



From left: John and Jenny Clark, Gloria and Norm Green, Helen Kevern, Peter Edwards and Dr Monika Zechetmayr enjoy a coffee at Amy's.

Probus rekindles zest for fun

Toodyay Probus Club
Norm Green

THERE are around 6500 community and social clubs around Australia and astonishingly 30 per cent of those are Probus Clubs.

One of the issues with retirement is what to do with your time?

Some of us find renewed vigour for old hobbies, like gardening or crafts, both things we could do on our own and in our own homes.

But what if that's not enough?

Well, over the years around 125,000 retirees have taken to Probus Clubs with absolute gusto and have been spending much of their retirement time simply socialising and having fun with friends.

They're always happy to tell you how much Probus has brightened their lives and rekindled their zest for fun and friendship in retirement.

You'll find Probus Clubs are a mix of socialising, lunches and interesting guest speakers with both small and large group activities.

This month one of our special excursions is to Boshak Outback where we will be treated

to morning tea and damper, then a walk around the lake, with a lunch at the property afterwards.

Boshak is a working farm near Bolgart and has been recognised as one of the top-30 eco-sustainable nature-based locations.

Leo Kerr from Trillion Trees presented our talk in August.

Trillion Trees used to be Men of Trees but the name was changed mainly, I believe, because there were more women working in the organisation than men.

In 2014 they planted 100,000 trees at Whiteman Park breaking the world record for the most trees planted in an hour. Phew.

Coffee at Amy's is one of our club's regular events, where members can get together and have a chat.

Amy's is very accommodating, taking photos for us and tolerating our rearranging of their tables and chairs.

Our meeting this month is a dinner meeting.

This is where we get to eat again and enjoy another talk by 2J2AIR presenter Richard Hazlewood who will talk on the history of the Cocos Keeling Islands.

Please contact Joan Bath 0417 171 606 for membership enquiries.

Mini rail flat out all day

Toodyay Miniature Railway
Vern Witney

THE EVER-popular mini rail continues to operate, providing another tourist attraction for our town.

As usual, the Saturday of the Avon Descent proved to be the busiest run day for the year.

Normally we start carrying passengers at about 9am and go flat out until about 4.30pm.

This year we didn't start until 10.30am and stopped at 3pm.

During this time, we were flat out, with three engines pulling a total of seven carriages.

Ideally, we should have had four engines on hand in case one broke down but in spite of good intentions for about 11 months, this didn't happen.

Anyway, the three engines kept going and we didn't have any serious dramas.

Future plans include adding an extra loop to our track system.

This will make our rides last two minutes longer, which will be all right until we have a busy period and need quicker rides to keep up with demand.

To combat this problem, a couple of sets of points will be installed so we can isolate the new loop when things get busy and go back to the normal journey.

The problem with this idea is that we can't predict a busy period – these occur in a few minutes and then might slacken off after about 30 minutes.

I have the feeling that we might be trying to improve on something which is already very good.

Having been a farmer, I have seen agricultural machines come and go.

As soon as someone manufactures a good tractor, or harvesting machine, they try to make it better and mess it up.

Recently we have had new members sign up, so we will be running our popular tourist attraction for a long time yet.

Beautiful timber used in slow off-set challenge

Avon Woodturners
Max J Heath

HI THERE from the woodturners where things are going along quietly.

Recently some of our members have been out and around – one has been on an extended trip to Europe and others are doing the wildflower thing around the Wheatbelt.

On August 25 we held our AGM and after our convener David Doye presented his report, we had our elections.

David Doye was returned as convener for the coming year, subject to WA Woodturners Association approval as he has held this position for some time.

We then elected Phil Perkins to the position of secretary/treasurer, followed by Terry Hood as equipment and safety officer.

Our general meeting was fairly quick and

we are now working on the sign for our shed.

A couple of other maintenance issues were discussed and have to be organised.

There has been some challenging turning going on with Trevor Prangnell doing some off-set turning on a beautiful piece of timber. This has been a long, slow process.

Our newer turners are coming along well.

One of our next outings will be the Toodyay Agricultural Show and we look forward to seeing you all there.

While visiting Nungarin Museum recently, they showed interest in us coming to their markets and demonstrating turning.

It's a long way to go but it could be interesting.

Well, a short sharp article this month, so please remember our motto folks – Don't Drive Tired.



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From left: Meg Mills, Elizabeth Mansom and Maria Pepe with arm muffs and a fiddle cushion made by members.

Pamper packs help ease cancer patients' pain

Country Women's Association
Elizabeth Mansom

HASN'T it been cold?

But now there's light on the horizon at 6am so the warm weather is on the way.

We're all off to Tammin on Wednesday September 11 for their delayed WA Week lunch.

You will remember we intended going in June but the Tammin ladies all succumbed to the terrible winter illness that laid so many low this year.

Whether WA Week is held in June or September, we know from past attendance it will be a function well worth travelling the distance for.

Are you coming to the fashion parade we are having with the Op Shop on Saturday September 7? It should be a lot of laughs and there will be a luscious afternoon tea.

Drop into the Op Shop later for all the gossip and they'll have photos too.

Look for us at the Toodyay Agricultural Show where we'll be providing light refreshments at the Youth Hall.

A big thankyou must go to those who have produced arm muffs, fiddle cushions and

knee rugs for hospital patients.

Trish Chitty, the CWA Community Services Officer, seems to have someone waiting for everything we produce.

At the August meeting we were asked to provide pamper packs for cancer patients being treated and monitored by the Wheatbelt Chemotherapy Unit at Northam Hospital.

Trish has supplied an initial 25 and they would like three per month to keep the supply going.

Packs containing small items such as a face washer, soap, moisturiser, hand cream, perhaps a feely heart, can be very comforting at such times.

Bayswater, our sister city branch, is having a Friendship Day on Thursday October 24, which is our usual monthly meeting day. So, not being ones to pass up an outing, we are going and deferring the October meeting a week.

Therefore, the October meeting of Toodyay CWA will be at 1pm on Thursday October 31 in the CWA Hall in Stirling Terrace.

There is plenty of parking in Charcoal Lane with disabled access at the side of the hall.

To book the hall please contact Meg Mills on 9574 2245.

Vietnam veterans remembered

RSL Toodyay
Bruce Guthrie

THIS month we present some notes from our president, Peter Brennan.

RSL Toodyay commemorated the 53rd Vietnam Veterans Day on August 18.

After the service, members and guests gathered at the Freemasons Hotel for comradeship. We would like to thank those who attended to help us mark this solemn occasion.

Last month's RSL WA's Welfare Advocate Day held in Northam was well patronised with all time slots filled. So, it is recommended you book early if you want an appointment.

The advocate attends Northam Memorial Hall on the last Wednesday of the month from 10:00 to 14:00 at the Northam Memorial Hall.

Please ring our Welfare Officer, Geoff Brown on 0458 411 648 or Donna Prytulak, 0409 290 972.

In August our members manned a gate at the Dowerin Field Days to raise funds for our new home.

On Saturday September 7 we will be holding our AGM and on Friday and

Saturday September 13-14 we will hold our raffle and annual street stall outside the IGA.

We would invite the generous Toodyay public to help with donations of cakes or plants on Saturday September 14.

These items can be dropped at the stall any time after 08:00.

We only have minimal ball tickets available now so please don't miss this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.

Our commemorative port can be obtained by visiting the Coorinja Winery cellar door towards the end of September.

Reminder: Sandakan scholarship applications must be received by 5pm on Friday September 27.

As the Vietnam Veteran community continues to lose members, we remember former National Party leader Tim Fischer for his outstanding service to Australia.

I also remember our mate Bob who was driver of the gun jeep positioned as front vehicle on the multitude of convoys our transport platoon performed in the 12 months of 1967- 1968 that I was in Vietnam.

Both men were National Service conscripts sent to contribute to the war effort.

We wish all members good health as we enter our spring months.



From left: Veterans John Adams, Bruce Guthrie, Rick Turner, John Clarke, Vic MacDonald, Bruce Prior and Paul Pescud commemorate Vietnam Veterans Day in Anzac Memorial Park Toodyay.

Try your hand at our spinner's open day

Toodyay Spinners
Glynne Bartlett

SPRING is upon us and with the Toodyay Agricultural Show just around the corner, the happy family of spinners is busily working away.

The Show schedule and entry forms are out now so it's time to enter.

The ancient craft of spinning is being brought into the modern world by having our own Facebook page which will be designed and organised by our secretary Sue.

This will include photos, news and updates of upcoming events for the world of spinning, knitting, felting and weaving which we all love.

But wait, there's more.

We are going to have an open day at Parker's Cottage in the showgrounds on Saturday September 21 from 9.30-11.30am.

There will be demonstrations of spinning, knitting, felting and hopefully weaving.

We will have a spinning wheel available if you want to have a try at spinning or sit and have a chat to the spinners and ask questions. We'll even give you a cuppa.

Watch the felters get creative or have a look at the fibre we use. Bring your knitting if you want to.

One of our spinners has recently purchased an electric spinning wheel – the smallest



The electric spinning wheel fits comfortably on a spinner's lap.

machine I have ever seen.

She has it on her lap in her recliner and told me that one lady even took hers on a plane.

Hopefully she will be at the open day and have it with her.

Spinning is on each Wednesday from 9am until noon on the first and third Saturday of the month.

Felting is the second Monday of the month from noon until 3pm.

Any queries, please ring our secretary Sue on 0404 126 229 and do leave a message.

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Singers polish accents for show

Toodyay Community Singers
Collette Healy

THE EVER-committed members of Toodyay Community Singers are starting to see rehearsals for their next show pay off and things are coming together nicely.

Words of songs for *Around the World in 18 Days* are being remembered, choreography steps taking shape and costumes are being put together for the November show.

Members who are required to sing with a foreign accent are brushing up on their skills, or maybe just chancing their luck at getting it right, except of course for one member for whom French is her first language, and a few who have retained accents from their countries of origin.

But in spite of the hard work and

commitment involved, we continue to have fun and appreciate each other's efforts.

Lots of encouragement given and praise for every noticeable improvement.

More confidence is being gained with each rehearsal but by the end of the rehearsal all are ready for home, being guaranteed a good night's sleep from their serious input.

Some members have been on holidays and one in particular who returned to practice from a six-week overseas trip said she was amazed and delighted at how far we have progressed with the show.

It is always good to get positive feedback.

So once again, a reminder to any members of the community who would like to be part of Toodyay Community Singers just come to the CWA Hall in Stirling Terrace on any Thursday night from 7-9pm.

Gidge actor lands Coward role

GIDGEGANNUP resident Jenny Howard is ready to serve up the laughs in a playful reflection on fame, desire and loneliness from Noël Coward.

Directed by Barry Park at the Old Mill Theatre, *Present Laughter* focuses on self-obsessed actor Garry Essendine.

Jenny plays Monica Reed, Garry's loyal secretary for the past 17 years.

"The character is thought to be based on Lorn McNaughtan, who was Coward's private secretary for more than 40 years until her death," Jenny said.

Jenny has been involved in theatre for more than three decades and some of Jenny's favourite roles include Isadora Duncan in *When She Danced*, Audrey in *Little Shop of Horrors* and Bella in *Lost in Yonkers*.

She has played Blanche DuBois in *A Streetcar Named Desire* twice and was named best actress at the annual Finley Awards for her 2009 performance.

Jenny has also received acting awards for her roles in Shakespeare's *A Winter's Tale* and *Shirley Valentine*.

"*Present Laughter* appealed because I love the '20s, '30s and '40s eras when Coward was at his peak," she said.

"I love his irreverent style of humour, which is always very chic, poised and ever-so-English.

Noël Coward's *Present Laughter* plays at 7.30pm September 27, 28, October 3, 4, 5, 10, 11 and 12 with 2pm matinees on September 29 and October 6. Book at trybooking.com/BACAS.



The Shire of Toodyay last month cordoned off the Arts Toodyay bench near the corner Charcoal Lane and Piesse Street.

Look but don't sit on art benches

Arts Toodyay
John Zawada, Vice-President

LET ME pass on the latest information regarding the Arts Toodyay art benches.

Since the benches were installed some weeks ago, Toodyay Shire and Arts Toodyay had a difference of opinion regarding their construction and installation.

With collegial talks, agreement-in-principle has been reached that the benches will be viewed as 'art works only'.

Additional pieces will be added to enhance their artistic flare.

Since they are artworks, signage to inform people not to use them for general seating purposes will also be displayed.

We know the benches will be much admired and photographed.

By the time this month's *Herald* is published, the final free Palette Taster session will have been enjoyed by local residents in another fully booked workshop at Despina's

studio in Stirling Terrace.

Despina, on behalf of Arts Toodyay, would like to thank the Shire of Toodyay for their financial assistance in the purchasing of art supplies for this series of workshops.

Calling all artists for submissions for the Vino Arts Exhibition to be held at our much-expanded Coorinja Winery this year.

Entries and fees must be lodged by Monday September 23. Contact Linda Rooney 0488 098 353.

A request has been received via Ruth Sylvester from Jenny Garroun (York Arts) for in-principle support for an Arts and Events Hub in York.

As we are still unable to secure a permanent home for Arts Toodyay, this proposal has merit and future benefits – greater exposure for our local arts events through the metropolitan area as well as York, Northam, Beverley, Quairading and possibly Brookton and Chittering.

Lots to think and ponder on.



Jenny Howard (left) and Nyree Hughes share the laughs in Noël Coward's *Present Laughter*. Picture: Myles Wright.

Let's all do the *Time Warp* – again and again and again

Toodyay Music Club
Jenny Edgecombe

THE NAME 'music club' does not quite describe the friendship and laughter our members share once a month in the CWA Hall in Toodyay.

The happy atmosphere is evident in the animated conversations over afternoon tea and small groups lingering to talk as we pack up afterwards.

The club's AGM was held before we began the musical activities at the August gathering.

Our president, Joe Edgecombe, reported on a successful year, with enthusiastic membership participation at all meetings.

He also noted that small groups had provided entertainment in aged-care facilities a number of times during the year.

Once the meeting formalities and elections had been dealt with, it was 'on with the music'.

Members had chosen most of their music to fit this month's theme, *People in Motion*.

As always, the performances ranged from the hilarious to the very moving.

Moya and Peter were in great comic form with a demure Moya singing her part in *Maxwell's Silver Hammer* with scary relish.

Collette's printer may have been on strike but she knew the words well for her moving rendition of *Road to Eden*.

It was hard to decide which of Spencer's items was more enjoyable; his smooth *Walkin' to New Orleans* or the whimsical *Engineers Don't Wave from their Trains Any More*.

Spencer had a busy day, also playing guitar and singing with Victoria for the lovely *River Road*.

The theme inspired quite a few 'walking' songs, including Maurice's beautifully controlled singing of *Jean, Jean* and Eileen's

powerful rendition of *Every Time you Walk in the Room*.

The audience also enjoyed Joe's haunting *Walkin' in Memphis*.

Your faithful correspondent continued with a rolling *San Antonio Stroll* which hopefully showed evidence that she had been putting in some practice on that guitar for a change.

Finally, my pick for item of the day must go to Alley, assisted by Collette, Brian and an assortment of fluorescent wigs.

Their *Time Warp* sequence was powerful to behold, with the audience laughing, stomping and cheering them on.

The closing act was to choose the theme of Homecoming, or Going Home.

This was suggested by Maurice who was intrigued by the American notion of going home for the Thanksgiving holiday, which coincides with our November meeting date.

Meanwhile, visitors are welcome to drop in on our next afternoon of music and friendship, 1-5pm, Saturday September 14, in the CWA Hall, Stirling Terrace, Toodyay.

Come for a short time or stay all afternoon.

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Gardeners welcome Jo's tips on mulching

Toodyay Garden Club
Daphne Lee

OUR AUGUST garden club day started out a bit chilly but turned out a really lovely day at Isabel and Kathy's garden in Northam.

We all gathered in the back garden to enjoy a lovely morning tea.

After that we were lucky enough to have two guest speakers. Michael from the WA Chrysanthemum Society gave us a very informative talk about these beautiful flowers including how to propagate them from cuttings. Thank you, Michael.

Jo, a local farmer, spoke on the benefits of the types of mulch.

Her family produce barley straw and pea straw under the brand name of Farmer Smith.

Her advice on how to use it was invaluable and she also donated two bags of straw as raffle prizes which were happily received by the lucky winners. Thank you, Jo.

A wander around the garden revealed lots of succulents, bromeliads, geraniums and some very colourful eremophila that were flowering with lots more coming on which will make a spectacular show.

The vegetable garden was looking very productive with lots of fresh veggies to pick.

Our hosts had even potted up various plants for us to take home.

Thank you, ladies – your garden was delightful.

Our September visit is to York Bush Garden on Thursday September 5 at 10am.

Make your own travel plans and we hope to see you there.

Thanks to members who helped with our fundraising rubbish pickup on August 1.

Lots of rubbish and more than 300 cigarette butts were collected.

Please contact Daphne Lee on 9574 2375 for club details and come and join us on the first Thursday of the month.



Jo from Farmer Smith (right) explains the benefits of mulch to members of the Toodyay Garden Club at Isabel and Kathy's home in Northam.

Basking lizards risk being road kill

Python Watch
Desraé Clarke

AS MENTIONED in the Toodyay Naturalists' Club *Herald* articles, members are very grateful for people in the community reporting flora and fauna sightings that they find interesting.

With this in mind, it was exciting to receive photos of a Western Bearded Dragon taken in November and February.

The Western Bearded Dragon is a small reptile of SVL (snout to vent length) of 15cms but with the addition of its long tail of up to 45cms its total length may be around 60cms.

It is diurnal (moves about during the day) and is found in a variety of habitats from coastal to inland areas and up to the north of the state to around Geraldton making it quite a widespread species.

The Western Bearded Dragon has a ground colour of dark grey when resting or disturbed with darker markings on the throat and chest that are more pronounced in males.

When disturbed it will flatten its body and open its bright yellow mouth as a defence mechanism.

When undisturbed and resting on rocks or fallen timber its temperature rises and it may turn yellowish-brown.

The Western Bearded Dragon has numerous tubercles (small circular protuberances or spines) over its body and a row of larger spines across the back of the head and along each flank. It also has an extremely noticeable 'ear hole'.



Western Bearded Dragon Photo: Colin Yandell.

It is an egg-laying species (oviparous) with normally two clutches laid each season from October to February of up to 11 eggs.

At this time pregnant females can be seen basking on roadways to absorb heat that is thought to speed up egg development and unfortunately this leads to road kills of the little reptile.

Its prey is preferably invertebrates (creatures lacking a spine) such as spiders and it will also take small reptiles, bulbs and other vegetable matter.

The Toodyay Naturalists' Club is very pleased to receive reports of any sightings, together with photos, if possible.

Call Wildcare Helpline on 9474 9055 for assistance or advice for injured, sick or orphaned wildlife.

Contact the Toodyay Naturalists' Club at info@toodyaynats.org.au or phone 9574 5574.



A show of hands. Young protesters rally to protect the planet's future.

Our young people get that there's no Planet B

Avon and Hills Mining Awareness Group

AT SHOWS and events where we collect signatures for parliamentary petitions opposing local open-cut mining, we are often approached by young people wanting to pledge their support to save our environment.

When we tell them that they must be over the age of 18 to sign, many are disappointed that they can't have their say.

Today's young people understand that we need to recycle, stop littering and work towards having a sustainable future and that water and our fragile ecosystems need to be protected.

A recent world-wide movement by school and university students to strike on Fridays to protest climate change has seen demonstrations in 112 countries by hundreds of thousands of young protesters.

Adults in positions of authority have both praised and criticised the school walkouts with Prime Minister Scott Morrison saying, "What we want is more learning and less activism in schools".

The students say it is their future and that the lesson of climate change is the biggest they will ever learn. Their placard messages are to the point – "There's no Planet B", "Your profit is our loss," "One day we will vote".

In July conservationist Sir David Attenborough told British MPs that the most encouraging thing he has seen is that the electors of tomorrow are

already making their voices very clear. "I'm OK, and all of us here are OK, because we don't face the problems that are coming," he said.

"But the problems of the next 30 years are really major problems that are going to cause social unrest, and great changes in the way we live and what we eat. It's going to happen."

Environmental awareness ranks high for today's singles and some rate it well above a prospective mate's earning power.

According to a small article in *The West Australian* in mid-July titled "Tall, dark and eco-friendly", one third of singles "find a potential partner more attractive if they champion green issues, while almost a quarter regard eco-friendly habits such as recycling as must-have traits in a new date".

And last month, a five-year-old wrote a letter to *The Herald* expressing displeasure at littering and called for all to take action.

The captains of industry, of whom many are grandparents, don't seem to give a toss about the environmental legacy they are leaving their descendants.

On the bright side, it won't be too long before they will have to explain to their kids and grandkids why they have left them to clean up the environmental mess which they could have stopped.

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Joint effort lays waste to York's African Boxthorn

Toodyay Friends of the River

Sarah Dudley

TOODYAY Friends of the River has two working bees scheduled per month – one on the second Sunday of the month and the other the very next day, on Monday.

Some volunteers commit to a couple of morning hours on one of those days and a few are able to volunteer on both days.

August's working bee was in fact a rewarding trip to York to view the riverside fire mitigation work and replanting with local native seedlings.

The combined efforts of the York Shire, the volunteers from the River Conservation Society (RCS), the area Bushfire Risk Management (BRM) team, the Noongar Boodja Rangers as well as the Activate the Wheatbelt volunteers from Perth, can all be commended for the final healthy product.

This is a truly inspiring and relevant example of what can be achieved to improve the Avon River ecosystem and public safety when focussed vision, inspirational planning, clear communication and effective team work are evident.

On both sides of the river fire access pathways combine with public usage walkways that have been created with minimal environmental disturbance.

Achieving this laudable goal was not for the fainthearted as an immense challenge had to be overcome – the elimination of the introduced thorny pest plant African Boxthorn which is a member of the nightshade family and related to the Chinese Boxthorn from where our Goji berries come.

Undeterred, the RCS and BRM groups researched the possibility of the African Boxthorn resprouting post clearing and ascertained that this species did not grow from cuttings.

Poisons were not used due to the proximity of the river as well as possible effects on other species.

A large Posi-Track slashing/mulching machine was contracted and many arduous weeks later, coupled with rigorous follow-up checking to ensure there was no regrowth,



The Posi-Tracker mulcher at work destroying African Boxthorn in York. Photo: John Hansen.

the African Boxthorn in these targeted areas is no more.

Once the pathways were established, volunteers flooded in to assist in the planting of 8000 native seedlings, selected for their fire-retardant properties and ability to control patches of erosion.

Saltbush, Bluebush, endemic Eucalypts

and Acacias were all used.

On-going care of these plants is currently underway because of rapid weed growth, especially of non-native grasses such as oats, which can be suffocating.

Anyone visiting York is encouraged to share the results of this great team effort.

When a management authority understands

and contributes to the vital role of a revegetated river ecosystem, many benefits to both the river system and the local community evolve.

Not only is there now environmentally sensitive fire access in York but there is also significant erosion control.

Here in Toodyay the Friends are beginning to work with the shire and all community stakeholders to develop the section of the Bilya walkway between Duidgee Park and Goomalling (Connor's) Bridge in a parallel and environmentally sensitive manner.

Fortunately, we do not (yet) have African Boxthorn.

Our AGM was held on August 11 and the following were elected as office bearers: president, Rev. Peggy Ludlow; vice-president, Robyn Taylor; treasurer, Wayne Clarke and, secretary, Bridget Leggett.

Our group is in safe hands.

Winners of our August raffle results were: 1st Sandra; 2nd Heather and 3rd Doug.

Many thanks to all members who supported our fundraising efforts.

Members will be notified of our September commitments and details will be posted on the Drummond House noticeboard.

For further information please ring 9574 2198.

Elegant Parrot calls 'tsit, tsit, tsit'

Bird of the Month

Desraé Clarke

IF YOU have heard a rapid, but pleasant, bird call of 'tsit, tsit, tsit' you could be hearing the small, swift and direct-flying Elegant Parrot.

It is found in a variety of habitats including farm paddocks, open grassland, Mulga and woodland areas and along watercourses.

The Elegant Parrot spends a lot of its time on the ground silently searching for seed.

It is one of the smaller parrot species of about 22cm including its long narrow tail.

The parrot's upperpart colouring is a rich

golden olive and it has a band of deep blue bordered by a pale blue stripe that extends over the cere to beyond the brown eye.

The throat and the front part of the cheeks are bright yellow with the breast a dull yellow and the remainder of the underparts bright yellow; the outer wing edge is deep blue.

Central tail feathers are pale blue and the outer tail feathers yellow.

The female colouring, as is usual with female birds, is duller.

Breeding is from August to November with nests in tree hollows high above the ground where possible.

Prior to the 2009 devastating fire, an old Powderbark Wandoo in Majestic Heights was home to a great number of this species but unfortunately, like so many of these majestic old trees, it was destroyed.

Four to five round white eggs are laid and incubated by the female for approximately 18 days, with fledging of the young at four to five weeks.

Wildlife Helpline on 9474 9055 is a 24/7 volunteer service that can offer advice for



Elegant Parrot. Photo: Sharon Richards.

injured, sick or orphaned wildlife.

The Toodyay Naturalists' Club is grateful for any observations received by email at info@toodyaynats.org.au or by phone, 9574 5574.

Drummond solved toxic plants

Toodyay Naturalists' Club

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THE SPECIAL guest at the August meeting was the club's Honorary Life Member and patron Dr Neville Marchant OA.

Neville's topic was Poison Plants of Western Australia and the connection that the first government botanist, James Drummond (1786-1863), had with the identification of these species of native plants.

Drummond thought plants such as the *gastrolobium* were responsible for stock losses, especially those of sheep.

However, the ingestion of plants at different times of the year and at a different stage of plant growth had stock losses varying.

At certain times of the year the plant contributed to loss of stock while at other stages of plant growth stock losses were negligible.

It was also noted that native animals ate the plants without dying but dogs eating native birds that fed on the *gastrolobium* seed died.

It was difficult for Drummond to convince the pioneer stock owners to accept that the *gastrolobium* was, ultimately, the culprit.

Since those early days it has been proven that the plant contains fluoro-acetate 1080.

Much work has been completed at the Drummond Memorial Lookout at the beautiful Pelham Reserve overlooking our town.

A number of picnic settings and interesting signage has been newly installed together with the walk trails clearly marked, leading visitors to enjoy the display of exquisite pink Everlastings in natural surroundings.

The exhibition at the Old Toodyay Gaol of the treks of two early government botanists, James Drummond followed in later years by C A Gardner (1896-1970), has been extended until mid-October.

Their treks to collect native plants began in Toodyay and continued through New Norcia to Mount Lesueur. The exhibition is well worth a visit.

Avian adventurers Jennifer Donegan and her aunt, Honorary Life Member Pam Masters, are giving a wonderful presentation on birding across the continent at the club meeting in the CWA Hall at 7pm on Saturday September 21 – everyone is very welcome to attend.

For advice for injured, orphaned or sick wildlife call the state-wide service of Wildcare Helpline 9474 9055, a 24/7 volunteer service.

The Toodyay Naturalists' Club welcomes sightings of interest from community members to add to its data base.

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Adventurers' shirt. Photo: Jennifer Donegan.

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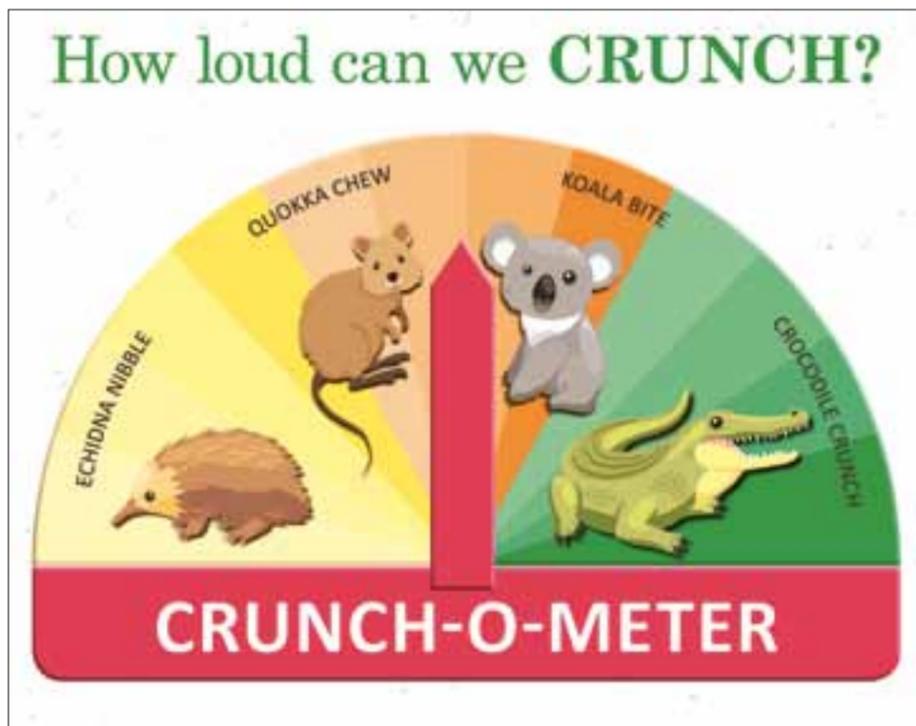


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The 'crunch-o-meter' records on an app the number of decibels generated by simultaneous chewing of vegetables by primary school students.

Students set to do the 'crocodile crunch'

CANCER Council WA's Crunch&Sip program is calling on WA primary schools to generate record-breaking 'crunchibels' during this year's Great Vegie Crunch in September.

The annual Great Vegie Crunch, where primary school students simultaneously crunch on fresh vegetables to raise their 'crunch-o-meters' off the charts, will take place from Monday September 9 to Friday September 13.

The Cancer Council WA hopes more than 30,000 students will participate and surpass the previous record of 27,402 set in 2017.

The Crunch&Sip program is in its 14th year and is a daily feature at almost half of the state's primary schools.

Teachers will use the Crunch&Sip phone and tablet app to measure the 'crunchibels' which rank from 'echidna nibble', 'quokka chew', 'koala bite' to the loudest, 'crocodile crunch'.

Cancer Council WA Regional Education Officer Wheatbelt Melissa Pickering said: "The Crunch&Sip program is about establishing healthy eating habits early in children.

"As part of that, we want to make sure it is fun for kids and the Great Vegie Crunch is always very, very fun."

Schools that register for the Crunch&Sip program have access to a range of online resources to integrate vegetable and fruits literacy into their students' education, as well as classroom giveaways such as bouncy balls, pencils and keyrings.

To register your school for The Great Vegie Crunch and download the app visit crunchandsip.com.au/events.

Participating schools which register and complete the post-crunch survey go into the draw for prizes of \$300, \$200 and Crunch&Sip prize packs.

Alcohol not good for self-medication

Warrior's Wellbeing
Glen and the Team

STRESS is normal, in fact it's essential for our survival.

It is the body's way of preparing us for a fight-or-flight response.

However, continuous elevated stress can lead to distress and dysfunction and often we self-medicate with 'sex, drugs and rock and roll'.

Our first step should be to talk to someone and seek help if we are feeling stressed, but historically, as blokes, we've been pretty poor at this.

As a result of alcohol self-medication, we see twice as many men die of alcohol abuse and men in their sixties are more likely than any other demographic to die as a direct result of alcohol.

However, in the work we do, the most common forms of self-medication for blokes are working harder and talking less.

It is normal to avoid the uncomfortable sensations of distress through a range of different ways, collectively referred to as coping mechanisms.

Healthy coping strategies

THERE are strategies that are healthy and deal more directly with the underlying problems rather than just temporarily masking them.

Talk to a mate; identify mates that you can really discuss things of importance with.

Do this in the good times because it will present more of a challenge when you are already stressed.

Continuing to live with meaning, purpose and value

Alzheimer's WA

A DEMENTIA Friendly Community is a place where people living with dementia are supported to continue living with meaning, purpose and value.

Dementia Friendly Communities have businesses which provide accessible services with staff who understand how to communicate effectively with people with dementia.

They have organisations which provide paid work and volunteering opportunities and sporting clubs and social groups that are welcoming and inclusive in an enabling environment.

Since October last year, Toodyay has been working towards becoming dementia friendly and inclusive.

Alzheimer's WA would like to thank the shire as well as the working group members for their support and contributions.

The Memory Café at the Cola Café and Museum was launched in April this year.

Thank you to owners Bec and Michael for committing to providing this monthly event that provides valuable support for people living with dementia.

Thank you to everyone who came along to the community information session in June; all were unanimous in feeling they had learned something useful and that their knowledge about dementia had increased.

Alzheimer's WA education officers will soon be holding information sessions for staff at Northam Hospital.

New books and resources on dementia which cater for everyone's interests from the age of four have been donated to the Toodyay Public Library.

Alzheimer's WA has created new resources, in partnership with our dementia advocates, which are clear, concise and take less than a few minutes to read.

Visit alzheimerswa.org.au/consultancy-services/dementia-friendly-communities, or find the resources around town.

Alzheimer's WA visited the Toodyay Chamber of Commerce and Industry to advise members of the Dementia Friendly Toodyay

initiative and promote the new resources.

We encourage all chamber members to share these resources with their staff make them a part of their induction and training.

Toodyay Shire has confirmed their Disability Access and Inclusion Plan and Age Friendly Plans are being updated to include dementia as a priority.

This symbolises the shire's commitment to support future dementia-friendly work.

The shire has also confirmed an upgrade of public toilets at Duidgee Park and the sport and recreation centre to include dementia-enabling environmental design principles.

Thirty-five Alzheimer's WA information packs were distributed to local business owners and service providers to encourage conversations about how they can support people with dementia.

People living with dementia and carers can provide a powerful voice for change and a perspective on dementia no one else can provide.

Becoming a dementia advocate means you can become an influential voice and make a big difference in the community.

Alzheimer's WA values your voice and encourages you to share your story about dementia.

As a dementia advocate you can share your story with the media, speak at forums, educational sessions and public events and help researchers find better ways to support people living with dementia.

Use your experience to help improve services and government discussions and share your story to assist with fundraising campaigns.

If you would like to become involved, visit alzheimerswa.org.au/dementia-advocates.

For more information ring 1300 66 77 88 or email dfc@alzheimerswa.org.au.

Look out for the new Dementia Friendly Toodyay sticker in local shop windows.

IN MOORE WITH LOVE

It was great to catch up with some of you at the Dowerin Field Day last month. Do look out for the Nationals WA at forthcoming shows and be sure to drop by and sign our petition about palliative care.

Following concerns regarding heavy traffic on Stirling Tce in Toodyay, I queried this issue with the Transport Minister. The Minister advised that Stirling Terrace is not approved for Restricted Access Vehicles and business owners and residents are encouraged to report illegal activity by contacting Main Roads Heavy Haulage Services.

The Nationals WA welcome Member for Geraldton **Ian Blayney MLA**. I look forward to working with Ian given the regional city of Geraldton services those in the northern part of Moore. The Member for Geraldton since 2008, Ian brings with him a wealth of experience and local knowledge to The Nationals team and the newly created Regional Cities portfolio. Regional cities are home to half of the population of regional WA and vital to the state's future. WA's population is expected to reach 3.5 million by 2050 and regional cities will become increasingly important. The Regional Cities portfolio fits well with The Nationals policy of decentralization and strategic investment in WA and will focus on policy and investment priorities in partnership with key stakeholders to develop infrastructure, services and businesses that enhance the liveability and sustainability of the nominated 11 cities including Northam. These centres should all have quality education, adequate health care, vibrant cultural precincts and industry and business driving job creation.

Shane Love MLA
Member for Moore

THE NATIONALS



Learn to spot stroke signs – FAST

THE STROKE Foundation is encouraging Australians of all ages to learn the most common signs of stroke during National Stroke Week which ends on Sunday September 8.

You can save the life of a loved one, a colleague, a stranger or even yourself by understanding the FAST message and calling an ambulance straight away if you suspect a stroke.

Using the FAST test involves asking these simple questions.

Face – Check their face. Has their mouth drooped?

Arms – Can they lift both arms?

Speech – Is their speech slurred? Do they understand you?

Time is critical. If you see any of these signs, call triple zero (000) straight away.

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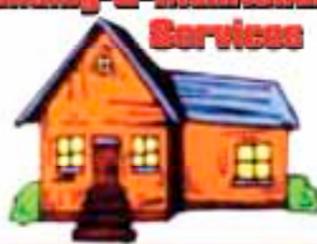
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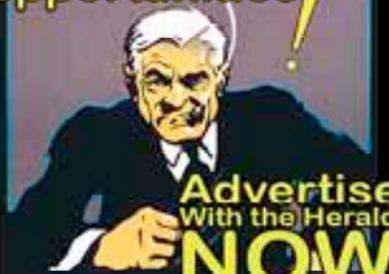
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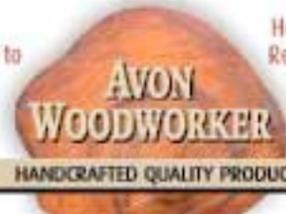


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	20		16		19		24		21		4			
17	5	13	19		3	26	5	15	15	20	18			
	7		4		4		21		11		20	23		
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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z

Sudoku

Easy

	3			2			1	
7					8			6
	2				7		3	
	1					2		
		2	5	8				
8				4			6	7
					4		9	
9	4		2	6	1			
			7					

Hard

					4		2	
5		8		7				
	7			1	2			
		2				1		
					3			9
				9	8	6		
3							8	7
					7		6	
			1	5				

Sudoku is based on the logical placement of numbers. Sudoku doesn't require any calculation nor special math skills; all that is needed are brains and concentration. Every number from 1 to 9 must appear in each of the nine columns, nine rows and the nine 3x3 boxes.

Notes

Puzzle Solutions
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ACROSS

- 5 Gaining of degrees
 - 7 Stir
 - 8 Way to cook
 - 10 Repast
 - 12 Threw off
 - 14 Act of receiving
 - 20 Secret writing
 - 21 Set of beliefs
 - 22 Body limb
 - 23 Erect
- DOWN**
- 1 Plant meal
 - 2 Baseball shots
 - 3 Plant opening
 - 4 Wanderer
 - 5 Leg band
 - 6 African river
 - 9 With lateral parts
 - 11 Mistake
 - 13 Water mammal
 - 15 Unbleached linen colour
 - 16 Work insurance (abb)
 - 17 Type of sauce
 - 18 Decorating cake
 - 19 Scottish mountain

Combo Crossword

Cryptic Clues

ACROSS

- 5 Conferring of degrees turning a guard into . . .
- 7 . . . diffusion of a thousand and nine
- 8 Way to cook so tar is moved
- 10 Ground grain repast
- 12 Dread change after circular plate thrown away
- 14 No receipt given out on formal occasion for greeting others
- 20 Collection of rules for a system of symbols
- 21 Tragic redoubling in system of beliefs
- 22 Give a weapon for some of the body
- 23 Honourable independent

DOWN

- 1 Unhappy about the French meal of greens
- 2 Model in bread rolls pushes with the head

- 3 Almost left off new slits on a plant leaf
- 4 Domain is different losing one wanderer
- 5 Some big arteries used to hold up socks
- 6 Large flower out of line
- 9 Supported with left and right parts possibly
- 11 Loses head from extreme fear in mistake
- 13 Turned over ground on good aquatic mammal
- 15 New cure to colour unbleached linen
- 16 Common payment for injury in plasterer's mortar
- 17 Nuisance with end to sauce
- 18 Freezing something put on a cake
- 19 Ben, with this in Scotland, shows highpoint of British Isles

	1		2		3		4	
5								6
							7	
8			9			10	11	
		12						13
14	15	16		17		18		19
		20				21		
22								
	23							

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Child Health Immunisation Clinic

Next clinic phone Sheree 9574 4577 for appointment.

Memory Café

Toodyay Forget Me Not Memory Café 2nd Tuesday of each month (10am-noon) at the Cola Café, Stirling Terrace.

Toodyay Men's Shed

Monday and Thursday 8.30am-noon at Harper Road, Phil, 9574 5426.

Yoga

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

MINIATURE RAILWAY

Toodyay Miniature Railway

Operates Easter Saturday and thereafter on 1st and 3rd Sundays until November. Phone 9574 4507.

MUSIC

The Toodyay Community Singers

CWA Hall, Stirling Terrace at 7pm Thursday nights. Margaret O'Sullivan 9574 2183.

Toodyay Music Club

2nd Saturday 1pm CWA Hall, Ring Joe, 0400 862 694.

PROGRESS ASSOCIATION

Toodyay Progress Association (Inc)

Chair – Larry Graham 0419 276 415. Secretary – Geoff Appleby 0427 299 330.

Morangup Progress Association

President: Danielle Wrench, Secretary and Hall Hire: Geni Brown 9572 9912. www.morangupmpa.com.au.

SENIORS

Autumn Club

Wednesday 1-4pm Toodyay Sports Pavilion Glenyce Bosnjak 9574 4587.

Butterfly Cottages

2nd Friday monthly. Jenny Perkins. Email:butterfly2j@gmail.com.

Fitness and Fun for The Over 55s

Monday, Wednesday and Friday 9am, Youth Hall at showgrounds.

Ida's Hideaway

Saturdays 1-4pm Toodyay Community Resource Centre. Phone Ann Sinclair 0407 775 459.

Silver Chain Social Centre

Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays Toodyay Community Centre, 78 Stirling Terrace. Information 1300 650 803.

Probuss Club Toodyay

2nd Tuesday of month at 7pm, Freemasons Hotel, Dr Monika Zechetmayr, 9574 2559.

SERVICE ORGANISATIONS

Country Women's Association

4th Thursday 1pm CWA Hall. Bookings call Meg Mills. 9574 2245.

RSL Toodyay Sub-Branch

1st Saturday February, April, May, July, September (AGM) and November 1pm at Memorial Hall Max Howard, 9574 2102.

Safer Toodyay

Wayne Clarke (Chairperson), Desrae Clarke (Secretary) 9574 5574.

Toodyay Lions Club

1st and 3rd Tuesdays Freemasons Hotel.

Toodyay Masonic Lodge

4th Thursday Masonic Hall Fiennes St 7.30pm. Graham Barber, 9574 5717.

Toodyay Red Cross

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

Toodyay RoadWise Committee

2nd Wednesday of month at 11am. Toodyay Junction Meeting Room next to Shire Depot. Bob Neville, 0419 853 160.

SPORT - BASKETBALL

Toodyay Basketball Association

Games Tuesday, Thursday, Aussie Hoops junior program, email Toodyay.basketball@gmail.com or Tatiana 0449 925 488.

SPORT - BOWLING

Toodyay Bowling Club

Ladies play Wednesdays at 8.30am contact Maureen Adams 9574 4752. Men have a roll up on Wednesday at 3pm contact Barry Young 0447 865 304. All welcome.

SPORT - EQUESTRIAN

Avon Valley Adult Riding Club

4th Saturday (February-November) at Northam. Tina 0499 030 177.

Mortlock Pony Club

1st Sunday February to November at Goomalling. Tanzi 0427 859 493.

SPORT - GOLF

Toodyay Golf Club

Winter (May-October) men -Sundays – Adam 0427 252 417, ladies - Wednesdays 8.30am – Roma 9574 5534. Scroungers Thursdays 2pm – Bruce 9574 5243

SPORT - KARATE/TAI CHI

Avongrove Tai Chi

Classes at CWA Hall, Thursday and Saturday 9am. Peter Millar 0408 364 917 avongrovetaiichi@gmail.com.

Avon Valley Shotokan Karate Club

Wednesdays at Youth Hall, Showgrounds. Peewees 3.45 to 4.30pm, juniors 4.30 to 5.30pm, seniors 6 to 7.30pm. Email: avonvalleyshotokan@gmail.com.

SPORT - SOCCER

Toodyay Soccer Club

Mondays 4-5.30pm in terms 2 and 3. For ages 5-15yrs. Email: toodyaysoccer@gmail.com.

SPORT - TENNIS

Social Tennis

Tuesday 8.30am ladies and senior men.

Toodyay Tennis Club

Tuesday 8.30am Friday 7pm and Saturday 2pm Therese Chitty 9574 4274.

VINTAGE VEHICLES

Avon Valley Vintage Vehicle Assoc

3rd Saturday 10.30am at old engineer's quarters next to Northam Railway Museum, Fitzgerald Street, Northam 9622 5932.

Classifieds

For Sale

ONLY Hi-Line Pullet delivery for 2019, 12 weeks old \$19 each/10 for \$180. Free delivery to Toodyay and Goomalling Tuesday October 22. These July-hatched chicks will start laying late Dec/Jan and lay straight through two winters. Phone 9844 3485 **Blechynden Poultry**.

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Work Wanted

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General

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Public Notices

Annual General Meeting

TOODAY Netball Club – AGM Sunday September 15 at 11am at Duidgee Park.

Deaths

McCOMISH, Sue – The funeral service to celebrate the life of Christine Gwenneth (Sue) McComish of Toodyay will be held at the Toodyay Memorial Hall 2pm Friday September 6. A private cremation will later be held. Phone 9622 1411.



In Memorium

REMEMBERING Val Fordham
My dearest Val – Just recently August 10 passed, which would have been your 80th birthday. But sadly you passed away two and a half years ago. I am thinking of you and missing you ever so much more.
Regards, Elley (Greg).



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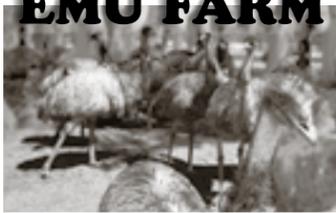
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Toodyay Ballet School students take time out for a group shot.

Dancers perform at Dowerin, Maylands

Toodyay Ballet School
Lani McGeady

WHAT a very busy two days we have had at Dowerin Field Days this year.

Our competition team of 40 students danced six sessions of performances over two stages as well as taking part in dance class demonstrations showing off their acrobatic, classical ballet and jazz skills.

On Sunday August 25, we also had 17 students take part in the prestigious WA

Young Dancer Awards held at WA Ballet Company in Maylands.

How proud we were to have such wonderful results, but also to see our students rise to the occasion and compete at such a high level.

In the 7-9 years section James Bradley was awarded second place, Molly Snooke third place and Daytona Logan fourth place.

In the 10-11 years Keira Miller received an honourable mention and in the 12-13 years Clare Bradley was awarded third place.

Fantastic results for our dedicated students.



Dancers in the 7-9 years section at the WA Young Dancer Awards held at WA Ballet Company in Maylands.

First two karate lessons free

Avon Valley Shotokan Club
Kylie Burton

WE HAVE started back in term three welcoming new students to both dojos in Toodyay and Clackline and look forward to welcoming new members throughout the remainder of the year.

Training is conducted by qualified and experienced instructors at the Toodyay Youth Hall on Wednesdays and at Hombu Dojo in Clackline on Mondays and Fridays.

Simply turn up and have a go; the first two lessons are free.

If you think you are already busy with work and other sporting commitments, why should you try karate?

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Children who train in karate are much less likely to be bullied or become bullies as they develop a greater sense of self confidence and respect.

Students' schoolwork and classroom behaviour can be greatly improved through karate's disciplined and respectful training environment.

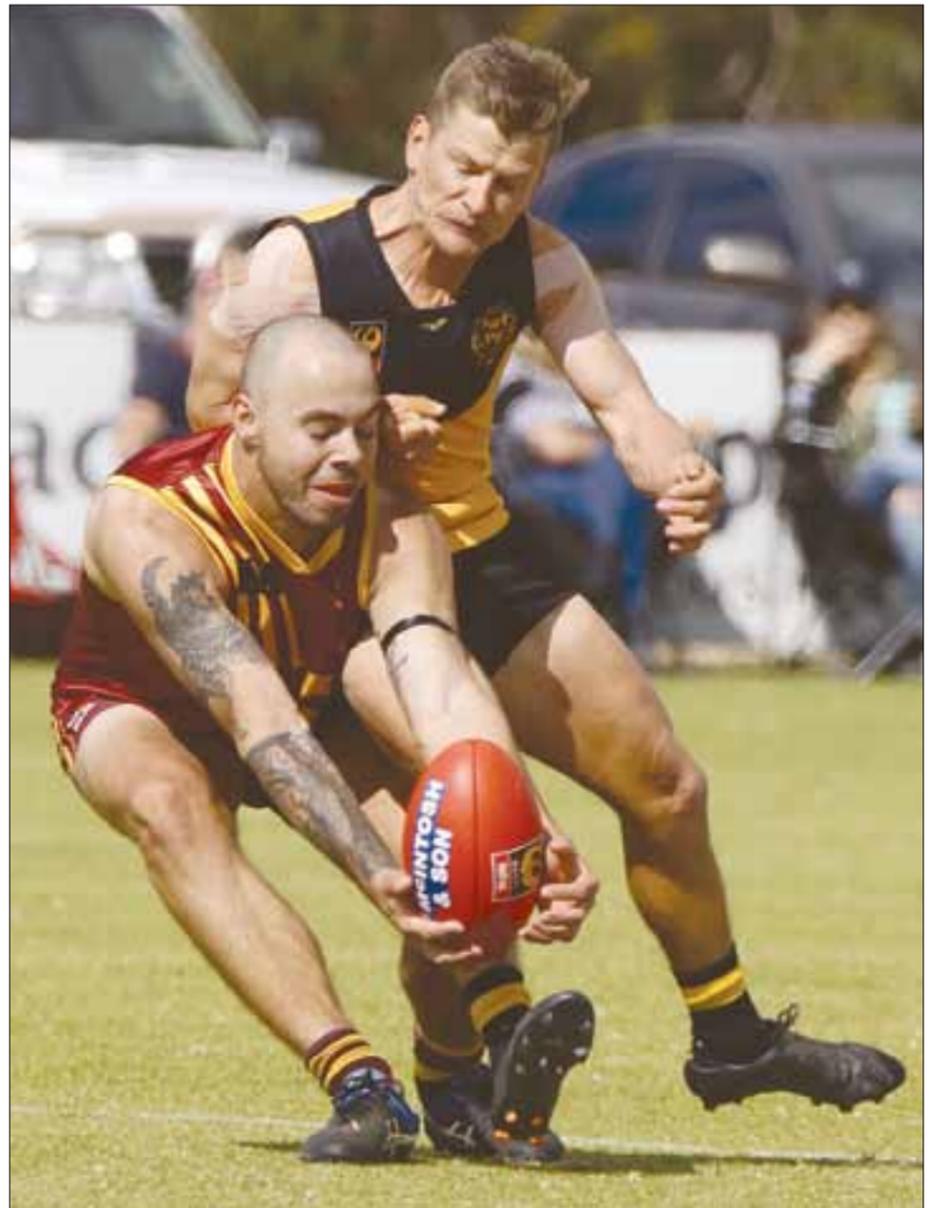
Accomplishments in karate are often seen in a positive light by prospective employers who rightly attach images of strength, trust and good character to those who study it.

For more information please contact avonvalleyshotokan@gmail.com.



Students bow to sensei Shihan Bainbridge at the conclusion of term three's first class.

Lions fade in second half



Sports photographer Hans Welliger captured the action between Toodyay (maroon) and Dowerin-Wyalcatchem Reserves in the first semi final on August 24. Toodyay was still in the hunt until half time but Dowerin-Wylie finished strongly defeating Toodyay 15.7-97 to 5.10-40.

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The nines (maroon) display their growing skills in a home ground match against York on August 24. Photo: Anita Davey.

Youngsters kick the dew off the grass

Toodyay Junior Football Club
Steele Davey

EIGHTY three on a crisp Saturday morning sees a growing aggregation of young footballers kicking the dew off the grass and bouncing around with nervous excitement at Toodyay Oval.

Excited because they are about to play a game of football and nervous because they realise it is a real test of their growing skills and abilities.

The recent game against the Barons of Northam on August 17 displayed how much our under-9s have developed.

Every child played their best game and it was also the best game this team has played.

Not only have their skills advanced significantly since the start of the year, great qualities such as determination, perseverance and resilience have developed in correlation.

Recent games have seen Cohen Pearce receive a Falcon (when the ball contacts the face with force), Tommy Newton being winded after effecting a goal-saving smother, Jake Smith getting corked in the hip while going for a screamer, Patrick Sheriden knocked flat in a marking contest and Winton Davey getting slammed into the ground while trying to break a tackle.

All four lads got up immediately and attacked the game with vigour even though they had tears in their eyes.

As parents we also have a tear welling at the corner of our eye as we watch our little footballers face these challenges, and this Australian game of ours provides many of them.

Then our hearts fill with pride every time

they rise to the occasion and they get that little bit better at not only playing football but also dealing with adversity.

Ultimately though, watching the kids celebrate their successes with uninhibited joy are perhaps the most satisfying moments as parents, and supporters.

It has been an absolute pleasure to coach the nines and if this group continues to develop as they have this year, then Toodyay's football future will be well served.

Thanks to all the parents who have all helped facilitate such a successful nines season.

Award winners in recent games; Isaac Strowse, Jay Joyce, Elliot Williams, Leighton Ayres, Thomas Thornton, Lukah Burke, Ronan Burke, Tommy Newton, Parker Byfield, Jackson Jackson, Angus McGowan, Winton Davey, Jake Smith, Cohen Pearce,

Jayden Dickason and Patrick Sheriden.

Honourable mentions go to Seth Bolger, Shiloh Weatherall, Jaye Clayton and Seth Haycock.

The 16s, 13s and 11s are all approaching the pointy end of the season with a real prospect of grasping some silverware.

So, if you have the time, take the opportunity to support your local junior club and enjoy some genuinely exhilarating football.

Ryan's winning grin as wide as a fairway

Toodyay Golf Club
Adam Pearce

AUGUST 11 will be a day Ryan Sinclair will always remember.

Despite his disappointment in the Dockers losing to St Kilda, Ryan scored 49 Stableford points, beating the course record by two.

On a day ripe for scoring Ryan displayed little evidence of nerves as the course record was within his reach with three holes to play.

A simple tap-in three pointer on the 18th ensured he walked off with a grin as wide as the fairway.

The 89th Lee-Steere Cup was held on August 25 with a field of 30 teeing off in an attempt to win the prestigious event.

The Lee-Steere Cup is one of the four qualifying rounds in which golfers from Toodyay, Bakers Hill and Wundowie compete as part of the Moondyne Shield.

Mike Ryder from Toodyay won the day, scoring 41 points.

August results

SARGEANT Settlement Foursomes; 1st Dave Gordon/Bruce Shaw nett 69.5, 2nd Murray Riseley/Ash Grundy nett 70.75, 3rd Kim Hanstrum/Mike Ryder nett 71.75.

Toodyay Tyres Stableford; 1st Ryan Sinclair 49 points, 2nd Adam Pearce 42 points, 3rd Aaron Boston 41 points.

IGA Toodyay 4BBB; 1st Mark Hasson/Ryan Sinclair, 2nd Dave Gordon/ Bruce Shaw.

Lee-Steere Cup Stableford; 1st Mike Ryder 41 points, 2nd Adam Pearce 40 points, 3rd Matt Andrijzavic 40 points.

There is still time to have a round of golf this year with the season extending to the first week in October.

The course is in excellent condition and everyone is invited to try their luck.

Men compete every Sunday with tee off at noon and registration at 11.30am.

Ladies play on Wednesday, starting at 9am. Scroungers is played every Thursday starting at 2pm.

The fixtures can be found on our Facebook page Toodyay Golf Club.

For general enquiries call president Bruce Shaw on 0417 028 089 or captain Adam Pearce, 0427 252 417.

Sports / Events / Results

Read it in the Toodyay Herald

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Recordings are taken at The Toodyay Club on behalf of the Bureau of Meteorology in mm (recordings and average commenced on 1/1/1877)													
YEAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
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2009	8	8	9	32.6	39.2	83.6	115	76.2	56.2	17.2	30.2	2.6	477.8
2010	0	0	0	0	0	0	69.4	36.2	12	3.4	7.2	21.4	149.6
2011	24.2	15.4	14.2	10.4	36.6	52.6	92	70.2	65	57.4	18.8	29.2	486
2012	0	42.3	0	11.8	23.6	106.2	13.8	51.9	59.7	3.6	52.1	29	394
2013	30.4	0	66.7	10.4	79.4	11.2	70.4	90.9	100.3	19.4	2	3.4	484.5
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2017	77.8	116.2	24.1	0	20.8	30.7	100	82.7	54.4	8.2	12.3	22.3	549.5
2018	90.6	9.8	0	4.4	45.2	51.9	118.7	129.5	6.9	48.5	0	0	505.5
2019	1.8	0	5.8	15.4	8.7	125.7	128.4	66.3					352.1
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Medal Count RSVP by 31st AUGUST 2019 - Sharon 0418 958 651 - Club Member + 2 MAX

Principal's Pen



Welcome to the September Edition

The weather is starting to warm up which means potential buyers will be out and about, so seller make sure you have your properties looking their best! The Dowerin Field day has come around and what a great couple of days for the people that attended.

State Of the market

Good news, the property market has had a decrease in the listing numbers going from 14,815 last month to 14,127 this month, this is great news for our sellers!

August

This month a few properties have gone under offer, 241 Timber Creek Crescent, 290 Railway Road Toodyay. Settled properties this month are 62 Drumree Drive Dumbarton and 104 Eighth Road Bejoording. So, we have a couple of new families in town, welcome to our beautiful town!!

We have just got some wonderful new listings this month! 48 Wongamine Road Wongamine, 53 Jubilee Street Toodyay, 360 Parkland Drive Toodyay, 869 Julimar Road Toodyay and 121 McDermott Road Toodyay. So jump on our website and have a look!!

Marketing

Our data base is over flowing with people that want to be kept up-to-date on the current market in Toodyay. If you want to be updated every month on what's happening in the sales market and our wonderful office please email sales@asktonym.com.au

In our Office

Faith – Has been super busy with her new rental listings and appraisals for rentals. What a super Star!!

Sharon – Flat out selling houses in Merredin. 4 Houses this month under offer!! Well Done

Erin – Has been busy out at the front and is off to Bali to soak up some sunshine!!

Christie – Has been busy every weekend with her home open, this girl is a dedicated sales Rep!!

Bill – Busy with his crops and has taken some time off to enjoy the Dowerin Field day!! Well deserved.

Tony – Been busy preparing for the upcoming clearing sale in Kellerberrin this month and attending the Dowerin Field day with Bill & Sharon!!

Till next month

Tony M



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