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The ever-popular swaggie camp at the 2012 Moondyne Festival.

The Sun Shone for Moondyne Joe

Moondyne Committee

AFTER a potentially miserable start, weather-wise, to the day, the sun came out for the 2012 Moondyne Festival which, after 28 years is still going strong and getting bigger and better than ever.

The street theatre antics depicting the life and times of the infamous Moondyne Joe once again hit the town of Toodyay on Sunday 6 May, much to the delight of a crowd in excess of 7000 strong.

Exclamations of "Wow what a great day," "This event has a fantastic family atmosphere," "There truly is something for everyone at the Moondyne Festival" and "I'll definitely be back next year" were the general consensus of the day from exhibitors, stall holders and visitors.

The official opening commenced with Pamela Walsh and the Jetta family giving an authentic Aboriginal 'Welcome to Country'. This was surprisingly followed by the notorious Moondyne Joe himself escaping from captivity especially to welcome visitors to Toodyay. Joe invited everyone to enjoy the activities of the day; he also provided a much welcomed brief history of Moondyne Joe, his escapades plus his connection with the town of Toodyay.

Joe could be seen running riot throughout the town with his motley gang in tow. Joe was often found flaunting with the floozies, being taunted by the tedious temperance ladies whilst evading the coppers who were intent to toss him into gaol and throw away the key.

The CWA Hall housed a local Art Exhibition with the theme of 'Flaunt' whilst the Memorial Hall held the regular Antique Collectors Fair. The day wouldn't have been complete without the Toodyay Community Singers who once again enthralled us with their repertoire, whilst various other musicians provided entertainment throughout the main street. For the enthusiast there was a magnificent plethora of vintage cars and bicycles on display gracing Stirling Terrace.

The festival this year flowed through the main town site filled with speciality craft and tantalising food stalls. Festivities incorporated the ever-popular carnival rides, WA Circus School, log chop and Bob Adair's family activities in Stirling Park. The fun and games didn't stop there but followed on to the beautiful Duidgee Park resting on the banks of the Avon River.

Complimenting the resident Toodyay Miniature Railway in Duidgee Park, families were delighted to find pony rides, bubble making, face painting, balloon creations plus Greg Hastings providing a concert and didgeridoo workshop.

The day was definitely filled with something for people of all ages and interests. Whether a spectator watching the story of Moondyne Joe unfold or enjoying the displays of the 1860 Regiment, blade shearing, axemen, blacksmith, IGA 'Minty Man', the ever-popular swaggie camp, Irish dancers, highland dancers, Morris Men, Kalamunda Pipe Band or taking a ride on 'Lil Louie', a scale model

LTL Ford Road Train or a cart ride with the enchanting Clydesdale horses to the Historical Toodyay Old Gaol Museum, there was always entertainment in abundance.

The Act Belong Commit Toodyay Moondyne Festival was definitely a day to remember!

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We would also like to thank the wonderful performers who volunteered their time and also the many helpers who worked to set up and clean up; you all did a great job. We cannot forget all the people who dressed for the day. What a great sight to see so many people joining in.

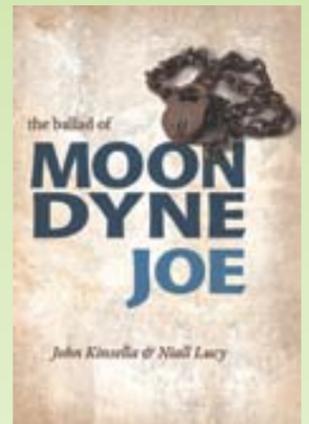
The Committee (Jasmin Devlin, Angi McCluskey, Rhonda Sullivan, Lindy Stewart, Andrew McCann, Sean Byron, Stan Eastwood and Stephanie Slater) thanks you.

But it does not end there! If you were involved or wish to be involved in the festival and would like to give us any feedback or ideas please come along to our wash up meeting on Monday 11 June 2012 at 5.30pm in the Freemasons Hotel Dining Room.

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Be Aware of Home Fire Danger During Winter

WITH the start of winter, FESA has urged residents to stay safe and take precautions to avoid accidental house fires.

Last winter there were 207 house fires that caused an estimated property loss of nearly \$8.5 million.

Fire Investigation and Analysis Unit Manager, Craig Waters, said recent house fires were a wake-up call and urged people to be careful around heating, candles and electric blankets.

"Fires can engulf a house within minutes, spreading throughout the home and threatening your family," Mr Waters said. "Even the smallest of fires can easily and quickly escalate so it is vital that you have a home escape plan that you have practised with your loved ones."

"Many fires can be prevented if people are aware of the dangers and put safety measures in place."

The most common causes of house fires are flammable items being too close to heaters, open fires, candles, careless smoking, unattended cooking and electric blankets. Fires occur more frequently over the colder months due to the increased use of heaters, electric blankets and open fires.

"Recently, a family was very lucky to escape a house fire after a candle left unattended in the living room set fire to the television, resulting in 80 per cent of the

house being destroyed by the blaze," Mr Waters said. "Other recent house fires have been started by unattended ovens, a pot left on the stove, open wood fires, electrical fault and chimney flues."

On average, five people lose their lives in house fires each year and the community are reminded that only working smoke alarms save lives.

To stay safe at home during winter:

- Test your smoke alarms monthly, maintain your alarms and change batteries yearly.
- Develop a home escape plan.
- Keep lighters and matches out of the reach of children.
- Take care when cooking and with open fires. Never leave your cooking unattended.
- Keep flammable objects including beds, clothes and curtains at least one metre away from heaters or open fires.
- Never smoke in bed or when you are tired as you may fall asleep, causing the cigarette to fall onto fabric and catch fire.
- Check the heater, fireplace brickwork, chimney and flue before lighting a fire.
- Ensure chimneys and flues are clean and free of soot and ash deposits.
- If a fire starts in your home, leave and call triple zero (000) immediately.

For more information on home fire safety visit www.fesa.wa.gov.au.

Community Transport Surveys

Regional Development Australia Wheatbelt WA

RDA Wheatbelt is currently conducting a social impacts study to better understand how transport linkages (both road and rail) impact on community members and businesses in the Wheatbelt.

There are no previous studies of this nature (that we are aware of) so it is considered that this is to be a benchmarking exercise, which will allow RDA Wheatbelt to gauge the current state of transport links in the region and undertake future research to assess the impacts of any changes to transport

conditions in the region.

To help them gather the necessary information RDA Wheatbelt is distributing two surveys, one for community members, and one for business owners and the travelling workforce. They ask the public to take the time to complete the appropriate survey (i.e. Community member or business owner/operator) and return it by 30 June 2012.

Copies of these documents in MS Word format can be downloaded from www.rdawheatbelt.com.au/index.php?pgid=15. Click on either 'Community Traffic Survey' or 'Business Travelling Workforce Survey'.

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CCTV Paying Dividends



ON Thursday 31 May 2012, the Acting Chief Executive Officer of the Shire of Toodyay, Mr Graham Foster, District Superintendent Harry Heavens from Wheatbelt District Police Office and members of the Toodyay Community Safety and Crime Prevention Association Inc., met at the Shire of Toodyay Administration building to sign a Memorandum of Understanding between the Shire of Toodyay and WA Police relating to the installation of CCTV camera's throughout the main street of Toodyay and the relationship between the Shire and Local Police in the operation of the cameras.

Sergeant Geoff Dickson, Officer in Charge of the Toodyay Police Station was present along with Alan Clabaugh, Chairperson of the Toodyay Community Safety and Crime Prevention Association.

Sergeant Dickson said, "This is an important moment in the development of the CCTV system. I wish to thank our local community, especially the businesses and organisations that provided initial seeding funding to make this project happen.

"It is the community that identified the need for CCTV. It is the community who helped raise part of the money that funded these cameras, and it is the community, in conjunction with the Shire, that sought the final funding that has made the cameras a reality.

"I thank the Shire and the community for such a useful tool that will benefit us all here in Toodyay and I look forward to a long and fruitful relationship working together to reduce crime in our community," he added.

The system was installed with funding from the Office of Crime Prevention and the Toodyay Community Safety and Crime

Prevention Committee (TCSCPC).

The project not only drew funding from two bodies, it received grants from two separate funds managed by the Office of Crime Prevention: the State Graffiti Fund which provided \$20,000 and the Community Safety Grant Fund which provided \$25,000. This money, together with the generous help of the TCSCPC allowed the installation of seven CCTV cameras, a base server and two monitoring stations: one at the Toodyay Shire Administration Centre and one at Toodyay Police Station. The CCTV system uses wireless technology to beam live images direct to local police. It is hoped that future funding will be obtained to increase the number of cameras and the area of capture.

This project has been an incredibly drawn-out exercise but the system is now up and running with all necessary agreements in place. The CCTV which has oversight of parts of the town centre and skate park is of excellent quality, and provides improved security to the community, discouraging antisocial acts such as destruction and defacement of property, and assisting police in the commission of their duties.

Footage from the system has been used to establish the facts in the case of accidents, as well as to provide evidence to the police in the prosecution of criminals. Evidence from this system is equally available to those being accused to prove their innocence as those making the accusation to prove their guilt. As such the CCTV system and the Memorandum of Understanding it operates under can only be seen as an asset to the community enhancing community safety and protecting public property.

The Biggest Morning Tea The Toodyay Community Resource Centre

Kaye Rewell and Meredith Neilsen

The Biggest Morning Tea (BMT) is a national event that raises money across Australia for the Cancer Council to help in funding research and supporting those who have been affected by cancer.

So many people and their families are affected by cancer, and this can impact on many levels of their lives.

For several years, the ladies who attend and volunteer at the Toodyay Community Resource Centre (TCRC) have held this event and, in the last few years, have held the event at a private house. However, for this year, the BMT was held at the Toodyay Community Resource Centre.

We were fortunate enough to have Marg Ferguson attend and speak on her journey and experiences with the Balya Retreat Centre for Cancer patients in Gidgegannup.



Also in attendance was a stray cat that was found meowing around the Toodyay Herald offices. We say strange, because this cat was not only entertaining, very sweet and absolutely delightful, this cat was also over five feet tall and responded to the name of Kayla. Kayla Banks is one clever cat; not only did

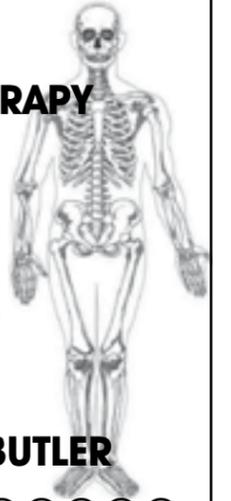
she design the entire cat suit, she also hand-made it.

A wonderful morning tea was laid out and all donated by members of the TCRC. Committee Members donated the prizes for the lucky door prize, lucky seats, a quiz and a raffle. It was great to see so many participants (32) and collectively they raised \$351.50.

The TCRC and Committee wish to give thanks and express their gratitude to all who attended.



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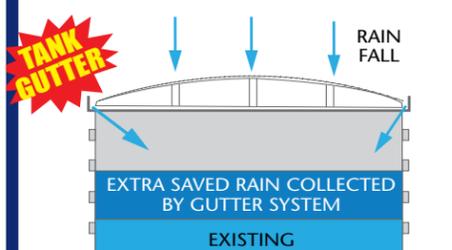
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A Very Big Thank You

I WISH TO extend a very big thank you to a young gentleman by the name of Conrad, who not only found the stone from my engagement ring, but also took the trouble to return it to me.

The stone had been lost in the vicinity of the Toodyay IGA store and the chances of finding it were slim indeed. It has all been an incredible stroke of luck. A reward has been given and I commend this young man for his honesty and integrity. A shining example of the young of Toodyay.

Once again, thank you Conrad.

Alison Cromb

ON SATURDAY 5 May I saw something that was disturbing, disgusting and absolutely pointless.

A group of about 15 youths in Duidge Park by the skate ramp were watching two others drink what looked like coloured milk to the point where they were just throwing it all up again and again, whilst being videotaped and taken pictures of.

Now I'm sorry, but watching this go on was just absolutely horrible. As a parent myself whose child uses the park often, I wondered what other disgusting things were on the ground.

It does worry me about today's youth. How skilled and intelligent they are meant to be – certainly not from where I was standing. Obviously all this effort that is being put into making the next generation better is still being overpowered by the world of technology.

So just a reminder to parents of teenage kids who use the park, that there are others around, such as little kids using the same area and some of us don't want that sort of stupidity and unnecessary behaviour to be seen by them.

It is a public park after all.

Jessica Adams

Is this your boy?

IT WAS FRIDAY, 11 May, nearly 3.30. The children were nearly out from school. As I am a volunteer in the Vinnies shop, I can hear the children coming over the bridge.

Then, a small person with a big smile came in. Eyes direct with mine, he said, "I have come for my Mothers' Day present. It is a bag on the rack out the front."

So I followed him, his scooter parked in

the gateway (where else would you park it?) I stepped over it and the young boy showed me the bag. I then showed him some other bags and he made up his mind.

When he first came into the shop, the boy had said he had \$2 to spend on the bag. I therefore asked him for \$2. He looked at me and said that the price on it was \$3 but I said that that was fine, \$2 was the charge.

Well, he must have had the coins in his hand all the way over the bridge as they were so warm. Anyway, I finished the sale, put the gift in a nice, white paper bag and then the big smile came once more.

I said, "Good afternoon." He said the same and left. It was a very nice ending to my day at the Vinnies shop.

If this is your boy, as parents you should be most proud. If this is the new generation in Toodyay, I feel very happy.

Jackie Irvine

AS A SCHOOL bus contractor who drives along Clackline Road twice daily, I am very pleased with the work done by the Shire and the work crew.

The road verge has been cleared, greatly increasing the visibility and the additional bitumen and gravel widens the road enabling vehicles to pass without fear of uneven edges and vegetation and the widening of culverts is also a great relief.

As the road is used by many large trucks carting sand, gravel and stone from the extractive industries along this road, meeting these is now not a concern for relief drivers and probably many other drivers.

John Lucas

A SINCERE THANK you to all the electors in the Central Ward who voted at the extraordinary council election on 12 May.

Regardless of whom you voted in favour of, it was good to see so many of you showing a genuine interest in the way your council is currently operating.

I am extremely grateful to those of you who contacted me to offer support and encouragement and special thanks goes to the many elderly residents who voted despite the obvious difficulties to be overcome just to get to the polling booth or even to arrange a postal vote.

I am very fortunate to have a very dedicated support team who allowed me to 'stretch

the friendship' to the limit and I thank them sincerely.

To be elected to council with such a large margin suggests that I may be on the 'right track' but I am also aware that I need to get on with the job as my term expires in late 2013 and I can't simply assume that I will win next time.

I encourage all electors and residents to contact me via email with any comments or ideas that you may have to ensure that Toodyay evolves into a place that we all love to call home.

Contact details of all councillors can be found on the Shire website.

Thanks again,

David Dow

Toodyay Eyesore

I HAVE VIEWED with concern the long-running battle to rebuild Ray White's shop in Stirling Terrace.

From my understanding, the shire requires the building to be rebuilt using the existing facade. Apparently this is impossible as it does not have a foundation and therefore not suitable as per building rules.

Now I see the building is up for auction; this only passes on the problem to the next owner.

When will the Shire Council finally accept that commonsense must prevail in this town if we want to advance? Either the building is rebuilt to original using modern technology or demolished to allow something else to be built. This would allow the streetscape of Toodyay to become something other than what it is at present: a reminder of arson and shire demands.

Fred Fellowes

I REGISTERED TO take part in the 'The Ride To Conquer Cancer' to get fit, meet new people and, most importantly, to help raise much-needed funds for cancer research. The money raised from the garden party (*See story elsewhere in this issue. Ed*) has been a great contribution to my target of \$2500.

A big thanks to Mum and Dad and everyone who took part.

Katie Fox

I WOULD LIKE to say a big THANK YOU to Pat and the gang from Little Trains for their generous spirit.

On Saturday 26 May, lots of parents and kids were celebrating Sam Gilbertson's ninth birthday in the park. Before the Trains team closed for the day, they let our entire party of adults and children on board Len for a free ride - if we'd paid it would have cost us \$30 plus. It was (even more) icing on the cake at the end of an awesome occasion.

So thank you guys; you are Toodyay legends.

N Millett

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Steam Punk

Compiled by Meredith Neilsen

ON a 2005 spring picnic outing to Bell's Rapids, Jackie and husband Peter diverted from their route at Toodyay Road on the Roe Highway when one asked the other the question, 'Have you ever been to Toodyay?' Turning the bend on Stirling Terrace, opening the view of the town, an immediate decision was made – we are going to live here!! By January 2006 a property had been found, renovated and moved into. Now Jackie could get back on with her passion – craft – and was inspired by all around her – the changing colours from winter to summer and back again, the Victorian references all around the town and her little herd of mixed goats and sheep, watched over by her loyal friend, the Labrador, William (son of Dug the Lab who greets everyone at Toodyay Tyres) who joined her just after that life changing picnic.

Jackie's quest to constantly collect 'stuff' that could be turned into all sorts of interesting, often beautiful creations caused her to venture into Toodyay's craft shop - at that time Pinpricks, owned by Gaye Martin, where she discovered mountains of 'stuff' and like minded people and all sorts of craft classes. Jackie joined the beading class as a way to meet people and pick up some different techniques and after a while the instructor moved on to follow other interests and Jackie took over leading the class. Sometime later, when Pinpricks closed, Jackie's beading class continued at home and eventually turned into a creative day with a group of talented and creative local artists getting together bouncing ideas around and turning out between them some astonishing work.

Jackie has always been interested in crafts and turns out some beautiful cross stitch pieces, creates many handmade cards that are in high demand and sold regularly by word of mouth or at various open days around the district and makes some stunning jewellery from all kinds of medium.

Jackie has gained acclamation in particular for her 'Steam Punk' work. The Steam Punk genre originated in the 1980's and incorporates elements of science fiction, fantasy, alternate history, horror and speculative fiction. There is a general Victorian steam power feel to the works – hence the term Steam Punk – that makes you think of something people from the Victorian era may have envisioned as futuristic mechanical devices or fictional machines.

Some of Jackie's Steam Punk creations appear to be clockwork dragonflies or interesting collections of old memorabilia like keys and parts of clocks and the like strung together to form necklaces, wristlets, rings or brooches that are always a point of conversation and comment for the wearer.

Jackie's works have been exhibited across the Wheatbelt, including Bolgart and Goomalling, at Toodyay Music Festivals, Arts Toodyay Annual Exhibitions at Coorinja Winery and at Ruth Lawford's Studio Open Days. She has also exhibited at the Toodyay Show and Perth Royal Show.

Jackie remains inspired in her craft through meeting the many talented and interesting people of Toodyay who are so generous with their time and talent and is likewise keen to share her ideas. Should you be interested in joining Jackie on Tuesdays all you will need is some 'stuff' to create from, a desire to create something from your 'stuff' and a sense of humour.

Jackie can be contacted at Goatshed Studios PO Box 1377 Toodyay 6566 or jjackson2@inet.net.au.

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Avon Tourism



Wendy Williams
Chairperson for Avon Tourism

AVON Tourism has again been flying the flag for the Avon Valley at the 2012 Trade Shows held in Perth.

The Perth Holiday & Travel Show, a two day event held at the Burswood Convention Centre in February was a great success for the Valley, although numbers were down slightly on the previous year. We had a 3m x 3m corner site with wall panels and memorabilia highlighting the many attractions and events available in the Valley for the enjoyment of visitors.

With our close proximity to Perth, great interest was shown in upcoming events and festivals, and we were able to provide information and respond to queries. The Avon Valley Holiday Planner and Bags were distributed to consumers, over 800 in total, together with Member Brochures and Event Flyers.

We were joined by Lesley Hug over the 2 days, with Dee and Dina from Beverley and Leanne from York sharing the duties with us, chatting to visitors and providing a valuable insight into the region.

March saw us at the Caravan & Camping Show, held over 5 days at the Claremont Showgrounds. Although numbers were down on the previous year, over 43,000 visitors passed through the gates. We

had a 6m x 3m corner site with wall panels and memorabilia on display, not to mention our 'Bubble Machine' which was a great draw card for young and old alike.

2012 was by far the best result the Avon Valley has experienced with around 3,000 visitors to the stand, with 2,800 Avon Valley Holiday Planners and 2,500 Avon Valley Bags being

distributed, and the Holiday Planner was again a hit with consumers.

Information and maps on all seven towns, together with the ever popular Avon Valley Map and the Avon Valley Calendar of Events, together in one brochure, is a big winner with consumers.

We were again joined by your very own Lesley Hug over the five days, who does an amazing job of promoting Toodyay and the Avon Valley Region to visitors to the stands, and is a delight to work with. Dina from Avondale Farm in Beverley was with us over the busy weekend period, [nearly 28,000 over the 2 days] and it was great having extra help on deck.

Without the generosity of those who give their time, especially Lesley who is with us each year to promote Toodyay and the Avon Valley Region, we would be unable to attend the trade shows in the same capacity, and we thank you all for your wonderful support.

Following the success of the recent Antique and Collectors Fair held in York over Easter, at which over 1200 Avon Valley Holiday Planners and Bags were distributed, we will be at the Gourmet Food and Wine Fair over the long weekend in June, again thanks to Lesley and the girls from Avondale Farm Beverley.

Avon Tourism will be meeting in Toodyay on Tuesday 17 July and we invite interested persons to join us and learn more about the activities of Avon Tourism.

Fred Killick Memorial Award

Naomi Millett

THE winning artworks in one of Northam's most prestigious competitions, the Fred Killick Memorial Award, were announced in mid-May.

The exhibition is usually held at the Old Post Office Gallery, but this year was moved to the Conference Room at the Northam Visitors Centre due to major ongoing renovations at the former venue on Wellington Street.

There were 41 entries in the competition, and Avon Valley Arts spokesperson, Joy Smith, said the committee was pleased with the interesting variety of artworks and the input from local artists, sculptors and photographers.

Also encouraging was the high number of visitors to the exhibition, due to the accessibility of the location.



First prize winner, Pierre Capone of Toodyay, was apparently surprised at his win for a beautifully designed, three-dimensional, metal sculpture with an Albany theme, partly made from recycled pieces of pressed roofing tin.

Second prize went to Holly Lamey, and third to Jo Millington.

Brian Burgess picked up the encouragement award and works by artists Marlowe Astrie, Pearl Rogers and Dan Gentle (who submitted *Girl on a Bus*, a fascinating bronze sculpture, mounted on a wooden crate) were highly commended.

AVAS staff expressed gratitude to Graham Smith for judging the competition.

The next AVAS event will be the Shire of Northam Art Prize at the Lesser Town Hall in June.

RSL – Toodyay Sub Branch

John Adams
Secretary/Treasurer

THIS year's Sandakan Scholarship recipient, Jessica Browne, has recently returned from her tour of Borneo. Jessica will give a report of her experiences at our next sub-branch meeting on Saturday 7 July. Initial reports confirm that this scholarship tour is a profound and most worthwhile experience.

Further to last month's column, we would like to add to the list of those we wish to thank for their help on ANZAC Day. The Toodyay Community Singers involvement was, again, very much appreciated.

We also wish to thank Mr Charlie Ferguson of Toodyay Firewood and Scrap Metal Recyclers for his donation of two trailer loads of wood for our raffle.

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education

Toodyay Kindergym



Claire Moore
President

WE are now half way through term 2 at Kindergym and it has been so much fun already.

We would like to firstly say a big thank you to the ladies of the Saturday Morning Quilting Club who were so generous in making a special quilt for us. We decided to use it to fundraise and so we raffled it at the Moondyne Festival on Sunday 6 May. We had a stall selling second-hand books and toys



and also had two money boards plus our quilt raffle. It was a great success with the money raised going to buying new equipment and updating some of the old. Thank you to all the parents who donated items and helped on the day.

We use the pavilion at the oval for Kindergym so we need to set up and pack up each week and without our wonderful parent volunteers we wouldn't have a Kindergym. We also have parents taking the classes to keep the attendance fee low. At the end of the class we have a lovely lady named Daphne Lee come in to help us pack away every week. She originally came with her granddaughter but, even after many years, she still volunteers her time to help us. We

would be lost without her.

At the end of each term we have an outing on the last day that is paid for by Kindergym and this term, on Friday 29 June, we are going to Duidgee Park where we have hired the miniature train for an hour which the big kids (mums and dads) seem to enjoy just as much as the little ones. After the train ride we will have morning tea with everyone bringing a plate to share. Then we will be going for a nature walk down the river to explore.

Toodyay Kindergym is a great outlet for kids' endless energy and everyone is welcome. We would love to see more dads and grandparents too. Once kids are crawling, they join in the activities in a relaxed, friendly environment and even if they're not moving they still enjoy seeing other kids. It's also a great place to just come and connect with other parents in our area. We have a lot of FIFO families so even if you can't make it every week still come down and join in when you can.

Kindergym is on every Friday during the school term from 9.30am - 10.30am in the pavilion at the oval. It costs \$3 per family/week plus

Playgroup WA annual insurance. To keep the cost low we ask that everyone goes on our roster to set up and/or take the class.

If you have any questions, call Claire on 9574 4529 or 0432 674 502. Alternatively, just come down and join in the class where your first lesson is free.



Toodyay YouthCARE Council (Chaplaincy)

Vivienne Freeman
Secretary

OUR fundraising for the School Chaplain has begun in earnest. As the Federal Government only contributes to one day's salary for our Chaplain (he is employed for three days), it is up to the YouthCARE Council to fund the balance (\$22,000). We would like to acknowledge the very substantial donation given by the Toodyay Bendigo Bank and the Toodyay Lions Club.

The Chaplain's request for a guitar turned out to be a donation of two and also a cash donation which was just the right amount to repair them!

We have established a group, 'Friends of Chaplaincy', being made up of members of the Toodyay community who donate \$10 per year to support Benn Gladden (School Chaplain). Many local businesses come on board each year to also help financially, for which we are most grateful. All donations are much appreciated. Throughout the year we will be holding various fundraising activities such as stalls, raffles etc.

We would like to publically acknowledge the ongoing support given to us by the Toodyay District High School. They are always accommodating where possible.

The results of our raffle/stall on 1-2 June will be published in the July edition of the Toodyay Herald.

Students Work for a Good Cause

C.Y. O'Connor Institute

CANCER research received a welcome boost this week, with over \$500 contributed by students studying at C.Y. O'Connor Institute.

The Skills for Life class, a group of students studying career development, key employability skills and community participation, worked with local businesses to achieve well over their fundraising goal. Students packaged cakes, biscuits and slices and delivered them to businesses in York.

Lecturer, Karen Goodman, says that she couldn't be happier with the result.

"The business owners were incredibly supportive of the students' fundraising efforts, and our students worked really hard to raise funds to prevent, diagnose and treat cancer," she said. "Our students have a diverse range of abilities and it was wonderful to see those abilities showcased through this project, and for such a good cause."

The Wheatbelt Individual and Family Support Association supported the event, along with Regional Home Care Services. To help the Cancer Council's research, prevention, education and support services, go to the Skills for Life fundraising page at wa.cancercouncilfundraising.org.au/skillsforlife to make an online donation.



Barbara, from the Bendigo Bank in York, receives her morning tea from Skills for Life students Nancy Newton and Sarah Colombera.

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Institute to Strengthen Agribusiness Course

CY O'CONNOR Institute has announced its intention to re-vamp its Certificate IV in Agribusiness programme in time for commencement of the next course at Muresk in February, 2013.

Institute Managing Director, John Scott, stated that he wanted to develop the course as the 'flagship' vocational programme at Muresk, offering an attractive pathway for students from high school, and agricultural colleges in particular, to a higher level vocational qualification that would provide graduates with marketable skills for those wishing to seek direct employment in the agribusiness industry, or entry into a range of university courses across Australia.

"The Certificate IV in Agribusiness programme is being conducted at Muresk for the first time in 2012, and I am confident the students currently enrolled will leave Muresk with a solid grounding in agribusiness", said Mr Scott.

"We believe we have the basis for a course that will provide the necessary, hands-on skills for people wishing to forge a career in the agribusiness sector", continued Mr Scott. "The course is structured around breaks for seeding and harvest, and students are encouraged to gain practical farming or industry experience during the breaks to consolidate the theory contained within the two, residential blocks. Industry has strongly supported the programme to the extent that each student received a study scholarship to cover their tuition costs.

"While we are happy with this year's course, we recognise that there is opportunity to provide a range of additional experiences that will further enrich the programme. One way we wish to do this is to seek the assistance of nearby farmers to allow the students access to the latest agricultural technology and farming practice. Another way will be to tap into the enormous resource of the Muresk Old Collegians and have a series of quality guest lecturers to speak on different aspects of the agricultural supply chain.

"Overall, within the constraints of a 12 month course, we aim to provide the students with an in-depth understanding of agriculture - something that we consider is at the heart of the 'Muresk experience' and fundamental to a successful learning outcome at the Certificate IV level. This, in my opinion, is the major point of differentiation between this programme and those offered in Perth, and would be a great opportunity for students considering a 'gap year'.

"We do recognise though, that some people will want to go beyond a Certificate IV programme and study a high education qualification. The Institute is currently collaborating with Curtin University to assess the viability and sustainability of delivering an Associate Degree in Agribusiness at Muresk in 2013.

"The Institute is committed to delivering on the Government's vision to maintain the iconic status of Muresk as a centre of excellence in agricultural education," concluded Mr Scott.

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Toodyay District High School P&C

Steve Bannister
President

FIRSTLY, let me say a big 'Thank You' to everyone who bought presents for their mothers at our 'Bring and Buy' stall on Friday 11 May. Hopefully you spoiled your mothers and gave them a day to remember.

Secondly, another big 'Thank You' for everyone who purchased tickets in our Mother's Day Raffle. We had some amazing prizes donated by our local businesses and our first prize item of a night's stay in an ocean view room at the Observation Hotel in Scarborough, with breakfast, was an excellent prize to win. Here's a list of all our winners, along with their prizes and a very worthy mention to the donator of the prize.

1st Prize winner Claire McGowan – One night for two in an ocean view room at the Observation Hotel, Scarborough (Includes breakfast in the Pines Restaurant). Handmade Rug (Liz Ferguson), Natural Candle (Wix A Glo), Box of Cadbury's Roses (Caltex), Bottle of White Port (Coorinja Wines), Skin Care Basket (Clare Love Beauty Therapist), Wine Bottle Cover (Lady Raven).

2nd Prize winner Anja Kristof - \$300 Gift Basket donated by Uniquely Toodyay, containing Toodyay Natural Lime Juice (The Limes), Organic Olive Oil (Esslemont Estate), Honey (Bee Happy), Giftware (Earth Sculptures), Plum Sauce (Toodyay Brook), Alpaca Felted Soap (Paca Molino), Reflexology Gift Voucher (Robert Fomiatti), Free Range Emu Oil (Toodyay Emu Farm), Macadamia Nuts (Tambowie Macadamias), Skincare Product (Verissima Natural Skincare), plus loads more (Bettina Scobie, Tarty Arts, Alison Downie, Amberfield, etc.)

3rd Prize winner Karen Little – Natural Yogurt Maker (Brewbakers), Advance Pet Nutrition Pack (Heartlands Vets), Vase (Lady Raven), Ganz Cottage Collectable Teddy Bear (Avon Valley Jewellery, Gifts & Home-ware), Beauty & Skincare Pack (Toodyay Chemmart Pharmacy), Scented



Candle Set (In One's Hands), Ornamental Jewellery Box (JJ Leather & Lace), Gift Certificate (Toodyay Video Store), Free Meal Gift Voucher (Vince's Italian Restaurant), \$20 Gift Voucher (Toodyay Bakery), \$30 Gift Voucher (Toodyay Butchers, \$25 Fruit and Veg Voucher (Toodyay Growers Market)

4th Prize winner Irene Buie – Hand Crocheted Rug (Just JuJu's from House of Country Collection), 28 piece Picnic Set (Toodyay Post Office), Giorgio Beverly Hills Perfume (Avon Valley Jewellery, Gifts & Homewares), Selection of Confectionery (Ye Olde Lolly Shoppe), Bottle of White Port (Coorinja Wines), Set Citronella Pots (Makit Hardware), \$40 Meal Voucher (Victoria Hotel)

5th Prize winner Jean Palmer – Box of Cadbury Favourites (IGA), Heat Resistant Oven Glove (Toodyay Traders), Portable Vase (Lady Raven), Car Service Discount Voucher (Toodyay Auto Centre), Moondyne Joe Novelty Licence Plate (Avon Valley Jewellery, Gifts & Homewares), Knitwear Garment (Pitwillow Alpacas), Gift Box (Toodyay Newsagents), Set of African Wall Plaques (In One's Hands), \$60 Meal Voucher (Freemasons Hotel), Voucher for a Ladies Hair Cut (Toodyay Hair Studio), Houseware Product (IGA)

6th Prize winner Bronwyn King – \$50

Restaurant Voucher (Victoria Hotel), Box of Maltesers (IGA), Skin Care Package (Toodyay Chemmart Pharmacy), Solar Butterfly (Lady Raven), Citronella Patio Candle (Makit Hardware)

7th Prize winner Lynn Stevens – Skincare Package (Toodyay Chemmart Pharmacy), Lunch Voucher (Mokka Café), Baby Trinket Box (Lady Raven), Creative Nail Polish & Promotional Items (Afterglow Beauty), \$40 Meal Voucher (Toodyay Tavern)

8th Prize winner Diane Bannister - \$40 Café Voucher (Cola Café), Grevillea Plant (Toodyay Garden & Outdoor Centre), Gift Box (Toodyay Newsagents), Meal Voucher (Moondyne Café), \$20 Gift Voucher (Brewbakers), Earrings (Lady Raven)

Don't forget our Massive Car Boot Sale is on at the school on the second Sunday of every month. The next one is on June 10th. 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. There's a bouncy castle for the kids, and also a sausage sizzle hosted by the Toodyay Swimming Pool Committee.

We've also sent out a survey on the School Canteen (please check the bottom of your child's bag) asking for your input and ideas. The P&C desperately needs your help in completing and returning the survey by Wednesday 13 June so that we can make some decisions on the future of the canteen. Please return your surveys in the envelope provided, which will then come to us at our new PO Box. At the moment, the canteen barely breaks even, and during some terms

it even loses some money. Either we reduce the number of days that the canteen is open, drastically transform the canteen from top to bottom or close it completely. Personally, we want to transform it and keep it open, but we desperately need your help to do that. Without your input and support, we might be forced to make some dire decisions. It's that simple.

Lastly, we finally have our own logo, for the first time ever, to represent the P&C and our efforts to support the school and our children. The more you see it, the more you'll know how involved we are with the school.

Expressions of Interest Sought

THE Toodyay District High School Parents and Citizens Association runs and operates the Toodyay District High School Canteen. In an attempt to offer locally produced food at a reasonable price to our students, we are committed to find the best prices we can. We would also like to support our local suppliers and businesses if we can. The Toodyay District High School Parents and Citizens Association is therefore seeking expressions of interest from local farms and suppliers, for the supply of fruit, vegetables, bread and meat (chicken / lean mince / beef). As we can only buy from accredited suppliers with the appropriate quality marks, please make sure that you are accredited before you contact us. For a full list of items, or for more information, please lodge your expression at pande@toodyaydhs.com.au.



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- 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.
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- 9 The winners will be announced and published in the December issue of the Toodyay Herald

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Toodyay Central Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade

Debbie Welch

OVER the last month we haven't exactly been quiet although there has been no training or monthly meeting (this has been forwarded to Tuesday 26 June.)

A big 'thank you' to those members of the brigade that assisted with the parking at the Pearce Air Show Saturday 19 and Sunday 20 May.

An 'Introduction to Fire Fighting' course was held on Sunday 27 May.

We have had a lot of controlled burns to participate in and around the district which saw some heavy fuel loads cleaned out. Several controlled burns got out of control and some required 'back burning' by brigade members. The FESA 12.2 has played an active role in many of these situations, so special thanks to Gary, Daisy and Don for their time and help.

With the winter forecast of very little rain predicted, it is time for us to start preparing for what could be a busy fire season this coming summer as we live in a High Risk fire zone. It's a good idea to think of getting fire breaks upgraded, remove debris from areas of concern and replace hoses and check gutter mesh and (evaporative) air conditioner coverings.

It is time to trim back widow/widower-maker branches /trees around our homes and utility tracks and also current tracks for emergency vehicles should be maintained. Remove all dead or dying shrubbery and Blackboy and Dryandra plants from around the house and buildings as these are a source of fuel for fire and clean up any broken glass/bottles. Plant 'fire resistant' plants in the place of those that have been removed.

Remember to check your insurance policies and update if necessary; also make a copy of important documents onto a disk or USB stick!

Get to know your neighbours, exchange phone numbers and organise a safe meeting area in the event of a fire that could put your lives and homes at risk.

When you see us out and about in our trucks with flashing lights, we are on a callout or training exercise and would appreciate your cooperation to see us through traffic and pedestrians safely.

To all current members, active or not, we urge you to attend training over the next few months, as protocol and strategies often change.

If you would like to join our brigade please phone Captain, Kevin Hug on 9574 2612, or Secretary, Wayne Clarke on 6364 3609 or email: 2jcentralvbf@westnet.com.au

Take care out there, Folks!

Quote of the month: 'We are here to Serve and Protect our families, friends and community.'

Neighbourhood and Rural Watch 'Hoon Behaviour'

Desraé Clarke

IN 2004 the Government amended the Road Traffic Act to address concerns over reckless driving. The Road Traffic Amendment (Impounding and Confiscation of Vehicles) Act 2004, commonly known as 'the Hoon Legislation', empowers Police to impound vehicles that are driven:

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Reporting of 'hoon behaviour'

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If 'hoon behaviour' is occurring take notes, if possible, beginning with date, time and place.

If possible, take the registration of the vehicle.

A description of the vehicle such as:

Type, eg utility, small sedan, small truck, etc

Make or similar make

Colour

Vehicle sound eg smooth running, rowdy exhaust

Driver description, if at all possible

Single or multiple occupants

Description of driver behaviour eg burnouts

Report 'hoon behaviour' to the Police or CRIMESTOPPERS as soon as it occurs or as soon as possible.

Have you become a registered eWATCH member?

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

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Julimar Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade

Alison Wroth

WITH the nights getting colder and the frost on the ground in the mornings, there is still no sight of rain at the moment. Hopefully, by the time you all read this, we have had a decent fall of rain to get those crops out of the ground and keep the pasture green and growing! Up until then, however, the days are providing perfect conditions for burning those piles of rubbish and for any backyard burning that you have to do to keep your best asset looking neat and tidy.

The brigades are doing many controlled burns at the moment in an effort to help farmers with stubble or paddock burns as well as endeavouring to keep the long dry grass and weeds at bay. Please remember that due to the lack of rain and ground moisture, fires can still be dangerous and are not something that you would send the kids out to do! Be responsible, take care and have patience while burning or when a brigade are doing a controlled burn in your area - it's all for a good cause! Julimar VBFB has been a huge asset when assisting with stubble burns over large areas for local farmers including Chad from 'Deepdale' and our own FCO, Charlie Wroth. Helping with the burns provides an excellent training exercise, especially for those members who aren't as experienced as others.

Regarding training, Brian Salmond is our new Training Officer and I'm sure he will whip us into shape in no time! The brigade has done training on handling controlled burns which gave everyone a chance to learn each other's strengths in a controlled environment. Brian advises me that a New Recruit - Introduction to Fire Fighting Course was held on Sunday 27 May for approximately eight new members from the different brigades in the shire. Later on in the year, a more advanced Bush Fire Fighting Course will be held for those members who want to proceed to the next step. Our next Julimar brigade training will be on Sunday 17 June following the Saturday night meeting. All active firefighters, especially officers, are

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required to attend this one - so please mark it on your calendar! Three Officers from our Brigade completed a Sector Commander's Course and Brian did his Advanced FF/Crew Leaders course on the weekend of the Pearce Air Show.

Of course that brings me to the air show! I saw the way the members staggered into *The Fireplace* after the first long day of car parking on Saturday and I'm told by a source that Sunday was not much better! Everybody was very appreciative of the hot meal that was cooked for them on Saturday night and our thanks must go to Bettina, Iris, Corrie and Angie for organising the meal. We heard many stories of the hectic car parking and the very frustrated drivers who waited in some cases for over three hours! I also heard the incredible story of a certain Julimar captain and a centipede! If only someone had been on the ball to take a photo! I won't say any more for fear of retribution but I certainly wouldn't have wanted to be the centipede!! All in all, the weekend was a very good fundraiser with the Brigade earning at least \$4000! Well done to all those members involved!

We would also like to thank the people at 'Uniquely Toodyay' in the old post office. They have a donations' tin on their counter and are collecting for the bush fire brigades. This month was our turn and we are grateful for their support.

In recent weeks it has been very pleasing to see both new and old faces returning to *The Fireplace* on Friday nights. Maybe it is the hot soup and bread that gets them in? Anyway, to cut a long story short, it would be great to see you there from 5pm on Friday evening and we'll even discuss firebreaks and protecting assets if you want to get a bit more information on making your home fire safe. In the meantime, let's all look to the sky and pray for a decent fall of rain.

Morangup Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade

Cheryl Mustchin
Secretary

RECENTLY, we held our AGM and the elections and re-elections were as follows: Kim Maddrell, Chairman; Jeff Venn, Lieutenant; Dieter Bartels, Lieutenant and Training Officer; Cheryl Mustchin, Secretary; and Sharon Peate nominated for Welfare Officer and accepted. Thanks to all our members who take on these roles as well as fire fighting.

We held our volunteer thank you on 19 May and had a good turnout across all volunteer representations. To the locals who came to say thank you, have a chat and share a meal with us, we really appreciate your support. Awards of service were presented to John and Noreen Collins (25 years), Chas Fletcher (25 years) and Ron Larkin (15 years). It is people like this that make our community what it is.

Now that the burning season has begun, please ensure that you prepare yourself properly. You absolutely must have water on hand. We have already had callouts where a burn has taken off and no fire unit on site. By the time we get there, who knows what the situation might turn into? How would you explain to your neighbour that their property was damaged because you didn't think it through? Fire needs to be respected at all times.

The brigade has started some prescribed burning in the area. This is a great way for

our newer members to increase their skill levels with fire and vehicle familiarisation.

Our brigade meets every Saturday morning at the shed at 3 Wallaby Way between 8 and 9.30am for maintenance etc. and the 3rd Wednesday of every month at 7pm for our monthly meeting.

If you have any questions or require information on burning please come and see us or give us a call.

Coondle Nunile Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade

Colin Blanchett

HERE we are, going into June, heading towards winter and still no rain. The restricted season has been lifted and a lot of burning is taking place and some not going according to plan which means we are still getting a few call outs to fires that have jumped fire breaks.

When burning your piles of rubbish please remember to have water on site to dampen any creeping flames and don't leave a fire unattended.

Now is the time to start clearing around your property in preparation for next summer to prevent your property from serious damage from a fire, but remembering to be careful at the same time.

If unsure, call the shire for more information.

Some of our members have been busy during May with courses at Northam, hazard reduction burns and fund raising at the RAAF Base.

If you would like to come along and meet us and find out some more info on the brigade and what you may be able to do, we meet every Friday night at the shed for a light snack and some laughs. Or call our Captain, Corry, on 0429 086 726.

Bush Fire Ready Group

Jenny Blanchett

WELL, hi everyone. The Bush Fire Ready Group continues to grow at an amazing rate.

We targeted two more subdivisions in the Coondle West district in the past month, conducting a door knock and the response from people wanting to know about bush fire suppression and bush fire plans has been very positive.

The best way to protect your family and possessions in the event of a fire is through education and experience. The facilitators who run the Bush Fire Ready Group have a wealth of experience in these areas.

The areas we will be targeting in the coming months will be Rugged Hills followed by Coondle Highlands (Coondle Drive).

A few weeks ago, we took a group of residents from the Bush Fire Ready Group out to a hazard reduction burn so they could have a look at a fire first hand. This is something we would like to do with everyone.

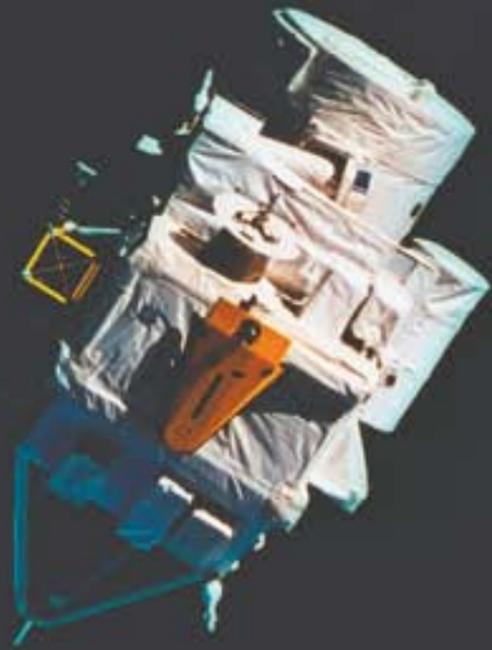
If you would like to be a part of the Bush Fire Ready Group or would like any information, please don't hesitate to call Mick Rogers on 0428 583 954 or Tania Harrison on 9574 5257.



BAKERS HILL VET. CLINIC TOODYAY DAY EVERY WEDNESDAY

- Our regular day in Toodyay, at a reduced charge, is proving very popular. Remember, bookings must be made prior to each Wednesday.
- A great way to save on routine work such as drenching, vaccinations & preg. testing.
 - House visits for pets - farm visits for large animals.
- No travel charge from Bakers Hill to Toodyay or within 5km of Toodyay PO.
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emergency services

St John Ambulance Toodyay & Districts Sub Centre

Kerry Skinner

APRIL has again been a busy time for our sub centre. Calls made for ambulance attendance in Toodyay and surrounds was more than one a day, and that doesn't include the hospital transfers we were called for, but unable to find crew to do the job.

Most of our ambulance call outs involve locals and the down side of the office job is sending out rather large invoices to those we know. We urge you to check if you have current St John Ambulance Benefit Fund membership or Private Health insurance that adequately covers ambulance call out fees and transport costs. A bill for ambulance call out and transport to the nearest public hospital from Toodyay and surrounds will cost you around \$300; more if you are in Northam or Perth. A fee will be charged whether you actually get transported to hospital or decline the ride. St John Ambulance Benefit Fund membership will ensure that you are fully covered for any ambulance attendance you require – including transport costs, Australia wide. The fees are minimal: \$45 for single membership; \$75 for family membership, per annum. A small cost to pay to save receiving a big bill when you least need it!

We're getting ready for our annual BIG raffle and are asking for your help in donating items to be included in our raffle. Items can be dropped in to the Sub Centre (rear 120 Stirling Tce) or to Sandy at Toodyay Hair Studio.

Our next meeting is the AGM, Tuesday 17 July 2012 at 6.30pm in the Sub Centre training room (rear 120 Stirling Tce, Toodyay). The meeting is open to all and we invite you to come along to catch a glimpse of what actually goes on in the administration of St John Ambulance Toodyay and Districts Sub Centre.

Please feel free to drop into the Sub Centre or call Kerry on 9574 2390 if you would like further information about Ambulance Benefit Fund membership, becoming a Volunteer Ambulance Officer or if you have any other general enquiries about the ambulance service provided in Toodyay and Districts. Stay safe!

April 2012
Toodyay & Districts ambulance statistics

| Category | # Cases | Ave Km | Total Km |
|----------|---------|--------|----------|
| Trauma | 9 | 70.44 | 634 |
| Medical | 23 | 100.96 | 2322 |
| Cardiac | 7 | 76.86 | 538 |
| Other | 1 | 9.00 | 9 |
| | 40 | 87.58 | 3503 |

Firefighter on Cover of Phonebook



TOM Brown, a Neridup resident who helps protect a 42,000sq km region of Western Australia from the threat of bushfire, has been selected to appear on the cover of this year's

Central and Eastern White Pages® and Yellow Pages® book, recently distributed throughout the Central and Eastern region of Western Australia.

This year's Covers Program theme, *A Helping Hand, The Aussie Way*, recognises Tom for his work as the Shire of Esperance's chief bushfire control officer.

Tom started firefighting alongside his dad as soon as he was old enough to help out. In 1973, he became an active member of the Neridup Bushfire Brigade. Just five years later, he played an instrumental role in forming the Mount Beaumont Bushfire Brigade, of which he is still a member.

In 1994, Tom became chief bushfire control officer across the entire region and is now responsible for an area 42,000km², which includes 17 brigades and 450 volunteer firefighters.

"To be recognised for doing a job I see as so essential is really surprising and not at all why I do these things. There are many people I'd like to thank who make my role so enjoyable and I hope they feel validated as well by this recognition – I couldn't do it without them," Tom said.

Arts Toodyay



Clive Eger

WHAT a month this has been! We started off with the Arts Toodyay Moondyne Festival exhibition in the CWA hall. Many of our members showed their work and there were also several exhibits from guests. The exhibition was a lot of fun and a great success with more than three hundred visitors throughout the day and several sales of work.

No sooner had we cleaned up the hall than it was time to turn our attention to the upcoming exhibition in Midland entitled '2J or not 2J'. With the cheerful assistance of Mallika McLeod from the City of Swan, Sharon Boxall, Ruth Lawford, Wendy Lewer, Colin Moore, Bev Bush, Clive Eger and Monika Zechetmayr had put many months of preparation and planning into the group's first foray into Perth to stage an exhibition.

The Midland Junction Arts Centre in the old school building on Great Eastern Highway is a wonderful venue and the diverse display of paintings, jewellery, sculpture and pottery looked excellent in the spacious gallery. Our opening night was very well attended and John Mitchinson 'did the honours' in officially opening the exhibition. Wines for the opening night were kindly provided by Michael Woods from Coorinja who was on hand to serve the wine and offer tastings of his distinctive fortified wines and ports. It was great a start to an exciting week and everyone was delighted that the venture had been such a success.

Now that it is over we can concentrate on matters closer to home. This week (9 June) there is to be an all-day watercolour workshop conducted by Kaye Devlin. Although time is short, last minute places in Kaye's workshop may be available by contacting her on 9574 4446. Kaye also runs weekly Friday morning art sessions at the Duke Street clubrooms.

July will see our second 'annual' Raku pottery workshop series with three sessions including making the pots, glazing them and the grand finale of firing them. Last year the firings were on particularly chilly mornings and the warmth from the kilns was most welcome, not to mention the lovely pots that emerged from the flames.

Arts Toodyay meets on the first Tuesday of each month at 7pm in the old Police Station on Duke Street North. New members are always welcome - just come along on the night or phone Bev on 9574 2898 or mobile on 0428 531 008.



Community Strategic Plan

TOODYAY COMMUNITY VISIONING

2050

think

tell us what your vision for Toodyay is in one of the following ways

Workshops

Saturday 23 June 2012

Toodyay Showgrounds 11.30am - 1.30pm

Wednesday 27 June 2012

Toodyay Memorial Hall 7.00pm - 9.00pm

Light refreshments provided & childrens activities on the Saturday

Street Stalls

Saturday 9 June IGA 9.00am - 1.00pm

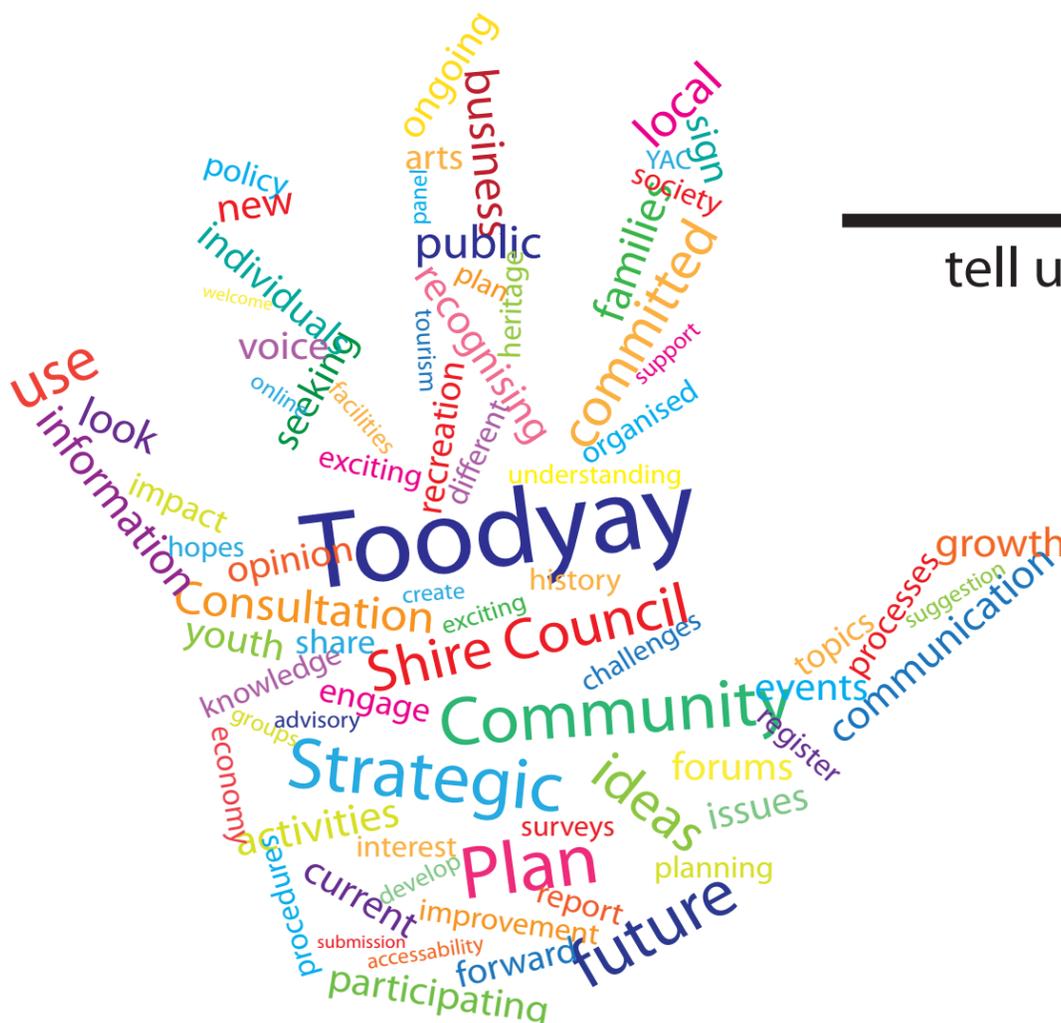
Thursday 21 June IGA 1.00pm - 6.00pm

Sunday 1 July Toodyay vs Goomalling match

Web Survey

<http://tinyurl.com/toodyay-csp-1>

or pick up a copy of the survey at the Shire Office, Visitors Centre or Library



when and where they meet

AAFC 708 SQUADRON

Australian Air Force Cadets 12 ½ to 17 year olds, male and female. Building J1, Northam Army Camp Grt Eastern Hwy. Friday 6:30pm to 9:30pm, during school term. 708squ@cadetnet.gov.au

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

TOODYAY COMMUNITY RADIO 105.3fm

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

THE TOODYAY COMMUNITY SINGERS INC

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

TOODYAY DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL P & C

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

TOODYAY DISTRICTS HORSE & PONY CLUB

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

TOODYAY FRIENDS OF THE RIVER

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

TOODYAY GARDEN CLUB (Inc)

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

TOODYAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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

TOODYAY IRISH DANCING (Inc)

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

TOODYAY KINDERGYN

Kindergym Fridays (except school holidays), Toodyay Sports Pavilion. Contact: Caire Moore (President) 9574 4529

TOODYAY LIONS CLUB

1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month Hotel Freemasons

TOODYAY MASONIC LODGE

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

TOODYAY MINIATURE RAILWAY (Inc)

1st and 3rd Sunday commencing Easter Sunday. 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

TOODYAY SPINNERS

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

TOODYAY SWIMMING POOL ACTION COMM.

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

TOODYAY TOWN WALKS

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

TOODYAY VOLUNTEER FIRE AND RESCUE

1st Monday of each month Fire Station, 8pm

UNITING CHURCH

10am, St Stephen's Church, Toodyay

YOGA

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

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out and about

Maree Lewis

THIS month 'Out and About' is moving well away from things with which she is well acquainted and into the world of the necessary and practical and one which is dominated largely by the male species. Yes, folks, this month I had the pleasure of interviewing Mick Brockliss from **Toodyay Tyre and Exhaust**. This article is inspired by one of those Murphy's Law incidents. My husband and I were off on holidays and the tractor was working at peak rate to get hay into the right areas to feed the voracious appetites of our herd of Murray Grey cattle, when a valve on the tractor tyre tore away. It was latish in the afternoon and, rather than resort to my response of wringing of hands and bemoaning one's fate, my better half headed straight down to Toodyay Tyres. Of course Mick could supply the new valve and he and better half had one of those in depth discussions men like to have about how best to go about this onsite repair job. Tools to do the task were loaned and, whilst it was not easy, the tyre was repaired and our holiday status restored. My point is that not only could Mick supply the part, but he was also generous with his knowledge and time.

Toodyay Tyre and Exhaust opened for business in 2000, its original premises being what is now the office for the local gym. Mick reflects that he could just fit a car into the building and that no one could see in because tyres were piled up against the windows. Much of the work was done outside in the driveway. Now the workshop, situated within a stone's throw of the former premises, is huge and can fit cars for repair as well as monstrous trucks and tractors. That's not to say that Mick limits the work to the agricultural, trucking and earthmoving type of vehicles, because he and his staff of five are equally available to repair or fit wheelbarrow

tyres, or work on motorcycles, and all terrain vehicles. And the team do a lot of their work onsite, which makes sense particularly when one thinks about the likes of the farming and mining communities.

Now don't just think tyres for the range of work done. Mick's team of five "basically looks after the undercar." Wheel alignment and balancing, exhaust repairs, shock absorbers, battery replacement, suspension work and tyre repairs are also carried out. **Toodyay Tyre and Exhaust** offers the major range of tyres such as Michelin, Hankook and B.F Goodridge to name a few.

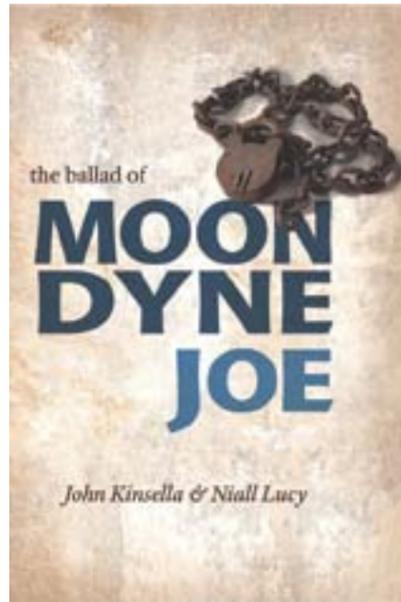
Mick tells me that his is a family business. For many years his wife, Lesley, managed the accounts but "now," says Mick, "she'll tell you she's the boss." And there are two gorgeous Labradors (dogs that is): Doug (who's as old as the business) and Tyler who do a great job in reception.

Mick has forty years of experience in the industry and ensures that his staff are highly skilled as well. He insists that they themselves get accreditation rather than just work under his licence which happens in some tyre shops. Mick's work ethos is simple yet explains why his is such a successful business: "We do it properly. We do the full job. We don't pick and choose. We do the whole job and the full range of vehicles." **Toodyay Tyre and Exhaust**, always professional about their work, is open for business, weekdays from 8am to 5pm and Saturdays between 8am and 12 noon.



The 'receptionists'

Book Review



The Ballad of Moondyne Joe
by John Kinsella and Niall Lucy
(Published by Fremantle Press, 2012)

Bettina Scobie

ACCORDING to Niall Lucy, "*The Ballad of Moondyne Joe* is a work of the imagination informed by conversations on history, literature, philosophy and AC/DC."

His opening preface gives an entertaining and informative background to the making of the book, followed by an interesting timeline from 1826 to 2012.

The following eleven chapters include detailed descriptions of events, amusing anecdotes, personal musings and pithy poems, interspersed with maps, letters and photos. Newspaper clippings, historical references and other assorted snippets all combine to provide a fascinating insight into the life of Moondyne Joe.

John Kinsella, in chapter two, writes a lovely, personal reflection on Moondyne Joe from the perspective of a Toodyay resident. He refers to a small poem he wrote in 1995, entitled *Moondyne Joe*:

*Bugger Moondyne Joe –
there was a bloke*

*from our mob
who jumped roofs
in towns from Northam to Narrogin
just for the hell of it.*

This easy-going, witty style is very appealing and readable and I encourage everyone, if you can't purchase a copy, have a look at the copy of this book, soon to be at the Toodyay Library.

Birthday Girl Sparkles

Bettina Scobie

MAREE Lewis, our roving reporter for the monthly 'Out and About' series and proof-reader extraordinaire, was out and about herself last month.

She celebrated her 60th birthday at Hillarys Yacht Club in true style, surrounded by family and friends.

Family photos of Maree throughout her life were on display and stories and memories were shared and exchanged (including the one about the rubber-dinghy-eating crocodile and being run over by a man in a wheelchair...)

The drinks were flowing, interspersed with gorgeous finger food (the chilli oysters and stuffed jalapenos were surprisingly spicy and prompted a few extra quick drinks and mopping of brows!) Strangers became friends and the joint was jumping with dancing and singing, laughter and high spirits.

Maree, dressed in a spectacular sparkly red cocktail dress, showed everyone how to really enjoy the moment as she danced with her husband, Kerry in gay abandon, with arms and legs flying and eyes sparkling. Her smiling face seemed to say, "Ain't life grand?" or is that "Isn't life grand?"

Happy birthday, Maree.

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Toodyay Agricultural Society Show Day Saturday 13 October 2012

Pam Jackson
Committee Member

THANK you to all who supported the Agricultural Society on Saturday 28 April by purchasing raffle tickets and/or making a donation.

The winner of the load of wood was M Heath (red ticket no. C24).

Thank you to Charlie and Alison Wroth for the donation of the wood and thank you to David Chitty for picking up and delivering the wood.

Our fashion competition this year will be FASHIONS on the FARM; the theme is RURAL FORMAL and it's not too early to start designing and making your costume – a formal costume with a rural influence (eg, a flannel shirt with flare, gumboots with glitz, over the top overalls, or a ball gown of baling twine.) Let your imagination run wild and come up with a great creation with a rural influence. There are three categories: ladies outfit; men's outfit; child's outfit. Entry forms will be on the art entry form in the show schedule.

Have you considered what to enter in the 2012 Show?

Full details showing all sections and classes will be printed in the Show Schedule. Copies of the schedule will be sent to all members and will also be available throughout town a few months prior to show day.

Sections that you can enter in are:

Sheep, wool, cattle, agriculture, poultry, alpaca and coloured fleeces, home produce, fruit and vegetables, apiculture, hand spinning, patchwork and quilting, floriculture, home brew, hobby crafts, art, needlework, cookery, photography, woodcraft.

We would love to see more entries from young adults and school aged children. Some sections for you are shown below. Please see the show schedule for more details.

Section I – Home Produce

Group I4 Young Adults 16-18 years

Group I5 Children 15 years & under

Different classes include pickles, piccalilli, chutney, jam, marmalade, hen eggs

Section J – Fruit and Vegetables

Group J2 Young Adults 16 to 18 years

Group J3 Children 15 years & under

Collection of home grown veggies – carrots, beans, beetroot, onions, cabbage

Section M – Patchwork & Quilting

Group M5 Patchwork/Quilting Children 16 years and under

Article featuring patchwork and/or quilting

Section O – Floriculture

Group O7 Young Adult Classes: 16 to 18 years

Various sections

Section Q – Hobby Crafts

Group Q2 Young Adult Classes: 16 to 18 years

Handmade greeting card, jewellery, scrapbooking (1 page), Christmas decoration

Section S – Needlework

Group S8 Young Adults: 16 to 18 years

Hand sewing, machine sewing, hand

embroidery, knitting, crochet

Section T – Cookery

Group T6 Young Adult Classes: 16 to 18 years

Various classes

Section V – Photography

Group V6 Children to 10 years colour prints

Group V7 Children to 15 years colour prints

Animal/bird study, scenic, people at work or play, tree/flower study, action

Section X – Children – School Years 6-10

Group X1 – Floriculture

Class 8501 Arrangement of native flora (judged on quality of arrangement)

Class 8502 Arrangement of garden flowers (judged on quality of arrangement)

Class 8503 Miniature garden

Class 8504 Arrangement in unusual container

Class 8505 Arrangement of 3 flowers

Class 8506 Dry flora arrangement

Group X2 – Cooking

Class 8601 Scones

Class 8602 Cake, iced, suitable for birthday cake, fantasy

Class 8603 Chocolate cake

Class 8604 Sponge cake

Class 8605 Pikelets

Class 8606 Health lunch containing max. 8 types of food

Class 8607 Plate of 4 cup cakes, decorated differently

Group X3 – 3D Craft

Class 8701 Ceramics

Class 8702 Article of hand sewing

Class 8703 Article of machine sewing

Class 8704 Open class of handiwork – 3 dimensional work

Class 8705 Personal interest collection, judged on quality of display

Class 8706 Handmade toy

Class 8707 Animal made from vegetables/fruit

Class 8708 Lego model

Group X4 – 2D Artwork

Class 8801 Landscape, seascape, townscape, any medium

Class 8802 Drawing, any dry medium, any subject

Class 8803 Advertising poster

Class 8804 Computer generated artwork 30cm x 40cm (max.)

Class 8805 Any other exhibit of art

Class 8806 T-shirt art or any other fabric painting

Section Y – Children – School Years 1-5

Group Y1 – Floriculture

Class 8901 Collection of home grown native flora

Class 8902 Vase of garden flowers

Class 8903 Miniature garden, on tray, 30cm diameter

Class 8905 Floating bowl

Class 8906 Posy of flowers

Group Y2 – Cooking

Class 9001 Scones, plain, plate of 4

Class 9002 Cup cakes, plate of 4, decorated differently

Class 9003 Chocolate cake, un-iced

Class 9004 Packet cake, un-iced, vanilla flavour

Class 9005 Chocolate crackles, plate of 4

Class 9006 Pikelets, plate of 4

Class 9007 Health lunch containing max. 8 types of food

Group Y3 – 3D Craft

Class 9101 Ceramics

Class 9102 Article of hand sewing

Class 9103 Open class of hand work – 3 dimensional work

Class 9104 Model farm, 40cm x 50cm

Class 9105 Personal interest collection, judged on quality of display

Class 9106 An animal made from vegetables or fruit (to be joined with toothpicks)

Class 9107 Lego model

Group Y4 – 2D Artwork

Class 9201 Landscape, seascape, townscape, any medium

Class 9202 Drawing, any dry medium, any subject

Class 9203 Advertising poster

Class 9204 Computer generated artwork 30cm x 40cm (max)

Class 9205 Any other exhibit of art

Class 9206 T-shirt art or any other fabric painting

Section Z – Children – School Years Kindergarten – Pre-primary

Group Z1

Class 9301 Drawing/painting – any subject, any medium

Class 9302 Animal from recycled materials (maximum dimensions 40cm x 40cm x 40cm)

STALL HOLDERS

If you are interested in being a stall holder at the show (come and sell your produce, craft, etc) application requests can be made through The Secretary, by mail to PO Box 362 Toodyay WA 6566 or by emailing to SecretaryTAS@bordnet.com.au.

Country Women's Association Toodyay Branch

Maxine J Walker

Reporter for Toodyay Branch CWA

THIS month will start with our Cultural Visit to Jenacubbine, for their 'Wheatbelt Challenge' as this year, as we celebrate 'Australian Year of the Farmer', some of our members will be entering their Farm Photo competition along with a table display of individual crafts.

Invitations have been sent out for our 85th birthday celebrations. This will be combined with our International Day on 28 June. We hope to enjoy our little bit of Portugal with neighbouring Branch Members and friends.

Members have now received conference programmes and we all look forward again to our few days away. This year we will be at Paterson Stadium on 25 and 26 July and it looks like a full two days.

Motions to be discussed include the solar power generation scheme, South West Yarragadee aquifer water use, defensive driving courses for new drivers, stabilising of farm incomes to protect the future of farming and the use of larger print in phone directories, plus much, much more.

Along with other motions that have been published previously, we have been instrumental in achieving:

1. That all town sites have a central block for a park and children's playground;
2. Untimed local calls to the nearest business centre;
3. Destination numbers to be shown on the rear of buses as well as on the front.

I am sure that we will be able in time to add many more to our list.

Condolences from all branch members go out to Pat and David Eyres on the recent sad passing of their son, Graeme.

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Our next meeting will be held on Thursday 19 July (1 week early due to members being at the Conference.)

New members and visitors are most welcome.

Entry to the hall is via the back door, off Charcoal Lane. Due to traffic noise the front door is closed during our meetings.

News from Bolgart and Surrounding Areas

Doris M. Martin

Ex Bolgart resident, Dorothy Martin (widow of the late Keith Martin), celebrated her 90th birthday recently with about 50 friends and relatives at the Rowethorpe Community Centre.

Ray and I travelled down to help celebrate the occasion and were highly amused to discover that Dorothy had insisted on doing some of the catering for her own party. She obviously hadn't lost her touch. Cooking has always been Dorothy's forte. At 17 she had worked at Caves House for a while and, after her marriage to first husband, Ron Harwood, she moved to a cottage on a property at a place then named Inlet Villa but later known as Quindalup. The cottage was built in the 1860s by John Harwood, the son of William Harwood who migrated from England in 1830. It was there that she operated the Post Office and Telephone Exchange until it closed in approximately 1966 after a stint of some 25 years. She was Quindalup's last Postmistress. During this time Dorothy and Ron had produced a family of five sons, Brian, Max, Kevin, Allan and Peter.

Sometime after Dorothy's husband Ron passed away, she met and married Keith Martin (a Bolgart farmer). Over the years she had worked as a caterer and still did a few catering jobs after first arriving at Bolgart. Later (after the farm was sold), they moved to Glen Forrest and joined a lapidary club and enjoyed meeting with its members and travelling on various trips with them, collecting and polishing various types of stone. Dorothy put her cake making to good use and ran cake stalls to make money for the club at the various markets. They moved a couple more times downsizing each time until after Keith's death following a stroke.

Dorothy had dabbled a little in painting on canvas which she continued as well as being mother, grandmother and great grandmother to her ever-expanding brood. Now living in a unit at Rowethorpe, she still does her own cooking and sends the occasional baked cake etc. home with family members.

Max Harwood (a former TV News presenter), said during his speech that he lunches with Dorothy on a Tuesday but usually ends up being loaded down with goodies to take home that she has cooked for him. He spoke of her devotion to her family and their closeness to each other as a family thanks to his mother. She then cut a lovely chocolate mud cake.

Well done on your 90 years, Dorothy, and we'll probably be back to celebrate your 95th birthday.

Also celebrating a birthday recently with a party for her 18th birthday at the Bolgart hall was Amy Knowles of Bolgart. All good wishes for the future, Amy. Also seen in Bolgart in recent times were several of the ex Bolgart footballers from many years past who always seem to congregate on occasions for a celebration in the old Bolgart Gravel Pit.

Congratulations to the Bolgart Primary School on the excellent photography work in their Bolgart Bulletin. The coloured ones in the 16 May edition of the Bulletin on the Scitech Excursion were clear and easy on the eye, so well done. While on the subject of Bolgart School, don't forget if you shop at Woolworths to ask for the stickers that are given out to help aid the school in being able to procure learning or sporting material. I didn't personally see them but was told by a relative that there are boxes in the store clearly named with the school's names that they can be dropped into or otherwise collect them and hand them in yourself to the school.

Finally, on various trips to Northam, Toodyay, Midland etc., we have been alarmed at the skid marks on our country roads obviously done by folk fooling around in their cars. Do they ever think whilst doing this that they may be the cause of a person or even a family losing their lives if they collide with them? What might seem like fun at the time could well become a tragedy.

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Toodyay Miniature Railway

June Eastwood

IT seems we must begin this month's railway notes with a string of heartfelt thanks. Firstly, thanks to the police for arranging emergency power to our new Loco shed to run security lights and to the forensic boys for their finger printing work re the two break-ins and senseless damage and theft. Coondle Engineering provided a tough new door. Thanks to Peter Dymond's sharp eyes and the generosity of the Machinery Preservation Club, we became the proud new owners of a mega strong overhead gantry which begins life anew as a floor track operated transverse which will bring trains into the shed at the right height. Then there is the unique early 1900's cupboard; not sure what we will store in it but well worth preserving for its history. A three-wheel forklift will enable heavy items to be safely lifted to the mezzanine. Our final gift was an unwanted (well, we wanted it) barbecue courtesy of the Catholic Parish Council. We should not forget also a special thanks to our President, Graham, for the backbreaking task of scraping from our former pristine floor, a tin of green paint which had been thrown over it in an arc.

To lighter matters. By the early 1800s, plateways, using cast iron, flanged plates followed by wrought iron and finally

steel rails were in common use at mines throughout Britain with ponies pulling the loaded wagons thereon. Also in common use were steam powered pumping machines. Following a dare, Richard Trevithick built in 1804, a locomotive combining both steam and rails. This locomotive evidently worked well but was too heavy for the plateways it was to run on. It was not until the Stephenson's came on the scene in 1825 that the era of passenger trains dawned.

As these new steam monsters roared, belching clouds of black smoke throughout the pristine countryside, early farmers were horrified. They expected cattle to become barren, crops to fail, hens to cease laying and fruit to rot on the trees. Though none of this occurred, it would surely have livened up the tea table conversation. Railways remained King 'til Henry Ford ushered in an era of road transport of people and goods. Railways suffered a sharp decline which continued throughout the world for decades.

Twenty-five years ago, railways seemed doomed but a shortage of and high price of oil plus environmental issues brought the recognition of the benefits of long trains hauling freight. One train did the work of 50 semitrailers saving damage and congestion on roads. Thus, 180 odd years after railways began, freight and high speed passenger travel is again coming into its own.



Smoky: Steamer Smoky is modelled on an 1890's era American steam engine. Smoky was built over a period of eight years by Len Toms in his back shed at Katanning. Smoky was Len's third engine. The first was a red steam German Heidi named Nuff Puff which visited Toodyay on occasions to double head with brother-in-law Stan's Shandy. Next came a yellow diesel which was loaned to Toodyay in 2002 when we were desperately short of engines. Len's severe back problems have prompted the sale of Smoky to Phil Roberts. This is a happy outcome for both Phil, as he gets to learn the pleasure and challenge of steam, and Len, who can continue to enjoy Smoky on his monthly visits to Toodyay. Beset earlier with teething problems, Smoky is now running well.



Shandy: Shandy, a steam engine, was built about 1947 in Queensland. After passing through several owners and operating throughout the eastern states and Tasmania, Shandy was brought to WA by the late Jack Stanbridge of Standbridge Hobby Shop fame where the engine ran at Castledare. Jack remodelled Shandy more to resemble the West Australian P-class engines which were being built at the Midland Workshop. However, Jack's ill health brought about the sale of Shandy to Stan Eastwood in 1998. After a complete overhaul and rebuilding of the three heavy carriages, Shandy began life anew at Toodyay Miniature Railway. Incidentally, earlier this year, two elderly nephews of the late George Shand, the builder, visited Toodyay from Queensland to catch up with Shandy.

Nancy Holmes Turns 80



Gwenda McGill

THE surprise attendance of nine of her close family members from New Zealand and the eastern states of Australia started a memorable 80th birthday celebration for Nancy Holmes of Bolgart on 3 May.

Although Nancy and her husband David knew her grandson, Brendan, and his wife, Lauren, from Albany were on the guest list, the discovery of her children and other family when she entered the room was a very exciting and happy surprise.

A flurry of emails arranging details preceded the luncheon which was held at the home of Brian and Gwenda McGill at Bolgart where 33 guests gathered to help make the event a very happy one.

Old friends and family members enjoyed reminiscing and catching up with others. Nancy cut the birthday cake and guests drank a champagne toast to mark the occasion.

The party was just the beginning of several days of celebrating. On the next day, Kathleen Tree hosted a family brunch at her cafe following which Nancy and David were whisked away for a weekend in Mandurah by her New Zealand family.

Toodyay Music Club

Jenny Edgecombe

FOLK, country, blues – these are just a few of the styles you'll hear at the Music Club with the bonus of a really warm welcome when you walk in. If you enjoy singing and playing or listening to acoustic instruments like guitar, ukulele and banjo, come along sometime. There are sing-along sessions, individual and group performances around the circle (only if you want to) and a very friendly supper break.

I guarantee you will be impressed by the variety and quality of performances.

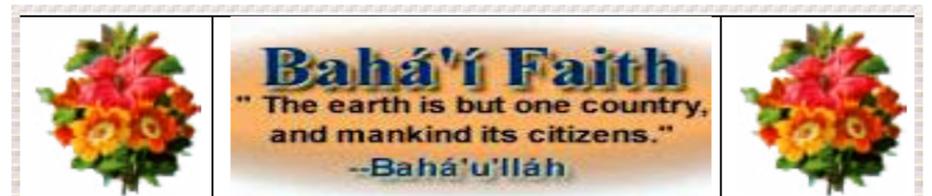
To give you an idea, at the May meeting, we heard ukuleles and lovely voice harmonies in 'I'll Never Find Another You', an Aussie folk song in 'Indian Pacific', Jeanette's impressive voice in 'He Used to Bring me Roses' and a light-hearted touch with Peter's lime green pop star wig for the old Peter Sellers song 'A Record in the Top 30 Pops'. The singalong is also wide-ranging – this month bouncing from 'Gypsy Rover' through 'Achy Breaky Heart' to 'Little Old Wine Drinker Me' and many more.

Add Leila's double bass to Joe's guitar and vocals in 'Dream A Little Dream', Phil's riveting blues guitar solos and Allan's mellow 'Tequila Sunrise' for some great entertainment. Want more? How about Maurice with some Lightfoot favourites, Spencer and Teddy's moving 'Sing Me Back Home Before I Die' or Leila's impressive violin on 'The Sally Gardens'. If that isn't enough, I could throw in Jock's fabulous button accordion jigs, waltzes and 'Scotland the Brave' and Karen's medieval piece on mandolin accompanied by Maurice's sleigh bells!

This is just a small sample of the great show we put on every month – come along and hear it for yourself.

Members, we're looking forward to the June theme night: Days, Months, Years, Calendars and Seasons! See you there.

Next Meeting: 7pm Friday 8 June. Any style of singing or instrumental performance so long as it is acoustic. Second Friday of each month at the CWA Hall. Further Information: Teddy or Spencer on 9574 4492.



The Great Expectation – God Has Kept His Promise

The Baha'i Faith teaches that just as a child needs education appropriate to its age, the human race which has appeared and evolved on this planet by the Will of God also needs education commensurate with the stages of its growth. The true Educators of the human race are the Prophets sent by God from age to age. Baha'u'llah (the Glory of God) announced in 1863 that He was the Universal Educator for this age promised by God through the tongues of His Messengers. To the Christians, He declared that His advent was the return of Christ in the glory of the Father.

In the words of Shoghi Effendi, the Guardian of the Baha'i Faith, Baha'u'llah's "mission is to proclaim that the ages of the infancy and of the childhood of the human race are past, that the convulsions associated with the present stage of its adolescence are slowly and painfully preparing it to attain the stage of manhood, and are heralding the approach of that Age of Ages when swords will be beaten into ploughshares, when the Kingdom promised by Jesus Christ will have been established, and the peace of the planet definitely and permanently ensured. Nor does Bahá'u'lláh claim finality for His own Revelation, but rather stipulates that a fuller measure of the truth He has been commissioned by the Almighty to vouchsafe to humanity, at so critical a juncture in its fortunes, must needs be disclosed at future stages in the constant and limitless evolution of mankind.

"The Bahá'í Faith upholds the unity of God, recognizes the unity of His Prophets, and inculcates the principle of the oneness and wholeness of the entire human race. It proclaims the necessity and the inevitability of the unification of mankind, asserts that it is gradually approaching, and claims that nothing short of the transmuting spirit of God, working through His chosen Mouthpiece in this day, can ultimately succeed in bringing it about. It, moreover, enjoins upon its followers the primary duty of an unfettered search after truth, condemns all manner of prejudice and superstition, declares the purpose of religion to be the promotion of amity and concord, proclaims its essential harmony with science, and recognizes it as the foremost agency for the pacification and the orderly progress of human society..." (Next month extracts from Baha'u'llah's letter to Pope Pius IX)

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Toodyay Historical Society

Beth Frayne
Events Co-ordinator

Moondyne Festival, 6 May

IN spite of a wet and windy start, large numbers of Festival visitors and stall holders enjoyed a wonderful day, with much interest shown in the THS displays organised by Jenny Edgecombe. Photos of Moondyne Joe in his usual garb and also wearing a suit were on display, and, following our policy of giving the 2011 Toodyay Pictures displays the widest possible exposure, we also featured panels on 'Industry' and 'Rivers and Bridges'. Convict Greg dragged himself around again with his ball and chain, soliciting donations (many thanks!) Beth Frayne ran up and down the hill to the Gaol, several times, to give a short spiel on Moondyne Joe to visitors catching the Clydesdale express from the Visitor Centre. Descendants of the Criddle and Strahan families dropped by for a chat.



St Stephen's Anglican Church, 150th anniversary of consecration, 13 May

This day was very well run, attended and enjoyed by all. The new 'Mac and Elsie Wroth Memorial Gates' were blessed by Archbishop Roger Herft. THS gave St Stephen's a hand with some historical information and photos for their wonderful display of photos and memorabilia. Lots of people in the photos were identified, and THS members who attended made some good contacts on the day.



Nardie Cemetery Talk, 27 May

THS Hon Architect, Ron Bodycoat, presented a fascinating talk about the care and maintenance of historic cemeteries 'on location' at our oldest extant public cemetery at Nardie, where Charles Harper buried his infant daughter, Isabella, in 1839 or 1840. Nardie Cemetery was gazetted as a General Cemetery on 5 August 1856, and consecrated by the Anglican Bishop of Perth (Mathew Blagden Hale) on 4 June 1867. Ron, a

heritage cemeteries expert, informed an audience of 22 people about the best ways to protect and promote Nardie to residents and visitors. The Shire, Ministry of Justice teams and members of THS, Toodyay Friends of the River, Toodyay Naturalists' Club, and the Toodyay Garden Club had worked hard to clean up the heritage site, prune dangerous limb-dropping trees, slash grass, rake and burn loose material, and generally make the place spick and span for the 27 May event.

Nannup Long Weekend excursion, 1-4 June

THS members will have enjoyed a joint excursion with TNC and TFOR members to historic town of Nannup, now home of former Toodyayites, Val and Neville Tanner. Having touched base with the thriving Nannup Historical Society, we had a tour of riverside and river pool sites that are being cared for by Nannup River Friends, and spent plenty of time socialising with the natives.

Wood Raffle, 15-16 June

THS has another load of aged wood to dispose of to some lucky person, so come and buy a ticket or help run our stall outside the IGA, 8.30am - 5.30pm, Friday, and 8am - 12 noon, Saturday.

Wongan Hills Excursion, Sunday 24 June, 9am, Toodyay Visitors Centre

Our next 'end of the month' event will be a day-long, 'round the Wheatbelt' trip to Wongan Hills, Calingiri, Bolgart and places in between. A highlight will be a hosted visit to the Old Hospital, now the Wongan Hills and Districts Museum and headquarters of the Historical Society. Of course, the Wongan Hills art deco pub is not to be missed! And railways history is big in Wongan. All welcome. BYO everything including chairs.

Next general meeting: Wednesday 20 June 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.

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

Peter's Pitch

Peter Robinson
President

WHAT a great start to our year with State Awards, involvement in the Moondyne Festival, St Stephens Church 150th and the clean up of the Nardie cemetery. The running of the Ron Bodycoat lecture at Nardie was very successful (as covered previously in this article). A big 'thank you' to Robyn Taylor for enabling this to happen and for her introduction of Ron on the day. We intend keeping this momentum going with trips away and the wood raffle (a trailer load of 100% Jam Tree wood) in the near future.

Our next project is to develop a web site for the society. Over time this will become a comprehensive, interactive site with a vast amount of information about the social

history of the district along with articles about the built and natural environments.

Thanks to Nina Patterson and others, along with willing 'subjects', our library of oral histories is expanding all the time.

I believe we have the opportunity to develop closer links with other organisations in Toodyay and also with our Shire Councillors.

A 'get well soon' message is being sent to Lee Francis from all members. We look forward to her company soon.

Toodyay Spinners

Phil Lansell

FIRST up, I would like to apologise for no article in last month's paper. Sorry.

Some of our members went down to Falcon spin-in on 25 May. Great time was had by all accounts, and some got some gifts.

Welcome back, Audrey.

The club had our spin-in on 19 May, and we would like to extend a very big thank you to many people. Thank you to the council for the use of the hall, also to everyone in the club who helped with the setting up and on the day. All your help is very much appreciated. Also thank you to the people who helped with Moondyne.

Share table:- Glynne knitted a shawl with pockets at each end in white alpaca. Rita felted a scarf in multi colours - purple and blue. Rita also made a white scarf with a pattern. Val knitted (by loom) a scarf in orange and black. Val also made a scarf in mohair and acrylic in black and coloured strips in round shapes. Val knitted a square (variegated) by dyeing the square then unpulled it and knitted a sock from the square. Val also knitted a shawl in 3ply alpaca. Carol Bennington made a vest in alpaca merino silk in brown variegated with a pattern. Margaret Rankin made a scarf in silk and wool (Corriedale) in white and blue. Margaret also made a felted scarf with circles. Lyn made a scarf in merino silk, in white and pink (mulberry), by crochetering with a pattern. Leon made a shawl in brown with brown and white at the bottom part of a triangle, in wool. Lois made a skein which she dyed in beetroot with tops. Carol Davidson crocheted three baby rugs, two in white, one in basket weave, and the other in blue, all made in commercial baby wool. I (Phil) made a crocheted baby rug in basket weave pattern in pink variegated commercial baby wool.

The photo is of some of the items on display from the Falcon spin-in.

The club meets every Wednesday from approximately 9am to early afternoon, at Parker's Cottage in the showgrounds. We also meet on the second Saturday of the month at the same place and times.

President Carol Worrell 0407 429 047
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Recipe Corner Beef and Mushroom Slice



Desrae Clarke

THIS very interesting and tasty slice is easy to make and, as with many savoury recipes, it is best to make the filling one or two days before it is needed. This also prevents a rush to make a meal when it is already half prepared. This particular recipe is sufficient for 4.

Ingredients:

250gms fat-free mince
1 small onion, chopped
1 clove garlic, chopped
140gm tomato paste
125gms mushrooms, sliced
½ cup fresh bread crumbs
½ cup tasty cheese, grated
1 egg, lightly beaten
2 sheets of Puff pastry
Sesame seeds

Method:

Prepare a metal tray by covering it with baking paper.

Sauté the mince, onion and garlic until the mince changes colour and the onion is softened.

Add the tomato paste, sliced mushrooms, breadcrumbs and cheese stirring over gentle heat for a few minutes only.

When cooled, this mixture can then be refrigerated for 24-48 hours to season. It must be covered as the garlic and onion odour can permeate the stored food.

Remove the puff pastry from the freezer and allow thawing. Cut one sheet in half; join one half to the full sheet with the edge painted with a little of the beaten egg. The second half can be cut into strips to decorate the top of the slice.

Spoon the mixture into the centre of the pastry and fold the pastry to make a parcel, including the ends.

Paint the joins with a little more of the beaten egg.

Decorate the parcel with the pastry strips curled to result in an interesting presentation.

Place the parcel on the baking paper covered tray.

Brush the parcel with the beaten egg and then sprinkle it with sesame seeds.

Cook in a hot oven, of 200°C, for approximately 35 to 40 minutes or until nicely browned.



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Toodyay Community Resource Centre

Ken Stivey

Celebration of Volunteers

WEDNESDAY 16 May saw a great cross-section of Toodyay volunteers recognised with a Volunteer's Luncheon organised by the Toodyay Community Resource Centre (TCRC) and sponsored by Volunteering WA. The event began with a welcome by the Chairperson of the TCRC, Liz Hughes. Liz also gave a brief overview of the HUB which looks at provision of interaction between community groups and volunteers of Toodyay.

Three guest speakers were invited to give presentations with the first by Beth Frayne, a committee member of the Toodyay Historical Society, who had just stepped down from six years as secretary! Beth gave an overview of the history of the society and the many achievements since its beginning in 1980.

Two members of Kanyana Wildlife Rescue Centre of Lesmurdie, accompanied by several of their charges, gave an informative presentation of their work. Introduced were Sylvester, a Carpet Python, Boodie, a Boodie Rat, Precious, a Frogmouth, an Echidna that was brought to the centre as a tiny puggle, a Blue-tongue and a Bobtail Skink.

Kerry Fletcher, from the Toodyay-Bolgart St John Ambulance Sub-centre, was the third extremely interesting guest speaker. Kerry has taken on several positions at the centre and gave much valuable information to the audience.

The thousands of hours generously given by community group members would amount to many thousands of dollars of employee time. Volunteers are very special people! The TCRC was grateful to be able to recognise these special people with a Volunteer's Luncheon sponsored by Volunteering WA. The TCRC is creating a volunteer hub to connect you to community groups seeking volunteers so if you have spare time on your hands call us on 9574 5357 to register.

Scams

It appears residents are still receiving calls from people claiming to be from Microsoft and stating that their computer has been infected by a virus. They ask you to make changes to your settings which then allows them to compromise your security and system settings. Simply hang up on them.

Another scam is a phoney bank fraud alert. It can come in the form of an email or a phone call claiming to be from your bank or financial institution. The scammer will usually tell you that your credit card or account has been cancelled because it was involved in criminal activity, or because they suspect your card or details have been stolen. This is a trick to get you to give them your account details.

You will be told that a suspicious transaction has recently occurred on your account, perhaps a large purchase in a foreign country. You will be told that if you did not authorise the transaction, you need to take immediate action as your credit card details have been stolen.

The scammer will ask you to confirm your credit card or account details so the 'bank' can 'investigate'. If you receive an email, it may ask you to visit a website to confirm your credit card details or to find out more information on the supposed 'fraud' to your account.

In some variations of this scam, the scammer may already have your credit card number (that they have stolen previously), and may even quote this to you. They will then ask you to confirm that you are the cardholder by telling them the 3 or 4 digit security number printed on the card. If the scammers have this number, they can use

your card to buy things over the internet or phone.

These phoney fraud investigations are used to steal your banking details so the scammers can use your account. They work by lowering your guard with the phoney fraud alert. They hope that you panic and do what they suggest to fix the 'problem'. They are particularly tricky to spot because real banks and credit unions often do contact people if there has been suspicious activity on their account.

Current information is available on the web at www.scamwatch.gov.au

Photography Course

We are seeking expressions of interest from people wanting to complete a TAFE accredited course. The course will run over a full school term and if we can gain enough interest we can conduct the course locally rather than having to travel to Northam. If you want to take your photography hobby to a new level or are seeking future employment in the media area, then this may be of benefit to you.

Reversing a Trailer Workshop

How many times have you wished you could? Then, here is your chance. The Community Resource Centre will be running a workshop on Sunday 17 June at 11.00am to 1.00pm. and there is even a sausage sizzle. Please contact Ken Stivey on 9574 5357 to register your interest.

Watch out for our column in July's paper where we will outline our coming workshops for the rest of the year. There will be a variety of informative sessions including cooking for life and hospitality training, along with arts and crafts. There is bound to be something that will be of interest to you.

Lions Lines

Heather McNamara

WELL, we have had a busy first few months for the calendar year: Jumbo Auction, Moondyne Festival and the ANZAC Day Gunfire Breakfast. Now it's time for the club to regroup; we have elected office bearers for the next financial year and in the next edition we will showcase the team.

I have had a few people ask what we do, so I thought of offering a little history about the club and what we actually do in our community:

Early in 1976 a group of members of the Toodyay community decided to form a local Lions Club. They enlisted the assistance of their sponsor Club Wanneroo and with a starting membership of 29; the Toodyay Lions Club was formed on 14 September 1976 with Fred McKittrick as the first President and Hugh McGuinness the first Secretary. Today we still have two charter members still in our club (Lang Lefroy and John Pearce) who have now been members for 36 years.

Over the years the Toodyay Lions have taken on many and varied activities, some of which have become Annual Events that are eagerly anticipated by the community and the general public. One is our Jumbo Auction, which used to be conducted every two years, but due to its popularity and public demand, is now held every year in late March or early April. Another popular annual event is our Chocolate Wheel that we run at the Toodyay Agricultural Show.

Preparing and managing the overnight campsite at Cobbler Pool for the Avon Descent is a key annual activity that utilises all our resources and we often obtain assistance from other local community groups to ensure that this mammoth task operates as smoothly and successfully as possible and the financial reward is shared.

The majority of funds that we raise go directly back to the Toodyay community via donations, for example, to the Toodyay District School, Scouts and St John Ambulance, as well as supporting young people who excel in their field

to attend national and international competitions. Practical assistance is also provided by way of working bees for the elderly, disabled or needy of our community.

We also support the wider community with donations to the various Lions Foundations, other Lions Clubs and external organisations such as the Salvation Army, Red Cross, Royal Flying Doctor Service and one-off appeals.

Lions Australia is part of an international association, filled with people who are joined by the common desire to make their communities better, by using their creativity, enthusiasm and energy.

Membership is open to all people of the community in good standing. We meet at the Freemasons Hotel on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month. If you are interested in joining our club please contact our membership officer, Drew, on 0417 907 951 or email toodyaylions@bigpond.com

Lions WE SERVE

Toodyay Community Singers

Glenys Clabaugh

Help. Another month has flown by but we are still here and still having fun.

Last week it was the Arm Flapper's (Tricia's) birthday. She has no complaints about that except (she says) her arms are getting longer.

The rehearsal last Thursday was VERY enjoyable with lots of nibbles and drinkie-poops to celebrate her nativity.

The length of Tricia's arms now is due to the extra rehearsals we are doing for our upcoming concert: now twice a week.

Make a note on your calendar for 18 August: Musical Memories. We will be presenting songs from musicals including 'Phantom of the Opera', 'Cats', 'Gypsy', 'Oliver' and many more. It will be a fun evening for all of us, so please come along and join us. Tickets will be available soon, so watch this space.

Last Saturday we sang for the delightful visitors to Toodyay at the Spinners' Convention. It was a lovely day; the skills and talents of these ladies are awesome. It has encouraged the writer to join up for some lessons. It's a craft and skill we should not lose.

We received encouraging feedback from the ladies (and gents) that our singing was most appreciated. We enjoyed singing for you all.

Please come along and join our singing group on Thursday nights at 7pm at CWA Hall on Stirling Terrace. All new members are made welcome. Singing makes you feel good and we do have a lot of laughs. An operatic singing voice is certainly NOT required!

\$4 per week - concessions apply. That includes your supper.

Autumn Club

Autumn Leaf

HOLIDAY time seems to still be with us as a few lucky members are still away enjoying themselves, so we have not been able to have our monthly meetings for a couple of months. But we do hope to have a meeting this month; just keep your fingers crossed.

On 18 May we visited the York Seniors Club for a game of carpet bowls, and on 23 May we had a visit from the Warwick Seniors Club and a good time was had by all.

We are coming up to our 38th Birthday on 20 June so get your name on the list so we know who will be coming.

Our next meeting will be on 27 June and then on 28 we are off to visit the Wanneroo Seniors Club meeting at 9am at the bus shed. Please make a note of these dates.

The only birthday this month is for Kath Chitty on 24 June and then, on 1 July, we have Dave Paulson. We hope you both have a very happy birthday from all of us.

If you are interested in joining the Autumn Club just come along on a Wednesday at 1pm to the sports pavilion; you will be welcomed.

Ida's Hideaway

Greasy Sleeve

IDA's Hideaway would like to take this opportunity to express our deepest sympathy to our Patron Laurie Beech and his family, on the sad loss of his beloved wife Peggy, who passed away on the 18 April 2012. Our thoughts are with you, Laurie.

To Ray, our prayers and best wishes go out to you and Ida, and hope you are back with us very soon.

Birthday wishes this month go to Elma Raine on 4 June. A very Happy Birthday to you. I would like to say another big thank you to all our volunteers who help out every week, and a thank you to the Bendigo Bank and the Shire of Toodyay for their support.

Ida's Hideaway is a voluntary organisation to assist the seniors of Toodyay; we meet every Saturday afternoon at Butterfly House, from 1pm till 4pm. You can play bingo, cards or you can just have a chat, whatever you like, so if you have nothing better to do, please come along. You will be most welcome.

Toodyay Community Bus

Di Roberts
Secretary

WELCOME to the Toodyay Community Bus column for June.

We are spreading the news! The news is that many of the community organisations are looking towards us to help them to go hither and yon to various venues for their groups. For this we are so grateful and find that many and varied folks are wanting to share with us and become members of our Community Bus. Huge thanks to those who have offered their membership and become members.

Our kindly bus has gone on many excursions during the past month and what a grand time many of the travellers have had: we laughed, we sang and above all we found new friendship. This is what we needed for our bus.

Are you ready for the greatest excursion the Bus has had, apart from the Toodyay Community Singers? Yep, it was the Friday Craft Group. Think about it, there is this very experienced and well cared for Craft Group which was absolutely itching to get to the fabric shops to get that extra bit of material to finish their craft and, of course, there were the sighs of relief when they had found their wares. But above all, the whole group enjoyed the friendship of the driver, Jeff, who gave his time to bring these wonderful ladies to and from their adventure. All in all, it appeared to be a fun-filled day and one that is hoped will be repeated in the future.

See what our beautiful bus can do; it can bring forth happiness, smiles and friendship that many of us in our town sometimes do not have but, with our bus, this will change.

Within the coming months there are many events that will be venturing forth to Toodyay but, perhaps one could reflect it may soon be time for graduation at the Toodyay District High School and for this we think about a 'Graduation Ball'. Perhaps our bus could help the school for this event? We would be willing to pick up and deliver all grads on their particular night and, of course, this would help dads and mums out with the transport.

Before I close off, I wish, on behalf of our management committee, to sincerely thank the Toodyay Op Shop for their generous donation towards the maintenance and repairs to the bus. It was indeed in need of repairs to many parts of its interior and exterior and, through the generosity of the wonderful group, our bus is just about at its peak! Thank you again, Toodyay Op Shop; as a community organisation like us, we think they do the grandest job for the community.

So, if you want to be part of our new venture, please contact the Secretary, Di Roberts, on 9574 2498 and she will give you all the information. Remember, membership is now open and we would love to have you on board.

Remember, June is busting out all over: quiet times, colder nights, but generous feelings of gladness and health to all the folk of Toodyay.



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Such is (This Mobile) Life

Naomi Millett

THEY say the first step towards curing an addiction is admitting it, so here goes: I'm an addict, and it's starting to become a real problem.

OK, I don't have issues with illegal drugs, or cigarettes, or alcohol, or computer games, or binge eating...yet I can barely pay my electricity bill or rates, and as for car repairs? Forget it. The thing that's got me in its grip is my iPhone and **it is driving me crazy.**

Remember the days when we functioned just fine with only a landline? If you happened to be at home and someone rang, you answered and, if you weren't they would call back later if it was important?

There's only one purpose for my landline any more – panic calls to locate where I've left the mobile.

Goodbye writing on paper with pens. Or picking up a book...now I can barely recall what it was like to have a simple, ordinary mobile that was used for short voice calls.

All I can say is, *OMG. Gone r the times when u could just go about doing whatever it is u do and maybe sum up the highlights of yr day L8er by chatting with someone, instead of updating the entire planet at the precise moment every tiny event in yr life unfolds.*

How can we possibly hope to 'enjoy the moment' when we're simultaneously trying to record it to amuse our mates? Do you stop and smell the roses? No, sorry, I'm too busy trying to get a cool macro shot of 'em on my phone. Language is morphing, our fingerpads are flattening...and it looks like there's no turning back...

I reckon there's something almost malevolent about those little black rectangles and the power they possess to simultaneously control, interrupt, disturb, irritate and captivate so many.

How popular are you? How many names are listed in your Contacts?

For weeks now I haven't even gone into the bathroom without my electronic attachment, and we're not talking sex toys or electric toothbrushes here...

I've tried putting the phone somewhere where I can't see it, locking it in the pantry, turning the volume down, leaving it in the car, letting the battery run flat...but none

of these are true weaning attempts and the longest I could stand it was...two hours.

Surely, if I was **really** serious I'd just GET RID OF IT, wouldn't I? (as a disgruntled customer in the queue behind me at Telstra recently implored me to do.)

I know I'm not alone though, in many respects, I might as well be. When I exercise with a friend, both of us walk and text, check, check, checking for messages, downloading tunes, mumbling (scoffing, chuckling) to ourselves at the responses, tap, tapping along and passing up a real and valuable opportunity to talk in person, with each other.

I guess at least even if our legs lag, our fingers will be fit...

As we stroll down Toodyay's main street, past the pubs and restaurants, we glance in and see tables full of people – but hold the phone! None of them are conversing and all have their heads down, faces bathed in that eerily seductive blue glow...

A few days ago I was sitting with some other friends, and each of us had our phones in our hands... As a result, conversation in the flesh was: nil. We were like zombies. Blobby bodies immobile (lol) but for the blur of texting digits.

"I'm going," I announced, "there's just no point in being here. Perhaps if we all head home and text each other from there we might start communicating?"

It's clear that phone saturation and obsession is endemic, and it's a strong person indeed who just says **Enough.**

My mum's one of them. She only has a landline and an answering machine, and good on her. So what if you can't speak to her until her work is done. That is the whole point.

If it's just a novelty, to be able to check, say, what the weather will be like next Saturday at 3pm, or marvel at acoustic versions of every 80s disco hit you can think of, how come it hasn't worn off yet? How come it's getting worse?

I guess the weaker ones among us, those who haven't got the fortitude of my mum, will have to accept that the social mores of society and the ways people interact with each other are changing - fast and forever.

Fortunately it seems some leading writers and analysts are already onto the phenomena of modern addictions, with books such as *How to Quit Without Feeling Like Shite*, and Damian Thompson's *The Fix: How Addiction Is Invading Our Lives and Taking Over Your World* currently gaining lots of

media attention.

I'll just have to try harder not to let my megabyte allowance (sucked up while lying in bed at 2am researching weird skin complaints or pretending I'm a spy, zeroing in on other people's houses via Google maps) exceed my 'bargain' 59 bucks per month long term plan. Or is there a help line I can call?

Avon Woodturners

Max J Heath

WELL, another month gone by, another Moondyne festival over. What a great day it was: threatening rain to start with, only to follow up with a great day.

We were approached by one of the Fusiliers to make a plug for his rifle. We had been approached last year by another one of their members and the word must have got out. We, of course, started early with setting up and then got under way with most of the turning being done by Andrea McCandish, Bill Beswick, Terry Hood and the old stalwart, David Eyres. We also ran a raffle this year and were a little disappointed in the result but, considering the number of raffles going on, that was to be expected. We had 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes, two of which went to Perth and one local. We raised about \$140.

We have just completed arrangements to do a demonstration in Northam Boulevard in July and hopefully we can run a raffle as well there.

There was an approach made to us from a gentleman from Bindoon to see if we would consider going to the Bindoon Show and demonstrating there. There was some discussion at the meeting about this and enquiries are being made and then a decision will be made as to whether we go there or not.

Our two new recruits, Rohan and Shane, have been busy. Shane is making a baseball bat and Rohan has just completed a nice little goblet. Great going, guys. The rest of the club is tackling different things and still rearranging the pavilion to suit our needs.

We also have just registered another new member and so we welcome Adrienne to our midst.

On a not so happy note, our thoughts go out to David and Pat Eyres on the loss of their son recently. All from the club are thinking of you both at this time.

Well that's about all from the Pavilion for this month and remember that you are always welcome to visit us from 9am Sunday mornings.

Any enquiries please contact Andrew McCann on 0488 477 216.

My View

Anne Skinner

MANY will remember 29 December 2009 for a variety of reasons, not the least being the loss of property and treasured possessions and, for those of you who know me, we were one of those who have memories that we would rather forget than to be reminded. However, on that fateful day a small miracle happened that we will always remember, especially as one of those involved is no longer with us.

Cody, our one-eyed dog, would not leave the property when coaxed by our daughter who did not realise that her father was home. He was fast asleep, in an air conditioned room, fast filling with smoke. Cody's devotion, we believe, saved his master's life and the rest is history. My telling this little story again is our beloved Labrador Retriever's legacy; his short battle with cancer was terminated a few weeks ago, and we feel the loss terribly. Those who own a dog will understand how we feel. I never completely understood the meaning of love that a small animal can have for the people that take care of him until we had the

privilege of knowing Cody. He changed our lives and we will always remember him.

Our thanks go to the compassionate veterinarians in our community and for the patience of their staff during a very difficult time for us.

In ancient Hebrew, the meaning of the word dog is translated into Caleb or 'all heart'. I saw a picture the other day of a soulful Labrador with the words, 'All you need is love... and a dog.' Isn't it interesting that, to reverse the word dog, we get God who is in actual fact the author of Love.

Having experienced the love of owning a dog, we naturally are looking forward to finding another furry friend who will fill that gap left in our lives. We have started to check all the pet rescue web sites and once again are distressed by the huge number of abandoned cats and dogs left to fend for themselves. Their stories may never be told, but often their eyes speak volumes, despite their smiling grins and their all-forgiving spirits.

God in His infinite wisdom created creatures first then made man to have dominion over the animals. He was in fact telling Adam the completed world was now placed in his hands to make it function properly. Man was created with free will, morality and reason. Cruelty was not in God's plan, and we as humans have failed in our responsibilities to care for the 'creeping, swimming and flying creatures.' Our world is showing all the signs of abuse and neglect to these innocent critters, along with this planet we were given to cultivate, and we shall be judged accordingly.

Our job is made so hard by the vast number of unloved animals, but I am sure we will find the 'one' for us. In the meantime, love your pets and remember we only have one life to live, and so do the animals that share our lives; let's try not to make too many mistakes we might regret later.

Medicines an Integral Part of Palliative Care

National Prescribing Service

HEALTH professionals need to be vigilant to the symptom cascades that might arise in palliative care settings due to adverse effects of medicines, delegates at the NPS National Medicines Symposium have heard.

Presenter Debra Rowett, who has a special interest in pharmacovigilance, said the medicine regime often becomes much more complex as patients near the end of their lives, when symptom control medicines are added to medicines for long term co-morbid disease.

"For patients in palliative care, medicines play an important role in relieving suffering and distress at a time when symptom relief is paramount," she said. "However, symptom cascades can result from the adverse effects of medicines themselves."

Coinciding with National Palliative Care Week 2012, NPS CEO Dr Lynn Weekes agrees that medicines play a vital role in improving the quality of life for patients in palliative care.

"Patients at the end stages of life often require multiple medicines to manage the pain or other symptoms associated with their illness. By applying best practice quality use of medicines, health professionals can improve the day-to-day quality of life for these patients giving them the best possible outcomes during this difficult time.

"Health professionals can help facilitate patient understanding and ease their decision making when it comes to using medicines in a palliative care situation by outlining all the options available to them and the pros and cons of each treatment, including any possible side effects," says Dr Weekes.

It's also important for patients at the end stages of life to clearly communicate their wishes for care, including where they would like to be cared for, how and by whom.

"Clear communication with your health professional regarding your treatment preferences can help ensure you receive the best possible care. Recording these preferences in an advanced care plan and sharing this plan with your family and close friends can help eliminate any confusion and enable them to make decisions on your behalf in line with your chosen treatment plan," says Dr Weekes.

Further information on National Palliative Care Week is available at www.palliativecare.org.au.

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Peggy Beech (nee Sanderson) passed away on 18 April 2012 aged 85. Lately of Tuohy Nursing Home Midland. Devoted wife of Laurie, Mother to Gary, Des, Peter (dec) and Yvonne (Toodyay), Mother in Law to Diana, Helen, Lyn and Murray. Grandmother to eight, Great Grandmother to twelve and Great Great Grandmother to one.

Sincere thanks to all the staff of Silver Chain Toodyay, Alzheimer's York Central Wheat Belt, Tuohy Nursing Home and Dr Richard Walkey. Peggy's family wish to thank all for their kind words of sympathy, cards and flowers.

Our memories together will remain, a bridge to tread until we meet again.

Laurie and family

Willgoss (David)

26.5.1938 – 26.4.2012

Passed away after a long battle with cancer on 26 April 2012 at age 73.

Kaye, Sandra, Garry, Kaitlyn, Liam Reece, Keith and Jenny would like to thank everyone for their cards, phone calls, notices in the paper and attendance at David's funeral.

He fought to the end until he could take no more and now he is pain free and at peace, till we meet again.

R.I.P, Pop

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A total of over \$700 was raised.

May God bless you all.

Maureen Kibblewhite and Pat Yandell

Project Botswana Volunteers

A very big thank you to all who so generously supported our raffles and gave donations at the Moondyne Festival, helping us to raise enough money to send a container of much needed clothing and building materials to Botswana.

Also to the wonderful folk, near and far, who have knitted, crocheted and sewn jumpers, beanies, blankets and toys and donated clothing and shoes... know your kindness will change the lives of those less fortunate, and warm the hearts of many.

Thank you all so very much, Marlene Andrijich.

Results of Project Botswana Raffles

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| 1 st Prize | Box of Vegies | |
| | Pink Z 12 | Leesa |
| 2 nd Prize | Pot Plant | |
| | Pink Z 16 | L Green |
| 3 rd Prize | Garden Tools | |
| | Yellow Z 35 | Glenys |
| Lamb Raffle | | |
| | Purple Z 31 | D Gregory |

Mother's Day Raffle

Toodyay Junior Football Club would like to thank the following businesses and people for the lovely donations to the Mother's Day raffle:

Chemmart Toodyay (basket of goodies), Jan's Creations (Crochet Rug), Toodyay Op Shop (Baskets), Victoria Hotel (3 bottles of wine), Unwins Café (Dinner for two), Osboine Family (Ladies Luxuries), IGA Toodyay (chocolates and basket of nibbles), Makit Hardware (watering can and seeds), P and S Ferguson, Carpenter Family, Haycock/Mawer Family, Bernasconi Family.

Winners are

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| 1 st Prize | Michael Ferguson |
| 2 nd Prize | Vanessa Watson |
| 3 rd Prize | Jenny Maher |
| 4 th Prize | Jodie B |
| 5 th Prize | Kaz Morgan |
| 6 th Prize | Sam Woods |
| 7 th Prize | Anthea Ferguson |
| 8 th Prize | Rachael |

Congratulations to all winners and thank you to everybody who supported the Toodyay Junior Football Club.

General

Breast Cancer Support Group

Toodyay/Northam and Surrounding Areas, Saturday 23 June 2012, at 2pm, Toodyay Community Centre, 79 Stirling Tce, Toodyay.

Come along to our first 'get-together'. Enjoy a cuppa and a chat about how our group can support you.

For more information contact Sally on 9621 2811 or Breast Cancer Care WA on 9324 3703 / email cathie@breastcancer.org.au

First Aid

Take the Opportunity. BOLGART First Aid is being held on Sunday 19 August at the Bolgart Ambulance Shed. Registration essential. Enquiries Bolgart Valerie Cale 9627 5248 Toodyay Jenny Willgoss Wk 9574 2455 a/h 9574 2412. St John Ambulance nationally accredited.

Predicting Pre-eclampsia

The University of Sydney
Sydney Medical School Nepean.

AN indication of whether a mother will develop pre-eclampsia, the most common and severe pregnancy-related disease, has been identified by a University of Sydney study.

The findings, published in the latest edition of the Journal of Reproductive Immunology, could allow the early detection of pre-eclampsia, which is currently unable to be diagnosed by symptoms before the disease

occurs.

The research also suggests the womb may have a lasting impact on a child's immune system. "Pre-eclampsia affects an estimated 5000 to 10000 women in Australia every year," said Professor Ralph Nanan, senior author of the study, from Sydney Medical School Nepean.

"It develops in mothers out of the blue, usually in the last three months of pregnancy, causing high blood pressure, kidney and liver damage and severe blood changes. Delivering the baby as soon as possible is the only way to stop it."

In pre-eclampsia the mother's immune system appears to attack the fetus.

"Our study looked at the thymus of the fetus, a structure which sits behind the baby's breastbone and is known as the 'cradle' of an important set of white blood cells called thymus-derived lymphocytes or T cells," said Professor Nanan.

No previous study has looked at the effect of the disease on the fetal organ systems.

"Surprisingly we found the thymus of babies whose mother developed pre-eclampsia was significantly smaller than in babies of healthy pregnant women."

What further surprised the researchers was that these changes were obvious in mid-pregnancy, long before the mother developed any signs of pre-eclampsia.

"This is a very interesting finding as the thymus plays a central role in shaping the child's immune system and protecting it against the development of allergies, autoimmune disease and cancers later in life," Professor Nanan said.

The group is now conducting a prospective study with over 1200 pregnant women to confirm the findings with the long-term prospect of developing a test for pre-eclampsia. It is also conducting studies which aim to describe the short and long-term effects that early thymus changes have on the child's immune system and on the development of immune diseases.

The study was conducted by David Eviston, Ann Quinton and a team of researchers from Sydney Medical School Nepean.

An Expensive Appetite

Grant Scobie

If you are somewhat wary about banks (and, in general, who wouldn't be these days), putting your money under the mattress may seem like a good idea.

However, with the current mouse plague affecting us in Toodyay, it seems that money isn't even safe there.



It seems that at least one mouse found part of this \$10 note particularly tasty. The trouble is, it's decided it likes the clear window which is one of the security features of our banknotes.

As to whether the note is still legal tender, only your bank can tell you that. Let's hope it is.

Apart from the cost of feeding them the various preparations on the market, the price of mouse traps, the hassle of cleaning up their mess and the disposal of the bodies, they really do have an expensive appetite.

photo extra

More photos from Toodyay Spinners Falcon spin-in



Red Cross Appeal

DID you know Red Cross is helping people who are doing it tough every day? Make a difference to their lives now by donating before 30 June.

Australian Red Cross is there for people when large-scale disasters strike but we also help thousands of people who are doing it tough every day. With donations currently 20% lower than expected this financial year, we're facing a shortfall of almost \$8 million in public funding for our day to day work.

Now, we're calling on your support for our *Doing It Tough Appeal*, which will raise much-needed funds so we can continue our vital work with people in need. When you make a tax-deductible gift to Red Cross before 30 June, your donation can have a greater impact on the lives of many at a lower cost to you.

Whether it's helping locals get back on their feet after a fire, cyclone or flood, providing a daily phone call to an isolated or elderly Australian or helping to bring clean water for drinking, cooking and washing to families in communities across Laos, Timor-Leste or Cambodia, Red Cross is there.

A donation will mean so much to someone such as 83-year-old Merv, who lives alone after his "darling wife" died. Merv has no family close by and relies on a daily phone call from Red Cross to check on his wellbeing. "I think there are a lot of people out there who want reassuring, they're living by themselves. It's lonely out there - I know all about it," says Merv, who is one of about 5,000 Australians who receive a phone call every day from Red Cross volunteers.

"Every day Red Cross reaches people in need throughout Australia and in vulnerable communities overseas. We couldn't successfully run the wide range of important programs that we do without vital fundraising appeals such as *Doing It Tough*," says Australian Red Cross CEO Robert Tickner.

"Your generous gift will allow us to continue our everyday work and reach the greatest number of vulnerable people in Australia and around the world."

When you donate to the *Doing It Tough Appeal* before June 30, you can trust Red Cross to help when it's needed most, where it's needed most.

For more information and to donate by 30 June, visit www.redcross.org.au or call 1800 811 700.