the local police for their involvement. On a positive note the evacuation went well, the school SMS system was very effective, hydrant pressure was excellent, school drills and procedures were very good and school staff performed very well. In all it was a very worthwhile co-operative effort.

Still on emergency management, the maintenance of the Shire’s strategic firebreaks has been completed for the fire season.

A storm on Saturday saw 6 fires started by lightning in the eastern half of the Shire. Several brigades attended including Bolgart. Again a very good effort by all involved. Unfortunately one firefighter was seriously injured whilst attending these fires, again highlighting the danger all of our emergency people face when attending incidents on our behalf. I speak for all Councillors when I wish her a speedy and successful recovery.

On 19 October the organisers of the Quit Targa West Rally in association with the Toodyay Lions Club hosted a charity ride in the new River Hills Estate – that is Foggarthorpe. Community members were given the opportunity to ride in rally car in exchange for a donation, each of the participating cars also paid to be involved and there was sponsorship from local businesses. The day raised $9,000 to be distributed by the Toodyay Lions Club to local charities. I would like to congratulate all those involved for a very successful day.

One of the pleasures of the job of Shire President is the opportunity to conduct citizenship ceremonies confirming migrants as Australians. Seeing new people committing to citizenship really helps you appreciate what most of us take for granted. I have conducted two citizenship ceremonies this month with one more to come. I am sure these new citizens will find that becoming a citizen of this country will be a positive step forward in their journey through life.

Finally, it gives me great pleasure to announce that the settlement for the Toodyay Recreation Precinct has been completed, and we are now the proud owners of 14 hectares of land adjacent to the Toodyay District High School. Settlement was a little slower than may have been anticipated as a new title had to be issued first. This is the first step in the long process of ensuring that the Toodyay community has a suite of contemporary recreation facilities to meet the communities’ needs for coming decades.
NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF LOCAL PLANNING POLICY

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Clause 2.4.3 of Local Planning Scheme No 4 that Council resolved on 19 November 2013 to adopt amendments to the following Local Planning Policy:

- LPP 5 – Foggarthorpe Design Guidelines

Copies of the Local Planning Policies are available for inspection at the Shire of Toodyay’s Administration Centre, 15 Fiennes Street, Toodyay and are also available for viewing on Council’s website www.toodyay.wa.gov.au.

Stan Scott
Chief Executive Officer

Planners & Development

GET YOUR TOM CASTRATED

The Shires “Chip and Snip Program” funded in part by the Western Australia Department of Local Government Cat Act Implementation Grant Program has been a great success with 41 sterilizations and 100 microchips used up, however there are still some places left for subsidised castrations.

At a cost of only $10 for health care card holders and $30 for other Shire residents here is a chance to sort out your misbehaving male moggy and help keep down the number of stray and feral cats. It’s relatively easy, contact Kim on 9574 4318, pay at the Shire Administration, fill out a form, get your cat microchipped and boom your cat in at the vet for the kindest cut. So do the right thing by your furry feline friend and take the snip.

Seniors Week

The Seniors Week trip to Fremantle was held on Friday 15 November and proved to be very popular, with all seats booked out and many people Unfortunately missing out. Seniors were treated to a fun day out in Fremantle and a delicious lunch at Kallie’s Seafood Restaurant on the water front.

The day was proudly sponsored by the Shire of Toodyay, Toodyay & Districts Community Bank and the Toodyay Community Bus. Commisserations to those who missed out, make sure you are the early bird next year for this great event.

Thank a Volunteer Day

The Shire of Toodyay wishes to invite all volunteers to attend ‘Caricatures in the Courtyard’ at the Newcastle Gaol Museum in celebration of their valued contributions to our community. This event will be held on Friday 10 January from 5.30pm till 8.30pm. Includes light refreshments & free caricature illustrations by Mick Devine!

RSVP by 6 Jan by contacting Kim on 9574 4318 or Steph on 9574 2435 or jump online at www.trybooking.com/DZDD

Be Active

The Shire of Toodyay has been successful in obtaining a grant for $25,000 from the Department of Sport and Recreation Planning Studies round. The Shire of Toodyay will use this funding to employ a consultant to complete a Master Plan of the new Sport and Recreation Precinct. The Shire would like to thank the Department of Sport and Recreation for their contribution as this funding will ease the pressure on the Shire to cover the costs of hiring a consultant, as well as help the Shire achieve the maximum benefit out of the plan.

Rangers Report

DOGS THAT KILL LIVESTOCK

Domestic dogs kill and injure several thousand sheep, goats and other livestock each year in Perth. Many myths surround these dogs and the image of savage packs of wild dogs is far from the truth.

Most of the dogs involved are pets allowed to wander.

Myth: Most dogs are physically or behaviourally incapable of killing livestock

Fact: All breeds and sizes of dogs are capable. Dogs from 3 months of age, either sex, 3 legs, no teeth and the best pedigrees; all have been caught. All that these dogs had in common was that they were wandering unsupervised.

Myth: Wild or stray dogs are responsible

Fact: Well-fed pets from small-holdings or suburban homes in close proximity to the attack are usually the culprits. Many of these are unlicensed and carry no identification.

Myth: Packs of marauding dogs are responsible

Fact: Few of this type of dog are found in semi and rural areas as most wandering dogs actively avoid each other. If groups do form they are small in number, of short duration and made up of dogs living locally that are familiar to each other. Livestock are easily caught by individual dogs, so most attacks involve single dog or a pair of dogs from the same household or a nearby property. Sometimes a dog that frequently wanders may pick up different dogs from different locations on different occasions. These dogs should be chased off, or caught and impounded before the resident dog wanders with it.

Myth: Only savage dogs kill livestock

Fact: Few are savage. Most are friendly and approachable and do not look or behave like killers when interacting with people. This is why owners find it difficult to accept that their pets have killed livestock. Dogs that bite people do so because they are dominant, protective, threatened or frightened. The two behaviours are completely separate. Owners must accept that their dogs do not become killers just when on their own, away from home or attacking like dogs, chasing, scavenging and hunting.

Should you require any further information on any of the above items please contact the Shire of Toodyay Rangers, 9574 4355.

The information used in this article is from research carried out by Murdoch University during 1988-89 in Perth

Community

SHIRE OF TOODYAY 2013 COMMUNITY DIRECTORY

Final corrections are being made for the 2014 Toodyay Community Directory. To assist us in this process we are asking all residents to check their current directory to ensure their details are up to date.

If you are aware of any entries that should be deleted, we would appreciate it if you could please let us know, as these changes cannot be made unless we receive a written request.

As well as personal listings, we would also like to ask all Community Groups to check that their listing on pages 15 & 16 to ensure all of the relevant details are correct.

Christmas Closure

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS 2013

SHIRE ADMINISTRATION OFFICE

Please be advised that the Shire of Toodyay Administration Office will be closed for the Christmas Holiday Period from 4.30pm Friday 20th December 2013, and will reopen at 8.30am Monday 3rd January 2014.

Environment Matters

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PUBLIC NOTICE
Council Forums 2014 Meeting Schedule

At a Special Meeting held on 7 November 2013, the Shire of Toodyay Council resolved to conduct its Council Forums on the first Tuesday of each calendar month commencing at 4.00 pm with the exception of January in which month there will be no forum.

Council Forums open to the public. Members of the public are welcome to attend the following scheduled Council Forums:

JANUARY NO MTG JULY 1/07/2014
FEBRUARY 4/02/2014 AUGUST 5/08/2014
MARCH 4/03/2014 SEPTEMBER 2/09/2014
APRIL 1/04/2014 OCTOBER 7/10/2014
MAY 6/05/2014 NOVEMBER 4/11/2014
JUNE 3/06/2014 DECEMBER 2/12/2014

The meetings are held in Council Chambers, Shire of Toodyay Administration Centre, 15 Fiennes Street, Toodyay. Meetings will commence at 4.00 pm and access to the building is available from 3.45 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.

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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STAN SCOTT
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

PUBLIC NOTICE
Council Committees 2014 Meeting Schedule

The Shire of Toodyay Council resolved to make five of its Council Committees open to the public in August 2013. Members of the public are welcome to attend the following scheduled Council Committees Meetings:

- Bush Fire Advisory Committee (BFAC) Meetings commencing at 6.00 pm;
  25 March 2014 27 May 2014
  22 July 2014 23 September 2014

- Local Emergency Management Committee (LEMC) Meetings commencing at 5.00 pm;
  12 February 2014 14 May 2014
  13 August 2014 12 November 2014

- Museum Advisory Committee (MAC) Meetings commencing at 4.00 pm;
  13 February 2014 8 May 2014
  14 August 2014 13 November 2014

- Works Advisory Committee (WAC) Meetings commencing at 4.00 pm;
  30 January 2014 24 April 2014
  24 July 2014 23 October 2014; and

- Community Depot Management Advisory Committee (CDMAC) Meetings commencing at 5.30 pm.
  23 January 2014 17 April 2014
  17 July 2014 16 October 2014

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. 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/Agendas.

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/formsandpublications/forms

STAN SCOTT
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
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The Warrior Ambassador Awards
past, present and future - who have supported
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men's health and suicide awareness.
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print articles or campaign
Community Partnerships.
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Research Director, Terry Slevin explains
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“On behalf of Cancer Council WA, Thank
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For more information or the symptoms to
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inductors for 2013
Funding Category
Acknowledges individuals, groups of
individuals or organisations that make a
financial contribution to WMH and/or
RMHI with no expectation of personal
commercial gain or return.
Inductees are:
• Wheatbelt Australia;
• Countryman Newspaper;
• Department of Agriculture and Food WA;
• Perth Countryman;
• Kondinin Group;
• Wheatbelt Times-Delay;
• McCusker Charitable Foundation;
• Plum Grove;
• WA Country Agricultural Society; and
• WA Country Health Services.
Partnership Category
Acknowledges individuals, groups of
individuals or organisations who share an
expansion(s) with the wider community to
assist WMH and/or RMHI reach and
communicate with its audience and achieve
its vision and objectives.
These personal stories are captured on a
series of postcards/diary entries titled:
• Working with Warriors;
• Stages of Men;
• Majoring their Mark;
Inductees are:
• Health Black;
• Peter Boyle;
• Bill Cameron;
• Michael Harnett;
• Marty Grant;
• John Langsoulant;
• Alix; and
• Andrew Webster.
Open Category
Awarded to individuals, groups of
individuals or organisations who have provided
significant contributions to WMH and/or
RMHI through another means other than
the above two categories with no
expectation of personal or commercial gain or
return.

General Inductee
• Dr Graham Luke.
Pioneers Inductee are:
• Jill Jarvis;
• John Stubbings;
• lan Pilkington;
• Brian Webb.
Passionate Inductee are:
• Jill Jarvis;
• John Stubbings; and
• lan Pilkington.

Vet’s Corner
Seven Devery
Heartlands Veterinary Hospital
WITH the mercury rising we thought it
would be a good time to remind everyone
that animals are just as sensitive (if not
more sensitive) to people as the increases in
temperature.
Whilst some animals are more susceptible
than others, all our furry friends can
experience heat stroke. Unlike humans,
most animals are not capable of sweating
to cool themselves, and therefore they can
overheat very rapidly. Once their body
reaches a certain temperature a cascade
of events begins to unfold which can quickly
lead to severe organ damage and death.
Each year it takes an animal approximately
two months to fully acclimatise to the change
in weather, making the risk of heat stroke
greater in the early summer months.

Dog’s accounts for the majority of the
animals we see in hospital with heat stroke.
Old or overweight dogs, dogs with a heavy
cut, or dogs with a short nose or flat face are
most at risk. Exercise must be avoided
during the hottest part of the day and they
should always have access to shade and
cool water.
Signs of heat stroke most usually follow a
period of exertion in the heat and include
excessive panting, lethargy and, occasionally,
vomiting, diarrhea and collapse.
If you suspect your animal may be suffering
from heat stroke they should be soothed with
cool water from the hose for about five
minutes prior to transport. Ice or ice water
should never be used to cool an animal and
they should never be covered with a wet towel
as that can act to trap the heat. They should
then be transported to the nearest veterinarian
in a vehicle with the air-conditioning on.
Rabbits, Guinea Pigs, and other small
pets are also particularly sensitive and
should, in the heat of the day, be kept to rest in
a well shaded area with plenty of fresh water.
On particularly warm days it is a good idea to
provide a frozen water bottle for them to
cool themselves on if they wish.
Heat stroke is a dangerous potentially
fatal disease. However, with careful attention
at home and prompt veterinary attention
they should have a much improved chance
of recovery.

Stressed and Depressed!
Not sure about asking for help?
Talk to those that have been through it
We know that can be the hardest thing.
Toodyay Men’s Shed
Phone 9574 2498 or 9574 4568
Emergencies: LIFELINE 13 11 14

Cancer Council
Thank you for support
AFTER two years of Find Cancer Early
in the Wheatbelt region, the pilot program
wraps up this month as Cancer Council
WA continues to evaluate the program to
determine the impact.
However, thanks to the overwhelming
support from the Wheatbelt community,
Cancer Council WA hopes Find Cancer Early
won’t be gone for long.
Karen Hansen, who has travelled across
the northern Wheatbelt region delivering
campaign messages through presentations,
public displays, media exposure, campaign
topics and word-of-mouth says the
community is the real reason for the success.
"We couldn’t do my job if people were closed
off to the campaign concept of the earlier
cancer is found, the greater the chance of
successful treatment. Instead I have been
welcomed with open arms and open doors.”
The campaign was targeting people over
40 years of age from regional WA, most
notably through its “say it how it is” symptom
checklist using words like “pee and poo” as
suggested by the community.
“It’s hard to believe, but we’ve distributed
more checklists (48,200+) than people aged
over 40 from the Wheatbelt region!” says
Karen.
Karen Hansen and colleague Lisa Barr in
the southern Wheatbelt have also distributed
over 64,000 postcards, 131 presentations,
set up 62 displays, and established 330
community partnerships.
“It is those partnerships and the close
connection with the community which have
helped the most to spread the message from
the bottom up.”
Find Cancer Early has also received
significant free media support in the Wheatbelt
including; 13 major newspaper
print articles, over 530 articles or campaign
items in smaller newspapers or newsletters;
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FREE SKIN CANCER SCREENING
Lions Club of Toodyay (Inc)
as a joint project with
The Lions Cancer Institute Inc
will conduct a Free Skin Cancer Screening
Saturday 7 December 2013 at the
Toodyay Community Resource Centre
Stirling Tce, Toodyay

If you are 20 years or older and can answer
"YES to three (3) of the following, you may be at risk:

• A family member who has had a malignant melanoma
  (mother, brother, sister or grandparents);
• Five or more moles (not freckles) on your forearm;
• More than 10 moles that have changed (size, colour or shape);
• Previously had skin cancer;
• A mole or freckle which is changing (size, colour or shape);
• Fair skin that always burns rather than tans;
• Had blistering sunburn as a child enough to stay off school;
• Any inflamed skin sores that do not heal.

Please telephone Steel Williams on 9574 2903 for
appointment if you meet the above criteria.
This is a FREE SERVICE, so please make use of it.

Vicki Mackenzie
Dip. App. Sci. (Pod) MA Pod A
Please phone for appointment
0437 160 865
e-mail: vicki492@bigpond.com

North Podiatry
Northam Podiatry
Northam Clinic
104 Wellington St,
Northam 6401
York Clinic
York Wellness Centre
6 Howick St,
York 6302
Toodyay Clinic
81 Stirling Tce,
Toodyay 6556
People Power Leads Health Reform

Richard Taylor
Clinical Psychologist

THE newly elected Federal Government has been quick on mental health issues. On 27 November 2013, the Mental Health Commission launched A Contributing Life: the 2013 National Report Card on Mental Health and Suicide Prevention - unfortunately too late for comment in this issue. However, the findings it is clear that reform in mental health may rely more and more on significant and incremental changes coming from the community itself in the form of innovation and creativity, use of new technologies, and peer support groups.

In this light, and wanting to end the year on a positive note, I have been tracking the progress of The Australian newspaper and its ‘Innovation Challenge’ in association with Shell. Recent finalists in innovation came from the community sector and two caught my eye as being related to mental health in very different ways. Firstly, the Australian Centre for Social Innovation has developed a model of family help called ‘Family by Family’ and I have taken the following details from their web site: ‘How do we enable more families to thrive and fewier to come into contact with crisis services?’ 1 in 5 children are notified to child protection services before the age of 5. Child protection costs Australia $250 billion a year. All families who want change, including families involved with child protection, caring for children with disabilities, and migrant and refugee families. Family by Family finds, trains, and links up families who have come through tough times with families who want things to change. It includes families that have weathered domestic violence and poor mental health. An independent evaluation of our first year found that 90% of participating families meet their goals. The cost of an intensive link-up is $15K compared to $56K annual cost of a child entering state care.

The programme has been a winner of an Australian International Design Award and a National Association for Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect award.

The second innovation came from a Victorian couple who invented a portable emergency bed for homeless people. The bed looks like a backpack yet rolls out into a warm, waterproof and fire retardant bed. It weighs 2.9kg and has a built-in 190l cm mattress. The report noted that recipients report improvements to ‘health, warmth, sleep, dignity, self-esteem, and safety’ thanks to the bed. Such a product has wide applications and is now used in many countries and by more than 300 welfare agencies. It is certainly good to see Australian innovation being exported.

Next year I wish to tackle some new topics into a review of psychiatric drugs, in particular the ‘anti-depressants’ which have increased in use substantially particularly since the 1990s. As this is the last column for the year I wish all readers a safe and happy holiday period. My thanks to the Herald for making space for environment matters

Toodyay Naturalists’ Club welcomes reports of all creatures, plants, fungi, etc, and members of this family.

Black-Headed Monitor

Desraé Clarke
Member Toodyay Naturalists’ Club

IT was a beautiful surprise to see a very young Black-headed Monitor (Varanus tristis) or Racehorse Goanna (as it is commonly known), on our kitchen window sill. It was outside of course, making its way cautiously to the opening of the blind, then just sat and peered through the gap.

The resident animals in our roof have also been heard moving about. Small birds and lizards, as well as eggs and insects, frogs and carrion are all foods for this reptile. It has been observed ‘undulating’ its tail through litter to flush out smaller creatures as prey.

This monitor is quite commonly found in the Shire of Toodyay, living as previously mentioned, in structures of buildings, rocky crevices, and hollow logs or holes in the ground. It is a slender creature of an adult length of approximately 80cm with a ground colouring of dark grey to black. Young Black Tailed Monitors are marked with yellowish-cream spots, with a darkened centre, known as ocelli. The photograph, demonstrates the markings. The snout is slender with noticeable nostrils; obvious ear holes are positioned back from the eyes.

Monitors have a loose skin that differs in structure to other reptiles; the scales lie alongside each other and do not overlap. Its claws are long and extremely strong to aid in digging or climbing trees, fence posts and the like.

Family and I have taken the following details by both adults.

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The Little Black Cormorant, giving it a slightly different and wider diet type. It has dark purple-grey facial skin, a brown eye and black feet. Its prey is mainly fish, and rafts of the birds congregate and co-operatively herd fish into shallows. Once out of the water, it will perch on dead trees, sandbars, banks, etc, to dry. It is fast flying alternating in a flapping/gliding pattern. The birds fly one behind the other, in a v formation.

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Toodyay Tidy Towns

Beth Frayne
Secretary, Toodyay Tidy Towns Committee

THU Toodyay Tidy Towns (TTT) Committee and staff wish to announce that Toodyay won one of the eight State Categories at the 2013 Tidy Towns Awards luncheon on 22 November, at the Royal Perth Yacht Club. Toodyay won the “Community Partnerships” Category. So well done, all! Walpole won the overall State Title.

Chairman, Greg Warburton, gave a short speech of thanks, acknowledging the co-operation between the Toodyay & Districts Community Bank Branch, the Shire of Toodyay and the TTTC that achieved such a fantastic result with the Toodyay Adopt-a-Spot program. Shane Love MP joined us at our luncheon for the lunch, and even took some photos.

Congratulations to all the winners. They are: State Winner: Walpole - will go to forward to the National TT Awards; Community Bank Branch; Toodyay: General Appearance: Wickham; Waste Management and Litter Prevention: Albany; Natural Environment Conservation: Bremer Bay; Water Conservation: Esperance; Energy Conservation: Denmark; Young Legends: Yakanna (a small Kimberley aboriginal community). Their stories are so inspiring.

The December issue of Toodyay Tidy Talk will tell you how we support local TTT. As suggested we do next. We hope all our Supporters will continue their support for a 2014 TTT bid. By the way, congratulations to the Shire for installing our beautiful new ‘Blue Poles’ Shire Boundary signs.

Below is the Toodyay Tidy Talk in the Toodyay Tidy Towns’ Winners Book 2013, provided by Gail Dodd, the State Program Manager.

“Community Action and Partnerships Award"

The essence of community action and partnerships is to involve a range of different organisation, groups and individuals in planning and implementing community projects. This includes motivating and providing education, working with volunteers, training and mentoring local members and involving small business, local government and industry.

State Winner: Community Action and Partnerships Award

The historic wheatbelt town of Toodyay is located in the Avon Valley, 85 kilometres north-east of Perth, Western Australia. The Avon Valley National Park and a great number of reserves provide ample opportunities for the public to visit and explore.

Impressively, Toodyay has established more than 500 volunteers and more than 40 groups and partnerships, which are focussed on litter prevention and conservation of the natural environment.

Some of the groups and partnerships that focus on the region’s environment include CARE (Conservation of Avon River Environments), Toodyay Naturalists’ Club, Toodyay Friends of the River, River Conservation Society (York), Friends of the Dale River (Beverley), Friends of Malrup Brook, Toodyay Community Resource Centre and the Shire of Toodyay.

Many other groups demonstrate strong community action, networking and cooperation to support residence and the people of Toodyay are acknowledged through citizenship awards, volunteers’ week and thank a volunteer morning teas. The Shire also maintains a volunteers’ program to support the museums, library, visitor centre and the Tidy Towns program.

Toodyay is a highly proactive community

Toodyay receiving its State Category Award (Photo: Wayne Clarke)

Toodyay Tidy Towns Committee is extremely well-organised. The committee meets bi-monthly and actively engages their community (which includes the Shire, school, business organisations, NGOs and the general public). Fundamental to its success has been the implementation of Keep Australia Beautiful’s Adopt-a-Spot program undertaken by the Toodyay and Districts Community Bank Branch of the Bendigo Bank. The bank has committed to a three-year sponsorship of up to 20 community sites ($500 per group) on the proviso that they agree to undertake coordinated litter cleanups of designated sites and contribute to other Tidy Towns projects.

However, not all has been good about 2013 as we are still coming to terms with the passing of Gavin our true champion of the River. Gavin’s legacy and inspiration will continue to help us in go forward into 2014, and beyond.

Our upcoming planning day, Australia Day 26 January, will be a good opportunity to throw some ideas around as to how we can suitably acknowledge that 20 year milestone as we schedule in the various tasks and projects. Members will be advised of details.

Work will continue in the coming period with some maintenance work required along the Blythe Track, but our first official working bee won’t be until Sunday 16 February (Meet Dugdige Park at 8am).

It was immensely satisfying to attend the State Tidy Towns Awards ceremony last month and see Toodyay win the WA ‘Community Partnerships’ Category as well as a fantastic result with the Toodyay Adopt-a-Spot category, so well done, all! Walpole won the overall State Title.

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In March 2013, all community groups were invited to Express an Interest to Adopt-a-Spot from a list of locations, resulting in 16 formal ‘ownerships’ including: 3 General Appearance; 1 Waste Management and Litter Prevention; 4 Natural Environment Conservation; 2 Water Conservation; 1 Energy Conservation; 2 Young Legends; 1 Wildlife Conservation.

Toodyay is also applauded for acknowledging litter prevention champions with a special commendation for good citizenship and volunteering.

Toodyay Tidy Towns Committee

Toodyay Friends of the River

Greg Warburton
Project Officer

TOODYAY Friends of the River combined with Toodyay Naturalists’ Club to spend a very pleasant time at the home of Don and Eva enjoying delicious food, the sublime evening and viewing nocturnal animals.

TOODYAY Friends of the River wish everyone a safe and successful Christmas and New Year.

The Toodyay Naturalists’ Club extends its gratitude to both the Lotterywest and the extremely generous public – thank you! The ‘end of year get together’ today, together with members of the Toodyay Friends of the River, was spent at the beautiful property of Eva and Don Smith. Members were given a glimpse of several rescued native creatures cared for by Wildlife Carers. The small, shy Black-gloved Wallaby is a resident of the forested areas of Toodyay (photograph by Derek Clarke). Although the day began with a severe thunderstorm and lightning strikes the evening was cool and most enjoyable.

2013 has been a year of interest with wonderful guest speakers, the completion and launching of the John Masters Bird Hide, a long weekend excursion to Dryandra Woodland Village together with a visit to the endangered mammal enclosure of Barna Mia and meeting up with the Central Southern Naturalists’ Group from the Narrogin area.

A ‘Planning Meeting’ for 2014 is to be held in December. Members will be notified of the date and venue. For any queries please contact Secretary, Wayne Clarke, on 6364 3609 or secretary@toodyaynats.org.au or www.toodyaynats.org.au

There will be no meeting held in January with the first meeting of the year to be held at the CWA Hall Saturday 15 February 2014, commencing at 10am.

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‘Miss Hiss’: relocation of reptiles: Hailey & Robert 9574 9055

Wildlife Conservation

TOODYAY Naturalists’ Club

Desré Clarke
Member Toodyay Naturalists’ Club

AS WAS MENTIONED in the November edition of the Toodyay Herald the ‘Scratchy’ fundraiser had a fantastic result with the following winners:

- BLUE C 92: Lyn - $50 worth of Scratchies
- RED C 84: Gretchin - $30 worth of Scratchies
environmental matters

Richard Hazelwood

DOES what we throw out from our lives tell us how we live them?

Most of you will have taken a few boxes or your trailer to your local waste transfer station, but did you ever stop to look around, or think about what that site could tell you about your community, and our society at large?

We are so lucky in Toodyay. Our Waste Transfer Station (call it a ‘tip’ and you risk severe retribution!) is kept in a tidy and ordered state, with everything sectioned off into well defined categories. The site is an archaeological dig without the need for a shovel. Recently I spent an hour looking around the Toodyay site and it was a fascinating experience, and I’ll come to that soon. Firstly let us take a brief look at the evolution of waste management from our communities.

Archaeologists generally have to painstakingly unearth sites buried by the sands of time, and much of the time what they carefully clean, reconstruct and record was in the making during the rubber band era. This told us much about the lifestyles, the eating habits, the wealth or otherwise, and the economic and social development of communities, of all which evolved at a snail’s pace in relation to our lives.

Today everything is so different. Communities evolve and change at such a rapid pace that looking at our rubbish can tell a story before it even disappears beneath the ground. We have even devised a name for this new branch of archaeology. Initially it was “garbage-ology”, but this has become the commonly used word ‘garbology’. So what does our trash tell us?

When we left home to get married or set up our own independent home, our parents and grandparents passed on furniture, appliances, crockery and cutlery etc to help us get ‘set up’. Some furniture made it through three generations or more before finally meeting its end. A piece of unusable broken furniture would feed the backyard chook or pig, or went into the compost heap, as did our garden waste. A piece of unusable broken crockery or glassware was often chopped up into kindling for our fireplace. The good old ‘garbo’ mostly picked through the (usually unsorted) rubbish, except for metals; manufacturers of metal goods were updated far more frequently to open up landfill rubbish tips with public access. Recycling except for metals; manufacturers and disposability; the beginnings to the early 50s, we saw the rise of the consumer goods and the social by-product of this efficient waste collection systems with one (green lid) for green waste, one (yellow lid) for major industrial sized waste. Today’s plastic collection of bulk household goods, we have green waste collections, and increasingly local governments are moving to ‘three bin’ waste collection systems with one (green lid) for green waste, one (yellow lid) for recyclables, and one (red lid) for landfill items such as food waste and hygiene products. And the modern waste transfer station is where. There are major industrial sized ones, and smaller ones like Toodyay’s at a community level which ultimately go to feed the bigger ones.

The social by-product of this efficient waste management is that it just helps clear the ‘easy path’ in so much that we do, which brings me to my recent visit to Toodyay’s Waste Transfer Station. Some of our social trends were clearly evident, especially the need to have the ‘newest’ things in electronics, gym and exercise equipment, even push chairs and prams. Old computers, televisions, exercise bikes, prams without ‘jogging friendly’ wheels, even early flat screen TVs, were in abundance. The sections for large goods were labelled ‘must go’ or ‘in order’ were like a mini fridge and washer/city, and there was enough usable furniture for a dozen or more homes. We are clearly a society obsessed with ‘newness’ and have bound for China loaded up with the city’s waste. Once in China it’s emptied out and sorted for recycling by Chinese industry. We have now gone part of the way back, albeit on a more industrialised footing. By the old days of giving everything a longer life and continuing value. For sure we still live in a ‘break and replace’ age, and often we simply ‘discard and replace’ perfectly functional items, but they are now broken down to component materials and recycled, not buried in landfill sites. Today’s plastic flower pot becomes tomorrow’s new pot, old cloth becomes new packaging material, wire is melted down and made into new wire, rubber tyres are shredded into building materials, glass is melted and turned into new glass items and so on. Increasingly, and ideally, what goes into land fill is only what nature can recycle or reclaim in its own way. There’s more good news too. The general population in Australia is now far more waste management and recycling conscious than ever before.

The device or quick meal enables us to save much of take-away or ‘instant’ food packaging is increasingly short of time because we are demonstrating that despite moans and groans about the high cost of living we have plenty of disposable income, we are an affluent society, and there’s plenty of evidence we are an increasingly lazy society. Every young person at the Centrelink office claiming benefits seems to afford an iPhone, iPad or smart phone; high cost packaged and processed foods still outsell cheaper fresh raw products at the supermarket; many of us feel it is easier to put something that’s in good working order on the kerb-side rather invest a small amount of time and get $$$ selling it on Gumtree; and when you look in general household waste bins the amount of take-away or ‘instant’ food packaging is horrific.

Are we so short of time we have to take these expensive short cuts in life? Or are we increasingly short of time because we are on a spiral where every time saving product, or device or quick meal enables us to save more time so we can indulge ourselves even more in time-consuming activities such as Facebook, Twitter, SNS, DVDs, XBox games, surfing, and TV.

The very things that supposedly save us so much time, or make life easier, or offer some improvement on whatever gadget we had before, actually disengage us from so much quality of life, and are the very things that cost us so much money and leave us feeling that times are tough! Here’s a suggestion. Try to make everything you own, like cars, furniture, electronics, mobile phones, gym equipment etc last just a year longer. For every take-away or instant meal you consume, buy ingredients and cook two other meals. List the items you want to replace on Gumtree or similar for a modest price. You’ll be amazed how much you will save, and you’ll make a real difference to the amount of waste you generate.

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Photo: (A ghost gym at the Toodyay Waste Transfer Station)
The Sharp Rush

Jacqueline Lucas

SHARP Rush, Juncus acutus, is a weed of wetland areas. It is most uncomfortable to walk through, very sharp on the tips of its “reeds”. It comes from Europe, the Mediterranean, South-West Asia, southern and northern Africa, northern and southern America, where it is considered to be a useful species due to the fact that it helps reduce erosion. In Western Australia it is similar to the native species Juncus kraussii,J. pallidus.

The sharp rush is a brown and green tussock like perennial that can be up to 1.5m tall in a wide range of soils. It grows in a range of wetness conditions, such as dunes or areas that stay wet such as lowland grasslands and grassy woodlands, riparian vegetation, freshwater wetland and saline and subsaline wetlands. It is a problematic weed in NSW, Victoria and South Australia, and is becoming problematic in Western Australia, in an area from Geraldton to Esperance, encompassing the Wheatbelt. Its stems and leaves rise from the base giving the plant a globe like shape, and end with a stiff sharp point. The flowers are very small, and the flower stems are similar in appearance to the leaves. Each flowering stem has 1-6 flowers, which are hermaphroditic and pollinated by wind. In WA it flowers from August to November or May.

The Sharp Rush mainly grows by seed, but also can develop asexually from crown fragments. The seeds are dispersed by water, mud, soil movement, machinery, and inappropriate plantings. The seed persists for up to 4 years, while its rhizomes are able to regrow after fire.

The reason the sharp rush is a weed is anti-algae chemicals, which also further limits the biodiversity of wetlands. It is tolerant of waterlogging, moderate salinity, and drought. Sadly it can hybridise with Juncus kraussii, as well as displace the native species from it habitat, particularly in areas that receive regular freshwater. The Sharp Rush can be controlled by digging out isolated plants. Otherwise there is a need to spray with a suitable herbicide such as glyphosate with a wetting agent in late summer/autumn when there is water present all year. In drier conditions, glyphosate should be applied during spring/summer. This needs to be repeated six weeks later. The burning of plants after treatment with herbicide can increase the kill rate. Sources: Florabase.

Weed of the Month

The Sharp Rush

Christmas is a time which invites us to share with each other fond memories and stories of Christmas past. I’ve taken the liberty of sharing with readers of The Toodyay Herald probably our family’s most amusing story about a true event on a Christmas eve way back in the 60’s.

You’ll notice that I’ve also taken liberties with the famous Christmas poem, written by Clement C. Moore, so my version is written with an apology to the poet in mind. Merry Christmas to all!

Our Night before Christmas

Maree Lewis

T’was the night before Christmas and throughout the house
Rang the laughter of children no parent could drowse.
The stockings were hung on the bed-ends with care,
In hopes that Santa would surely be there.

We children were told to lie still in our beds,
But visions of bicycles whirled in our heads.
Mum still in her apron and Dad with a beer,
Made merry for Christmas, raised glasses to cheer.

Now Dad was well into a session that night
When Mum pointed out that it soon would be light.
He sprang into action to go fetch the gifts,
Two bikes and two miles – he’d be back in a jiff.

The moon lit the track of the way he should
To the top of the hill, not too far,” he did creep.
(T’was folly indeed to think we’d be asleep.)
To prove that ol’ Santa so jolly and fat,
With vision of bicycles whirled in their heads.

Meanwhile we two children from our beds
And with grit.
And his clothes were bedraggled with dirt to his feet,
And all in a heap on the footpath was he,
We children had seen all this happen,
And with awe,
These extra few beers were his only mistake.
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Christmas – A Time for Sharing

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Skeleton Weed (Chondrilla Juncea) flowers from December through to April and seeds during this time as well.

It is a wiry plant that is hairless apart from stiff bristles at the base of the plant.

The rosette starts growing in October and dies off once the plant has “run up” (the stem has grown). New plants can grow from October to April after rain.

Early detection is the best prevention!

Skeleton Weed is no longer a quarantineable weed.
Toodyay Garden Club

DURING November, Jan and Tim Walker were hosts to 32 members of the Toodyay Garden Club at their beautiful home and garden in Parkland Drive. Many years of hard work and planning have gone into the rejuvenation of their property since they moved in over ten years ago. A fantastic mix of deciduous and native trees, shrubs and flowers make up this colourful garden, in addition to a lovely vegie garden and chook-run that gave this property a good measure of practicality.

We gardeners generally regard our weather cycle in terms of the four seasons and sometimes more crudely - winter and summer. The four season climate cycle was very much imported at time of settlement and we have pretty much shoehorned these European weather seasons into our horticultural calendar, so spare a thought for those inhabiting this place before settlement. Peter Bandoon and Trevor Walley in their Department of Conservation and Environment publication, ‘Hunters and Gatherers’, highlighted that the indigenous inhabitants of the south west coastal region of Western Australia were the Noongar people and they used six distinctive seasons to divide the year. These Noongar seasons may be of interest to some gardeners for it could be argued they more accurately define the weather pattern of our region.

- Birak (December/January): Hot and dry with easterly winds when reptiles emerge and banksia flowers appear.
- Bunuru (February/March): Hot easterly and northerly winds. The lack of water drove people towards the coast and estuaries in search of food.
- Djeran (April/May): Becoming cooler with winds from the south west. A time for collecting bulbs and seeds. Marri flowers were soaked in water for a sweet beverage.
- Makurua (June/July): Cold and wet and the onset of winter. With water supplies more reliable people move inland.
- Djilba (August/September): Late winter and early spring with fine days. Native potato dug from beneath Wandoo and Acacia trees are a rich source of seeds.
- Kambarrang (October/November): Warming temperatures and decreasing rain. Edible tubers and quandong fruit are harvested. With temperatures rising and water sources drying out the journey to the coastal areas begins again.

A reminder to Garden Club members, that the Christmas Party is 5 December 10:30 to 1pm at June Eastwood’s garden, Railway Road. Bring a plate to share, BYO and chair, coffee cup and a wine glass for those, like me, who may want a tipple!

Have fun and happy gardening!

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2003 | 0.0 | 26.6 | 46.2 | 49.0 | 71.8 | 120.0 | 68.6 | 92.0 | 75.2 | 7.0 | 26.8 | 6.8 | 590.0
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2005 | 0.0 | 2.2 | 25.2 | 10.6 | 86.0 | 135.6 | 43.6 | 71.6 | 51.0 | 22.6 | 9.6 | 4.6 | 462.6
2006 | 119.5 | 16.6 | 3.0 | 21.2 | 19.0 | 29.8 | 54.8 | 88.8 | 73.2 | 15.6 | 13.8 | 9.4 | 464.7
2007 | 16.4 | 26.6 | 10.2 | 38.0 | 58.2 | 43.2 | 121.0 | 74.0 | 70.4 | 39.2 | 0.0 | 57.6 | 550.8
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2009 | 8.0 | 8.0 | 9.0 | 32.6 | 39.2 | 83.6 | 115.0 | 76.2 | 56.2 | 17.2 | 30.2 | 2.6 | 478.2
2010 | (No recordings taken) | | | | | | | | | | | | 40.0
2011 | 24.2 | 15.4 | 14.2 | 10.4 | 36.6 | 52.6 | 92.0 | 70.2 | 65.0 | 57.4 | 18.8 | 29.2 | 486.0
2012 | 0.0 | 42.3 | 0.0 | 11.8 | 23.6 | 106.2 | 13.8 | 51.9 | 59.7 | 3.6 | 52.1 | 29.0 | 394.0
2013 | 30.4 | 0.0 | 66.7 | 10.4 | 79.4 | 11.2 | 70.4 | 90.9 | 100.3 | 19.4 | 2.0 | | 481.1

AVERAGE ALL YEARS: (RECORDING COMMENCED IN TOODYAY 1/1/1877)

10.9 | 12.6 | 19.6 | 25.6 | 66.7 | 98.9 | 101.7 | 80.0 | 48.4 | 31.3 | 15.1 | 9.4 | 493.9

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Toodyay Bowling Club

Maureen Adams
Secretary

Ladies’ News

It has been a very busy month for both men and lady bowlers this month.

Our second pennant day against Goomalling, played in Toodyay on 29 October, resulted in a win by Toodyay 39/41, 3/1 to Northam.

On 1 November, a team of four ladies went to Quairading for their Gala Day, and they had a good time and enjoyed the day.

The third pennant day held in Beverley on 6 November resulted in one loss one win, but Toodyay gained three points for the day, the aggregate being 50/36.

Northam Blue came to Toodyay on 12th November resulting in one loss one win, 35/43, 3/1 in Northam’s favour.

Very windy conditions made the fifth day in Northam’s favour.

It was the first day of a series of windy days, the aggregate being 50/36.

6 November resulted in one loss one win, 35/43, 3/1 to Quairading for their Gala Day, and they got their pennant day against Bolgart for a win 7/1, York’s favour.

Fifth Pennant was played in Toodyay against Goomalling with a result of 6/2 to Toodyay.

The Men’s Club Championship Four were played on 24 November with a prize winning to Tim Watson, Branco Andrijich, Brian Bosnjak and Phil Watson. Congratulations to these men.

Once again a big thank you to all the ladies who helped make the numbers for the men’s division teams.

Welcome to Ryan Fountain, and Graham Boston. Ryan is a new member to the bowling club, and Graham has returned, having played for Toodyay before.

On Friday 15 November we had 41 young people from the Baptist Youth Group visit our Bowling Club. The group leader, Cameron Wallis, and his teachers, along with a few volunteers from the bowling club, had a very successful evening introducing bowling to hopefully some potential bowlers.

On Wednesday 13 November, Northam held the York Gala Day held on 21 November, which is an enjoyable day with a team of four ladies attending. The Toodyay team won one, lost one and drew one. Winners of the day were Bolgart first, Goomalling Second and Cunderdin third.

On 23 November two ladies from Toodyay, Sadie Gilpin and Lorraine Musielak, made up a team with Dianna Lengkeek from York and a lady from Bunbury, competing in Harvey. Congratulations. They did very well, missing out on being winners of the day by only two points.

Men’s News

Second Pennant day held on 1st November for first division played against Northam Blue resulted in a win for Toodyay. Second division played Northam Gold. The points went to Northam Gold.

On 9 November, the third pennant day, 1st Division went to Goomalling resulting in a win to Toodyay 6/2 and 2nd Division played Goomalling losing in Toodyay with a good win 8/0 to Toodyay 122/63.

The men’s Triples were played on Sunday 10th November, with the win to Tim Watson, Brian Bosnjak, and Branco Andrijich. Congratulations to these men.

Ladies’ News

Secretary

Maureen Adams

Toodyay Bowling Club

Toodyay Cricket Results

A’ Grade

Saturday 2 November

Grass Valley 4 for 226 def Toodyay 63

Toodyay Batting

Shaun Staley 25
Rob Glover 11

Toodyay Bowling

Kathleen Geary 2 for 58

Saturday 9 November

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Saturday 16 November

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Toodyay Batting

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Toodyay Bowling

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Kevin Wakefield 2 for 20

Saturday 23 November

Grass Valley 3 for 192 def Toodyay 110

Toodyay Batting

Matt Spatcher 26
Damon Geary 25
Rob Glover 23

Toodyay Bowling

Ryan Mawer 15

Matt Spatcher 2 for 25

B’ Grade

Sunday 1 November

Toodyay 193 lost to Railways/Avon West

Toodyay Batting

Damien Higgins 57
Ryan Reid 48
Mick Carter 40 n/o.

Toodyay Bowling

Mick Carter 2 for 30

Toodyay Bowling

Mick Carter 2 for 62

Sunday 10 November

Toodyay Batting

Paul Morgan 42
Jack Morgan 32
John Lucas 18 n/o.

Toodyay Bowling

Bodie Tauder 2 for 2
Clint Lobb 2 for 6
Toni Towers 2 for 13

Sunday 17 November

Toodyay 202 def Federals 88

Toodyay Batting

Alan Sibley 130
Steve Gorgib 15
Mick Carter 14

Toodyay Bowling

Jack Morgan 2 for 7
Ryan Reid 2 for 12
Mick Carter 2 for 27

Sunday 24 November

Toodyay 8 for 190 def Railways/Avon West

Toodyay Batting

Alan Sibley 81
Clint Lobb 26
Dannin Higgins 26

Toodyay Bowling

Ryan Reid 3 for 21
Rodie Tauder 2 for 14

Fixtures

A’ Grade

December

Sat 7 Yongah Hill v Toodyay
Bert Hawke Oval. 12.50pm
Sun 14 Toodyay v Grass Valley
Toodyay Oval. 12.50pm
Sun 15 Toodyay v Yongah Hill
Toodyay Oval. 12.30pm
Sat 21 Federals v Toodyay
Bert Hawke Oval. 12.50pm

January

19 – 25 Senior Country Week

B’ Grade

December

Sun 8 Federals v Toodyay
Bert Hawke Oval. 12.30pm
Sun 15 Toodyay v Railways/Avon West
Toodyay School Oval. 12.30pm
Sun 22 Grass Valley v Toodyay
Bert Hawke Oval. 12.30pm
Sun 29 Bye

January

5 Bye
Sun 12 Bye
19 – 25 Senior Country Week

Quizz Night

Presented by the Toodyay Theatre Group Inc.

Saturday February 15th

Toodyay Memorial Hall

Doors open 6.00pm Quiz starts 6.30pm

10 tables available
10 people per table $10pp

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Crossword Sudoku Crosscode

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Solutions to puzzles can be found on the following page.

Crossword

ACROSS
1 Running away
2 Grotto
3 Marijuana cigarette
4 Opium based medicine
5 Engraves
6 Speed
9 Chief officers
10 Decision
11 Head cook
12 In this place
13 Upper class
14 Close by
16 Hindu woman’s garment
18 Deposit
20 Gold bar
21 Firearm
22 Actor’s make up

DOWN
1 Firework
2 Slope on a hill
3 Marijuana cigarette
4 Codeine
5 Etches
6 Rate
7 Slope on a hill
8 Tamp
9 Nonsense (coll)
10 Never dictate some of the findings of a jury
11 Head cook
12 In this place
13 Upper class
14 Close by
16 Hindu woman’s garment
18 Deposit
20 Gold bar
21 Firearm
22 Actor’s make up

Cryptic Clues No. 3776

ACROSS
2 A thin, crisp biscuit for an exceptional person
7 The sound of a donkey on a Scottish decibility
8 A variance with the representative to put tobacco into a pipe
10 Never dictate some of the findings of a jury
11 In short, preach efficiency to the principal cook
12 Inherently present
13 The pick of the aristocracy
14 Handy to being just round the corner
16 Otherwise airing a traditional garment of Hindu women
18 Arrange a collection
20 When batting, obtained a piece of cast metal
21 Take away a long gun
22 Lubrication colouring for theatrical make-up

DOWN
1 Breaking out and disappearing
2 Engage in speleology outside Canberra, very early
3 Refer, in point, to a double-breasted jacket
4 It acts as a composer of Morse in England’s capital
5 Corrodes topless sketches
6 Classify velocity
7 The sound of a donkey
9 Presents, without identification, to nation leaders
15 Points of view from intersections
17 Undertaking a business matter
18 Hide away some of the worst ashes
19 A journey to the east produced rubbish

Sudoku

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sport and leisure

Avon Valley Shotokan Karate Club

AROUND 60 students participated in their grading recently! Congratulations to everyone who passed, especially those who did better than they expected. A huge thank you to all the people with black belts who gave up their weekend to help out with the grading. Your support of our club and students is greatly appreciated.

We have two fundraising activities planned for this term. Our annual Christmas Raffle will be drawn at the Karate Christmas Party. All donations to the hamper are appreciated and remember to collect your book of tickets to sell. The other fundraising event is a drinks stall at the Toodyay Street Party on December 6th. Roslyti Bowman will be doing up a roster and all students are encouraged to help out on the stall to raise money for our club. Each family please also donate a carton of cool drink for the stall.

Our end of year party will be held on December 13th at the Dojo. Starting at 5:30pm, the evening will include a certificate and belt presentation as well as a club challenge team event. Please bring a plate of food to share.

Planning is already under way for the National Karate Championships which are being held in Perth at Joondalup Arena on the first weekend in August 2014. This will be our first trip to another state and we have some elite team ages and everyone is welcome to come and watch, so please bring your friends.

Keep practising over the holidays and we look forward to seeing everyone back at the Dojo in February 2014.

Remember that private lessons are available at the Hombu Dojo on Thursdays, by appointment. It costs $30 for a private lesson, $40 for 2 students and $45 for 3 students. Wednesdays are now also held at the Hombu Dojo on Thursdays.

Todaysy classes are held in the Hall on:

- **Wednesday:**
  - 3:45-4:15pm 5-8yr olds
  - 4:20-5:00pm 8-12yr olds
  - 6:00-7:00pm Seniors

- **Friday:**
  - 3:45-4:15pm 5-8yr olds
  - 4:20-5:00pm 8-12yr olds
  - 6:00-7:00pm Seniors

Classes are also held at the Hombu Dojo on:

- **Monday:**
  - 3:45-4:15pm 5-8yr olds
  - 4:20-5:00pm 8-12yr olds
  - 6:00-7:00pm Seniors

Also in Wongan Hills on:

- **Thursday:**
  - 3:45-4:15pm 5-8yr olds
  - 4:20-6:00pm 8-12yr olds and Seniors

All classes are held during school holidays. We will have a few live classes only. If you would like to keep up-to-date with class times, please email Helen at helenbaim@optusnet.com.au and ask her to link you into the Avon Valley Shotokan facebook site.

**My View December 2013**

Anne Skinner

THEY say music soothes the savage soul and, according to our Bible David did a very good job in keeping Saul cool, calm and collected. It is well documented that music has a profound effect on us all in some way or other. I used music to put my babies to sleep, and now many mothers still do this. The sound of very aggressive music can change the mood of a crowd of young people to do what was called rather old things. Just as equally, a really good singer or musician can give you a chill down to the point of being mesmerised, as they listen and absorb the moment. We have programmes on TV giving young and old the opportunity to strut their stuff and maybe a chance at stardom.

There are many wonderful talents that are not going to be heard or seen. They are the ones who live in our neighbourhoods, the ones we meet at our local store or pub. They are the people who sing to their children or play an instrument just for their own pleasure. Music has been a part of my life. Being brought up in a home where classical music was always in the background I naturally grew to appreciate music at a very young age. I was only 11 years old when I had an opportunity to go to the Royal Albert Hall to hear Handel’s Messiah for the first time and was moved to tears – music I found wasn’t just heard through the ears but through the heart. I heard the music on the inside. I will always regret not having the chance to play an instrument. Having said that, I have my own kind of musical instrument and that is my voice.

An American songwriter, E. Harburg, was quoted as saying ‘We model the way you think a thought. Music makes you feel a feeling. A song makes you feel a thought’. This entire quotation actually sums me up in a nutshell. What would we do without the written word, the musical notation which gives us the outlets to express our innermost thoughts, and music that can soothe the soul and lift our spirits when down-trodden?

With this in mind, I found myself part of our local group, The Toodyay Community Singers, and I have never regretted the day I joined this locally group of local talent. Our latest show was The Spirit of Christmas which we performed in St. Stephen’s Church over two consecutive nights a few days ago. This lovely old church gave a wonderful ambience to an old story of Scrooge and his misdeeds which is a reminder that life isn’t just about making money. With the rush of the world as it claims yet another year it carries a reminder that there are lives that touch us every day, that may not be as they seem, and we just pass them by. ‘A penny for the baby’, the lady cried as she pressed Scrooge that bleak winter day. He didn’t have the time, nor the heart. This simple story reminded me of our call to care for one another, as in the ‘60s song. ‘Think of your fellow man, lend him a helping hand. Put a little love in your heart. And the world would be a better place etc etc’. These are not just words to a song but a very important message for us all. If you missed this wonderful simple but really fun show, never mind, the message is still the same as always and as my mother would say ‘Think of others before yourself’.

The time of year when we give gifts to one and all, let’s remember that the one most precious gift that was ever given was God’s gift of self, son Jesus. True - world peace depends on individuals, it is for some people to even contemplate forgiveness. It is for our world to forgive.

Like many people I was raised in an atmosphere of religious and national intolerance. I grew up where the colour red represented the world war against the “other”. I was only 17 when I saw our Lufthansa Airline shot down and this was very confusing to a young bloke. I could never figure out why I should hate for hate’s sake. Today when we can see the opposite and let it begin with me.

The message of Christmas is so simple that we have missed it. God tells us we have messed up but He is ready to forgive. So His gift to us is the offer of forgiveness - a bit radical eh! You and I have to take responsibility as individuals; if most of the world’s problems are caused by individuals then just maybe they can be fixed by individuals.

So this is the message of Christmas. It is not about family nor about work, peace nor happiness. It is about the key that sustains all the social fabric of society - how to forgive. What I thought about this it became very clear forgiveness is indeed a powerful gift, so help you understand how this gift to you can change individual lives and for individuals it is for some people to even contemplate forgiveness.

Yet God claims that if we did forgive, a new world would open up. There are many who find it easy to forgive regardless of their circumstances or cultural background. They are called parents.

So let’s look at our universal creator or parent, God our spiritual Father. He offers us forgiveness at Christmas. And the experience is amazing because it is like receiving His genes. We are enabled to break down all the excuses; we are set free to begin again. (Maybe that’s why Christians often talk about our forgiveness gift). It came to show us how to live like a child of God.

The first step is telling God you want to forgive. ’Judge not, and you shall not be judged. Condemn not, and you shall not be condemned. Forgive, and you shall be forgiven.”

Luk 6:37
The Toodyay Herald Local Writer’s Awards

Wendy Lewer wins 2013 Toodyay Writers’ Award

WENDY LEWER has won the inaugural Toodyay Herald Local Writers’ Award with her winning entry ‘Lost’ – a poignant account of a child’s bike lost in a river.

The judges were greatly impressed with Wendy’s writing techniques and story. Commenting on the entry, the Coordinator also noted May, who won the Writers’ Award for best Grades 4 and 5 story with ‘Lily’s Big Dream’, and to Daniel Lawler for his best Grades 1, 2 and 3 entry ‘The Super Cheetah’.

Winners receive a certificate and a $50 book voucher.

The award ceremony was awarded from the Frank Venn Memorial Award for Local Writers but remain essentially the same under the new Toodyay Herald banner. Particular thanks go to new sponsors Toodyay Bendigo Bank and the Toodyay Library, which provided valuable support and contributed towards prizes and certificates.

Awards Coordinator Desrade Clarke, thanked all contributors who entered this year’s awards. Their entries were really appreciated and covered a wide range of most interesting topics, she said.

From the Judges

All entries had good opening paragraphs that led the reader into their stories, establishing an interest to read more. Emotion was used to great advantage and it was especially exciting to see the younger children use this technique. Descriptive words were utilised to add interest and readability to the stories.

What can work well:

A good title is powerful and establishes interest to give the reader encouragement to continue reading.

Punctuation can give great advantage and be used for emphasis, to break up a sentence, to take a breath, and for meaning and explanation.

Reading your work aloud. This method is used to indicate where to use punctuation and to ‘proof’ your work. (The use of punctuation is not considered or graded in the younger children’s entries)

The use of the apostrophe is used to denote ownership, e.g. the cat’s whiskers. Look for alternative words to replace repeated use of a word, or the same set of punctuation is not considered or graded in the younger children’s entries).

The Toodyay Herald, the Coordinator and Judges encourage all participants to “keep writing and enjoy the experience and pleasure of telling a story in words”.

Final comments

The Judges enjoyed the experience of being part of The Toodyay Herald’s Local Writer’s Award and look forward to reading next year’s entries.

The Toodyay Herald, the Coordinator and Judges encourage all participants to “keep writing and enjoy the experience and pleasure of telling a story in words”.

The Toodyay Herald Awards for Local Writers

Winning Adult Entry

‘LOST’

by Wendy Lewer

I SUDDENLY found myself upside down, stuck in the mud of river. It was born like if all the water had disappeared, dried up and left me stranded in the mud, all askew and helpless, with just my little flag, muddy and limp, still bravely trying to signal for help. It seems I have been in the river for so long, I’ve forgotten where I came from or exactly how I came to be in this predicament. All I remember is travelling through the mud, a feeling of flying through the air and then landing with a splash into water. I heard a little voice calling, calling but becoming fainter until, as I was swept by the river around a huge rock, fading altogether.

Sometimes I became trapped against rocks or even the riverbed on the river rushed past. Then, caught up in the flow again, being hurled along until another object grabbed me and held me fast once more.

It seems that the river is forever changing. Sometimes I can look down and see the bed of the river, the water so clear and beautiful. At other times, usually after a storm, when rain has fallen, the river becomes a raging torrent, tossing me about or splashing white foam all over me. Then I know that I will be at the mercy of the river and will be carried crashing, bashing and colliding along with those who know where. More often though, it seems that the river is becoming drier, with great gouges appearing and rocks and debris littering the river bed. Small stagnant pools are left here and there and the birds have nearly all disappeared.

As time passes and even though I know I don’t belong here, I have almost accepted my strange circumstances. Of course, my colours, once so bright, have fade until they’ve blended with the stones and mud of the river. Occasionally, when caught up by a rock or a piece of debris, I see a boat pass by with the sound of voices carried away by the wind. A fish will flash past or I’ll hear birds calling or frogs croaking.

Toodyay, though, has caught me in the mud. I’m just a little bicycle, tired and damaged and in need of care.

What did I come from? Was I a special present for a little child who was learning to ride a bike? Was I a special present for a little child who was learning to ride a bike?

“Dad, Dad, come and help. Look what I’ve found in the river!”

Strong arms pulled me out of the water, gently setting me down on the river bank. They had to prop me up against a rock because my wheels and handlebars were all bent and rusty. But my little flag, the colours almost faded away, still bravely waved.

Then the voice again: “Dad, I’ll know that flag anywhere. It’s the bike I lost three years ago”.

The Toodyay Herald Awards for Local Writers

Winning Grades 1, 2 and 3 Entry

‘THE SUPER CHEETAH’

Daniel Lawler

A LONG time ago there was a little cheetah. One morning his Mum went out hunting for breakfast. The cheetah’s Mum said to stay near the cave.

When the Mum had gone he heard people shouting. He was terrified. The cheetah went into the jungle and saw his friends along the way, like John the rabbit and Foxy the fox. He eventually found the people. They were trying to kill an ape. The man saw the cheetah and started chasing him. He ran very fast through the jungle and the humans got stopped so they stopped chasing him. He got home just before his Mum came home with a warthog for breakfast.

The End

The Toodyay Herald Awards for Local Writers

Winning Grades 4 and 5 Entry

‘Lily’s Big Dream’

by Amanis May

YOU know girls do all kinds of things like visit the orphanage but chose someone else as their child. Soon there was only her left but nobody bought her. “nobody wants you so I’ll have to let you live on your own” cried Mrs Livindale. Lily was said that she had to live on her own. When she’s sang to herself. One day I’ll find a way of love with a white dove. She remembers when her mother sang it to her when she was a baby.

The very next day Lily saw some money and decided to spend. It was just enough to buy a house so she bought a little cottage. When the sellers saw how poor Lily was they gave her the money back and a little bit more. That afternoon Lily bought some food and a pet horse since she can’t buy a car. When it came to night time she couldn’t sleep. She was so scared that she may be an orphan for life. When she got breakfast the next day she heard a knock on the door. It was the governor. “Lily is it since your still a child you must go to school” explained the governor. Lily was excited but scared at the same time. When she got to the school she saw someone that looked exactly like her. The other little girl looked at her. When the bell for the girl slowly turned around and standing walking away. Lily’s teacher Miss Honey was a nice kind respectful teacher. When Lily was talking about herself since she was new Miss Honey looked at her looking like she’s seen Lily before. Lily was sitting next to the same girl she saw at recess. She was glad to get away from the creepy girl. That night Miss Honey and Minnie (the creepy girl) were talking about Lily. “I know that new girl” yawned Miss Honey, “we should get some sleep” Minnie yawned so they both went to sleep. Lily was also thinking about Miss Honey and Minnie. The next day Lily rode her pet horse to school. After school Lily went shopping and she saw Miss Honey and Minnie. “I think you should come with us” said Minnie. So Lily went with Minnie and Miss Honey. When she got to their house she saw lots of pictures of them and another girl. “is this you asked Miss Honey, Lily looked at the only photo she had left of her family. “yes that’s me so you’re my mum” cried Lily with tears of joy. So that day Lily found out that she had a twin in sister and a mum. For the rest of her life she lived with her family….but one day she found her sister but that’s another story.

THE END

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FARM FOR SALE BY AUCTION ON SITE 11AM DECEMBER 14
34 & 209 PURSER RD MINDARRA (Signs off Bindoon-Moora Rd)
Inspect Saturdays at 10 AM or by appointment
Lot 100 171 Ha (423 acres) with buildings
Lot 34 102 Ha (253 acres)
-To be offered first as a whole; or then as individual lots
-Terms: 10% deposit. Balance 30 days.
-Farmlands with 2 storey home, shearing shed & yards
-Hay shed, double garage, office
-Approx 50 kms Bindoon, Gingin, Moora

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New Home Approvals
Shire of Toodyay 2012-13 Year
YEAR to DATE 6
Average Annual Growth Rate
Source: Landgate/REIWA 10 year AAGR:
9.3%

Properties listed for sale
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