
The Toodyay Club – lunch and refreshments;
Ron Thom – piper;
Murray Swain – bugler;
Mike Knowles – purveyor of fine rum;
Roz Davidson – generous donation;
The Community groups who participated in the parade.

The day was very well attended and we estimate over 300 people attended the Dawn service. Over 200 people enjoyed the gunfire breakfast provided by the Toodyay Lions Club with the support of a grant through RSL State branch and Lotterywest. The RAAF also provided a well-timed flypast during the main service.

Thank you again to all those who supported and attended on the day.

Bank Scam Alert

Kathy Robinson

I'M not sure why I'm lucky enough to have people want to scam me again. This scam began about a week ago when I had a survey call about banks in general and if I was happy with mine. I said, yes, I love our bank.

So far today I've had two calls from India telling me my bank had overcharged me and these nice people were going to get

my money back for me. So kind of them! With the first call, I lost my temper and very loudly told the gent who rang me to stop calling me with their scam. The second call I played along with to find out what this one is about.

They state they are from the Office of Fair Trading Australia. To get my money back, a whopping \$4620, all I had to do was send 10% of that amount (and they quoted me \$450 as 10% so their maths is not too good) to Jaspal Singh in New Delhi via Western Union Transfer.

'Samantha Scott', who I actually listened to got quite flustered when I started asking for addresses of Department of Fair Trading. She only wanted to tell me where to send the money and to make sure I would send it today. When I told her I was aware of the scam and that I was reporting it she hung up fast.

It's a sad state of affairs when people try to scam others. I know work can be hard to find in some places, but scamming? How do these people sleep at night? Or is it just that they don't have consciences or don't care?

I for one don't have any problems with our local bank. The service is better than any other bank I've used.

Call for SA and WA Growers to Get Aboard the Board

GRAIN Growers Limited (GrainGrowers) will this week begin advertising for two Board directors to represent South Australia and Western Australia.

The Board is currently comprised of six grower and two independent directors.

"However, more than 90 per cent of members recently voted in support of important constitutional changes to expand GrainGrowers' national footprint," GrainGrowers chairman John Eastburn said.

"As a result, GrainGrowers is now seeking to appoint two additional grower directors to represent the newly-formed Western Region, which incorporates Western Australia and South Australia," he said.

Mr Eastburn said local grain producers could contribute to the further development of the Australian grain industry by becoming a GrainGrowers director.

"South Australian and Western Australian grain producers contribute a vast amount to overall production so it is only fair that they can be members of GrainGrowers and apply for positions on the Board," Mr Eastburn said.

"This is an important and exciting period of change for GrainGrowers and we hope to see applicants with energy, enthusiasm and passion for Australian grain," he said.

To qualify, candidates must be a member of GrainGrowers, be resident or in the business of grain production in the Western Region, and have a positive disposition to the further development of the Australian grain industry.

For further information, and to download an application form, see www.graingrowers.com.au.

Alternatively, email theconsultant@pacificsearch.com.au to receive an application form by email. Please complete and email your application, including CV, to theconsultant@pacificsearch.com.au or fax to (03) 9603 5050.

All application queries can be directed to Rene Johnson on (03) 9603 5000.

Nominate Incredible Local Women for Business Women's Awards

IT'S time to celebrate the achievements of extraordinary local women with entries opening today for the Telstra Australian Business Women's Awards.

Telstra Country Wide Area General Manager for Central WA, Lauren Howson, urged the local community to make 2012 the year they nominate local business women for the prestigious national Awards, now in their 18th year.

"Innovative business women can come from anywhere and we certainly have many in Central WA who inspire others by their courage and leadership," Ms Howson said. "We strongly encourage women who are nominated to enter the Awards. For finalists and winners, they offer significant benefits from the increased public profile, networking opportunities and a share in more than \$200,000 in cash and prizes." Michelle Sherwood, Group Manager Strategic Marketing, Sensis Pty Ltd, said: "White Pages has had the opportunity to celebrate many remarkable women through its sponsorship of the Telstra Business Women's Awards over the past four years.

"Each year, the finalists in the White Pages Community and Government award have included some of the most talented and inspirational women in Australian workplaces, who have all made important contributions to the community," Ms Sherwood said. "We are looking forward to rewarding another group of outstanding women at this year's Awards."

Cathie Reid, 2011 national winner of the Commonwealth Bank Business Owner Award and co-owner of specialised pharmacy services business APhS, called on local women nominated for the Awards to take the next step and enter in 2012. "If you believe you've been successful and can inspire others, it's time for your story to be heard.

"For me, the experience was an opportunity to reflect on and recognise what I had achieved. It also gave me exposure to new

networks and insights beyond my own industry which I wouldn't have had otherwise. If someone nominates you, don't dismiss it; be proud and back yourself," Ms Reid said.

There are three qualifying categories in the Telstra Business Women's Awards:

- Commonwealth Bank Business Owner Award - Open to owners with a 50 per cent share or more in a business with responsibility for key management decision making.
 - Hudson Private and Corporate Sector Award - Open to employees in the private and corporate sectors, or owners with less than a 50 per cent share in a business.
 - White Pages Community and Government Award - Open to employees in government departments, statutory bodies or not-for-profit organisations.
- There are two specialist categories:
- Nokia Business Innovation Award - Recognising innovation across a number of areas including sales and marketing, process, product or service.
 - Marie Claire Young Business Women's Award - Open to entrants in one of the qualifying categories aged 34 years or under as at 30 June 2012.

Awards are offered in each category in every state and territory and winners will be announced at public events held between 18 September and 16 October. State and territory winners are eligible for the national Awards which will be announced at the 2012 Telstra Australian Business Women's Awards in Sydney on 21 November.

Entries are open until midnight on 19 June.

To nominate business women or for further information about the Awards, please visit: www.telstrabusinesswomensawards.com or call 1800 817 536 between 9am and 7pm AEST Monday to Friday.

Applications close 23 May, 2012.

GrainGrowers is Australia's national, independent, member-based, financially sustainable, technically resourced, grain producer organisation.

Spring Flowering Bulb Threat to Agriculture

Department of Agriculture and Food

THE Department of Agriculture and Food has urged people buying spring flowering bulbs from the internet or from catalogues to ensure they are not bulbs that could pose threats to Western Australian agriculture.

Biosecurity officer Graham Blacklock from the department's Katanning office said bulb plants escaping into agricultural areas was a long-term problem, particularly in the Great Southern and South West.

"Many spring flowering bulbs are toxic for livestock, and are a concern when they escape into paddocks," he said. "They are also an environmental problem.

"It is now bulb planting time, and we urge the public to be aware of the need to buy bulbs that are not a potential weed, or toxic for animals that chew on them."

Mr Blacklock said most local nurseries were aware of many of the problem bulbs and did not sell them.

"However, the public can still access bulbs of concern on the internet or through

catalogues without appreciating what a danger they pose for our agriculture," Mr Blacklock said.

"Because of our climate, many plants from the Mediterranean and South Africa flourish here, and have become weeds that easily escape from gardens.

"One example is chinchinchee (*Ornithogalum thyrsoides*), a native of South Africa that has adapted well to our conditions, and is already a problem for farmers in the Kojonup to Albany region, particularly in the Tambellup area. It's a pretty plant, but may be deadly for stock, cause blindness in cattle, and foetid haemorrhagic diarrhoea in sheep.

"To date, it has only been known to cause problems for sheep in Western Australia, but in South Africa it has affected goats, horses, cattle, rabbits, guinea pigs and dogs who have chewed on the bulbs."

Mr Blacklock said gardeners should be very careful about where they disposed of plant rubbish from their properties.

"They should never dump bulb plants or other garden rubbish in the bush or along road verges. In the last year, we have found 36 chinchinchee plants along Albany Highway between Kojonup and Albany," he said.

Mr Blacklock said even dumping bulbs at community tips presented the potential for spread.

"All plant material capable of producing new plants should be destroyed. Bulbs can be placed in black plastic bags until they rot, soaked in diesel or burnt," Mr Blacklock said.

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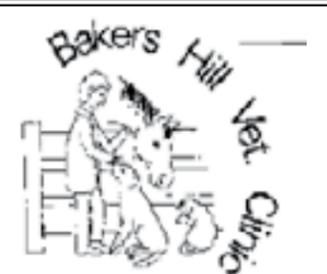
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In Days Gone By

Ron E Waters

IN my lifetime, how things have changed. I used to walk from my home on the Bindoon Road down to Dewars Pool and up to Culham around my rabbit traps. I also walked from home through Poison Gully Reserve, then through Horseshoe Hill Paddock down to Waters Road around my traps.

Some big farmers drove a horse and buggy to Toodyay to do their shopping. Dad bought a wagon, pulled by four horses, to cart his superphosphate from the railway trucks at Coondle and to cart hay on our farm. Some people bought horse drawn flat-topped lorries to cart their bags of grain to rail trucks at Coondle or Toodyay.

Then dad borrowed a horse drawn tip dray so we could cart a lot of stone and tree roots off the land he was going to sow with grain. Then, the horse days came to an end.

A friend and I used to put the shearing plant on a Fargo truck and go shearing and crutching sheep. We also carted timber rails to Gingin to build horse yards there. We sometimes used a Republic truck to go shearing and crutching sheep.

Another friend and I used to top dress super phosphate with an old, 1928 T-model Ford truck in the Culham and Long Forrest areas. We used a top dresser with a small cog on the back of the truck, bolted on tight and driven by a chain from a big cog on the back wheel of the truck to spread the super.

Then, as trucks got bigger and better, my friend and I carted big loads of superphosphate in bags to farmers in Toodyay.

Flat-topped trucks were very handy. Our tennis club used to hire a truck and driver to take all of our tennis players to play at Wongamine, Jennacubine and Toodyay for games. Once we also went to Bejoording.

The tennis courts in Toodyay in those days were not in the same place as they are today. We played tennis on the courts at Rosedale where the railway subway is today and at Viewlands where Mr Cleasby's shed is today up Duke Street. We all sat on the tray of the truck with no seatbelts and no one ever fell off.

A young man from Toodyay used to drive his father's truck and take a big crowd from Toodyay to the motor bike races at an old airstrip at Beermulla (Mooliabeenee), halfway from Bindoon to Gingin on very rough roads and no one fell off the truck.

Lots of us from Toodyay used to go to dances in Bolgart and Goomalling on the back of a truck. It was a bit cold, some nights, but we loved the ride. Then most people got a nice car.

I remember my first ride to a dance in my friend's black Pontiac and another friend's Morris Six. Then, another friend got a Chev ute in which we went to the Air Force Ball in Northam. There, we met girls we had never danced with before.

Then, in 1951, I bought a second-hand Morris Cowley ute and, for the first time, I could go out on my own. Even the Aboriginal people were able to buy second-hand cars with their rabbit trapping money so they didn't have to walk carrying their groceries the 14 miles (22.5km) from Toodyay to the Culham Camp.

And Toodyay Council didn't have to employ a man anymore to sweep horse manure off the town streets as horses were out.

We always had school buses when I was young. Mr Tom Dorizzi did the Dewars Pool, Culham and Nunyle run, Mr McDermott did the Dumbarton, Hoddys Hill and Red Hill run and Keable See did the River Road and Julimar Run.

New Hope for Smokers Wanting to Quit

Avon and Central Wheatbelt Primary Health Service

SMOKERS in the Wheatbelt now have access to a new programme which offers support and hope to those who want to quit. The twelve week individualised program has three support options including nicotine replacement therapy advice, *Fresh Start* group sessions and motivational SMS or emails.

Rachael Biddulph and Sarah Potts, local Health Promotion Officers at the Avon and Central Wheatbelt Primary Health Service, have received *Fresh Start* facilitator training from The Western Australia Cancer Council to provide the course locally.

Fresh Start groups have been highly successful in helping WA smokers beat their habit. Sessions cover nicotine addiction, managing withdrawal symptoms, weight control, stress management, recognising and planning for possible obstacles to quitting, staying stopped and enjoying being a non-smoker.

Fresh Start is different because it gives people an understanding of why they smoke. Armed with this knowledge, smokers can apply the quitting strategies provided in the course to their personal circumstances. The group sessions are also a great incentive and source of support.

While some people are able to quit successfully on their own or with encouragement from family and friends, others find quitting more difficult and can benefit from additional support. *Fresh Start* helps people stay motivated and on-track.

Fresh Start group dates, times and locations are flexible. To start the program off sessions will be held in Northam every Wednesday evening 5.30 – 6.30pm for eight weeks starting 16 May. Rachael plans to hold groups sessions in Toodyay in the near future. Furthermore, Toodyay residents can access nicotine therapy advice over the phone and motivational messaging if they would like support to quit smoking in the next month.

For more information or to register, please call the Avon and Central Wheatbelt Primary Health Service on 9690 1320.



Sarah Potts (left) and Rachael Biddulph (right) are now trained *Fresh Start* facilitators to help smokers become smoke free

Final Round of Healthy Community Grants Now Open

Heart Foundation

A THIRD and final round of Community Healthy Eating and Physical Activity Grants is now available to WA organisations who want to run community physical activity and/or nutrition projects targeting adults.

The grants, administered by the Heart Foundation, are funded by the Australian Government through the national healthy weight campaign, *Swap It, Don't Stop It*.

The Swap It, Don't Stop It campaign encourages people to make simple swaps such as 'swap watching for playing', 'swap big for small', 'swap often for sometimes' and 'swap sitting for moving'.

More than 42 organisations received funding in the first two rounds. Projects aimed at raising awareness of the healthy choices that can help protect people from lifestyle related chronic diseases were run across the State, and some are still going.

Applications for the third and final round of grants close on Thursday 31 May. Applicants are encouraged to attend one of the Heart Foundation's information sessions (Metropolitan face-to-face session on Tuesday 8 May, and webinar session (for regional applicants on Thursday 10 May) which are designed to give organisations the confidence and tools to complete a successful application.

Incorporated community groups, not-for-profit organisations, general practice networks and local government authorities can apply for up to \$5,000 through the grant programme.

All projects should target West Australian adults aged between 25 and 50, particularly those with children.

Applicants can apply for funding to establish a new project or enhance an existing project. Examples include, but are not limited to the following:

- Setting up or expanding a walking group (e.g. Heart Foundation Walking group)
- Conducting healthy eating supermarket tours or workshops (e.g. FOODcents)
- Running cooking workshops/cook-offs e.g. 'Catch & Cook'
- Developing local resources to support activities (e.g. walking maps)
- Running local events relating to physical activity, healthy eating and/

- or healthy weight
- Promoting local participation in healthy lifestyle programs (e.g. Diabetes WA Get on Track Challenge)
- Modification of a program to local conditions or culture

Adapting an existing programme for a specific target group.

The Australian Government is funding *Swap It Don't Stop* through the National Partnership Agreement on Preventive Health, aimed at addressing the rising prevalence of lifestyle-related chronic diseases such as some cancers, heart disease and Type 2 diabetes.

For more information, visit <http://www.swapitwa.com.au/grants.html> or contact the Heart Foundation on (08) 9388 3343 or swapitwa@heartfoundation.org.au.

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