

THE TOODYAY HERALD (INC)

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Dates and information about the Newcastle and Toodyay Herald business and sites has been compiled from the Toodyay Historical Society chronologies, newspapers and other sources.

Information about the weekly commercial newspaper (1902-1954) and the monthly community newspaper (1984 onwards) is included.

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Year	Month	Event	Source
1902			
1902	April	<p>Last Monday evening Mr Charles Dawson, of the firm of Courtney and Dawson, proprietors of the 'Greenbushes Advocate', which has been published there for the last three years and which has just closed down, was entertained at the Courthouse Hotel prior to his departure from the district.</p> <p>Mr J O Hunter presided, and made the presentation to Mr Dawson of a handsome silver-mounted pipe. The health of the recipient was drunk and several speeches made, in which the speakers bore testimony to the high character which Mr Dawson held in the estimation of all who knew him.</p> <p>Mr Courtney, who was also present, endorsed the complimentary remarks made concerning his late partner, and said that when they entered into partnership, three years ago, the arrangement was only a verbal one between man and man, but throughout the whole of their business connection there had not been the slightest disagreement between them.</p> <p>Mr Dawson has purchased his late partner's interest in the Advocate printing plant, and proceeds to Newcastle to establish a newspaper at that centre. Mr Courtney is not severing his connection with the district altogether, as he is still a holder of large mining interests on the tinfield.</p>	<p>WA 19 April 1902 Page 7</p>
1902	April 30	<p>Newcastle is shortly to possess the distinction of a local newspaper. Mr C Dawson, of the firm of Courtney and Dawson, late of the Greenbushes Advocate, is the proprietor.</p> <p>Premises have been secured, and the plant erected. The first issue is promised for Saturday, May 10.</p>	<p>WA 1 May 1902 Page 5</p>
1902	May 10	<p>The <i>Newcastle Herald and Toodyay District Chronicle</i> newspaper commenced. The first Editor and proprietor was</p>	<p>NH 10 May 1902</p>

		<p>Charles Dawson, previously on the staff of the <i>Northam Advertiser</i>.</p> <p>Prior to Northam, he was a partner in the firm of Courtney and Dawson, late of the <i>Greenbushes Advocate</i>. John Mackay was the other member of staff, who worked for the paper for the first two years.</p>	<p>WA 1 May 1902 Page 5</p> <p>TH 8 May 1952 Page 1</p> <p>OTN Page 343</p>
1903-1906		Charles Dawson was a printer living in Newcastle, probably with Florence Jane Dawson (from 1905)	CER
1903-1908		John Mackay was a compositor in Newcastle.	CER
1903	November	Valedictory for Mr John McKay (connected to the Newcastle Herald, staff member) who has been in town for 18 months.	NH 28 Nov 1903 Page 6
1905	December	<p>First site: Photo of Newcastle Herald Printing Office. This building looks like the old antiques shop. Shoemaker House complex (south shop), 104 Stirling Terrace (MI 59). Originally rented/owned by C G Ellery.</p>	NH 23 Dec 1905 Pages 5-6
1907	November	<p>A telephone exchange system was established in Newcastle with 14 subscribers. Numbers allocated were:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1: A Myers (the Mayor), Freemasons Hotel 2: Dr Crawford 3: J A Wroth 4: C M Lukin 5: B Pember 6: T J Donegan, Victoria Hotel 7: Toodyay Club 8: J Somers 9: Father Hallinan 10: E G Hasson 11: Newcastle Herald 12: S G Beach 13: Newcastle Trading Co 14: W A Wroth 	<p>NH 9 Nov 1907 Page 4</p> <p>16 Nov 1907 Page 4</p> <p>23 Nov. 1907 Page 2</p>
1908-1911		Victor George Council [ie Counsel] Riseley was a compositor in Newcastle, living in Arthur Street, Toodyay, probably with Elizabeth Riseley.	CER
1908		James F McCarthy was a labourer in Newcastle.	CER
1908	October	Obit. editor and publisher of Newcastle Herald, J F McCarthy.	NH 10 Oct 1908 Page 2
1910			
1910	May 6	<p>The name of Newcastle was changed to Toodyay, and old Toodyay to West Toodyay.</p> <p>The Municipality of Newcastle became the Municipality of</p>	<p>GG 6 May 1910</p> <p>NH</p>

		Toodyay. The <i>Toodyay Herald</i> editor: 'Some people will forget where they live.'	14 May 1910 Pages 2,7 WA 9 June 1910 Page 4
1910	July	Second site: [Current Police Station block] Newcastle Herald moved to premises recently occupied by Mr E Hasson. C G Ellery advertising offices or shop to let, formerly occupied by the Newcastle Herald. In photo of the laying of the memorial stone (Aug. 1910?) for the Toodyay Hall, the office on the Newcastle Herald can be seen in the background, across the road.	NH 16 July 1910
1910	September	Victor George Counsel Riseley sold his interest in the <i>Newcastle Herald</i> newspaper, but intended to remain as managing editor for a few weeks.	NH 10 Sept 1910 Page 5
1910	October	Newcastle Herald has installed an up-to-date jobbing plant.	NH 8 Oct 1910
1912	Feb. 19	Notice: Victor G C Riseley had sold the Newcastle Herald and Toodyay District Chronicle printing and publishing establishment to W E. Stowe, who resumed control on 19 Feb.	NH 9 Mar 1912 Page 4
		Newspaper Name Change	
1912	March 2	<i>Newcastle Herald and Toodyay District Chronicle</i> to change its name to <i>Toodyay Herald and Bolgart and Wyening Districts' chronicle</i> . And the size of the sheet.	NH, 2 Mar. 1912, Page 4
1912	March 16	<i>Newcastle Herald and Toodyay District Chronicle</i> changed its name to <i>Toodyay Herald and Bolgart and Wyening Districts Chronicle</i> . Editor: W E Stowe; proprietors: Messrs Colebatch and Company.	TH, 16 Mar. 1912, Page 1, 4; <i>Newspaper</i> (on microfilm, Battye library)
1914		William Ernest Stowe was a journalist in Toodyay, living in Nottingham Road, Toodyay, probably with Nellie Marie Stowe. Karl Edgar Wroth was a printer/journalist in Toodyay, living in Stirling Terrace.	CER
1914	November 14	The <i>Toodyay Herald</i> simplified its name.	<i>Newspaper</i> (on microfilm, Battye library)
1915	April 10	Ernest S Philpot became the Editor and Manager of the <i>Toodyay Herald</i> . The previous Editor W E Stowe had moved to Westonia to start a new newspaper.	TH, 10 April 1915, Page 2, 5
1915	April 10	G S [ie E S] Philpot became the Editor of the <i>Toodyay Herald</i> .	<i>Newspaper</i> (on microfilm, Battye library)
1915		Australian Newspaper History Group Newsletter, No. 26, Feb. 2004:	AVA, 21 Jan. 2004

		<p>'26.44 AVID AVON VALLEY NEWSPAPER READER Doreen Casey, of Northam, Western Australia, is 84 and reads the <i>West Australian</i> each day and the <i>Avon Valley Advocate</i> each Wednesday.</p> <p>The <i>Advocate</i> is descended from the <i>Northam Advertiser</i>, which Doreen's father, Ernest Philpot, edited for 28 years when Sir Hal Colebatch owned it.</p> <p>Philpot was previously editor of the <i>Toodyay Herald</i> for six years (<i>Avon Valley Advocate</i>, online edition, 21 January 2004).'</p>	
1915	May 1	A series of articles was published in the <i>Toodyay Herald</i> , called 'Old Toodyay', written by Hal Pateshall Colebatch based on information in the minutes of the Toodyay Agricultural Society.	<i>TH</i> , 1 May-5 June, 1915
1916-1917		Ernest Sidney Philpot was a printer living in Toodyay, living in Arthur Street, probably with Annie Elizabeth Philpot. Grandson Robert Philpot says Annie name was 'Annie Eliza'.	<i>CER</i> ; <i>Robert Philpot</i>
1918	December.	<p>Third site: G S [E S] Philpot sold the Toodyay Herald newspaper to K S [E] Wroth, as from 1 January 1919.</p> <p>No issues published between 21 December 1918 and 18 January 1919. The Toodyay Herald office moved to a site opposite Messrs C M Lukin & Co's office.</p>	<i>TH</i> , 1918, Dec. 21, Page 2
1919	January 1	<p>K.E. [Karl Edgar] Wroth became the proprietor and Editor of the <i>Toodyay Herald</i>, buying the newspaper from Messrs Colebatch & Co, Northam. Ernest S Philpot was the previous Editor. The newspaper office moved to a site opposite C M Lukin & Co's office.</p> <p>Not sure which building this was, but may have been 98 Stirling Terrace (Dr O'Reilly's Surgery and House, later the Crucible Art Gallery complex, M1 29), as The Herald is recorded in the M1 as part of this complex at some time.</p>	<i>TH</i> , 21 Dec. 1918, Page 2; 18 Jan. 1919, Page 2; <i>Newspaper (on microfilm, Battye library)</i>
1919	January	The Toodyay Herald changed hands with this issue, from G S Philpot to K E Wroth, and moved to a new site.	<i>TH</i> , 1919, Jan. 18, Page 2
1920			
1920	November 15	<p>Fourth site (same as first site): 'The Toodyay Herald"—As from Monday next, the office of the "Toodyay Herald" will be in the shop joining Mr C G Ellery's private residence.—the place of birth of this Journal."</p>	<i>TH</i> , 13 Nov. 1920, Page 3
1921-1927		Karl Edgar Wroth was a printer/journalist in Toodyay, living in Stirling Terrace.	<i>CER</i>
1921	December 1	Edgar D Turley, editor of country and city newspapers and journals, and a newcomer to Toodyay, became the Proprietor and Editor of the <i>Toodyay Herald</i> .	<i>TH</i> , 3 Dec. 1921, Page 2,3; 24 Dec. 1921, Page 3; <i>Newspaper (on microfilm, Battye library)</i>
1922-1925		Edgar David Turley was a newspaper proprietor in Toodyay. He lived with Isabella Irene Turley in Folewood Road,	<i>CER</i>

		Toodyay.	
1922-1923		William McDougall was a compositor in Toodyay, living in "Tanjoures", Folewood Road, Toodyay, probably with Ethel Marianne McDougall.	CER
1923	September.	The following Toodyay company was registered: The 'Toodyay Herald' Newspaper Co, Ltd, with a capital of £1,000 in 1,000 shares of £1 each; registered office Stirling Terrace, Toodyay.	WA, 17 Sept. 1923, Page 9
1924-1925		Henwood John Teague was a printer in Toodyay, living in Stirling Terrace.	CER
1924	January 11	A valedictory social was held at the Culham Agricultural Hall for popular young school teacher H J (Harry) Frank, head of the Bejoording State School. Harry contributed articles to the <i>Toodyay Herald</i> for some years under the pen-name 'Lucy Lastick'.	TH, 5 Jan. 1924, Page 2
1924	September 8	"Mr A E Deacon, late proprietor of the Central Newsagency, and a very prominent resident of Toodyay, will join the staff of the "Toodyay Herald," on Monday as editor-manager."	TH, 6 Sept. 1924, p,2
1925		Sidney Charles Marriott was a journalist in Toodyay, living in Folewood Road, probably with Mildred Alice Marriott.	CER
1926	July 1	<p>"To Our Clients.—The proprietors of this paper wish to announce to all those whom it may concern, that they will be handing over the business to their successors, United Press Ltd., on Thursday next, 1st July.</p> <p>A temporary office has been engaged at the Central Newsagency where Mr Deacon will be in attendance during the next few days to receive payments of accounts due to, and make settlement of accounts due by the Toodyay Herald Newspaper Co Ltd.</p> <p>It is particularly requested that all matters having connection with the present company will be addressed to Messrs Turley and Deacon, Box 31, Post Office, Toodyay, so as to obviate any confusion with matters intended for the new proprietors, whose representative, Mr Stonehouse, arrives from Cunderdin by Monday's train."</p>	TH, 26 June 1926, Page 2
1926	July 1	Francis Albert Stonehouse became the Editor of the <i>Toodyay Herald</i> for the new owners, United Press Limited of Perth.	TH, 19 June 1926, Page 5; Newspaper (on microfilm, Battye library)
1927-1929		Francis Albert Stonehouse was a journalist in Toodyay, living in Stirling Terrace, Toodyay; then Harper Road, Toodyay	CER
1927	May 20	<p>During the visit of the Duke and Duchess of York to WA, 300 officers and sailors from the accompanying warships visited Toodyay.</p> <p>Travelling by train, the sailors were welcomed by W Harrington, the Chairman of the Welcome Committee.</p> <p>The HMS Renown Band headed a procession to the Town Hall for luncheon. Sports followed on the Showgrounds.</p> <p>Each of the visitors was given a copy of a souvenir booklet</p>	TH, 21 May 1927, Page 5; TTGOD, Page 126

		<p>entitled <i>Souvenir Toodyay: to mark the visit of their Royal Highnesses, the Duke and Duchess of York, and officers and men of the HMS Renown and HMAS Sydney.</i></p> <p>The illustrated booklet was produced by the Toodyay Road Board and printed by the <i>Toodyay Herald</i>. NB The Duke and Duchess did not actually visit Toodyay, in spite of initial plans.</p>	
1927	November 5	<p>The local newspaper expanded its coverage and its name: <i>Toodyay Herald and Victoria Plains vigilant.</i></p>	<p><i>Newspaper (on microfilm, Battye library)</i></p>
1928	November	<p>History of Toodyay Herald from 1902 onwards.</p> <p>"The Past and the Future. How a Newspaper Has Grown.</p> <p>It was on May 3 [sic], 1902, that the late Mr W Dawson published the first issue of "The Toodyay Herald", or as it was then called, "The Newcastle Herald and Toodyav District Chronicle".</p> <p>'Since that date the "Herald" has been issued continuously - often under great difficulties - until today it is universally recognised as one of the leading provincial papers in the State.</p> <p>Under many ownerships, "The Herald" slowly forged ahead, until some seven years ago it was taken over by Mr E D Turley, who successfully floated the Toodyay Herald Newspaper Co.</p> <p>Under Mr. Turley's regime, with the assistance of Mr Clarke, and later of Mr Deacon, the size of "The Herald" was altered - a larger press and additional type installed and the paper placed on a firm footing.</p> <p>Two and a half years ago, the publication was acquired by the United Press Ltd, which controls a chain of papers throughout the State.</p> <p>In that short period remarkable progress has been shown. The size of "The Herald" "has been increased, special ladies, sporting and political sections introduced, a large quantity of additional plant has been installed, and the equipment generally, brought up to the high standard demanded in a modern newspaper and job printing office.</p> <p>The most recent addition was that of a 2 7 hp electric motor from which the press - for so long turned by hand, with the expenditure of much sweat and energy, is now driven; increasing circulation having necessitated the installation.</p> <p>A little over twelve mouths ago, a block of laud adjoining the CWA rest rooms, and close to the present office, was acquired. On this it is the intention of the company to erect handsome and more commodious premises.</p>	<p><i>TH, 30 Nov. 1928, Page 5</i></p>

		<p>The plans are in course of preparation, and an order for the bricks required has been placed with Mr H Hassell, of the Toodyay brickyard. It is anticipated that a commencement on the new building will be made early in February, 1929.</p> <p>Excepting tor a short period when the plant was moved to premises now occupied by Mr Bert Ellery's butcher shop, "The Herald" has been, since its inception, located in the building now occupied.</p> <p>In the course of time, alterations and additions have been made to the structure, but our growth has been such that increased accommodation for the plant has been rendered necessary.</p> <p>We desire to take this opportunity of expressing to Mr C G Ellery, the owner of the present building, our deep appreciation of his consideration in allowing us to continue tenancy at our pleasure, and for the ready manner in which he has met us when any addition or alteration was required.</p> <p>Recently, in recognition of the growing importance of the Calingiri, Bolgart and New Norcia areas, a line was added to the title, which now reads "The Toodyay Herald and Victoria Plains Vigilant". These districts are closely allied to Toodyay by reason of their situation, and it is our aim to produce a paper thoroughly representative of these centres and of Toodyay.</p> <p>That we are in some measure succeeding is testified to by our rapidly growing circulation figures. So great, in fact, has been the support given, that we are enabled to announce a reduction in the price of "The Herald", which, as from January 1, 1929, will be sold at 2d per copy; the annual subscription will then be 8/, posted free to any address in the Commonwealth.</p> <p>With nearly 27 years of unbroken public service behind us, we face the future confident that past achievements will be surpassed and that before another 27 years have been left behind "The Toodyay Herald" and the districts in which it circulates will be given pride of place in Western Australia.</p> <p>By a continuance of the loyal support you have accorded us in the past, we have no fears but that this will become an accomplished fact long before the period mentioned has expired."</p>	
1929	March.	<p>Fifth site: Work commenced on the erection of a new building in Stirling Terrace, Toodyay, to house the <i>Toodyay Herald</i> newspaper, and its sister publication the <i>Ballidu-Wongan Budget</i>.</p> <p>This is the building at 100 Stirling Terrace, what is called the</p>	<p>WA, 4 Feb. 1929, Page 9; TH, 8 Mar. 1929, Page 2; 14 Mar. 1929, Page 22</p>

		<p>Seil Constructions building in the MI (No. 58) and is now the hairdresser and Moondyne Hideaway.</p> <p>Harry Harders is said to have built this complex. Wally says he built it around 1931, but 1929 is correct date. MI says 1890s!</p> <p>I think the Herald was probably in the larger premises (Moondyne Hideaway)</p>	
1929	June	<p>During the week, the plant of the paper removed from the old premises, occupied for nearly 27 years, to the new building, erected two doors south of old premises.</p> <p>[Actually, the Herald had moved at least three times during the previous 27 years.]</p>	<p>TH, 21 June 1929, Page 5</p>
1929	July 1	<p>After being Editor and Manager of the <i>Toodyay Herald</i> since 1926, Francis Albert (Frank) Stonehouse left to assume proprietorship of the <i>Corrigin Sun</i>.</p> <p>Andrew McDonald, formerly of Wagin and Cunderdin, was Frank's replacement.</p>	<p>TH, 5 July 1929, Page 2</p>
1929	July 20	<p>The new premises of the <i>Toodyay Herald</i> were officially opened by Vernon Hamersley, MLC, in the presence of a representative gathering of business men, including the builder Mr Harders. Mr Hassell, the brickmaker, had made the bricks for the building.</p> <p>TH: "Herald" Office official opening, on 20 July, splendid building, office and works, chaired by Mr Hasson (Deputy Chairman of the TRB). Declared open by Hon. Vernon Hamersley.</p> <p>Sampson acquired paper, current owner. McDonald is the Editor. Proprietor is the United Press. Mr Sampson was present. Builder, Mr Harders.</p> <p>"It was pleasing to note that the building was associated with a Toodyay industry – brickmaking – which is carried out by Mr Hassell. He was certain that that the bricks would be nearly as enduring as the reputation of the paper.</p> <p>He also remarked upon the pleasure the firm had had in dealing with its late landlord – Mr Ellery." Mr Riseley unable to attend (Editor of <i>Primary Producer</i>). Mr Harders was present. The newspaper had staff.</p>	<p>TH, 26 July 1929, Page 2; WA, 29 July 1929, Page 12; TTGOD, Page 178</p>
1930			
1930	January 3	<p>Andrew McDonald became the Editor of the <i>Toodyay herald</i>.</p>	<p>Newspaper (on microfilm, Battye library)</p>
1930-1932		<p>Harold Arthur Strong was a printer living in Toodyay, living in Clinton St, Toodyay; then West Toodyay, probably with Hepzibah Strong.</p>	<p>CER</p>
1930	January 10	<p>Harold Strong became the Editor of the <i>Toodyay Herald</i>. The previous Editor, Andrew McDonald, had moved to Perth.</p>	<p>WA, 28 Jan, 1930, p,4; Newspaper</p>

			<i>(on microfilm, Battye library)</i>
1930	June 13	Harold Strong is Editor. To let: new up-to-date office adjacent Herald office	<i>TH, 13 June 1930, Page 1-2</i>
1931		Circa: Harry Harders built the Toodyay Herald office (now 100 Stirling Terrace) [ie actually 1929]	<i>TTGOD, Page 178</i>
1931	January 2	W.M. Ferguson became the Editor of the <i>Toodyay Herald</i> . [NA, 1967: born in Toodyay, joined as apprentice compositor from school, son of T.W. Ferguson]	<i>Newspaper (on microfilm, Battye library)</i>
1931	November 27	The local newspaper expanded its coverage and name: <i>Toodyay Herald, Greenmount Guardian and Victoria Plains Vigilant</i> .	<i>Newspaper (on microfilm, Battye library)</i>
1932	April 8	New premises next to the Toodyay Herald Office to let.	<i>TH, 1932, April 8, Page 6</i>
1933	January 6	New premises next to "The Toodyay Herald" Office to let (lock-up shop)	<i>TH, 1933, Jan. 6, Page 1</i>
1933	June 26	K E Wroth became the Editor again of the <i>Toodyay Herald</i> .	<i>Newspaper (on microfilm, Battye library)</i>
1933	September 29	F R Hayes became the Editor of the <i>Toodyay Herald</i> .	<i>Newspaper (on microfilm, Battye library)</i>
1933	October 9	A C Davis became the Editor of the <i>Toodyay Herald</i> .	<i>Newspaper (on microfilm, Battye library)</i>
1935		Albert Charles Davis was a printer living in Toodyay. Wilfred Murray Ferguson was a printer in Toodyay, living in Harper Road, Toodyay.	<i>CER</i>
1935	March 8	Geoffrey A Ferguson became the Editor and proprietor of the <i>Toodyay Herald</i> . Ferguson had commenced working for the paper some years ago. A.C. Davis, who had been in charge of the newspaper for the previous 5 months, left to take over the management of the <i>Midlands Advocate</i> (Moora).	<i>TH, 8 Mar. 1935, Page 1; Newspaper (on microfilm, Battye Library, has 8 Mar. 1934, re-check)</i>
1936	February 28	"Ourselves. Change of Control. Published first in 1902, "The Herald" has been subjected to various changes of ownership and management and commencing with our next issue this journal will once more change hands, Mr G A Ferguson's lease of the premises having expired. We take this opportunity of thanking all those persons who have helped us during the past twelve months either by printing or advertising orders, subscriptions, or contributions, and sincerely hope that the same measure of support will be accorded our successor."	<i>TH, 28 Feb. 1936, Page 1</i>
1936	February 28	Last issue printed and published by G A Ferguson at the office of the Toodyay Herald.	<i>TH, 28 Feb. 1936, Page 8</i>

1936	March	<p>"Ourselves. Change of Control.</p> <p>Assuming control of a newspaper of 34 years' standing is not an undertaking to be entered into lightly.</p> <p>Apart from the customary cares and worry of editorship one has a wealth of tradition and prestige to uphold. The fact of being a stranger in a strange land does not tend to make one's task any easier.</p> <p>However, the assistance and courtesy extended to me by the retiring editor, combined with the hearty welcome given me by those readers whom I have had the pleasure of meeting, augurs well for the future relationship between readers and editor.</p> <p>I shall endeavour to uphold the high standard of journalism that "The Herald" has always enjoyed, thus making the paper worthy of the prosperous and progressive community in which it circulates.</p> <p>My policy shall be a utilitarian one of the greatest good for the greatest number. "The Herald" shall be absolutely pro-Toodyay. I would like readers to realise that this newspaper is their own organ and that its columns are open to all at all times for the ventilation of reasonable opinions on matters of public interest.</p> <p>In conclusion I would state that I will welcome any helpful criticism or advice offered by readers. By their co-operation readers will be helping me to help them.</p> <p>STUART KING."</p>	<i>TH, 6 Mar. 1936, Page 1</i>
1936	April 16	"Printed and published by Leonard Alfred Bourne for the United Press Ltd. at Stirling Terrace, Toodyay, Western Australia."	<i>TH, 16 April 1936, Page 1</i>
1936	July 6	"BIRTH NOTICE. KING— On July 6 at the Toodyay Hospital, to Mr. and Mrs. Stuart King, a son (Barry McBeth.) Both well."	<i>TH, 10 July 1936, Page 1</i>
1936	August	<p>Amusement Tax Prosecutions. Local Fines.</p> <p>The need to register all entertainments 7 days before their event was stressed in the Toodyay Police Court this week when Stuart King was charged with having failed to register an entertainment on May 13.</p> <p>He pleaded not guilty but was convicted and fined £2 with 11/- costs.</p> <p>Messrs H Wood and E E Ellery, JsP, occupied the bench, while Mr David W David, of the Taxation Departmentt conducted the prosecution. Two other defendants were fined similar amounts for taxation offences. ..."</p>	<i>TH, 14 Aug. 1936, Page 1</i>
1936	August	A long article of reminiscences by a former TH Editor, Geoff Ferguson, was sent in 1981 to one of our local historians, the late Wally Chitty. Wally had Geoff's letter printed verbatim in	<i>TH, April or July 1989, Page 14</i>

		<p>the local paper.</p> <p>He wrote: 'When he [Geoff] surrendered his lease of the HERALD, the paper was leased to a chap from the Eastern States. [Stuart King] Then began one of the most turbulent periods in the paper's history. The new editor, it was later learned, had been in plenty of trouble with the law immediately before coming to Toodyay.</p> <p>He sought the help of a former mate who knew nothing about newspapers or printing and between them they nearly wrecked the HERALD.</p> <p>When they had practically run out of type, credit and cash the editor passed a number of valueless cheques in Northam one Friday afternoon.</p> <p>They caught the transcontinental train to Melbourne the same night and that was the last anyone heard of them. They were never apprehended.</p> <p>Len Bourne, an old-time journalist and printer, who had previously been in charge of the Mullewa Mail was called on to try and sort out the mess.</p> <p>Bourne was succeeded as editor-manager of the HERALD by[ie Geoff Ferguson doesn't remember] and Keith McAuliffe, but the days of the HERALD were numbered.'</p>	
1936	August 21	<p>Last issue printed and published by Stuart King at the office of the Toodyay Herald.</p> <p>No issue published on 28 August.</p>	<i>TH, 21 Aug, 1936, Page 1</i>
1936-1938		<p><i>Email: 2014: Information from Len's granddaughter Robin Robinson (nee Bourne): "I have been finding lots on my paternal grandfather via Trove lately. Len (Leonard Alfred) Bourne was a printer/publisher/writer on various country newspapers.</i></p> <p><i>I've found he was responsible for the Toodyay Herald between 1936 to early 1938. His writings were titled 'Pin Pricks' by 'The Angel'. He also published his poems in the papers."</i></p> <p>In September 2014, Robin sent Beth a photo of her grandfather Len and his family, taken in 1915. "This photo is 1915. Names L-R: Leonard Linden, Alma Lilian (Lilly), Doreen Cecily, Victor Francis (my dad), Norma Lilian, Ada Muriel (Muriel), Leonard Alfred 1876-1944, Cecil Kenneth. (Alfred Milton (Milton or Mick) followed in 1920)."</p>	<i>Email from Robin Robinson to BF, 30/8/14</i>
1936	September 4	<p>"Ourselves. Owing to extraordinary developments in the internal workings of the staff we regret we were unable to publish last week. Matters have now assumed the even tenor of their ways and we fully anticipate an uninterrupted weekly issue of this paper."</p>	<i>TH, 4 Sept. 1936, Page 1</i>

		<p>“PUBLISHED EVERY FRIDAY. This paper appears today under new management and the aforesaid new manager has come amongst you embued with the desire to serve you well, to do his utmost for the advancement of this beautiful and fertile centre.</p> <p>No one can gainsay the fact that when the Creator fashioned this terrestrial globe he was very kind to the Toodyay district for he has bestowed upon it beauty with a lavish hand.</p> <p>The producer of a provincial paper has much to contend with and much to be thankful for.</p> <p>Speaking from the contentious standpoint, he has to suffer a lot of criticism and abuse from those who are entirely ignorant of what they are talking about.</p> <p>They have not the slightest conception of the difficulties which confront the country editor. The more ignorant they are the crueller they are.</p> <p>Referring, on the other hand, to those things which the publisher has to be thankful we would point to that delightful person who pays his sub with a gusto really refreshing. He does it with the knowledge that he is doing his town and district a good turn by keeping a local paper going, for however small the paper may be it adds much dignity to the centre from which it is published and puts it on the Page.</p> <p>Then again one must refer to that real friend the advertiser, for without him the newspaper world would be in a sorry plight.</p> <p>And lastly let us refer to those good friends the country correspondent and the club secretary who supply interesting news.</p> <p>In conclusion let us broadcast the fact that we are here to advance the district and entertain its people. This paper is here to help all public institutions, chiefly the Road Board and the Agricultural Society, for in those two bodies we see a collection of citizens who are doing their utmost for the district's good, and to those good stalwarts we take off our hats with admiration and respect.</p> <p>If you, dear reader, have an item of news of interest to the public sit down for a few moments and pen an outline of the case and send it along. We will do the rest.</p> <p>The new management craves your indulgence and help.”</p>	
1936	September 4	<p>First occurrence of this column: “PRICKS. Short, sharp and Shiny. (By “The angle”). If You Do not Get The Herald each Week let the office Know, that is if you are A subscriber, and we will all love you better if you are. ...”</p>	<p><i>TH, 4 Sept. 1936, Page 1</i></p>

1936	Sept. 11	<p>In a Goomalling paper:</p> <p>“A Former Local Scribe.</p> <p>The editorial chair of a neighbouring contemporary, “The Toodyay Herald” has lately been vacated and Len Bourne is now in charge.</p> <p>Older residents of Goomalling may recall that this printer was associated with K. E Wroth in the production of the “Weekly Gazette” about fourteen years ago when Goomalling's weekly news-sheet was turned out on a hand press at the premises next to Mr E B Lockyer's.</p> <p>Memories may be refreshed by recalling that “Bourney” used to push a popular pen, specialising in vagrant verse, humorous bits, and chronicles of local doings in Biblical language - The Weekly Gazette.”</p>	<i>TH, 11 Sept. 1936, Page 1</i>
1936	Sept. 11	<p>First issue recorded as being printed and published by Leonard Alfred Bourne at the office of the Toodyay Herald.</p>	<i>TH, 11 Sept. 1936, Page 8</i>
1936	Oct. 12	<p>“The President General VISITS TOODYAY.</p> <p>On Monday evening the (Resident General of the Australasian Methodist Conference (Rev A Barclay) visited Toodyay and met a large number of his Church adherents and the general public at the local Methodist Church.</p> <p>The Rev A K Firming occupied the chair and introduced the guest of the evening. ... Mr Len Bourne presided at the organ.”</p> <p>NB [Pin Pricks column on the same page.]</p>	<i>TH, 16 Oct. 1936, Page 8</i>
1937-1939		<p>Leonard Alfred (Len) Bourne was the Editor of the Toodyay Herald.</p>	<i>WA POD, 1937/38 to 1938/39</i>
1937	April 23	<p>“ANOTHER CHANGE.</p> <p>This issue witnesses another change in the management of the "Toodyay Herald."</p> <p>The paper has progressed considerably during the last eight months and the plentiful rains auger well for the coming season.</p> <p>Changes are sometimes necessary and often very beneficial and we trust that the patronage extended to the past management will be continued.</p> <p>The policy of the paper will not be altered. It will still endeavour to be a champion of the interests of Toodyay and it's environs, and furthermore, do it's utmost to advance the welfare of the state as a whole.</p>	<i>TH, 23 April 1937, Page 1</i>

		<p>The previous editor manager has asked us to extend thanks to our readers and the public for their help and sympathy and he expresses the hope that the town and district will, in the near future, enjoy the popularity and prosperity they so richly deserve.”</p> <p>“Printed and published by George Thomas Mellor for the United Press Ltd at Stirling Terrace, Toodyay, Western Australia.”</p>	
1937	July	“A departure from Toodyay on Thursday last was Mr Geo Mellor of the “Herald” office. He went to Mullewa.	<i>TH, 16 July 1937, Page 1</i>
1937	July 23	R W Crosbie became the Editor and proprietor of the <i>Toodyay Herald</i> .	<i>Newspaper (on microfilm, Battye library)</i>
1937	July 23	Printed and published by R W Crosbie at Stirling Terrace, Toodyay.	<i>TH, 23 July 1937, Page 1</i>
1937	Oct. 15	<p>A poem entitled: “Who would be an Editor, first appeared in the Toodyay Herald.</p> <p>It appeared regularly in the TH, several times a year, until 31 Oct. 1941. Mainly in the time of Editor and proprietor Robert W Crosbie.</p> <p>The poem was later reprinted in the TH, Dec. 1990, Page 2, when Jocelyn Ballard was Editor.</p>	<i>TH, 15 Oct. 1937, Page 8; 31 Oct., 1941, Page 4</i>
1938	January	“Seen in Perth during the holidays, Mr. Len Bourne, late of “The Herald” office and now of Turner's illustrated monthly magazine, Perth.”	<i>1938, 7 Jan. 1938, Page 1</i>
1939-1947		Robert William Crosbie was a printer living in Toodyay.	<i>CER</i>
1939	January 20	C A Gorman became the Editor and proprietor of the <i>Toodyay Herald</i> .	<i>Newspaper (on microfilm, Battye library)</i>
1939	April 14	R W Crosbie became the Editor and proprietor again of the <i>Toodyay Herald</i> newspaper, taking over from C A Gorman.	<i>TH, 7 April 1939, Page 1; 14 April 1939, Page 1</i>
1939	May	<p>The first issue of the <i>Toodyay State School magazine</i> was published (also called <i>The Students' gazette</i>), printed by Toodyay Herald Print.</p> <p>Editors of the first issue (Vol. 1, no. 1, 8 p.) were Shirley and Bernie Wroth.</p>	<i>Shire of Toodyay Museum collection (CH374)</i>
1940s			
1941	January 10	K H Thompson became the Editor of the <i>Toodyay Herald</i> , for proprietor R.W. Crosbie. Crosbie, who had been Editor for the past 3 years, left Toodyay to attend a military camp at Melville.	<i>TH, 10 Jan. 1941, p.1; Newspaper (on microfilm, Battye library)</i>
1941	Oct. 26	United Press Limited (Perth) bought the <i>Toodyay Herald</i> again, from R.W. Crosbie, with K.H. Thompson remaining Editor.	<i>Newspaper (on microfilm, Battye Library); TH, 14 April</i>

			1939, Page 1
1942	April 10	<p>Sixth site: The United Press moved the office of the <i>Toodyay Herald</i> to the office of the Goomalling newspaper the <i>Weekly gazette</i>, in Railway Terrace, Goomalling.</p> <p>Local printer and Editor W.M. Ferguson became the Herald's Editor.</p> <p>The previous Herald Editor, K.H. Thompson, had enlisted as had the District representative, J.A. Sorenson, and no local replacement was available.</p> <p>The Herald office in Toodyay remained open in the charge of Miss E. Fleay.</p> <p>Possibly the building was required by the military.</p>	TH, 10 April 1942, Page 1; 17 April 1942, Page 1; Newspaper (on microfilm, Battye library)
1942	July 27	G.A. Ferguson returned as Editor of the <i>Toodyay herald</i> , still in Goomalling	Newspaper (on microfilm, Battye library)
1942	Aug. 10	W.M. Ferguson was back again as Editor of the <i>Toodyay herald</i> , still in Goomalling, but he stayed a bit longer this time (until 1946)	Newspaper (on microfilm, Battye library)
1944		Add Len Bourne's obit from Trove. And from the Worker.	
1946	Feb. 1	Country Newspapers Limited, Perth, bought the <i>Toodyay Herald</i> .	TH, 1 Feb. 1946, Page 1
1946	Mar. 1	Country Newspapers Limited moved the <i>Toodyay Herald</i> business from Goomalling back to Stirling Terrace, Toodyay, with previous Editor K.H. Thompson. But don't know to what building, but probably the same purpose-built one at current 100 Stirling Terrace.	Newspaper (on microfilm, Battye library)
1947		Kenneth Harold Thompson a printer in Toodyay, living in Stirling Tce.	CER
1947-1961		Keith Carey McAuliffe was a compositor in Toodyay.	CER
1948	January	Photo of Country Newspapers Managers Conference: K. Thompson (Toodyay Herald) in the group Page	TH, Jan. 23, 1948, Page 1 of centre pages
1949	January 4	H.C. McKenna became the Editor of the <i>Toodyay Herald</i> .	Newspaper (on microfilm, Battye library)
1949-1950		Herbert Charles McKenna was a printer in Toodyay.	CER
1950s			
1950	Feb.	The writer of "The musings of Bill Jones" column in the <i>Toodyay Herald</i> , Mr R.H. Lambert, was moving to Kalgoorlie (with his wife), after ten years' residence in Toodyay.	TH, 2 Feb. 1950, Page 1
1950	April 27	The Toodyay State School commenced contributing notes to the <i>Toodyay Herald</i> , each fortnight.	TH, 27 April 1950, Page 4
1950	Dec. 28	The column "Town Talk" in the <i>Toodyay Herald</i> ceased with this issue.	TH, 28 Dec. 1950, Page 1
1951	January 4	Keith C. McAuliffe became the last Editor of the first <i>Toodyay</i>	TH, 4 Jan,

		<p><i>herald</i> (1912-1954), taking over from H.C. McKenna.</p> <p>McAuliffe printed and published the newspaper for Country Newspapers Pty Ltd at the newspaper's office in Stirling Terrace, Toodyay.</p>	<p>1951, Page 4; Newspaper (on microfilm, Battye library)</p>
1951	Feb.	<p>Vic Riseley (former Editor of the Newcastle Herald) visited Toodyay.</p>	<p>TH, 15 Feb. 1951, Page 1</p>
1952	May 8	<p>The Toodyay Herald featured a lead article celebrating the Golden Jubilee of the local newspaper, having started 50 years ago on 10 May 1902.</p> <p>The Jubilee article was written by Mr. J. Mackay, who was one of the first two members of staff, along with Editor and proprietor Charles Dawson.</p> <p>Victor Riseley later joined the staff as an apprentice.</p> <p>Mackay worked on the Herald for two years.</p>	<p>TH, 8 May 1952, Page 1</p>
1954	May 27	<p>The last issue of the original <i>Toodyay Herald</i> was published by Country Newspapers Limited, still with K.C McAuliffe as Editor.</p> <p>Closure was due to difficulties in obtaining mechanical assistance.</p>	<p>TH, 27 May 1954, Page 1; Newspaper (on microfilm, Battye Library)</p>
1967	April 23	<p>Country newspaper man Wilfred Murray Ferguson died (60), 23 April, in Northam. Born in Toodyay, son of T.W. Ferguson.</p> <p>On leaving school he joined the Toodyay Herald as apprentice compositor. Became Editor of the Toodyay Herald, 1931, and again in 1940s in Goomalling.</p> <p>Joined <i>Northam advertiser</i> in late 1940s; worked until quite recently. Had minor physical disability from birth.</p>	<p>NA, 27 April 1967, Page 3</p>
		Community Newspaper Toodyay Herald	
1984			
1984	Dec.	<p>Seventh site: The first issue of the <i>Toodyay Herald</i> (community newsletter) was published. Peter Chiffings, Graham Boston, Dianne Downie, Peter Webb, Donna Hunter and Judy Dinnison were the early instigators.</p> <p>Geoff Ludemann, Shire President, welcomed the newspaper and said the Shire would support it.</p> <p>The first issue (700 copies) was photocopied at the Shire of Toodyay office.</p>	<p>TH, Dec. 1984 (Vol, 1, no. 1); TH, Dec. 2004, Page 20; Dec. 2009, Page 23</p>
1985			
1985	May 24	<p>A committee of 7 people was elected to manage the Toodyay Herald community newspaper.</p> <p>Judy Dinnison was the Chairperson of the inaugural Committee.</p>	<p>TH, June 1985; Dec. 2004, Page 20; Dec. 2009, Page 23</p>

		Peter Webb the first Editor. Co-ordinator/Secretary: Dianne Downie. Treasurer: Donna Hunter. Committee: Peter Chiffings, Graham Boston, Graham Smith.	
1985	Aug.	The Committee was given a donation of \$100 from one of its advertisers to buy their own typewriter.	<i>TH, Dec. 2009, Page 23</i>
1986			
1986	June 19	Pam Masters commenced attending Toodyay Shire Council meeting as a news collector, for the <i>Toodyay Herald</i> .	<i>TH, July 1986, Page 12</i>
1986	July	Cr. Peter Chiffings recommended that the lights be left on in the office all night to deter break-ins, of which there had been 19 to date.	<i>TH, Dec. 2009, Page 23</i>
1986	Dec.	800 copies were printed in Northam by Impressions Print, and had to be collated etc. overnight for the mail next morning.	<i>TH, Dec. 2009, Page 23</i>
1987			
1987	June	Staff and volunteers were struggling to find the time to produce each issue. Peter Webb and Carol Caldwell had been doing most of the typing and editing. A public meeting was held to attract more helpers.	<i>TH, Dec. 2009, Page 23</i>
1987	July	A new Committee had been elected with members allocated various jobs. Geoff Appleby (layout), Carol Caldwell (typing and photocopying), Di Downie (contributions and layout), Judy Dinnison (collating and distribution), Ross Midgley (collating and distribution), Dianne Mills (contributions and layout), John Schrueders (advertising) and Frank Venn (accounts).	<i>TH, Dec. 2009, Page 23</i>
1988			
1988	May	Circulation increased to 900.	<i>TH, Dec. 2009, Page 23</i>
1988	Sept.	Circulation increased to 1,000.	<i>TH, Dec. 2009, Page 23</i>
1988-1989		Christine Martin was the co-ordinator/editor, working from her kitchen table. "She had become involved with Herald as a volunteer typist and once a month helped collate the A3 pages on a table tennis table in a room at Avondown." More info on how the paper was produced then from Christine.	<i>TH, Dec. 2009, Page 23</i>
1989			
1989	June	50 th edition of the Toodyay Herald.	<i>TH, Dec. 2009, Page 23</i>
1989	July	Toodyay Herald in the early days - by Geoff Ferguson – long article. TAS printing order - 80 pounds - Frank Atwell.	<i>TH, July 1989, Page 13-14</i>
1989	Oct.	Central West Media Ltd had registered 'Toodyay Herald' as a business name and informed the Toodyay Herald committee that they could not use it. Advice from the Corporate Affairs Dept. was that the "business must not be conducted under the name Avon	<i>TH, Dec. 2004, Page 20; Dec. 2009, Page 23</i>

		Valley Toodyay Herald. (This was what the paper was called back then)."	
1989	Dec.	Circulation increased to 1,100.	<i>TH, Dec. 2009, Page 23</i>
1990			
1990		Jocelyn Ballard became Editor some time this year.	<i>TH, Dec. 2009, Page 24</i>
1990	April	Circulation increased to 1,200.	<i>TH, Dec. 2009, Page 23</i>
1990	June	<p>'The Toodyay Herald Committee has decided to rent the room next to the TAB in Stirling Terrace, so as to give the paper a 'home'.</p> <p>The TAB building was formally [sic] the 'home' of the The Toodyay Herald when it was a commercial newspaper.</p> <p>The room requires repairs, painting and furnishing before it will be operational.</p> <p>The major expense will be to put a ceiling in the room.</p> <p>The front door has been repaired and a 'letter-box' placed in the door.</p> <p>Thank you to Harry Newton for his offer to do the work.</p> <p>Thank you to Robin MacLeod who has offered to repair the roof and to Peter Brunt who has donated a desk."</p> <p>[NB See Aug. 1991 entry below]</p>	<i>TH, June 1990, Page 29</i>
1990	Sept.	Some early history of the 1984 Heralds. Due the cost involved, the Herald decided not to move to the room next to the TAB. The monies donated were put towards funding the court case to keep their masthead.	<i>TH, Sept. 1990, Page 1 (scanned)</i>
1990	Sept.	<p>The Toodyay Herald Committee won a court case that allowed them to use a new masthead.</p> <p>The paper changed its name to the new masthead 'The Toodyay Herald' and printed on tabloid size paper. The name was registered and belonged to the Toodyay community.</p> <p>"Local solicitor Robin McLeod [MacLeod] had worked hard to achieve this.</p> <p>Jocelyn Ballard was shown as editor and she acknowledged the work of Judy Dinnison, Peter Webb and Christine Martin who had helped the Herald to 'grow' and Willocks [local real estate firm] for photocopying services.</p> <p>Thanks were also made to the contributors, the advertisers and the volunteers Peter and Robyn Webb, David Mitchell and Elena Lumsdaine. The paper was now being printed by Narrogin Observer Print and the first 'new look' edition was 38 pages."</p>	<i>TH, Dec. 2004, Page 20; Dec. 2009, Page 23</i>

1990	Dec.	A poem entitled: "Who would be an Editor, first appeared in the Toodyay Herald. It appeared regularly in the TH, several times a year, until 31 Oct. 1941. Mainly in the time of Editor and proprietor Robert W. Crosbie. The poem was later reprinted in the TH, Dec. 1990, Page 2, when Jocelyn Ballard was Editor.	<i>TH, Dec. 1990, Page 2</i>
1991			
1991	June	Prior to incorporation, it was proposed to open a register of members.	<i>TH, Dec. 2009, Page 24</i>
1991	July	Circulation increased to 1,300. A constitution had been drawn up. Public meeting to be held to elect a Committee of Management. For 1991-1992 this was: Athol Donegan (President), Vaughan Gentle (V-P), Chris Martin (Sec), Robyn Carpenter (Treas). Committee members: Hilary McGlew, Peter Brunt, Maureen MacLeod, Peter Chiffings, John Groves.	<i>TH, Dec. 2009, Page 24</i>
1991	Aug.	The <i>Toodyay Herald</i> gained ownership of the original newspaper masthead.	<i>TH, Sept. 1991, Page 1</i>
1991	Aug.	Eighth site: Opening of 'Shoemaker House', 102-104 Stirling Terrace, Toodyay. Businesses located there were MacLeod & Associates, the Toodyay Herald (at No. 104 ie the north shop, this time), and Toodyay Antiques. Membership was 72.	<i>TH, Sept. 1991, Page 7; Dec. 2009, Page 24</i>
1991	Nov. 13	The <i>Toodyay Herald</i> was incorporated.	<i>TH, Dec. 1991, Page 30</i>
1992			
1992	Jan/Feb.?	George Due built 28 feet of benches for the Toodyay Herald office. Toucan Signs of Osborne Park donated the sign writing. Other donations were received. Herald stated printing the date and page numbers at the top of each page.	<i>TH, Jan.-Feb. 1992, Page 2; Dec. 2009, Page 24</i>
1992	Oct.	New Committee: Peter Webb replaced Vaughan Gentle as VP; Maureen Williams, Kate Stanford, Helen Hilary and Sue Millar have replaced Peter Brunt, Peter Chiffings and John Groves.	<i>TH, Dec. 2009, Page 24</i>
1992	Dec.	Spot colour was used on the front page.	<i>TH, Dec. 2009, Page 24</i>
1993			
1993	Aug.	110 members were eligible to vote at the August AGM. New Committee: Kate Stanford (President), Peter Webb (V-P), Maureen Williams (Sec), Christine Martin (Treas). Committee: Helen Hilary, Sue Millar, Bonnie Orr, Trevor Rowles, Veya Due, Bruce Betts.	<i>TH, Dec. 2009, Page 24</i>
1993	Nov.	The Toodyay Herald Inc. gave the Toodyay Society a set of the back copies of the <i>Toodyay herald</i> newspaper, from 1984.	<i>THS CB, Page 36</i>
1993	Dec.	100 th edition printed.	<i>TH, Dec. 2009, Page 24</i>
1994			

1994	Feb.	Jocelyn Ballard resigned after being 4 years as Editor. Circulation was 1,500. Christine Martin took over as Editor through to March.	<i>TH, Mar. 1994, Page 2; Dec. 2009, Page 24;</i>
1994	July	Herald purchased a camera, subsidised by London Court Photographics.	<i>TH, Dec. 2009, Page 24</i>
1994	Aug. 23	Toodyay Herald AGM, 23 Aug Jocelyn Ballard resigned in June (?). 4 years, first as contributor, then as Editor. Chris Martin has assumed Editorship and is the Treasurer.	<i>TH, Aug. 1994, Page 4</i>
1994	Sept.	New Committee: Peter Webb (President), Trevor Rowles (V-P), Maureen Williams (Sec), Judy Stone (Treas). Committee: Ron Goodwin, Veya Due, Kate Stanford, Bonnie Orr, Karl Mueller, Christine Martin.	<i>TH, Dec. 2009, Page 24</i>
1994	Nov. 16	Inaugural Frank Venn Memorial Award for local writers was announced, to mark the 10 th Anniversary of the Toodyay Herald community newspaper. Five categories, covering Years 1-10 and Adults. Closing date for entries 16 Nov.	<i>TH, Oct. 1994, Page 8</i>
1994	Nov. 27	Toodyay Herald celebrated its 10 th anniversary on 27 Nov. in Duidgee Park. Graham Boston, Judy Dinnison and Peter Webb were part of the inaugural group.	<i>TH, Oct. 1994, Page 2; Nov. 1994, Page 1; Dec. 1994, Page 1</i>
1994	Dec.	Inaugural Frank Venn Award established to celebrate the paper's 10 th Anniversary. It was the idea of Chris Martin and attracted 107 entries. Party held in Duidgee Park and there was a full colour Christmas front page.	<i>TH, Dec. 2009, Page 24</i>
1995			
1995		Kathy Robinson started as Assistant Editor.	<i>TH, June 2007, Page 1</i>
1995	Mar.	Back 3 pages were composed on computer, a noticeable difference and made life much easier for the volunteers once they learned how to use the computer.	<i>TH, Dec. 2009, Page 24</i>
1995		By the AGM, membership had dropped to 31. New Committee: Peter Webb (President), Ron Goodwin (V-P), Maureen Williams (Sec), Peter Webb (Treas). Committee: Bonnie Orr, Judy Stone, Trevor Rowles, Simon Roberts, Pat Stevenson, Irene Kilcoyne. A fax was purchased.	<i>TH, Dec. 2009, Page 24</i>
1996			
1996	Feb.	The internet came to Toodyay, thanks to Graham Smith.	<i>TH, Dec. 2009, Page 24</i>
1996-1997		New Committee: Ron Goodwin (President), Peter Webb (V-P), Dawn Fitzgerald (Sec), Peter Webb (Treas). Committee: Veya Due, Bonnie Orr, Judi Stone, Pat Stevenson, Simon Roberts, Michael Cox.	<i>TH, Dec. 2009, Page 24</i>
1997			
1997	June	Herald printed by Swan Web, 2,000 copies.	<i>TH, Dec. 2009, Page 24</i>
1997-1998		New Committee: Bonnie Orr (President), Ron Bunt (V-P), Dawn Fitzgerald (Sec), Sharon Turnbull (Treas). Committee: Judi Stone, Don Stevenson, Simon Roberts, Michael Cox, Les	<i>TH, Dec. 2009, Page 24</i>

		Hyde, Irene Kilcoyne. Peter Webb, after 13 years, had finally retired.	
1997	Oct.	Special wrap for the Toodyay Festival, Oct. 11-12.	<i>TH, Dec. 2009, Page 24</i>
1998			
1998	Mar.	New Editor Joanne Hazel's first issue. First "From the Editor's Desk" column. Position previously called a Coordinator. Chris Martin was the previous Coordinator. Kathy Robinson was the Assistant Coordinator.	<i>TH, Mar. 1998, Page 2</i>
1998	Mar. 10	Christine Martin finished 4 years as Coordinator of the <i>Toodyay herald</i> . Joanne Hazel was her replacement, called Editor.	<i>TH, April 1998, Page 22-23; Dec. 2009, Page 24</i>
1998		Michael Cox became President. Don Stevenson (V-P). Advertisers' Directory moved to the back page.	<i>TH, Dec. 2009, Page 24</i>
1998-1999		New Committee: Dawn Fitzgerald (President), Les Hyde (V-P), Jane Holt (Sec), Fran Roberts (Treas). Committee: Judi Stone, Don Stevenson, Simon Roberts, Michael Cox, Sharon Turnbull.	<i>TH, Dec. 2009, Page 24</i>
1998	Sept.	Sept. 2007 was Joanne Hazel's last issue as Editor. Kathy Robinson will take on the duties as Editor, assisted by husband Peter.	<i>TH, Sept. 1998, Page 2; Dec. 2009, Page 24</i>
1998		Kathy Robinson commenced as Editor of the <i>Toodyay herald</i> , having started as Assistant Editor in 1995.	<i>TH, June 2007, Page 1</i>
1998	Oct.	Kathy Robinson's first issue as Editor. Her column was called "From the Editor's Quill". She has been Assistant Co-ordinator for over two years. Samantha Connor is now the Assistant Co-ordinator. Kathy's family were all "helping".	<i>TH, Oct. 1998, Page 2</i>
1999			
1999-2000		New Committee: Dawn Fitzgerald (President), Allan Renner (V-P), Lui Marcelli (Sec), Ruth Neil (Treas). Committee: Les Hyde, Peter Swift, Don Stevenson, Michael Cox, Simone Swift, Brain Eaton and Jane Holt.	<i>TH, Dec. 2009, Page 25</i>
1999	Oct.	Ninth site: Current Toodyay Herald moved to larger premises: the shop attached to the former Pensioner Guard cottage (James Smith), now the Avon Valley Vets. 92 Stirling Terrace (MI 55)	<i>TH, Nov. 1999, Page 2 (photo); Dec. 2009, Page 25</i>
1999	Dec.	How the Herald was resurrected in 1984. By Peter Chiffings.	<i>TH, Dec. 1999, Page 2</i>
2000			
2000	Mar	Toodyay Herald went online. Allen Renner took over as President on Dawn Fitzgerald's resignation, and Brian Eaton became V-P.	<i>TH, Dec. 2009, Page 25</i>
	November	Simone Swift (who had been Assistant Co-ordinator for some time) and Peter Swift left and John and Sue Horner joined.	<i>TH, Dec. 2009, Page 25</i>
	December	Spot colour was introduced for advertisers. Samantha Connor became Assistant Co-ordinator	<i>TH, Dec. 2009, Page 25</i>
2001			
2001	January-February	Special wrap for the opening of the Community Centre and Visitor Centre [Dec. 21] and Federation Square [January 26].	<i>TH, Dec. 2009, Page 25</i>
		Grant Scobie commenced this year as a volunteer typist.	<i>TH, Dec. 2013, Page 2</i>
	July	Allen Renner became Treasurer. Rae Kolb joined. John and	<i>TH, Dec. 2009,</i>

		Sue Horner resigned. Herald was being printed at Colour Press.	<i>Page 25</i>
	October	First Agricultural Show Supplement was published.	<i>TH, Dec. 2009, Page 25</i>
		AGM: Rob Castle (President), Allan Renner (V-P), Roz Bailey (Sec), Jennifer Scott (Treas.). Committee: Les Hyde, Michael Cox, Rae Kolb, Brian Eaton, Paul Sutton.	<i>TH, Dec. 2009, Page 25</i>
2002			
2002	February	Chair would rotate between committee members each month. Rob Castle and Roz Bailey resigned.	<i>TH, Dec. 2009, Page 25</i>
	March	Barbara Dadd became Secretary	<i>TH, Dec. 2009, Page 25</i>
	December	Rita Harrison was now Secretary. Allan Renner was Treasurer and Les Hyde, Michael Cox, Paul Sutton, Hazel Cantem and John Pyle were on the Committee.	<i>TH, Dec. 2009, Page 25</i>
2003			
2003	January	<i>Toodyay Herald</i> to go electronic, over the coming months. The whole paper will be prepared on computer and emailed to Colourpress. Some of the advertisements will need to be recreated. Need volunteers with Pagemaker experience.	<i>TH, Feb. 2003, Page 1</i>
	August	Herald became a totally electronic newspaper. Every advertisement had to be recreated on computer. Previously the pages had been laid out and photographed. The resulting bromides (film) were used for printing. Kim Bendtsen took over as Treasurer. TH, 2003: First electronically produced edition of <i>The Toodyay Herald</i> . The original process, which involved producing and placing text and advertisements manually on an A3 bromide, has been discontinued as the equipment used to produce it is no longer available. Long-term volunteers Les Hyde and Michael 'Speedy' Cox had to become computer literate in only a few months. The paper is now being produced with a professional electronic publishing programme, and the content, including scanned photographs, are sent via email to the printers in Perth. [Colourpress, East Victoria Park]	<i>TH, Aug, 2003, Page 1; Dec. 2009, Page 25</i>
	November	New Committee; only change was that Alan Renner was no longer a member.	<i>TH, Dec. 2009, Page 25</i>
2004			
2004		AGM. Committee: Paul Sutton (President), Michael Cox (V-P), Rita Harrison (Sec), Hazel Cantem (Treas), and Les Hyde, John Pyle, Jim Bavin, Kim Bendtsen, Peter Robinson.	<i>TH, Dec. 2009, Page 25</i>
	October	Full colour used throughout for the first time.	<i>TH, Dec. 2009, Page 25</i>
	December	20th Anniversary edition.	<i>TH, Dec. 2009, Page 25</i>
2005			
2005	November	Wireless broadband internet became available in Toodyay.	<i>TH, Dec. 2009, Page 25</i>
2006			
2006		Michael Beanland and Allen Stubbs joined the Herald Committee.	<i>TH, Dec. 2009, Page 25</i>
		Margaret Paulsen joined the Herald Committee after the resignation of Kim Angus (formerly Bendtsen)	<i>TH, Dec. 2009, Page 25</i>
2007			

2007	June	Kathy Robinson retired as longest-serving Editor of the <i>Toodyay Herald</i> , having commenced in 1998, producing 95 editions. Samantha Connor took over as editor. Kathy stayed on as a volunteer, as did Peter. Kathy started as Assistant Editor in 1995.	<i>TH, June 2007, pPage 1, 7 (ph); Dec. 2009, pPage 24, 26</i>
	July	New TH Treasurer Alan Stubbs replaced Hazel Cantem from Shoebox Bookkeeping. Grant Scobie became Assistance Editor. Peter Robinson stayed on a volunteer.	<i>TH, July 2007, Page 3; Dec. 2009, Page 26</i>
	Sept-Oct	Both bumper editions of 64 pages.	<i>TH, Dec. 2009, Page 26</i>
	November	First edition totally laid out on screen.	<i>TH, Dec. 2009, Page 26</i>
		AGM. Wendy Lewer and John Mitchinson joined and Peter Robinson left the Committee.	<i>TH, Dec. 2009, Page 26</i>
2008			
2008	March	New four column layout. Advertisers' Index at the back was discontinued, as were most of the logos for the various organisations. Trades and Services pages moved back to set sizes as they were in 1987.	<i>TH, Dec. 2009, Page 26</i>
		Local historian Wally Chitty died; he had made a significant contribution to the Herald over many years.	<i>TH, Dec. 2009, Page 26</i>
		New Committee: Karen Jacomelli (President), Paul Sutton (V-P), Christine Frank (Sec), Wayne Clarke (Treas). Committee members: Les Hyde, Michael Cox, Richard Dymond, Jim Bavin, Carlos Saldorri. At the AGM, retiring Secretary Rita Harrison was made an Honorary Life Member.	<i>TH, Dec. 2009, Page 26</i>
2009			
2009	February	Issues of the Toodyay Herald from this date are available on the Toodyay Herald website (http://www.toodyayherald.com.au/index.php)	<i>Viewed 23 June 2014.</i>
	July	Guido Verschoor (graphic designer and webmaster) and Sue Manning (pre-press) joined the production team. Herald offices received a new look and new furniture.	<i>TH, Dec. 2009, Page 26</i>
	September	Committee changes: Craig Chandler and Richard Dymond had left and Natalie Prowse had joined. Grant Scobie took over as V-P.	<i>TH, Dec. 2009, Page 26</i>
	December	Volunteer Kathy Robinson did a special 25th Anniversary of the community newspaper Toodyay Herald. A special cover featuring Page 1 of the first issue (Dec. 1984), and various articles within. Sam Connor was still Editor. Underbelly wrote a feature article on p.2, thanking Kathy for writing the TH History story on p.23-26. The TH Office landlord at that time was Robbie Devlin. One of the newest staff members, Guido Verschoor, a	<i>TH, Dec. 2009, Page 1, 2, 23-27</i>

		<p>webmaster, is developing a website, with the assistance of TH Assistant Editor and computer programmer Grant Scobie.</p> <p>Kathy wrote a four-page history, with a picture competition. She scanned nearly 300 editions.</p> <p>Someone wrote a description of headlines in TH of 2034, after the next 25 years.</p>	
2010			
2010		Samantha Connor resigned as Editor, and Grant Scobie took over that role.	<i>TH, Dec. 2013, Page 2</i>
2011			
2012			
2013			
2013	December	<p>Grant Scobie finished as Editor, after 3½ years. He started working at Herald as a volunteer typist in 2001. He became Assistant Editor in 2007, then Editor in 2010. Grant to remain as a Herald volunteer.</p> <p>Michael Sinclair-Jones has been appointed Editor.</p>	<i>TH, Dec. 2013, Page 2</i>
2014			
2014	February	<p>Membership as at the date of the Annual General Meeting held in November was over 130.</p> <p>Circulation is 3,400 copies.</p>	<i>TH, June 2014, Page 2</i>
	June	Circulation is 3,600 copies.	
	November	<p>Elected at the AGM in 2014 were</p> <p>Dave Mustchin (President) Peter Robinson (Vice President) Heather Appleby (Secretary) Cheryl Mustchin (Treasurer) Committee: Bill Manning, Peter Ruthven, Beth Ruthven, Geoff Appleby, Shan Diver, Sandra Harms</p>	
2015	July	Circulation is 3,800 copies	
2015	September	<p>Life Membership Certificates presented to Paul Sutton and Michael Cox. Life Memberships were approved at the AGM in 2014.</p> <p>Elected at the AGM in 2015 were</p> <p>Dave Mustchin (President) Peter Robinson (Vice President) Heather Appleby (Secretary) Beth Ruthven (Treasurer) Committee: Sandra Harms Stirling Hamilton Peter Ruthven Cheryl Mustchin Michelle Haycock</p>	

		During the year Rosemary Madasci was co-opted as a Committee Member. Circulation increased to 4,000	
	October	Dave Mustchin resigned as President	
	November	Bill Manning elected as President. Peter Robinson removed as Vice President and Peter Ruthven elected as Vice President. Special General Meeting called but was not constitutional, so meeting went ahead as a general forum.	
2016	July	Circulation increased to 4,250 copies	
	September	Elected at the AGM in 2016 were: Bill Manning (President) Peter Ruthven (Vice President) Heather Appleby (Secretary) Beth Ruthven (Treasurer) Committee: Sandra Harms Stirling Hamilton Ieva Tomsons Andrew McCann Rosemary Madasci Allan Gregory	

Codes used and sources cited:

AVA	Avon Valley Advocate
CER	Commonwealth electoral rolls
NA	<i>Northam Advertiser</i>
NH	<i>Newcastle Herald</i>
OTN	Rica Erickson. <i>Old Toodyay and Newcastle</i> . Toodyay Shire Council, 1974.
TH	<i>Toodyay Herald</i> .
THS CB	Toodyay Historical Society. <i>The Toodyay Society Incorporated & Toodyay Historical Society Incorporated commemorative booklet, 1980-2007</i> .
TTGOD	Wally Chitty. <i>Toodyay - the good old days</i> . 2004.
WA	<i>West Australian</i>
WA POD=	<i>Western Australia Post Office directory</i> . H. Wise & Co. Online, SLWA, (http://www.slwa.wa.gov.au/find/guides/wa_history/post_office_directories)