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## And the River Flows on...

**Obituary**  
**DONEGAN Gaven John**  
16.4.1941 – 22.8.2013

**Grant Scobie**

OVER 500 people attended Gaven Donegan's funeral at St Stephen's Church and burial at the Toodyay Cemetery; a true honour for a man who touched everyone with whom he came in contact.

GAVEN John Donegan was a Toodyay boy through and through, spending the early part of his life living on the banks of the Avon River at Cobbler Pool. This is where Gaven's relationship with the river began.

Gaven was a resourceful fellow. He rode well, shot a rifle well and was a handy axeman. He would ride out into the bush and shoot a kangaroo to bring home to make a supper of rissoles or roo tail soup for his family. He trapped rabbits, earning 5 shillings a pair, went fishing for cobbler in the river, using a bamboo pole or long stick with a short length of line, a hook and a worm, always returning home with plenty of fish.

At 15, following the death of his father, Gaven left school and assumed responsibility for his family, assisting his mother to raise his brothers and sisters, Derek, 14, Colleen, 13, Lois, 10, Athol, 8, Ian, 4 and Noel, not yet 1 year old. He began cutting fence posts from Jam trees at Coodlin, 80 acres of land his family owned, and Springbank, using his hard-earned money to help with raising the family. With a special permit, he was allowed to drive his mother into Toodyay from Cobbler Pool in the ute until he was old enough to get his official driver's license. At 16, he joined the Toodyay Fire Brigade.

He moved away, working for some time on a sheep station at Yalgoo where he met his wife, Christeen, travelling and returning to Toodyay where he started an earthmoving business. He played football for the Toodyay Football Club playing in the premiership game of 1961.

Christeen and Gaven married in 1965 with their firstborn, Avon, coming along a year later. Times grew tough with drought and the family moved to Laverton for nine years, still in the earthmoving / mining business. He joined the Laverton Fire Brigade and Laverton Football Club.



Laverton won the grand final 1978, with a 37 year old Gaven Donegan on the team.

In the early eighties, the family returned to Toodyay and, after some years driving trucks, Gaven became manager of Springbank Farm on the Avon River, opposite Cobbler Pool. As with everything Gaven did, he put his heart and soul into the 11,000 acre property running 10,000 sheep and 200 head of cattle. He started to enter sheep in the Toodyay Show and joined the Toodyay Agricultural Society at around the same time. He remained a member until his passing, 30 years with 18 on committee and three years as president.

He continued his involvement with firefighting, especially on a property such as Springbank with everything from open fields, to granite outcrops to Jarrah forest. He was a Fire Control Officer for the area and one of the founding members of the West Toodyay (now Julimar) Bush Fire Brigade. He was so skilled at predicting what a fire would do that, whatever Gaven said he needed, whether a grader, loader,

more fire fighters (or less), he was believed and everything would be done to get what he was after.

His proximity to the Avon River by which he was raised and seeing it in such dire straits led him to join the Toodyay Friends of the River. In May 2006, as president, Gaven made the front page of the West Australian newspaper, standing in the middle of a very dry riverbed to "show those politicians down in Perth that this river needs help." He also appeared on ABC's Stateline bemoaning how the river of his childhood had been destroyed:

*When we were young our father taught us to respect the river in all types of way and that's where most of our living comes from, the river, cobblers, mullet and there was all the other types of birdlife. If we wanted a duck or anything like that we could have that on the menu as well. We were watching the river every day because of the school bus coming down and picking us up and taking us to the Toodyay school so anything that*

*was starting to change in the river, as kids and right to now, we've able to notice what's been happening.*

Gaven developed rheumatoid arthritis and, in 1993, was forced to leave Springbank and move closer to Toodyay as the illness progressed. He remained with the Toodyay Friends of the River, the Toodyay Football Club and Toodyay Central Fire Brigade, all of which voted him life membership. He also joined the Toodyay Historical Society and, of course, remained a staunch supporter and member of the Toodyay Agricultural Society. He also served on the Avon Nature Conservation Advisory Committee and the Wheatbelt Natural Resource Management Committee for many years. On Australia Day, 2013, Gaven was presented with the Active Citizenship Award,

Gaven's memory and ability to pass on his knowledge endeared him to all. He loved to tell a yarn and he told plenty. They were always tinged with a bit of humour, a lot of truth, a smattering of exaggeration or, maybe, just a slight embellishment! Gaven gave everything to everything and everyone. He loved people, Toodyay, the Avon River.

Gaven is survived by his wife, Christeen, children, Avon, Sonia and Jennifer and his grandchildren, Jack, Amber, Chloe, Taleah and Jayda and his brothers and sisters, Derek, Colleen, Lois, Athol, Ian and Noel and their families. He will be sadly missed by everyone with whom he came in contact, even if only for a moment.

The funeral cortège was led by the Toodyay Central Bush Fire Brigade. The hearse and family cars then followed before other Bush Fire Brigade vehicles and other mourners. All the fire appliances had their beacons flashing.

The procession stopped on the Bolgart Bridge where Gaven's family carried out one of his last wishes: throw some blackboy (grass tree) fronds from the middle of the bridge into the river. The river, Gaven's passion, after recent rains, carried the fronds away to become part of its soul.

And the river flows on...

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## Ol' Blind Joe

### Stirling Hamilton

THE Shire of Toodyay has committed to a zero tolerance of alcohol and drugs in the workplace and will conduct random drug and alcohol screening to ensure compliance. This policy will apply to all premises and work sites, and to all employees including office and managerial staff.

It seems that our council has elected to embark on a grand Quixotic adventure and I figured I might present a few facts for all concerned to consider.

The most common types of tests used in the workplace are breath analysis, urinalysis, and saliva testing. All three have limitations. Apart from breath analysis, which can detect alcohol intoxication, no other workplace drug test can detect intoxication or impairment. Urinalysis is particularly problematic due to its inability to distinguish between recent and past drug use. Workers who consume alcohol or drugs away from the workplace and who do not return to work until the effects of consumption (eg intoxication, hangover, fatigue) have dissipated are unlikely to be a direct risk to safety.

False positives can result from the test detecting a legal substance that is chemically similar to the target drug (eg over-the-counter or prescribed medications). For example codeine, like other opioids, metabolises to morphine and most drug tests cannot distinguish between codeine and other opioids (such as heroin) that also metabolise to morphine.

Urinalysis is the least expensive of all drug test types. It doesn't test for the presence of a drug, it tests for the presence of drug metabolites that result from previous use. Metabolites are chemical compounds created as a drug is activated or deactivated by internal chemical processes after ingestion. For most drug types, it can detect use that has occurred up to three days prior to the test. One exception to this is for cannabis use, where occasional use can be detected up to 6 days or more prior to the test and, for regular use, the window of detection can increase to several weeks. How does identifying the presence of residual metabolites in unimpaired employees reduce risk in the workplace?

The Maritime Union of Australia has reported a rise in the use of methamphetamine by miners in WA after urine drug testing was introduced, because the more rapidly metabolised methamphetamine was less likely to be detected than cannabis. WA now has the highest rate of amphetamine use in the nation. I know quite a few blokes who've told me they can't risk having a joint because of random tests but speed (amphetamines),

ecstasy, etc. are out of your system in 24 hours. Cannabis is by far the safest drug on the (black)market but company policies have encouraged young blokes to choose much more dangerous drugs whose quality and safety is unknown.

It is also important to be clear about the difference between alcohol or drug use and impairment. While there is a large body of evidence indicating a blood alcohol content level of 0.05g/100mL or greater is likely to indicate impairment, no such measure exists for other drugs. Workplace tests for drugs other than alcohol have no objective criteria by which to determine impairment.

The deputy director of the National Centre for Education and Training on Addiction (NCETA) at Flinders University, Dr Ken Pidd (PhD), said drug testing in the workplace was just an easy 'tick-a-box' response to the problem. He says neither urine nor oral swab tests can detect exactly when drugs were taken but oral swab or saliva testing is a more reliable indication of whether someone is under the influence. He believed workplace testing might be contributing to the increase in the use of synthetic drugs, such as Jack3d and Kronik, and the misuse of pharmaceutical drugs. He said some employers wrongly believed that drug testing was required to meet their workplace health and safety obligations. "What they do need are high-quality education and training programs which help develop a workplace culture conducive to health and safety"

Australian legal determinations concerning workplace testing indicate that zero tolerance testing, in the absence of a strong justification, may be judged as unreasonable. In addition, given the inability of urinalysis to detect impairment and its poor reliability in detecting recent use, the Australian Industrial Relations Commission has ruled the use of urinalysis to address workplace safety concerns as unjust and unreasonable (Shell Vs CFMEU).

Why is council implementing this policy? Is some other Department of Government pushing this agenda on council? Is there any evidence of employee misbehaviour or injuries caused by employees due to lifestyle choices made in their own time and home? When did council decide to police people's private activities if they haven't or won't impact on their work or colleagues? Just because a practice is widespread doesn't mean it's good policy. Employers who utilise urine testing in the workplace are very rightly perceived by workers as taking on a policing role in a moral and legal sense rather than taking on a management role in a workplace safety sense.

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## Rail Closure Outcry Prompts Rescue Bid



Bejoording resident, Richard, checks out the AvonLink train at East Perth Station. Photo courtesy Richard Hazlewood

### Michael Sinclair-Jones

HUNDREDS of Toodyay residents and visitors are being urged to sign a written petition being circulated by local Nationals MPs in a bid to save the town's AvonLink and MerredinLink passenger rail services from closure.

WA Transport Minister, Troy Buswell's shock decision last month to axe the rail service on 30 December has sparked widespread local condemnation and prompted an online petition that attracted more than 550 names in the first 10 days.

The surprise Government announcement follows six horrific road deaths on Toodyay Road in 11 months, including a triple fatality near Noble Falls on 31 July and two more killed in a head-on smash near Strahan Road on 27 June.

TransWA says it will replace the trains with buses, adding pressure on Toodyay Road, which is already at capacity and faces an extra 42 heavy trucks a day under plans for a new Perth rubbish dump 14km south of town.

Nationals MPs, Mia Davies, Shane Love and Paul Brown, have drafted a petition to State Parliament seeking a two-year moratorium on the rail closure and using Royalties for Regions cash to improve the service to be more profitable.

The petition will be available for signing in Toodyay shops and businesses, at the Shire office and at the Toodyay Visitors Centre. *The Toodyay Herald* urges all local residents and visitors to sign the petition and ask others to do so too.

Shire CEO Stan Scott said Toodyay Council was dismayed by the rail closure.

"Council has authorised Shire President, Kevin Hogg, and me to lobby State MPs – including Mr Buswell (also State Treasurer) and Nationals Party Leader Brendon Grylls (WA Regional Development Minister) – to save the trains," he said.

Earlier, Mr Buswell announced closure of the AvonLink and MerredinLink passenger service after 30 December because it was "too expensive" to run.

He said replacing it with buses would save taxpayers \$900,000 a year.

"It would be great to continue the rail service but we just can't afford to keep it in place for the 30 people on average who use it each day – we have to live within our means and cut our cloth to suit the circumstances," he said.

However, Shire officers and local MPs say the AvonLink commuter service that leaves Toodyay at 6.50am and returns at 6.40pm on weekdays – with no weekend service for tourists – is unattractive and doesn't encourage use.

"The train won't stop unless you buy a ticket in advance, and you can't buy a multi-trip ticket on the train – you have to buy it from an agent," Mr Scott said. "We're proposing a two-year moratorium on the closure to try to increase passenger numbers.

"Toodyay attracts thousands of tourists annually for events such as the Moondyne Festival, Avon Descent, Bush Poets Festival, Targa West car rally, Toodyay Picnic Races and Toodyay Agricultural Show, yet there's no day trip or weekend trains.

"The service is not adequately promoted as a tourist attraction even though it's one of the most picturesque rail routes in Australia

as it winds through the Avon Valley where no roads go.

"The drivers for Toodyay's growth are 'tree-change' people – we need to make the argument that funding the rail service for two years with Royalties for Regions money is vital for the State's regional development strategy."

Toodyay Shire President, Kevin Hogg, told a recent State Government Ministerial Panel that Toodyay Road was one of the State's most dangerous.

"WA's annual road toll was about one death per 22,000 people," he said.

The annual Perth road toll was one road death per 30,000 people, and the country figure was one road death per 15,000 people.

"Sadly for Toodyay, it is around one road death per thousand people this year already," Cr Hogg said. "When is there to be money to upgrade the 70km section of Toodyay Road from the top of Red Hill to Toodyay?"

Nationals MP Shane Love said he didn't think Mr Buswell would oppose retaining the rail link if other money could be found to pay for it.

"Toodyay needs better access than Toodyay Road, particularly after the recent horrible accident at Noble Falls and the bad accident a month before," he said. "People don't feel confident using Toodyay Road, and it's an unfortunate time to announce a rail closure.

"It's too narrow for the volume of traffic, there are too many bends and the road geometry is wrong in many places.

"It may have been OK in the past when the town was just 900 people but now there's 3000 – Toodyay Road is just not up to it anymore."

Nationals Upper House MP, Paul Brown, said the AvonLink rail service needed to be easier to use and more flexible to meet people's needs.

"Ticketing is very hard, specially for elderly people who need to be internet-savvy and have a credit card to book in advance," Mr Brown said.

"Main Roads WA says Toodyay Road is already at capacity – it needs a significant upgrade, especially if extra landfill trucks from Perth start using it."

A Public Transport Authority spokesperson said Toodyay residents would be better off switching from trains to buses because the new service would run twice daily instead of once a day.

"It will mean more opportunities for day-trip tourism on trips that will take slightly longer, but not much," he said.

However, Toodyay residents who followed a recent TransWA bus test run said the empty bus travelled mostly at 80km/h and held up a long line of Perth-bound cars and trucks as it struggled to overtake the Guildford Grammar School bus for the entire length of a double passing lane near Gidgegannup.

The online petition calling for the rail closure to be reconsidered can be found at [www.change.org](http://www.change.org) by typing 'Avon rail'. The petition to Parliament calling for a two-year moratorium and Royalties for Regions funding will be available in Toodyay shops, businesses, Shire office, Visitors' Centre and *The Toodyay Herald* office at 92 Stirling Terrace, Toodyay.

## Community Asset Bird Hide and Bilya Walk Track Launch

Maree Lewis

On Saturday 10 August, members of The Friends of the River and Toodyay Naturalists Club gathered together on what proved to be a showery Saturday afternoon for the official opening of a wonderful community asset, the Bilya Walk Track and the John Masters Bird Hide.

The rain kindly held off for the opening. The river, rejuvenated by late winter rains, flowed swiftly by, highlighted against its magnificent backdrop of Eucalypts, native bushes and plants – the Avon landscape. Bilya Walk Track, muddy but firm underfoot, marked the way for a large group of fifty people or more to the John Masters Bird Hide at Red Banks Pool in Lloyd Reserve, where the launching of the walking trail and bird observation structure was celebrated.

The Bilya Walk Track follows the river for 5.6km from Duigee Park to Nardie Cemetery. Constructing the track, which began in earnest three years ago, is an ongoing project for Toodyay Friends of the River. Work involved improving parts of the track that already existed, and forging a new one between Red Banks Pool, the picnic area at Millard's Pool and on to the historic Nardie Cemetery.

The Bird Hide is a project of the Naturalists Club and is named after John Masters in recognition of the enormous contribution he has made to ornithology in the Avon Valley, particularly along the river. Passers-by along the track could not help but pause to admire its design, peer through its windows to the river and read the attractive and informative posters depicting some of the common birdlife in the area. Constructed by local builder, Michael Shepherd, it is sure to conceal the presence of a birdwatcher, keen to observe some of the sixty or so

species of waterbird recorded along the river.

Guest of Honour and Shire President, Cr. Kevin Hogg, officially opened the site. In his address, he focussed on the importance of the Avon River to the

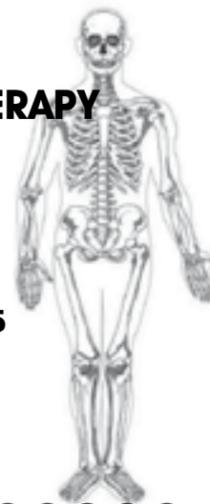
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## Update re Opal Vale P/L, Lot 11 Chitty Rd, Toodyay

THANK YOU TO all those people who submitted applications to the Environmental Protection Authority last week. Once we've been informed of their decision we will advise the community.

The major issue on the Lot 11 Chitty Rd, Williamson pit site is water. Photos taken on 25 July 2013 and 19 August 2013 show the huge increase of water in 25 days despite little rainfall. Water expanse is four times larger; water depth has gone from two to three metres deep to five metres deep. Some water bores to measure water levels (a condition for Opal Vale's Works Approval application to DER) are now covered by water! Water is and has always been a major issue of the Opal Vale site that is situated above an aquifer, with Jimperding Brook and TR004 running each side, and located within the South West Seismic Zone. Visit Avon and Hills Environmental Protection Group facebook page ([www.facebook.com/AvonAndHillsEnvironmentalProtectionGroup](http://www.facebook.com/AvonAndHillsEnvironmentalProtectionGroup)) to see photos and read about the issues.

A petition re the disposal of metropolitan waste in rural areas is circulating throughout the Avon and Hills region. You can find this petition in some businesses in Toodyay township (Wendouree Tea Rooms, Cola Cafe, Uniquely Toodyay, Toodyay Home Traders). The petition closes on 15 October 2013. Our minimum target is 2000 signatures as this is what is needed to make the state government sit up and take notice. We are pleased to report that, four weeks in, we already have just over 1000 signatures – every signature counts.

This petition will be presented to the Hon. Paul Brown, Member for Agricultural Region, MLC (Nationals) with a delegation invited to attend the tabling of it to the Legislative Council in Parliament House, Perth. Paul Brown will also meet with concerned citizens on the steps of Parliament House, and there will be media coverage – this is our opportunity to have our concerns heard.

Together we can make a difference.  
Yours faithfully

Alice Bernal

## Proud recovery

AFTER MAJOR VANDALISM causing much anger and sadness last October, the Northam Agricultural Society is once again in preparation for our Northam Show.

We are proud community members struggling to still come to terms with the wanton destruction of our heritage, irreplaceable items and are still awaiting insurance on what is replaceable.

After hundreds of hours of voluntary work, the committee has fundraised to attempt to meet the shortfall of insurance. We are well on our way with the generous support from many individuals, local community groups and businesses. Without this amazing group of committed volunteers we would not be able to put on a Show this year.

York Show has struggled for several years after re-location and storm damage affected their grounds, Toodyay has dealt with natural

## Swan Christian / La Salle School Bus

This Bus Run has grown over the last three years, and now we are planning for the 2014 School Year.

The bus leaves Toodyay at 7.10am and returns at approximately 4.30pm.

With current and known passengers for 2014, we will have to purchase a bigger bus, but we need to know numbers to decide what size bus to buy.

If your child is attending either school next year and you would like him/her to use this bus, or you require further information, please contact Ian Harrower on 0427 999 855 between 9.30am and 2pm, or after 5pm.

disasters affecting their community and volunteers, and now Northam is struggling to ride an emotional rollercoaster after the vandalism. We all continue to need the wider community's support.

Our country Agricultural Shows are iconic to our history and they provide vital, informative outlets for the promotion of skills and products within our community, as well as showcasing the agricultural, horticultural, industrial and general developments within our district.

On behalf of the Northam Agricultural Society, I thank you for your continued support.

Fiona Brown  
Chief Pavilion Steward  
Northam Agricultural Show

## 'Being Christian is not what it used to be' - a response to Bob Adair:

IN HIS RECENT 'Healing in the Hills' article, Mr Adair used the pretence of humour to make demeaning comments about homosexuality. He cited a 'report' about the high incidence of mental illness in the gay community without telling us where the 'information' comes from. His implication is that homosexuality is a mental illness, an attitude reminiscent of the flat earth movement.

But unfortunately he is correct in the sense that depression and suicide rates among young gay people are much higher than in the general population, particularly in rural communities such as ours.\* The issues of self esteem that underlie depression in these people are largely due to negative societal attitudes towards homosexuality, led by our more conservative churches and often manifested as family rejection of these young and vulnerable people. To say that the 'Christians' have blood on their hands may be a bit extreme but they would do well to reflect on the consequences of their cruel and proscriptive pronouncements.

Mr Adair has cloaked his dogma in a thin veil of humour and satire but it is still pretty obvious and very damaging.

I commend the Herald Editor for distancing the newspaper from these disturbing comments.

Clive Eger

\*Macdonald, R., Cooper, T. "Young gay men and suicide"  
Youth Studies Australia (1998) 17: 28-33

MY NAME IS Christine Pegg, a resident of Toodyay.

I am taking part in a fundraising walk on 27 October 2013 in honour of my son Jhett Alec Charles who was born three-and-a-half months premature in the back of an ambulance. All funds raised go directly to 'Lifes Little Treasures Foundation' to help purchase much needed medical equipment and to support families who have extended stays in NICU.

The support extends to rural areas by supplying accommodation in the city for breast feeding mothers after premature birth. This is the one event we are fundraising for before my miracle boy starts Kindy in Toodyay next year.

Please go to [www.lifesslittletreasuresfundraising.com.au/ChristinePegg](http://www.lifesslittletreasuresfundraising.com.au/ChristinePegg) and, if possible, make a small donation, as every dollar counts.

Thank you for taking the time to read this.  
Christine Pegg

I WOULD LIKE to thank all the people who helped me after my car crash 1km before Noble Falls as I was coming from Toodyay on Sunday 25 August.

The first gentleman on the scene smashed the front window to get my dog out. The car was smoking heavily and there was a danger of fire or explosion. All four doors were blocked. I managed to wind down the back window and this gentleman and maybe another dragged me to safety through the window. Lucky the car did not catch fire.

I spent three days at RPH, cleared of spinal damage but with cuts and bruises but otherwise OK.

Thanks to all the kind people helping.

One young couple took my dog to Ellenbrook where a mate could pick it up later.

Thanks everyone. There are still a lot of caring people.

Karl Mueller

I WROTE THIS letter to the Premier regarding the closure of the AvonLink service.

Dear Premier

As a taxpayer, resident of Toodyay and user of the AvonLink rail service, I seek your support to demand the Minister for Transport stop picking at the elbow to find a few dollars to improve the budget bottom line and reverse the decision taken by PTA to cancel this service from December 2013. As you know this area and road yourself, I am sure you will be able to understand the distress this announcement has caused within our community.

This decision was taken without any consultation with the affected communities with the only reason given - that there was insufficient patronage - when no attempt was ever made by PTA/TransWA to improve the numbers.

Here are three easily implemented examples to increase patronage:

1. The train stopping at each station irrespective of whether a ticket has been pre-booked.

At present it is necessary to pre-book up to a day ahead. Whilst the train may stop on the basis of someone else having done this, for a person considering travel, it is too great a risk to rely on this, should they have missed the cut off to book. Imagine the outrage if PTA required anyone in the metro to pre-book a day before they catch the train!

2. Making it possible to purchase multi-riders tickets on the train or other agents/machines (akin to smartrider), and have these valid for all services on the same line.

At present, the conductor can only take casual fares (from Toodyay this is \$16.45 one way) and cannot sell multi-riders. For anyone who has run out of credit on the paperbased multi-rider this discourages use of the service as it is more economical to drive for a return trip. Further, the multi-riders can not be used for other services on the same line eg the Prospector. Imagine the uproar should city users find that they can only buy a discounted multirider at one outlet and not after 4pm, or that their ticket is invalid when used on different lines but within the same zone.

3. Return the service in the morning and afternoon so that it is a two way commute, and link and promote the service to the regular country events that are hosted throughout the year to encourage visitors to travel by train through what has to be one of the most beautiful scenic routes in WA. I note that this was trialled to a weekend Northam market event but it could have benefited from better promotion. It requires consistent marketing and convenient scheduling to work.

The PTA should make changes to increase patronage first before taking such an irrational and ill thought out decision to cut a service.

The AvonLink was only recently refurbished suggesting again short sightedness and planning arrangements by the PTA to suddenly cancel the service.

Further, the cost of running the AvonLink quoted is most likely historical and reflects the fact that contractors were engaged to staff the train. Now, within the last few months, fulltime PTA staff have been trained and employed which should reduce the operating costs. Notwithstanding this, the metro rail is heavily subsidised and there is no suggestion that those services will be discontinued. It is not reasonable to expect a country service to have to work to higher measure and patronage to justify its continued operation.

The PTA will fail to deliver its mission to 'make public transport an attractive and sustainable choice for connecting people and places' by replacing a train service - that has a toilet, Wi-fi, and room to move on an up to 1.5 hour journey - to a bus.

The PTA has failed to take account of the high congestion on the single lane road from Toodyay to Perth (and by extension Northam and Merredin and surrounding towns that use the service). What will the contingency plan be when there is yet another inevitable crash on the road that blocks it for 10 hours or more?

With the number of slow moving trucks, road works, heavy morning fog, kangaroos and accidents on the road means that a bus service will never be able to guarantee a

reliable and on-time service for the 76kms + each way. My employer will (as will I) find this unacceptable.

Knowing this road well as you do too, I personally will not put my safety in the hands of a driver across such a distance morning and night. I will, regrettably, add to the congestion and drive myself. The question will then be for how long I and my family can personally sustain and afford this before opting to move back to the city.

Please see that this foolhardy and miserly decision by PTA is reversed by your Minister to ensure an equitable service is delivered to country Western Australians.

Tania Lawrence

The Toodyay Herald usually has a limit on the number of words for 'Letters to the Editor'. However, in this case, we believe this letter covers so much in the argument for NOT closing the AvonLink train service that it needs to be printed in its entirety.

Ed

## The safety of all who use Toodyay Road

I LIVE IN Toodyay and have driven along Toodyay Road to Perth two to three times a week since 1990.

I have seen this road become unsafe with the road surface sinking and moving the vehicles from side to side due to the wheel marks left by the B-double trucks.

Maybe we cannot stop the trucks but the second trailer has to be dropped for the safety of all that use Toodyay Road.

I hold a heavy vehicle licence and know that these trucks carrying 40+ tonne moving on an uneven surface pulling second trailer moving side to side at speed is just asking for more deaths. We have to stop and ask ourselves what price is life?

This road is too narrow with too many bends for these large trucks. The road surface on the downward trip to Perth is patched in many places with changes to the road surface and different formulations of bitumen bringing dangerous driving conditions for all vehicles.

We have to move towards improving Toodyay Road NOW!

Ken Carrall

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Make sure your story, or the story of your loved ones, is part of it. Please visit [redcross.org.au/centenary](http://redcross.org.au/centenary) and share in our Centenary celebrations.

Robert Tickner  
CEO Australian Red Cross

## Toodyay Lions Lines

### Organising the Cobbler Pool campsite over the Avon Descent weekend

EVERY year, the Toodyay Lions are contracted to look after the campsite at Cobbler Pool for the Avon Descent weekend. This is a mammoth task which the club has undertaken for the last 30 years.

The Toodyay Lions Club is contacted by the event coordinators (this year being CIC Events) in April of each year.

As mentioned above, Lions have been volunteers for over 30 years and all Lions members get involved. The Toodyay Scouts and Cricket Club have assisted us now for about 10 years.

The Lions start planning in July, when Steele Williams will visit the site with his trusty squad and spend most of a day spraying the camping bays for weeds. There is a printed plan of bays but Steele has no need of that because, after 30 years, the layout is imprinted in his head.

The campsite is divided into areas, the central area near the gate is for Lions camping so they are able to allocate camp sites and assist with any questions. To the right are the power boat competitors as they are the most rowdy. To the left are the security personnel and fire brigade and beyond is canoe competitors and general camping. Over the railway line, which is manned at all times, the Event organisers, White Water Rescue, St John Ambulance, food vendors and public parking can be found. Down near the river is the officials and dignitaries tent with catering available plus the security fenced areas for the power boats and canoes which are regularly patrolled by security staff.

At meetings members are allocated jobs such as organising bags of firewood, rubbish bags for campers, morning teas and lunch for volunteers and who will be able to help with set-up and load and deliver equipment to site, and who will be available to direct traffic and man the Admin Tent.

The weekend before the event it is all Lions on deck. On the Saturday, equipment is picked up and loaded from storage and delivered to site. Then, on Sunday, Lions build the security yards for paddle boats and power boats using star pickets, ringlock fencing and many cable ties.



Lion Mike delivers the wire to fence of the various areas

Some Lions start camping onsite as of Wednesday as some of the officials and competitors are already setting up their sites.

On Thursday the deliveries of toilets, water tanks, generator sets and light towers arrive with Lions members setting these at their allotted places. This day also sees the numbering of the camping bays.

Lions provide rubbish bins and skip bins for the camp and regularly empty the bins over the weekend as well as keep fuel up to the generators and light towers.

Lions members are on a roster sheet as of Friday through to Sunday midday in which two people at least are on the gate where they direct campers, competitors, support crews, officials and spectators to their designated areas. Members also man site allotments and traffic control with the Toodyay Scouts giving assistance on the gate and site allotments.

Brookfield Rail man the railway crossing for the entire event to make sure that the highest level of safety is achieved. Apart from this, volleys from the fire brigade are there in case campfires get out of hand. Also, there are ambulance volunteers for injuries, etc and craft rescue for, you guessed it, craft rescue and the police make regular patrols.

Sunday is clean up day where we pull down and pack away for next year.

This year, we catered for 240 campers with 71 spectator cars and sold 60 bags of wood.

We managed to tally approximately 400 man hours by Lions members with the scouts



supplying 42 hours plus clean-up of site. The Cricket Club helped with the clean-up of the site.

All in all, the Avon Descent is a major undertaking for the Toodyay Lions and all the other organisations involved. It's like this for all the big and little events in Toodyay with volunteers doing the majority, if not all, the work.

## Toodyay Festivals

Jasmine Devlin

THE festival committee has changed this year with Angi McCluskey and Rhonda Sullivan sadly leaving. At our AGM we elected a new committee as follows: Chairman – Andrew McCann, Vice Chairman – Stan Eastwood, Secretary – Jasmin Devlin, Treasurer – vacant, Members – Lindy Stewart, Lynda Burke, Peter Robinson, Roz Davidson, Di Roberts with Rhonda Sullivan on the Bush Poets sub-committee.

We are gearing up for the coming Toodyay Bush Poets Weekend to be held on 1 to 3 November in conjunction with the WA Bush Poets and Yarn Spinners Association. Please see the advertisement included in this edition.

This weekend event will become an annual happening so please come and give us your support to make a successful weekend for our town and visitors.

In September the committee will be starting to submit grant applications and seek sponsorship for the Moondyne Festival in May 2014. They will also start looking at the entertainment side of the festival with a view to some new and exciting ideas from the new committee and their costs for the day.

We are in need of a Treasurer and Stall Coordinator to complete our team. If someone in the community could spare a few hours each month to help us out, please contact Jasmin on 0412 710 253.

## My Teacher

Rachel

MY teacher's name is Jan. She has beautiful blue eyes and brown hair. She is a gentle loving woman. She is our English teacher. She is also a volunteer and we all love her.



## Fasten Your Seatbelts



Targa West competitors are used to taking risks but this is ridiculous! This loo was waiting to be picked up after the race.

Photo : Michael Sinclair-Jones

## Ida's Hideaway

Greasy Sleeve

WE had our AGM last week. Marilyn Smith is President, Syd Sinclair, Vice President, Michael Cox, Treasurer, Glenyce Bosnjak, Secretary, Rose is Coordinator and Ida and Ray are Reserves.

Don't forget our birthday on, 12 September. We wish Christine well. We are all thinking of you.

This month's birthdays are: 5<sup>th</sup> Glenyce Bosnjak; 13<sup>th</sup> Peg Nelligan; 23<sup>rd</sup> Michael Cox and 27<sup>th</sup> Veya Due.

Don't forget our casino trip on 23 September 2013. For more information please call Ida on 9574 2858.

I must have slept like a log last night; I woke up in the fireplace.

P.S. If interested in helping at Ida's Hideaway, please contact Ida or Ray on 9574 2858.

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## Toodyay 'Karate Kids' Fight for a Place in Hobart



Storm Hogan, Shaun Lawler and Tyler O'Dwyer

THREE members of The Avon Valley Shotokan Karate Club were selected to join the WA State Karate team who competed in the National Karate Championships held in Hobart from 9 – 11 August.

Tyler O'Dwyer, 11, Storm Hogan, 11, and Shaun Lawler, 9, qualified for the state team by competing and, preferably, placing in the WA State Championships. They also had to attend state training in Perth for a couple of weeks. In addition, once the team had been chosen, students (and parents) had to commit to attend State training every Saturday afternoon in Perth from June until the Nationals in August.

Tyler competed in Kumite, winning his first round but didn't get through the second round despite giving 100% effort.

Storm also competed in Kumite. She fought hard but was beaten in the last five seconds of the first round; a great effort for her first time at the Nationals.

And Shaun competed in Kata and came 4<sup>th</sup>. Although there were 19 competing in his event, he didn't have to come up against all

of them. He had to do his Kata four times.

The competitors would like to thank the Avon Valley Shotokan Karate Club for contributing some fundraising to costs for each of them to attend.

Sensei Ken Bainbridge and Sensei Helen Bainbridge are to be commended for their ongoing commitment and enthusiasm to the Club and for providing all the students in the Club with a variety of karate experiences. The local social club challenges are a fun way for the students to learn how a competition is conducted so that, if they attend competitions in Perth or interstate, they are more confident with what is expected and what they need to do.

These students have had a valuable experience and are delighted by being able to showcase on a national stage.

The AKF National Championships are in Perth in 2014 so no doubt these three, and other members of the Avon Valley Club, will be trying their hardest to get into the state team to enable them to carry the club's flag in the Nationals next year as well.

## Toodyay Picnic Races

THE Toodyay Race Club was established in 1865 and was once a premier racecourse in Western Australia. The Club has a proud history and many a great horse has graced the picturesque track nestled on the side of a hill in Toodyay. The Club is now the proud hosts of one of WA's most loved Picnic Race Meetings.

The annual Toodyay Picnic Race Day is not only a popular community event with the locals but is a hugely popular race day within the racing industry. Many metropolitan trainers spend weeks on end conditioning their mounts for the challenging course of the Toodyay Racetrack.

From the barrier start, horses and riders strategically position themselves in best position prior to reaching the back straight where the racetrack begins the climb to the corner of the home straight, then it is a little over 200m downhill to the finish post and the roaring crowd. The racetrack is often underestimated and it is more often than not the seasoned senior rider that is able to control his steed enabling it enough fuel in the tank for the sprint home once they turn the final bend. The race meeting itself boasts almost \$80,000 in stake money, with the Toodyay Cup worth \$15,000.

The event is not loved for its competitive racing product, even though group horses have been seen their racing careers flourish following a run at Toodyay; it is not loved for its picturesque look; it's not loved for its country charm; it's not loved for its family fun day feel. It's loved for all of this and because the event is produced by community volunteers, who involve local businesses and community groups to participate in the event. The Toodyay Picnic Race Day is about celebrating community, which in 1865 was the very reason the racecourse was established.

Over the years the event has attracted crowds of 3000 plus. This year we are anticipating another strong crowd will attend.

- Planned throughout the day are
- Free children's activities
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## Big Stink over City Waste for Toodyay



Michael Sinclair-Jones

‘WELCOME to the Shire of Toodyay, home of Perth’s rubbish’ may well be a new sign to greet Avon Valley visitors if plans to build a waste landfill site 14km south of the historic townsite are approved by the State Government.

A proposal to bury 150,000 tonnes of “putrescible” and other Perth waste annually in a 30-hectare claypit on picturesque Chitty Road is undergoing site groundwater testing as an agreed condition for gaining a licence to operate.

The proposed landfill site will add an extra 160 heavy trucks a day, six days a week, to busy Toodyay Road, and is opposed by the Shire, local Nationals MP Paul Brown and 1000 objectors who have signed a petition to State Parliament urging a rethink.

The Shire has already spent more than \$100,000 on lawyers and experts to fight the plan in the State Administrative Tribunal.

The Chitty Road site is in a green valley surrounded by farms with lush green pastures, spring lambs and rolling hills on a road signposted as a school bus route, with several tight bends marked by 50km/h speed restrictions.

Nearly 20,000 tonnes of Perth waste, including putrefying rubbish such as crayfish heads, will be carted along Chitty Road and dumped at the proposed site every week, according to supporting documents.

The lined landfill site is planned to have a life expectancy of 20 years and opponents fear the additional heavy trucks – each carrying loads of up to 40 tonnes – will make Toodyay Road even more dangerous than at present.

The proposed new Perth garbage run turns off Toodyay Road about 20kms from Toodyay at Fernie Road, and then into Salt Valley Road and Chitty Road.

The Chitty Road site is planned operate 7am-6pm Monday to Saturday, and close on Sundays and public holidays.

A conference of environmental experts agreed in June to further groundwater tests at the Chitty Road site after the SAT indicated it was likely to overturn the Shire’s rejection of a planning application for a Class II landfill facility.

The State Environmental Protection Authority is also considering objections to the proposal. A seven-day period for public comment closed on August 21, and an EPA spokesperson said a decision was expected within a month.

The plan calls for Williamson’s Pit, operated by Austral Bricks at Lot 11 Chitty Road, to become a waste landfill site for an initial annual intake of 50,000 tonnes of Perth waste, rising to 150,000 tonnes a year in ‘normal’ operations.

Supporting documents lodged on behalf of Morley applicant, Opal Vale Pty Ltd, say the site has an ultimate capacity to “easily” take 400,000 tonnes of waste a year, although this is stated as “unlikely to occur”.

“The composition will be a mix of odours emanating from the general waste as it putrefies,” the documents say. “Potential sources of odour emissions include putrescible

waste delivered and unloaded at the active tipping area and fugitive landfill gas emissions.

“Based on these variables, it is not possible to determine the precise composition or quantity of the odour likely to be emitted.

“If the odour is emanating from a particular waste stream (eg crayfish heads), the waste stream will either be rejected from the site or received under certain conditions (eg at a certain time of the day or if it has not yet started putrefying),” the documents state.

Operations staff would monitor odour emissions “on a continuous basis”, and the environmental risk was “low”.

However, the documents also state: “It is acknowledged that site staff do become desensitised to odour after being exposed to the same odour for an extended period.

“In the event there are odour emissions identified, formal odour (olfactory) monitoring will be undertaken by a third party to determine the extent of the problem and to propose appropriate improved odour management solutions.

“The installation of an active gas collection system will dramatically reduce the quantity of landfill gas being emitted from the waste mass and hence reduce the odour impact.”

Toodyay Shire CEO, Stan Scott, said the Council had already spent more than \$100,000 on lawyers and experts to oppose the proposal at the SAT.

“The worry is that if this goes ahead, other exhausted claypits in the Toodyay Shire could also be used for landfill,” he said. “Nearly all Perth brick-makers use local clay to make bricks.

“We don’t want to see Toodyay become the rubbish capital of Western Australia.

“The Shire is currently changing its Town Planning Scheme to make landfill a prohibited use instead of at the discretion of Council. That should go a long way towards preventing future landfills.”

Nationals MP, Paul Brown, who represents the Agricultural Region in WA’s Legislative Council, said more than 1000 people had signed a petition calling on the EPA to reconsider the SAT decision.

The petition also seeks a State Parliamentary inquiry into waste management plans for the whole metropolitan area and its potential impact on Hills communities such as Toodyay, Northam, Gingin and York.

Mr Brown said his membership of an Upper House Environment and Public Affairs Committee would assist in seeking such an inquiry.

The extra heavy traffic on Toodyay Road – including hundreds more semi-trailers laden with Perth waste – would place a “massive impost on the travelling public”, he said. “I can’t imagine how much it will cost to upgrade Toodyay Road but it will need a lot more overtaking lanes and straightening.”

Mr Brown said he planned to present the landfill site petition to Parliament in late October. He urged people to call his office on 9621 1941 to find out where they can sign the petition in Toodyay and Northam.

## Toodyay Road Problems Highlighted

Sally Block

Gidgegannup Progress Association Inc

ON 8 August 2013, some 300 members of the communities of Gidgegannup, Morangup and Toodyay attended a public meeting called by the Gidgegannup Progress Association to highlight the problems of Toodyay Road to the State Government.

Social media reports and phone calls from concerned road users reported that all who know and have driven the Toodyay Road agree that it is a very dangerous road.

The Gidgegannup Progress Association has been trying to get this road fixed for a long time. It took 12 years of lobbying to get the four overtaking lanes put in and this was only achieved because an election was looming and Swan Hills was a marginal seat.

The Association has also been lobbying for the widening of Red Hill to four lanes which need to extend beyond the Roland Road / Toodyay Road / O’Brien Road junction; a very dangerous section of this road.

Unfortunately, because Red Hill and the Toodyay Road make up a part of the Perth / Adelaide Highway, their lobbying has become a political football between Federal and State Governments. This highway, according to the State Government, won’t happen for at least 50 years. The Perth / Adelaide Highway at Red Hill has a route through the John Forrest National Park and environmental approvals, realistically, just would not happen. The proposed highway, after following the Toodyay Road to just before Lilydale Road, would then take off across country to the Great Eastern Highway, thus being of no future benefit to the Toodyay Road beyond this point.

So, from Gidgegannup Hill, there is no planned future for the Toodyay Road yet it is increasing in traffic all the time. The Opal Vale Landfill will add 200 – 500 truck movements per day, expansion to Austral Clay extraction another 8500 truck movements per year and the proposed closure of the AvonLink rail service will add

an inordinate amount of commuter traffic.

The most dangerous part of the Toodyay Road has no planned upgrade but a considerably heightened level of traffic on it including commuter traffic, trucks servicing the resources needed for construction in Perth, landfill trucks bringing refuse to the regional area as the landfill sites are closed in Perth.

Considerable upgrades are needed to this road for the safety of all road users. Here is a summing up the points that were raised at the public meeting:

- Adequate deceleration lanes are needed such as at the Reserve Road turn off;
- Road widening needs to occur in areas where turn offs to businesses and residences are located (right hand turns)
- Trucks should have a separate speed limit when towing trailers; high visibility plates (such as mine sites) should be displayed; better driver education; more technology available in cabs; payment should be per hour not per tonne;
- Extensive clearing of vegetation should occur to improve visibility, remembering that vegetation needs to be cleared much higher for a truck to have clear vision;
- There needs to be speed limit revisions on Toodyay Road in totality but Redhill to Gidgegannup should be 80kph (compare Great Eastern Highway – Mundaring to Greenmount), through Gidgegannup townsite from Stanley Road turn off should be 50kph (also considering a 50kph limit down Bunning Road to Gidgedales). From Gidgegannup townsite to Mayo Road should be lowered to 70kph. Consultation with Morangup and Toodyay residents needs to be taken on ongoing speed limits;
- Police need to be more visible on the road;
- Consideration must be given to diverting as much truck traffic as possible to Great Eastern Highway.
- The City of Swan and Toodyay Shire Councillors should maintain closer liaison re Toodyay Road
- There should, perhaps be a committee set up to report on the road and its conditions;
- More reporting of incidents to police is vital as well as asking for details to be recorded;
- Drivers should travel at all times with

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lights on;

- Better driver education re stopping distances for all vehicles and in all weather conditions (trucks, cars, vehicles with trailers) should be considered. All loads need to be covered to stop load coming off vehicles and causing hazardous driving conditions (obscured or broken windscreens, slippery road conditions).

Main Roads is now conducting a safety audit of Toodyay Road. Outcomes will be published as soon as available.

Gidgegannup School parking has had \$20000 in funding granted for a feasibility study. A project manager and architect have now visited the school and measurements have been taken and plans drawn up. Hopefully there will be no further setbacks.

The Gidgegannup Progress Association asks you to support them in their endeavours to make the Toodyay Road a safe road; let there be no more deaths.

Minutes of the public meeting and the feedback from numerous emails that have been sent to the Association can be obtained by sending a request to [gpa@gidgenet.com.au](mailto:gpa@gidgenet.com.au). They will then be emailed out.

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Ballardong and Noongar peoples and later the pioneers, settlers, and current inhabitants of the valley. He recounted the history of the area and mentioned the degradation of the Avon through ignorance and misuse in some of the last century.

This has been turned around, he said, by champions, some of whom he mentioned as being Wayne and Desraé Clarke, Bob Frayne, Greg Warburton, and Mrs Ray Paynter, a foundation member of the Toodyay Naturalists' Club. He especially acknowledged the presence of John Masters and his family.

"What's important about today," Mr Hogg later reiterated, "is that two community groups have come together and are working together for the benefit of the community and are producing tangible results. They have been able to leverage the funding available to maximize results."

## Local CD launch: Adam B Harris Performs 'in Fields of Gold' at Goomalling

Naomi Millett

IN late August, Goomalling-based musician, Adam B Harris, launched another solo album out at historic Slater Homestead, four kilometres from the town centre.

A modest but appreciative crowd of friends and fans and visitors to the homestead cafe turned out to hear Adam play extracts from his new CD, *Rainforest*.

This recital was very reasonably priced at \$10 for adults, with a complimentary disc thrown in.

The soothing, beautifully produced collection features Celtic traditional tunes, accompanied by atmospheric birdsong. At the launch, however, Adam just played the tunes themselves – accompanied by the ambient sounds of a high wind, and rain pattering on the tin roof of the reconstructed old stone building.

He also threw in a few surprises, such as *Jesu Joy of Man's Desiring*, and a lovely theme with variations on Sting's *Fields of Gold* – appropriate for the time of year, given the acres of canola surrounding us.

This multi-instrumentalist and composer is

a consummate entertainer, interspersing his music with funny and interesting tales of his experiences as a busker or street performer as he prefers to be called. He spoke of the unusual requests he gets as a dulcimer and harp player (often for an ACDC song!) and demonstrated the history and mechanics of some of the less common instruments (hand percussion like the vibra slap, finger cymbals or zills, and a Teramin) featured on his recent Christmas CD, *Yuletide*.

He also brought out some of the odd items that have been tossed into his collection hat over the past couple of years, among them, foreign currency of numerous useless denominations, a Biker's Bible (not many pages), and foodstuffs (lately a zucchini, and a watermelon.)

"Apparently, some people misguidedly think if they give me money, I'm going to spend it on druuuugs," he intoned, theatrically, "so they give me food instead. I do usually eat it, too."

The most money he received from a single listener was \$50 and, not long ago, he was given a set of keys that had some spiritual significance to their giver. Perhaps most

intriguing, though, is the little gold nugget that someone generously donated to him; he passed it around the audience so we could take a look and confirm that it is, indeed, real gold.

*Rainforest* comprises fifteen tracks, most named for famous or infamous Irish characters that Turlough O'Carolan (1670-1738) knew in his day, such as *Lord Galway's Lamentation*, *Morgan Magan*, *Lady Athenry*, *Bridget Cruise*, and *Blind Mary*. There is also *Carolan's Concerto*, and *Carolan's Welcome*.

The album looks great, too, designed, as are most of Adam's CDs, by Toodyay graphic artist, Heather Frank, and showcasing a waterfall cascading through deep green leaves.

This concert was worth the journey. And in the break, children even got to have a go on the Teramin – an extraordinary, spooky-effect producing electric instrument which is played by manipulating sound waves over a wooden box. They loved it!

Congratulations to Adam for another superb musical effort.

The proceedings by the river were concluded by Desraé Clarke, President of the Toodyay Naturalists' Club. Pamela Walsh, representing the Noongar people was unable to walk to the bird hide and provided the words for Desraé to impart on the love and care of the river. "Local Aboriginal people have always acknowledged the presence of the spirit, the Wagyl, who inhabits the river," Desraé said. Participants at the opening were invited to follow Aboriginal custom by throwing a handful of sand into the river to alert the Wagyl of their presence and good intentions.

The opening concluded at the Community Resources Centre where Pamela Walsh delivered a 'Welcome to Country' and thanked the community groups, on behalf of the Noongar people, for their interest in the river and for their work in conserving it. Afternoon tea was served and enthusiasm about the

achievement was at an all time high. Alan Knapp, Community Services Emergency Manager, instrumental in sourcing much of the land works associated with the project, exclaimed, "It's awesome. The river was largely an untapped resource that is now accessible."

In the closing address of the day, President of Toodyay Friends of the River, Greg Warburton, remarked that he "couldn't believe that there was no marked bush track," and that it was "a project begging to happen." He thanked contributors, chief amongst these being Lotterywest through the Department of Sport and Recreation, the Shire of Toodyay and the Wheatbelt Natural Resource Management. However, the project could not have succeeded he emphasised, without the time and effort volunteered by the members of the two community groups and their supporters.

Greg said that the Bilya Walk Track

and the John Masters Bird Hide have "connected the community with the natural environment and established a strong conservationist message."

Toodyay has wonderful assets in the Bilya Walk Track, thanks to the efforts of Toodyay Friends of the River, and the John Masters Bird Hide, an initiative of the Toodyay Naturalists' Club and their supporters. Planning, fundraising, drafting, designing signage and finally construction, have culminated in an environmental triumph to be enjoyed by locals and tourists alike. It paves a way for the town to be more fully a part of its ecological surrounds, and enables people to build an appreciation for the animals and birdlife that are sustained by the Avon River, our wonderful natural inheritance. Its opening is not only a celebration for these two community groups and those who worked alongside them, but for all of us.

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## First Steps Playgroup



and toddlers.  
We did our first clean up for Adopt-A-Spot in July with a small but enthusiastic group. Thank you to those who joined in the clean up. We are thrilled to have been chosen by Bendigo Bank to take part in the Adopt-A-Spot programme.  
Our Playgroup also joined in and supported a Toodyay Family Community Morning Tea on 26 August that

WE welcome everyone back for the 3rd term. It's lovely to see two families who left last year back again at Playgroup for the last part of the year. Welcome back to Dimity and Astrid, Raelene and Melanie.

A big thank you to the Toodyay Op Shop for their generous donation to our Playgroup to purchase new equipment for the babies

the Health Nurse, Bree Byfield, put on. It was a lovely morning of meeting other mums or catching up with those we hadn't seen in a while.

It has been a lovely start to term 3. Any inquiries please contact Paula 0447 019 447 or toodyaymontessori@hotmail.com.



## Bizzy Bees



Thursday mornings from 9.00-11.00 in the Kindy building.

The 3 year old "Bizzy Bees" children, parents and Mrs. Orgles went to the Toodyay Public Library to attend "Rhyme Time". We all had fun listening to stories, singing and making special bookmarks with Alison and Heather.



## Toodyay Kindergym

TOODYAY Kindergym has had a great year so far. Lots of new families coming and we have been very fortunate to win the Bendigo Bank 'You Like' competition which gave us \$5000 cash.

We have also received a grant from St John Of God Midland to purchase new toys and equipment and we have just recently heard back from Lottery West to say our grant application for over \$6000 of new equipment has been approved.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all three groups for the funding to replace and upgrade our resources. Now the challenge is to try and find room for all the new equipment in our small storeroom, it has to be a very well organised room.

Two of our members had a day of purchasing new equipment and brought back what would fit in their cars so we already have some

exciting new resources for the kids with more ordered and waiting for delivery. The new roller coaster and see-saws have been very popular with all the kids and the colours are so vibrant.

Kindergym is on every Friday during the school term in the Pavillion at the Toodyay Oval from 9.30am - 10.30am. Term Fees are \$5/week or \$25/term per family. We are volunteer run so part of having low term fees is that you're required to set up the circuit at least once a term. We set up from 9am and you're only limited by your imagination. As long as it's safe and fun.

Our term finishes on Friday 27 September with an outing, information on the venue will be given to members closer to the date. If you have any questions please call Claire on 95744529 or just come down one Friday with your first class free. Hope to see you this week.



YOU WERE GIVEN **THIS LIFE** BECAUSE YOU ARE **STRONG ENOUGH** TO LIVE IT

by Naomi Watson

the mini edition!

BY KEENEY-SRAY EDDY  
True friends are infinite. Kirsty and I have been friends for 7 years. We tell each other everything, we look out for each other and were just always there no matter what. To me, a true friend is someone you can always count on, someone who's always there when you need them. Friends are a massive part of everyone's life.. to have a true friend is essential. And I really don't think I could ask for anyone better :)

13 years ago a beautiful girl was born into this world and grew up in a small country town, with not much to do but go to a small rusty old park to play at.  
When she started school, she didn't have many friends, or much to do, than sit alone on the bench and quietly eat her lunch. When a group of girls came over and started bullying her she didn't tell a teacher what happened because she didn't know what to do.  
She was scared and was too shy to tell someone what happened. so she kept it to herself. Every night she would cry herself to sleep, and the memories kept flooding her mind making her even more upset. When she was in year 7 the bullying got worse. They started pushing her around and saying "go kill yourself".  
She got up with a few bruises and scratches on her arms and went to the teacher and told them everything that had happened. it got a little better, so the girl went to a counsellor to sort some of the issues out. The counsellor diagnosed her with depression.  
She said 'Remember you are not alone. There's people here to talk too, trust me I was like this once. If you are depressed or suicidal, remember you are not alone. There's always someone to talk to; friends, family, cousins, relatives, who you can always talk to. Stay strong, and keep on smiling'

## News from Bolgart and Surrounding Areas

Doris M Martin

FIRSTLY some belated birthday wishes to Bonnie Edmonds for 7 August, Cheralee Wallis for 20 August and Alyssa Farral for 24 August and any other children in the area that I may have missed.

Also, having celebrated her 70th birthday on at least three separate occasions in the same week was Stella Pearce of the Freemasons Hotel in Toodyay who celebrated a week early due to other commitments. Several of her school chums from earlier days met with her in Perth and had an informal luncheon. Staff members at the Freemasons Hotel in Toodyay also put on a small tea party at the hotel and, on 1 August, approximately 15 of her friends gathered for a luncheon there for what was meant to be a surprise party. A lovely and very creamy birthday cake made by Gidgegannup Bakery was cut by Stella for the occasion. She did discover just prior to the party from one of her sons that the party was on but was thrilled that so many of her friends could be there.

Welcome to the new principal at the Bolgart School. David Watkins took up his posting at the beginning of Term III. And, farewell to former principal of Bolgart, Peter Hall, his wife, Kylie, and family and congratulations on Peter's new posting as a Deputy Principal to another rural centre.

Somehow I missed the passing of a former Toodyay girl of many years ago because I only buy a weekend newspaper and only recently learned of the death of Theresa Mary Streeter (née Waters) aged 91 of Shoalwater.

Theresa was the oldest child of 11 children born to late couple John (Jack) Waters and Elizabeth Mary Waters (née Buckley). Theresa married Bernard John Streeter and had a family of five. Her husband, Bernard, pre-deceased her 16 years earlier. Sympathy is extended to her family members.

It is with a very heavy heart that I report on the death of one of Toodyay's respected and loved residents, Gaven John Donegan (b 1941), son of the late couple, Reginald Gavin Donegan and Beryl Cicely Donegan.

Gavin began his education at the old Toodyay Primary School at Duke Street in Toodyay next to where Charcoal Lane is today. He was in the same class (not grades in those days) as me and was a model student. He later married Chris Donegan and they reared a family of two children - Avon and Sonia.

Gavin was renowned for his great sense of humour and could tell a tall (usually Australian) story with the most serious face and convincing tone that even if one knew him well, one could never be sure if one was getting one's leg pulled. Then again, he came from a very long line of early settler families who all enjoyed a good yarn. Possibly the most well known of all were his great grandparents Alexander James (Jimmy)

Ferguson and Sarah Elizabeth Ferguson (née Waters), who was my grandfather, Edwin James (Ned) Waters' sister. Every Easter weekend since about 1979, many descendants of this couple all meet up for a family re-union and to update the family tree.

Gaven has been a past president of Toodyay Agricultural Society and been actively involved with Friends of the River at Toodyay and also The Toodyay Historical Society. He always showed a very caring attitude to the town in which he lived.

Sympathy is extended to wife Christeen and family and to all of his siblings and other loved ones on his passing.

Before closing off this month's article, I must share the following one of Gaven's stories with you all.

We met Gaven in the street at Northam one day and he was telling us that he had recently had a canopy of a utility mended or renewed at an upholstery place in the town. He reckoned that the repairman was amazed at the tear in the canopy and asked how it had happened. With a serious look he had told the repairer that he had backed his utility into the edge of a river close to the sea to re-load his boat when, to his amazement, a bloody great shark had reared up out of the water and grabbed at the canopy, just narrowly missing him and torn a huge chunk out of it. He chuckled as he told us that the repairer had stood in awe at his story and then he added that the silly bugger had actually believed him. Had we not known Gaven we probably would have too.

Good on you Gaven; you were a top bloke.

## Toodyay Community Markets More than just a market!

Karla Hooper

THE concept of the Toodyay Farmers Market has grown to be more than just a farmers' market, and that is why the name Toodyay Community Markets will be used from this point forward

The Toodyay Community Market concept is continually evolving and a mind map has been developed for all the different market components. The market principles are based on sustainable living, health and community. Bringing back old school values in a fun, collaborative community effort. The vision is BIG but Toodyay has the perfect formulae to make it happen. Effectively the market plan can be broken up into two main categories - the actual markets and the community involvement/projects that complement the markets. Here are some of the market concepts:

### Markets

- Farmers Market
  - Primary Producers
  - Value Added Products
  - Resellers
- Entertainment
  - Adult
  - Children
- Livestock Sales
- Ready to eat food
- Education Sessions
- Community Group Involvement

### Community

- Bulk Food Buying Cooperative
- Community Garden
- Community Craft Projects
- Administration
- Preserving Club
- Fundraising
- Community Group Involvement

All of the above concepts are currently being written into a plan and, once complete, it will be time to start bringing each component into fruition.

Community involvement is a key part of this vision becoming reality. It will be a unique project that hopefully will be

embraced by residents within the Shire of Toodyay.

Community consultation sessions will be organised in the near future, so please keep your eyes and ears open for dates. This will be a wonderful opportunity for people to get a more comprehensive understanding of the project, voice opinions and hopefully get on board, either as individuals or groups.

Stay tuned for the next exciting instalment!

## Toodyay Community Singers

Margaret O'Sullivan

Anyone passing the CWA hall on a Thursday evening would certainly hear us all singing our hearts out to the music of the fifties and sixties (there must be an event coming up!) Those were the days with the song writers of the time producing such memorable numbers.

You would be forgiven for wondering if the 'original' artists were indeed in residence as we strive for the perfect performance. Some of the artists may have aged a little, their voices broken, their rhythm not quite as in tune with how you remembered it to be, but don't be put off, look harder and the dimming edges will simply, fall away.

Tickets will soon be available at various venues around town for our upcoming show 'Let the Good Times Roll' to be held at the Toodyay Club on Friday 1 and Saturday 2 November. Seating is limited, so be quick; you won't want to miss out!

We hear many articles as to the benefits of taking time out for ourselves to pursue interests and hobbies; singing certainly is one of these. It is a real feel good, have a go, sing like no one is listening experience. If you haven't tried, why not give it a go? We encourage and look forward to new people coming along and joining our merry group.

## Country Women's Association

Reporter Viv Street

I AM starting the report with a reminder for all groups and individuals who hire the hall to please make sure you do not enter the hall while someone else has a booking. If you need to get anything from the hall, please wait until the group or person has finished. This will ensure everyone who has hired the hall will be uninterrupted during their time.

The CWA members will from time to time need to use the kitchen but this will be done at minimal interruption to whoever is in the hall.

We hope this small request will assist everyone.

The hall continues to be well used and this month we were able to come to the rescue of a group from Perth who had planned a quiet get-together and meal at the Wendouree Tearooms on the Saturday of the Targa West Rally. Thanks to some quick thinking by Sally from Wendouree, they DID find a quiet haven... at the CWA Cafe. Thank you, Sally, both for catering and for suggesting our hall as an alternative and definitely quieter venue.

Thanks to everyone who supported our White Elephant Sale either by donating goods or by their enthusiastic buying of bargain bags of goodies. We raised over \$500 and divided this between The Royal Flying Doctor Service and the Bonini Family Appeal.

Toodyay CWA supports *Wheelchairs for Kids* which is a group of volunteers who make up to 300 wheelchairs a month. These are sent to children in developing countries who have a disability caused by birth defects, disease or land mines. With every

wheelchair goes a knee rug and a soft toy. We have helped previously with sewing for the wheelchair attachments and by donating toys and blankets. One of our members has just delivered our latest donation of soft toys and blankets to the workshops in Wangara where all this wonderful work is done.

Early in August, four CWA members attended a State Welfare Emergency Exercise Training Day in Northam. The Department of Child Protection and Family Support ran the day during which the setting up, operating and closing of an evacuation centre was demonstrated. Over 20 local support groups and welfare agencies plus 38 Wheatbelt Shire representatives were in attendance. We were given various scenarios to react to and learned a great deal about the myriad kinds of help available when needed.

In any emergency the CWA would be working with the Salvation Army to provide catering and support services. Six of us attended a Food Safety Awareness Course at the York Salvation Army Hall where every aspect of food handling, storage and hygiene were outlined by Ben and Peter of the Salvation Army catering team. Needless to say we all passed the assessments with flying colours!

Our branch will be represented at the Tidy Towns Regional Awards in September. Jennacubbine CWA celebrates its 80th birthday on 9 September so two of our members will be in attendance there, too.

### Dates to Remember

14 September: Gidgegannup CWA is hosting a CWA Crafters and Home, Farm and Gardeners Statewide Exhibition at the Gidge Showgrounds.

This should be an excellent show and we will be supporting them on the day. Everyone is welcome.

Members, please meet at the CWA hall at 9.30. \$10 entry

26 September: Our next CWA meeting is starting EARLY at noon.

Guest speaker, Karen, from the Cancer Council will talk to us over a BYO lunch. Everyone is invited to attend the talk and have lunch with us. This will be followed by our monthly meeting at the usual time of 1.30pm. Of course you are welcome to stay for the meeting too! We were delighted to meet new member Robyn at our August meeting.

21 October: Friendship Picnic at Lake Leschenaultia. Mt Helena /Parkerville branch is hosting this day. Bring a picnic lunch. Put it in your diary. More information will be available in October's report.

Any information about CWA please contact our secretary, Kathy, on 9574 2418 or our president, Maxine, on 9574 2418. For hall bookings, call Vivien on 9574 4871.

## Toodyay Miniature Railway

June Eastwood

MAGNIFICENT weather and the combined lure of the Avon Descent and the International Food Fair certainly brought the crowds to Toodyay. As a result, the Mini Railway had its biggest day ever, carrying close on 600 passengers over the day.

If we had hoped to rest up the following day, our normal run day, we were very wrong. Another lovely day weather-wise and another big influx of happy passengers.

Lundy Lou is sporting a very attractive polished wood carriage with gold trim. In fact, the new Loco shed has not come a minute too soon as engines and rolling stock continue to expand. Stan has the steel and now needs the will to manufacture another three stands for the Loco shed.

The Auto Electrics Pixies were originally dressed in blossoms representing the four seasons of Australia. However, all four succumbed to an autumn shed and became X-rated. A quick trip to the Op Shop and overnight they all turned modern. Now we have two everyday boys and two pixie girls, one clothed in pink roses and the other in autumn berries and leaves. You have never seen Jim's Pixies? Looks like it's time you took another train ride!

Three years ago, a lady from Canberra published a children's book entitled, 'Shandy's Adventure at Turtle Crossing' which featured Stan's steamer. We recently sold the last copy but the lady has just sent us the draft of a sequel which will be called, 'Shandy Makes New Friends' and will feature all the engines and Benny. It will possibly be another year before it hits the press but it shows how far and wide we are becoming known.



**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**RECREATION STRATEGY**

The Shire of Toodyay is seeking community input regarding the draft report of the Recreation Strategy.

The draft Recreation Strategy is available from the Shire Administration Offices and downloadable from the "For Public Comment" section on our website at [www.toodyay.wa.gov.au](http://www.toodyay.wa.gov.au)

The public is encouraged to make a submission regarding this proposal.

Submissions can be lodged as follows:

In Person: Shire Administration 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](mailto:records@toodyay.wa.gov.au)

By: 4pm Thursday  
19 September 2013

For further information contact Be Active Coordinator, Jo Buegge, at the Shire of Toodyay on (08) 9574 2258.

**Stan Scott**  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



## Trees Cafe Bolgart

28 George St, Bolgart - Kathleen Ph: 9627 5187

Friday	Saturday	10am - 3pm
Sunday		9am - 3pm

Your cafe in Bolgart is now open for breakfast every Sunday from 9am. The Sunday paper will also be available.

Come in for morning or afternoon tea or lunch or try our new breakfast menu. We would love to see you.



# emergency services

## Toodyay's Firefighter Awards Finalist



education.

Matthew joined his local brigade in 2010, the day after turning 16. He had been disappointed in having to wait until then as the brigade had no cadet programme in place. In the weeks prior to signing up, he had been employed as a voluntary worker in the recovery effort after the Toodyay fire assisting those who had been impacted by the fire return to their homes.

Although studying Cyber Security and Counter Terrorism full-time at Murdoch University, Matthew still manages to find time to turn out to incidents whatever the time of day or night. He told the *Herald* he felt honoured to have been recognised for his contributions in the brigade, but said there were many other volunteers making the same contribution to the community.

When asked to name some of the most significant incidents in his career to date, Matthew cited fires on Julimar Rd last year and the Chatcup Rd fire the year earlier.

The awards will be presented during a ceremony at the DFES Conference in September.

LOCAL Toodyay Firefighter, Matthew Bartels, has been announced as a finalist for the 2013 Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES) Firefighting Awards in recognition of his commitment to the Morangup Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade and for service to the community.

Matthew was nominated in the Youth Achievement category, aimed at recognising the contribution made by young volunteer firefighters aged 16 – 25 years.

He joins 10 other WA firefighters recognised for their devotion to duty, courage in the line of duty, contribution beyond normal expectations and achievement in community

## Toodyay Central Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade

Desrae Clarke

THE August General Meeting began with a minute's silence as a mark of respect in the loss of a remarkable member, Gaven Donegan.

Gaven, an honorary Life Member of the Brigade, had an incredible knowledge of fire, its unpredictable nature, and fire-fighting. He

has been, for countless years, an instructor in the fighting of fires and the driving of fire units. His expertise will be greatly missed as will be his happy disposition, dry humour and big smile.

We will miss you, Gav – rest in peace. The past two months have been relatively quiet on the fire front with one call-out to a car fire incident. A September roster is organised so make sure you have a copy as soon as possible.

An Introductory Fire Fighting Course will be held at the Fire and Emergency Fire Services Centre on Saturday 14 September. Please encourage your friends and neighbours to enrol through the Brigade.

Training for Central Brigade members will be held on Sunday 15 September at the Fire and Emergency Service Centre, Stirling Terrace commencing at 10am. It is training on the use of radios.

The next General Meeting is to be held on Tuesday 24 September commencing at 7.30pm at the Fire and Emergency Centre, Stirling Terrace, Toodyay.

If you would like to join our brigade enquiries may be made to Captain, Mick McKeown, 9574 2132, Secretary, Wayne Clarke 6364 3609 or email: 2jcentralvbf@westnet.com.au.

## St John Ambulance – Toodyay & Districts Sub Centre

Kerry Fletcher

AUGUST is traditionally a quiet time for ambulance calls in Toodyay and Districts and has remained so this year. However, volunteers are still busy with hospital to hospital patient transfers (transporting patients from Northam Regional Hospital down to specialist Perth hospitals), first aid post duties, ambulance sporting standbys, and ensuring their skills are maintained through the monthly Continuing Education Program.

Toodyay and Districts crew give their time to ensure an ambulance service is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Each ambulance officer with Toodyay and Districts is a volunteer only. They are all everyday people who have completed a series of weekend courses (one to five weekends of training, depending on qualification). They make themselves available to be on standby but go about their daily activities, dropping what they are doing to respond to an ambulance call. Please understand that it may take a little time for crew to respond to an ambulance

call as they aren't waiting at the ambulance shed. Fortunately most of our calls see an ambulance crew at the scene within 15 minutes!

We welcome aboard several new recruits: Vicki Alabisi and Lou Buckle (Morangup) and Janine Bastick, Bianca Belle and Peter Brennan (Toodyay). All will be commencing their Volunteer Ambulance Office training in the next month or so and are already joining qualified crews as observers. Their addition to our ranks will go a long way to help lighten the load on existing crew!

Following our recent AGM, the sub centre welcomes Charlie Wroth as 2013 chairperson. Charlie brings a wealth of experience and will be a valuable addition to the committee. Sincere thanks to Sandy Smith for her dedication and amazing leadership over the past three years as chairperson. A lot goes on behind the scenes that most don't know about, and Sandy has given many hours of personal time to ensure that our sub centre has maintained its professional service and growth. Fortunately, Sandy will continue as Vice Chair. Welcome also to new committee members – your dedication and contribution to the ambulance service is important.

Thanks to everyone who purchased tickets in our recent wood raffle outside IGA; your generosity is much appreciated. Funds raised will go directly into the ambulance service here in Toodyay and districts! Congratulations to Mike and Jackie for the win! A special thank you to Von and Wal for donating the wood.

Do you have adequate ambulance transport cover? A local annual Ambulance Benefit Fund membership will only cost you \$48 for a single, or \$79 for a family. This membership ensures you are fully covered for any ambulance transport costs and is a very small price to pay when the minimum ambulance call out fee in our area is around \$370. Local memberships help support our service in Toodyay and Districts. Feel free to phone 9574 2390 or visit the sub centre, Rear 120 Stirling Tce (behind Toodyay Hair Studio) for more information from 9 am to 2 pm, Monday – Thursday.

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**FIRE'S TOODYAY**

**5TH ANNUAL EXHIBITION**

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# Coondle-Nunile

## Bush Fire Brigade

### Open Day

**Date: Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2013**

**Time: 1200 to 1500hrs**

**Where: 212 Coondle West Rd Coondle**

**Come on down for a BBQ and a chat see what we are about**

# emergency services

## Julimar Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade

Tim Walker

ANOTHER month gone already and a good one with plenty of rain. It's amazing how this rain and warmth has transformed the countryside with Toodyay now back to its very best again.

News of Gaven Donegan's untimely and unexpected death was announced by our Captain on our regular Friday night get together. A very sad occasion indeed as Gaven had played such a pivotal role in the establishment of the West Toodyay Brigade, (later on to become the Julimar Brigade).

It seems only a few weeks ago that Gaven stood in front of our group and gave us all a very enlightening and entertaining history of the early years of fires and fire fighting in this region (see June Brigade notes.)

Our bimonthly meeting was held on 17 August. We were informed that the application for new hand-held radios has been approved. Details regarding the proposed Honour Board were discussed with all in agreement that singling out individual firefighters for inclusion on the board was not the best way forward as so many had contributed over the years.

Captain Grant updated us all with a very comprehensive report on activities attended in the past few months which included the success of the Xmas in July celebration, the firewood raffle, various training activities and administrative issues and upcoming events including our Annual Open Day, Xmas Stall and the proposed Probus visit. Our Captain completed his report with a very generous thank you to all those that had participated in these various activities.

Training, as usual, took place on Sunday morning following the meeting. As our Training Officer, Brian Salmond, was off attending to Targa West duties, it was up to the other officers to run the show. The morning started off with a general run through of turn-out procedures and was followed up by an exercise where crews put the theory into practice. Things went pretty well until the discovery that the pump on the 1.4 refused to start. Meanwhile, the catering crew did their own training, discussing the best way to do bits and pieces and the radio operators, when not responding to calls from the 'fire ground', got on with cleaning the radio room. A successful and productive morning was achieved.

## Bejoording Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade

From the desk of The Badger

AS I sit down to write this month's column, once again there are reports of more massive wild fires coming in from the USA, this time close to San Francisco in California where an area the size of the whole city has already burned, thankfully without loss of life. Australia was very lucky this past summer although the whole Toodyay region must never get complacent, especially as our

summer climate is getting drier and hotter.

August, with its healthy rains, has been a very quiet month for the Bejoording Brigade, giving members a great opportunity for some housekeeping around the fire shed. A new and far more secure door has been put up at the entrance to the Communications Room for example.

On the 20th we held our small lot owners briefing night, the first we have run. The turn-out was small but we have some ideas for better promotion next year, and will give it another go. One good outcome, however, was a new volunteer for the Brigade! At the regular meeting held beforehand, there were no significant agenda items and it's good to know the finances remain healthy.

On Tuesday 17 September we have our annual get-together with the broadacre farmers in our region. This is an important and successful annual event. Most of those farmers have firefighting units of their own, as well as established fire plans, but there is always the potential that they will need us to supplement their efforts, or even that we may need them to help us. This annual get-together brings us all up to date with who's who, puts faces to names, updates communication protocols, and allows us to swap ideas.

The Bejoording Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade asks you to remember to always plan and prepare before lighting any fire for any reason, and have a clear contingency strategy in place should things get out of control. Even at the safest times of the year, fires can pose a risk to people and property, whether it's burning off on your acreage or a backyard bonfire, so take care. Advice is free, but getting it wrong can be expensive! If you have any questions, remember you can contact Captain Lawrence Hayward on 9574 5106, or the Badger on 9574 4834. Please leave a message if we're not there.

## Toodyay Rural and Neighbourhood Watch Credit Card Fraud

Desraé Clarke

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- 5) If your card is stolen alert your institution immediately and notify the police as soon as possible.

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## Coondle Nunile Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade

Steve Conway, Lieutenant

DRAWING close to the end of another month. No fires to report in the month of August, but the brigade has been busy with fundraisers, Avon Decent, Wood raffle and Targa West. We would like to thank all the members for their help at the fundraisers.

The winner of the wood raffle was Pam Jackson of Toodyay, and the winner of the money tree was Judy of Rivervale in Perth.

The next up and coming events for September are Recruitment drive 14 September, Comm Centre Day 15 September for Active Fire Fighter only and then on 22 September is Open Day from noon till 3pm gearing up for the start of the new fire season, that being the 5 and 6 October.

If you would like any information on the brigade or being fire safe, come down to the shed on Fridays at 4.30pm onwards.

Everyone please keep safe.

## WA Road Safety Cuts Collide with Councils

The Western Australian Local Government Association (WALGA) has accused the Colin Barnett government of being asleep at the wheel on road safety after the Police Minister's office informed WALGA President, Troy Pickard, that the state has cut funding for the RoadWise community awareness programme by half.

The highly successful WALGA-managed programme has been operating since 1994 as councils across the state work to drive home the message on community road safety with initiatives including the Child Car Restraints Fitting Service, Driver Reviver stops, Local Government System Project and community grants.

But now the programme that was previously funded at \$3.1 million per year through the state's Road Trauma Trust Fund will be forced to function on just half the financial resources it had prior to the 2013-14 state Budget thanks to a \$1.5 million cutback.

WALGA claims the state government initially requested the Association carry the burden of ongoing administration costs even at the significantly reduced funding levels allocated.

But following discussions, Minister for Police, Liza Mary Harvey, eventually accepted the Association's compromise to include administration costs within the scaled down funding.

## Toodyay YouthCARE Council (Chaplaincy)

Vivienne Freeman

ON Friday 16 August at the school assembly, an Induction Service was held to welcome the new Chaplain, Robyn Sinclair, to our Toodyay District High School. The service was conducted by the Rev Peter Bourne. We were pleased to welcome the Shire President, Mr Kevin Hogg, Shire CEO, Mr Stan Scott, Mr Brad Middleton and Mr Neil Chisholm from YouthCARE and members of 'Friends of Chaplaincy'. Robyn addressed the students and looked forward to catching up with students and staff over the next few weeks and encouraged them to seek her out should the need arise.

We will be holding a street stall for Chaplaincy on Friday 6 and Saturday 7 September outside the new IGA building. Prizes for this raffle have been kindly donated by our ever generous Toodyay Bendigo Bank. The prizes are a money tree, butcher voucher and a bakery voucher. I know these are very acceptable items for all of us.

At this point, we as a Council would like to acknowledge the tremendous effort, in many capacities, that Mrs Moya Bruce has contributed to Chaplaincy over the years. Moya has moved to Perth to be near family and we wish her well for the future.

We will all have to be out and about on the Saturday morning for voting and look forward once again for your wonderful support of Chaplaincy.

## Lights, Camera, Action! Toodyay Theatre Group Report

Kristee Jolly

Upcoming Performance – Uncle Jack AUDITIONS for our upcoming production 'Uncle Jack' were held on Tuesday 20 August with a great group of enthusiastic performers ready to take to the stage. First time director, Hannah Welburn, is now hard at work assigning parts for every character and has started on rehearsals, which commenced on Tuesday 3 September.

'Uncle Jack' is a play written by Judith Prior, set in a church hall where the wedding anniversary of Harold and Maude Connolly is about to be celebrated... but, with such a dysfunctional family, this special event turns into an hilarious disaster! This play is sure to be a fun night out for all so for those of you who like to plan ahead, performance dates are Friday 8 and Saturday 9 November 2013 – so lock it in now!

Back Stage Crew, We Want You!

If you weren't able to make rehearsal night or being on stage just isn't your thing, the Toodyay Theatre Group is still looking for assistance with backstage roles. These roles could be anything from prompt or lighting to costumes or make up. If you have experience, great! If you want to try something new, even better! We always have an experienced member who would be willing to lend a helping hand and point you in the right direction. For further information, please call Hannah Welburn on 0409 258 871 after business hours to express your interest.

TTG on Facebook

If you would like to be kept up to date with productions, auditions and just general TTG chit-chat, please follow us by searching 'Toodyay Theatre Group' on Facebook or go to [www.facebook.com/ToodyayTheatreGroup](http://www.facebook.com/ToodyayTheatreGroup)

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## Toodyay Historical Society



THS members paying their respects to an ancient paperbark near the former Plunkett's Mill site over Lower Chittering way. (Photo: Beth Frayne, 2013)

Shire, via Keating and Plunkett Roads. We brushed through the bush to discover remnant wells and possible saw pits on the overgrown site of Plunkett's Mill, enjoyed viewing the wildflowers and an enormous ancient paperbark, and eating lunch al fresco in the Avon Valley National Park. Many thanks to our leaders Colin Kendall and Peter Robinson. Beth provided some history snippets, once she worked out where she was!

Other issues and activities: Research on the Yandee farm, West Toodyay School, Toodyay Agricultural Society, the old merry-go-round, and the Newcastle Gaol and Museum; updating research procedures for our vollies who open Donegan's Cottage; website progress; a new THS database is growing of Toodyayites mentioned in the unindexed Bicentennial Dictionary of Western Australians; attended a commissioned presentation to the Shire Council on a Toodyay Convict Depot Interpretation Plan; request from TDHS to assist, when required, with the development of its local history school curriculum; concern about the threat to cancel the

Avonlink train service.

Next general meeting: Wednesday 18 September 2013, 7pm, at Donegan's Cottage. Feature Speaker: Member Dr. Toby Metcalfe, a specialist in the field of Aboriginal languages and education will give a talk titled: 'It's easy to mistake mother-in-law for a nasty species of sting-ray! - miscommunication in indigenous communities.'

Next event: 'Sarah of Enderslea Farm', September 21 and 22, 2013 at 2pm. A play written and produced by Jenny Davis is being performed at Diane Pope's beautiful property, the historic Enderslea Farm, 681 Blue Plains Road, Chittering Valley. Members may recall the fantastic morning tea Diane provided when we visited last year. The performance will be followed by a 'farm fare' afternoon tea. Ticket price: \$30. Bookings: Online at trybooking.com or phone 9386 5575. The event is a celebration of the farm's 160th anniversary! NOTE: This event is on the THS Programme, but please get your own tickets and get yourself there.

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: desraec@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 to 3pm. Membership is \$10 and our postal address is PO Box 32, Toodyay WA 6566.

### Beth Frayne Events Co-ordinator

THE Toodyay Historical Society (THS) was very saddened to learn of the passing on 22 August of one of our members, Gaven Donegan. THS Members send their sincere condolences to Christeen, Sonya, Avon, Jennifer, Gaven's beloved grandchildren and his extended family at this very sad time.

Gaven was a wonderful man whose sincerity, in whatever he undertook, shone through. He loved Toodyay and its history and enjoyed sharing it with everyone. Gaven was a true gentleman. We will miss him.

We were enthralled at our August Wednesday night meeting by our Feature Speaker Brian F. Harffey, who spoke on the art career of his 100-year-old father, Henry Frederick Harffey. Fred was a commercial artist, working for the West Australian Newspaper. During his career, Fred was commissioned to create artworks featuring all the Bank of New South Wales bank buildings in the state. THS has Fred's painting of the Toodyay bank building, which is why Richard Brouwer arranged for Fred's son Brian (who lives in York) to come and talk to us. Many thanks, Richard! More info will appear in the next Duidgeena, I am sure. Shire Curator Margie Eberle was also a special guest at that meeting.

Julimar Jaunt, Sunday, 25 August: Nine members crammed into three robust vehicles to travel the forest roads on a fresh damp day to discover the delights of the bush and farms on the western border of the

## Merry-Go-Round of Memories

DOES anyone remember riding a colourful merry-go-round at the Avon River town of Toodyay in the 1950s, '60s, '70s or early '80s? Did mum or dad take a photo?

For more than three decades Toodyay's merry-go-round was an attraction popular with local children and visitors alike, during school holidays, at the annual agricultural show, gymkhanas and other community events.

Now the remains of the merry-go-round – eight pairs of wooden horses with reins and tails made of rope, three wooden chariots and some brightly coloured steel rods on which they were suspended – are stored at Toodyay's Old Newcastle Gaol Museum and police stables precinct.

Museum Curator, Margie Eberle, would like to hear from anyone who can remember details of the merry-go-round and particularly from anyone who has photographs of it working.

"Apparently it was built by volunteers and donated to the Toodyay Sports Council in 1952

first used at the sports council's gymkhana and sports meeting at Toodyay Racecourse in November, 1952.

A facelift in 1954 saw the original six gondolas and five aeroplanes replaced by pairs of white, grey, brown, black and piebald horses and three chariots, with Toodyay citizens donating the horses.

Mrs Eberle said a newspaper in 1968 reported the merry-go-round was popular with visitors off two picnic trains to Toodyay during the September school holidays.

Toodyay Shire Council minutes showed that in 1981 the council considered buying a replacement petrol engine to keep the merry-go-round operating and by 1986 had taken control of the merry-go-round, with a report that it needed upgrading to obtain a certificate of machinery necessary for it to continue to be used by the public.

Anyone who has information or pictures of the Toodyay merry-go-round can contact



GIDDY-UP: William and Joshua ride wooden horses made in 1954 for the Toodyay merry-go-round. Information and pictures of the merry-go-round are being sought by the local museum.

and became a sort of Toodyay icon over the years," Mrs Eberle said.

She said local history researcher, Beth Frayne, had discovered it was designed by Graham Jones, an engineer at the Industrial Extracts Ltd tannin factory, which closed in 1971 on the Northam-Toodyay Rd, and was

Mrs Eberle on tmuseum@toodyay.gov.au or at Toodyay Visitors' Centre.

A display of some of the merry-go-round components is planned at the Visitors' Centre in the lead-up to the Toodyay Picnic Races on Sunday, 29 September and the Toodyay Agricultural Show on Saturday, 12 October.

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## Blast from the past in the Herald Archives

### Pictures anyone?

#### Beth Frayne

THIS photo shows a beautifully painted screen advertising the Toodyay Community Cinema.

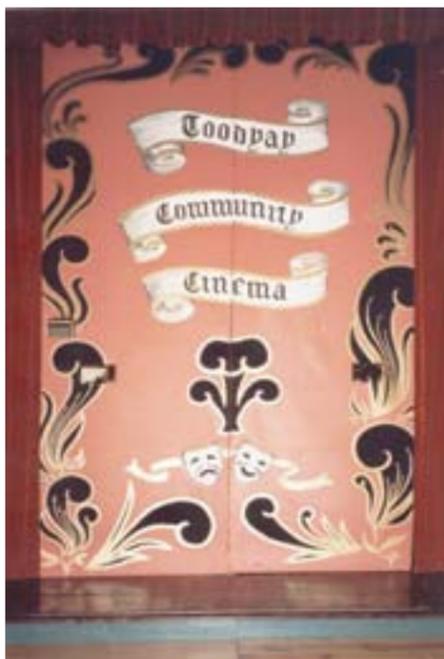
This venture was run from April 1995 until some time in 1999, mainly in the Memorial Hall, but also from the Northam Pool!

An idea of Peter Chiffings, the regular screenings were run with the help of volunteers and the Committee of the Toodyay Tourist Centre. The projectors (said to be the original Toodyay machines from the 1930s) were on the stage and the white screen was at the back of the Hall.

My questions are:

- Who painted this beautiful screen; and
- Did this screen hide the projectors on the stage, or did it hide the big white screen? What do you know? What do you think?

Tell Beth by phoning 9574 5971 or email the Herald on toodyayherald@westnet.com.au.



## Autumn Club

### Autumn Leaf

WHAT a lovely lot of rain we are having but it does not stop us having our days outings. Last month we were off to the Wanneroo Seniors Club on the 8<sup>th</sup> and then to the Chocolate Factory on Great Northam Highway, Midland, on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup>. When we got there we found it closes Mondays and Tuesdays so went onto the other Chocolate outlet in Middle Swan. We stayed for lunch and some of us purchased some of the chocolates to take home.

After the Avon Descent weekend the club did a cleanup of the Telegraph Road and then went around to Freda's for a welcoming cup of coffee and chat.

It was nice to see Peg back with us at the club looking a lot better and also Christine. We missed you both.

Birthdays for September are: 4<sup>th</sup> Joe Paulsen; 5<sup>th</sup> Glenys Bosnjak; 13<sup>th</sup> Peg Nelligan; 23<sup>rd</sup> Michael Cox and 27<sup>th</sup> Veya Due. We wish them all a very happy birthday.

## Avon Woodturners

### Max J Heath

WE have had one of our quieter periods for a while at the Pavilion. We have just about finished the trophies for the Northam show and are prepared for our turning demonstration there. We had written to York Show committee earlier in the year re returning there but heard nothing until a week ago when they asked if we would attend their show. We have decided not to go as we are busy with Northam and Toodyay shows and that is enough.

Some of us were lucky enough to attend the Wood and Craft Show at Claremont Showgrounds where we purchased a new vacuum cleaner for the club. There were some interesting things to see and the craft created a lot of interest. The wood show side of it with a West Australian Woodturners Association (WAWA) stall had a lot of great woodturned objects that could be purchased. It was disappointing though not to see some major wood turning demonstrations going on.

Some of our time this month was to help our esteemed member, David Eyres, move house. We wish him all the best in his new place.

On 25 August we had our monthly meeting which went on for a while discussing what will happen when we have to move from the Pavilion and, possibly, down to the new Shire Depot. We also decided to apply to WAWA for a weekend workshop to be held in Toodyay again, hopefully in April. Toodyay was a very popular place for woodturners to come for a workshop and a lot stayed on for the weekend and quite a few also came back to our town later for a visit because of these weekends. A real benefit to our town.

Our secretary, Andrea McCandish, nominated to go on the WAWA Council and this will be decided at the WAWA AGM. We wish her luck.

We are still sponsored by Roadwise but, after the state budget, will have to get more

information before we get our banner made to show our sponsored message.

Our next meeting will be held on 8 September and will be our AGM. It has been decided that we will start the day with a breakfast.

Well that's about all from the Pavilion for now so, as our sponsor says, Please Don't Drive Tired.

## Toodyay Music Club

### Jenny Edgecombe

HORSES! Who would have thought there were so many beautiful songs we've never heard relating to horses! The August theme night was a fantastic mix of serious, sentimental and comical horse songs with plenty of jokes and laughter. Sorry you missed it, and now you'll never know who it was that confessed to a brush with fame when the Ross Ryan song, 'I Am Pegasus', was mentioned.

We rely on Maurice to ferret out little-known facts, so now we know that the 'Horse With No Name' was an anonymous steed on a dude ranch, and of course Maurice did not sing a mundane Johnny Cash song. Instead, he gave an excellent rendition of 'Six White Horses', made famous by Johnny's brother, Tommy!

Our favourite classical guitarist, Naomi, entered into the spirit of things with a shocking horse pun that triggered a whole raft of even worse ones from around the circle. She followed up with what she called 'some practice pieces' but, judging by the tapping feet as her fingers flew up and down the fingerboard, the audience called them 'irresistible'.

Jan had penned a witty verse protesting about the irritating behaviour of the wretched female in one song who caused both her man and his horse to perish in a foolish attempt to reach her side during a blizzard. Any offence to country music was atoned for later through her lovely 'Noonkanbah Stockmen' song.

Jeanette included the very moving 'Leave Him in the Long Yard' and Kay's lullaby, 'All the Pretty Little Horses', was a lovely peaceful item. Spencer had developed a special musical accompaniment for his heartfelt reading of 'The Horse's Prayer'.

The 'Hills quartet' of Eileen, Moya, Peter and Maurice once again sang beautiful harmonies in 'Run for the Roses'. Their individual presentations were also varied and extremely enjoyable. These ranged from Peter and Moya's marvellous fugue (a complex 'round') based on racing gamblers to Eileen's entertaining 'Ride 'em Cowboy'.

There were too many more songs to list, but a final special mention for Joe, who had managed the unusual feat of arranging 'Heavy Horses' for a single voice and acoustic guitar – this was a very well-received finale to the evening.

The next special theme night will be in November: 'Heavenly Bodies'. People did mention items relating to the Sun, moon, stars and planets, but some interpretations are bound to be much wilder and wackier!

The next club evening will be at 7pm, Friday 13 September

The AGM will be held at 8.30pm following a short supper break.

Any style of singing or instrumental performance welcome so long as it is acoustic. For further information, call Teddy or Spencer on 9574 4492.

## Toodyay Agricultural Society

### Melinda Lucas

THIS column is written with a great sadness weighing down on the entire Society and Committee. With the sudden and unforeseen passing of Gaven Donegan, we have lost a past president and committee member as well as one of our most respected and beloved members.

Our thoughts are with Gaven's entire family, his wife Christeen, Avon and Jen, Sonia and all his grandchildren. Gaven leaves a huge hole in all our lives and he will be sorely missed.

We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who came to the Show Ball last Saturday. A great night was had by all. Hopefully, there weren't too many sore feet afterwards!

This year we're having a 160th Toodyay Annual Show Street Parade, commencing at 9.15am on Show Day (12 October). The parade will be travelling from the Medical Centre to the Showgrounds (led by the Coastal Scottish Pipe Band – from Connors Mill). His Excellency, Mr Malcolm McCusker AC CVO QC Governor of Western Australia, will officially open the Show at 10am.

There will be a RAAF flyover at the show, along with a BMX display to keep the young ones entertained and much more!

The show schedule will be out next week, so make sure to check out which sections you'd like to enter and start cooking up a storm, flashing that camera or dusting off your sewing machine!

A stewards' meeting will be held on 14 September commencing at 10am at the Youth Hall. All stewards are encouraged to come along.

For all the horse lovers, be sure to check out the equestrian events on Saturday and Sunday of the show weekend. They kick off at 8am Saturday with hacks ring events, the breeding and handy pony class at 2pm, followed by novelty events at 3pm. Important times for Sunday are: Open Breed Led Classes, 8am; Miscellaneous Led Classes after Open Breed Classes; Ridden Breed Classes, 10am; Ridden Stock Horse Classes, 11am; Dilute Breed Led Classes, 12pm.

Looking forward to seeing you all at the Toodyay Agricultural Show 2013!

## The Buzzin' Twins First Installment

### Compiled by Wayne Clarke

(following a visit with Desraé to the Jimmy Stewart Museum in Indiana, Pennsylvania, USA in 2010)

FEW Australians would have heard the story of the *Buzzin' Twins*. For most of us, the event happened before our time. It came about during WWII, in England. In fact, it was only a couple of months before D-Day, near the end of the war.

It started in the Operations Control Room of the base where the American 453rd Bombardment Group was stationed. The Group Operations Officer, a major, and his assistant, a captain, were slowing their activity after a day in which the Group had been active over the European Theatre of Operations (ETO). They were both awaiting instructions from higher command to start the planning for the next day's operations.

The major (it's unclear if he had a 'twinkle' in his eye) requested the captain to "find a minimum crew and an airplane, and we'll go shoot some landings." The captain responded, "Yes, Sir," and headed for the Base Operations. Here he filed an 'aircraft clearance form', but it was a poor time of day to find a crew.

As both the major and captain were 'green card' with scores of flying hours as instructors of the B-24 Liberator aircraft, the justification of finding additional crew for a 'local area' training flight came down to 'making up a few names'. The major was listed as the pilot, the captain the co-pilot, a combination of both their names made up the crew, the authorisation signed, and they were cleared for the exercise. The captain phoned and advised the major.

The aircraft allocated had been undergoing major maintenance, and the crew chief was happy to mention some systems he needed checking during the flight. It was parked up, ready for flight.

When the major, arrived he asked about the minimum crew requirements, and the captain briefed the major on his rationalisation for the unusual crewing. They both boarded the aircraft, with the major in the pilot's seat, the captain taking the co-pilot's. The engines were fired, received their clearance from the control tower, taxied to the main runway and were off.

The plane would have only been airborne for a brief period when the major looked across at the captain, and mentioned that his former commanding officer was at a nearby base, and usually took a nap at this time of day. He gave the captain a sardonic smile when he mentioned this. Before the captain could understand his intentions, the major had the plane in a moderate dive towards his former base.

They had plunged below the surrounding tree tops, and the ridgelines of the barracks, before the major pulled up to his left in a manoeuvre called a 'Chandelle' (where

the pilot combines a 180 degree turn with a climb). He said, "Well that's woken him up, now let's get him up." Again they dipped below the tree tops and the barrack ridgelines, and into another 'Chandelle', this time to the right. "He's up now," the major said, "and will want our aircraft tail number."

During these extraordinary occurrences at the base, the control tower operator was continually demanding over the radio why the plane was in their airspace without clearance, and below specified altitude minimums. The captain was handling the radio, but the major said, "Ignore them; don't answer." At each dive, the tower became more severe, demanding name, rank and serial number (of the pilot), and advising that they had the 'aircraft serial markings', and that 'senior officers' would soon know who they were.

The major looked across at the captain after the third swoop, and said calmly, "I could make those operators get out of that control tower." They rolled into another dive, and headed towards the control tower, mounted on a platform above the maintenance hangar. They whooshed past the tower, where the operators were frantically transmitting their demands. Until the next pass, when they were seen scrambling down the ladder to safety.

They then returned to their home base, practised some takeoffs and landings (circuits and bumps in today's terminology), and then went through the checks the crew chief had requested. They finally landed, parked up the aircraft, made the appropriate entries in the flight log, reported to the crew chief, and then returned to their office. They believed it had been a satisfying and peaceful training mission.

*Continued next month*

## Toodyay Local Inducted into National Road Transport Hall of Fame

SHELL Australia was proud to again partner with the National Road Transport Hall of Fame to celebrate the eighteenth annual National Road Transport Hall of Fame Reunion in Alice Springs from 22 – 25 August.

The event, sponsored by Shell Rimula for the past 13 years, is expected to recognise approximately 100 new inductees for their lifetime of service to the transport industry, with their induction into the Shell Rimula Wall of Fame.

Local resident, Bruce Cleasby, is one of this year's inductees.

Bruce was born into transport growing up around the trucks from his father and uncle's businesses from a young age. By the age of 18, Bruce had his first driving job and in 1960 Bruce decided to start his own carrying business. Today Bruce remains an integral part of the Avon Valley's transport industry, still driving at 77 years of age.

"Trucking has been the biggest part of my life for as long as I can remember, so to be included in the Shell Wall of Fame is a great honour. I have no intention of slowing down just yet and look forward to seeing what the future holds."

Gavin Corcoran, Shell Transport Marketing Manager, said, "Shell is committed to supporting Australia's road transport industry. It is a great honour to come up to Alice Springs and celebrate the achievements, moving stories and hardworking nature of the dedicated drivers and operators from the Australian transport sector.

"This is a particularly important relationship for Shell as it significantly supports the longevity of the road transport industry's heritage in Australia, he said. "It also provides us with the opportunity to interact face-to-face with transport customers and highlight our continued product and network investment – sharing information on our quality lubricants and fuels which can help reduce costs and enhance productivity.

The event is part of a four-day celebration which includes the Shell Rimula Wall of Fame induction ceremony and the Shell Rimula inductee gala dinner.

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## Arts Toodyay

Clive Eger

THIS month there is only one show in town and it is VINO 2013 at Coorinja Winery over the September long weekend: 28 – 30 September. This will be the fifth year that the annual VINO art exhibition has been held and once again it is being generously hosted by Michael Wood in the marvellous setting of Coorinja Winery on Toodyay Road. Last year there were more than 90 exhibits including paintings, ceramics, jewellery and sculpture and this year it promises to be bigger and better than ever. The exhibition is open from 10am – 5pm daily and admission is free. This year's exhibition coincides with the Toodyay Picnic Races and we hope to welcome racegoers and show them another side of Toodyay culture.



VINO 2012 opening night crowd

All artists in the Avon Valley area and beyond are encouraged to come and exhibit at VINO in this unique venue. Entry forms are available from LJ Hooker's, the Toodyay Library, Uniquely Toodyay or by email from drumree99@gmail.com. Entries close on 20 September so there is still time to get on board.

Membership of Arts Toodyay remains at a modest \$15 and now is the time to renew your membership if you haven't already done so. New members are always welcome. Drop in to our monthly meeting at our clubrooms on Duke Street North at 8pm on the first Tuesday of every month, or contact drumree99@gmail.com for more information. We would love to renew the acquaintance of former members; your contributions are missed and it would be great to have your participation in our activities.

## Bejoording Community Group

From the desk of The Badger

LAST month I wrote about the generosity of spirit and support to be found in a country community like Bejoording. Continuing on that theme, I'd like to mention another kind of generosity.

In the past few weeks, neighbours have been turning up at our Community Group meetings with boxes of cauliflowers, broccoli, cabbages etc and bags of mandarins and lemons. I guess the logic is if it's surplus to requirements then give it away! Can't wait to see what comes next.

What happened around our community in September? At the beginning of the month we had our annual Soup Feast and the different soups were all terrific. There's something about country cooking! It's the fresh ingredients for sure, but flavours tend to be hearty

and traditional, none of those bizarre variations offered by all those TV chefs, most of whom have forgotten what a good old fashioned pea and ham soup can taste like! Anyway, many thanks to our country cook on the night, Darb Leonhardt. It was most enjoyable.



Waiting for the soup! Wednesday night gathering at 'The Shed' – the fire is an essential part of the ambience!

Sad news indeed about the reduction in train services to Toodyay. As someone whose family and friends have made good use of this delightful and comfortable service, getting a bus just won't be the same, and is bound to take longer. And what about prams and bikes? There are always a few on the train, but they don't go too well on buses. Why does every public service have to recover its costs nowadays? Government wasn't always like that I'm sure, and many important community services have traditionally been subsidised from the public purse. There are a lot of very disappointed people in Bejoording.

A couple of events coming up in September. The Annual Seafood Feast is on Wednesday 4 September (well, it's actually been and gone) and, on Sunday 15 September, we have our annual mystery 4WD Picnic, a terrific fun-filled family day with the destination kept secret until the vehicles gather at the shed. This should give me plenty to write about next month!

Your monthly reminder! We meet every Wednesday evening at the Bejoording Community Centre which shares premises with the local Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade in Bejoording Road. Come along from 6pm, and leave when it suits you. It's strictly 'come as you are' casual; kids are welcome, and there are fun events every month. If you aren't yet a member, come along, we'd love to get to know you. If you want to know more you can contact President Barry Grey on 9574 2149, or call The Badger on 0414 250 484. Hope to see you soon!



### Notice of AGM

THE Toodyay Community Resource Centre Inc wishes to advise that there will be an Annual General Meeting on Monday 9 September commencing at 6pm at the Community Centre. We will be electing the members for the next Management Committee. New and existing members are welcome and encouraged to attend.



### New Manager

We welcome our new Manager, Tenneille, to the team at the TCRC.

Tenneille comes to us with a background in senior banking and community development roles and most recently worked at the Department of Local Government and Communities. She is well equipped in customer service and welcomes the opportunity to work alongside the Toodyay community and experienced colleagues,



## Recipe Corner

### Orange and Lemon Pie

#### Meringue

2 egg whites  
2 tablespoons castor sugar

#### Method:

##### Pastry

Sift dry ingredients then rub in the shortening until the mixture resembles bread crumbs.

Add the lemon juice and the water. Add the water two tablespoons, then a third followed by the fourth tablespoon. This may not seem enough water but just

keep mixing. If too much water is added the mixture becomes sticky and impossible to deal with.

Turn the dough on to a floured surface and roll it out till it covers the pie dish without stretching the pastry.

Trim the excess pastry with a sharp knife and cover the pastry with plastic wrap and refrigerate for 15 minutes.

Blind bake in a very moderate oven (140°C fan-forced or 160°C) for 7 to 10 minutes. Allow to cool.

#### Filling

Place castor sugar, water and the orange and lemon rinds into a medium sized saucepan and bring to the boil then reduce to simmer (a very gentle bubbling) stirring constantly.

Combine the cornflour and custard powder in a small bowl then add several tablespoons of the measured cup of orange juice. When it is mixed to a smooth paste add the remainder of the orange juice and the cup of lemon juice.

Add the cornflour/custard/orange/lemon mixture to the water/sugar/rinds mixture and continually stir to prevent lumps as it thickens.

When thickened and smooth, remove from the heat and add the butter stirring until the butter is thoroughly mixed.

Pour into the pastry case.

#### Meringue

Beat the egg whites in a medium-sized bowl until thickened. Gradually add sugar, a little at a time, until the 2 tablespoons of sugar are added. Continue to beat for 3 minutes.

Spoon the meringue onto the orange/lemon filling.

Bake in a slow oven (140°C fan-forced, 160°C) for 15 minutes or until lightly browned.

Cool then refrigerate. Serve hot or cold with cream or ice-cream.

### Desraé Clarke

WITH the flush of citrus fruit about at present, this pie is a must to make and is a lovely surprise for a special occasion. The recipe has the ingredients and method to make the delicious pastry but, if it is preferred, buy a 20cm sweet pastry case. Note that the butter or margarine is called 'shortening' in cooking terms. Flora margarine is suitable for cakes, pastries, biscuits, etc. When making pastry I use a pair of disposable gloves (obtainable from the super market) as otherwise the mixture catches beneath the fingernails.

As the pie has a meringue topping, the eggs should be left out of the fridge, preferably overnight, to come to room temperature otherwise the 'whites' will not beat as required. Also note that if any yolk of the egg, whatsoever, escapes into the whites, once again the whites will not beat as required.

#### Requirements

20cm pie dish  
20cm sweet pastry case (if not making a pastry case)

#### Ingredients:

##### Pastry

2 cups plain flour  
½ teaspoon bicarbonate of soda  
2 teaspoons icing sugar  
120gm butter or margarine  
1 teaspoon lemon juice  
4 tablespoons cold water

##### Filling:

20gm butter  
1cup sugar  
1 cup water  
1teaspoon lemon rind  
1 cup lemon juice  
1tablespoon orange rind  
1 cup orange juice  
4 tablespoons cornflour  
2 tablespoons custard powder

Alison and Evie. Drop in and say hello, share your ideas; Tenneille would love to meet you.

#### Donations

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who have given us donations. Your kind actions will go towards enhancing our community

#### New Service – Huge laminator

We are now able to offer laminating 790mm width and anything up to 100metres in length. If you would like to take advantage of this service it will be available every Monday. Please call us an hour before you would like it done so we can heat up the machine. The cost is \$10 a metre or part thereof. We will still have our smaller laminating service, up to A3, running every day.

#### 3C'S (Coffee, Crochet, Chat)

Every Tuesday 9.30am – noon \$3pp  
Just as the name suggests! Everyone is welcome. A stress free morning with morning tea supplied

#### Multifarious Monday

Every Monday 10am-12.30pm \$4pp (plus cost of materials)

#### Westlink – September

Best country Towns – Dalwallinu

Mon 2 September 10am

Best Country Towns – Koorda

Mon 9 September 10am

Best country Towns – Sandstone

Wed 11 September 12pm

Men's Health Awareness – mental

Fri 20 September 12pm

Men's Health Awareness – addiction

Tues 24 September 10am

#### Free Suicide Awareness Workshop

Saturday 7 September 10am - 4pm

Free morning and afternoon tea.

\$5 lunch available or BYO

*One Life* and the Toodyay CRC have partnered up to offer you a Suicide Awareness Workshop delivered by Regional Men's Health. This one-day FREE training workshop will enable you to be aware and act on

- Warning Signs
- \* Risk Factors for Suicide
- Techniques for asking the "suicide question"

and learn the referral process to transfer a potentially suicidal person to a proper professional for treatment, counselling and care.

#### Cake Decorating

Wednesday 11 September 10am – 1pm  
\$15pp

Impress your friends and family. Learn how to make beautiful roses and intricate cake decorations with ease. Lovely Leanne from Silver Blossoms is joining us again. This was a very popular class so please book early. Please bring along some florists Oasis to use as a stand while making your decorations.

#### Toodyay Community Cookup Citizenship Day Lunch

Tuesday 17 September 11.30am – 1pm  
\$5pp

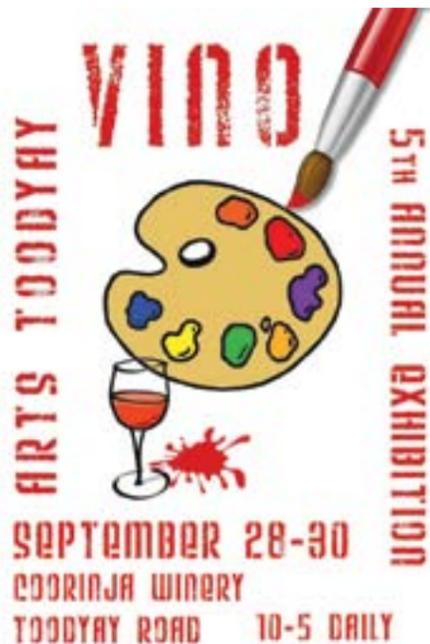
We are having a celebratory lunch on Australian Citizenship Day for all Australians to take pride in their citizenship and the meaning of being Australian. Come along and join in. It will be a great Aussie day with a sausage sizzle and more.

#### Computer Basics Classes

Monday 16 and 23 10am – noon  
\$40pp for 2 sessions (2hr sessions)  
Computer Guru, Ken, will be holding his Computer Basics Class again this month. For all those interested in taking on the computer monster this is the class for you. Bookings are limited so book your spot today for the September Classes

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND ANY OF THESE EVENTS, PLEASE BOOK ON 9574 5357 OR CALL IN AND SEE ALISON OR EVIE.

Toodyay Community Resource Centre (TCRC) Email: toodyay@crc.net.au or visit us at 79 Stirling Tce. Open Monday to Friday 9am to 4.30pm.



## Body Art or Body Harm?

Richard Hazlewood

THE opening of Port City Tattoo Studio, Toodyay's first tattoo studio, in July, has created a lot of interest and prompted a lot of questions about getting tattoos. Essentially, they all boil down to 'should I' or 'shouldn't I' and what are the emotional, social and health ramifications we should consider?

There is much evidence to indicate a significant growth in the tattoo industry in recent years and we see more and more people of all ages, especially young people, indulging in body art, good and bad.

Before writing this article I decided to do some homework. I explored the history of tattooing, its place in societies and trends in the industry. I also checked out an average newsagency in another regional town during some recent travels and was amazed to find no less than eleven magazines devoted to tattoos, many of them of Australian origin, and the proprietor said there were many more he could stock. At the same time I was reading a magazine on business opportunities and came across an advert for an international tattoo school offering to teach you how to start a tattoo studio. Then there are national and international tattoo conventions and a coterie of tattoo artists who enjoy fame and fortune akin to rock stars. If you thought this was a 'backyard' industry, think again!

It is estimated that there are 20,000 tattoo studios in the USA generating about US\$3bn revenue. It is estimated that about one in seven Australians has a tattoo and the number is rising. Rapidly growing in parallel with the industry is the tattoo removal industry so, clearly, many poor choices are being made.

Where did it all begin? The oldest known tattoo was on the well-preserved body of an ice age man more than 5000 years old. Since then the tattoo or perhaps I should say, body art, has had a place in almost every culture, including European nations. Tattoos can relate to religion, status, medical cures, tribal or 'group' identification, or simply ornamentation. They are mostly for good and positive reasons, although on the negative side some cultures have tattooed marks on the faces of criminals to identify them, and the registration numbers on the arms of holocaust victims were a tattoo.

The word 'tattoo' is said to have come from Tahiti where the local word 'tattoo' described the black ink ornamentation on the bodies of indigenous Tahitians. Captain Cook made the first reference to this word in his journal in 1769.

Many of Cook's officers and crew, even Joseph Banks, had tattoos on their bodies on their return from his voyages, giving rise to the tradition in seafaring communities and they in turn brought about a resurgence of interest in tattoos back in Europe as they travelled from port to port. By the late 19th century, tattoos were very popular among the privileged or wealthy classes. Many members of the Royal Family in England were tattooed, including Kings; it was considered very fashionable. Its popularity spread through all areas of the community in Europe and its colonies, and with the

advent of technology such as the electric tattooing machine at the turn of the 20th Century it became more affordable for all socio-economic groups.

By 1960 the place of tattooing in popular culture in the western world had shifted, and this was the beginning of what is called 'The Tattoo Renaissance'. The 60s were a period of social change, of protest movements, of strong individual expression and of avant-garde art. Typically tattoos in western nations had been small, often stock emblems or badges, perhaps indicating a social 'belonging', but now there were influences from the art world and major artistic works were being tattooed on large parts of the body. What were then called 'tattooers' came of age and so we enter the reign of 'tattoo artists'.

This brings me full circle to the beginning of this story. The 'should I/shouldn't I' decision, the risks and benefits etc. To help me with the rest of this story, I turned to Toodyay's own expert, Grant Williams, the artist and proprietor of Port City Tattoo Studio who agreed to this Q & A session.



Grant Williams

By way of background how long have you been a tattoo artist and why choose Toodyay to set up shop?

*I've been a professional for about 25 years now. It all started at high school in Perth where I was fascinated by the tattoos on some of the senior boys. As for why Toodyay, I just love the area, always have, and I had many clients from this side of Perth. My wife and I live here now and my daughter goes to school in town.*

What health risks are associated with tattooing? The community is pretty paranoid about needle infections nowadays with good cause. Sitting here in your studio it feels more like a medical suite, no pictures of tattoos on the wall, and very clinical.

*I understand their concern, but the health aspects are vital to the industry. Some of us have been working with the Health Department to get standards in place; in the meantime we have our own. The biggest risks without standards are cross contamination through needles, especially with Hep C and of course HIV. Professional studios are probably safer environments than many medical clinics.*

What other kinds of health precautions do modern studios take, and is there any regulation of the industry?

*The needles we use, even the caps we use for dispensing colours, and some other items used are all single use and professionally disposed of. Other tools, containers, etc are put through our autoclave after every use, and even cushions, arm rests, chairs etc are covered with infection control barriers which are replaced after every client. We operate under the 'Skin Protection Act' and tattoo artists have to complete an 'Infection Control Course'. While there is still no formal practice registration or licensing in place we are subject to random health checks from Health Inspectors.*

And what about overseas – many are tempted after a few beers or cocktails at Asian holiday destinations, are the risks greater?

*There are some excellent studios in Asia, many run by westerners, but the standards vary enormously so you would really need to do your research carefully before getting one done up there. I have done my own research and seen some appalling practices, and the good studios will cost almost as much as having the work done in Australia, so there's no real benefit.*

Is there a right time and a wrong time to get your first tattoo?

*Not really provided you have done your homework and checked the credentials and reputation of the artist you choose. Don't get your first tattoo on a whim; think carefully about why you want one.*

My partner says it's ok for her kids to get one tattoo, as long as it says "I love mum", but

seriously, what are the most popular themes nowadays?

*Fewer and fewer people choose from standard design catalogues nowadays, there's a real trend to individual and creative designs, often worked out in conjunction with the artist.*



An example of Grant's work, typical of the modern trend to individual and artistic creations.

To what extent do you feel a responsibility to counsel customers when they choose an image, and do you advise them strongly?

*Some people like to bring in a design idea which looks fine in a glossy magazine but which doesn't translate well to a tattoo. I like to offer guidance and get a discussion going, especially with first timers.*

Are there limits, do you ever say no, and in what circumstances?

*Definitely! I won't do anything anti-social or offensive, especially in relation to race and religion. Similarly I won't work on faces, necks or hands unless the person already has established tattoos in those areas.*

What about cashed up younger teens who know it all? I call them 'rebels without a clue'! Do they need parental approval?

*Personally I won't tattoo anyone under 18, although it's legal to work on them from the age of 16. The exception, with parental approval, would be a young person who has had some very shoddy or amateurish work done, and I think I can achieve a good repair. With the availability of tattooing kits on the internet I have come across disasters where young people have held tattoo parties, you can imagine the potential problems they can cause.*

Clearly there are people with post tattoo regret judging by the growth of the tattoo removal industry. Will most studios like yours offer this service too or will it remain a separate industry?

*A few studios in the Eastern States have opened their own laser removal clinics but there's no clear trend. It's a slow, painful and expensive process, and would require training in a very different discipline.*

What are the most common reasons for removal and can we learn anything from them?

*Usually a poor decision such as including a person's name in the tattoo, and then relationships change, or it's shoddy work by backyarders.*

How successful is removal and are there risks?

*I'm not aware of any risks, and it's as effective as you are prepared to pay for. Some people have part of a tattoo removed or just lightened, then have the work repaired by a good artist.*

There are a number of demographic studies that show which gender, which age group, what social background etc are more likely to have tattoos. What are the most significant demographic groups that you see?

*That's impossible to answer. I have clients from all walks of life, it's not a socio/economic thing, all ages and both genders, and the growth in the industry is across the board.*

Finally Grant, what pearl of wisdom or advice would you like to give anyone considering their first tattoo?

*Don't jump in on a whim, take your time, and do your homework on the artist you want to use.*

That's our local look at the tattoo industry. Whether you have a tattoo or not, are thinking of getting one or your teen is nagging you for one, take heed of Grant's advice. He assures me he won't mind if you call in and arrange a time for a chat. Good luck and happy tats.

## Toodyay & Districts Community Bank®

WHAT an amazing, outstanding success the community participation has been in our 'Adopt a Spot' programme.

Driving along our roads the visual difference to our cleaned up areas are a joy to see, whilst the community ownership of this project has far outweighed our expectations.

We see the benefit to the groups and clubs all receiving the five hundred dollar payment as an additional benefit, taking some of the pressure off ongoing fundraising.

What wonderful community spirit seeing us all work together and achieving such positive results.

Have you been down to the sports pavilion on a Friday morning and seen the wonderful new equipment that the Kindergym have purchased with their \$5000 first prize in our 'U Like' campaign. The money has certainly made such a difference to this group, enabling them to upgrade and offer new challenges to their wonderful weekly programme.

Our annual \$5000 youth grant for students currently completing year ten has just closed. We look forward to announcing the winner at our AGM in October. The bank sees this as a great initiative and incentive for our youth, offering some financial support that can be used to further their education, be put towards TAFE or an apprenticeship. An added bonus is that all completed applications go into a draw to win an iPad. Hope you had your application in!!

Congratulations to Toodyay Friends of the River and Toodyay Naturalists' Club on the opening of The Bilya Walk Track and John Masters Bird Hide. All your hard work and planning have resulted in a wonderful area that we should all take the time to go and enjoy.

As a Community Bank we strive to meet all your personal banking needs, offering insurances, financial planning, superannuation, home and personal loans, just to mention a few. Your banking with us is the crucial spoke in the wheel enabling us to further enhance our community commitment.

Please stop in to say hello to us in the branch, we love seeing you.

## Toodyay Spinners

Ange Sturman

THERE has been a change to the meeting time for our Saturday spinners. They are no longer meeting on the 2nd Saturday of each month but on the 3rd Saturday.



Our members are still making some interesting items. Elaine made a felted bag as an 80th birthday present for a friend; Berenice knitted a vest in green merino and silk variegated yarn. The jumper that our group knitted for the back-to-back challenge is going to be framed as a memento of our first attempt at this yearly competition.

Our Spinning Group meets every Wednesday from 9am to 12noon, and every third Saturday of the month at Parker's Cottage in the Showgrounds. For further information, please contact Ange Sturman, Secretary, on 9574 2507 or Gretta Sauta, President, on 9574 2868. New members are most welcome – no experience necessary.



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## Calling Central and Eastern's Most Inspiring Locals

SENSIS is on the hunt for the most inspirational people in Western Australia's central and eastern region to feature on the cover of next year's Yellow Pages® and White Pages® book.

The 2014/2015 Cover's Program theme, Inspiring Others to Achieve, honours the mentors, role models, coaches and teachers who go above and beyond to help others achieve their best.

Sensis is searching for locals in the central and eastern region of Western Australia who selflessly give their time to motivate others in their community and help them reach their full potential.

White Pages® Product Manager Sarah Simpson said unsung heroes who inspire others to be the best they can be are examples of the sort of people who could be nominated.

"Sensis wants locals to nominate people in their community who dedicate their lives to helping other people achieve their goals. They might be fantastic teachers, dedicated sports coaches, inspiring disability advocates, or people who break down barriers," Ms Simpson said.

"They're probably very humble people, but they deserve recognition for their efforts in creating an environment that encourages and rewards hard work and determination, and promotes the pursuit of excellence.

"Their selfless efforts are the reason behind the success of others – no matter how big or small that success might be."

People can nominate their local hero via the following channels:

- Visit [www.whitepagescommunity.com.au](http://www.whitepagescommunity.com.au);
- Email [coversprogram@sensis.com.au](mailto:coversprogram@sensis.com.au);
- Like White Pages® Australia on Facebook and send us a private message;
- Direct message @Whitepages\_au;
- Fax your nominations to 03 8416 6779; or
- Post your nominations to Inspiring Others to Achieve, Locked Bag 6005, Richmond, VIC, 3121.

The nominated cover subject/s must have

contributed to their community in one of the following ways:

- Helped someone achieve in an individual or team sport;
- Provided education opportunities in pursuit of academic success;
- Mentored another person to help them achieve a goal;
- Initiated programs/activities that have helped others achieve;
- Undertaken a stirring feat to inspire or motivate others in their community;
- Regularly donated their time to help guide others;
- Created tools/resources to assist others in pursuing greatness.

Nominations close on 15 September 2013. Shortlisted nominees will be contacted by Sensis or its agency. The cover subject will be selected by a panel of judges.

Did you know? The previous local people to appear on the Central & Eastern Yellow Pages® and White Pages® covers were:

**2013/14:** Kalgoorlie resident Darren McBride appears on the current cover, recognised for helping raise more than \$1.3 million for local families with sick children. Selected under the theme Keeping Our Communities Healthy, Darren has been the driving force behind the annual Goldfields Children Charity Ball since 2006, which benefits the Royal Flying Doctor Service and Ronald McDonald House Perth. **2012/13:** Neridup resident Tom Brown appeared on the cover, recognised under the theme A Helping Hand, The Aussie Way. Tom is the Shire of Esperance's chief bushfire controller and has been helping protect an area 42,000km<sup>2</sup> from fire since taking on the voluntary role in 1994.

**2011/12:** Kalgoorlie resident Debbie Beer appeared on the cover under the theme Australians Creating a Better Future. Debbie's selection recognised her commitment to supporting homeless youths in Kalgoorlie, as the youth and family worker at Crossroads West Kalgoorlie Boulder Youth Accommodation Centre.

## Poison A short story

Scott Gallagher

TOM leaned against the tall fence of his house and wished he was dead. He had been chased by a serial killer who force-fed him arsenic and almost drowned him in a toilet at the Oktoberfest party.

The police came at just the right time to stop the killer, but once they got there; it was too late for Tom, the poison had almost killed him. They managed to get the poison out, but the blood was poisoned and it was too late to save his blood from the deadly toxins.

The killer had been trying to find him ever since the attack. He had hacked his Twitter and FaceBook account and stalked him online and in real life. Tom got so nervous that he decided to call the number of an ad he found. The ad said:

### BODYGUARDS

STRONG, PROTECTIVE  
BODYGUARDS FOR HIRE!  
\$10 AN HOUR FOR PROTECTION!  
CALL 8546-2753-000!

Unfortunately, the person on the end said all their guards were on holiday, so Tom just hung up the phone. He went up to his room

and lay on his bed.

Clutching his heart, he thought, "I know the poison is travelling inside my bloodstream and soon I'll be dead, and nothing can help me."

A few years before the attack, he had been found with gasoline in his blood because of an attacker who turned out to be the person who fed him arsenic forcefully. His blood had been poisoned by the gasoline and he had a minor case of food poisoning. He closed his eyes and felt like nothing changed at all. He knew there would be a time when, because of all of this, he would soon die, and this might just be the day that his time came. He opened his eyes and saw the whole room going fuzzy; pictures and pottery went sliding around his dresser table.

He then whispered what he believed were his final words, "God in heaven, teach me how to die."

He closed his eyes, and he stopped breathing. He lost all sense of movement, and didn't feel the quick spasm of his arms. The time had come, it was time for him. He heard nothing; he felt nothing; he knew nothing as his whole body went limp.

The End

## What to Do if You Find a Turtle

### A turtle out of water, is a turtle at risk

OUR turtles are freshwater turtles. Turtles found wandering on land may be dehydrated and will be stressed. Please rescue the turtle and call the Turtle Oblonga Network immediately. Don't leave the turtle where it is, or put it in the water, as even 15 minutes later, it is unlikely we will be able to find the animal again.

The turtle will be dirty but other than a gentle rinse, please don't attempt to clean it as the shell is as sensitive as skin.

If uninjured, place the turtle in an uncontaminated container of clean shallow water, level to top of the bottom shell. Turtles are air-breathers; if weak and it cannot keep its head up, it may drown if placed in water deeper than about five centimetres or 2 inches. Cover the container with a towel, and locate it in dark, quiet place, away from domestic machinery, children, dogs and flies. This will allow the turtle to de-stress until we can respond to your call. We will then examine the animal and take the necessary measurements before returning it to its home lake if it uninjured and in good health.

When handling turtles, be prepared for them to squirm strongly; take care not to drop them when this happens. If you are nervous about this, use something like small towel which will make the turtle less slippery and use both hands. The turtle will not bite and is unlikely to do more than scratch you with its claws in its efforts to escape your grasp.

### If you find an injured turtle

Rescue the animal and call the Turtle Oblonga Network immediately.

Do not leave it as it will be at risk and we may not be able to find it, even 15 minutes later.

Weak or injured turtles are at risk of being preyed upon by ravens; in warm weather, injured turtles are also at risk of becoming fly-blown in a very short time.

The shell is living bone so any shell wounds will be painful. If the shell is cracked, the animal will probably also have broken bones.

If it was attacked by a dog it will have puncture wounds which may have pierced vital organs, including the lungs.

### Keep injured animals out of water

Depending on the injuries, we may ask you

to take the turtle straight to a vet to have the injuries assessed. Keep the animal in a container with a damp towel in the base so that it doesn't slip around increasing its pain. Cover the animal with a damp hand towel.

### If you find a dead turtle

Please rescue the body. We are interested in examining and measuring all dead turtles. It is easier for the Network to collect the animal from you at home rather than have to attempt to find it in bush or lakeside vegetation.

### If you find a turtle egg

Handle with the minimum of movement before placing it in an egg carton padded with tissue for safety and to minimise further movement. Then call the Turtle Oblonga Network which has the expertise and facilities to incubate the egg if viable. Turtle eggs are about 4cm long, oblong in shape and look like pebbles. The Network can also advise on protecting any turtle nests found in your garden. Ravens are the main predators, along with foxes in bushland areas.

24 hour contact phone numbers:

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 **PUBLIC COMMENT**

**RECREATION STRATEGY**

The Shire of Toodyay is seeking community input regarding the draft report of the Recreation Strategy.

The draft Recreation Strategy is available from the Shire Administration Offices and downloadable from the "For Public Comment" section on our website at [www.toodyay.wa.gov.au](http://www.toodyay.wa.gov.au)

The public is encouraged to make a submission regarding this proposal.

Submissions can be lodged as follows:

In Person: Shire Administration 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](mailto:records@toodyay.wa.gov.au)

By: 4pm Thursday  
19 September 2013

For further information contact Be Active Coordinator, Jo Buegge, at the Shire of Toodyay on (08) 9574 2258.

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 **Toodyay Herald**  
local writers' awards  
2013

**Guidelines for writers**

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

**Entry is open only to residents of the Shire of Toodyay. There are five categories:**

1. Lower Primary Years 1, 2 & 3
2. Middle Primary Years 4 & 5
3. Upper Primary Years 6 & 7
4. Lower Secondary Years 8, 9 & 10
5. Adults

The closing date for entries is Friday 18th October 2013

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

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# public notices

## Anniversaries

St John the Baptist Parish, Toodyay (est. 1854) celebrates the 50th Anniversary of the current church on 17 November, 2013. Archbishop Timothy Costelloe SDB will concelebrate Mass at 11am followed by lunch.

Fr Pavol Herda and the Parish Community cordially invite all past Priests, Religious, past/present Parishioners and Friends to join in this celebration

RSVP Barbara Moran PH: 9574 5786 or email: oliomio@iinet.net.au

Joe & Margaret Paulsen  
Bill & Meredith Neilsen  
Lea-anne & Ian MacGregor  
Joanne & Martin Stacey  
Sharon & Patrick Ferguson  
James & Bronwyn King

## Annual General Meetings

### Toodyay Music Club Inc

The AGM of the Toodyay Music Club Inc will be held on Friday 13 September beginning at 8.30pm at the CWA Hall. All welcome.

### Toodyay Netball Club

The Toodyay Netball Club will hold its AGM on Sunday 22 September at 11am in Duidgee Park.

### Avon Woodturners

The AGM for the Avon Woodturners will be held on 8 September following breakfast.

### Toodyay Community Resource Centre Inc

THE Toodyay Community Resource Centre

Inc wishes to advise that there will be an Annual General Meeting on Monday 9 September commencing at 6pm at the Community Centre. We will be electing the members for the next Management Committee. New and existing members welcome and encouraged to attend.

### Toodyay Junior Hockey Club

The AGM for the Toodyay Junior Hockey Club will be held on Saturday 14 September 2013 at 2pm in Duidgee Park, Toodyay.

### Toodyay Football Club (Inc)

The Toodyay Football Club (Inc) is holding its Annual General Meeting on Friday 18 October, 2013 at 6.30pm at the Freemasons Hotel.

The club is always looking for enthusiastic committee members to combine with the existing members.

All welcome.

### Toodyay Junior Football Club

The AGM for Toodyay Junior Football Club will be held on Saturday 14 September at 2pm.

The day will start at 11am with the much anticipated Parents vs 16s Game. For some boys this is the last game they play for the junior club and great fun is had by all. We are also arranging something to keep the younger ones entertained.

The AGM commences at 2pm. Please attend your AGM if you want your opinions heard. New committee members are welcomed. Please note all executive committee positions are vacated and can be applied for in writing marked Attn Secretary.

Following the AGM will be Team Presentations from Auskick through to the 16s.

And then we invite you all to camp for the night and we will provide the food! Just bring your sleeping bags/tents, utes, campers and stay at the oval for the night. Please note no car or fires allowed on the oval. Parent supervision is required and a permission slip will need to be signed with numbers attending. If you are bringing a child other than your own please include their name at the bottom of the form. If you are attending return permission slips by 7 September so we can arrange for this great event for our Junior Football club.

### Toodyay Community Bus

The Annual General Meeting of the Toodyay Community Bus is to be held at the Shire of Toodyay Council Chambers on Monday 14 October, commencing at 10am.

We look forward to new members and interested persons to come along and meet with the Committee and other members.

Samuel Ferguson  
Michael Cox  
Buettner  
Di Hamlyn  
Jeremy Ferguson  
Charles Danger  
Charlotte Watson  
Rachelle Chitty  
Mathew Welburn  
Shelley Kingston  
Mavis Farstad  
Darren MacGregor  
Margaret Paulsen  
Peg Nelligan  
Veva Due  
Milton A Baxter

Liz Ferguson  
A n a s t a s i a  
Paul Stacey  
Patrick Ferguson  
Julian Beveridge  
Leanne Sloper  
Joel Welburn  
Audrey Elson  
Ashlee Leonhard  
Peter Morris  
Joe Paulsen  
Eva Beveridge  
Val Kissane  
Glennye Bosnjak  
Ken Prowse  
Jayden Prowse

## General

### 2Jr's

Don't forget our Casino Trip on 23 September 2013.

For more information please call Ida on 9574 2858

### Toodyay Festivals Inc.

The Committee of the Moondyne Festival and Bush Poets Weekend, Toodyay Festivals Inc is in need of a Treasurer and Stall Coordinator.

We are a not-for-profit committee of volunteers who work to bring these major festivals to Toodyay for Toodyay.

Come and join our friendly group and enjoy the fun of seeing these festivals evolve.

Please contact Jasmin Devlin (Secretary) on 0412 710 253 or email moondynecommittee@gmail.com.

### Breast Cancer Survivors

We meet on the second Monday of each month, usually in the Ann Wilmott room at the Hospice in Northam at around 2pm.

If there are any changes to venue or time, all group members are phoned to advise.

There is no official protocol, we just sit and talk and sometimes have a speaker. Our group was originally started for breast cancer folk, but anyone is always very welcome.

Come along to just 'sit and drink coffee and talk.' There is no membership fee; we just put in a coin to cover afternoon tea.

Phone Joyce on 0419 381 930 for more information.

## In Memoriam

### DONEGAN Gaven John

16.4.1941 – 22.8.2013

The Toodyay Friends of the River are deeply saddened at the passing of our very dear 'Friend'. Gaven had a special affinity with the Avon River based on a deep personal knowledge of its history, and a passion for its restoration to a healthy river system. Gaven has been, and will continue to be, our guiding spirit.

Robyn Taylor  
President TFOR

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## Birthdays

Stan Eastwood  
Amy Douglas  
Russell Johnson

Ned Bowden  
Paul Sutton  
Taylor Ferguson



## PUBLIC NOTICE

### Council Committees 2013 Meeting Schedule

The Shire of Toodyay Council has resolved to make five of its Council Committees open to the public. Members of the public are welcome to attend the following scheduled Council Committee Meetings:

- **Bush Fire Advisory Committee (BFAC) Meetings;**  
24 September 2013 (commencing at 6.00 pm).
- **Local Emergency Management Committee (LEMC) Meetings;**  
13 November 2013 (commencing at 5.00 pm).
- **Museum Advisory Committee Meetings;**  
21 November 2013 (commencing at 4.00 pm).
- **Works Advisory Committee Meetings; and**  
26 September 2013 (commencing at 4.00 pm).
- **Community Depot Management Advisory Committee Meetings**  
19 September 2013 (commencing at 5.30 pm)  
17 October 2013 (commencing at 5.30 pm)

The meetings are held in Council Chambers, Shire of Toodyay Administration Centre, 15 Fiennes Street, Toodyay. Commencement time of these committee meetings will vary however access to the building will be at least 15 minutes prior to the start of the meeting.

Council Committee Meeting Agendas are available at least 72 hours prior to the date of the Committee Meeting from the Shire of Toodyay Administration Centre, 15 Fiennes Street, Toodyay between the hours of 8.30 am and 4.30 pm. Alternatively copies are available for inspection at the Toodyay Public Library and also by downloading them from Council's website at [http://www.toodyay.wa.gov.au/agendas\\_minutes/Committees/Agendac](http://www.toodyay.wa.gov.au/agendas_minutes/Committees/Agendac)

A public question time, as well as public submissions/deputations will be included during each Committee Meeting. Public Question forms and Public Submission forms are available from the Administration Centre or alternatively, can be downloaded from Council's website at [http://www.toodyay.wa.gov.au/formsand\\_publications/forms](http://www.toodyay.wa.gov.au/formsand_publications/forms)

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

### Proposed Local Law Bush Fire Brigades Local Law

The Shire of Toodyay Council has resolved to make a Bush Fire Brigades Local Law. The purpose of this Local Law is to provide for the following:

1. the establishment of a Bush Fire Brigade including but not limited to:
  - (a) the types of membership; and
  - (b) the appointment, dismissal, and management of members of a Bush Fire Brigade.
2. the application of Rules to a Bush Fire Brigade including but not limited to:
  - (a) equipment of the Bush Fire Brigade; and
  - (b) rules governing the operation of the Bush Fire Brigade;
3. the dissolution of a Bush Fire Brigade; and
4. the organisation and maintenance of a Bush Fire Brigade.

The effect of this Local Law is that the Bush Fire Brigades are to be governed by the Local Law unless otherwise provided for in the Act or regulations.

A copy of the proposed local law may be inspected or obtained from the Shire of Toodyay Administration Centre, 15 Fiennes Street, Toodyay between the hours of 8.30 am and 4.30 pm, Monday to Friday.

Copies will also be available at the Toodyay Public Library. Alternatively copies are available for download from Council's website at [http://www.toodyay.wa.gov.au/news\\_public\\_notices/publicnotices](http://www.toodyay.wa.gov.au/news_public_notices/publicnotices)

Submissions about the proposed local law may be made to the Chief Executive Officer, Shire of Toodyay, PO Box 96, TOODYAY WA 6566. The closing date for submissions is Wednesday 16 October 2013.

**STAN SCOTT**  
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## PUBLIC NOTICE

### Council Forums 2013 Meeting Schedule

The Shire of Toodyay Council has resolved to make all Council Forums open to the public. Members of the public are welcome to attend the following scheduled Council Forums:

SEPTEMBER	3/09/2013
OCTOBER	1/10/2013
NOVEMBER	5/11/2013
DECEMBER	3/12/2013

The meetings are held in Council Chambers, Shire of Toodyay Administration Centre, 15 Fiennes Street, Toodyay. Meetings will commence at 2.00 pm and access to the building is available from 1.45 pm.

Council Forum programs will be available at least 72 hours prior to the commencement of the forum from the Shire of Toodyay Administration Centre, 15 Fiennes Street, Toodyay between the hours of 8.30 am and 4.30 pm.

A copy will be available for inspection at the Toodyay Public Library. Alternatively copies are available for download from Council's website at [http://www.toodyay.wa.gov.au/agendas\\_minutes/CouncilForums](http://www.toodyay.wa.gov.au/agendas_minutes/CouncilForums)

The Council Forum Program will include a public question time, as well as public submissions/deputation time. Public Question forms and Public Submission forms are available from the Administration Centre or alternatively, can be downloaded from Council's website at <http://www.toodyay.wa.gov.au/formsandpublications/forms>

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# 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. Contact Tina 0499 030 177

## AVON VALLEY ENVIRONMENTAL SOC.

3rd Friday at Wheatbelt Natural Resource Management (WNRM) transportable, Dept of Agriculture and Food, York Road, approx 500m past Cunderdin turnoff, 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 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 Peewees, 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. Contact Margaret O'Sullivan 9574 2183

## 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 Peggy 9574 4534 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. Enquiries 9574 4462

## TOODYAY MEN'S SHED

Meets 6176 Toodyay Road Monday and Thursday mornings 9am - 12. 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 info@toodyaynats.org.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 Jane Arnold 0477 145 706

## 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 ROADWISE COMMITTEE

3rd Tuesday, Shire of Toodyay Works Depot, 10am. Further details: Max Heath 9574 2069

## TOODYAY SPINNERS

Wednesdays and 3rd Saturdays from 9am in Parkers Cottage, Showgrounds. 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 TOY LIBRARY

Tuesday 9.30-11.30am Toodyay Community Centre next to Toodyay Playgroup. Contact Moni Thornton 0437 655 901

## 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

## DONEGAN Gaven John

16.4.1941 – 22.8.2013

The Avon Nature Conservation Advisory Committee members (ANCAC) extend their deepest sympathy to Christeen and her family in the very sad passing of committee member, Gaven.

We will miss his great wisdom and wonderful knowledge of the Avon area.

Rest in peace, Gaven.

## DONEGAN Gaven John

16.4.1941 – 22.8.2013

Sincere sympathy is extended to Christeen, Sonia, Avon, Jennifer, grandchildren and extended family from the Toodyay Historical Society members in the loss of their beloved Gaven.

Gaven was a wonderful family man – his family was his life. He will be missed by all who knew him and who appreciated his humour, his great love of Toodyay and its history.

Rest in peace, Gaven.

Toodyay Historical Society

## DONEGAN Gaven John

16.4.1941 – 22.8.2013

On 22 August, I lost a wonderful friend and mentor, a true gentleman. Gaven's sensitivity to nature and knowledge of fire behaviour was inspiring. He has left a huge gap in my life and heart.

My deepest sympathy to Christeen, and to Avon, Sonia, Jennifer and Gaven's grandchildren.

Sleep peacefully, Gav.

Wayne C.

## DONEGAN Gaven John

16.4.1941 – 22.8.2013

On 22 August 2013, Honorary Life Member and great friend, Gaven Donegan, passed away. Gaven had contributed an enormous amount of his energy to bush fire suppression, and to volunteer training, and earned the respect of all who came into contact with him.

Deepest sympathy is expressed to Christeen, Sonia, Avon, Jennifer and Gaven's grandchildren, and to his extended family.

Toodyay Central Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade

## DONEGAN Gaven John

16.4.1941 – 22.8.2013

Sincere sympathy to all the Donegan family.

Gaven was a great family man and friend. Gaven did an enormous amount for the community, a most deserving Citizen of the Year. Your local knowledge of people, places and the environment will be greatly missed. I always looked forward to our inspections of the river from Toodyay to Gt Northern Hwy.

Robinson family, Peter, Kathy, Chris, Julia

## DONEGAN Gaven John

16.4.1941 – 22.8.2013

Members of the Julimar Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade offer their deepest sympathies to Gaven's family on his recent passing. A true gentleman and friend to all of the Toodyay bush fire community as well as anyone with whom he came in contact. He will be sorely missed.

## McKAY Finlay

Fin, you are always in my thoughts.

Miss and love you,

Margaret

## McKAY Finlay

Twelve months have passed. We miss and think of you every day.

Forever in our hearts.

Diane and Terry

## Thank You

Kathy is recovering splendidly from her brain tumour surgery.

Most sincere thanks for all the love and support.

Kathy, Peter, Chris, Julia and Tammy Robinson



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