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Lions Jumbo Auction – a Mammoth Event Only Part of the Story



Bidders at the Lions Auction in 2009. Inset: A youthful Tony Maddox, this year's auctioneer, calling for bids way back in 1997.

Grant Scobie

EVERY year, the Toodyay Lions Club holds an auction and, every year, proceeds from the auction go to a very good cause.

Last year, the recipient was the St John Ambulance Toodyay and Districts Sub Centre with the bush fire brigades the year before.

This year, they have a very special recipient

and the auction will be delivering only a part of the funds required for the project.

All the proceeds from the Toodyay Lions Club Annual Jumbo Auction will be donated to Dale Gavlik, the young BMX rider who was recently wheelchair bound following a tragic riding accident. More specifically, the proceeds will be going towards purchasing Dale and his family a vehicle in which he will be able to be driven around.

As mentioned before, the cost of close to \$60,000 will not be raised by this one event but it will certainly be a significant step in the right direction to giving Dale some freedom of movement.

The advertisement for the auction can be found on page 11 of this paper. Please contact the people listed if you have anything to sell or turn up on the day, push the prices high and make a contribution to a worthy cause.

The Circus Comes to Town

Grant Scobie

'CIRCUS Royale' came to town with in February with the big tent attracting many very excited children who had never seen a circus before.

'Circus Royale' is owned by Damien Syred, a Toodyay boy who fulfilled his lifelong dream of owning his own circus in 2007.

Damian gave *The Toodyay Herald* 10 double passes to give away so, rather than writing an article about it, we thought we'd get some of the people who received the tickets to tell us about the experience.

"We were lucky enough to win two tickets to the circus," said Brenda Hutchinson. "It was perfect timing as it was my little boy, Lukas' 5th birthday and he was very excited

to go to his first circus! I also took my eldest daughter, Jessica, and we all had a brilliant time.

"It was nice to be able to attend this event locally, she said. "The kids loved it and we all had an awesome time.

Nyaree Lawler took her husband, Adrian, and two boys, Shaun and Daniel.

"The two boys loved the clown, of course, and their other favourite part was the miniature horse going under the cows legs," she said. "They were also surprised to see the young boys, around their own age, being so skilled with their juggling.

"The man in the bottle was quite amazing and, despite trying his hardest, Daniel still can't get his legs over his head!

"We all had a great night and it was nice to be able to take the children to something different in town."

"Thankyou Circus Royale for free tickets to the circus in Toodyay," wrote Sandie Pike. "I took my daughter, Jasmaree, for the opening night and we had a fantastic night.

"I only found out through reading the *Herald* that Damien, the circus owner, came from Toodyay, so to see someone that has made his dream come true is very inspiring."

James Christie was very excited when he heard he had won the tickets as he had never been to a circus before and only seen then on TV. "He loved the animals and the cute little pony that ran under the cows' tummies, said James' mother, Penny. "He thought the clowns were very funny and liked the clowns' car.

"James has never seen acrobatic tricks before," she continued, "and was amazed by how many chairs a man could balance on and the man in the box was just unbelievable that he could fit in it. He really enjoyed it! Great atmosphere.

"As a parent of two children with disabilities, I would like to say a big thank you to Circus Royale's team! The admin staff were very understanding of my children's special needs and were very willing to help support us in making the experience an



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Hayley, Caitlin, Amy and Jasmine Duckworth

enjoyable and safe one," Penny said. "This circus is a great one for families with special needs to attend!

"Thank you Circus Royale. You Rock!" That really sums it up but I can't resist sharing Cassandra Duckworth's comments as well.

"We found our seats in the grandstand gave us a great view of the ring and all of our five kids loved everything about it. Even our one-year-old was mesmerised by the clown and the camels and refused to sleep through any of it!" Cassandra said.

"The acts were entertaining, especially the horse and cow acts, and we also loved the chair stacking and, of course, the clown who even posed for a photo in his car with our girls at the end of the show. I'm really glad we took advantage of the circus coming to town and know our kids will remember it for a lifetime."

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Ol' Blind Joe's Ramblings

Stirling Hamilton

THE Council has spent the last couple of days and a considerable amount of money defending their right to refuse a planning application for a Class II waste facility at Lot 11 Chitty Road and it appears they have been unsuccessful.

The State Administrative Tribunal (SAT) has determined that the facility may proceed subject to conditions yet to be finalised. It seems the matter will be passed to the Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC) who will determine the operating conditions and we should have a chance to make submissions when that stage is reached.

A Class II Landfill accepts municipal waste including Type I and II special waste, contaminated solid waste and putrescible waste. At this point the facility will operate for 20 years and accept 2.8 million cubic metres. This works out at 150,000 tons a year or 42 truck and dog trips per day (double that for return trips).

The proposal is located in the Avon River Special Control area as defined under the Shire of Toodyay's Local Planning Scheme No. 4. This land has been identified as having particular environmental significance due to its waterways and flora. It is within the Avon catchments and Jimperding Brook drainage line, which run on two sides of the clay pit and eventually flow into the Avon River.

The Department of Waters (DoW) submission states that the waterway in closest proximity to the landfill footprint is a major watercourse which only flows in response to storm events. The DoW's database has this waterway mapped as a minor, non-perennial waterway. Sounds like the Avon River to me.

The main environmental concern is waste leachate* leaching into water systems. The groundwater report submitted by Strass Environmental identifies that the proposed landfill is located above a groundwater

aquifer. The applicant is proposing to line the landfill with a 2mm HDPE liner that will be placed over the compacted clays to act as a barrier.

Unfortunately it seems there is no legitimate democratic mechanism to exclude or deny any objectionable industry or practice.

Another problem which faces Council is the arrival of Genetically Modified (GM) crops. Council adopted a resolution several years ago declaring our Shire a GM free zone. Recent legal advice in relation to the GM Canola Trial says that, if the Shire tries to oppose it, we would be wasting our time and exposing ourselves to significant costs.

Monsanto, as a corporate citizen most closely resembles Genghis Khan in that, apparently, his seed can be found in a quarter of the Chinese population. I fear this fate awaits our farmers once Monsanto's seed is allowed to breed in our midst and disperse on the winds. Should a farmer's crop display any signs of Monsanto's influence for which payment has not been made to the company, that farmer could well find himself/herself in court being sued for infringing their patent.

Personally, I reckon they are a psychopathic corporate entity bent on domination of the food cycle through control of its most crucial element, the seed. Incidentally, they recently purchased Blackwater, the world's largest mercenary army. I leave conclusions on that statement to the reader's imagination.

I have sought comment and clarification on these matters for several days from various council officers and, as we go to print, I still haven't received a response.

**Leachate is any liquid material that drains from land or stockpiled material and contains significantly elevated concentrations of undesirable material derived from the material that it has passed through.*

April Edition of The Toodyay Herald

Grant Scobie
Editor

DUE to the early date of Easter, this year, *The Toodyay Herald* will be published a week later than usual.

This means that our deadline for the April edition will be Tuesday 2 April with the paper coming out on Thursday 11 April.

We apologise for any inconvenience this may afford some of our contributors and advertisers.

We take this opportunity to wish all our readers, advertisers and contributors the very best wishes for Easter.

Correction

IN our article on the Australia Day festivities in Duidgee Park (*The Toodyay Herald* February 2013) the musical entertainment was provided by the '3 Up Bush Band', not the 'Rambling Bilbies' as stated.

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One of Toodyay's Recycling Champions



Beth Frayne

TOODYAY pharmacist, Jeff Nicholas, has been collecting recyclables twice-a-week from Toodyay businesses and groups for about 20 years.

He and his truck pick up sorted glass, tins, paper and cardboard from various Toodyay hotels, the hardware stores, the bank, cafes, the Toodyay Club and other places and takes them back to Goomalling.

Jeff provides this free service as a fund raiser for the Goomalling Lions Club, of which he is President.

Jeff said that around \$25,000 annually is raised for Lions by these activities, with recyclables coming to Goomalling from other nearby country towns, as well as Toodyay. A great example of country towns co-operating to recycle and reduce the litter

in the landscape!
It's the 30th birthday of the Toodyay Pharmacy this year, so a special year for Jeff.



Toodyay Community Singers

Margaret O'Sullivan

WE have welcomed in the new year with new potentials, some old faces we haven't seen for a while, and a great group of regulars, coming to join us and see if they wish to be a part of our multi talented group (I think that's what we are).

Our arm flapper Trish, has great ideas for some entertainment to be shared later in the year. I think she has been working over time whilst recovering from her recent spate of

unwellness. They do say you can't keep a good person down, we are starting to see the truth in that saying!!

There may be folk out there who don't see themselves as actually singing, but more would like to be involved with sound, lighting, back stage, and props. We would love you to join us, Thursday nights 7.30 at the CWA hall.

They say, singing soothes the soul, or soothes the savage beast, whichever one fits, we'd love to see you.

Toodyay Tidy Towns

Greg Warburton

THERE has been so much activity with Toodyay Tidy Towns in the last month that I only have space to list the highlights:

- The production of the first TTT newsletter;
- Further progress with our partners, Bendigo Community Bank, and the 'Adopt a-Spot' scheme;
- Near completion of improvements at St. Stephen's Church grounds and vestry;
- Clean Up Australia Day success;
- Regular maintenance at the Info Bay by the Shire;
- TTT Info Spot on 9 March;
- Shire re-cycling service voted in favour of by council;
- Shire event re-cycling trailer;
- Removal of illegal tyre dump at Windmill Hill by Andrew Carr;
- Our official registration for Tidy Towns 2013;
- Strong response from community members and organisations to 'clean up';
- Further progress with TFOR's River Walk Track;
- Local pharmacist, Jeff Nicholls – champion re-cycler

There are other highlights which I have failed to list, no doubt. All these Toodyay Tidy Towns achievements are due mainly to our tireless secretary, Beth Frayne. Beth is totally dedicated to the cause and her contributions to this community seem to know no bounds.

Please keep the Committee informed of any TTT activities by phoning Kim at the Shire on 9574 2258 or Greg on 9574 5445.

Toodyay Agricultural Society

Pam Jackson
Committee Member

THE Annual General Meeting of the society was held on Monday 11 February 2013. The committee elected for 2013 is:

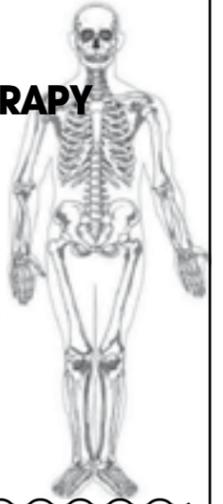
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The next General Meeting will be held on Monday 11 March 2013, 7.30pm at the Youth Hall.

Show Day: Saturday 12 October 2013 – have you put the date on your calendar?

2013 Show Ball: The Toodyay Agricultural Society Inc will be holding a Spring Ball on Saturday 31 August 2013 in Toodyay. Further details to be advised.

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AS THE CHAIRMAN of the "Toodyay Tourist Community Inc." I am pleased to support The Shire of Toodyay in the recent upgrades and improvements at The Newcastle Gaol resulting in nomination for the 2013 Western Australian Heritage Awards.

This gaol and museum are prominent places in Toodyay's History that have in recent times not been available to the public to view as often as the public, the business operators in Toodyay and indeed The Shire of Toodyay, would like. This situation has arisen largely due to falling volunteer numbers, possibly through increased red tape imposed on potential volunteers.

With the desire to keep entrance fees to a minimum, employing staff was not really an option. The decision to enhance the experience of tourists with modern technology, to have additional security in place for displays while at the same time being able to have the facilities open more often, is a good one. To me this is a win win situation while still having the benefit of volunteers when available.

I commend the Staff at the Shire for their efforts in improving the experience of tourists who visit our town.

It is pleasing to see that our local Shire is making tourism a high profile item, with I believe more projects to come.

I feel that this effort is justly rewarded by their nomination in this year's Heritage Awards.

Peter Wakefield

WE WOULD SINCERELY like to thank all our neighbours, volunteers from the Toodyay Fire Brigade and all the crews from surrounding areas who attended a fire caused by a lightning strike early in November at our Nunile Road property.

To our neighbour, Gary Forsyth, thank you for raising the alarm, keeping us informed as to what was happening and making sure I was O.K.

Thank you also to all the people who rang offering help and showing concern for our welfare.

We are very lucky to live in such a wonderful and caring community.

Chris and Claire McKay



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COMMUNITY DEPOT CONCEPT PLAN

The Shire of Toodyay is seeking community input regarding the development of a Community Depot at a site adjacent to the new Works Depot on Railway Road. A Concept Plan has been produced outlining a possible approach to this development.

The Community Depot Concept Plan is available from the Shire Office and downloadable from the "News and Public Notices" section on our website at www.toodyay.wa.gov.au.

The public is encouraged to make a submission regarding this proposal be it positive or negative. The intent is to develop the site in a manner that encourages community ownership and meets the community's needs. The closing date/time is Wednesday 20 March 2013 at 4.00pm.

Submissions can be made:

In Person: Shire Office, 15 Fiennes St, Toodyay
By Mail: PO Box 96, TOODYAY WA 6566
Via Fax: (08) 9574 2158
Via Email: records@toodyay.wa.gov.au

For further information contact Kim Angus at the Shire of Toodyay on (08) 9574 4318.

Stan Scott
Chief Executive Officer

I WOULD LIKE to thank all those who were able to attend the council elections in January. Thank you for your votes and words of encouragement.

Thanks also to my husband, Mark, and my wonderful mates for keeping the show on the road.

My apologies to the community of Morangup for not attending the information forum in February due to a pre-council family booked event.

I am often stopped and, after the "congratulations councillor", asked, "But Paula, why?"

The answer is simple. Over the 20 or so years that Mark and I have lived in Toodyay, watching our kids grow and be safe in this town, I have seen wonderful people take time out of their busy family and business lives to attend many volunteer organisations such as the ambulance and fire brigades. I see the job and challenge of council as being similar.

My term runs until October 2013. In that time I intend to keep you informed and the lines of communication open. I can be contacted on 9574 2116 or email pagreenway@telstra.com.

Paula Greenway

THANK YOU FOR spending the time to organise to have a crossword section in our paper. I for one think it is important to try and do these as it does increase your vocabulary over the years. I can't say that I always complete these puzzles, but at least it is fun trying. By the way, last month there was an omission of the answers. How can I finish it with no answers? Sometimes I just have to cheat.

Shirl Banks

Welcome to Sunny Toodyay!

WHETHER A LOCAL or a tourist, shady trees are a welcome sight anywhere at any time. As with entry statements, Toodyay is missing much in the way of shady trees.

Wouldn't it be nice to have not only more shady trees down the streets and in the parking area across from IGA, but seating for the elderly near IGA and along the main street?

I note that the Information Bay at the start of Stirling Terrace has neither large shady trees nor even plantings.

There is no need to be particular as to what trees we plant - we have Queensland Box, Jacaranda, Kurrajong and Plane trees; anything that is shady and quick growing would be of benefit.

Beautifying our town with large shady trees wherever possible, to protect us from sunburn and the threat of skin cancers, would be beneficial.

We also need very CLEAR AND LARGE signs leading tourists to each of the features we wish to promote, and to amenities, unlike the iron 'Conveniences' sign at Duigee Park hidden by a large rubbish bin. Besides, what child or young adult nowadays knows that 'Conveniences' means 'Toilets'?

I believe with every addition of simple and cheap things like this, we will, in future, have a town that attracts more and more tourists besides being pleasant to live in for all local folk.

Fred Fellowes

Local Man Stands for State Parliament

BOB Adair will stand for the seat of Central Wheatbelt in the 9 March elections. This is the third time that Bob has stood for our State elections and, although Toodyay is now in the electorate of Moore, we wish him all the best.

He will represent a new party, the Australian Christians. The policies they take to the next State Parliament are based on these ANZAC values: Honesty and Integrity; Hope; Respect; Moral Law; Freedom; Justice; Sacrifice. Almost every seat will be contested by the Australian Christian party. Their preferences will go to the party which is most closely aligned with their values and policies.

Wes Porter of Moora will stand in the seat of Moore and he is Toodyay's local AC candidate. Wes says, "Australian Christians was borne out of the growing concern for total transparency and integrity

Written and authorised by Bob Adair, 123 Julimar Road Toodyay

Toodyay Community Resource Centre

FROM all the Staff, Committee and Volunteers at the TCRC, we wish you a fun filled, safe and happy Easter!

Please note that the TCRC will be closed on Good Friday 29 March and Easter Monday 1 April.

3C's (Coffee, Crochet, Chat)
Every Tuesday 9.30am - 12pm
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Multifarious Monday
Every Monday 10am - 12.30pm
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THESE art and craft sessions offered cover a very wide range of subjects. Usually a suggestion by a member sets the theme for the next month. March activities are Easter themed and include stitch a card, jewelled eggs and marshmallow bunnies and baskets.

First Aid Course For Sports Volunteers
Monday 11 March, 8.30am - 5pm

WA Department of Sport and Recreation and Royal Life Saving have teamed up to offer all sports and recreation volunteers' essential first aid training for the special price of \$49.95 (normally \$100).

To book online go to website www.lifesavingwa.com.au/training.

Enquiries please call 9383 8200.

Pet Series:

Everything you wanted to know about CATS - and More!

Wed 13 March 2013 10am - 12.30pm

AN informal discussion to answer all your questions about looking after your cuddly cat, including grooming, feeding and responsibilities. Come and join us for a coffee and chat, have all your questions answered and learn some valuable information.

Free Career Advice and Information

Thursday 14 March, 10.30am - 12.30pm

ROSIE, from *Directions*, will again be visiting our centre to offer assistance with career choices, training options, resumes and applications and much more!

Bookings essential.

Computer Training - Back to Basics

Mondays 18 and 25 March, 10am - 12pm

\$40pp for the two days of training.

IF you feel you have very little knowledge of computers then this is the course for you.

Bookings are essential as this class is always popular

We would like to know what YOU want to achieve this year! How can WE help YOU?

Some of the ideas we have had so far include:

- Mahjong - rules of play and tips
- Ticketed Short Course (example Chainsaw, Forklift, Recreational Skippers Ticket)
- Health and wellbeing seminars
- Self defence classes
- Fire awareness class
- Computer training

If you would like to attend any of these events, please book on 9574 5357 or call in and see Alison or Megan.

Visit us at the Toodyay Community Resource Centre (TCRC), 79 Stirling Terrace, Toodyay. We are open Monday to Friday from 9am to 4.30pm (closed 12.30pm to 1pm). Email: toodyay@crc.net.au

Ida's Hideaway

Greasy Sleeve

BIRTHDAYS for the month of March, 9th Joan Hubie, 10th Ida Edwards, 28th Christina Wright, Happy Birthday Ladies.

Joan Hubie, Peg Nelligan and Michael Cox are enjoying a sea voyage at the moment, good luck to them.

Our prayers and good wishes go out to Tammy for a speedy and complete recovery of her son who was involved in a motor accident near Northam.

The doors are always open for more mature aged folks to enjoy Saturday afternoons.

Best of Luck: 2Jer's next Casino trip is 18 March, for more information ring Ida on 9574 2858.

Everyone seems to be in such a hurry to scream 'racism' these days.

A customer asked, "In what aisle could I find the Guinness?"

The shop assistant asks, "Are you Irish?"

The guy, clearly offended, says, "Yes I am, but let me ask you something. If I had asked for Italian sausage, would you ask me if I was Italian? Or if I had asked for German Bratwurst, would you ask me if I was German? Or if I asked for a kosher hot dog would you ask me if I was Jewish? Or if I had asked for a Taco, would you ask if I was Mexican? Or if I asked for Polish sausage, would you ask if I was Polish?"

The shop assistant says, "No, I probably wouldn't."

The guy says, "Well then, because I asked for Guinness, why did you ask me if I'm Irish?"

The clerk replied, "Because you're in Bunnings."

Avon Wood Turners

Max J Heath

WELL here we are again, well into the New Year.

The Wool Pavillion is a bit quiet at the moment as we went into recess from 19 December to 20 January.

Before we went into recess, we made about 27 bowls for Northam Share and Care. Woolies of Northam kindly donated some sweets to go in them and they were given to the people in the Northam area this year.

Everybody at turning contributed to this and seeing it was Andrea's idea, Northam was the recipient this year. This turned out to be a very worthwhile project and I am sure it will be done again in 2013.

Recently, we have purchased another second-hand Woodfast lathe and so we now have seven lathes for people to use on turning days. Most days these are all in use, however, if you join we will ensure that you get a turn.

Just recently, we sold a couple of cheap lathes and that gives us more room at the shed.

Pot pourie bowls were made for Christmas presents last year, some of which went to England. It will be interesting to see what the next big thing will be.

Avon Wood Turners' monthly meeting was held on 27 January and there was a lot of discussion on the coming year as to the functions that we would attend. It was decided we would once again do demonstrations at The Boulevard in Northam, Moondyne Festival, Toodyay, York Show and Toodyay Show. If permission is granted, we will run a raffle at each of these events.

Next item discussed was what and whom would turn the Prizes. We think you will like the one selected for the Toodyay Show but will let you know later what it is. It was also decided that we would invite Swan Wood Turners for another visit and also do a return visit to them on one of their woodturning days.

Well that's about all from the Pavilion for now. Please come along and have a look at what we do and join us for a chat and maybe a coffee if you are there at the right time.

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Toodyay Irish Dancing



fantastic job while the older dancers showcased the more complicated and intricate steps. The concert started and finished with dancers of all ages coming together to perform. Then, of course, the parents put on a very entertaining item for everyone to enjoy. This was followed by the presentation of the awards for 2012.

The Most Improved Trophy was awarded to Danika Ripjstra, 7yrs, and Consistent Effort was awarded to Chloe Raven, 10yrs. The Excellence in

Performance Perpetual Trophy was awarded to two dancers, Catherine Fletcher, 10yrs, and Danni Hug, 12yrs.

The dancers had a busy year with numerous events and performances so the year was finished off with an excellent concert. Photographed are the dancers at the concert.

Dancing classes have now commenced for 2013 and everyone is now busy preparing for the upcoming Moondyne festival being held in May.

DANCERS at Toodyay Irish Dancing finished off 2012 with an outstanding concert in December held at the Anglican Church Hall.

There was a large group of parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles and friends who gathered to enjoy the showcase of dancing and costumes, so many that the audience was standing out the door.

The younger dancers performed an item by themselves for the first time and did a

Toodyay Theatre Group Lights, Camera, Action

Kristee Jolly

THE Toodyay Theatre Group is proud to announce that we are back in action after our first production of the 2013 went off with a bang!

Prince Charming and his Seven Potentials is an original murder mystery co-written by two of the Theatre groups very own, Sarah Shilcock and Lance Owen.

The mystery is based around the royal family, who wish to pass on the kingdom to their son, Prince Charming, before his



Prince Charming (Andrew Lee)

21st birthday. However his younger sister Katherine is already engaged to fiancé, Edward, and, without a wife, the prince is unable to rule the kingdom.

In an effort to find a wife before his snotty little sister beats him to the throne, the prince and his best friend, Isabella, approach his alcoholic father and controlling mother to organise a round of speed dating. One by one, the prince is introduced to seven potential wives: Hippy, Topsy, Rock N Rolly, Stoney,



Topsy (Kristee Jolly), Rock N Rolly (Sammi Douglas) Ditzzy (Hannah Welburn) Katherine (Jessie Ward)

Tarty, Geeky and Ditzzy, allowing the royal family and Isabella to give them a rating out of ten. As the king progresses to an intoxicated state, the queen becomes more



Hippy (Gemma Lucas), Katherine (Jessie Ward), Stoney (Tanya Stuart), Edward (Charlie Flowers)

impatient as the night goes on and Katherine and Edward evilly plot in the corner, Isabella comes to the prince's rescue and asks him what he really wants.

To his family's disgust, the prince boldly steps out of the closet and announces his homosexuality to a dancing rendition of 'Raining Men'. Sadly, moments later, he is fatally shot. Who did it? We couldn't tell you – you should have come to the show!

The Toodyay Theatre Group would like to thank Lance and Sarah for directing and producing this wonderful production which we believe to be a resounding success and



Queen - Jeanette Young

a fabulous start to the year. Thank you to all the cast and crew and in particular our local business supporters who without their assistance, our productions may not be able to go ahead. Thank you to all of our lovely audience members. We hope you had the most enjoyable night and we can't wait to see your smiling faces and cackling laughs at our next show.

We are always looking for new performers, stage crew and members so why not join us? It is as fun as it looks! Our next audition night will be held at the Toodyay Memorial Hall on Tuesday 2 April 2013 at 6.30pm. Even if you just want to have a go or observe to find out what it's like, we will be most welcoming and encouraging to you! If you would like further information about the auditions, please contact Tanya Stuart on 0409 181 404.

Recipe Corner

Chocolate Cake with Frosting

Desraé Clarke

IT is really interesting the way our cooking has changed over the past few decades with vegetables included in the making of cakes. Carrots, zucchini, potato and beetroot are used very successfully with beetroot used in the following Chocolate Cake recipe; it has a really lovely moist texture.

Ingredients:

2 eggs, lightly beaten
 ½ cup vegetable oil
 1 cup plain flour
 2 tablespoons cocoa
 ¾ teaspoon bicarbonate of soda
 2 teaspoons baking powder
 ¼ teaspoon salt
 ¾ cup castor sugar
 ½ teaspoon vanilla essence
 425gm tinned beetroot or ¾ cup (drained and shredded)

Method:

Beat the eggs and vegetable oil together. In a separate bowl sift flour, cocoa, bicarbonate of soda, baking powder and salt. Stir in the castor sugar.

Add the egg and oil mixture and vanilla and mix well.

Add shredded beetroot and mix well. Pour the mixture into a lined square cake tin and cook in a very moderate oven 160°C for approximately an hour.

Frosting:

1½ cups icing sugar
 30gms butter, softened but not oily
 2 tablespoons cream
 2 tablespoons cocoa

Method:

Warm the cream and butter in a small bowl. Add the cocoa and icing sugar and mix well.

Beat the mixture with an electric beater until the frosting changes colour.



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Arts Toodyay

Clive Eger

ARTS Toodyay will be in full swing this month with our first workshop of the year.

Margot Watkins will be conducting a sculpture workshop on Saturday, 6 April. The theme will be 'Rag Rug and Sculptural Coiling'. Margot says "Turn those old tee-shirts and favourite clothes you can't bear to throw out into items of joy and beauty, or something wonderful and comfy to warm your toes!" Margot will guide you through some very simple techniques to make a practical and sturdy floor rug fit to become a family heirloom. These methods are easily adapted and can also be used to construct more three dimensional sculptural forms if desired.

The workshop will be held on Saturday 6 April, from 10 am to 1pm at the Old Police Station in Duke St North. Cotton t-shirt fabric is great to use but other cottons are also suitable. Bring whatever you have! Please ring Margot on 9574 2823 or 040506 7591 to book your place and find out what else you need to bring, or alternatively, you could also email: magart2j@westnet.com.au. The cost is \$10. Crotchet/knitting cotton will be available to purchase on the day if needed. All are welcome to attend but numbers are limited so get in touch as soon as possible.

Further workshops planned for this year include raku pottery in June, jewellery in August and mixed media painting in October. Of course our major event of the year will be the 5th Annual VINO Exhibition at Coorinja Winery over the September long weekend. Our host, Michael Wood, has already reserved our spot in the winery for VINO 2013.

Meanwhile our annual art exhibition at the Moondyne Festival on Sunday, 5 May is coming up fast. The venue will be the CWA Hall and all artists are invited to exhibit. Entry forms will be available shortly from the usual outlets - Toodyay Library, LJ Hookers and Uniquely Toodyay (in the old Post Office) - or from drumree99@gmail.com. Entries close on 26 April.

A project that is being planned for next year is an Artists' Trail. Artists in the Toodyay area will open their studios to the public on a specific day and a brochure

and map will guide visitors around the trail linking the studios. Artists' Trails are a great way for artists to gain exposure and perhaps make some sales, and they also are a great promotion for the area. Any artists in the Toodyay area interested in finding out more and expressing interest in participating should contact Arts Toodyay at drumree99@gmail.com or PO Box 801, Toodyay WA 6566.

Arts Toodyay Inc. is a group of arts enthusiasts from the Toodyay area who meet to share their expertise and promote their work in the Toodyay area. Members have diverse interests ranging from painting, creative textiles, jewellery and contemporary embroidery to writing, pottery and sculpture. New members are very welcome - Contact Clive on 0401 966 153 or come along to the monthly meeting held at 8pm on the first Tuesday of each month at the Old Police Station in Duke Street North near the corner of Fiennes Street.

CWA Toodyay Branch

Maxine J Walker
CWA reporter

A SPECIAL planning meeting to set up our programme for 2013 was held on 24 January with all members attending and it looks like we are to have a very busy year once again.

So far this year, after a very welcome break, we have been busy with funeral catering, have attended our sister branch, Bayswater's 60th birthday celebration at the Wing Bo Chinese restaurant and we have just held our AGM.

On 6 March, two ladies will attend Gidgegannup for their birthday celebration while 11 March will see us travel to Mundaring Branch's meeting of 'Chicks with Attitude'; this always proves to be an interesting and fun day. We will also be hosting our State Committee and surrounding branches for the 1st CWA Roadshow for 2013 in our Toodyay Hall on 21 March. This is a question and answer day in which we can all voice our concerns and

get some answers regarding CWA matters. All funds from this day will go toward the CWA fire victims' fund.

We will cater again this year on Moondyne weekend, celebrate our International Day in June along with our own 86th birthday celebrations, and attend our state conference in July. These will appear in future issues of the *Herald* as we get closer to the dates.

After a few teething problems, We hope to soon see the completion of the Gazebo that has been assembled at the Cemetery. Plans are now underway for entrance by way of steps and wheelchair access. Then the work will begin on establishing the garden to surround the area.

If you would like to start the year with a visit to our branch, please come along. We meet at 1.30pm on the 4th Thursday of each month and welcome all visitors. Access to our hall is via Charcoal Lane.

We all look forward to meeting new visitors and maybe new members.

Bejoording Community Group News

From the desk of The Badger

THE Bejoording Community Group has commenced the new-year in fine style. We all spent January recovering from our terrific pre-Christmas party, and having a break to enjoy our families and holidays.

The New Year kicked off at the beginning of February and, with our first four weekly get-togethers under our belt, we have finalised a jam-packed calendar of events for the coming year. We are the focal point for local community news and activities.

We meet every Wednesday evening at the Bejoording Community Centre which shares premises with the local Bush Fire Brigade in Bejoording Road. Come along from 6pm, and we keep going until people choose to go home. It's strictly 'come as you are' casual. Kids are welcome and, on the first Wednesday of most months, there is a sumptuous feast (no charge to members).

The next big calendar event is a Taco Feast on 6 March, and our AGM/T-Bone Feast is Wednesday 10 April - a terrific night to come along. It's always a big turnout. Join up on the night and your T-Bone feast is free!

One more event to mention, to give everyone plenty of warning: on Sunday 5 May we'll be having our annual 'Clean-up Bejoording Day'. This is where we would like to see a major effort by as many local residents as possible. Come and help us to pick up litter and rubbish from our roadsides, and enjoy a sausage sizzle and fellowship afterwards. Put that date in your

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diaries right away!

Bejoording is unique - it has all the community feel of a small town, without being one. It has beautiful vistas all year round, lots of history, a supportive community environment and we want you to help us keep it that way.

Finally, a great big thank you to all the dedicated helpers who kept the group alive and well throughout 2012. Special mention must go to Linda, Marc, Kim and Darb. We all enjoyed the camaraderie, the tucker and the fun!

If you live in the area and aren't a member, come along any Wednesday evening. There is no need to advise us in advance, you'll be made welcome, and you may well know some of us. We'd love to get to know you.

You can contact the president, Barry Grey, on 9574 2149 or call The Badger on 0414 250 484 if you want to know more.

Hope to see you soon!

Toodyay Community Bus

Di Roberts
Secretary

WELCOME to the Toodyay Community Bus column for March 2013.

The heat has certainly been upon us all, and it appears with little relief for the next month. However we are all waiting for those rains to come and bring our trees and plants back to fresh beginnings.

In the past couple of months the Bus has been resting and resting, and we assume this has a lot to do with the weather, and other aspects of life, namely children going back to school and holidays completed with family and grandies.

We are delighted to have some bookings in the offing and hope that when the weather becomes a lot cooler our bookings will increase.

The Shire Logo has been put on the Bus and looks great, so thanks to the Shire for their permission and to Grove-Wesley for their supplying and attaching the Logo onto the Bus.

Just a reminder:

The Bus is an airconditioned 19 seater (including driver), with a chair lift for disabled or infirmed people, and we will avail ourselves to any type of activity the Bus can handle, i.e. all Community Organisations, Schools, Deb Balls, Sporting Activities, Social Activities, Weddings, Tours of Toodyay (i.e. Wineries, Olive Farms, Craft Groups, Gardens, Picnics, Birthdays, Anniversaries and Special Occasions etc.), we feel there is so much we can offer you and your groups.

You require an LR Class Licence with an F Class extension (if the Bus is being used for a fee or fare), or we can arrange a driver if you choose.

Also, for bookings, (fees etc.) or further information, please contact the friendly staff at the Visitors Centre, phone (08) 9574 2435, and they will be only too happy to help you.

If you would like to become a member of the Toodyay Community Bus, the cost of the membership is Single, (\$2), Family, (\$5), Group/Organisation, (\$10), and it is open to those who wish to be part of this great community venture. Please contact the Secretary on 9574 2498 for further details.

Remember:

Mother's Day is on Sunday 12 May, so if you would like to take that very special person out for the day with other family and friends, the Bus will be available for you, just call the Visitor's Centre to book.

Well friends a short column this month, I think we have all been hibernating with the heat, but we can still enjoy every day in every way by living here in Toodyay.

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News from Bolgart and Surrounding Areas

Doris M Martin

Bolgart Hockey Club Reunion

NOTED in the 'Can You Help' column of The West Australian newspaper dated 18/02/2013 that a re-union is to be held at the Bolgart Hall on Saturday 27 April from 11am for past supporters, players and members of the old Bolgart Hockey Club. It is to be held to coincide with the annual Bolgart Football Club re-union. For further details, contact Bev on 0427 231 845 or Lorraine on (08) 9535 1395.

Circus Royale

Once more Damien Syred's Circus Royale has visited the Avon Valley. He brought his circus to Toodyay to perform on 12 and 13 February and thrilled audiences with dare-devil acts by his performers.

It is wonderful to have a lad originally from the area come back as an owner of such a show and Natalie and Peter Syred (his grandparents who lived for many years in the Bejoording area), must be justly proud.

They Are Engaged

All good wishes are extended to Annette Allen (daughter of the late Rose and Murray of Kardina, SA) on her recent engagement to Callen Syred (son of Serena and Phil Syred of Bolgart).

Vale - Eric Bowes Overington

Sadly noted in 'The West Australian' obituaries of Saturday, 16 February was the death of Eric Bowes Overington who at one time lived in Toodyay with his parents, the late Albert Overington and Lillian Overington (née Drage) when the Overingtons were stationed at the then Bank of New South Wales.

Eric married Patricia Shepley Lee (a local Toodyay girl), daughter of the late Sydney James (Peter) Lee and Muriel Shepley Lee (née Walker). Sadly, Eric's wife, Patricia, was to pre-decease him by some three years.

They were the parents of Judith (Mrs Donegan), David, Wendy (deceased as an infant) and Ross. Eric was the father-in-law of Noel and of Michelle (deceased), and grandfather of Lynette, Sharyn, Katherin, Matthew and Callum.

Heartfelt sympathy is extended to all his loved ones.

It's a Girl

All good wishes go to Candice and Will Waters of Bindi Bindi who are the proud parents of a daughter Layla May Waters born 31 January, 2013.

Layla weighed in at a healthy weight of 8lbs 5ozs. Well done and congratulations!



60th Wedding Anniversary

Congratulations go to Les and Joan Martin of Elizabeth Street, Mandurah and late of Bolgart who celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary with a luncheon for around 60 guests on 9 February at the Mandurah Bowling Club Recreation Centre.

Les, the son of the late Henry Arnold Martin and Lucy Barbara Martin (née Syred), was a Bolgart lad when he met Joan Counsel of Buntine. His older brother, Doug, had met and married her older sister, Joyce, and so a romance ensued with this young couple also.

Joan was the daughter of the late Roy Counsel (Snr) and Hazel Counsel (née Anderton) who were farmers at Buntine.

Les and Joan married on 7 February, 1953 at Leederville in the Congregational Church which, sadly, is no longer standing due to a highway now passing through the area.

Their marriage produced four children:



Gary, Kevin, Kerry and Ashley. Sadly, they were to lose their son Kevin in his middle age.

It was indeed heartening to see the number of their descendants at their party which included children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Les, Joan and immediate family and partners arrived in a hot pink stretch Hummer hired especially for the occasion.



MC for the luncheon was Trevor Brandy. A granddaughter, Carrie-Anne Martin, made a DVD of various stages of their lives leading up to and covering the 60 years of their marriage from old photographs which was played to the guests. Family members, especially Carrie-Anne, spoke warmly of their parents and grandparents.

Guests came from many parts of Australia to help Les and Joan celebrate and congratulations must go to their family for their effort to make it a wonderful celebration of their years together.

The Best Laid Plans

Ray and I travelled to Mandurah on the Friday before the 60th anniversary luncheon which we felt would give us time to get our bearings. Unfortunately, we got caught up in slow moving traffic (due to road works) on Roe Highway, followed by a traffic snarl on the Kwinana Freeway due to a fire in the vicinity of the Safety Bay off-ramp, and lost a couple of hours of valuable time. At least we had the night to recuperate before the luncheon the next day. We also took the opportunity to call and visit Ray's cousin, Eric Syred, who had been a Bolgart lad and later a farmer out west of Bolgart before he retired to Mandurah. In his mid-80s, he was looking quite well.

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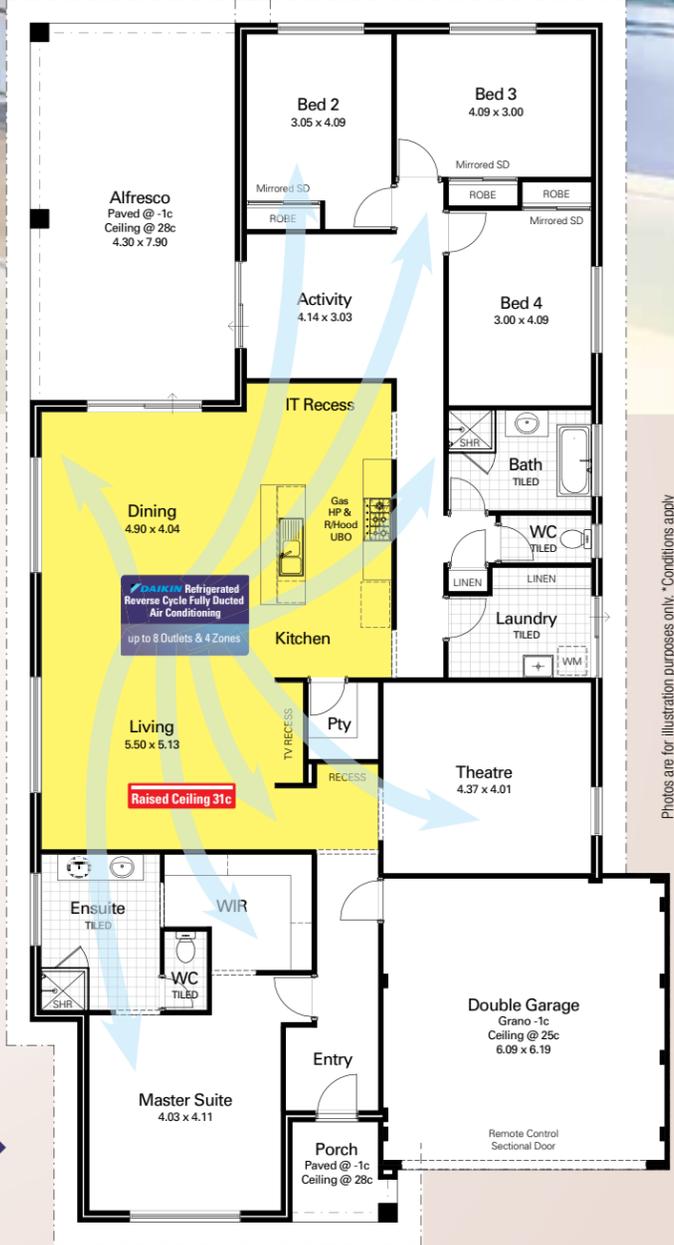
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Toodyay Spinners

Ange Sturman
Secretary

THERE are always interesting things happening at spinners. Elizabeth Mains from Northam visited us last month and showed us items made from reclaimed teabag strings, a scarf woven on a knitter's loom, and photos of other items.



Val's shawl

Our Sharing table was also interesting. Val brought several shawls to show, all her own designs. One was a green merino in a lace pattern while another was made from mohair which she had dyed on a cone, one in red and one in blue and then plied with white. The resulting, uneven colouring was stunningly beautiful. Berenice showed two items this month: a picture of a pelican in needle-felting and a purple crocheted waistcoat spun from



Needle-felted pelican

bamboo and merino.

Our spinning group meets every Wednesday from 9am to 12noon, and every second Saturday of the month at Parker's Cottage in the Showgrounds. We also have a felting group that meets every second Monday of the month from 9am to lunchtime at the same location.

For further information, please contact Ange Sturman, secretary, on 9574 2507 or Gretta Sauta, president, on 9574 2868. For felting group enquiries please contact Jan Manning on 9574 5619.

New members are most welcome – no experience necessary.



Berenice's waistcoat

Good Vibrations in Toodyay

LONG-TIME Toodyay residents, Karl Akkerman and Miranda Munro, have formed a two-piece ensemble called 'Kyela'. Together they play 20 Tibetan metal and crystal singing bowls, wind gongs, and chimes to create waves of liquid sound which clients say, feels like a deeply relaxing 'vibrational massage'.

The sounds of the singing bowls harmonising

together is like nothing you have heard before. Some describe it as other-worldly, enchanting, and completely captivating. The wonderful thing about the bowls is, not only do they sound great, they have been proven to have far reaching health and wellbeing potential.



Across the world doctors and health professionals are using sound therapy to assist their patients. The emerging field of energy medicine attributes the healing properties of sound to attuned vibrations. Quantum physicists such as Einstein confirm that the universe and everything in it is made up of vibrational frequencies. We can tune up off-key frequencies in our bodies by applying the harmonising vibrations of sound therapy.

We all have a natural inner harmony. The problem is every day we are exposed to dis-harmony from all the noises heard and unheard from our modern world. All these noises generate vibrations which our body feels. Disharmony is inevitable. Although escape is not an option, there are ways to restore balance and harmony to our bodies.

The medical director of the Deepak Chopra Center in California, Dr. David Simon, found that both chanting and the sound from Tibetan / Himalayan Bowls are chemically metabolised into 'endogenous opiates,' that act on the body as internal painkillers and healing agents.

Sound therapy is also an easy and effortless way to meditate and is great for those that find meditation difficult or tedious. The sounds of the bowls automatically take us from the active beta state and into the deeper states of relaxation.

On each Wednesday evening at Sacred Valley Eco-Retreat singing bowl meditation sessions are held with 'Kyela'. Comfortable mattresses, pillows and drinking water are provided. Just bring yourself and experience sound like never before, you will enjoy the benefits from your first session. Phone Sacred Valley Retreat to book a place; your first session is free.

Karl and Miranda are also available for private sessions or private groups.

Little Rascals

Raelene

FEBRUARY was a very busy month as the children learnt about emergency services.

We had a visit from the Toodyay Police, Chris and Gemma, who brought some very interesting items for the children to view and explained the importance of wearing seat belts, sitting in car seats and staying safe on the road. The children were most excited about sitting in the police car and hearing the siren as they drove away.



To follow on from the police visit, 'Constable Care' came and talked to the children about something a little different. They performed a puppet show about caring for the environment. The children were fascinated with the puppets.

Fireman Darren and Fireman Shane brought the fire truck to show the children how to put out fires. The children loved squirting the hose.

Thank you to all these very special visitors. The children learnt a lot.





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Coondle Nunile Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade

Sam Salmond

WHAT a month it's been! Congratulations again to Max Heath for the many, many years of service. As we celebrate those that have been with our brigade for a while, we also welcome new members and see more fire fighters emerge. We had a couple of fires recently, but luckily all the brigades held together well, and were able to get those under control. Thank you to all those who turned up for the Bindoon fire just recently. Without everyone it could have been a lot worse.

This month we also had our February meeting, and a training day that followed. Thanks to all those that turned up for both. It was good to see new and old faces at the Sunday training, as we surveyed the emergency access firebreaks around the Coondle area.

Even though we are getting into the 'cooler' months of the year, please be aware there are still fire risks and warnings around.

Call in at the fire shed on a Friday night from 5pm while the rostered crew do their vehicle checks and meet some of the fire fighters in your area. Maybe you would like to become one of them or just get advice on how to make your property bush fire safe.

St John Ambulance Toodyay & Districts Sub Centre

Kerry Fletcher

WELCOME aboard to new recruits Samantha Allen, Kim Lavery and John Morrissey. Our newest recruits will be starting their Volunteer Ambulance Officer training during the next couple of months. This includes a two day Introductory Ambulance Care course that will enable them to drive the ambulances. Samantha will be part of our Morangup crew. Kim and John will join the Toodyay based crew.

For our Volunteer Ambulance Officers (VAOs) who are already accredited, there are a series of refresher/reaccreditation courses happening throughout the first part of this year. We've just had a re-accreditation Advanced Ambulance Care course in February. Congratulations to all participants; everyone passed convincingly! A Primary Ambulance Care refresher course is scheduled for April followed by a second Advanced Ambulance Care course in May. These re-accreditation and refresher courses ensure that all our VAOs are as up to date with the latest skills and knowledge to ensure their service to the Toodyay and districts community is of the highest standard. Thank you to all who continually put their personal time into providing this vital service.

If you would like to know more about joining our happy band of volunteers, give Kerry a call at the office on 9574 2390 or drop in to the office 9am to 2pm Monday

– Thursday. If you don't fancy the idea of being an ambulance officer there are many more ways you can help out!

Are you adequately covered for all ambulance transport costs? If you have private health cover, are you fully aware of what your provider will cover you for? Do you not have any cover at all? It can be a costly exercise if you don't have full ambulance transport cover – not something you need to be considering in an emergency. We urge you to give Kerry a call at the sub centre if you have any queries, or would like further information on local Ambulance Benefit Fund membership.

First Aid Courses:

The Apply First Aid course held in Toodyay on Saturday 23 February was full. With half the class Ambulance Officers and most of the other half Coondle-Nunile Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade members, it was always going to be fun – and it was! Congratulations to all students who passed with flying colours and a big thank you to the Coondle-Nunile Brigade who have been actively supporting their members and encouraging them into First Aid training. This ensures they are looking out for each other on the fire ground – a very dangerous place to be. Well done to all!

The next Apply First Aid course is scheduled for Saturday 16 March, again a flexible learning course. If you would like to participate in this or future courses, please contact Jenny Willgoss on 0417 993 008. Forthcoming courses will be advertised in this and Public Notices sections of the *Herald* as well as on the IGA Notice Board. Groups and companies are welcome to enquire about a course to suit your needs.

We're located at Rear 120 Stirling Tee (behind Toodyay Hair Studio) and are open from 9am to 2pm, Monday – Thursday. You can also phone us on 9574 2390 or email us at sjatodyay@bigpond.com or you can send it snail mail to PO Box 364, Toodyay WA 6566.

Toodyay Central Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade

Samantha Doust

WE are now approaching autumn and the hot weather that we are experiencing is not abating. Here's hoping we get some relief in the coming weeks.

Since our last column, the volunteers of the Toodyay Central Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade attended three fire call-outs. Unfortunately, a lot of our volunteers work full-time and, at the moment, those who have attended call-outs are a bit weary. So we're asking other members of the Brigade to lend a hand attending fires mid week in order to give the others a break.

We are also seeking volunteers from the community who do not work full-time and have time to spare to assist us and give something back to the community by protecting the environment (fauna and flora) and people's property.

Brigade training was held on Wednesday, 20 and Sunday, 24 February.

On Saturday, 16 February 2013 a Bush Fire Firefighting course was held at the collocation centre for members. This was a full day course and was a success.

Until next time, stay fire ready and safe!

Julimar Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade

Alison Wroth

ALTHOUGH summer is nearly over, the recent fire at Bindoon only proves that, given the correct conditions, fire can still become a concern to our community at this time of year. This only motivates us to keep everyone alert and vigilant to the possibility of bushfire.

The wake to remember our past member, John Campbell, was a great event to honour a well respected, knowledgeable and loved man in the community. The entire Brigade and visitors were invited to attend on Saturday night and, with Grant providing a moving speech, the evening gave us time to remember John and his achievements during his time in Toodyay with his beloved wife, Margaret and family. Thanks go to everyone who supplied the supper, especially Scott with that marinated pork belly (that was possibly only in the scrub the day before!)

At our recent meeting, the 'Freedom of Entry' event usually held by the Shire in thanks for all the work and time spent by the emergency service volunteers was again discussed. Our captain mentioned how it would be of benefit if ALL emergency service volunteers could be incorporated in the parade as it really showed how much the community appreciated everyone. All those present agreed. We will just have to wait to see if there is any response from the Shire. It will be a shame if this event is not continued as it is one of the major ways that volunteers from the St John Ambulance, Fire and Rescue, WA Police and the Fire Brigades are shown support from the community that they endeavour to protect.

The next training will be held at 9am at the Fire Place on Sunday 17 March. Please attend if you can as Brian has a wealth of knowledge and training that he is willing to hand on. All firefighters should be attending these training sessions; it is to your advantage and the benefit of your crew!

Thanks to Charlie and Rod for offering to clear and widen the area around the fire sheds at Julimar to make the infrastructure better protected in case of fire. All the weeds and small shrubbery has begun to return so it will be excellent when this 'protection area' is completed.

Thanks must also go to the members from Julimar Brigade who have persisted with keeping the roadside verges clear of litter in front of the fire shed. It must be the cleanest bit of road in the Shire! Well done to all those who have participated in this Tidy Towns initiative.

Please remember to give some thought to fundraising ideas for the Brigade. We will continue with the Christmas stall (which will be upon us far too soon!), controlled burns, Toodyay Show Youth Hall Kitchen and a wood raffle. If we could have a few more ideas to possibly add to these proposed events, it would be much appreciated.

The entire Brigade is anticipating the get together on 18 May when we will look back on the vivid and detailed history of the West Toodyay/Julimar VBFB with our surprise

speaker, who I swear knows all the history of Julimar and Toodyay combined! I'm sure it will be a very interesting presentation and one that I am looking forward to.

The captain welcomed new members, Geoff and Megan Ebdon, who are a lovely couple and very willing to help the Brigade. We look forward to your ideas, assistance and support.

See you at the FirePlace on Friday evenings around 5pm to socialise and gain a positive outlook on life! You only live once so, if you require any information on joining the Brigade or regarding being 'fire ready', please do not hesitate to come on down and join us. I'll put the kettle on!!

STOP PRESS

All brigades turned out to the Bullsbrook fire the other day and as darkness fell, were asked to supply change-over crews.

This is normally an easy task: take the new crew in our 'crew change-over' vehicle (the Tarago), deliver them to the fire ground and bring back the 'relieved' crew. But our intrepid driver for the night, Jeff P, had other ideas!

Just about all the way to where the Toodyay crews were stationed, at Gidgegannup, Jeff blew the Tarago up! Well, not quite, but the lights flashed, the buzzers buzzed, the smoke poured out and the engine stopped.

Luckily, Jeff had headed off before the other vehicles with members of other brigades so they were able to give the crew a lift.

A special thanks to the members of other brigades who picked up our crew and put up with our need to go back and lock up the vehicle before returning to Toodyay - an extra long time after a long and trying shift. Thanks, all.

By the way, if Jeff offers to give you a lift or drive your car...



The Tarago - she won't be flying next Christmas!

Toodyay Neighbourhood Watch 'Neighbours Looking after Neighbours'

Desraé Clarke

Car Jackings

BEWARE of a piece of paper stuck to the rear window of your vehicle – a new way to car jack!

You walk across the parking lot, unlock your car and get in. You start the engine and shift into reverse. When you check your rear view mirror to back out of your parking space, you notice a piece of paper stuck to the middle of the rear window.

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When you reach the back of your car, the car jackers appear out of nowhere, jump into your car and drive off practically running you down as they speed away in your car! With your wallet or handbag in the car the carjacker now has your car, your home address, your money and your keys. Your home and identity is now compromised!

BEWARE OF THIS DEVASTATING SCHEME!

If you see a piece of paper stuck to the rear window of your vehicle, just drive away. Remove the paper later.

And remember, never leave your keys in the ignition of your car while you are not in it!

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Toodyay Kindergym



Claire Moore
President

WELCOME back to a new year of Kindergym. We started this year with an AGM and the committee roles were all filled.

Our committee consists of me, Claire Moore, President, Dimity Boggs, Vice President, Suzanne George, Treasurer, Stacey Williams, Secretary, and we would like to welcome our newest committee member, Lynda de Ruiter.

We are always looking at ways to improve our facilities and have added some new equipment over the holidays.

Kindergym runs every Friday during the school term from 9.30am – 10.30am in the Pavilion at the Toodyay Oval. We cater for children from crawling to pre school age but if you have a new baby it's great to bring them along to socialise and they get involved more and more as they get older.

We offer a welcoming environment to explore movement to music, colour and shape recognition,

counting, singing and a circuit of tunnels, climbing frames, mini trampolines and a balance beam.

We have revised our fees and they are now \$25 per family/term or \$5 per family/week plus an annual Playgroup WA insurance fee of \$30 per family.

We won't be having a class on Friday 29 March as it's Good Friday. We all look forward to seeing some new faces on Friday.

If you have any queries, please call Claire on 9574 4529.



Toodyay Music Club

Jenny Edgecombe

MEMBERS showed great ingenuity in choosing items for our theme of *Friends and Family* at the last club evening and it was declared to be a very enjoyable night all round. Someone even persuaded members of some obscure royal family to come along for the opening.

We started out with enthusiastic attempts at some new sing-along songs – always nice to have a change. If you're shy about performing, but love singing, these sessions are your chance to join in.

Leila played keyboard and reminded us just how versatile she is – what instrument will she take up next? Joe and Spencer joined in with their guitars for that timeless favourite every country-born woman of a certain age was made to sing in public as a child with her sister or friend, 'Two Little Girls in Blue'. Lyn also made her debut on the keyboard this month – we hope to hear from her regularly from now on.

Those Kalamunda folk – they're so versatile – starting with delicate harmonies in 'Grandad', then later bouncing into that hilarious piece, 'Daddy Played Bass' with its great timing and harmonising.

Karen and Jock combined mandolin and accordion for some instrumentals including the nostalgic 'Mountains of Mourne' and a rousing 'Lord of the Dance'. Jeanette's plaintive folk song 'Fields of Athenry' was just beautiful and Spencer did a magnificent job on the difficult Roy Orbison song, 'Best Friend'. Peter and Maurice's voices contrasted very effectively in their version of the thought-provoking 'Father and Son'.

Joe livened things up with some high speed audience participation in 'Mary Mack' and Moya was charmingly coy as the wayward lass in 'Yes My Darling Daughter'.

Dale presented some guitar pieces early on then added vocals for the second half – well done!

We'll be back to free choice of items for March and April and members have chosen a theme of 'Food and Drink' for the May meeting. Please come along and join in or just enjoy our presentations at any club evening.

Next Meeting: 7pm Friday 8 March
Any style of singing or instrumental

performance welcome so long as it is acoustic. Further Information: Teddy or Spencer on 9574 4492.

Moondyne Festival

IT is only eight weeks to go til the Moondyne Festival Extravaganza.

Calling all volunteers who would like to have some fun and dress up on the day! We need a Town Crier plus our usual coppers, bushrangers, ladies and gents, temperance advocates, floozies and families. (Various costumes are available).

Please contact Linda on 0427 087 162 or call into the Library and see Angi for further details.

We would also like to invite all local arts and crafts enthusiasts to join in this annual celebration by exhibiting and demonstrating their talents and wares.

Also, we are looking for volunteers who could provide their services on the day for parking, assisting stallholders and general maintenance and enquiries.

So, come on everyone, dust off the old dress up togs and shake the mothballs from your floozy costume. Together we can make Moondyne Festival 2013 bigger better and more enjoyable than ever.

As our Town Crier says:

**Oyez, Oyez, Citizens of Toodyay,
Come One, Come All!**

Quo Vadis Mental Health (cont)

HIS disciple Mencius tried to persuade the rulers of the warring States to adopt the way of Virtue, that obedience to it does not require force (what did Queen Elizabeth 1st say about her citizens and the Law) Mao later said it was role of will instead of reason so it is going to depend upon that which you are willing, does it contain any relation to reality, and is that reality physical or transcendental. He claims capitalism has survived only by inject of capitalism, we must reject the mystique of either and begin to lead the world back to the sanity of the intellect in which the dignity of the individual is safeguarded

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Toodyay Lions Club Inc.

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everywhere! Thus perhaps this quote from the "The Multinationals intro written in 1971 "The time has come for governments to decide what to do about the great multinational companies that have grown up in the last 25 years. There emergence is one of the most dramatic developments of the period, and of more than just both economic and industrial significance. Their position profoundly affects the role of governments in the exercise of their responsibilities, and the relationship between States! Their operations span the globe, they transfer vast sums of money between currencies as the need arises.

The companies concerned are among the most complex and successful examples of international co-operation know to history, several have annual sales worth as much in money terms as the GNP of the small European countries and their rate of growth is much faster. The importance of the international companies ability to move money between different countries and currencies is closely linked to their activities, as these increase the influence of the financial operations. If for some reason they should lose confidence in a particular currency, and simultaneously set out to drain their subsidiaries in the country concerned, the effect would be far reaching as the process gathers momentum the unfortunate country's reserves would diminish and confidence in its currency would drain away. A vicious spiral would have been set in motion that is difficult to stop re/de-valuation also plays other tricks. Much of the money that flowed into German marks in the Autumn of 1969 when the government was pressured into revaluing, against its will was thus generated (so the wisdom of the ECU establishing its Euro currency allowed them more policy freedom. They also laid down fiscal rules thru Maastricht Treaty which has the disadvantage of not allowing those countries to de/re-value their currencies making it more/less difficult to manage economy which of course would not have happened had they kept their deficits at a maximum of 3% which meant they needed to fiscally responsible living within their means, but instead borrowing heavily and living affluently until the great financial crisis of 2008 which has left a trail of compounding problems that besets the EEC now in 2011 with global ramifications.

This has shades of the 1944 Breton Woods Agreement that set limits on exchange rates for the Western countries with a 5% range for managing their exchange rates either 2.5% up or down which gave some flexible economic adjustments without severe social dislocation. In the Financial Review of 6.11.11 p 48 the g20 leaders including Oz Gillard have all thrown their weight behind European plans to keep the (euro) zone intact. One parallel that gives confidence that the Europeans can find a way thru, is that this is almost a repeat of the political battle in the lead up to the Euro launch. Governments across Europe came under huge pressure to reform their economies to comply with the EU rules on budget deficits and debt. Some EU countries have accepted political pain that they could sell to their voters thru the 1990's however, there has been much street riots!

In 1967 Fred Hirsch published "Money

International" what ways can be found of getting the International Money Machine to run more smoothly so that the world's economic controllers can get on with more important things than averting a "financial" breakdown. In recent years it needs a constant re-statement that "Money is a means" no more, no less. The basic exchange rate, and the whole gamut of high finance, are not ends in themselves. They have no content apart from the real world they represent. They are instruments for enhancing this wealth, and for influencing its allocation within and between nations. Money is also an instrument of contract, and it is this that places a premium on its stability in real value.

There is a real awkwardness in this dual function of money, as a measure of private wealth and an instrument of public control. Politicians have had a natural instinct to leave this matter to the professionals, but not as pointed out above with a broader economic/ecological/welfare mantra, not always with the best results indicative in the past two reports commissioned by the Federal governments, which did not accomplish lasting "National Interest" outcomes which of course were influenced by international private speculators who have more influence/control than do Governments either alone or in concert-witness the attacks on the Euro Currency which if it hangs not together will be wrecked by the above implication of interest/exchange rates speculators via some institutions that are tolerated within prevailing monetary/fiscal practices. The wheel of financial fortune has turned sufficiently to dispel most illusions about the ability of any one country to go on running the system, or to manage its own external finances independently.

To be continued next month

Toodyay Youthcare Council (Chaplaincy)

Vivienne Freeman
Secretary

Here we are well into 2013, and things are back into full swing again. Our Council meets on the 2nd Wednesday of each month to discuss all things about Chaplaincy and how we might best support the Chaplain.

Interviews have commenced for the position of new Chaplain at our school. Hopefully this will be finalized in the near future.

The results from our December raffle for Chaplaincy are:- 1st prize Green A67, Moya Bruce, 2nd prize Green A50, Terri Watson, 3rd prize Green A62, 9574 4249. Our raffle last week for CRE (Christian Religious Education) in our school raised \$815.10. The winner was Dave Gordon. Once again, thanks for your generous support.

We would like to publicly thank the following people for their kind donations to the school Breakfast Club. Food Bank for various items such as, tins of fruit, weetbix, apple juice and milk, Allways Foods

Northam for Milo and Bee Happy for their honey.

The Breakfast Club operates on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings prior to the commencement of the school day with the help of our local Toodyayites. This is an important, non-threatening and welcoming time for the students to begin their day.

Certificate IV in Agribusiness Goes 'Flexible'



JOHN Scott, Managing Director of C.Y. O'Connor Institute, has moved to assure the community that the Certificate IV in Agribusiness programme will definitely run as planned in 2013. However, the current level of enrolments was not sufficient to enable the Institute to proceed with the programme in the same form as delivered at the Muresk Institute last year. In 2012, the Agribusiness students took up residency at Muresk and studied full-time in two study blocks.

This year the programme will be delivered in a more flexible manner, designed so that a broader range of students, including those in part-time and full-time employment, may enrol. Flexible delivery will allow some online delivery, with workshops and valuable work experience all contributing to the student's training experience.

Anecdotal evidence indicates that there is keen interest from a wider group of people in the agricultural community, who would enrol in an Agribusiness programme that was offered in a flexible format.

Mr Scott said that there are still places available on the course, but enrolments must be completed as soon as possible as the course will commence shortly. The Certificate IV in Agribusiness is not only of great value in enhancing a student's employment opportunities within the agricultural sector, but it will also allow a graduate of the program to gain automatic entry into the bachelor of agricultural

business management degree that is planned to be offered in collaboration with Charles Sturt University in 2014. "We are currently negotiating with Charles Sturt University to determine the amount of credit transfer from the Certificate IV into the bachelor degree," said Mr Scott.

To find out more about the course contact any C.Y. O'Connor Institute campus or lodge an expression of interest form at www.cyoc.wa.edu.au.

Farmers Encouraged to Chase Productivity

AN independent soil scientist has informed farmers about the risk of solely managing soils for organic carbon.

Dr Fran Hoyle from DAFWA said it was important to instead focus on the productivity and profitability of agricultural systems. She was speaking at the CSBP Fertiliser Technical Update held in Tammin.

"Whilst it is important to consider soil organic carbon, one of the best ways to do this is by increasing farm productivity," Dr Fran Hoyle said. "This can be achieved through the management of sub-soil constraints like soil acidity, nutrient supply and compaction."

She said the management of soil organic carbon was a long-term process and there was no magic bullet to quickly increasing levels.

"Whilst there are organic amendments such as manures or compost for increasing soil organic carbon, they were often cost prohibitive," she said. "If farmers focus on maintaining healthy soils this should result in increasing crop yields and soil organic carbon."

Discussion during the update also focused on liquid fertiliser systems.

CSBP's Cunderdin area manager, Jason Ralston, said there's been cost efficiencies from using liquid systems. He said Flexi-N had been in the WA market for the past 12 years.

Farmers who attended the Tammin workshop were shown a display of a liquid banding system, as well as streaming nozzles on a sprayer and different application methods.



Dr Fran Hoyle, DAFWA, and Mr Jason Ralston, CSBP



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Toodyay Anniversaries in 2013

Toodyay Historical Society

Beth Frayne
Event Co-ordinator

2013 Programme of Events:

Planning Day on 3 February produced our Programme for Members and friends, but, of course, as always, some details are yet to be confirmed!

A very big thank you to Colin who hosted the afternoon.

We are considering: a visit to the Avon Valley Vintage Festival at Northam; a York Road/Parkerville excursion; a look at Mill Farm; a train trip to Kalgoorlie; an excursion to Julimar and Chittering; and a Stirling Terrace Heritage Walk (featuring little known anecdotes).

Our special guest at our 14 April AGM will be historian, immigration expert and former Toodyayite, Dr. Nonja Peters, who will talk about growing up in Toodyay and also migration to the Avon Valley.

To continue our immigration theme, we hope to have an 'International Bring-a-Plate and Story' dinner (featuring cuisine from the former countries of new Toodyayites over the years) in one of our heritage buildings!

Farewell to Shire Museum Curator and Heritage Officer Moss Wilson, who left the Shire on 22 February to start an exciting new job with the State Heritage Office in the Perth CBD. We wish Moss all the very best and we are sorry to see him go, as we have appreciated his championship of Toodyay history and heritage over the last four years. President Peter gave him one of Robyn Taylor's special hand-made cards with our best wishes.



Pathways in the Youth Park? Where have they gone? The above photo (ca. 1990-1991) shows a band of willing workers creating blue metal pathways in the Youth Park in Clinton Street, opposite the Newcastle Gaol. Bricks for the wall (this is still standing!) are stockpiled in the background. The Toodyay International Youth Year Committee WA was formed in 1985, when the Youth Park was commenced with tree planting. The Youth Park was officially opened on 26 January 1991, by Warwick Somers, the 1989 Young Citizen of the Year.

Sources:

1985 February 28: The Toodyay International Youth Year Committee WA was formed, with Co-ordinator Kaye Rodgers. The Committee decided to create a Youth Park in Clinton Street. Trees were planted that year. (TH, January-February 1991, p.5, [Re-check])

1991 January 26: Warwick Somers, the 1989 Young Citizen of the Year, opened the Year of Youth Park in Clinton Street, Toodyay. (TH, January-February 1991, p.1, 25 (photo))

Prepared by Beth Frayne, Toodyay Historical Society, 26 Feb. 2013

Beth Frayne
Toodyay Historical Society

THIS year has the usual swag of significant anniversaries that will be celebrated by the community.

160 years ago:

Moodyne Joe arrived in the Colony!

1853 30 April: Convict no. 1790 Joseph Bolitho Johns (later known as Moodyne Joe) arrived in the Colony of Western Australia on the ship *Pyrenees*.

Church finished enough to hold first service!

1853 15 May: St. Philip's Anglican Church at Culham was opened for Divine Service. A collection was made afterwards for defraying the expenses of completing the interior fittings of the church.

Toodyay's oldest extant community organisation was founded!

1853 15 November: The Toodyay, Northam and Victoria Plains Agricultural Society was formed at a meeting at John Herbert's Royal Oak Hotel in old Toodyay.

Toodyay Convict Depot Barracks were completed, but, alas they are gone! Or are they?

1853 The brick Toodyay Depot Barracks on Fiennes Street was completed, providing accommodation for up to 60 ticket-of-leave men. The Toodyay Shire Offices (and former Courthouse) are now on this site, but there may be some foundations lurking underneath perhaps?

150 years ago:

Church building was commenced in Newcastle!

1863 18 January: The foundation stone of the Catholic Church of St. John the Baptist, in Newcastle, was laid by the Very Rev. Martin Griver. This building on Stirling Terrace is now a private home.

100 years ago:

First bridge over the Avon at old (West) Toodyay!

1903 11 April: The PWD accepted John George's tender of £923 17s 8½d to construct a single lane timber bridge over the Avon River at old Toodyay.

Convent of Mercy was officially opened.

1903 22 September: The Most Rev. Mathew Gibney, Bishop of Perth, officially opened the Convent of Mercy on New Road, Newcastle, for the Sisters of Mercy.

Hockey for ladies!

1903 4 December: A ladies' hockey club was formed in Newcastle. Hockey sticks had been ordered.

75 years ago:

Toodyay Golf Club moved house!

1938: The Toodyay Golf Club played on a nine-hole golf course on land provided by Wally Howie in West Toodyay until 1938, after which the Club moved to land near the Toodyay Racecourse.

Toodyay State School wins a Shield!

1938 13 April: The Cockram Shield, awarded to the winner of the rural schools section at the Perth Royal Show, was presented to the Toodyay State School by Vernon Hamersley MLC. The School won the Shield outright after winning this section for the third year.

50 years ago:

New railway commenced!

1963 January: The Utah Construction Co. commenced operations in connection with the Standard Gauge Railway project in the vicinity of Jumperding Brook in the Avon River Valley.

Telephonic communications upgraded!

1963 March: Work started near the Toodyay Post Office on the new Commonwealth funded Toodyay Telephone Exchange building, on the site of the old line depot. The automatic internal equipment for the building was not yet in Australia and was said to be the most modern in the Commonwealth.

Church demolished!

1963 24 March: The last service was held in the original Methodist Church (1898) building in Duke Street, Toodyay, with the sermon given by Rev. Neville Watson. The following day (25 March), the church trustees signed the documents handing over the property for demolition, to make way for the Standard Gauge Railway.

More demolition!

1963 April: The Doctor's House (former Resident Magistrate's residence) was demolished. "The old residency which has been in existence for more than a century no

longer exists. A new road runs right through the site where it stood. Two other houses have been demolished. Others are in line for a similar fate".

Deepest cutting!

1963 June: The Windmill Hill Cutting, between Toodyay and Northam, was being constructed by Leighton Contractors Ltd. for the Standard Gauge Railway. It was the deepest cutting (34 m) of the railway.

Old church and new church!

1963 17 November: The last Mass and communion was celebrated by the Most Rev. Myles McKeon, Auxiliary Bishop of Perth in the old Roman Catholic Church of St. John the Baptist on Stirling Terrace, Toodyay. The new Church of St. John the Baptist, across the road in the Convent of Mercy precinct, was blessed and opened on the same day by the Most Rev. McKeon, witnessed by a congregation of almost 600 people.

New church hall dedicated!

1963 8 December: The Shire President and Councillors were present at the dedication of St. Stephen's Anglican Church Hall by his Grace the Archbishop of Perth, the Most Rev. George Appleton.

25 years ago:

New town clock!

1988 Jan. 26: On a very hot evening at the Toodyay Bicentennial Anniversary Party, the Toodyay Memorial Hall clock was unveiled by A.V. (Bert) Crane MLA, and then blessed by the three Toodyay church ministers. The clock, a replica of a 2-faced railway clock, was made by locals Kim Darragh and Graham Boston.

War Memorial extended!

1988 7 December: Extensions to the Toodyay War Memorial were officially opened by Sir Ernest Lee Steere, KBE. Names of those who served in World War 2, the Korean War and the Vietnam War, were displayed on the new wall surrounding the Memorial obelisk.

20 years ago:

TDHS buildings burnt!

1993 23 May: A fire destroyed most of the buildings of the Toodyay District High School. The old Duke Street School and other local halls were used again for holding classes.

(These facts are a selection from various parts (published and draft) of The Long Toodyay Chronology.)



Pres. Peter handing Moss a farewell card from THS, in the Council Chambers, 22 Feb. Photo: Beth Frayne, 2013

Victoria Pub Alfresco Dinner and History.

THS usually visits one of our heritage pubs for a cool alfresco meal as its first event for the year. On 24 February a large group of 22 members and friends enjoyed a delicious meal, a tour of the upstairs and grounds and a pub history update on a similar event held in February 2008. This time, Beth managed to produce a leaflet about the pub. A copy has been given to pub managers, the Gladmans.

Significantly, Beth has pinned down the first published use of the name 'Victoria Hotel' to 1 March 1886 (ie earlier than 1888). However, James Thomas Wood, the original hotel owner, did run a hotel on the site prior to 1886, but he hasn't told us its name! Also, the pub went two-storey in parts in 1904 by owners the Treadgolds, and in 1908 by lessee T.J. Donegan. Beth has compiled a detailed list of owners, lessees and licensees, and building changes.



Toodyay town at dusk, from the Vic's new verandah. Photo: Beth Frayne, 2013

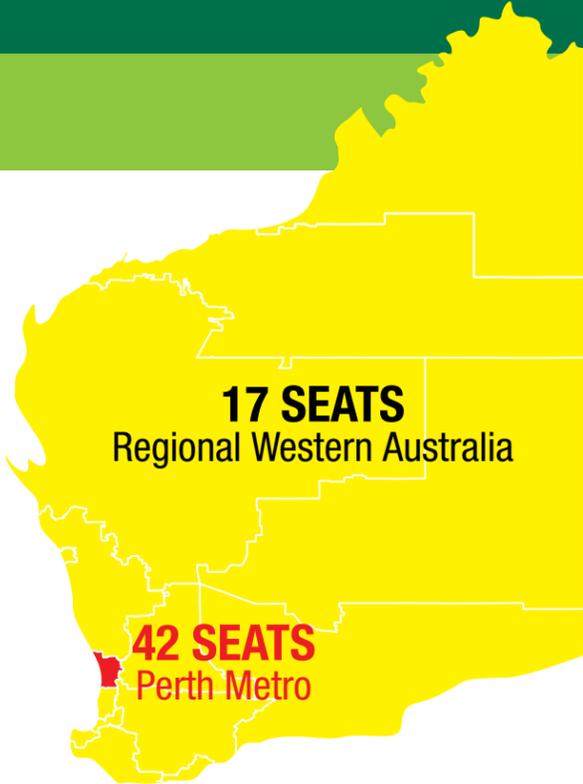
Brian and Beth told funny stories about the pub, and Beth recited a couple of poems about Toodyay, as usual. One, by WA poet Lilian Wooster Greaves, was published in

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the 1926 Toodyay Herald, and another by 'Nicoli' about a couple of boys and a stolen melon, appeared in the Toodyay Herald in 1939.

Clean Up Australia Day, Sunday, 3 March THS will have participated with other like-minded organisations in a Toodyay Tidy Towns litter clean up event along the Avon River, between the town bridges. Hope we saw you there!

THS website almost up! Web designer Kathy Robinson is leading a group of us in creating the new THS website. This is a very exciting but somewhat daunting development for us (what do we want to say and put up, and how?!).

Shire of Toodyay Master Heritage Plan: Moss Wilson has left the Shire of Toodyay with a very detailed "Plan for the future" for the Shire's heritage buildings in relation to heritage conservation and the promotion of heritage tourism. THS has made a submission on the Plan.

Next event: Avon Valley Vintage Festival, Northam Rec. Centre, Easter weekend: THS intends to visit this Festival on Sunday 31 March. Meet at 10.00am at the Toodyay Visitor Centre for car-pooling.

Some of us may even be helping out at the Royal WA Historical Society's stall there on that day! Come and see us!

Next general meeting: Wednesday 20 March 2013, 7pm, at Donegan's Cottage.

For information about any matter related to the Toodyay Historical Society or how we may assist you or your group, please contact the Secretary Desrae Clarke via email: desrae@westnet.com.au or phone 6364 3609, President, Peter Robinson on 0417 957 378, or committee member Beth Frayne on 9574 5971.

Our headquarters are at Donegan's Cottage (within the Showground complex), which is open to the public every Thursday from 1pm til 3pm. Membership is \$10 and our postal address is PO Box 32, Toodyay WA 6566.

2009 Toodyay Bushfire Project

Robyn Taylor, Project Consultant

I have now undertaken a number of oral histories and they certainly provide a wonderful method of capturing people's stories and experiences. Although there has to be a limit to the number of recorded interviews, I plan to cover as broad a cross section as I can of those who were involved during the bushfire and the recovery period that followed. I would like to thank Toodyay Historical Society's member Doug Ayre for his useful insights regarding interviewing with a digital recorder that picks up everything, including the lizard in the roof! Doug will be editing the recordings and I have provided him with some challenges.

Copyright and licence permission forms have now been prepared for those who have kindly lent images for this project. These will be posted out shortly. If any other readers have photos from that time, including mementoes, poems, artworks, I would be very pleased to hear from you. My email: rdtaylor@iinet.net.au or phone: 9574 2578.

I would like to thank Nuala Ennis for scanning articles from the Avon Valley Gazette to go into the ever-expanding media files, and Lotterywest, which has made this project possible.

Peter's Pitch

Peter Robinson, President

We are in a comprehensive planning stage for the district at the Shire level. For a few years, under a previous Shire CEO, community organisations were excluded. Now, fortunately, we are all included.

This gives us an opportunity to not only respond to draft plans, but to be involved in the planning process. We need to encourage and support the Councillors and Staff in their efforts. We may not agree with everything that is proposed but the more ideas that are put on the table the better the chances are of 'getting it right'. Confrontation is out. Cooperation is in. Your Historical Society will try to dovetail some of its activities with the overall Shire direction to gain maximum benefit.

100 years ago

What the heck is Sydmeledperbrisho

WOULD you believe that the name Sydmeledperbrisho, which is a combination of our state capital cities, was put forward for consideration as a name for Canberra?

Well, apparently it was and, with a few other names such as Thirstyville, Coo-ee, Jumbuck City, Pacifica, Austral, Myola and probably a few others.

It was on Wednesday 12 March 1913, that a foundation stone was laid for Australia's federal capital, which was named Canberra.

The ceremony was officiated by the then Governor General, Lord Denham, and the Prime Minister of the day, Mr Andrew Fisher. However, it was Lady Denham, wife of the Governor General, who announced, 'I name the Capital of Australia, Canberra!'

It was not without controversy, as the people were against the huge expense of building yet another city. The *Age* newspaper wrote 'the whole business is exasperatingly stupid and extravagant'.

Lord Denham addressed the large crowd at the ceremony, saying that the Australian people should not be concerned over the expense of building another city, that both Melbourne and Sydney were overcrowded and that it was a "necessary compromise, as compromise was the essence of British self-government".

The Prime Minister of the day, Mr Andrew Fisher said that his vision was to see Canberra develop as a seat of learning, politics and the arts.

So it would appear that the naming was not of concern, but the expense and the site was the major contention of the day.

I can only imagine that there was great relief that our federal capital was not named Sydmeledperbrisho and that the original name of Canberra was retained.

ANZAC Day Memories

The Lee Steere Family

Jan James

IN writing my book 'Over The Scarp and Beyond', I am finding many memory tweekers which take me back a long way.

I was writing about The Lee Steere Family as stud breeders at Hawthornden and I began to remember, as a little girl of four years, straight after the end of the Second World War, how my mother, the late Grace Mary Ann James, took my twin sister, Glen, and I to all things military. I remember going to the old railway station which was across the road from my grandfather, Tom James's house and blacksmith shop. It was a day that has never left my memory.

The Toodyay men, Jack Baker and others of the 2/4th Machine Gun Battalion were coming home having been prisoners of the Japanese at Changi Prison. Their skeleton-like appearance has never left my mind. The reason for my thoughts today is that, ploughing through countless newspaper articles on Trove about the Lee Steere family, I came across two articles which revealed some answers to me of the memory of going to the ANZAC Day parades and marching behind those very brave men who also had not long been home.

One man that stood out was Sir Ernest Lee Steere. He was a big man, very tall and he marched so strong and proud as though he was marching for his whole unit and for everyone who didn't make it home. I didn't know then and, in fact, only found out through these articles, that, of his father's three sons who went to war, he was the only one to come home.

One of his two brothers, Lieutenant Roderick Yelverton Lee Steere of the Royal Australian Naval Volunteer Reserve, was killed on 29 June 1944 aged 28. He was reported missing following the loss of the ship in which he was returning to Australia after three years' active service abroad.

90129 Flying Officer Charles Augustus Lee Steere, born 2 October 1910 and died 27 May 1940 joined the Royal Auxiliary Air Force and trained as a pilot. On completing his training, he joined 601 (County of London) Squadron (Auxiliary Air Force).

He was posted missing, on 27 May 1940, whilst flying a Hawker Hurricane fighter covering the withdrawal of the British Expeditionary Force towards Dunkirk and other channel ports. In July 1946 the College noted that he was presumed killed.

He is buried in the Outscore Communal Cemetery, Diksmuide, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. Grave Ref: Grave 9.

He is commemorated in the Memorial Grove, Hale School, Wembley Downs, Perth, Western Australia and at St Katharines Parish Church, Knockholt, UK.

Rural Driving Myths

Cliff Simpson

Regional Road Safety Officer
WALGA's RoadWise Program

1 "I can drink 8 tinnies of Carlton Mid-Strength during a round of golf and still be under .05"

WRONG!

By the time you have finished the back nine and dropped into the clubhouse for the last can, you have consumed 8 standard drinks over say 4 hours. In an adult, the average rate of metabolism of alcohol is about one standard drink per hour. However, there is significant variation in this rate between individuals. Your blood alcohol will continue to rise after you have consumed your last drink.

You generally won't reach your maximum blood alcohol concentration (BAC) until 45-90 minutes after consuming it. (Source: Drinkwise Australia website)

Recent trends indicate that drink driving contributes to over 30% of fatal road crashes. A BAC of 0.05g of alcohol per 100 ml of blood or higher was recorded in 7.9% of fatal and serious crashes. In fact, statistics by the Office of Road Safety reveal that people are seven times more likely to have a crash if they are driving with a blood alcohol content of 0.08/100ml.

Drink drivers will automatically lose their Licence for two months under new legislation which came into effect on 1 August 2012. WA Police are now able to issue disqualification notices to drivers who are caught behind the wheel with a BAC at or above .08.

We as a community can all remind road users of the risks and consequences associated with drinking and driving and its social unacceptability.

2. City drivers crash on country roads.

PEOPLE often say that the high regional road fatality rates are due to city drivers who have poor driving skills for country roads. But, despite popular belief, tourists and visitors do not account for most of the crashes in regional and rural WA.

In regional WA the majority of fatal crashes involve drivers who live in the same local government area. This means that 60% of the fatal crashes in rural areas involve drivers from our own communities. If drivers from surrounding regional communities are included, the figure is even higher than this.

Another confronting statistic is that while only a quarter of WA's population live outside the metropolitan area, they are

accounting for half of the fatalities each year, and this is a gross over-representation.

Sadly, that's country people on country roads. It is not someone who is unfamiliar with the roads or unsure of their speed. The majority of the time that there is a fatal crash, it's someone in their own territory, perhaps near their home or workplace, who one day makes a fatal mistake.

The majority of serious crashes in regional areas occur on roads spreading out from Perth within a radius of about 300km. Country people within 3 hours drive of Perth, travel these roads much more frequently than city drivers, who may only make a trip out of the city once each year.

The most common crash type in regional WA is where a vehicle runs off the road. At higher speeds on gravel edged or unsealed roads, a single moment of inattention, inappropriate speed, fatigue, or other impairment or just driver error could cost someone their life, a price that no driver should be faced with paying, especially when these deaths and serious injuries are entirely preventable.

Reducing run-off road crashes is a priority area of 'Towards Zero' and goes hand in hand with encouraging 5-Star vehicle purchases with life-saving technology such as Electronic Stability Control (ESC). ESC prevents vehicles from skidding out of control and leaving the road to hit a tree or roll over.

Deaths and serious injuries in regional and remote communities as a result of a road crash have a wide-felt impact on the communities in which they and their family, friends and colleagues live and work. Every driver in regional WA can take responsibility for their actions on the road by not exceeding the speed limit, choosing a 5-Star safety rated vehicle, making sure they and their passengers are wearing a seat belt at all times, not drinking and driving and also being aware of the signs of fatigue.

3. This sign means Fang it...



WRONG!

"Drive to the conditions of the road" means exactly that. Be aware of all these factors:

- Time of day and direction: are you driving into the sun? Is it dark?
- Time of day: is it kangaroo o'clock?
- The weather: is it raining, foggy, windy?
- Road surface: is it wet or dry?
- Road surface: gravel or bitumen?
- Road surface: in good condition or deteriorated?
- Is the shoulder in good condition?
- Road geometry: is it straight or winding, flat or hilly?
- Are there white lines or reflectors on this road?
- Do road trains use this road?

Remember that run-off-road crashes are the most common cause of road fatalities in the Wheatbelt. If we make a mistake at high speed there are no second chances.

Abide by the advisory speed limits on the yellow diamond signs. Do not exceed 110 km/h.

We, as a community of road users, have a shared responsibility for road safety and need to be aware of the risks and consequences associated with driving on rural and regional roads. If you think a road is dangerous, contact your Shire office or ring Main Roads on 131 138.

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This month *The Toodyay Herald* reintroduces the old 'Advertisers' Listings' which used to grace the back page of the paper.

New technology has now made this much more user-friendly. No more do we have to write the name of the business and the page number on a scrap of paper and take it to a computer to type in. Now, the database does it all (with a little bit of help from a human, of course.)

We hope you find this new 'old' feature helpful.

The editorial team

when and where they meet

AAFC 708 SQUADRON

Australian Air Force Cadets ages 12 ½ to 17, male and female Building J1, Northam Army Camp Grt Eastern Hwy. Friday 6:30-9:30pm 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 1st Tuesday 8pm, The Old Police Station, Duke St Sth. Interested in arts/crafts workshops call Wendy 9574 4172

AUSTRALIAN BREASTFEEDING ASSOCIATION

Breastfeeding information & company of mums. 2nd & 4th Tuesday, Salvation Army Support Centre, 3 Elizabeth Pl Northam 10am-noon. 3rd Tuesday at Toodyay Playgroup 12-2pm. Call Louise for details 9574 0229

AUTUMN CLUB

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

AVONGROVE TAI CHI

Promoting Health Fitness & Relaxation Classes at CWA Hall Mondays & Thursdays 9:30am to 11:00am. New members receive two free intro classes Contact Peter Millar 0408 364 917

AVON VALLEY ADULT RIDING CLUB

Meets 4th Saturday (Feb - Nov) at Northam Equestrian Centre. Contact Sandra 9574 4429

AVON VALLEY ENVIRONMENTAL SOC.

3rd Friday at Max Trenorden's Office, Entrance Northam Boulevard Fitzgerald Street Northam, noon.

AVON VALLEY VINTAGE VEHICLE ASSOCIATION

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

AVON WOODTURNERS GROUP

Meet every Sunday and Wednesday 9am-12 noon Wool Pavilion Toodyay Sports Ground

BEJOORDING VOLUNTEER FIRE BRIGADE

Meet at Bejoording Fire Shed, 3rd Saturday 5pm

CHILD HEALTH IMMUNISATION CLINIC

For the next immunisation clinic please call Sheree on 9574 4577 for details and book an appointment.

COONDLE NUNILE VOLUNTEER BUSH FIRE BRIGADE

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

COUNTRY WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION (CWA)

General meeting - 4th Thursday 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

3rd Tuesday 6pm at PB Kirby Centre, cnr Gordon & Wellington Sts, Northam. New members welcome. Contact Caroline Barr on 9622 8043 or Belle Moore on 9622 5203 for information.

FIRST STEPS PLAYGROUP INC - TOODYAY MONTESSORI

Monday 9.30 - 11.30am Playgroup Room Community Resource Centre Enquiries call Felicity 9574 4254

FITNESS AND FUN FOR THE OVER 55's

Wednesday 9am, Sports Pavillion.

IDA'S HIDEAWAY

Every Saturday 1-4pm Butterly House Call Ida Edwards 9574 2858

JULIMAR VOLUNTEER BUSH FIRE BRIGADE

Meets 3rd Saturday 5.30pm Julimar Fire Shed followed by BYO BBQ. Training Sunday following meeting 9am Julimar Fire Shed.

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 at 7pm Saturday mornings 8am at 3 Wallaby Way, Morangup new members welcome. Call Cheryl Mustchin 9572 9556

RAG BAGS QUILTING GROUP

1st, 3rd Wednesday, 10am CWA Hall

RSL TOODYAY SUB-BRANCH

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

ST STEPHEN'S MOTHERS' UNION/GUILD

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

SHIRE OF TOODYAY COUNCIL MEETING

3rd Thursday Council Chambers 7pm

SIMPLY MUSIC

Piano lessons for all ages Anglican Church Hall (next to Cola Cafe), Thursday afternoons and Friday mornings. Phone Jan 0416 054 942.

SOCIAL TENNIS

Tuesday 8.30am ladies and senior men

TOODYAY 4WD CLUB

Meets 3rd Saturday, for location & time call Dave Isbill 9574 4035

TOODYAY BALLET SCHOOL

Classes in Classical, Jazz & Tap held at 507 Julimar Rd, new studio. Ages 4yrs to Adults, girls and boys 9574 4459 Saturdays 9am-30pm (except school holidays)

TOODYAY CENTRAL VOLUNTEER BUSH FIRE BRIGADE

4th Tuesday 7.30pm at the Toodyay Fire & Emergency Services Centre. Training 3rd Tuesday, 3rd Sunday

TOODYAY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY INC

Meets 3rd Monday Toodyay Club, 5.30pm. Contact Contact Phil Perkins 9574 4810

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 Peeeweeks, 4-5pm juniors, 5-6pm intermediate, 6-7pm seniors at the Youth Hall

TOODYAY COMMUNITY RADIO 105.3fm

Meets 1st Tuesday 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

Meet at CWA Hall, Stirling Terr at 7pm each Thursday night

TOODYAY DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL P & C

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

TOODYAY DISTRICTS HORSE & PONY CLUB

1st Sunday Feb-Nov Northam Equestrian Centre call Tanzi 0427 859 493

TOODYAY FRIENDS OF THE RIVER

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

TOODYAY GARDEN CLUB (Inc)

1st Thursday 10am call Gale 9574 4740 or Margaret 9574 5885 for next club venue.

TOODYAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

3rd Wednesday 7pm Donegan's Cottage

TOODYAY IRISH DANCING (Inc)

Fridays (except school holidays) 3.30-7pm Anglican Church Hall call Alison 0409 295 369

TOODYAY KINDERGYM

Kindergym Fridays (except school holidays) Toodyay Sports Pavilion call Claire Moore (President) 9574 4529

TOODYAY LIONS CLUB

1st & 3rd Tuesday Hotel Freemasons

TOODYAY MASONIC LODGE

3rd Friday (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 6176 Toodyay Road Thursday mornings Phone Geoff Ebdon 9574 4568

TOODYAY MOONDYNE FESTIVAL

Meets 2nd Monday 5.30pm Toodyay Club. New members always welcome Contact Jasmin 9574 4068 or email moondyncommittee@gmail.com

TOODYAY MUSIC CLUB INC

2nd Friday 7pm CWA Hall call Teddy or Spencer 9574 4492

TOODYAY NATURALISTS' CLUB

Meets 3rd Saturday Venue found in the article under 'Environmental Matters. Enq to President 6364 3609, Vice President 9574 2578 or email toodyaynats@westnet.com.au. New members and visitors are made very welcome.

TOODYAY NEIGHBOURHOOD/RURAL WATCH

Enq 9574 9555 or Desrae 6364 3609

TOODYAY PLAYGROUP

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

TOODYAY RATEPAYERS & RESIDENTS ASSOC (INC.)

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

TOODYAY RED CROSS

2nd Monday February May August & November Anglican Hall 1.30pm

TOODYAY SPINNERS

Wednesdays and 2nd Saturday and the Felting subgroup on 2nd Mondays from 9am Parkers Cottage. President: Gretta Sauta 9574 2868; Secretary: Ange Sturman 9574 2507

TOODYAY SWIMMING POOL ACTION COMM

Please contact Bethan Lloyd on 9574 5882 for details of meetings.

TOODYAY TOWN WALKS

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

TOODYAY VOLUNTEER FIRE AND RESCUE

1st Monday Fire Station 7.30pm

UNITING CHURCH

10am St Stephen's Church, Toodyay

YOGA

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

Seasonal Forecast Outlined at 2013 Crop Updates

FORECASTS show an increased chance of wetter than normal conditions during early autumn for eastern and southern parts of the Wheatbelt, but there may be fewer opportunities for early sowing.

The Department of Agriculture and Food presented its latest Statistical Seasonal Forecast (SSF) information at the Agribusiness Crop Updates event in Perth.

Department research officer Fiona Evans said forecasts were in the form of probability distributions indicating shifts away from long-term averages, and could also provide information on the likelihood of these shifts occurring.

"The forecast for February to April indicates a 40-60 per cent chance of exceeding the long term (1975-2011) median rainfall for the higher rainfall areas of the Wheatbelt, with a 60-80 per cent chance of exceeding median rainfall in eastern and southern parts of the Wheatbelt," Dr Evans said.

The department uses statistical models, which are updated monthly, to produce

timely rainfall outlooks for the growing season in the south west of the state.

"The models are currently indicating that the chance of above median rainfall in May is low (less than 20 per cent), so it is likely that we could see either a late break to the 2013 growing season or low amounts in May with long periods of little rain until winter rainfall starts in June," Dr Evans said.

"What this means for growers is that dry seeding may be a less favourable option as the risk of poor establishment from early germinated crops increases.

"Moving into the growing season, rainfall is expected to be normal to slightly drier than normal."

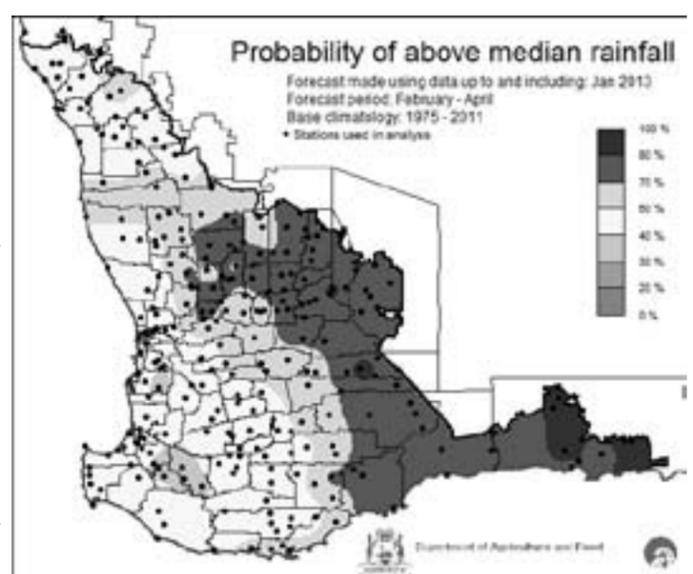
Dr Evans said one of the products produced by the department was a soil water map for the wheatbelt, which would be useful in making decisions at planting.

Growers should check the SSF on a monthly basis as the season progresses and forecasting skill improves. Additionally they should use other agronomic models, soil

water measurements, tools and seek advice when making decisions as the season progresses.

The SSF is a free service offered by the department via its website. As well as providing maps of rainfall forecasts for the coming months, users can click on any weather station shown in the map for more detailed, location-specific information including a graph showing rainfall to date and forecast rainfall for the rest of the season.

Growers can access the SSF at agric.wa.gov.au/climate.



public notices

Anniversaries

Megan & Wayne Smart
Tony & Lynda Weston
Barry & Mary Groves
Cathy & Torben Bendtsen
Brian & Glenyce Bosnjak
Tina & Russell Lawrence

Annual General Meetings

Coondle-Nunile Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade

The Coondle-Nunile Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade gives notice that it will be holding an AGM on Saturday 20 April at 5pm at the Coondle Fire Shed.

Julimar Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade

The Julimar Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade will hold its AGM on Saturday 20 April at approximately 6pm (just after our Ordinary General Meeting which starts at 5.30pm) at *The Fire Place*, behind the Julimar Fire Shed, Julimar Rd, Toodyay.

Their regular monthly BYO BBQ will follow the AGM.

Birthdays

BAXTER FAHEY Briana

Happy 16th Birthday Briana Baxter Fahey
From Grandfather and Nanna.

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| Bonnie McGeady | Eryn Louise Evans |
| Latisha Menner | Nicholas Groves |
| Desrae Clarke | Kirsty Nelmes |
| Samantha Sloper | Graham Boston |
| Robert Broderick | Ida Edwards |
| Brooke Taylor | Daryl Morrison |
| Maureen Adamson | Joshua Cording |
| Marc McDermott | Sharna Watson |
| Jason Higgins | Emma Higgins |
| Will Menner | Joan Hubie |
| Josephine Broderick | Christina Wright |
| Brian Bosnjak | Michael Mijota |
| Briana Baxter-Fahey | Bronwyn King |

Easter Church Services

Catholic Church Holy Week Times

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| 28 March Maundy Thursday | |
| Mass of the Last Supper | 6pm |
| 29 March Good Friday | |
| Passion of the Lord | 3pm |
| 30 March | |
| Easter Vigil | 6pm |
| 31 March Easter Sunday | |
| (Friars) | 10am |

First Aid Course

The next Apply First Aid course in Toodyay will be held on SATURDAY 16 MARCH at St John ambulance training rooms. This is a one day course. Homework Packs available on registration (numbers limited). Contact Jenny at L J Hooker 9574 2455 or a/h 9574 2412.

In Memoriam

FISHER (HEATH) Robert

Millie. Max and family wish to thank everyone for their kind expressions of sympathy, love and prayers of support with the loss of our dear son Robert.

The cards, flowers, phone calls, emails, visits and cuppa's have been very much appreciated.

Our heartfelt thanks to all.

CAMPBELL, John Desmond

1.9.1927 - 5.2.2013

Margaret and family would like to extend their sincere thanks to family and friends for their support, cards and attendance at John's funeral.

Our heartfelt thanks to the Avon Hospice, Dr M Archer, Dr K Christianson and the Northam Hospital Staff for their care and support, Toodyay St. John Ambulance. Special thanks to the Julimar Bush Fire Brigade for your love, support, Guard of

Honour and Wake for John's funeral.



Obituary

CAMPBELL, John Desmond

1.9.1927 - 5.2.2013

John Campbell was born into a farming family in the small South Australian town of Spalding in 1927.

Along with his younger sister, Margaret, they enjoyed a childhood typical of small farming communities in the early 1930s, riding a horse and sometimes taking a sulky to school.

When he was about 16 or 17, John left South Australia and made his way to WA where he worked on various stations and farms before settling in Three Springs. There he met Margaret who was working on the same farm, and they subsequently married and started a family of three sons and a daughter.

In 1956 the Campbells moved to Karragullen in Perth where John did various fruit picking jobs in the surrounding area before securing a position as groundsman with the Department of Civil Aviation at Perth Airport. The position came with a house situated beside the end of the runway and so the family got to hear every plane that took off and landed, often with a commentary of what flight, company, destination and type of aircraft.

In 1963 John joined the Mobile Maintenance Unit which meant a transfer to Meekatharra where they lived ten kilometres out of town in the only house at the airport. John's job there required him to be away from home for long periods maintaining all the airports in the Murchison area. When an aircraft came in at night John would have to light the runway lights by hand and then extinguish them. One 707 that came in when Perth was fogged out was full of American tourists who wanted to know if the grasshoppers that were in plague proportion at the time were, in fact, kangaroos.

In about 1967 John and family moved back to Perth and eventually settled in Bassendean where the children would finish their schooling, staying there until 1988. During that time John was again away for long periods of time working at various airports throughout the State. He eventually left the ground staff and took a position as Safety Officer.

In 1988 after about 30 years with DCA, John retired and he and Margaret bought a 16 acre block on Julimar Road and built a shed on the property, moving to Toodyay later that same year.

Margaret and John, being country people thrived in Toodyay and became active members of the community. They were both involved with the Agricultural Society for many years, the local church where

Margaret was the organist and the Julimar Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade where John eventually became the Fire Control Officer and Margaret would 'man' the radio at home.

In the last few months of John's life, he liked nothing more than to go to the fire shed on a Friday night for the chook raffle and a drink with old and new mates.

Before retirement John had joined the Masonic Lodge and, over the years, was a member of a number of them up until illness made it too difficult to attend.

One of John's proudest moments was in 1998 when he was named 'Citizen of the Year' for Toodyay.

Registration Day

Toodyay Junior Footy Club

The registration day for the Toodyay Junior Footy Club will be held on 9 March 2013 at the Toodyay Showgrounds from 10am to 12noon.

Registrations are for all age groups including Auskick.

Expressions of Interest for coaching positions for 9s and 11s, umpires and committee assistance are also called for.

If you are interested in coaching during 2013 or assisting the committee in any way, please contact a committee member or send your interest in writing to PO Box 724, Toodyay WA 6566.

Thank You

Toodyay Chamber of Commerce and Industry

The Toodyay Chamber of Commerce and Industry wishes to thank the following organisations and sponsors for their generous assistance in supporting the 2012 Family Christmas Street Party: Toodyay Op Shop; Toodyay Community Bank; Makit Hardware; Dunning's Caltex; Shire of Toodyay; Cola Café; LJ Hooker; Brewbakers; Moondynze

Gallery; Toodyay Pharmacy; Toodyay Building & Maintenance Services.

We also wish to advise that the Family Christmas Street Party for 2013 will be held on Saturday 7 December from 4pm to 7pm.

The Chamber wishes all members of the Toodyay community a happy and prosperous business new year.

Toodyay School Reunion



Many of us who went to the old Toodyay School or Convent will be turning 70 years young this year. A get together would be great on Saturday 6 at the Freemasons Hotel from 11 am. Tea and coffee supplied, please bring or buy your own lunch from the pub, the lovely bakery or cafes.

Please also bring photos or memorabilia. Phone Stella for more information on (evenings) 95742248. Everyone is most welcome.

World's Greatest Shave

Our team name is ANA. Allison, Norah and Ann are doing the Greatest Shave on 17 March at 10am on the Freemason's front verandah in Toodyay.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Please look out for our donation tins around town. You can also donate online at my.leukaemiafoundation.org.au/ana. Please dig deep for this worthy cause.

Bendigo Bank

Toodyay & Districts Community Bank® Branch

It's our thirteenth birthday thanks to you

Join us as we celebrate Toodyay & Districts Community Bank® Branch's thirteenth birthday on Saturday 9 March..

In just Thirteen years, Toodyay & Districts Community Bank® Branch has contributed \$633,963.00 in sponsorship, grants, contributions to events and dividends to our shareholders, back in to the Toodyay community, and it's all thanks to you.

To celebrate, we invite you to join us for the cutting of our big birthday cake from 9am onwards on Saturday 9 March..

Please come and have a chat in the branch at anytime for more information.

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Toodyay Netball Club - 2013 Season Registration Day

Saturday 9th March, 9 - 11am outside IGA

Netta - mixed, age 8 & 9 years
Sub Juniors - mixed, age 10 - 12 years
Juniors - females, age 13 - 15 years
Seniors - females, age 16+ years

Enquiries to Jo Dickson - 0438 841 100