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Shire gets nod in State-funded review

Crackdown urged against rude councillors, excessive secrecy and staff errors

Michael Sinclair-Jones

A STATE-FUNDED review of the Shire of Toodyay has largely endorsed the council's response to 23 adverse findings against the former council and previous shire CEO over the previous seven years.

The findings were tabled in State Parliament last October after a year-long inquiry.

Last month's independent consultant review said a new council elected in 2019 was "on the whole, functioning properly and proper decision-making is taking place".

It said current councillors had a "sound and productive working relationship" with new Shire CEO Suzie Haslehurst, who had "performed above expectations".

"All councillors interviewed spoke of the CEO in positive terms and of the improvements that the CEO had instituted since commencing the role in June 2020," the review said.

Councillors said there was no "block or factional voting" at council meetings, and the review said it had found no evidence of factional voting at meetings held during a 16-month period to last February.

However, seven of the shire's eight councillors (one was not interviewed) said "one or more councillors (had) behaved in ways or spoke using language" contrary to the Shire Code of Conduct and local laws governing meeting procedures.

They said one councillor "spoke in a disrespectful fashion concerning fellow councillors".

Workshops and meetings could become strained "as a result of questions or comments directed at staff".

Three senior staff said they had experienced "unpleasant and inappropriate behaviour" by councillors at workshops and agenda briefings.

The review said such behaviour for any reason – including frustration over reports containing inaccurate information – was "unjustified and inappropriate".

The review said all councillors – including the presiding officer – had a public duty to object to any unacceptable language or behaviour at council meetings.

"This would demonstrate to the public that the correct standards of behaviour are important," the review said.

Councillors were criticised for spending too much time talking behind closed doors.

The default position should be "openness



Surging floodwaters inundate Avon Descent overnight campsite

Fast-flowing floodwaters submerge Toodyay's Cobbler Pool campsite where hundreds of competitors, support crew and spectators were due to sleep overnight on Saturday August 14 for this year's annual Avon Descent river race from Northam to Perth. Organisers say they have contingency plans to shift campers to higher ground and are expecting record race times after weeks of heavy rain. Story Page 3.

and transparency" unless it exposed the council to "inappropriate legal or financial risk or be otherwise inappropriate".

Items such as CEO recruitment, the new sport and recreation centre and shire contracts should be dealt with publicly, as occurs in "many" metropolitan councils.

However, staff reports needed to be more "succinct, clear and written in plain English".

"Large swathes" of unexplained legislative material was unhelpful, confusing, unnecessary and intimidating.

"Financial information was, at times, difficult to comprehend and, on several occasions, contained significant and material errors," the review said.

"Complex policy and strategy matters had been placed on the meeting agenda for a decision, giving the councillors little chance

of comprehension of the subject matter that could lead to an informed decision being made.

"It should be understood and acknowledged by officers writing agenda reports that they do so, not only to inform and advise the councillors, but also members of the community.

"Reports should be written in such a way that a member of the community with reasonable literacy and numeracy skills can understand the body of the report and its alignment with the officer's recommendation."

Councillors complained that they were not more involved in policy development.

"Concern was expressed that draft policies or significant revisions had been submitted for decision without opportunity to effectively discuss and explore the context and purpose in their formative stages through a workshop process," the review said.

Councillors knew about the shire's May 2020 Corporate Business Plan but said it was rarely used as a key planning tool.

"Given the major capital expenditure of the new recreational facility and resulting significant increase in year-in year-out operating expenses, the Corporate Business Plan becomes an important tool in assisting the council in overseeing finances and allocating resources into the future," the review said.

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Hundreds of older locals get AstraZenica jabs

MORE than 730 people have received the AstraZenica Covid-19 vaccine in Toodyay since a statewide rollout for mostly older residents started locally in March.

Doses of the Pfizer vaccine for younger residents are yet to be available locally.

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Wooroloo man faces court over bushfire

Forty-year-old Daniel Preuss (left) of Wooroloo faced a Perth court last month on a charge of using an angle grinder that allegedly sparked last February's catastrophic Wooroloo bushfire on a total fire ban day.

See Police Beat Page 6.

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Ol' Blind Joe

Kool-Aid enlightenment

Stirling Hamilton

I'VE ALWAYS considered myself to be an accomplished sceptic but just recently realised that I've been drinking the Kool-Aid and put my faith in a false narrative.

The main sources for my enlightenment were Gregory Clark and Henry Litton CBE GBM.

Clark began his career in Australia's Department of External Affairs with postings to Hong Kong and Moscow before he resigned in 1964 in protest over Australian involvement in the Vietnam War.

He moved to Japan where he was appointed emeritus president of Tokyo's Tama University and wrote for *The Australian* newspaper 1969-74.

Litton is a retired permanent Judge of the Hong Kong Court of Final Appeal who founded the *Hong Kong Law Journal* in 1971.

They have led me to realise that the so-called Tiananmen Square massacre on 4 June 1989 was more complicated than many people realise.

Much of this brutality was the result of Beijing's little-known attempt on June 2 to send unarmed soldiers to clear the square.

The defenceless soldiers were attacked by crowds waiting for a chance to confront them.

I've got videos of students throwing Molotov cocktails into trucks full of unarmed compatriots of the same age.

Some dead soldiers were strung up by the neck alongside burnt-out buses in vacant blocks.

Others lay in death-throe positions on mid-city overpass staircases, and one charred corpse was strung up from an underpass over a busy intersection crowded with shoppers.

Yet they seem to have been completely ignored by our biased Western media.

I know that the Reuters newsagency has a photograph of the underpass corpse but refuses to show it.

Even Australia's ABC News, which later dramatised the cruelty of Chinese soldiers at Tiananmen, described how one soldier was beaten to death in front of the Australian embassy, disembowelled and his severed penis stuck in his mouth.

For an unbiased account we need to turn to daily US Embassy reports of what happened on June 4.

"The beating to death of a PLA (Chinese People's Liberation Army) soldier who was in the first armoured personnel carrier to enter Tiananmen Square, in full view of the other waiting PLA soldiers, appeared to have sparked the shooting that followed," the embassy said.

The US State Department said "... initial moves against the students suggested to many that the Chinese leadership was still, as of the morning of June 3, committed to a relatively peaceful resolution to the crisis".

It seems it was protestors, not soldiers, who started the bloody confrontation in Tiananmen Square.

An explanation for how it was later portrayed in the West can be a breakdown of media morality or active cooperation with our own darker forces, some of whom are blamed for providing the Molotov cocktail firebombs that killed Chinese soldiers.

Those who condemn government violence at Tiananmen need to explain the seeming hatred of the government among protestors who triggered the violence.

Despite efforts by former paramount leader Deng Xiaoping to improve Chinese society there was still a strong hangover in 1989 from the abusive policies of China's disastrous 1966-76 Cultural Revolution.

The New York Times carried a Page 1 report on June 12 that: "The first thing that the charging (government) soldiers did was to erect a row of 10 or more machine guns right in front of the Heroes Monument."

Large numbers of foreign correspondents and TV cameras at the scene the night of June 4 failed to notice this dramatic event.

The New York Times published the iconic 'Tankman' photo of a protester with shopping bags standing in front of a line of tanks, despite the fact that photographer Jeff Widener insists the tanks were leaving, not headed for, Tiananmen Square and it was on June 5.

The event aroused deep emotions in Hong Kong although there was no massacre in the square.

It was only after protestors left the square that soldiers and civilians clashed in Beijing's western suburbs where between 200 and 450 people were killed.

These numbers were not revealed by the Chinese government but came from journalists' estimates and casualties treated in hospitals.

I've got unpublished TV footage of the western suburbs clash.

All we saw on TV revealed no killing of civilians in Tiananmen Square that day.

Kids today know nothing of the 1967 strike actions by Hong Kong rioters and the British police response that led to 51 deaths, hundreds of serious injuries and thousands of arrests.

Not one Hong Kong protester has died in a year but I've got video footage of a mainland Chinese man who protestors doused with petrol and set ablaze.

Western media were quick to inform the world that 600,000 Hong Kong residents had expressed opposition to new National Security Laws imposed by mainland China.

But there was hardly a word about more than 2.9 million people who signed petitions backing the new law and a further 1.7 million who demanded that the US stop meddling in the city's internal affairs.

Only a third of Hong Kong residents say their nation is not democratic enough.

Believe nothing, no matter where you read it, or who said it — even if I have said it — unless it agrees with your own reason and your own commonsense. Revered Indian mystic Guatama Buddha (Fifth-Fourth Century BC).

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Lifetime of wildlife rescue began with orphaned lamb

Ieva Tomsons

DEWARS Pool wildlife carers Robyn and Brian Foley have no way of calculating the 24/7 volunteer hours they have committed to rescuing native fauna.

"It's our life," said Robyn who was first introduced to rehabilitating wildlife more than 30 years ago.

Robyn spent her early years in Mt Barker and recalls trying to smuggle home an orphaned lamb when she was about seven years old.

"I was trying to push it into the back of a car," laughs Robyn whose "clean freak" mother dashed the young carer's hopes.

As kids Robyn and Brian enjoyed the outdoors and while Robyn was marooning and kayaking on the Blackwood River, Brian was fishing, playing cricket and peddling his bike from Como to Trinity College.

"In those days our lives were free and easy and all you were told was to be home by five," said Brian.

Brian's first job after finishing high school was in the pump division of an Osborne Park engineering company which set him on a career path that would lead to him establishing his own companies.

Robyn moved to Perth when she was 21 to work for an insurance company in Victoria Park.

Brian was playing cricket for South Perth and his team's watering hole was the Windsor Hotel which was close to where Robyn lived.

Their paths crossed over a couple of drinks with friends and they were engaged "almost immediately" and married a year later in 1972.

"It was a big wedding," said Robyn "and it seemed almost all of Mt Barker was there".

From their first rental flat in Mt Lawley the Foleys continued to work to get to the point where they could "afford to have kids" without Robyn having to work.

"We would circle suburbs in the paper where we could afford to buy and Forrestfield seemed to be an up-and-coming area," said Brian.

In 1981 he was asked to set up a pump company in the Dandenong Ranges in Victoria. Their daughter Michalie was born there but Robyn was homesick and they leapt at the chance to return to Perth when Brian was asked to run another engineering company in Osborne Park.

Back in their Forrestfield home, Robyn rescued an injured magpie, the first of many creatures the couple have saved.

"The vet said it wouldn't fly but I took it home and gave it a go. It flew.

"In those days there was no online information and you relied on common sense. I'd feed it meal worms and grubs I'd find," said Robyn.

Brian branched out on his own in 1991 starting a pump consultancy business servicing mining companies in the north-



Robyn and Brian Foley with two joeys they are rehabilitating at Dewars Pool.

west which meant long stretches away from home.

By this time the family had moved to Kalamunda where Kanyana Wildlife Rehabilitation Centre was operating out of a private house in nearby Gooseberry Hill.

Michalie was determined to volunteer at the centre but at 14 needed parental supervision so Robyn went along for the ride. They were hooked and started out cleaning the enclosures and helping to feed the rescued animals and birds.

Brian would come home from work to a house full of birds, possums and roos and instead of kicking back he was kept busy building enclosures and aviaries on their 2ha block.

"I didn't mind," said Brian who was now on his way to getting "sucked in" to caring for wildlife.

At the time veterinarians didn't know much about treating local fauna and Robyn was one of Kanyana's volunteers who instructed vet students at Murdoch University about wildlife nutrition and wound care.

In 2003 Robyn was spending countless hours volunteering at Kanyana as well as running the company's books and was ready for a change.

When a worker didn't show up for a job Robyn went along for the ride and realised she could do much of the lighter physical work for the business.

"I was nearly 60 when I enrolled to get my crane licence and rigger's ticket," said Robyn.

"She was with all these young guys who

would ask Robyn questions because she was really good at maths."

The Foleys would set up their large caravan with satellite internet and phones in remote locations in the north-west to gather water pumping data for major mining companies prior to the mines being established.

"We did that for a long time and it was great camping in the bush with the wildlife," said Robyn.

Whenever they could they would take rescued joeys with them and more than one mine manager joined them to help at feeding time.

"We were getting to be known as animal carers and workers would bring us injured animals which we would fly down (to Perth) in the company's plane," said Brian.

On the way back from a job in 2004 the

Foleys detoured through Toodyay where they went to look at a 40ha bush block on the Bindoon-Dewars Pool Road.

"A Black-gloved wallaby jumped out in front of us and I said to Brian, 'we're buying this place'."

They were still working away and after a couple of years of living in a shed they built a solar-passive house and eventually aviaries and release pens for the numerous animals and birds they would rehabilitate.

In 2013 Brian sold the business but stayed on for a year to help the new owner learn the ropes.

"Let's say we look after about 30 animals a year," said Brian.

"One year we had 16 roos in the house at one time," laughs Robyn.

For 21 years the Foleys answered the state-wide Wildcare Hotline from Friday night until Monday morning providing advice and directing people to the nearest vet or carer in their area.

"We had 360 calls one long weekend," said Brian.

In 2019 they received the Department of Conservation and Land Management's Volunteer of the Year Award in recognition of their commitment to Wildcare.

Two years ago, Brian was concerned that Robyn's knowledge about wildlife rehabilitation needed to be passed on so they started Marsupial Mamas and Pappas (MMaP) after receiving strong community feedback. Since then the MMaP has become incorporated and received charity status with tax deductibility for donations.

When the Wooroloo bushfire razed 11,000ha Robyn and Brian knew what they were in for as they were on hand after the 2016 bushfire that wiped out Yarloop.

Once they were allowed back into the Wooroloo fire ground MMaP members stepped up doing daily patrols to water and feed displaced animals and rescue and euthanase up to 50 kangaroos which had been burnt.

"There is heartache but you get a lot out of seeing a bird or animal return to the bush where it belongs," said Brian.

"It's rewarding," said Robyn "and we never say no to new carers".

Thrills and spills expected as heavy rain swells river

Daniel Yong

HUNDREDS of competitors have entered this month's Avon Descent river race through Toodyay as recent heavy rains and rising water levels promise an action-packed weekend on August 14-15.

The event includes an annual International Food Fair and Family Fun Day in Toodyay on Saturday August 14.

Rising water levels flooded the Cobbler Pool overnight camp site at the start of this month and threatened to submerge local bridges.

Toodyay officially recorded 154.2mm of rain in July (see Page 29) but some nearby rural properties reported totals of more than 300mm, making it one of the wettest months in decades.

Avon Descent Association CEO Sean Dunstan said there would be some changes at the Cobbler Pool overnight camp but it was "nothing organisers haven't had to plan for in the past".

"We've had to adjust our set ups here and there but we're always planning for the worst-case scenario," he said

"There's a very good possibility that we'll set some new records this year."

Spectators can also expect more action with a new mini jet boat category this year.

Mr Dunstan said bans on international and

interstate travel due to Covid-19 restrictions meant more West Australians would be taking part in this year's event.

Two kayak entrants – Jacky Phillips and Stephen Bird – competed in the London 2012 Olympics.

The race is scheduled to start in Northam at 8am on Saturday August 14 with food trucks and coffee vans supplying breakfast for spectators from 7am.

Toodyay Lions Football Club will manage spectator facilities at Extracts Weir near Toodyay, where the first power boats are expected to arrive at about 8.20am, depending on whether the start is delayed by heavy early morning mist in the valley.

Kayak competitors are expected to start arriving at the fast-flowing weir mid-morning.

Contestants will pass under Newcastle Bridge before arriving at the Cobbler Pool overnight campsite, which is being managed by the West Giddegannup Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade.

The Shire of Toodyay will host an international food fair and family fun day on both sides of Newcastle Bridge from 10am to 3pm on Saturday August 14.

Shire of Toodyay Reserve Management Officer Greg Warburton said spectators could expect the river to be flowing fast which augured well for this year's race.

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Charting a new course

SAILORS know that turning a big ship around at sea can be slow and arduous.

When that ship is an elected body driven by State law, the job grows much harder.

This is where we are at with our local shire council.

Last month's independent review based on a damning State Government report that contained 23 adverse findings is a mix of brickbats and bouquets.

Shire CEO Suzie Haslehurst gets a solid tick of approval for her first year in the job.

Most councillors get a gold star too for "functioning properly" and making "proper decisions".

But their hesitancy in calling out "unacceptable" behaviour in council meetings is a big black mark.

Modern workplaces don't tolerate that kind of behaviour, nor should our shire.

Nobody should ever have to feel fearful or intimidated for turning up to work.

Accurate advice to council is paramount.

Elected members cannot make informed decisions if facts placed before them are wrong or incomplete.

Complexity can confuse, and the review's recommendation that shire reports be simplified is long overdue.

That this is "not only to inform and advise the councillors but also members of the community" is significant.

It demonstrates the importance of openness, transparency and accountability in all future council dealings.

Many "recurring shortcomings requiring improvement" are legacy issues inherited from previous councils.

New civic leaders say they are taking steps to address this through "improvements that the CEO has instituted since commencing the role in June 2020".

None of this would have been possible without the persistent efforts of the Toodyay Progress Association which pressed successfully for a State Government inquiry after years of council hostility.

Leaders Larry Graham and Geoff Appleby deserve our community's thanks for their determination to achieve that goal.

That the association should fold for "lack of interest" (see Page 9) is concerning.

It is not enough that this newspaper reverts to being the shire's sole watchdog – others must step up to the plate.

The only way forward is change.

Like a turning ship, it will take more time and effort – but we appear to be heading mostly in the right direction.

Michael Sinclair-Jones
Editor

STOP PRESS

MAIN ROADS WA says big pot-holes in recent roadworks on Toodyay's busy main entry from Perth were caused by "well-above average rainfall" since March. "This is not ideal, causing delays and resulting in some roadworks extending into winter months," a spokesperson said. "Water has penetrated into the new pavement and potholes have formed. Remedial work at the contractor's cost will be carried out as soon as possible when dryer weather and warmer temperatures return."



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The way we were – It was an all-male affair with everyone in regulation business suits and ties when former State and local civic leaders officially opened Toodyay's new Newcastle Bridge in November 1968. The new reinforced concrete span was designed to carry loads of up to 200 tonnes – five times more than the old wooden structure behind it which was subject to occasional flooding. Pictured (from left): Toodyay shire clerk R. Preston, Crs A. J. North and M. J. Butterly, shire president D. E. Ludemann, Cr R. J. McKay, WA Works Minister R. Hutchinson, Crs J. C. Wroth and K. D. Lee, Main Roads Commissioner D. H. Aitken, Toodyay MP J. M. Craig, shire deputy president I. V. Murray and Cr A. A. Heath. Photo: Newcastle Gaol Museum.

LETTERS

Seat switch

WITH chaos in our nation and many parts of the world due to the Covid-19 pandemic, we are very fortunate in WA where our isolation sets us apart from many other parts of the country.

Many of us simply go about our leisure, work and business without much interruption, and scanning our SaferWA app or signing in is no great inconvenience.

Being in a state that has real leadership, it's becoming apparent that leadership at a federal level is missing.

Vaccine rollout is just one of a long list of current Federal Government failings.

With local electoral boundary changes happening soon – in time for the next federal election – the Toodyay local government area, along with our Avon Valley neighbours of Gingin, Chittering, Northam and York, we will move from the federal seat of Pearce to Durack, Australia's largest federal electorate.

Durack takes in much of WA, including large mining areas – we need to make sure we are represented by someone who will consider our beautiful valley region and its unique lifestyle on the edge of Durack.

With so many failings and a federal election likely to be called in coming months, we need to demand a higher bar on integrity and accountability and a vision for better political representation for our 'new' federal seat of Durack.

I am aware there are discussions underway, including for a strong independent candidate, but whoever from any political party puts their hand up for the next federal election, I will be looking for representation with strong governance and integrity.

Importantly, we need someone who will be truly accountable to our future generations and the environment, not someone whose party has dragged its feet on a Covid-19 plan, is a climate change denier and prioritises big donors and corporate shareholders over small business.

Helen Shanks
Toodyay

RSL at the gee gees?

LAST month's *Herald* article about the plight of the local RSL and their shire-owned shed which is unfit for use has prompted me to make a suggestion.

Toodyay racecourse is also owned by the shire and is only used once a year for the picnic race day.

In lieu of the agreement with the shire for the lease of the shire shed which the RSL cannot use, the organisation should be offered the racecourse building for the remainder of its lease term.

Mitchell Kooiman
Toodyay

Gas bandit furphy

AT THE risk of becoming tiresome on the subject of fracking and the supposed evils of the fossil fuel industry in general, I feel I must respond to Ol' Blind Joe's latest dispatch *Gas bandits get trillions*.

There is much to question in his column but in particular the headline notion that the fossil fuel industry is hugely and unreasonably subsidised by the general public must be challenged.

Joe's claim of \$28 billion benefit to industry is one regularly aired, though the oil and gas component (as relevant to fracking) of some \$10 billion, is of most relevance.

The vast majority of funding in this supposed bounty for the oil and gas industry is composed of fuel tax credit schemes, in other words a reduction of the taxes owed to the government by fuel suppliers.

The intent of these programs is not to shovel money into the coffers of oil companies; the concessional rates for aviation fuel excise, for instance, makes air travel cheaper for everyday Australians. So the subsidy actually goes to airlines, tourism and a host of related enterprises.

Our farmers and many other businesses similarly benefit from diesel fuel rebates.

To cut such supports would immediately raise energy prices to these operations – flowing through to increases in many other

commodities – without necessarily having any financial impact on oil and gas suppliers.

I readily acknowledge that targeted fuel excise discounts may be seen as encouraging continued reliance on fossil fuels but to claim that they represent windfall benefit to oil companies at huge cost to the taxpayer is surely a stretch. And *Gas bandits get trillions*? Seriously?

As something of an aside, the hostility towards fracking by community groups such as the CWA and local primary industry organisations can hardly be considered convincing for Joe's case given their exposure to relentless and alarmist polemic opposing fossil fuels.

Perhaps also, they have not considered that alternative renewable energy sources must themselves be heavily subsidised to compete, as well as having environmental impacts which are yet to be fully appreciated.

No thinking person opposes the development of renewable energy technology and its progressive introduction as the foundation of our future developmental needs.

The country's level of reliance on fossil fuels in its energy planning is a complex yet serious matter and our national decisions should be based on a balanced and responsible review of the situation.

I can't see that Joe's analysis has helped in this regard.

Peter Edwards
(Retired petroleum geologist)
Toodyay

Thirsty wait

MAY I congratulate the shire on the new water standpipe recently opened in the main street. Well done.

I wonder however how long it took to install the facility?

Perhaps we can now have the drink fountain in Newcastle Park replaced?

For more than two years I have lobbied councillors and a previous shire president for this to happen but, so far, there has been no communication at all.

Please, can the drink fountain be replaced in time for the coming hot weather.

Let's get it done for the many people using the park including local school children.

We are all still waiting.

Daphne Lee
Toodyay

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205 local residents fully vaccinated after 2nd jab

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A TOTAL of 205 mostly older Toodyay residents have received their second dose of AstraZenica at Toodyay's Alma Beard Medical Centre and are now fully vaccinated.

The Wheatbelt Health Network (WHN) says it ordered a total of 1100 AstraZenica doses for Toodyay this year, with 270 shots now ready for immediate use, and a further 100 due to arrive early this month.

Tough State Government restrictions have helped stop the virus spreading in WA but the highly infectious Delta variant has spread rapidly through Sydney's densely populated west and south-west suburbs and shopping centres.

AstraZenica Australia President Liz Chatwin told ABC Radio this month that two shots of AstraZenica were 92 per cent effective in keeping people out of hospital.

Mass vaccination was critical because even people showing no symptoms could still easily transmit the highly contagious Delta strain to others in the workplace and at home.

She said about 12 million Australians had been vaccinated, including 6.3 million with AstraZenica.

However, medical authorities say they are concerned at the slow take-up rate in WA where only 37 per cent of aged care workers had received their first dose at the end of last month compared with 51 per cent nationally.

NSW Premier Gladys Berejiklian warned at the end of last month that more people will become seriously ill and some may die as Australia's biggest city remains locked down and businesses forced to shut down until at least August 28.

Toodyay residents aged 50 or older are now

eligible to receive the AstraZenica vaccine under a recent lowering of the age for which it can be given.

A national census in 2016 found that nearly a third of all Toodyay's 4439 residents were aged 65 or older – a globally high-risk group for Covid-19 infection.

WA health authorities recommend the Pfizer vaccine for people aged 30 to 49, though it is not yet available in Toodyay.

AstraZenica can be provided to people in that age group if their suitability is assessed by a qualified health professional and written or verbal consent is provided by the recipient.

Vaccination reduces the risk of serious illness or death in all age groups.

However, health authorities say they are not certain how long the protection lasts and are urging all vaccinated people to continue to maintain social distancing of at least 1.5m, keep washing or disinfecting their hands and maintain other Covid-safe behaviour.

WHN Acting CEO David Singe said Toodyay doctors had been unable to obtain the Pfizer vaccine for younger local people but he hoped supplies would arrive in the next round of the national vaccine rollout.

He commended Toodyay's older residents for getting vaccinated with AstraZenica and said delivery of supplies appeared to be progressing smoothly.

"The national focus is clearly focussing more intensely on the importance of being vaccinated, regardless of variants," Mr Singe said.

"Border management by the WA Government provides the ideal opportunity to have the protection without the immediate concern of active cases in the community."



Winter pool heating put on back burner

PLANS to heat Toodyay's new public swimming pool to enable it to stay open in winter have been delayed due to cost.

Venue manager Clublinks told a public meeting of about 50 people last year that it would pay an estimated \$150,000 to \$200,000 to install pool heating as part of a two-year contract with Shire of Toodyay.

Clublinks State Manager Matt Day told *The Herald* later that it might cost less than \$10,000 year to keep the 25m pool heated to about 27C after heating was installed.

However, Shire CEO Suzie Hazlehurst said last month that the actual cost of installing pool heating was found to be nearly double

the initial estimate.

A decision had been delayed "while we look at other options".

The new pool was designed for heating to be added and the builder had provided an initial cost estimate.

There had been no formal council decision on heating but councillors were generally agreed that the pool should be heated, pending quotes and a decision on cost.

The delay is expected to disappoint regular swimmers who use the pool for exercise and hoped it could open in winter.

A Clublinks spokesperson said a decision on heating the pool lay with the shire.

Historic Church buildings sold to local buyers

AN HISTORIC building in Toodyay's heritage-listed Catholic Precinct has been sold for an undisclosed sum and another is under formal offer, both to local buyers.

Toodyay real estate agent John Butler said last month's sale of the former St Aloysius boys' boarding school was a "done deal", pending settlement.

A different buyer had lodged a formal offer to buy another two-storey building next to it known as The Ship.

All five Catholic Precinct properties being sold near the town's eastern entry are owned by the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Perth and zoned 'mixed use'.

They include nearby O'Connor House (St Pio's) and Mercy Convent.

The convent sale includes a large parcel of subdivided land at the rear with separate vehicle access from Goomalling Road.

Nearby St John the Baptist Catholic Church is not for sale.

The latest development followed a six-week call for expressions of interest.

The former boys' school had been sought by local volunteers in an unsuccessful fundraising bid to use it as an local hub for creative arts across the Avon Valley.

Labor pledged \$100,000 before the last State election in March to help Toodyay's Home of Culture and Arts Group raise



Toodyay's former Sy Aloysius Catholic boys' boarding school and 'The Ship' (obscured right). Both properties are heritage listed.

community funds to buy the building.

It is not known what the new owner intends to do with the property.

It includes upstairs dormitories, a stage, small auditorium and kitchen.

Mr Butler said the buyer's identity and

purchase price would not be publicly announced until after settlement was completed in the next few weeks.

Avon River going gangbusters



Avon Descent competitors may need to take extra care on Saturday August 14 at West Toodyay Bridge where the fast-flowing river was less than a metre below the road at the start of this month.

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Police crack Toodyay teenage porn ring

Police Beat

With Sgt Dave Flaherty
Toodyay Police Station



TOODYAY police are investigating a group of local teenagers sharing pornographic images and urge parents to know what their children are doing online.

The warning follows a report to police by a local mother who found pornographic images on her 12-year-old son's mobile phone.

Police inquiries identified about half a dozen other Toodyay children aged between 12 and 15 who had distributed pornographic images on their phones.

The primary source was found to be a 15-year-old local girl.

The images consisted of naked men and women, some performing various sex acts.

Police believe the images were downloaded from the internet and shared during last month's school holidays via social media platforms such as *Snapchat*.

Sharing these images with juveniles is a serious offence and offenders can be prosecuted and charged with child sex-related offences resulting in prison.

Some parents didn't know what their children were doing. Others became aware and had already acted.

No charges were laid at this stage but police explained to the children and their parents the consequences.

It was also explained to them that there are ongoing ramifications other than prison.

Convicted sex offenders are carefully



Emergency volunteers attach a chain to prevent a crashed car driven by a 93-year-old man from sliding down a steep embankment on Julimar Road.

monitored in the community and can have long-term obligations such as reporting and visits from police that can go on for years.

Some could even have their names placed on a public register.

Toodyay police keep separate files on local residents convicted of sex crimes.

We suspect this isn't the first instance of local children distributing pornographic material, and it probably won't be the last, as the internet has made the viewing and sharing of this material so easily accessible and transferable.

But everyone in our community should

know that sharing pornography among children is a serious criminal offence.

Our question to parents is: Do you know what your kids are doing? There are apps available that you can install that will restrict access to inappropriate sites and images.

What are your parents doing?

DO YOU know what your parents are doing? We often ask the opposite, as well as above.

Last month we attended two crashes involving drivers older than 90.

Both occurred on straight stretches of road with no other vehicles involved and both drivers were travelling alone.

The cause in both cases came down to age and driving ability.

The first crash occurred mid-afternoon on a weekday on Julimar Road about four kilometres from the Toodyay townsite.

A 93-year-old male driver was travelling at about 80km/h when he drove off the left edge of the road, down an embankment, hitting trees.

Fortunately, in this case, the trees stopped the wrecked vehicle from rolling over down the steep embankment.

The driver suffered a broken sternum and was airlifted to the State Trauma Unit in Perth where he was slowly recovering.

The vehicle (pictured) was extensively damaged and had to be secured with a chain to prevent it rolling down the embankment during emergency rescue operations.

The other crash occurred on the Northam-Toodyay Road near Donkey Crossing in Dumbarton.

The 91-year-old driver drove his vehicle off the road and hit a tree at about 70km/h, causing him to suffer minor injuries.

The weekday crash occurred in the early evening after dark.

The ages of the two elderly drivers raises questions about cognitive awareness, slowed reflexes, failing judgement and deteriorating eyesight.

State law requires all drivers older than 80 to undergo annual medical tests to assess if they can continue to hold a driver's licence.

The drivers are issued with a new licence card every year based on the outcome of their annual medical test.

They must also take a driving test if it is recommended by a doctor.

The Department of Transport says signs of age impairment include:

- Are you having trouble seeing signs, road markings, kerbs, medians, other vehicles, motorcycles, cyclists or pedestrians, especially at night?
- Is it getting harder to judge gaps in traffic when merging or turning at intersections?
- Does your mind sometimes wander when you drive?
- Do you sometimes seem overwhelmed by the environment, particularly when turning at intersections?
- Are you sometimes confused as to who should give way?
- Have you found yourself driving too slowly and holding up traffic flow?
- Are you often being 'honked' at by other motorists?
- Are you having trouble judging distance resulting in small collisions in car parks or with stationary objects?
- Have you had a near-miss or actual crash in the past three years where you were at fault?

- Has a friend or family member recently said they are worried about your driving?
- Do you sometimes get lost while driving on familiar routes?
- Has your doctor suggested you limit your driving or think about stopping driving altogether?

This is particularly relevant in Toodyay where nearly a third of residents are aged 65 or older.

Many older people who live on local farms and rural residential properties may need to assess if they are still able to drive safely on high-speed country roads.

For some, this may require a lifestyle change.

Our question for (adult) children is: do you know what your parents are doing? Are they safe?

Wooroloo fire charge

A WOOROLOO man has been charged with allegedly causing a catastrophic bushfire that destroyed 86 homes and burnt out nearly 11,000ha (27,000 acres) last February.

Dozens of Toodyay volunteer firefighters worked shifts with other brigades over several days to contain the fire.

Daniel Gunter Preuss (40) did not seek bail when he made a brief appearance in the Northbridge Magistrate's Court on July 17.

The fire started on the afternoon of Monday February 1 and Mr Preuss was interviewed by police two days later.

He was charged the following Friday after further investigations by police and the Department of Fire and Emergency Services.

Police allege Mr Preuss failed to take reasonable precautions when using an angle grinder to remove a padlock from a shipping container on his Harper Road property during a total fire ban.

He was not required to plead and was remanded in custody to reappear in court on July 30 via video link from prison.

His lawyer applied for a suppression order citing his client's concerns for his welfare and that of his family if he was publicly identified.

The magistrate denied the application on grounds that Mr Preuss had already been named in media reports the previous day.

We all want a safe town to live in

SaferToodyay
Desraé Clarke

COMMUNITY safety is the prime object of the SaferToodyay Committee which has a wide range of representatives from business and community.

Representation is from the following areas of our community; police, St John Ambulance, Toodyay Shire Council, Toodyay District High School, Toodyay and Districts Bendigo Community Bank, Health Promotion and the Prevention Team at Holyoake's Wheatbelt Community and Alcohol Drug Service, fire services covering bush and the town area, Butterfly Cottages, Neighbourhood Watch, Toodyay Noongar Kaartdijin Aboriginal Corporation, Choose Respect, sporting bodies and the sub-committee of RoadWise.

The AGM will be held at 10am on Tuesday August 17 at the Toodyay Police Station in Stirling Terrace, Toodyay.

For further information please email info@safertoodyay.org.au.



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A concrete slab for Julimar's new fire station has now been laid. Photo: Lou Kidd.

Heavy rain delays work on new Julimar fire station

Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade

Julimar

Grant Scobie

THE CONSTRUCTION of the new Julimar fire station is progressing, albeit rather slowly due to the constant but very welcome rain.

The slabs for both admin and parking bays are down and it's really starting to look like something is happening, not just a fence and lots of mud.

The building has only caused a small alteration to our Friday night sundowners and we have had to move the fire pit from in front of The Fireplace to the side of the building.

But of course, the fire pit is useless in the pouring rain so it's just as well we have the other fire under the verandah.

This came into its own when we had our farewell drinks for Graham Barber and Jennifer Shearer, this time thankfully without Graham attempting to sing us a song.

Although it wasn't raining and the fire pit was lit, the food stayed under the verandah and so did everyone else.

It was very satisfying to see a good crowd show up on a rather cold winter's night, a testament to the love and respect 'Bubbles' and Jenn have managed to foster over their 16 years with the brigade.

Discussions are now beginning with regard to next season, specifically with regards to training.

Apart from more of our own beginners going through the compulsory Department of Fire and Emergency Services training courses, we are discussing setting up a program of sessions in conjunction with Coondle-Nunile Brigade so that, should our members be unable to attend our training day, they may find it possible to attend the one at Coondle and vice versa.

We are also talking with the powers that be regarding how we can make sure all members

are completely up-to-date on basic training such as draughting and pumping water, mopping-up techniques, etc.

It's occasionally been the case that some, who haven't been on the fireground for some time, have forgotten some vital info that under emergency situations could have them hesitating at the wrong time; we hope to be able to address this shortcoming prior to the coming season.

Still on training (can you tell I'm the brigade's training officer?), we're also working towards running an RUOK? session in the coming month.

This will incorporate mental health, fatigue management, heat stress and other possible health issues that could impact fireground behaviour.

Lastly, if you can help, please put your name down on the new supper roster in The Fireplace.

Although others have helped, for many Friday nights Brian has taken it upon himself to keep the party pies and 'little boys' churning out so we can all have something to eat while enjoying a 'bevvie'.

It'd be great to have a few more folk help to not only keep us fed but also to provide a touch of variety to the offerings.



Graham Barber and Jennifer Shearer receive their farewell gift. Photo: Lou Kidd.

Bushfire callouts despite the wet

Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade

Coondle-Nunile

Max J Heath

WELL, would you believe it – as wet as it has been, there have still been calls to extinguish burning bush.

Things have still been busy around the station with maintenance and training etc..

Last month's main event was the AGM where a number of people nominated for different positions which shows a healthy brigade with personnel willing to step forward.

Prior to the AGM we had a fairly quick meeting. Probably the main thing mentioned was that Coondle-Nunile has decided to not enter into an arrangement to join the fire and rescue.

The integration process takes some time and would have meant the brigade committing our future members who would have no say.

Our Containers for Change scheme has been going well and enables us to purchase items needed that aren't funded by Department of Emergency and Fire Services (DEFS). At present, the brigade is purchasing two satellite navigation systems for the vehicles out of the scheme's proceeds.

Incident reporting now has to be done online and three of our members have done the course. George Rayner is in charge of the job.

At the last committee meeting it was proposed and only one person voted against the motion, to make Nick Griggs a life member. Guess who voted against it – Nick of course.

It has come to our attention that some members are not trained as well as they could be and it is now a regulation to attend four

training sessions a year.

As Coondle-Nunile is working on the same page as Julimar brigade, if a trainee cannot make it to their own brigade's session they can attend the other brigade's training day.

The shire has approved the purchase of three-dimension training aids which will be situated at both Coondle and Julimar.

Our AGM was capably run by Chief Bushfire Control Officer Craig Stewart and he thanked Coondle-Nunile volunteers for their efforts throughout the year.

Then the election of officers was conducted. Captain Nick Griggs was re-elected unopposed; the important position of secretary went to Susan Anderson unopposed; and Bill Fletcher was elected treasurer unopposed.

There were six nominations for four lieutenants; Jamie Norgate, Deb Bowen, Daniel Hearn, Steve Tunnicliffe, George Rayner and Brenton Chrimes. The successful candidates were Deb Bowen, Jamie Norgate, Daniel Hearn and Brenton Chrimes.

There were two nominations for equipment officer Kevin Bowen and Bill Fletcher with Kevin Bowen winning. Marc Pittorino was elected training officer unopposed.

There were eight nominations for Fire Fighter of the Year; Nick Griggs, Cheryl Bartlett, Kev Bowen, Deb Bowen, Steve Tunnicliffe, John Phillips, Jamie Norgate and Marc Pittorino. Mrs Norgate's favourite son Jamie was the winner.

Last but not least was the Stan Sutton Driving Award. This gave Jamie Norgate the double as he reversed the 1.4 into a DEFS vehicle. Nice one Jamie.

Well that's about all from Coondle-Nunile.

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Wildflowers and wine go down a treat at Rec centre

Claire Ferguson

THE TOODYAY Recreation Centre's Community Pavilion was all set for an evening of chatter, food, wine and wildflowers on July 8.

We welcomed 13 ladies to an evening of wine tasting thanks to local winery Coorinja and bouquet arranging by Plantation Wildflowers.

Coorinja Wines supplied the delicious wine and famous ports they offer at their 100-year-old family-run winery on Toodyay Road.

Gemma Wood took us through an amazing tasting journey of the wines and the interesting and fascinating history of the famous cellar.

In between tastes, our Toodyay Recreation Centre venue manager Bec Foulkes-Taylor presented an abundance of strikingly beautiful wildflowers grown at her parents' wildflower farm

in the Shire of Chittering.

The ladies had a blast learning the art of bouquet arranging while sipping wine and enjoying delicious locally made grazing platters and good company.

Dianne Pringle's artfully arranged wildflowers were awarded best bouquet.

A huge thank you to Gemma and Bec for organising such an interesting and enjoyable event.

The next wildflowers and wine workshop will be held from 6pm to 8pm on Friday August 27 in the Toodyay Recreation Centre Community Pavilion; cost \$65.

To book, contact Bec or Claire at play@toodyayrecreationcentre.com.au or register online through the centre's website.



All participants in the recent wildflower arranging event were happy with their creations.



Dianne Pringle and her winning bouquet.



Gemma Wood spoke about Coorinja's wines.



Toodyay Memorial Hall was packed for the back-to-school trivia night on July 23.

Back-to-school quiz night raises approx \$10,000

Toodyay District High School Parents & Citizens Association
Kelly-Anne Murray, President

AFTER months of planning, the Toodyay District High School P&C's Back to School Trivia Night lived up to its promise of fun and frivolity raising approx \$10,000 for school projects.

It was almost a sell-out event with the doors opening at 6.30pm for patrons to find their table, grouped in school factions, and buy their drinks.

Among a sea of red, green and yellow, trivia participants brought their own flair to the night by dressing in back-to-school style, including former school uniforms and faction colours.

As P&C president, I opened the event by recognising the contributions that P&Cs make in public schools across the state.

Holding the trivia night on July 23, Parents and Citizens Associations Day in WA, helped shine a light on the exceptional contribution made by P&Cs each year.

In 2020, P&Cs in WA contributed \$13 million and almost 400,000 volunteer hours in support of public schools. That's an average of 608 hours and \$20,328 for every P&C (Department of Education WA).

This year so far our P&C has contributed more than \$21,000 to support school improvements and there's more to come.

The Back to School Trivia Night MC principal David Ball did a stellar job leading us through eight trivia rounds, table challenges, an auction and raffle, with faction games and a best-dressed prize thrown in for fun.

This night wouldn't have been possible without the support of 48 sponsors who donated cash, goods and services to make the night a success. What an incredible response we had.

Thank you to our major sponsors EAG, Freemasons Hotel, Makit Hardware, Tony Maddox Real Estate, Toodyay Tyres and Toodyay

Auto Centre and our round sponsors B2B Fitness, Country Realty, Countrywide Insurance, IGA, MM Mechanical, MAHA Services, Toodyay Ballet School and Toodyay Pharmacy.

Many thanks to the 34 valued sponsors who donated goods and services to provide prizes for our winning table and runner-up and the many auction and raffle prizes given away on the night.

Special thanks to our MC David Ball for being our back-to-school trivia master. David is an asset to our school community and we appreciate all that he and his committed staff do for our kids.

All funds raised through the back-to-school trivia night will go towards improving play spaces and school grounds in 2022 and beyond.

Finally, I want to say sincere thanks to our P&C committee and supporters that helped with the trivia night. Your commitment, sense of fun and can-do attitude makes working together to support our school a pleasure and achieves something of which we can all be proud.

With the trivia night behind us, we're getting on with planning for play space improvements and supporting the school's activities in Term 3.

This includes sausage sizzles and refreshment stalls for the school's athletics faction carnival on Friday August 27 and the school's Open Night on Thursday September 2 and a Fathers' Day stall for students on Friday September 3.

Like all community groups worth their weight in gold, we're all volunteers and welcome the assistance of others with all that we do.

If you can help in anyway, please contact Kelly-Anne Murray on 0406 585 716 at any time, or email at pandtoodyaydhs@gmail.com, message via the Facebook page (search Toodyay DHS P&C) or write to Toodyay District High School P&C PO Box 1624, Toodyay, WA 6566.

Committee members: president Kelly-Anne Murray 0406 585 716; vice-president Heather McGlasson 0418 930 721; secretary Heather Clarke 0412 866 463 or treasurer Dimity Boggs 0438 097 022.

Busselton cadet camp and Country Week coming

Toodyay YouthCARE Chaplaincy
John White

OUR SCHOOL chaplain, Doug, continues to be involved with the overall well-being of students making himself available to parents and staff as required to ensure appropriate, professional quality support.

In addition to the students who drop in for a chat about matters of concern, trouble-shooting with teachers, meeting parents, driving a bus to an adventure activity, facilitating team-building activities with student groups, instructing a growing group of cadets (almost 100 in number) and creating a navigation-training course around the school for them, Doug manages to stay sane and plan for what's next.

And 'what's next' includes a cadet camp at Scripture Union Campsite in Busselton, assisting with the training of the Country Week Basketball Team, first aid training for the cadet unit with St John's Ambulance, and more DRUMBEAT programs.

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This is an excellent human development activity and the kids love being encouraged to make noise - that's a bonus.

Our thanks to Toodyay Locals Care member Roz Davidson for her delicious repast for the hike celebration and to the Toodyay Op Shop and CWA for their financial support.

Thanks to those on YouthCARE Council and Raelene Forsyth for organising the production of a new brochure, a copy of which Toodyay residents will soon receive in their mailboxes. Please read it and get back to us.

Thanks also to Charlie Ferguson for donating the wood for our recent raffle which raised \$695 and to Vivienne and Max for providing second and third prizes.

And thank you people of Toodyay for continuing to generously support our raffles and other activities that go such a long way towards keeping our kids well looked after and making this an enviable place to live.



ICRC

In tribute to Mr Denko Deneff

(18th December 1930 – 16th February 2020)

Every life lost brings sadness and memories. Our thoughts are with Mr Deneff's next of kin and friends.

The International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) gratefully acknowledges the generous support of the late Mr Denko Vasilev Deneff to protect and assist people affected by armed conflict and other situations of violence.

By making a gift to the ICRC in his Will, Mr Deneff will help our doctors, nurses and other staff working in war torn countries to serve people in great need.

Mr Deneff will make a lasting difference in the lives of families experiencing war and help give them their lives back. We hope that all who knew and loved Mr Deneff will find comfort in knowing that his last wishes were to help those who need it most.

Thank you Denko.

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Solid gains as council ponders report card

President's Pen

Rosemary Madácsi



REFORM at the Shire of Toodyay took a leap forward 12 months ago with the arrival of Shire CEO Suzie Haslehurst.

A review of operations was initiated and – despite a heavy workload, difficulties in changing over to the shire's new digital data management system and reduced staff – some solid gains have been achieved.

Last month, Council received the interim report of a state-funded Governance Review which was recommended by a year-long inquiry that produced 23 adverse findings covering the previous seven years.

The review examined the organisation's culture and governance and included interviews with staff and councillors.

We were pleased to note that the review's report was as we expected and that overall, Council is satisfied with the outcome.

Progress in governance and culture were noted, and weaknesses identified for further action.

Broadly speaking, the report identified that Council needs to undertake a comprehensive review of its Corporate Business Plan and policies, and further consider how it manages behaviour and confidential matters.

Culture was seen to have improved but behavioural issues were still recognised as occurring.

The report advised that further attention be given to the Shire Code of Conduct.

Administrative areas identified as requiring more work were staff training, procurement and probity templates, position description reviews and further refinement of advice to Council.

An independent facilitator for CEO performance reviews was noted.

Importantly, it was acknowledged that governance changes are already underway.

Recommendations were consistent with areas we recognise still need more work.

The next task is for Council to workshop how to address the findings in an Action Plan to be submitted to the Local Government Department Director General by an agreed September 28 deadline.

Budget planning was delayed last month while installation of the shire's new Datascape digital management system was completed.

Councillors and staff will be busy this month with workshops to finalise the budget and submit to the minister before the August 31 State deadline.

Local Government elections will be held on Saturday October 16.

Nominations for four vacancies on the nine-member council open on Thursday September 2 and close at 4pm on Thursday September 9.

The WA Electoral Commission intends to hold a candidate information session in Toodyay this month at a time and place to be announced.

Candidate information is available online at elections.wa.gov.au.

A Meet the Candidate evening will be held after nominations close at the Toodyay Community Resource Centre at a date to be announced on the shire website.

If you are considering standing, key questions to ask yourself are:

Have you got the time?

An Ordinary Council Meeting, Agenda Briefing, Concept Forum and usually at least one workshop are held monthly, and there can be more.

Elected members are also expected to nominate to sit on at least one Council committee after the October 16 poll.

Are you prepared to put your interests and differences aside for the greater good of the community?

Are you prepared to read agendas, check details and undertake training in areas where you may lack knowledge?

Are you prepared to respect each other, stand up when needed and take responsibility?

If so, take the leap.

Serving as a councillor may not be what you expect and there will be challenges.

But there can also be great satisfaction in helping to get an important job done, along with some humour to lighten the load.

Most of all, you will have all the assistance you may need and a proactive and enthusiastic environment in which to serve your community.

Lack of interest causes shire watchdog to fold

Toodyay Progress Association
Brian Foley

IT IS with regret that a decision has been made to formally close the Toodyay Progress Association as we have not had sufficient interest from Toodyay ratepayers to allow the association to legally run as an incorporated association.

From now, any contact by myself or former members with the Toodyay Shire Council will be on a purely personal basis.

I wish to say thanks to all the past members and office bearers for their efforts in highlighting the good and not-so-good areas of council and its administration over the past years.

The closure of the association does not mean that I and others will not monitor the comings and goings of council and we will always attempt to keep them on track for the good of the town.



Get ready for Avon Descent demolition derby

Weeks of heavy rain are expected to turn 'The Chute' downstream from Cobbler Pool into a wrecking yard for entrants in this year's Avon Descent through Toodyay on August 14-15.

Councillors felt 'isolated'

Continued from Page 1.

THE SHIRE Corporate Business Plan needed higher priority as the council's principal guide to strategic financial management.

The review recommended twice-yearly workshops for councillors and senior staff to "analyse, discuss and deliberate on allocation of shire finances and resources".

The business plan needed to include a five-year forecast for income and expenditure that excluded non-cash items such as depreciation and asset revaluation.

"The inclusion of non-cash items – while necessary by law – can make understanding year-in year-out financial scenarios somewhat daunting for councillors and members of the community," the review said.

Most councillors were unhappy to be "essentially isolated" from developing the shire's Strategic Community Plan, which has yet to be finalised.

Some councillors said a draft plan failed to mention a need to manage community expectations and acknowledge careful and considered financial management of costs.

The 49-page review is published on the shire website and is due to be workshopped

by councillors this month to enable them to vote on a response to the Director General of the WA Local Government Department.

Shire President Rosemary Madacsi said she was generally happy with the review.

"We are aware of areas that need change but have been limited by time and resources to act quickly," she said.

Ms Madacsi said the shire had already spent the past 12 months taking steps to address areas that needed improvement.

Some of these were legacy issues from previous years.

"The council will also take a tougher line on conduct," Ms Madacsi said.

Shire CEO Suzie Haslehurst said the review was a roadmap to where the shire should be focussing its efforts.

One improvement already being acted on was the introduction of council workshops at least once a month to discuss policy development and big or contentious issues.

Agenda reports to council meetings would be "clearer and less dense".

An 'action plan' in response to the review is due to be decided at the council's next ordinary meeting on Tuesday August 24.

Bogus sites mimic genuine ones but carry tell-tale signs

Computer Safety
Phil Hart

THE DEPARTMENT of Justice held a public event in May titled "Scam busting – identifying scams and supporting the scammed".

It included presentations from the Office of the Commissioner for Victims of Crime (bit.ly/3xJuESW), the WA Police Cybercrime Unit, and the Department of Consumer Protection (bit.ly/2VL5Trm).

The event provided a useful collection of tips and tricks for staying safe online.

Reputable organisations such as your bank, the police and the Australian Taxation Office will never contact you directly asking for your personal or bank details.

If you are using the internet and you are asked for any personal or financial information such as online shopping or internet banking, check that the address bar has <https://> at the start, and that there is a closed padlock by the address or an unbroken key icon in your browser window.

Bogus web sites can look identical to their

genuine counterparts but they can be checked by looking closely at the address bar and the targets of many of the hyperlinks.

For example ford.com.au is genuine but f0rd.com.au is not as the o letter has been substituted with the number 0.

People are still using weak passwords such as 00000, 12345, date of birth and grandchildren's names.

One of the event's tips was to create a rhyme which is easy to remember and to use that instead.

Storing passwords in the cloud can be a mistake; if you go into the cloud scammers can often follow you in.

One officer from the cybercrime unit gave an example of how he had a general conversation with a complete stranger and within minutes had learned enough to be able to impersonate them; name, date of birth, and grandchildren's names.

Not everybody reports cybercrime, usually because they are too embarrassed.

Scammers are always trying new tricks, so it pays to be constantly on the alert for them. Happy surfing.

APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

PROPOSED EXTRACTIVE INDUSTRY – GRAVEL LOT 123 CLACKLINE ROAD, HODDY'S WELL

The Shire of Toodyay has received an application from Ringa Civil for an extractive industry at Lot 123 Clackline Road, Hoddy's Well.

The applicant is seeking approval to continue the extraction of sand from an existing pit and proposed expansion area. The existing extraction area covers 3.87ha with the proposed expansion area taking the total to 5.82ha. It is expected that an average of 2,000 to 10,000 tonnes of material will be excavated per year. The anticipated duration of the extraction program is approximately 10 years.

Your views on the proposed extension and expansion of this extractive industry are encouraged and welcomed. The proposal is available for inspection at the Shire of Toodyay Administration Centre, Old Court House, 15 Fiennes Street, Toodyay, during office hours.

It can also be viewed online on the Shire's website: www.toodyay.wa.gov.au.

Submissions on the proposed development may be addressed in writing and lodged with the Chief Executive Officer, Shire of Toodyay, PO Box 96 Toodyay 6566, by 4.00pm on **Wednesday 18 August 2021**.

Further information on the above proposal is available by contacting the Shire's Development Services on 9574 9340.

Suzie Haslehurst
Chief Executive Officer.



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Remnant mud brick walls tell an enduring story

Toodyay Historical Society
Robyn Taylor

WE MAY take them for granted, and farmers may curse them, but one of the advantages of this region for early settlers had been the abundance of rocks that appear as outcrops or loose boulders scattered across the landscape.

Rich in colour with hues ranging from deep red ochres to softer shades, these provided a useful and attractive building material.

Examples of stone buildings can be found throughout Toodyay, particularly on early farming properties such as Spring Gully, the home of members of the Hutchings family since the 1850s.

The property was developed by Benjamin Hutchings who arrived as a convict in 1852.

On his release Hutchings worked as a builder's labourer, bricklayer and mason.

It's possible Hutchings' first dwelling was similar to many others that were made of wattle and daub, an early method of construction that was quick and relatively easy to erect.

Fine branches of wattles were interwoven between upright stakes with the spaces filled with mud mortar. The walls were then plastered to create a smooth surface providing additional insulation.

Roofs were thatched with bull rushes or green 'blackboy' (*Xanthorrhoea preissii*) tops.

Some of these wattle and daub huts were subsequently used as servant quarters.

Buildings were also made with mud bricks, sometimes referred to as bats or adobe, where clay from the river bank was mixed with straw and sun dried.

These were surprisingly long-lasting as long as the building was well above flood level and the walls protected by overhanging eaves or verandahs.

When the 1870s brick building at 98



Wall of the Spring Gully homestead built by Benjamin Hutchings showing the stone foundation wall topped by weathered mud bricks. Photo: Lee Francis.

Stirling Terrace, currently housing the vets, was restored it was discovered that the foundations at the back were made of large mud bricks undoubtedly made on-site using clay mud from the river bank below.

A number of buildings are made from fired bricks laid in attractive courses such as English or Flemish Bond, and English Garden Wall using alternating headers and stretchers; the header being the end of the brick, the stretcher the length.

Bricks of a lighter and darker shade are also used to reveal the pattern more clearly.

Inside, the interior walls can be made of mud brick, possibly reducing the cost of construction.

Roofing evolved from thatched to wooden shingles and later corrugated iron when this was introduced in 1890.

If you look under the eaves of some early buildings along Stirling Terrace you can see the shingled roof still there under the corrugated iron.

Outside of town, often the only structures that can be seen in the landscape to indicate a house once stood there are the remnant rock and mud brick walls and chimneys.

Barn Elms off Picnic Hill Road has some wonderful examples.

There are many such structures on rural properties telling a story of increasing prosperity or sad abandonment.

Whatever, the use of local materials helps to tell us something of the character and history of a place.

Our AGM will take place on Sunday August 15 in St Stephen's Anglican Church Hall at 2pm. Guest speaker is member Dr

Marg Pember (nee Ayling) who will be giving an illustrated talk on growing up in Toodyay in the 1950s and 1960s.

The end of month excursion on Sunday August 22 will be our annual spring clean of Syred's Cottage in Bejoording. Start time 9am. Bring morning tea and a picnic lunch.

Contacts: secretary.2j.ths@gmail.com, Robyn Taylor, rdtaylor@iinet.net.au, phone 9574 2578 or Beth Frayne phone 9574 5971, toobide4@iinet.net.au. The postal address is PO Box 32 Toodyay WA 6566.

Website: toodyayhistoricalsociety.org.au. Membership is \$15 per annum.

Kids flock to Peg People Kits



Pelham Brook old reservoir behind the museum was recently overflowing.

Volunteers of Toodyay Museums
Barry Keens

SURPRISINGLY the rains have not deterred visitors to the museums and we were particularly busy during the school holidays.

Michelle had made up Peg People Kits for

the kids which proved very popular with the parents as well.

It was also pleasing to see more Toodyay residents visiting.

The storage boxes we provided last month have now all been filled and the old tatty cardboard boxes recycled. The storeroom looks much better and we are able to see and find things easier.

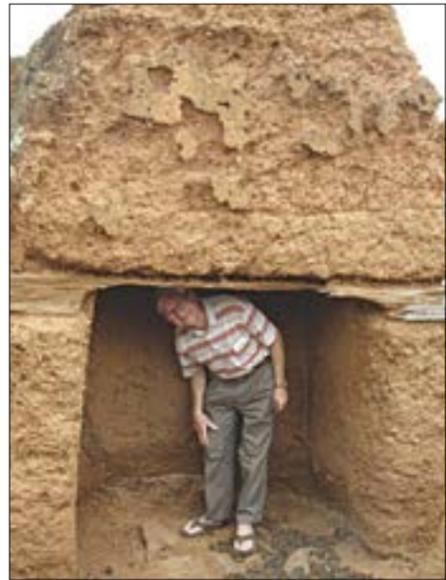
We have also been able to continue with our normal duties and even found time to start on a project at the 1907 Lock Up which has been waiting for some time.

With the heavy rains, some of our young visitors (pictured) came well prepared with their wellies and enjoyed playing behind the museum in the Pelham Brook when the old reservoir overflowed.

The museums are open daily from 10am to 3pm and admission is free to Toodyay Shire residents.



Young museum visitors came equipped for the rain and paddled in Pelham Brook.



Remains of one of the substantial mud brick buildings at Barn Elms. Milton Baxter provides an idea of the scale of the large hearth. Photo: Robyn Taylor.



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2021 is shaping up as Toodyay's wettest year in living memory, for most

Toodyay Agricultural Alliance
Frank Panizza

WET, WET, WET – every recent conversation between farmers both big and small has begun with how wet the ground is.

Paddocks are completely sodden with water from rain over the past few months.

Just how wet is it? Official Bureau of Meteorology records for Toodyay, which began in 1877, reveal that 2021, to this point in the year, is to be one of the wettest years on record.

Many older farmers remember the very wet years of 1963 and 1964 which received respectively 480mm and 490mm of rain up to the end of July. This year has exceeded those totals by more than 20mm.

1946 was the next highest, gauging 529mm to the end of July and the highest was 1934 with a massive 678mm.

1934 received record-breaking rainfall in March totalling 273mm which fell over a few consecutive days

It's reasonable to say that this year has been the wettest in living memory.

The wet weather has resulted in extensive damage to the Toodyay Road network, especially on poorly maintained gravel roads.

Extensive damage and road closures have been an issue in the Nunile area where blocked culverts forced flood waters over the road surface causing extensive damage.

At least one motor vehicle slipped off the greasy road surface on Nunile Road and impacted vegetation on the road reserve. Nobody was injured.

Pasture paddocks are faring well, although cape weed is causing the usual scouring in sheep.

Early sown crops, particularly canola are

growing well, although later-sown cereals are suffering from water-logging especially in low-lying parts of the landscape.

Leaching of nutrients, particularly nitrogen, has contributed to the yellowing of cereal crops such as wheat and barley.

Oats, which has a reputation for some tolerance to water-logging, is handling the wet conditions much better.

Dams and water tanks are all full and have been for some time.

The wet conditions no doubt will have a positive impact on the natural environment.

Ground water reserves and natural water courses and springs have had a much-needed boost after many years of below-average winter rainfall.

Winter rainfall is more efficient in boosting groundwater reserves as little is lost due to evaporation compared with summer thunderstorms.



Seasonal lemons are always popular.

Market moves for Avon Descent

Toodyay Farmers Market
Sue Wakka

THE WINTER weather did not stop last month's market and it turned out to be a good day, even though it rained a little.

There were lots of stalls, so we hope you managed to pop on down and catch up with your favourites and see a few new ones.

The next market on Sunday August 15 will have a venue change due to the Avon Descent being held on the same weekend, so we will be in Charcoal Lane car park behind the IGA.

There will be all the same stalls, with all the goodies you want.

The market is a great place to get your vegies and fruit and heaps of gift lines so don't miss out. See you there.



Sodden paddocks are a common sight this winter. Photo: Frank Panizza.

New \$1000 Show trophy to motivate farmers

Toodyay Agricultural Society
Alison Wroth

THE YEAR just seems to be flying, and very similar to the constant rainfall we have been experiencing, the jobs to do as the 167th Toodyay Agricultural Show gets closer are never ending.

As you read this, the *Toodyay Show Schedule* and program of events will nearly be at the printers and will be out soon for members and for viewing on our new website toodyayagshow.com.au/.

Early viewing of the schedule will perhaps motivate those who are keen to see the classes, especially the new ones in the Children's Section to practise before making your 'winning' exhibit.

If you are a farmer and have some interest in taking off a new trophy valued at \$1000, have a look at this year's Farmers Classes.

The new trophy on offer for Best Exhibit in this group might motivate a few producers to fill the pens in a bit of 'friendly competition'.

The Sheep Section will also be offering the new Bob Somers Memorial Trophy, kindly sponsored by the Somers family, in memory of a past president and long-time committee member.

The Transwa AvonLink Show Special is coming up for the day with excellent times of arrival and departure to suit all travellers and give Show visitors a carefree day out.

Passengers will have time to see both fashion parades put on by local clothing outlets and the Toodyay Op Shop, one

of our Major Sponsors. It will definitely be something to see for all the divas and fashionistas.

The Shire of Toodyay has to be thanked for coming on board for another five years to support the Toodyay Agricultural Society and our historic Show on the most scenic showgrounds in the state. It is an agreement which benefits both parties all round.

The shire administration and especially the workers on the ground put in a huge amount of work to assist our committee in getting the Show and showgrounds ready for the event.

This year with the Covid-19 regulations, we had to present plans to the local government department. Thankfully we had talented committee member Karen Dore on board to write the plans and assist the committee members with other paperwork.

We hope the Show will not have many issues to face. But if any Covid-19 cases arise we will face the inevitable decision of cancelling the event again. Hopefully though, all we will have to worry about is the weather.

Please start thinking about the Show in the next few months.

You will see us promoting the Show later this month at the Toodyay Farmers Market.

Come and keep warm under our heaters and have a chat while you purchase a raffle ticket, and maybe even a Show bag to support the return of your local show.

See you at the Show.

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Noongar dancers performed at last year's opening of the Aboriginal interpretive art installation at Redbank Pool.

Blazing the Noongar Trail

Noongar Kaartdijin Aboriginal Corporation

THE PLANNING for a Noongar Trail around Toodyay is well underway.

This will be a walk trail, self-drive or guided tour where you can visit a number of important Noongar places around Toodyay.

We already have the interpretive art installation (Gnulla Moort – Our Family) at Redbank Pool in the bird hide along the Bilya Walk Track, the recent installation of the Noongar Burial Ground sign and we are making progress on the Pelham Lookout information board (Gnulla Boodja – Our Country) highlighting a Noongar perspective of what you are viewing.

Other projects are in early planning stages and we hope that by next year visitors will be able to take a drive or a walk and learn about the rich Noongar culture and heritage and the Ballardong, Yued and Whadjuk peoples connection to this area.

With the recent launch of the Shire of Toodyay's reconciliation action plan there are two other exciting collaborative projects in the early development stage which will be added to the Noongar trail.

One is the Gnulla Karnany-Waangkiny (Our Truth Telling) where displays at Newcastle Gaol Museum will show Noongar heritage, culture and history and importantly reclaim Noongar voices highlighting displacement and everyday life since white settlement.

The second project in development is a walk trail from the burial grounds area out to a traditional camping ground along West Toodyay Road.

The NKAC Chairperson Robert Miles said: "The corporation really appreciates and thanks the shire for their ongoing support in promoting and celebrating Aboriginal heritage in this area."

For further information check out the NKAC Facebook page and contact us on Facebook Messenger.

Corroboree only one of many words for dance

Sharmaine Miles

KAYA – hello.

The word corroboree (korobi) has come to be the generally accepted term among non-Aboriginal people for all Aboriginal dances, of whatever kind, practised by Aboriginal people.

However, in the south-west of Western Australia there are several Noongar

words for dance including kening, kan, genenning, kaaning, kobori and ganna.

Besides these variations of the term for dance, there are many kinds of dances named either from the direction or local area from which they have been carried around Noongar boodja (country).

It is kakkara in the eastern parts, beebul in the southern and yabbaroo in the

northern parts of the state.

Sometimes local names will be given, such as Nyeerimba kening (Canning dance), Meedar Kojlmun (near Albany) and Doordaroo kening (north and north east).

Here in the wider Toodyay area we are in the north and north east and as such kobori (dance) is known as Doordaroo kening.

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Doris Martin celebrates with her daughters Cheryl Richardson (left) and Carol Harris.

Students push through pain to do Eagle Rock

Bolgart News
Pam McGill

BOLGART students Caleb Wallis, Nicholas Moore and Tobias Moore have provided the following report on a sporting event they attended.

The annual Cross Country Carnival was recently held in Calingiri and most students travelled to the event with their parents with a couple of students travelling with teachers.

Students from Bolgart, Calingiri, Cadoux, Goomalling, Sacred Heart Goomalling and Yerecoin arrived to participate.

This year the starting area was decorated with balloons which bought a smile to everyone's face.

Juniors started the day off with the under-seven girls racing first in which Amy Grace came third.

The boys event followed with everyone trying really hard to finish the 500m event.

Under-nines were next completing 1000m and the under-11s ran 1500m which involved running around the basketball court, the field crop and back.

The final events of the day were open events with students running around the crop onto the golf course and back around the crop completing their 2km.

Everyone put in an amazing effort to get personal best results and showed the other schools that Bolgart kids really do do *The Eagle Rock*.

Students showed their resilience in pushing through the pain to complete their race. No one gave up.

Cross country results

GIRLS U/7 3rd place Amy Grace Crawford, Boys U/11 8th place Mason Clarke, 9th place Joshua Cotter, Open boys 7th place Caleb Wallis, 6th place Nicholas Moore, 5th place Oliver Clarke. Girls Open, 7th place Josephine Edmonds, 8th place Elise Edmonds.

Awards for Aussie of the Month went to Mason Clarke and Amy-Grace Crawford.

Senior Room Merit Certificates were awarded to Josephine Edmonds and Tobias Moore and in the Junior Room to Jacob Wallis and Emilia Clarke.

Attendance Awards went to Elise Edmonds, Eowyn Moore, Tyler Page and Zane Wallis.

Doris' big day out

DESPITE the fact that Bolgart's Doris Martin had stated that she did not want a big fuss made for her 80th birthday, family members did not want it to go without a celebration.

A High Tea was organised by her daughter Carol Harris of Karratha with suggestions from Carol's sister Cheryl Richardson of Northam and sister-in-law Vicki Martin of Bolgart.

A group of eight made up of family members and Doris' lifelong friend Stella Pearce of Toodyay celebrated the milestone birthday on July 7 at the Lavender Bistro at Swan View.

Also celebrating his birthday in a different way was Doris' husband Ray who celebrated his 91st birthday on July 16 at Juniper aged care facility in Northam with lots of visits from family members spread over a week. Balloons and flowers made a festive atmosphere in his room.

Around the greens

LADIES winner of the Captain's Trophy was Jenni Knowles 69 Nett, runner-up Vivienne Camerer 74 Nett.

Ladies winner of the Merle Manuel Trophy was Deb Campbell 70 Nett, runner-up Vivienne Camerer 72 Nett.

Congratulations to Joy Hamilton for coming third in the Nett at the Provincial Tournament held in Wongan Hills over the weekend of July 9-11. Joy has also been runner-up at Northam and Quairading.

The Men's 4BBB was held on July 10 with 25 pairs competing in the competition.

The weather was wonderful and the course well presented. Sponsors for the day were Rural Property Professionals co-agents for Nutrien Harcourts, Kevin, Merle and Darren Manuel.

Winners on the day with 42 points were Geoff Ludemann and Justin Edmonds from Bolgart; runners-up, Beau Mete (Bolgart) and Brett Jeffrey (Marri Park).

The Ludemann Cup on July 11 was played over 27 holes with 42 competing. Trophy Sponsors were the Ludemann family, McIntosh & Son Wongan Hills and Wall to Wall Painting Service.

Bolgart's Phil Syred won the cup with 53 points, runner-up Callen Syred (Bolgart) and Theo Camerer (Bolgart) third.

Everyone who attended enjoyed a top weekend.



Ludemann Cup participants from left: Theo Camerer, Phil and Callen Syred.



From left: Geoff Ludemann, Justin Edwards and Darren Manuel.

4WDs head bush beyond Rabbit Proof Fence

Bejoording Community Group News
From the desk of the Badger

LAST month's highlight was the annual mystery 4WD tour organised by Brendan and Andrea – many thanks.

The caravan of 4WD vehicles, old and new, left Bejoording on a Friday afternoon and headed in a north-easterly direction, spending a night apiece in Southern Brook and Minnivale.

Minnivale was once better known as the 36 Mile Post on the Rabbit Proof Fence and this small community still has remnants of a much busier past with a number of historic ruins as well as a small active community.

Miraculously the rain which threatened to dampen the whole event largely obliged by staying away and a good time was had by all.

There were no disasters and in true show-biz tradition what happened on the tour stayed on the tour.

Needless to say, people are already looking forward to next year's event.

The rest of the month was a pretty standard month, albeit rather damp.

Attendance at the shed on Wednesday evenings was up to usual levels but with all the damp wood the fire-pit took its time to get roaring, so on some nights the group had diminished somewhat by the time things heated up.

No doubt it's the same throughout the shire but mud and track damage were common topics of conversation. Many of us have quite a lot of repair work ahead once the drier weather comes.

Your monthly reminder. We meet every Wednesday evening (except in January) at the Bejoording Community Centre which shares premises with the local volunteer bush fire brigade in Bejoording Road.

Come along from 6pm and leave when it suits you. It's strictly 'come as you are' casual, kids are welcome, and there are fun events every month.

If you aren't yet a member, come along, we'd love to get to know you. If you want to know more you can contact President Barry Grey on 0428 742 149, or call The Badger on 0414 250 484. Hope to see you soon.



Convoy of Bejoording 4WDs on its magical mystery tour to Southern Brook and Minnivale.



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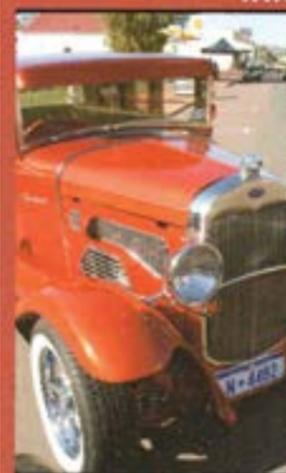
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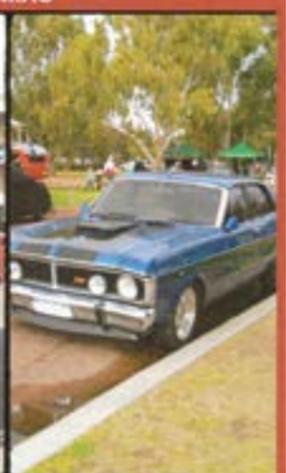
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Poppy wall upgrade unites Toodyay volunteers

RSL Toodyay Sub-Branch
Heather Brennan

OUR SUB-BRANCH appreciated the community's support at last month's Toodyay Farmers Market where it was delightful catching up with friendly locals, our members and potential new members who all came out in such inclement weather.

We hold these stalls as we are actively looking for our service and ex-service personnel and their immediate family, as they are the reason we exist, to help them and offer our services.

Even if you are eligible but still walked away unsure, if you would like to join our RSL sub-branch we still have services available to you.

For more information our welfare officer is contactable on 0458 411 648.

On the day, our collectible stubby holders were very well received and our Containers for Change red bins for depositing eligible containers were well utilised.

For those who did not get to attend the market, our new collectible Alma Beard stubby holders are selling fast.

We would like to acknowledge and thank all those involved in our poppy wall project and upgrade.

Thanks go to Margot Watkins and her team of workers, Toodyay Op Shop, CWA, and Toodyay Community Resource Centre for

helping to bring the wall to fruition.

The poppy wall has been a wonderful idea and a lovely present to our sub-branch, and

recently we began upgrading it.

Our very generous members have been working for months on the upgrade which is now complete.

This has been a wonderful communal project and we sincerely thank everyone involved.

Our sub-branch has once again been invited to help out at the Dowerin Field Days in August.

This is our third year and all our efforts go towards raising money for our new home and it's so delightful to see our members volunteer for the roster on both days.

This month we will also commemorate the 55th Vietnam Veterans Day on Wednesday August 18 at Toodyay Anzac Memorial Park commencing at 1100.

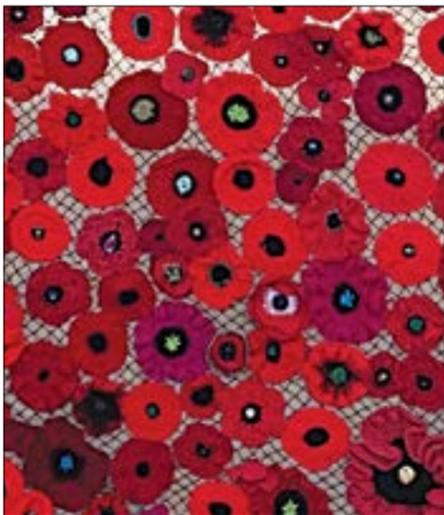
The commemoration is open to our wider Toodyay community and we would love to see you there.

Members please note; our next meeting is our AGM followed by an ordinary general meeting on Saturday September 11.

All committee positions will be vacant, so if you are passionate about helping others, have basic computer skills and don't mind putting in volunteer hours, please don't hesitate to put up your hand. We want you. Until we meet again, stay safe and well.



At the Toodyay Farmers market from left: Peter Brennan, Geoff Brown, Colin Bird, Sue Buckingham and Heather Brennan.



A section of the upgraded poppy wall.

No barrier to September picnic race day

THE TABtouch Toodyay Picnic Race Day is set to return in full force on Sunday September 26, with an action-packed event.

Established in 1865, the Toodyay Race Club is one of WA's oldest racecourses, which now hosts its annual race meeting each year over the Queen Elizabeth long weekend.

Toodyay Race Club Chair John Prater said he was looking forward to being able to welcome patrons back on course.

"Unfortunately, last year's race meeting didn't go ahead due to Covid-19 but we are thrilled to be back again in 2021 and believe it will be one of our biggest race days yet," John said.

"The day will offer a wide variety of entertainment with free activities for the kids,

fashions on the field, live music, the dash for cash and of course quality thoroughbred racing."

The Vernice Fashions on the Field will have fashionistas excited with cash prizes up for grabs, including \$1500 for the Best Dressed Female. Other categories on the day will include Runner-up Best Dressed Female (\$500), Best Accessory Female (\$300), Best Dressed Male (\$500) and Best Dressed Junior (\$100).

Renowned as one of the state's true rock and roll live bands, Tod Johnston & Peace Love will be back to perform after the last race.

The Myles Wilson Dash for Cash will once again see WA's fastest footy players battle it

out in a 100m sprint race for a \$1000 cash prize. However, this year will see a slight twist, with rugby players also being added to the mix.

The kids will be kept entertained with free rides and activities including bouncy castles, a ninja challenge and face painting.

"The Toodyay races offers something for everyone and we look forward to what we are sure will be another day of country racing at its finest," Mr Prater said.

General admission tickets are \$25 for adults and, children under 18 years of age are admitted free.

Tickets for the race day are now on sale via Moshtix. For more information visit toodyayraceclub.com.au/.

The intention of the forum held in June was to consider not only driver behaviour, not just the improvements to Toodyay Road, but the whole Safe System approach to road safety. When addressing road safety using the Safe System, we are identifying what is a road issue, a speed issue, a behaviour issue. Safe vehicles were not addressed at this forum.

The forum included a presentation by Melissa Evans of the Alcohol and Drug Foundation on ways the community could address alcohol use and drink driving with the Good Sports program.

An analysis of the types of crashes common in Toodyay was presented, with the "single vehicle, run-off road crash" type accounting for 71 crashes on all Toodyay roads between 2016-2020, representing 53% of all Toodyay crashes in the 5 year period. With six fatalities and 20 hospitalisations, clearly the run-off road crash has the most significant impact on community road safety. Over forty (40) community members attended the forum, and some people contributed by email when they could not attend in person.

All the comments had their merits and the committee undertakes to build these concerns into present and future road safety community education campaigns. The September issue of the Herald will cover Safe People: driver behaviour in more detail.

Toodyay RoadWise Committee invites feedback from attendees and the community at large; there has been some comment that there was not enough time to discuss "bad driver behaviour," poor sound and vision, handouts were less than satisfactory, and the setup of the room. The committee takes this feedback on board and for future such forums we will endeavour to rectify this, also we will provide feedback forms at the time.

Safer Toodyay/Toodyay RoadWise committee received funding through a community road safety grant via Road Safety Commission.

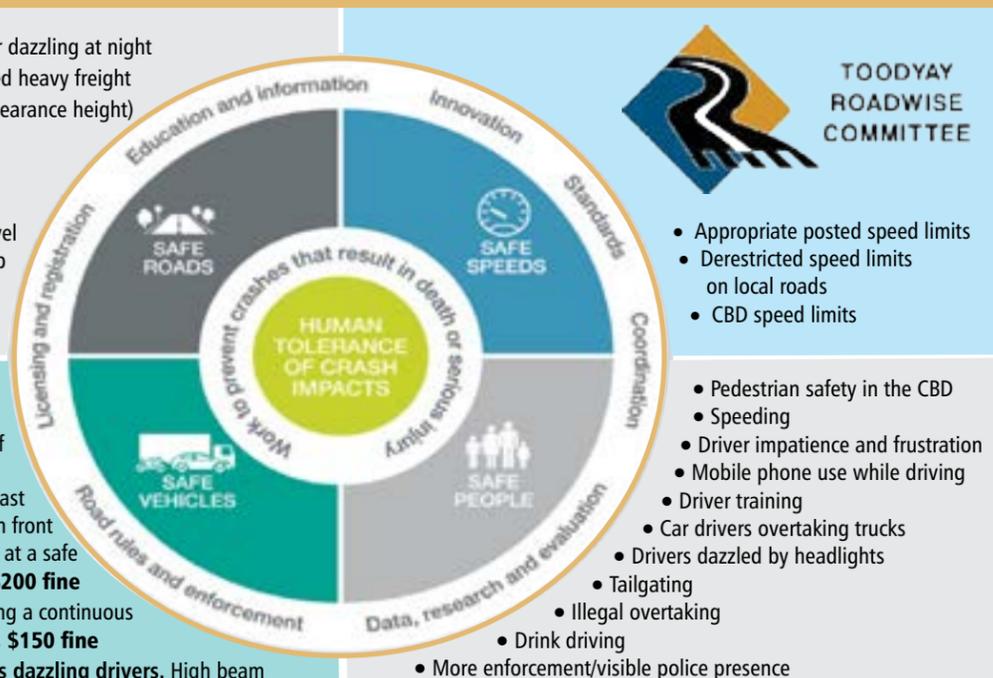


To contact Toodyay RoadWise Committee, ring Chairperson Bob Neville 0419 853 160 or Cliff Simpson 0409 686 138, or find us on Facebook.

A Safe System for Toodyay: Report from the forum for road safety in Toodyay

- Some signs are "too reflective" or dazzling at night
- Toodyay Road itself with increased heavy freight
- Roadside vegetation (including clearance height)
- Intersections
- No passing lanes
- No "slip-lanes" or turning lanes
- Maintenance of roads, loose gravel on roads, drainage, shoulder drop off, not enough or no white lines, and "cat's eyes"

- Tailgating a safe following distance depends on your speed, driving conditions and the type of vehicle you are driving. In good conditions, you should drive at least two seconds behind the vehicle in front of you. Failing to follow a vehicle at a safe distance = **2 demerit points, \$200 fine**
 - Illegal overtaking, that is crossing a continuous centre line = **3 demerit points, \$150 fine**
 - High beam headlights/lightbars dazzling drivers. High beam headlights are not permitted if you're driving less than 200m behind a vehicle or if an oncoming vehicle is less than 200m away. Inappropriate use of headlights/fog lights = **1 demerit point, \$100 fine**
- Source: <https://roadrules.rsc.wa.gov.au/>



- Appropriate posted speed limits
- Derestricted speed limits on local roads
- CBD speed limits

- Pedestrian safety in the CBD
- Speeding
- Driver impatience and frustration
- Mobile phone use while driving
- Driver training
- Car drivers overtaking trucks
- Drivers dazzled by headlights
- Tailgating
- Illegal overtaking
- Drink driving
- More enforcement/visible police presence

- Drink driving was raised, although not identified as a major cause of crashes in Toodyay (supported by police report) with no more than one or two serious crashes where alcohol was the contributing factor.
- Some attendees said that more police presence was needed, and undoubtedly enforcement is a great benefit to road safety. (However there just can't be a police car everywhere, and whether more police presence can actually prevent crashes is hard to quantify.)
- Establishing a process for reporting road hazards to the Shire and Main Roads: For Main Roads, ring 138 138 or www.mainroads.wa.gov.au/contact-us/ to report a hazard.
- For local roads contact the Shire of Toodyay Works depot on 9574 9360 or visit the Shire website www.toodyay.wa.gov.au/resident-services/contact-us/request-works-or-report-an-issue.aspx complete the form online and attach a photo. www.facebook.com/100064568723768/videos/694467314688947 which also submits a request straight to the Shire (attach a photo).



Police crews stand beside Bentleys equipped to communicate via Morse code. Photo: Police Historical Society.

Police got a shilling for serving summons

Toodyay Probus Club
Norm Green

TOODYAY Probus members often learn the most obscure things and some are facts you would never otherwise come across.

In 1930, two Bentley cars were supplied to the WA police force which were equipped with the first 'wireless' communication apparatus.

The communication system, however, was Morse code and each vehicle had four occupants; two policemen, a driver and a trained Morse code operator.

One hundred years ago the first West Australian policemen were part-time volunteers who were only paid for specific tasks, such as one shilling for serving a summons.

These are just some of the interesting facts provided by our last guest speaker Dave McDonald, from the Police Historical Society.

The society is housed in the first police station built in Perth near the Lincoln Street Tower in Highgate.

It is now a Police History Museum and celebrates its 34th birthday this year. The museum is open to group visits.

Last month we also had the pleasure of hosting the Swan View Probus Club, with a visit to the Old Gaol and museum, a general wander around town, then lunch at The Vic.

This month's excursion is to the Lionel Samson Museum in Fremantle with lunch afterwards at Quinlans. This is a special tour for us as admission is by appointment only.

Lionel Samson and Son is the second-

oldest continuing family business in Australia and is mainly involved with winemaking, so I expect some wine tasting is involved as well.

For information please contact our president, Joan Bath on 0417 171 606 or email at joanbath@bigpond.com.



Visitors from Bindoon enjoying morning tea with Toodyay Autumn Club members.

Smiling faces beat winter chill

Toodyay Autumn Club
Mike Cox

OUR AGM was held in late June and all committee positions were filled. A vote of thanks was extended to the last year's committee members.

It was a big day on July 14 when we received a much-anticipated visit from the Bindoon Seniors Club.

When I arrived at the hall just after 8.30am the ladies were busy making up sandwiches and three lots of soup while the gents were busy setting up the hall for carpet bowls and tables for refreshments.

Even though it was a very wet day, the bus arrived just before 10am full of smiling faces

from Bindoon and our president welcomed them in for a hot cup of tea and a bite to eat.

It was pleasing to see them all as it had been a long time since we had visitors from other clubs and we are looking forward to visiting them later on.

After morning tea we got stuck into a game of carpet bowls with plenty of laughter and joking among the players.

A lunch of soup, sandwiches and sweets was served after the game, then a lucky dip where everyone got a wrapped gift.

The fun did not stop there as we played more games and ended with afternoon tea before we said our goodbyes.

We are now planning our birthday lunch on a date yet to be fixed,

Max learns new tricks with a chainsaw

Avon Valley Woodturners
Max J Heath

ONCE again the time has come for some notes from the woodturners at 2J Junction.

Actually, things have been fairly quiet at woodturning at present with a few people away etc. I think the wet, cold weather has had a bit of an effect on numbers.

Our newer members are undertaking several different items from bowls to pens with Rob Pearce making up some pieces for his daughter for her craft work.

Peter Vincent who can no longer be classed as a new member has done a great job on his segmented bowl which is an interesting-looking piece. We hope it will be ready for the Toodyay Agricultural Show.

Hopefully we should have a good number of entries for this year's show. Not having the show last year should present a few more entries.

The Toodyay Agricultural Society is looking for a new steward for the Woodworking Section. So if anyone is interested they would be glad to hear from you.

Recently I nominated to do a chainsaw course down at Serpentine and while I have worked with chainsaws just about all my life, I now wish I had done something like this years ago. It's the little things that one picks up.

During the self-introduction to the class I mentioned the first saw I used and the instructor stated that he had heard of the make but it was made before he was born – makes one really feel his age.

During another section on servicing chainsaws the instructor was describing how to look after one's saw and mentioned the auto-oiling section.

No one would believe me when I said that with my first two saws you had to manually push a button to push oil onto the bar. Another case of feeling one's age.

The next major thing on our agenda is the AGM on Wednesday August 11 with a working bee plus a little turning.

Once again, if you would like to have a look at our setup and have a look at what we do, come in on a Sunday or Wednesday morning and have a cuppa and a look-see.

For more information you can also contact me on 0400 206 929.



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Seven-year-old boy finds rare bottle with marble in river

LOCAL prospector Nick Hocking has recovered some of Toodyay's rarest and most highly sought-after bottles.

The Newcastle Codd or marble bottles were produced back in the 1870s in two



Repaired Codd bottle found in the Avon River by seven-year-old boy.



Nick Hocking purchased these two fine examples of the Codd bottle.

different varieties, the Niagra bottle made in England, and another version manufactured in Melbourne.

Both bottles were filled with soft drink in Toodyay when the town was still called Newcastle.

Mr Hocking recovered the bottles locally with one coming from the Avon River where it had been tumbling along for more than 100 years.

"I have been prospecting for many years and had heard of these super-rare and incredibly valuable Newcastle bottles but never really had any true hope of finding one.

"However, I managed to track down the only two available and bought both. I won't tell you how much I paid for them but I can tell you they are worth around \$10,000 each.

"I was down checking along the river banks fairly close to town with my two young children who had brought along a couple of friends.

"I could not believe my eyes when young Mason Ferrie came running over to me with what looked to be a broken Codd or marble bottle.

"Mason handed me the bottle and as I turned it and saw the embossing I nearly fell over – Newcastle with Niagra written on the back.

"The rarest Newcastle bottle ever produced was now sitting in my hand thanks to the efforts of a seven-year-old boy.

"I sent the damaged bottle off to a mate for repair and three weeks later had a real piece of history returned.

"This particular bottle is absolutely amazing and has scratches and dents adding even further to its character."

Codd bottles were designed and created by English engineer Hiram Codd in 1872 who patented the bottle which was filled under gas pressure which pushed a marble against a rubber washer in the neck creating a perfect seal.

Due to this design nearly all these bottles were smashed so that the marble could be retrieved by children.

Mason Ferrie's find and Mr Hocking's ability to identify the rare bottle add another chapter to Toodyay's local history.



Ron Eacott (left) recently completed his trailer ramps with help from Jerry Fleming.

Shedders complete ramps and jockey cut outs

Toodyay Men's Shed Graham Hill

ANOTHER busy month at the men's shed for those involved in various projects.

The boys enjoyed a very successful day at the Toodyay Farmers Market although the rain did its best to put us off.

The jockey figures are now complete and Dianne Whitehall on behalf of the Toodyay Racing Club took delivery on July 24 – project complete.

Food platters for the Freemasons Hotel are almost complete and delivery is expected shortly.

Ron Eacott has recently completed his trailer ramps with help from Jerry Fleming. Another masterful project now complete.

A project currently under consideration by the men is to paint a dead tree near the shed with the blue in honour of the Blue Tree Project started in WA and inspired by Kendall Whyte from Mukinbudin who tragically lost her brother to mental illness.

This has inspired people to paint and register more than 600 trees across Australia, New Zealand, the United Kingdom and America.

The trees would symbolise a place to come for comfort and solace during any time of depression or sadness.

The Toodyay Men's Shed is heavily involved in the RUOK project and you may

have seen the bright red utes in town with Talk to a Mate logo printed on the side. The utes travel around the state's country areas as a part of the Regional Men's Health initiative.

The Men's Shed, however, is not always a place for serious conversation and many a jovial chat with not very serious outcomes has been enjoyed by our members especially, over tea or coffee. So if you are looking to visit, we meet on Monday, Thursday and Saturday mornings from 9am to noon at 5 Harper Road, Toodyay or contact the secretary on 0408 871 406.



Toodyay Race Club's Dianne Whitehall receiving jockey cut outs from Toodyay Men's Shed Chairman Fred Fellowes.

Feelie hearts ease anxiety

Country Women's Association Elizabeth Mansom

AT LAST month's coffee morning we stuffed feelie hearts while enjoying a chat and luscious morning tea provided by Ev and Maria.

Feelie hearts are small, soft heart-shaped items rather reminiscent of stress balls.

They come in small and large sizes to fit an adult or a child's hand and when hidden in a pocket can be sought out quietly and privately when feeling uncomfortable, confused or anxious.

State Office distributes feelie hearts to schools, hospitals and refuges, and the demand is constant.

Kings Park Fashions opened its pop-up shop in our hall on the July 17 and our members provided tea, coffee and scones. Very few of us went home without making a purchase and we look forward to their next visit.

Our delegate at state conference on July 26 and 27, Stephanie, took a large container of discarded spectacles, which will be recycled, and picked up a box of recipe books.

If you would like a CWA recipe book they are

available from us for \$30. Just ask any CWA member you meet in the street.

On Saturday September 11, we will be holding a homemade produce stall at IGA. Maria will be there with her plain, fruit and pumpkin scones, probably still warm from the oven.

Dixie has already made a batch of lemon butter and there will also be a raffle. So come along and help us raise money for hall renovations.

We have been warned our 100-year-old hall will need a new ceiling, if not an entire new roof, in the near future.

It is with great sadness that we mark the passing of Mary Chitty who was a loyal member of CWA, and her scrumptious and beautifully decorated birthday and Christmas cakes are still spoken of.

CWA meets in the hall in Stirling Terrace at 1pm on the fourth Thursday of each month.

There is plenty of parking in Charcoal Lane with disabled access at the side of the hall. To book the hall please contact Bev Casey on 0488 722 874.



From left: CWA members making feelie hearts. Photo: Viv Street.

Secret Women's Business

Presents

What Real Women Need!

Toodyay Memorial Hall

Saturday 11th September 2021

Time: 8.00 - 10.00pm Tickets: \$25

Doors open 7.15pm Bar Open no BYO

Ladies come along with your partner, or a bunch of your friends, for an evening immersed in music and laughter!

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facebook.com/SWBWA (Toodyay Promo ticket link)