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The flying friar - Friar Gabriel shows local kids (above and inset) skate moves at the existing skating facility.. Photograph by Wayne Weaver, photographer

Skate Park for Toodyay

Samantha Connor
Editor

TOODYAY kids are thrilled with a Council proposal to include funding for a skate park in the 2009/2010 draft budget.

The proposal was announced at the Toodyay Public Budget Meeting, which was held in June. Shire President Charlie Wroth said that there were no plans in place at this time regarding location or design.

"Council officers will be undertaking extensive community consultation, particularly with young people, in the lead up to the skate park development," he said.

Community members discussed prospective locations and school bus driver Brian Rayner told Council about his recent trip, where he took photographs of skate parks in various locations around the state.



CEO Graham Merrick said that Council would rely heavily on the guidance of young people who currently skate in Toodyay and talked about the popularity of skateboarding amongst youth, citing high attendance figures at a recent skateboarding clinic.

\$150,000 has been allocated to the project in the Draft Budget, which will be discussed at the Special Meeting of Council scheduled for 14 July 2009.



School Bridge Busted

Morgan Goodman
Reporter

TOODYAY'S iconic Newcastle Park footbridge was damaged by vandals on the weekend of 14th June.

The Toodyay Shire Council has put temporary measures in place to ensure the safety of students using the footbridge until it can be fully repaired in the July School Holidays.

"It is very important that parents and students are aware that repair work is being undertaken and that no interference occurs," said Toodyay DHS Principal Alan McLaren. "It would be very challenging to the students who walk to school if the bridge needed to be completely closed."

Mr McLaren said that the police are looking into the matter, but school students are not believed to be responsible for the damage.

Shire President Charlie Wroth has condemned the vandalism. "Our town is again suffering at the hands of vandals," he said.

Avon Descent

RAIN over the weekend and expected falls during the week should provide competitors in the 2009 Avon Descent with the opportunity to practise white water skills for the first time this winter.

The first Avon Descent race was held in 1973, which only included forty-nine competitors, no rules, no checkpoints and limited access to only a few spectators. Since 1973, the event has expanded exponentially with over 30,000 entrants, including an annual contingent of interstate and international competitors travelling to tackle the world's greatest white water event. To complement the events expansion, spectator numbers have been estimated at over 120,000 people in recent years.

More than \$60,000 of cash and prizes will be on offer to competitors in 2009. This remains one of the largest prize pools in the world for a white water event. With such a large prize pool, an influx of competitors is expected from interstate and internationally.

Organisers are confident that if the normal July annual rainfall occurs in the Avon catchment areas, it will ensure excellent water levels.

Competitors are reminded that entries close for this event on 9th July.

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A Shed For Toodyay Men

Morgan Goodman
Reporter

A UNIQUE men's support organisation is starting up in Toodyay, thanks to local man, Karl Walsh. Mr Walsh is opening a 'Men's Shed', a place where Toodyay blokes can go to relax and talk to other men.

The Toodyay Shed is joining eighty other Men's Sheds already established across the country. The aim of the Men's Sheds programme is to address the issues of Australian men's health, both physical and psychological.

"Men's Sheds allow men who have time on their hands and no place to go to dream up projects, restore old machinery or just drop by and have a natter," said Karl Walsh.

Mr Walsh said the reason for starting the group is a very real need for support amongst Toodyay men. The growing suicide rates in rural areas and increasing concern about men's health issues have illustrated the need for more support for men.

The Toodyay Shire Council is fully behind the project and has proposed giving Mr Walsh a venue.

Any interested blokes in Toodyay who would like to attend the Toodyay Shed, which currently meets on Wednesdays, contact Karl on 9574 5767 or at karl.walsh@bigpond.com. For more information about Men's Sheds, check out www.mensheds.com.au.

The View Through my Car Window

Anne Skinner

"CLOSE the vents, dear, the car in front must be running on oily rags."

My side of the car has a view of a truck wheel larger than our station wagon and Reg has a car on his side that is practically throbbing with the beat of some non-descript noise while the driver seems almost comatose behind the wheel.

This is one of our regular, necessary trips to Perth. Once again, we are reminded of one of the reasons why we left the big smoke in the first place.

Like most rural folk, we try to kill several birds with one stone, so to speak. What with specialists' appointments, visits to needy relatives, pick up grandchildren's birthday presents, dentists and, if my hubby is with me, to scrounge for recycling goodies, eg. timber or rejected building materials.

I try not to be a back-seat driver but, occasionally, I will 'help' if the situation arises with, "WATCH THAT IDIOT!" or "NO, HE WOULDN'T!" or even, "BRACE!" or, as my hubby would say, "INCOMING!"

With each trip 'down' - I use this colloquialism, as we are up, they are down -, our longing to get back to trees and no traffic jams grows and grows. Everything seems so much faster, and you know - no one smiles. I've tried smiling at the occasional fellow driver only to get the look that suggests they might have 000 on speed-dial or even, dare I say it, get the 'finger'.

What is very scary is that every driver seems to multi-task these days: mothers screaming at troublesome toddlers while texting messages and, with a quick glance at the road from time to time just to check everyone is out of her way; women applying their make-up in the mirror; changing a disk while driving. Of course, this is not all drivers but no one seems to be happy being in their car.

Once it was a means of pleasurable outings and jolly good fun and always slow enough to smell the roses. Now, though, transporting oneself from A to B can be life threatening. Look out for the other driver who may have had a bad day or, as on one occasion for us, just wanted to give us a bad / scary time based on, our grown son tells us, because we had an untrendy sticker in our back window (an over-50's radio sticker - Oh, no!)

But now, it's 4pm rush-hour and here is the bridge over the Swan. This amazing construction of the new bridge is sure to cause us some drama in the future but, for today, it's reasonable. A little jostle as we

merge over the railway onto Toodyay Road and going home has a brand new meaning for me.

We seem to be drawn upward toward the ranges up and past the Old Toodyay Rd, the huge boulders on either side now lit in gold over the escarpment. The sun is just a blaze to our left and the world seems to be leaving as we go upward past the little ruins on our left, where the past convicts tarried overnight on their way to the lock-up in Toodyay. I must stop and have a closer look one day.

Keep going and two lanes squeeze into one where the tower reminds us of everything communicative on the top of the hill, aptly named, Red.

The first of country life - a few cows graze over the now autumn, lush grass before Country Lane and Gidge. Sailing down to the little store / fuel stop (not, however, before I note again a very interesting barn-like structure on our right - I'd love to sketch that one day. I often wonder about the delightful little house on the rise all by itself (what stories it could tell) on the left before coming down to Noble Falls and a glimpse of sparkling waters cascading through the bush.

The now-sinking sun flicks shards of light across our road as I am reminded again, all is quite lovely and our bush is very beautiful if we just - look and see.

For a moment, we are reminded of the incarcerated ones in Wooraloo, just before my gum tree, Can-Can chorus girls on our right bearing a lot more than their legs in the spot-light at the Utah Road.

Someone is burning off just before the little dipper to the Toodyay Shire sign and the Dryandra turn-off.

The sun's glow is always a special pleasure here as we come to the big dipper and an open road, with my favourite grove of overhanging trees as we come to Fernie Road.

"Off the road, crow," the ever ready, opportunistic road kill snacker!

Don't you just love those red-trunked gums as we come into the Blink Bonny corner or, as I affectionately call it, Blinky Bill corner, and that gem of a cottage as we sail past. Whatever happened to the 'Lovers Lane' sign? Stolen once too often, I suspect.

There is our range up ahead as we pass the old farm on our right. Late one night, the lovely lady who lives here gave us a lift home while our car lay dying in her front yard. She didn't know us but her kindness is remembered, the first of many great, country kindnesses we have experienced.

The kaleidoscope of changing colours welcomes us as we wind our way back home and the cares of city life fall off us like heavy weights at each turn as we bear left into Sandplain. The last orange rays assail our now dusk-prepared eyes as we pass Bee Happy (yes, oh yes), one more turn and our home is a deep sigh away.

Cody barks us a welcome. Yes, we're home, boy.

As a postscript here, I might mention that, while my observations were based on the passenger's perspective, I am very mindful of the 11 crosses that mark the deaths of the Toodyay Road travellers and maybe of many more that we may not be aware of.

And I am always grateful for our safe return to our home. I never take for granted the privileges that are given to us as drivers on our roads and I try to be courteous to my fellow traveller. I just wish others were a little more polite from time to time.

And yes, I am proud to have a 'T' number plate.

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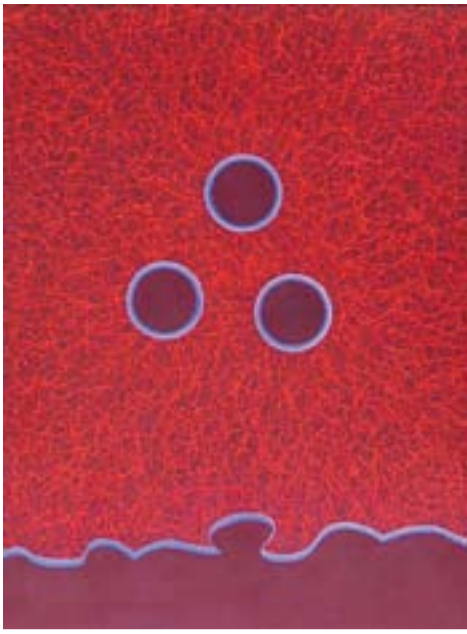
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Inner Space

LOCAL artist Alexander Moore is to hold his first, solo exhibition at the Moore's Building of Contemporary Art in Fremantle in July.

The exhibition, 'Inner Space' is inspired by the sun and its purpose to reveal the physical reality that lies behind our instantaneous perception of the visual world.

The images are of West Australian sunrises and sunsets. Moore explores the visual perception process from retina to brain, taking the viewer on an almost spiritual journey into the ordered chaos of inner space. Moore states that he is merely presenting an alternative view of how the brain can perceive the physical world as provided by nature.

One can easily become transfixed by these images; the style, the feel of the subject and the unusual method of painting will provoke the viewer into thinking about their own inner space.

This is an interesting concept with strong visual impact and will certainly leave the viewer with something to consider/contemplate.

Moore was born in Dundee, Scotland and emigrated to Australia in 1972. He has lived and worked in Toodyay for the past 13 years – he has undertaken no formal studies in art and is entirely self taught for the past 45 years and regards some of the Old Masters as his tutors. The greater part of the last 10 years have been spent in research and development of new ideas that will be placed into future works.

The exhibition opens at 6pm Friday 10th July 2009 and runs daily, 10am – 5pm through to 19th July 2009.

Fly On the Wall

Peter Robinson

WHAT a surprise! The scene before us as we entered the Morangup Hall was quite amazing. The Council table was adorned with a table cloth, flowers in vases, wine glasses and carafes of water and orange juice, along with the usual bowls of sweets. Even the C.E.O. looked resplendent in a pink tie and a flower in his button hole. I think the gauntlet has well and truly been thrown down for the communities of Bejoording and Julimar to match the Morangup effort. Well done Morangup.

Last month a question was taken on notice asking why a submission on the Central Toodyay Interpretation and Heritage Tourism Plan was not included in the May agenda. The answer came back with an excuse that included an indication that given similar circumstances the same thing could happen again. There was also no apology, which was disappointing but not surprising.

There was a whole raft of financial questions asked, in particular relating to conference travel expenses. The 2009 Australian Local Government annual conference has recently been held in Darwin. The Australian Council of Local Government is always held in Canberra, with that meeting due soon. The W.A. Local Government Association (WALGA) holds Local Government Week at the time of the Avon Descent. Some Councillors and some staff have or will attend all of these conferences.

Another question revealed that the information days held at Morangup on Tuesday 9 June and Toodyay on Wednesday 10 June dealing with the amalgamation issue do not fulfil the requirements under the local government act for consultation. At those information days there were no guarantees given that there would be time for public consultation. However the consultants who were given the contract to produce a Cost Benefit Analysis on a possible merger with Chittering had a deadline for 30

June to produce their report. We have also been told that it will be a public document, so there is no reason for not giving the public time to read, understand and comment on the report, before the Shire has to have its report handed to the Government by 31 August.

Two submissions were presented on the evening, one from the Toodyay Historical Society and one from Kim Angus. Both these submissions related to the subdivision on Lot 61 Goomalling Rd, known as Guests Subdivision.

The first recommendation on the agenda was in fact Lot 61 Goomalling Rd. It almost looked as if this was going to pass without comment until Cr Firms raised a whole collection of questions and points which seemed to indicate that not everything which needed to be done, had been done. Cr Firms ran out of his allotted time to speak (yes, local Government rules are that restrictive) and then asked for a suspension of standing orders to allow the issue to be more fully debated. Another Councillor objected to the suspension but was outvoted 7:1. Why anybody would want to stifle debate on a subdivision of 270+ blocks is hard to fathom. This subdivision, along with the even larger one at Foggarthorpe, needs as much scrutiny as possible to make sure all details are understood and accepted. It may take many years or even decades for these subdivisions to fill with houses, but as that happens we don't want future ratepayers to be landed with expensive remedial issues because of hurried decisions today. In the end the Councillor withdrew her support for the officers recommendation and the item was left lay on the table. This means that it can be brought back to council sometime in the future, not necessarily as soon as next month.

The financial items came next, led by Cheques Paid during Month. This was followed by Financial Statements Monthly. It was here that some mistakes were found, not for the first time this year. It looks like a problem with the administration using two separate software packages that don't interface properly. At one stage Cr Panizza produced his calculator and proceeded to use it with the speed of a teenager texting on a mobile phone. Anyone would think he had been an accountant in a former life!

The adoption of Fees and Charges was the next important recommendation on the agenda. The Toodyay Theatre Group had it's annual Memorial Hall hire charge raised nearly 60%. It is worth noting that there are some fees and charges where the Department of Local Government set the maximum Councils are allowed to charge. Shires can set their rates at any level up to that maximum. Toodyay has opted to charge 100% of the maximum allowed in all of these instances.

The administration tried to 'encourage' residents to do more recycling by reducing the number of tip passes from 12 to 6. Councillors rejected this move as they felt that a shift like that on its own could lead to more illegal dumping. Consequently, tip passes have only been reduced to 10 per year. It will need a more sophisticated and multi-pronged approach to the waste management issue to encourage people towards more recycling. Public education should be the first move.

The Department of Housing and Works have offered a vacant block of land in Telegraph Rd to the Shire for \$135,000. The block has been valued at \$180,000. The site could have two houses built on it and be used as staff housing. During the debate it was pointed out that the Shire, at this time, doesn't have a Staff Housing Policy, or the report from the Recreation Committee. The Shire are not obliged to use it for staff housing however. The vote was 4:4, with the Shire President, Cr Wroth, using his casting vote to go with the officers' recommendation to proceed with the purchase of the property.

There was a notice of motion from Cr Lloyd referring to a Policy on Road Reserves. This will come up next month. The evening finished with an item of confidential business. I urge everybody to read the Cost Benefit Analysis on Shire Merger as soon as the report becomes available. This could have a profound effect on our future.

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Angry residents marching on the Shire offices in June (image courtesy of A Current Affair)

'Kill-joy Council'

Samantha Connor
Editor

CHANNEL 9 television show, 'A Current Affair' Perth, has screened a documentary style news story about the Toodyay Council – for the second time in two weeks.

The first story covered local resident 'Mack' Maxwell, who created his own 'principality' in Toodyay. Mr Maxwell owns a strawbale house in Toodyay and believes that Shire Councils stifle creativity and inventiveness.

"You've got to get a building permit for everything," he told 'A Current Affair'. "Being a straw bale house, it was built differently than most. At the end of the day, the shire wanted to come in and inspect the place and they were prepared to put work orders on it for a building that they'd already approved."

A number of Toodyay residents contacted 'A Current Affair' to report similar issues, resulting in a follow-up story entitled, 'Killjoy Council'. The ACA transcript labels the Toodyay Council as "The Local Government office cancelling charity functions, scrapping family festivals and hindering small business."

Business owners spoke about their frustration with Council, citing issues such as signage, delays in building and planning approval and dictatorial attitudes from Council staff. Terrace 123 owner, Richard Mehl, says that, although he owns a restaurant in town, he is not allowed to put up a sign outside.

"When people come up on the weekends, they don't know we are there," he said.

The footage also covered a protest march by angry local residents who marched on the Shire offices.

According to 'A Current Affair', reporter, Jolleh Abshar, will return to Toodyay in July for a follow up story, profiling community issues and cancelled events.

The CEO and Shire President were not available for comment yesterday.

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Great fun, great karma, and the greatest feeling of sharing with others.

Jeff and Di Roberts

Communication is the Key

IF THE SHIRE wants to be serious about involving the community in what is happening, or being proposed for Toodyay, perhaps they should look at how they communicate with us. Last month each ratepayer (or one member of a family) received a **posted** invitation to a meeting about 'Local Government Structural Reform'. To me that could mean the shire is thinking about changing the duties of some of the staff members or perhaps changing the job title of some of the staff. We've had quite a bit of that over the past few years with new positions such as 'Manager Community Services' and a 'Communications and Marketing Officer' being created. But no, the Local Government Structural Reform meeting was about the possible merger of Toodyay and another

shire. There were just over 50 people there to hear about this proposed massive change to our town. Why? Because the invitation did not clearly state what the meeting was about. Ok, the 'correct' title may well be the one on the invitation, but what is wrong with adding a subtitle with a little more explanation. Or doesn't the administration want people at these meetings. I've spoken to many people who didn't understand what it was about. If they had realised it was the proposed merger with another shire, they would have been there. It was the same for the long winded 'Central Toodyay Interpretation and Heritage Tourism Plan'. That title made no mention of the massive changes to Stirling Terrace streetscape that was planned. Again, many people didn't put in a submission as it was misleading. Not everyone has the luxury of a computer connection or time during office hours to read about it.

If the administration wants to continue being thought of as not responding to the community then they should just keep on treating us they way they already do. The discontent will continue and grow. But if they really want to engage in two-way communication with the residents and ratepayers, they will use language that describes what they are talking about rather than the 'legal' name for things. I hope the administration is going to give the ratepayers an opportunity to read and absorb the report from the consultants on this proposed/possible merger before calling a public meeting so it can be discussed. And I hope that this time the invitation is a little clearer.

Oh, and I wonder just how much that posted invitation cost us ratepayers.

Kathy Robinson

Plea for Nashos Successful

NASHOS WA would like to thank all our community newspapers for your help in promoting the Nashos reunion.

We have had phone calls from many country towns including Kalgoorlie, Moora, Geraldton, Collie, Albany, Bunbury and York and the metro area.

We expect a large number of Nashos to attend and we have a group, the NASHOS OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA LEAGUE from York, also saying that their members will come.

Thanking you all very much.

Bob McGuire

Conflict of Interest?

I WENT FOR A look in the Visitor Centre on the weekend as I hadn't been in there for a while. I was a bit surprised to see the most prominent display of preserves was the produce of Merrick and Sons from York. Any conflict of interest here? Why is it in the centre if it is not from our Shire?

Name and address supplied

An Open Letter to the Community

AS MOST OF you would know, a group of small business owners and ratepayers from incomplete developments were recently interviewed on Channel 9's 'A Current Affair'.

The gates are now open!

To the honourable members of Toodyay Shire Council, each of you were voted in as a representative of your particular ward to serve as a member of your constituency. If the job at hand has become so great for councillors that you have opted to pass the daily running of council onto the CEO, may I suggest you stand down. You were not elected to satisfy your personal need for power nor for your personal agenda.

To the administrative hierarchy of the Shire of Toodyay, you are reminded that, regardless of your individual titles, you are, as a collective, PUBLIC SERVANTS. The public in general do not feel they are being served!

To the ratepayers and members of the Toodyay community, I have met many of you during the past six years and there has been no shortage of grievances. Are you prepared to express yours?

Any legitimate complaints can be sent to: Richard Mehl, c/- A Current Affair, PO Box 1339, Toodyay, 6566. All mail will be forwarded on.

You can also join your local ratepayers group or chamber of commerce.

Yours in accountability,

Richard Mehl

Courageous Community Leaders

I WOULD LIKE TO say congratulations to the courageous leaders that participated in the A Current Affair interview.

There are many leaders in this community and all are worthy of a good pat on the back. Many of these leaders lead from within the shadows, so the snipers cannot pick them off. Unfortunately, the path to resolution is long and the financial impact of this course of action is higher than many would appreciate. Based on the shire administration's issues and the councillors' general lack of support for the community that elected it, this method is not producing the outcomes we had hoped for and is further compounded by the extreme economic conditions we are enduring.

The shortest distance is a straight line, we all know this, but we prefer the above path of reduced risk.

Yesterday a group of very courageous leaders came out of the shadows and stood in the daylight to be seen by all, including the snipers. They have now made themselves the targets for all who disagree and exposed themselves to the risks associated with this stance. This action I believe to be the straight line. This action is to be commended, because if nothing else it is 'action'.

It is regrettable that councillors have not done this for us before now; it is regrettable that the administration has not wanted to be fair with us and it is regrettable that other organisations and businesses have not acted before this.

I hope that the outcome from this is that all businesses get behind the Chamber of Commerce in the future by becoming members again and we ask them to do so. Then the courageous leaders of yesterday do not have to expose themselves again in the future and all the other businesses will support those that stuck their heads out to be seen, on your behalf and that of the community as a whole.

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Mac Maxwell, aka Harley Williamson

Protest March

Peter Robinson

TOODYAY resident, Harley Williamson, from the self-proclaimed 'Principality of Pentecost', led a protest march on the Shire of Toodyay offices on the afternoon of Thursday 11th June. He addressed a small gathering of onlookers in the main street, using the back of a truck as his podium.

Community members joined him on the short walk through the railway station and up to the Shire building. Using a public address system mounted on the back of the same small truck, he continued his allegations against the Council and the administration. Mr. Williamson then proceeded into the building to deliver a letter of demand for the resignation of the Council and the removal of several senior administration staff.



Changes Afoot

Grant Scobie
Assistant Editor

OBSERVANT and, I'm sure, not so observant readers may have noticed some changes to the appearance of the Toodyay Herald over the last couple of months.

This is all part of our attempt to make your paper more readable, more enjoyable to look at and more in keeping with current newspaper trends.

Some of the changes have worked and some have been less than successful, although the jury is still out and we'll be continuing to try out new things until we get it right.

Mind you, I don't think we'll be continuing the tradition of skipping one month's deadline or next issue in the future. Our apologies for that one; let's just say it was a case of wine jubilation to discover that the editorial team may make it home before midnight on production night (we made it by 7pm!) We also think that we may keep the page numbers to the outside of ALL the pages, not just the first 30 or so.

We've welcomed a few new people to the Herald - Guido Verschoor, (graphic designer and webmaster) and Sue Manning (pre-press) join the Production Team and our existing staff and committee. We'd also like to thank our committee for their hard work on our renovations, along with Bill Kemp (painter extraordinaire), Robbie Devlin (landlord), Glen Melton (electrician) and Greg Downie (Toodyay Hardware and Farm; donation of paint). Now the office renovations are complete, we're concentrating on the style and feel of the newspaper format.

So keep your eyes open and let us know what you like and don't like about the layout of your newspaper.

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Toodyay Lodge

Jim Rose
Toodyay Masonic Lodge

WITH the installation being held in April, the new Worshipful Master was thrown into the deep end with an initiation for his first meeting held in May.

Charles Wroth was initiated as a Freemason with his father Mac Wroth, the oldest and longest serving member of the Toodyay Lodge, being present. Also at the meeting two joining members were elected to our Lodge.

Our June meeting saw an excellent lecture given by one of our past Worshipful Masters, Worshipful Brother Kobulniczky, and the reading of the Lodge by-laws.

Another milestone for the Lodge was the announcement that Lotterywest has made available a grant of \$40,363 under the 2008/2009 Conservation of Cultural Heritage Grants to assist with the partial re-roofing of the Lodge building. With the monies raised through Bingo over the past three years and the Lotterywest grant, it is anticipated that a substantial amount of restoration work will now be able to be undertaken.

Acknowledgement was made of the work started by past Lodge Secretary, Richard McKenzie, who started pushing the project in earnest in October 2005 and last year assisted in securing the Lotterywest grant to undertake a conservation plan that was completed through the support of local historian, Robyn Taylor, and architect, Ron Bodycoat.

Remember, Bingo is held in the Toodyay Community Centre each Wednesday evening commencing at 7.30pm. Monies raised at Bingo are being used within our own community such as for the restoration of the Toodyay Lodge building and donations have been made to local organisations such as the Volunteer Fire Brigade, Cat Appeal and local St. John Ambulance.

Those wishing to find out more about the Toodyay Masonic Lodge may direct their enquiries to Mr Jim Rose on 9574 2124.

Toodyay Agricultural Society

Pam Jackson

THANK you to all who supported the Agricultural Society on Saturday 13th June by purchasing raffle tickets and/or making a donation. The winner of the load of wood was C Rose.

Have you been thinking about what you can enter in this year's show?

Do you have cattle that you could enter?

Different groups are, large breeds (6 classes), small breeds (6 classes), trade cattle (5 classes). There will also be a Cattle Handlers Competition.

- Class 1001 Novice Event : 8yrs to 14yrs of age, as at 1 September 2009
- Class 1002 Junior Event : 8yrs to 14yrs of age, as at 1 September 2009
- Class 1003 Senior Event : 14yrs and over, as at 1 September 2009
- Class 1004 Open Event : 12yrs and over, as at 1 September 2009

Or maybe you could enter in the AGRICULTURAL section?

Group D1 – Farm Crops

- Class 1101 Wheat, named, 3kg
- Class 1102 Oats, any variety, named, 3kg
- Class 1103 Two-row barley, 3kg
- Class 1104 Wheat, for grain, one sheaf, this year's growth

- Class 1105 Wheat, for chaff, one sheaf, untrimmed, this year's growth
- Class 1106 Oats, for baled hay, one sheaf, untrimmed, this year's growth
- Class 1107 Oats for chaff, one sheaf, untrimmed, this year's growth
- Class 1108 Oats, for grain, one sheaf, this year's growth
- Class 1109 Two-row barley, for grain, one sheaf, this year's growth
- Class 1110 Grasses and clovers and fodder plants, collection – grown by exhibitor, one bundle of each variety, named
- Class 1111 Lupins, any variety, named 3kg
- Class 1112 Lupins, one sheaf, untrimmed, this year's growth
- Class 1113 Pulse crop, green sheaf, judged for grain only
- Class 1114 Canola, green sheaf, this year's growth

There are a lot of different sections that you can enter including poultry, pigeons, alpaca and coloured fleeces, home produce, fruit and vegetables, apiculture, hand spinning, patchwork and quilting, metal craft, floriculture, home brew, hobby crafts, art, needlework, cookery, china painting, photography, woodcraft, special sections for children.

2009 Show date is Saturday 10th October 2009.

Toodyay Spinners

NINE of our members attended the Dianella Spin-in on 17th June. It was good to catch up with fellow spinners and, as usual, Toodyay spinners won their share of the raffle prizes.

On the share table this month we had a wool and cotton waistcoat made by Audrey Elson and Margaret Masterlerz made a merino scarf and an alpaca jacket.

Our AGM is to be held on Wednesday 29 July at 10.00am. If possible, could all members please be in attendance.

If you are interested in joining the Spinners or wish to learn to spin, we meet every Wednesday from 9am to about midday at Parkers Cottage in the Toodyay Showgrounds, or for those who can't make Wednesday, there is also a group who meet on the second Saturday of the month at the same times.

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Bolgart School

Elaine May
Bolgart Primary School

STUDENTS from senior room have just returned from their camp at Kalgoorlie. The children from Yrs 5, 6 and 7 caught the train to and from their camp and had a wonderful time staying at the Goldfields camp school and exploring Kalgoorlie. During their camp they panned for gold, discovered the local history, visited the Royal Flying Doctor, went tenpin bowling, learnt the time-honoured game of two up, saw a blast in the amazing super pit and had a wonderful time whilst learning heaps and enjoying time with their classmates. A big thank you goes to everyone involved in this amazing camp especially Miss Teti, Mrs Smith and Mr Camerer who shared the camping experience with the children.

While the senior room was on its camp, the Yr 4s took up a couple of jobs the senior room normally looks after. They did the jobs like the bell and the sports shed. Their efforts were appreciated and Curtis, Emma, Renae, Liam M, Chloe and Regan K all got certificates for being responsible leaders and a special acknowledgment was given to them for stepping up and taking the leadership roles during the school assembly.

The Yr 1s and pre-primary children have planted seedlings in our vegetable patch and are enjoying helping them grow and are looking forward to making some soup when they are ready. They have already grown carrots, lettuce, radishes and rainbow chard and have cooked and

Above - Bolgart Primary School students on the Kalgoorlie Camp and (below) in Haulpak



tasted some of these and have carrots at fruit time too sometimes.

Congratulations to Blake Westerside and Bradley Watson for being chosen as this month's Aussie of the Month.

The Wongan Hills Music Fest is on Wednesday, 1st July at the Civic Centre and all members of the community are welcome so come along to see a fun and entertaining show.

The Disco was held on 19th June at the Bolgart Sports club and it looked amazing with the lights and music. What a great feeling.

Well done to all the students on camp for having positive feedback from the places you visited regarding your behaviour and congratulations to the younger members of the school for displaying behaviours to be proud of in the absence of the senior room.

Take care on the holidays and we look forward to seeing you back refreshed and revitalised ready for term three.

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Bejoording Babble

Kim Leonhardt

GOOD Morning Bejoording, or Beejawding, as one half would like to call it! I pause here for just a minute to duck out of the way of incoming cans and bottles directed at my most handsome head! Sensitive issue, town or district pronunciations!

Our last meeting saw Fiona Glossop present an update on the 80km/hr proposal for our townsite limits. Immediate results have been the installation of T-junction warning signs on Bejoording Rd and the upgrade of our school bus Signs, which are now just dazzlingly bright at night. Other proposals such as rumble strips, speed reduction and a school bus transfer site, have been sent back to relevant authorities and ourselves, for further discussion.

Another solution to speed reduction, is the installation of 'Welcome to Bejoording, Please Slow Down' signs at all our entrances. Designs for the signs are now in demand from all our constituents. Entry is free, and the winning design gets nothing. So hurry on up and get your design in before our next meeting! Everyone is in with a chance!

Bob Somers was also at our meeting, and he suggested that we, as ratepayers, should be having input into the proposed Shire Amalgamation with either Chittering, Victoria Plains, Goomalling or Northam. He asked that we look into the likely

ramifications or benefits of merging into any of the previously mentioned Shires and make our thoughts known to Council members.

Following the close of the meeting, we had our Spud Night! I, unfortunately, could not stay for the Spud Masticating Ceremony and so asked for reports the next day. My first reporter was intent on showing me his blistered mouth; my second tried to tell me about it but I kept getting distracted by the bits of potato skin stuck between her teeth; and after the third reporter kept talking AND creating a potato blizzard at the same time, I have naturally come to the conclusion that it was a success!

Heather Smith has turned... could you say that again please Heath?... I could have sworn you said 21... Oh... Um... yes... well... Heather apparently has turned a very youthful 21 years of age! I'm just glancing at Bert here and his face is as blank (and white) as a sheet of paper. He's also refusing to look me in the eye. Oh well. Happy Birthday Heather!

Our next feast night is 1st July and will be Seafood Lasagne, more Lasagne and Pasta. But you've missed that, so better take note of our next Meeting and Casserole Night on Wednesday 5th August from 6pm.

Monday 13th and Tuesday 14th of July (school holidays) is a proposed overnight 4wd trip. See Kim for details.

Don't forget, the Shed's open every Wednesday from 6pm and let's see if you can do a better welcoming sign than the following,

See ya in the Lasagne.

News from Bolgart and Surrounding Areas

Doris M Martin

(Apologies for typist's / proof reader's errors in last month's article. Of course, the date of the school bus and train smash at Toodyay was in 1931, not 1991! Ed.)

IT has been an extremely sad month for the district with the death of so many of its former residents. Sympathy is extended to the following:-

The family of the late Beryl Donegan

(nee Donegan) of Toodyay, who was born at Allendale property south-west of Bolgart on 13th January, 1919 in a homestead just off Mount Road. Beryl's husband, Reg, had predeceased her by some fifty-three years.

Ex-residents of Bolgart, Paul Harrington and family on the sad loss of wife and mother, Judy (nee Kingston) who had been ill for quite some time but, through it all, could always greet folk with a smile.

Ev Moller and family on the sad loss of husband and father, Eric Moller, who also had lived and worked in the area in former times.

Finally, Phylis King and family on the sad loss of husband, John. In former times, the King family had lived in the Wyening area where they had run a farming property. John would have to be remembered for his merry chuckle and humour. When I first came to Bolgart, John had been a shearer who had shorn sheep on the 'Martin' property and the shearing shed had always been full of mirth when John worked there.

At the time of writing, a little rain has finally reached Bolgart but much more is needed. Paddocks have not got a lot of feed in them at the present time.

Cascade tours bought a bus-load of tourists to Bolgart to lunch at the Bolgart Hotel and to view the belltower.

Thank you to the folk who phoned to point out the actual date of the school bus and train smash at Toodyay. The *Herald* has promised to add a small note rectifying an error they made in printing the date.

Recently, I decided to look into some information to go with a photograph I had of the 'Old Coondle Cash Grocery Store', later to become the 'Dewar's Pool Grocery Store' which has long since closed its doors. After contacting a member of the Fawell family, I was greatly amused with some of the information that was sent to me.

The proprietor of the store, W.M. Fawell was born in 1855 and died in 1926. He was the second son of William and Ann Fawell, never married, and followed a number of occupations throughout his lifetime. His first notice, advising of his opening of a grocery store was in the 'Newcastle Herald', dated 28th November, 1911. Later he advertised in the 'Toodyay Herald' from 4th May, 1912 and onwards. In a *Herald*, dated 21st December, 1912, he berated the Toodyay Roads Board for not putting a finger post at the turn of the road over the line, as many coming down from Bolgart were going straight on and

turning west and getting lost.

I read with great amusement, his advert in 'The Toodyay Herald' of 19th July, 1913:

"You can eat, drink, or suck an orange, on the road to Bolgart at WM Fawell's Coondle Cash Store."

Following this, a notice appeared in 'The Toodyay Herald' of 5th, 12th and 19th September, 1914 advising a change of name from 'Coondle Cash Store' to Dewar's Pool Cash Store' and signed, WM Fawell, Dewar's Pool Siding.

Later, he was to return to the Middle Swan area where he re-opened the 'Swanleigh Cash Store' at Middle Swan.

I have always found it interesting to learn a little of what has gone before in an area close to where one has lived.

Finally, the great morning tea (in this case, afternoon tea) held in aid of cancer research that I mentioned in the June *Herald*. Although held at the Bogart Sporting Club (and, I'm sure, with some help by the sporting club ladies), it was actually run by Mrs Sue Syme, who has been the mainstay of the project for some fourteen years. Credit should always be given where it is due. A good lesson to take on board for any who forget to say thanks for services rendered.

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fire chat

a look at events from our local volunteer bush fire brigades

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Desraé Clarke

AN 'Elementary Training' of new members was held on 6th June 2009 with an excellent turn out. Training Officer and Captain, Kevin Hug, introduced the members to both the 3.4 and the Fast Attack units. There will be no training in July and the date of training in August will be advised.

A social get-together is to be held on Saturday 25th July 2009 commencing at 4pm. Two members of the Brigade, Wayne Clarke and Bobbie Jones, are to receive their Life Memberships. Could members (inclusive of their families) advise the Social Committee, for catering purposes, as to their attendance; Don Ward 9574 4179, Bobbie Jones 9574 2352 or Desraé Clarke 6364 3609.

Remember:

No training in July.

Social get-together Saturday July 25th commencing 4pm.

New members are always made very welcome. Now is a good time to join the fire brigade to capitalise on the training sessions before the beginning of the fire season. Enquiries may be made to Secretary Wayne Clarke on 6364 3609.

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Kim Leonhardt

GOODNESS! This has been a quiet month! Our meeting on the 21st has been postponed, and our next meeting will be held on Saturday, 18th July, 6pm. As usual the Fire Shed is open to anyone from 6pm every Friday. May all your fires be controlled.

coondle

Allan Gregory

AS with other brigades, ours is now in that post-fire-season phase when attention can be focussed on maintenance of equipment, ongoing training, especially for our newer members, and 'home' improvement jobs in and around our fire shed. The winter months are a great time to update important skills, like your first-aid qualifications too.

Since our last column, a number of controlled burns have been carried out by this brigade in the short period available during the restricted burning period. One of these resulted in a record short response time, with the brigade vehicles arriving at the scene of an out-of-control grassfire in Black Wattle Road within two minutes of the pagers going off. Brigade members had just completed a controlled burn on an adjoining property in Dewars Pool Road when the alarm was raised, so were well placed to attend in record time!

There have been some call-outs, but we are pleased to say, nothing major, with several of those resulting in stand-downs within minutes of our mobilising from the shed. These simply serve to remind us that we must have sufficient numbers carrying pagers throughout the off-season 'just in case'.

Our major 'home improvement' programme for the fire shed is the long awaited construction of the concrete apron in front of the fire shed. This apron will allow general vehicle checks and vehicle and equipment familiarisation training, to be completed outside the shed without the dangers of slipping and falling on the existing loose gravel surface. The site is not flat, so there have been quite a number of falls on the sloping surface in the past. The apron is to be constructed by a working party from the

Wooroloo Prison, (under adequate control of the Prison staff of course) on 24th June, with some Brigade members participating as required. We greatly appreciate this input from all those involved, particularly all attendees from Wooroloo, and also our members Geoff and Megan Ebdon, who were instrumental in organising this development.

Thanks too to Kevin Hogg who put a great deal of work into preparing the site to allow the apron to be built. Kevin spent several hours at his own expense shaping, levelling and compacting the site with his front end loader - work which otherwise would have taken a great deal of physical effort on the part of other members - thanks Kev!

Fundraising this month mainly consisted of a successful wood raffle held on 20th June in Stirling Terrace Toodyay. A very nice trailer load of jarrah firewood, the work of several of our (slightly older) members, was raffled and the money raised will be a nice boost to our coffers. Thanks to Nat and Peps for allowing the wood to be cut from their block. Those who bought tickets are assured that their contributions will be put to good use in better equipping our fire-fighters for future seasons. Special thanks to those kind people who, regardless of not requiring tickets, contributed donations anyway, and to Allan Henshaw who attracted many to the ticket table with his busking organ of well known tunes adding much merriment to an otherwise very damp and drab Saturday morning. Congratulations to the winner of the wood, Des Murphy from Whitegum Ridge in Coondle.

Our next meeting is to be held on the 8th August at 5 pm at the fire shed in Coondle West Road. Everyone is welcome to come along to find out about the Brigade and how we operate. Alternatively any Friday night from about 5pm there are members sharing a sausage sizzle and refreshments at the shed. So stop in, you're bound to meet people from your area and obtain advice about maintaining your property to restrict the chances of fire. You may even decide to join the brigade, it's not that hard. If you have any queries or would like information about any aspects of fire prevention and safety, call Peter Ruthven (Captain) on 9574 2951 or Kerry Gregory (logistics/social director) on 9574 4470.

julimar

Grant Scobie

WITH the wet season well and truly upon us, fires seem to be well and truly out of contention although not completely out of our minds.

We have had one call-out, only to be stood down, where it was confirmed that the fire was, in fact, a controlled burn. So what do we do for the wet season? Make ready for the dry, of course.

Work is well under way for the extension to 'The Fireplace'. This is to house all the unused stuff that currently clogs up the building, such as the barbecues, tables, chairs, etc. that aren't needed all the time. It will make for a more cosy meeting room and training room without all the unnecessary chattels getting in the way.

The sand pad and floor have been laid and we're just waiting on the materials to arrive to finish the job. Hopefully, it will all be finished by the second week in July.

The Julimar 2.4 has headed in for its winter service and then has to go down to Perth for wheel alignment and gearbox / clutch work. We still have the Buntine 1.4 to cover us in the interim but the date of the arrival of the new, Julimar 1.4 is still an unknown.

On 4th July, we are holding, not only our July meeting (5pm) but also attempting to get a Brigade photo taken (4.15pm.) Please try to be there to make the photo as up-to-date as we can get it. Bring your PPE if you're a fire fighter or wear your green Brigade t-shirts if an auxiliary.

Following the photo and meeting is our monthly barbecue BUT you don't have to bring your own food! This month, we're offering hamburgers for only \$2.50 each.

'The Fireplace' is open from around 5pm

on a Friday night for some quiet interaction with Brigade members, standing around the fire and keeping cosy warm! Sometimes we even have a nice hot soup to enjoy and warm up the 'cockles'.

Even if you're not a member, come along and have a chat about your preparations for fire, find out about your bush fire brigade and, maybe, even join up as either a fire fighter or auxiliary.

morangup

MVBFB is currently undertaking hazard reduction burns throughout the area. Winter is the best time to ensure we are protected in summer and this is best achieved by reducing the amount of fuel around your property.

There are a number of ways you can reduce fuel levels. These include: Hand clearing (raking and removing leaf litter); Mechanical (mowing, slashing or pruning vegetation); Chemical (using herbicides to remove vegetation); and Burning.

The winter months are the perfect time for you to use fire to reduce fuel on your property. If you wish the MVBFB to conduct a hazard reduction burn on your property then please contact the Captain.

Toodyay Swimming Pool Action Committee

\$20million for community sport and recreation facilities

COMMUNITY sport and recreation groups across Western Australia will share \$20 million in State Government grants under the Community Sporting and Recreation Facilities Fund (CSRFF)

The maximum standard CSRFF grant approved will be one-third of the total estimated cost of the applicant's project. The Western Australian State Government's contribution must be at least matched by the applicant's own cash contribution, with the balance of funds required being sourced by the applicant. This is pretty much as in the past but what's new is that some applications will be eligible for up to one half of the project cost. This eligibility will be measured against key development principles. Meeting development bonus criteria will not automatically ensure the applicant is eligible for 50% of the project cost.

Applicants must meet at least one of the following criteria to be eligible for a development bonus:

Location - Regional, Remote or Growth areas

Co-location of sports and facilities
Sustainability Initiatives - Water Saving, Energy reduction etc

Increased Participation - New users, increased participation from existing users, special interest groups participation etc.

The closing date for this new funding is 1st September.

The Recreation Strategy Advisory Committee met on 2nd June but as yet we have not heard if there is a recommendation to council as yet. We do expect a report on the findings of the committee to be available soon. We understand deliberation is between a modified option 7 and a green field site.

As a committee we would welcome your thoughts on these options especially once we see the report and in light of the new funding available from CSRFF (see above)

Many thanks to those who supported us by purchasing tickets in our orchid raffle. Winning ticket was C42. Congratulations to Jan Broadbent

Our next meeting is on June 13th at 12:30pm at the Freemasons.

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Arts Toodyay

Margot Watkins

TWO important events are coming up in just two months: our AGM on 1st September and our next exhibition later in the month. We hope members will manage to leave the cosiness of winter fires to come to the AGM in particular (where there will be an equally warm ambience), as we will be establishing a new committee then. Perhaps you would consider nominating yourself for any of the positions which will all be open?

Fridays at the 'hub' (10 to 4pm at Duke St) continue to be a place for creating whatever you want, with the encouragement and company of others. There is plenty of light to work in and lots of lightness of being as well.

The last workshop had to be postponed at the last minute, and the gap was filled with wild experimentation – painting with wine no less. The more wine, the wider the palette (or was it palate?) and creative juices. No

doubt the rest of us will be able to see the interesting results at the next meeting.

Our September exhibition will be at a venue that fulfilled more than a few of our wishes for a fabulous space. The group has invited other Wheatbelt arts groups in Moora, Beverley, Northam, York, Bindoon and Lake Grace to participate – the lucky seven have been posted a bottle of Coorinja wine with an invitation to create work for the exhibition. The show will be at the beautiful Coorinja Winery which has a marvellous historical building and immaculate grounds, which could display sculpture to advantage also, (perhaps to be brought inside at day's end if necessary). Well worth a visit in its own right. So we urge you to start creating so we can do justice to this opportunity and bring hundreds of visitors to Toodyay.

Here are a few quotes to inspire you:

"The job of the artist is always to deepen the mystery." (Francis Bacon);

"A painting is never finished – it simply stops in interesting places." (Paul Gardner); and

"Art? You just do it." (Martin Ritt).

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DRAMA FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

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Recipe Corner

Desraé Clarke

CITRUS dishes are tangy and scrumptious and this recipe is simple to make and - as its title states - *delicious!* I like to serve it in four small ramekins but it can also be baked in an ovenproof dish. Served with either whipped cream or a spoonful of ice-cream it is one of my favourite desserts – it also freezes well.

Lemon Delicious

Ingredients:

Grated rind and the juice of 2 large lemons
3 eggs (taken out of the fridge for an hour to reach room temperature)

½ cup castor sugar

1 cup milk

1 tblspn self raising flour

Pinch of salt

1 tblspn castor sugar (extra)

Method:

Separate the eggs by leaving the whites in one small bowl and the yolks in a second small bowl. (*Remember to always break each egg into a cup first as sometimes there is a little blood in the egg. If all the eggs are broken into the bowl and the third one has blood in it the three have to be discarded – and wasted.*)

Beat the yolks with the castor sugar until the mixture is light and creamy.

Gently stir in the rind and juice of the two lemons, milk, self raising flour and the salt, mixing really well.

Beat the egg whites, gradually adding the

extra sugar a little bit at a time. Fold the beaten egg whites into the lemon mixture. (*Folding* means just turning the egg whites gently into the lemon mixture but not beating it in – there will be big globules of white visible but that's how the mixture should be).

Lightly grease the ovenproof dish or the ramekins and spoon in the mixture. Stand the containers in a shallow pan containing a little water (*I use a pizza tray that holds about a cup and a half of water*) and bake the ramekins for about 35 minutes or the larger ovenproof dish for about 50 minutes in a moderate oven or until the dessert begins to lightly brown.

This dessert can be served either hot or cold.

Butterly Cottages

Jo Sutton
Secretary

A VERY sad month at Butterly Cottages. We lost our oldest resident, Beryl Donegan.

She was a grand old lady and much loved by Committee and neighbouring residents alike. She always called a spade a spade and said it like it was; she had a wicked sense of humour and she will be sadly missed.

We welcome Jim Bavin back home again to Toodyay. He is now well recovered from his heart attack and it is grand to have him back with us. No more trying to leave us, Jim. We just won't allow it!

We also welcome into our Butterly family, Mr Russell Lane, who joins us this month. Hope you like your new home Russ. We are pleased to see you. Russell is our second new resident as Joan Hubie joined us too.

We would also like to thank all the people who supported our fundraising raffle recently. The lucky winners were:

- Ticket Red D90 Tracy Ryan
- Wheelbarrow of gardening goods
- Ticket Green FZ33 Jim Stephens
- Rocking Horse
- Ticket Black C14 Roz Davidson
- Fluffy Duck

Thanks again to all who took part.

Don't forget we still need volunteers to help with the running of Butterly Cottages. Even a small amount of time given can be a great help. For more information please contact me or Paul on 9574 2698, or any of our Committee members.

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school news



Bendy Banana

AS part of the Crunch and Sip Campaign, Toodyay District High School Primary School had a most welcome visit from Bendy Banana on Wednesday 10th June.

Crunch and Sip is a programme which promotes a set break to eat fruit or salad vegetables and a drink of water in the classroom each day. Students 're-fuel' with fruit and vegetables during the morning or afternoon – assisting physical and mental performance and concentration in the classroom.

Through Crunch and Sip schools demonstrate their commitment to nutrition education in the classroom by making links between the curriculum and creating a supportive school environment. Each year a special day is set aside to rejuvenate the programme for staff and students.

Teachers, parents and staff can assist the school to Crunch and Sip. At Toodyay District High School, the high school students volunteer their time to create colourful fruit and vegetable platters, which are then served to the primary school students. Students are given the opportunity to try all sorts of unusual and exotic fruits and vegetables as well as the everyday fruits such as apples and oranges.

This year Austin Logan brought Bendy Banana to life with a convincing performance and Scott Markoff acted as his capable assistant to entertain the pre-primary students.

Chaplains Corner – New Additions!

Benn Gladden
TDHS Chaplain

I am pleased to announce the safe arrival of my son and second child, Fletcher Garth Gladden! Fletcher was born on Tuesday 12th May at 1:50PM after a quick trip down to Mercy Hospital from my home in Northam. We are all home now and adjusting to life with another baby. My other bub is my daughter, Elliana, although she is hardly a bub anymore at 2 years 4 months old!

Becoming a dad again has given me reason to reflect on the great job that many dads do. It is interesting to note however that the majority of helpers and volunteers to Schools are mums and/or women. In light of that, I will shortly be hosting a "Dad's Breakfast" at the school in partnership with Owen Catto of Wheatbelt Men's Health. Owen is a local dad himself, and two of his kids attend TDHS.

Stay tuned for more information on the upcoming Dad's Breakfast!

As Chaplain of Toodyay District High School I make up part of the School's pastoral care team. My role is unique as I am not a teacher - rather I am a listener, carer and 'friend' to both students and staff, drawing from both my life experiences and my Christian faith. In doing so I help to promote and provide an inclusive and caring School environment.

Chaplaincy News

Our year has started well and we are very happy with the response of 'Friends of the Chaplain'. If you are not aware, *Friends* are individuals and organisations who, for the sum of \$10.00 per year become supporters of our School Chaplain. Anyone who cares to join our little band can do so by contacting Joy Street who will happily accept your money, we are very appreciative of the support we receive.

There will be a Street stall on Saturday 6th June to support our School Chaplain, and all donations are gratefully received. Once again we look forward to the Op Shop Ball in August and the Annual Family Concert which will be held in September.



Mr Jasinski showing us how to run the crosscountry

School Cross Country

In June, the school cross country was held in perfect sunshine. There were some very worn out students by the end of the day and teachers were impressed watching the fantastic effort that the students displayed. There were lots of close finishes and well done to all who participated and to the great cheer squad. Good luck to those who were selected to take part in the Gingin carnival on Friday 5th June.

Message from Nurse Meg

Hi all,
Finally we are seeing some winter weather. Now it is time to be extra careful when it comes to spreading those flu germs. Hand washing is one of the simplest ways to prevent the spread of infection as well as keeping sick children home from school. A reminder also that the health department is still offering free Flu vaccinations to all children under 5 year of age. We are still keeping a close eye on what's happening with the swine flu and schools will be notified of any further developments.

The immunisation team will be visiting the school on the 16th of June for all year 7 students. If you are wanting your child immunised and have not already given consent please do not hesitate to contact me. Also if the girls aged up to 26 have their first Gardasil vaccination for cervical cancer before the 31st June they are still eligible for the free vaccines.

Screening in the kindy continues. If you have not given consent and would like your child screened, please contact me. We will be celebrating Crunch and Sip day with a morning tea on the 10th June. Please help support your child by providing them with fresh fruit or veg everyday to help fight obesity as well as improve your child's concentration and overall health while at school.

School News

Alan McLaren
Principal

IN response to the first case of H1N1 Swine Flu in Western Australia, the Department of Education and Training has asked that a letter be sent to parents. The purpose of this information is to ensure we make the best informed decisions about minimising the chance of Swine Flu in our school. The Health Department and Department of Education and Training have worked together to develop advice to schools. Schools have been identified as key places in the spread of flu.

At the school level, we encourage regular washing of hands as this has been found to be a major factor in reducing the spread of flu. The correct use and disposal of tissues is also very important.

From parents, we ask more than ever that if your child is unwell, please do not send them to school. The better habits we have in this regard, the better prepared we will be should there be an occurrence of a bad flu. Anyone who comes to school sneezing, coughing or with a runny nose should not be at school. This includes staff and we have been asking unwell staff to go home. Whilst we understand it can be difficult to arrange childcare at short notice, it is not fair to send unwell children to school.

Did you know that if a child is injured at school and an ambulance is called, the cost of the ambulance is billed to parents. When children are enrolled at school, acceptance of this practice is part of the signed enrolment form. The current cost of an ambulance to Northam is \$300 and the Princess Margaret Hospital it is \$1100. For \$55 per year, St John's Ambulance Benefit Fund offer cover for a whole family for ambulance expenses. Forms to join this fund are available at the school and I would recommend families do this if they are not covered through some other avenue.

Chaplaincy Notes

Millie Heath

OUR Street Stall on the 6th June was a great success and our very grateful thanks to all who worked and contributed on the day. A special thanks to Jan of Greenwood Trees (a local tree nursery) who donated the plants for our money trees and also to Jim Page for the load of wood.

There will be a Quiz Night to be held on Saturday, 25th July, 7pm at the Factory Church; tables of 8; \$10 per person. There will be other fundraising on the night. Tickets are available from Joy Street (9574 2401), Joy Cruickshank (9574 2477), Jenny Clarke (9574 5715), Trish Page (9574 4143) or Millie Heath (9574 2069).

Our ball this year will be 'Black and White', the zanier the better. This will be on Saturday, 29th August; \$15 single and \$25 double. See our advertisement elsewhere in the *Herald*. Remember, too, our Family Concert in September.

We look forward to seeing you at one or all of these events. A good time guaranteed!

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Toodyay Neighbourhood Watch

Desrae Clarke

GOODBYE GRAFFITI

A total of 205 people representing many areas, both geographically and professionally, converged on the Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre on Thursday 4th June 2009 to attend the first Graffiti Forum organised by the Office of Crime Prevention. This extremely important event was opened with an address by the Hon. Rob Johnson MLA, Minister for Police, Emergency Services and Road Safety, who welcomed all participants, especially His Honour Judge Denis Reynolds, Children's Court of WA; Professor Murray Lampard, Edith Cowan University, Professor of Public Safety, School of Law and Justice and Professor of Security, Security Research Centre, and Wendy Murray, Director of the Office of Crime Prevention, other Guest Speakers, interstate guests and the many representatives who had travelled some distances to the Forum. The following is an overview of the vast representation present.

Cities - 17 from Kalgoorlie/Boulder and Geraldton/Greenough to Bunbury.

Towns - 19

Shires - 14 from Wyalkatchem to Manjimup

Constable Care

Department of Justice

Department for Communities

Corrective Services

Culture and Arts

Treasury and Finance

Main Roads WA

Federal Member for Cowan

Abnormal Design - 2

Swan TAFE

Swan Transit

Victorian Department for Justice

WALGA

Toodyay Investment in Communities - 2

PCYC - 8

Police Rail Unit - 9

Western Power - 4

Youth Advisory Council of WA

Catholic Education Office

Australian Red Cross - 3

Youth and Family Services

Abnormal Design - 2

Contract Trainer of Master Painters Association (MPA)

WA Police - 32 including Toodyay's Senior Constable Summer Roberts (plus 3 CRIMESTOPPER persons)

Office of Crime Prevention - 22 including Director, Wendy Murray.

GRAFFITI is an illegal activity if it occurs on public or private property without permission of the owner. Cost of removal amounts to \$10 million annually, a conservative estimation, and a great increase in the costs of insurance.

A GRAFFITITASKFORCE was developed in December of 2008 with the aims of Reduce, Removal and Support of Local Governments. The State Government funding into GRAFFITI education and removal programmes amounts to \$600,000.

The Transport section of GRAFFITI attacks amounts to \$2.5 million annually. It leads to fear because of apparent lack of care of an area and influences adult opinions of youth. GRAFFITI is known to be the gateway to more serious crime.

GRAFFITI is preferably to be removed as soon as possible, within 48 hours or sooner.

A 'whole of community' approach could turn a major percentage of this significant social problem around with school education programmes for children in prevention, education and removal. A Guest Speaker from the Youth Affairs Council of Western Australia stated that she has found that offenders feel they "do not belong" and have a feeling of 'social isolation'.

Toodyay Kindergym

DON'T forget - 4th July, our annual cake stall, outside IGA.

There will be cakes and biscuits, rock animals and jams, books and toys, a raffle and more. This is our biggest fundraising event each year and your support is always appreciated. Any donations of goods can be given to Nyaree (9574 4772).

We would like to welcome a couple of new children to our club, Kirk and Luka. Kirk is already a very enthusiastic member who especially enjoys the ribbons and shakers. Also welcome back to Bridie who is showing her new sister the ropes.

New members are always welcome and your first lesson is free. Starting next term we will be introducing a term fee, but it can be paid off during the course of the term. It will still be \$5.00/week (or \$4.50 for 2 or more children), but the total cost will depend on the number of weeks in the term and will not account for absenteeism. Currently, if you don't come, you don't pay, but the club still has to pay for the venue and coaches whether there is 4 children or 20 children, so there can be some weeks that we don't cover our costs. The committee appreciates your understanding in this change of fee structure.

Toodyay Kindergym has classes every Friday, during school term, in the Pavilion at the Showgrounds at 9:30 am. Remember, your first class is free. For more information, please contact our Head Coach, Rene on 9574 4708.

Sing Australia Toodyay Still Singing

Beth Frayne

SAT singers started June with a great gig for the Autumn Club's 30th Birthday celebration on 3 June. Our Sing-a-long was popular, and we even had a bit of a jig. Great fun and great exercise! We wish to acknowledge the Autumn Club for its generous and unexpected donation, and many thanks to the singers who participated. And the requests for more gigs are flooding in!

Two of our singers and members of their families recently attended a great Sing Australia Special Gathering in the Great Hall of Parliament House, Canberra, to celebrate the end and success of a Federally funded project "Connecting Australians in Singing", starting up singing groups all around Australia, particularly in drought-stricken areas. Their report was that it was a most marvellous colourful event: an all singing all dancing grand dinner dance.

Sing Australia singers, Australia-wide, will be gathering in Perth in November for the 10th National Gathering and the first to be held in Perth. Sing Australia will be celebrating the 25th Anniversary of its establishment.

For more information: Contact Co-Leaders: Beth Frayne (9574 5971), or Christina Armstrong (9574 2141). Sing Australia website: www.singaustralia.com.au



Little Rascals

LITTLE Rascal's special visit for June was McDonald's Farm. The children all enjoyed petting, brushing and feeding the animals.

Pictured are Charlie (with chicken), Mason and Dakota (goats and pig photo)



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Toodyay Garden Club Inc

Wendy Lewer
Secretary

ON Thursday, 4th June, we visited 'Pert's Pantry' just out of York. Chris and John Pert purchased the property in 2002. An existing olive grove is an added bonus and they are developing a fascinating Parterre herb and vegetable garden of individual beds surrounded by winding paved paths.

A fellow herb enthusiast, Kay Kneuss from the Herb Society in Perth was on hand to identify some of the herbs and talked about their uses. There were 'Salvias', 'Bay', 'Fennel', 'Thyme', 'Lemon Grass' and 'Capers', to name just a few. People from the Wildflower Society in York were also there with plants for sale.

Chris and John also explained how they hand pick all their produce and process them on site, bottle and label them and sell them at markets in Perth. A variety of produce was available for tasting as well as for sale. It is wonderful to meet such dedicated people in a very specialized branch of gardening and we wished them luck as they continue to develop their garden.

We enjoyed morning tea there and then travelled back to York where we had lunch and made a brief trip to Jahroc gallery before visiting 'Peppercorns', a large established property. The house itself was built around 1900 and Maxine and Doug Major have lived there for a number of years during which time they have restored and improved the beautiful gardens. Many, many plants thrive in garden beds designed on a number of levels, separated by stone walls and paths. Baskets of succulents hang on the verandas where Citrus trees thrive in large recycled pool sand filters. What a great idea. So many varieties of roses such as 'David Austin', 'L.D. Braithwaite' and 'Radio Times', were still blooming surrounded by 'Bougainvillea', 'Cedum' and 'Geranta'. Large Peppermint trees provide shade and vegetables thrive in raised beds of recycled fiberglass. In a shade house we saw many succulents; 'Zygo cactus', 'Hippeastrums' and 'Epiphyllum', as well as 'Irish Strawberry'.

In the front garden grow more roses, other plants and trees including 'Robinias', and an unusual weeping tree called 'Japanese Pagoda' which, Doug explained, creates a large and beautiful canopy as it matures. We thanked Maxine and Doug for their time in showing us through their beautiful garden and inspiring us too, which is what it's all about, isn't it?

Our trusty bus driver, Michael then took us home via the scenic route through Clackline, a pretty ending to a perfect day.

The visit on 2nd July is to Goomalling; Dadd's Eremophila Garden and on to Jane Leemings garden. Carpool from Charcoal Lane. The visit on 6th August is to the Rickett's garden in Railway Road, Toodyay. This garden was in the Open Garden Scheme a couple of years ago and is a fairly new garden. It will be interesting to see how it has developed.

Sheena Hesse (Pres. 9574 5272)
Wendy Lewer (sec. 9574 4172)

Avon Wood Turning

Max J Heath

We have had only one morning's turning since the last *Herald* but a good turnout was there to enjoy morning tea, with a couple missing out because of the flu going around. Alexa Lang had done some cooking and we certainly enjoyed her cake. Thanks, Alexa.

Some were able to do some work on our prize for the show raffle, which is coming along well, although yours truly has not touched his part of the project, yet. It will be well worth buying a few tickets on the day.

We learn some interesting things and one trick I was able to use helped me to finish a lidded box. By using hot melt glue, a round piece of aluminium and an old household iron, I was able to heat up the aluminium disc and glue it to the bottom of the box. When it had cooled it was then fitted to a chuck. Then, by putting the whole thing back on the hot iron and melting the glue, I ended up with the finished article.

Well, it being a short month for us, that's all for now. Don't forget, if you would like to have a look, you can come to the wool pavilion from 9am to mid-day on the second or fourth Sunday of the month and have a look-see what we do.

Toodyay Music Club Inc.

Jenny Edgecombe

'ROCK and Roll' will be the theme of the club night in August, so please mark that on your calendars. Our members are very inventive when it comes to finding acoustic material in line with the themes and it will be a great night. Meanwhile, the July meeting will feature the usual mix of folk, country and popular music of many genres, with some poetry and group singing thrown in.

The June meeting saw an excellent crowd enjoying some quality performances. Once again we had a few new faces, including a surprise visit from a little winged performer who chirruped merrily along with the music, providing great amusement.

This club has long had regular members from the Midland and Hills areas (and Hillarays), but lately some of our performers have been travelling from as far afield as Rockingham and Fremantle. The combination of a warm welcome and a supportive atmosphere provides a great incentive to participate and gain experience and confidence.

Several members were exploring new areas. Warwick's use of the ukulele for a Duke Ellington style jazz number was very impressive. Frank made a very successful debut in guitar finger picking with a Midnight Oil song, and Allan aired an entertaining new song he had written, entitled 'Ukulele Heaven'.

The audience enjoyed some well-executed blues, with Gale offering up 'Mississippi Blues' and Peter W. 'Cry Me A River' and 'St Louis Blues'. Another Peter, on his first visit, provided some harmonica playing as well as some ukulele numbers. Trish and Gale's gospel rendition, 'Wade in the Water', was also very popular, as was Trish's wry song from the musical 'Irene' - 'Mother, Angel, Darling'.

In addition to providing her usual dashing double bass backing for the ukulele group, Leila reminded us that the accordion is also amongst her accomplishments, with tunes like 'My Happiness'. The uke group's lively interpretation of 'We're a Long Time Dead' had feet tapping, and it was great to hear Spencer and Teddy in 'River Road'. Good to see Spencer isn't neglecting his beautiful solo singing, with 'Long Black Veil', and we must not forget to mention Kathy, Rhonda and Bob's inexhaustible supply of 'fun' songs, including 'Sippin Cider Through a Straw'.

AGM Reminder: Our (brief) Annual General Meeting will be held at 6.30 pm on Friday 11th September, prior to the normal club night.

Toodyay Music Club Inc meets Second Friday of each month, 7pm at the CWA Hall.

Next meeting: Friday 10th July, 7pm. Please join us if you would like to sing, play acoustic music, read poetry, or come as an audience member.

For further information contact Teddy or Spencer on 9574 4492.

Toodyay Miniature Railway

June Eastwood

EVEN though winter is upon us, the railway has not decreased in popularity with families from the city electing for a picnic day out.

Unfortunately the long awaited vote submitted to the National body on closed shoes not being compulsory for passengers in high sided carriages such as ours, did not eventuate due to clumsy wording. We are now stuck for another 12 months with having to abide by the closed shoe ruling so intending passengers please be aware.

The Wooroloo prisoners have adopted the railway as a pet project and a further visit by the boys saw them re-surface Mills Bridge and excavate a safer and tidier entrance to the station. Another visit from them will be made in July and it certainly saves a lot of back breaking toil for our mature plus members.

Percy suffered a minor hiccup Sunday last and the indignity of being towed back to the station but her many Drs have pronounced her restored to good health. Percy may be our smallest engine but is by far the hardest working, being used for all track work as well as a passenger engine.

Stan is suffering frustration with Shandy having a complete overhaul but missing a small vital part. As miniature steam trains are a small minority, businesses who service the hobby are few and far between. After almost

a month's stint assisting with cropping at a son-in-law's property at Moora, Stan fully expected the part which was long overdue before he left Toodyay, to be in the post box when he returned. Not so and a quick call to the business concerned was met by a sorry tale of accident, illness, more accidents befalling the proprietor and his son (and his mother-in-law featured in there somewhere too) and it seems the staff cannot read or something. Whatever, no part has been mailed. Stan was promised his order would go to the top of the list but he fears the list may be circular.

Graham is also suffering the frustration of a beautiful train that needs more power. In fact he needs two heavy duty gopher motors. He knows where there are two that would be absolutely perfect. Just got to figure a way to tip Bob Adams off his machine, without damaging the machine of course.

A bizarre war involving a tramway began in Melbourne in 1889. A steam train had reached Box Hill but the promised 4 kilometre extension to Doncaster had not eventuated and it was proposed instead to have a privately owned one car tramway to cater for tourists who liked to picnic in the pretty orchards of Doncaster. However, the orchardists of Doncaster did not want city riff raff invading their peace and organised gangs armed with crude cudgels, walking sticks and tree branches to attack the track layers. This "war" waged on and off with the ascendancy see sawing between raiders and track layers. Eventually, however, the tramway did reach Doncaster and became so popular a second larger, faster tram was purchased. However, the tramway ran through land belonging to an "enemy" company which successfully blocked the tramway's route. In a turn around, the ordinary Doncaster residents who had come to value the tram saving them a 4 k walk protested in favour of saving the tram, but the prolonged court proceedings sent the original owner broke. Enter a new owner who reinstated the service despite the orchardists using man traps, spring guns and vigilante patrols to threaten staff and hinder the schedules... Then came the bank crash but with superhuman planning the owner kept the tramway operating with just the larger tram. When it looked as if he had finally turned the corner financially came the great depression. People could no longer afford to day trip and in 1896 the battle scarred tram clattered along the Box Hill-Doncaster line for the last time defeated finally not by the militant orchardists but the financial collapse.

Graham Boston

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FOR LOCAL WRITERS

The Toodyay Herald established the Frank Venn Memorial Awards for local writers in 1994 to mark the paper's 10th anniversary in its present form as a community newspaper.

These awards have now become an annual event and the following information is provided on the 2009 Frank Venn Memorial Awards.

Entry is open to all residents of the Shire of Toodyay.

There are five categories consisting of:

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

The closing date for entries is Friday 16th October 2009.

Entries may be left at the Toodyay Herald Office or posted to PO Box 100, Toodyay, 6566.

GUIDELINES FOR WRITERS

1. Entries are to be in short story format only - **not poetry or plays.**
2. The judges are looking for original ideas. Try to avoid using ideas you have seen on television or read in a book.
3. A **COMPLETED COVER SHEET** must accompany each entry. **Names must not appear on the entry pages.** Cover sheets are available from the Toodyay Herald Office, the Toodyay Library and TDHS.
4. There is a limit of one entry per person.
5. Entries should be on A4 paper and should be in type, biro or dark pencil and be double spaced.
6. Entries to be no longer than **five single-sided pages.**
7. Illustrations are permitted but will not influence the judges' decisions.
8. Manuscripts will not be returned but will be responsibly destroyed. Entrants should keep a copy of their work.
9. The winners will be announced and published in the December Issue of The Toodyay Herald.
10. Permission will be requested before other entries are published.



Toodyay Walkie Talkies

Neville Tanner

ON Saturday, 14th June, our group had a very pleasant excursion walking the Oak Park Natural Fauna and Flora Reserve at Goomalling.

Signage on the track was most informative about the special attractions such as the Aboriginal Gnamma water holes, the old school site and the early last century cricket and picnic ground. One of our members found a 1921 Australian Sixpence on the old cricket field.

The only wildflower in bloom was a small forest of hakea petiolaris (sea-urchin Hakea) with stunning, near-globular clusters of pink and cream flowers.

At the completion of this leisurely walk, a picnic lunch was consumed in the well-provided, undercover picnic area.

After lunch, a visit was made to Slater Homestead, an historic icon which is being lovingly restored to its former glory. All our members were very impressed with the renovations that have already been completed on several of the buildings.

On one of our Wednesday morning bush walks at the back of the racecourse, we found a patch of very minute midge orchids. Also, members were excited to come across two black swans swimming in the Avon River at the back of the football oval. The scenery, flora and fauna we see on our many walks amazes us and we highly recommend you join with us to enjoy these experiences with us.

Now that the shortest day of the year has come and gone, in theory it should be lighter and warmer for the seven o'clock morning starts for all of our walks. As always, we offer an invitation to all to come and join us on our interesting, healthy and sociable walks.

No costs are involved but it is recommended all walkers wear sensible and appropriate footwear plus bring a cuppa to be enjoyed at the end of each walk. Below is our future walk programme to mid-August, 2009.

Should you require further details, please do not hesitate to contact me on 9574 2905.

BE ACTIVE and HAVE FUN

Ida's Hideaway

Greasy Sleeve

I AM pleased to report that we are still going strong and would like to take this opportunity to thank all our volunteers and a special thank you to Graham of the Toodyay Bakery for his ongoing generosity every week.

Birthday wishes this month go to Laurie Beech (13th) and Ruby Peters (24th). Happy Birthday to you both.

Deepest sympathy to the Donegan family for their sad loss of Beryl; she will be missed from Ida's Hideaway.

Our street stall raffle will be on Friday 10th / Saturday 11th July. Once again, we are asking that you give your support.

Ida's Hideaway is a voluntary organisation to assist the seniors of Toodyay. We meet every Saturday afternoon at Butterfly Cottage from 1pm until 4pm. If you have nothing better to do, please come along. You will be most welcome.

The definition of Generosity is: Giving more than you can and pride in taking less than you need.

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Izac loves the colour green!

Montessori Puggles Playgroup

VIEWED through a child's eyes:

"We're going to playgroup today, were going to playgroup today! Come on, Mum, I've got my fruit."

Mum drives really slowly into town and up to the community centre. Racing in, I am greeted by the other kids. "Hello." Mum steps in to herd me into the room. Seeing Felicity, I say, "Good morning, Felicity," and I am rewarded with a sunny smile. Placing my fruit into the basket I run off to join everyone looking at all the toys.

What first? Into the kitchen to set up shop, I think. I cut up some wooden fruit and put them in my pot to make some cakes. I get lots of help. Tinkle tinkle, Felicity rings her little bell. It's mat time!

Putting my pot away and the other kids put the fruit back in the container. We all go and sit on the mat, holding each other's hands we sing our greetings and squeeze hands. I am the strongest I'm sure. Then we sing some more. I like the echidnas and koala's song as it has actions as well. Standing up we all have a stretch and move about, singing. I know all the words to dingle dangle scarecrow.

Felicity then asks us what we see outside, about the weather. After much discussion, we pick out three cards: cloudy, rainy and cool to stick up on our chart. We then get shown

what we are doing for craft today.

I don't need any help putting on my art smock. Coloured paint, goody! Look at my painting with string. "Oops, a bit messy." Lucky we have our own sink to wash in. "Hee hee," splash! What to play with next?

I grab a mat and sit with Mum so she can help me with the hard pieces of the puzzle I have chosen. It's of tractors and farm stuff. Then I want to play cars. "Vroom, screech! Oh no, he's crashed!"

Tinkle, tinkle. Felicity announces that it's fruit time! Quickly I put my toys back. I wait in line to wash my hands and pick a brown china plate and white cup. I find my placemat at the table, pour the water and start taking fruit for my plate; I am the last one left. I am really hungry. I even get to wash and dry my plate and cup in our sink.

What now? I think I will play with the scales and shapes now. Felicity tinkles her bell and we are back to the mat. Music, goody! I pick a drum out of all the percussion instruments. Felicity sings with her guitar and we swap instruments a few times ending up with the shakers.

I join hands with everyone and we sing our goodbyes. Mum grabs my craft and we are back to the car. "Mum I am hungry!"

If you would like more information please speak to Puggles Playgroup leader Felicity on 9574 4254

DAY / DATE	THE WALK	MEETING PLACE
July		
Fri 3	Deepdale	Corner Deepdale Rd and Julimar Rd
Mon 6	South Toodyay	Duidee Park
Wed 8	Blackboy Walk	End of Eucalyptus Rd
Fri 10	River Walk	Duidee Park
Mon 13	Two Bridges	Duidee Park
Wed 15	Wongamine Reserve	Entrance off Bejoording Rd
Fri 17	James Cottage	Next to Old Catholic Church
*Mon 20	River and Mini Rail	Duidee Park
Wed 22	Poison Gully Reserve	End of Black Wattle Road
Fri 24	Golf Course	Golf Clubhouse Carpark
Mon 27	River Gum Trail	Duidee Park
Wed 29	Springbank Walk	Cnr Nerramine Dv and Julimar Rd
Fri 31	Lloyd Reserve	Next to Old Catholic Church
August		
Mon 3	West Toodyay	Donegan's Cottage
Wed 5	Windmill Walk	Junction Conostylis Way and Coondle West Rd
Fri 7	Pioneer Arboretum	Duidee Park
Mon 10	Deepdale	Corner Deepdale Rd and Julimar Rd
Wed 12	Horseshoe Road	Cnr Timbercreek Cr and Horseshoe Rd
Fri 14	South Toodyay	Duidee Park

* BYO Breakfast in Duidee Park after this walk.

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Healing In the Hills

Bob Adair
For the Toodyay Christian Fellowship

WHAT do we want? "We want a Fair Go Now!"

In recent times there has been a lot of publicity about our justice system or the injustices in our justice system. We are outraged at the lack of accountability in society, not just in dealing with the criminal offenders. And what about ordinary people caught up in serious incidents like the truck driver that caused 23 deaths or the prison officers that left a man to die in the back of a van? It is not good enough for people to say sorry and be genuinely remorseful, we need to make someone accountable. This is what we call a 'Fair Go'.

Pollies seem to have a rule book written just for them; entitled, "It's Ok To Rort The System As Long As You Have Mp After Your Name." Where's the Fair Go in that? After all, they are supposed to be looking after us.

Banks, on the other hand, have this raised finger that they shove in our faces and we are justly outraged. The banker's dictionary explanation of Fair is a 'place you go to spend money' - a Fair Go!

We all scream, "Where's the accountability?" That's just another way of saying, "How about a fair go?" But what about you and me, the ordinary bloke or blokes? We complain about the tax we pay and think that it's a fair go to avoid paying tax, a bit of a problem here.

Maybe it's the Ned Kelly in us? There's always some kind of scheme around to minimise our tax or avoid it. We never seem to think that, if we all managed to get away without paying tax, we'd all be up the creek without a paddle.

We all have this thing about pointing the finger at other people, while shutting our eyes to our own accountability; a fair go for many of us is for the other fella to sort it out.

Here's a little story that might help us: In an effort to get at Jesus, some of the religious hierarchy and a sprinkling of the king's stooges tried the old tax chestnut to turn up the heat. They thought they had asked the million dollar question (not very subtly), is it right to pay taxes to Caesar or not? At

face value, the question is a no-brainer.

Jesus told them to stop trying to mess his mind for starters. And then he asked them whose head was on the local currency? They answered straight up, "Caesar." They didn't even have to call a friend! And Jesus said, "Well, since it's his head, give Caesar what belongs to him and give to God what belongs to Him."

That kind of rocked them and they went away shaking their heads; that's not the answer they wanted to hear.

When you look at Jesus' answer, the whole thing over the coin is that tax is mostly about accountability for what you and I have earned and the other is about accountability for how we've spent. Judges, politicians, bankers, you and I, we are all going to be made accountable for how we've spent our lives, that's our currency.

The Bible tells us that righteousness and justice belongs to God. That makes Him the God of a Fair Go and the Judge.

Chronology Corrections

Beth Frayne
Toodyay Historical Society,

DID you spot the deliberate error in last month's article about The Long Chronology, in the 'did you know' section?

William Penphrase Tregoning didn't ask for tenders to build a 15-room Hotel (ie the current Freemasons' Hotel) at Newcastle in 1864, but actually four years earlier in 1860. The correct date is in the Chronology. However, there are always a few typos in any publication and the Toodyay Historical Society's new book The Long Chronology (Part 1, 1829-1900) is no exception.

Following is a list of the corrections that you should know about if you are one of the lucky people who bought a copy of the first printing of the First edition (Collector's item now that the book has gone into its second (slightly corrected) printing). Please take out your best pen nib and well of black ink, and neatly correct as follows:

Most important corrections:

1836: Leake was ... : Noirman Estate to Norman Estate.

1839: Alfred Waylen ... : Phillips to

Phillips.

1842 Sept.: The first building ... : Delete in Source: 5 Nov. 1842 (can't find it now!)

1851 Resident Magistrate ... : Jospheh to Joseph.

1854: Ewan to Ewen.

1856 Dec.: The first applicant ... : Add Sources: OTN, p.208; THo, p.121.

1875 April: Rev. Hugh ... : In Source: change & to 7.

1877 Aug. 15: The Newcastle Brass ... : Minstrals to Minstrels.

1877 Nov. 2: Dr. Arthur ... : 44 years to 45 years.

1881 April 3: Census; ... : 'females 1610, males 1159' to 'males 1610, females 1159'. And, in Source: GG to WA (from GG).

1891 April 30: Census returns... : In Source: WA, to WA (from GG), and delete in Source: GG, 2 May, 1891, p. 4.

1896 Mar. 20: The new railway station ... : In Source: 1906 to 1896.

1898: A rough Census ... : C6 to 66.

1898 April 20: The second annual ... : In Source: add WA, before 21 April.

1900 Dec.: Barnard Drummond ... : Humphry to Humphrey.

The other corrections are obvious spelling errors, punctuation corrections, with some improvements in grammar. No new chronology information has been added to the second printing. If you would like a full list of corrections, contact me (Beth Frayne, on 9574 5971) and I will type it up and send it to you. This Errata page could then be tipped into your precious First edition copy and you don't have to make a mess of the corrections.

Copies of the Second printing (with minor typographical corrections) are available for purchase (price: \$10.00) from the Society, at Donegan's Cottage, in the Toodyay Showgrounds, 1pm-3pm, Thursdays, or from Beth Frayne (Ph: 9574 5971). We will also have copies available at our usual public events throughout the year.

Hoping to be more careful with Part 2!

Toodyay Theatre Group

Vicky Haggarty

REHEARSALS are now well under way for the forthcoming play, 'The Umpire Strikes Back'.

See our advertisement elsewhere in this edition of the *Herald* for further information.

Don't forget the special make-up session on the 4th July. Ring V Haggarty for further details.

Toodyay Chamber of Commerce

THE Chamber of Commerce would like to thank the many people who turned out in the winter weather to attend our last Chamber meeting. Thank you John and Stella for the warm soup and rolls that kept us going. The Chamber also called an extraordinary meeting on Monday 22nd June 2009 Many members and invited Councillors attended to discuss the topic of Shire Amalgamation.

John Pearce, Robert Millar and Mike Knowles visited the Shire of Victoria Plains and spoke to the CEO and the Shire President to gather some information to bring back to the meeting. This information was very helpful in giving the meeting a starting point.

What a comprehensive topic this is. After a lengthy discussion, with the many aspects of an amalgamation explained to us, the overall viewpoint is that there are good and bad features of an amalgamation of the Toodyay Shire with any other Shire. The best scenario for our community would be that hopefully it could stand-alone and stay as it is. Once again thank you to the interested people who gave up their spare time and attended these two meetings.

The next meeting of the Chamber is on Monday 20th July, 7pm, Dining room of the Freemasons Hotel, 125 Stirling Terrace, Toodyay.

The Chamber would like to welcome new Chamber Members: Rural Cabinets, Little Farm Toodyay, P & J Michael, Megasy Pty. Ltd., J.H. Martin & Co., Avon Valley Smash Repairs, Toodyay Property Management and Courtyard Antiques and Collectables. We hope that the Community supports these businesses and that they enjoy being Chamber members.

See you at the July meeting. Take care and stay safe.

Autumn Club

OUR birthday party in June was a great success, entertained by the Toodyay singing group, with a large birthday cake and a table of food to be enjoyed by all.

We held our AGM on 24th June and the new committee is:

President	Wes Smith
Vice-President	Michael Cox
Secretary	Glance Bosnjak
Treasurer	Mick Dodemaide.

We have a visit from Northam Seniors Club on the 8th July and on the 15th July a visit from Wanneroo Seniors Club.

TAKE NOTE: Our street stall outside IGA will be on Fri 24th / Sat 25th July.

There will be a trip to Midland Gate on 28th July for lunch and the cinema or shopping.

Birthdays this month are Laurie Beech - 8th and Pat Old - 15th. We wish them both a very happy birthday.

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THE next course is set for Thursday/Friday 9th & 10th July 2009

Anyone wishing to register for courses can contact Jenny Willgoss at L J Hooker Toodyay Ph 9574 2455 or at home 9574 2412.

AMBULANCE NEWS:

Pretty boring really – compared to the last couple of months. The news is that we have had lots of call-outs and the volunteers have responded remarkably well, but that is what they do! The fact that we covered over three thousand kilometers meant that we had a fuel bill of over \$500 for the month. BP have teamed up with fuel distributors Reliance Petroleum to provide free fuel for the Country Ambulance Service but that does not do us any good as we are too far south of the qualifying parallel. Are there any Good Samaritans out there who could come to our rescue? Making a regular donation to our own Sub-Centre would attract tax incentives and would help to ensure that we can carry on giving the quality service that the region has come to expect. If you are willing and able to help, please liaise with Pam at the Sub-Centre.

AMBULANCE STATS - May 2009:

WORKLOAD

Category	#Cases	Average km	Total km
Trauma	12	84.5	1014
Medical	17	115.59	1965
Cardiac	3	104.67	314
Other	3	2	6
	35	94.26	3299

FUNDRAISING:

Donations are now being collected for the *famous* Christmas Stocking! Any gifts will be gratefully received at Toodyay Hair Studio. Sandy and the team will assemble the stocking which will be on show in the near future. If you have any new unwanted items that are suitable or wish to donate goods or services, you know who to see! Sandy Smith, Toodyay Hair Studio, Stirling Terrace Toodyay.

Psychological Health

Richard Taylor
Registered Clinical Psychologist

The Memory Club

THE New York Times recently reported on a study into aging and memory that commenced in 1981 by researchers at the University of California. It is called the '90+ Study' and has included more than 14,000 people aged 65 and over, including more than a 1,000 aged 90 and over. The study took place at Laguna Woods, a sprawling retirement community of 20,000 located south of Los Angeles. It is the centre of the world's largest decades-long study of health and mental acuity in the elderly. The following is a precis of the article.

The results of this study are starting to alter the way scientists understand the ageing brain. 'The evidence suggests that people who spend long stretches of their days, three hours and more, engrossed in some mental activities like cards may be at reduced risk of developing dementia.' Cause and effect are often at issue: Are they active because they are sharp, or sharp because they are active?

Researchers have been interested in the super memory club – that is, the fewer than one in 200 who have lived past 90 without a trace of dementia. They have been interested in understanding this group in terms of their genes, their routines, and their lives. A researcher was quoted 'We think, for example, that it's very important to use your brain, to keep challenging your mind, but all mental activities may not be equal. We're seeing some evidence that a social component may be crucial'.

Findings suggest that the percentage of people with dementia after 90 does not plateau or taper off but rather continues to increase so that the one in 600 people who make it to 95, nearly 40 per cent of the men and 60 per cent of the women, qualify for a diagnosis of dementia.

The philosophy at Laguna Woods is to

live for the day. Studies at Laguna Woods and elsewhere have found that it is precisely the ability to form new memories 'of the day', ie the present, that usually goes first in dementia.

The article reported that residents of Laguna Woods detected memory loss in others around the contract bridge table, a game which requires a strong memory. This game provides two factors that may delay the onset of symptoms, mental engagement and interaction with people.

Another finding from this and other studies of the very old have provided hints that some genes may help people remain lucid even with brains that show the biological ravages of Alzheimer's disease.

At the end of the day the researchers appear to be telling those of a certain age to learn a new skill as a way of keeping their marbles, and preferably to do it in company. The challenge is to work out which new skill to learn and with whom! Bridge isn't everyone's cup of tea.

Toodyay Medical Centre

Richard Walkey

IN about two years it may be possible using saliva to extract DNA and predict which couples will have a high risk of pregnancy complications such as miscarriages, fetal growth problems or pre-eclampsia (raised BP in pregnancy with protein loss). This is Australian research based in Adelaide and both partners are tested looking at the 70 genes so far identified that play a role in placental development.

During menopause, do women lose the plot? New work does indicate that learning is reduced during this period compared with pre-menopause although the good news is that learning returns to normal once the menopause has ended. The hippocampus and pre frontal cortex are rich in oestrogen receptors and involved with memory. Animal studies and in-vitro work show that oestrogen increases the level of neurotransmitters, the growth and formation of neurones and synapses. The idea is that the sudden drop or fluctuation in oestrogen causes the problem and may be why Hormone Replacement Therapy during the therapeutic window is of benefit.

Laparoscopic banding is very much in for treating weight problems and seems very successful. There could be some unforeseen long term complications with respiratory problems. It could be that by restricting the opening to the stomach the oesophagus dilates, fluid can accumulate and then this may aspirate into the lung. This is probably uncommon but needs to be recognised as something worthy of follow up.

If you like cola based soft drinks be warned that an intake of 2L can cause hypokalaemia or low potassium. This in turn can cause symptoms ranging from mild muscle weakness to paralysis and in patients prone to heart problems irregularities in the heart rhythm.

Magnesium sulphate when given to women at risk of pre term delivery seems to reduce the incidence of cerebral palsy and gross motor disorders. The incidence where this may help is 1% but everything helps. The magnesium can be given as a 6g loading dose and an infusion at 2g/hour.

Just when we thought we had the answers about blood pressure a new study suggests we do not need to treat to target but just lower the blood pressure. The blood pressure in anyone over 60 if lowered seems to confer benefit and all major drug classes seem effective in reducing MI or stroke. This paper is likely to provoke a lot of discussion.

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The Joys of Getting Old

Katrina Evans
Student Professional Counsellor

HOW many times have you heard people say, 'I'm not looking forward to getting old'? We joke about being in a wheelchair or in a nursing home or maybe walking around with a walking stick or frame. We visualise how we will become in the last stage of life in a rather negative way, focussing only on the physical deterioration of our bodies. We see ourselves as becoming largely dependant on others and not capable of achieving much on our own. It is sad that we often see our future as only going downhill in this way.

Getting old often means a lot more aches and pains but, if we look after our bodies and our minds, we can still live very fruitful lives. We can still have and achieve goals, however small they may be. We can choose to look at the good things in life that we can enjoy, rather than dwell on the things that we can't do anymore.

Look to the positives in your own being. They may be hard to find sometimes but they are always there.

I once knew an old man who played table tennis at the club I used to go to. He couldn't move his feet very quickly to get the ball but he could surprise you when his arm would shoot out suddenly and he'd smash the ball at you, winning the point! He also still drove his car. His granddaughter told me she went for a spin with him one day. She said they were zigzagging down the road as the old man sang 'Don't Worry, Be Happy'! He passed away shortly after that but I felt comforted to know that he would have gone with that same song in his heart.

I'm a long way off becoming a senior citizen myself but I look forward to getting old because I will have built upon my strengths and, hopefully, I'll be a wise old owl! The kids will have left home, my husband and I will own our own home, we won't be required to work anymore and we'll be able to hand back the grandchildren whenever we want! Oh, what bliss!

WA Kids To Be Asked About Their Wellbeing

THE Commissioner for Children and Young People WA, Michelle Scott, has announced a major project to consult with children and young people throughout the State to determine their views on their wellbeing.

The project, worth \$233,400 over 1 year, represents the first time the views of children and young people in WA have been sought in such a comprehensive way about how they define their wellbeing and the factors that positively or negatively affect it. Ms Scott said she commissioned the project as there is a general lack of accurate and up-to-date data concerning the wellbeing of children and young people in the State.

"There is certainly very little data concerning children and young people's views on their own wellbeing and this project will provide this vital information," she said. "I have been raising my concerns that we are not meeting the wellbeing needs of children and young people in certain critical areas, such as support services in the early years and the safety of some children at risk of harm.

"Another example is the lack of equitable access to health, development and leisure services and facilities across the State – they simply don't exist in some communities. It is important to know what are the positive factors as well as the negatives when it comes to the wellbeing of children and the project will be delivering this."

Ms Scott said she needs to know what kids think about their wellbeing, what it means to them, how they are faring and what they need to be able to improve their opportunities, be targeted with investment and actually improve outcomes for kids.

Innovative methods of consultation, such as art, murals, storytelling, song, forums and online techniques, will be used when working with groups of children and young people.



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morangup community news

Morangup Progress Assoc.

Morangup Craft Group

SOCIAL meetings are held every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each Month from 9.30am to 12noon at the Morangup Community Hall. There is a small charge of \$3.00 per meeting to cover hall hire and tea and coffee.

In June we had the Commonwealth Bank come to inform us regarding Superannuation and Pension funds which was very informative. We also had our Birthday lunch which was a great success and the \$10 gifts brought by everyone were exciting to unwrap.

All the girls will be celebrating Xmas in July on 21st July in one of our local restaurants. Prior to this, we are meeting at the Community Hall on Tuesday, 7th July to organise a start time and choice of restaurant. If you are interested in joining us, come along for a coffee and a chat or, if you would like to join us for the celebration, please ring Isabel on 9572 9041. The girls will meet at the Community Hall and will be car pooling.

In August we will be having a person from CentreLink come along to our meeting to answer any of our questions. If you are interested to come along please phone Isabel on 9572 9041.

Morangup Yoga Group

Yoga sessions are held every Thursday from 9am to 10.30am at the Morangup Community Hall. The cost is \$10.00 per session or 5 sessions for \$40.00. This includes tea and coffee. For enquiries phone Sally on 9574 4184.

Morangup Library

The Morangup Library is now open from 3pm to 5pm every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each Month at the Morangup Community Hall. Maureen, Peter and Wilma are our volunteers who collect and sort the books catering for all ages. Special requests are always welcome on the day for upcoming school projects or for your general interest. You can phone Angela at the Toodyay

Library on 9574 2323 or send your request by email to library@toodyay.wa.gov.au for them to include in the next collection/delivery.

Morangup Community Hall - Hire

Some of you may not be aware that our Morangup Community Hall is available for hire: \$10 per hour for short meetings, \$100 per day for 24 hours, a \$200 bond for functions with alcohol and a fee for cleaning if it's not left clean by the hirer - for birthday parties, weddings, seminars, information sessions, sports meetings, etc. Please phone Isabel on 9572 9041 for more information or to make a booking.

Dirt Bike Track

A sub-committee has been formed to get this long awaited project up and running. We have had lots of positive feedback from the kids at Gidgegannup Primary School along with some interesting drawing designs. A plan of the track is being drafted as an overlay on the recreational area which has been set aside for us to use. We are looking at forming a Youth Advisory Group to take charge of this Dirt Bike Track and to raise some funds to help towards materials and construction. We have a number of volunteers already on standby who are keen to share their time and equipment for this project. For enquiries or to register your interest please phone Emma on 9572 9376 or email bottledperformance@bigpond.com with your contact details.

Morangup Progress Association Meetings

Our meetings are held 1st Tuesday of each Month at the Morangup Community Hall at 7.30pm. All welcome to attend.

Morangup's Proposed Bus Service Via Gidge

A proposed bus service for operation within Morangup as an extension from a Gidgegannup service is being looked into by the MPA. The MPA will further update the Community once more information becomes available. To help organise this proposed bus service to the metro area we are asking for interested people to submit their

preferred times, days, destination stops and/or any ideas they would like to put forward. Please email your suggestions to Fran on blitz044@iinet.net.au or phone on 9572 9528 to discuss.

Notice Boards

The two notice boards located at the beginning of Morangup and Dryandra Road entrances are for chalk notices only; please DO NOT stick pages to the board as it peels the surface off when removing them. Thank you for your cooperation.

The Toodyay Historical Society Inc

WE are very pleased with the interest shown in our new book *The Long Toodyay Chronology (Part 1, 1929-1900)*. The first printing of 50 copies has sold out, or copies have been given or allocated to various worthy recipients, such as our Patron Dr Rica Erickson, the Premier, the National Library of Australia, the Battye Library, Toodyay Public Library, Toodyay District High School Library, and the Shire of Toodyay. A second printing of 50 copies has been done, and we have taken the opportunity to correct a few typographical errors. A list of the more significant corrections will be published separately in the Herald so you can neatly amend your valuable copy of the first printing of the first edition! Copies of the book are available from the Society at Donegan's Cottage in the Showgrounds, 1pm-3pm Thursdays or from Beth herself (Ph: 9574 5971). The cost is \$10.00.

We have started planning our July event: the 2nd Annual Antiques Road Show, on 25th July, 1.30pm-5pm, in the CWA Hall. See the advertisement for this fundraising event elsewhere in the Toodyay Herald. It will cost \$5.00 per item to get an appraisal from experts Richard Brouwer and Bill Boyd, or just \$2.00 to watch the fun. Scrumptious afternoon teas will be on sale. Displays, book sales and a raffle will all add to the entertainment. We would appreciate it if members could give us a few hours of their time to help at this event, and we would particularly ask all members to provide a plate for the great country style afternoon teas we will be selling. Contact Secretary Beth Frayne (9574 5971) if you can help in any way.

Vale Christa Bee and Judy Harrington:

Christa Bee:

On a more serious note, we have lost one of our most popular and hard working members, Christa Bee, who passed away on 11th June. Christa and her husband John have been great supporters of the Society since

2000. Christa was on the Committee in 2001-2007, and represented the Society on the Shire's Museum Advisory Committee for some years. Christa also contributed many hours of assistance in the Society's Archives, in particular working on data entry for the motor vehicle licence project and on the scanning of many documents. She also served on the Shire's Cemetery Advisory Committee (2002-2005), and was awarded a Pearce Electorate Australia Day Award in Mar. 2004. Our condolences to John and his family.

Judy Harrington:

We were also saddened to hear of the passing of former member, Judy Harrington. Judy was a very active member in 2000-2002, joining the Committee, and serving as Vice President and Oral History Co-ordinator. Our condolences to Paul and his family.

Next excursion - Sunday, 28th June. By the time you read this, we will have joined up with members of the Royal WA Historical Society on their excursion to Toodyay, having enjoyed a scrumptious morning tea at the Freemasons', followed by visits to St. Stephen's Church, Newcastle Gaol, and St. Phillip's Church and Cemetery at Culham, and a picnic lunch at Yandee.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, 15th July, 7pm at Donegan's Cottage. For information about any matter to do with the Toodyay Historical Society, or how we may assist you or your group, please contact our Secretary Beth Frayne - 9574 5971, President Len Leeder - 9574 4343, or Vice President Robyn Taylor - 9574 2578.

Our headquarters are at Donegan's Cottage, which is open to the public every Thursday from 1pm to 3pm. You will find us on Toodyay Street in the Toodyay Showgrounds. Membership is \$10.

Len Leeder (President) and Beth Frayne (Secretary)

The 2009 FRANK VENN MEMORIAL AWARDS FOR LOCAL WRITERS

The Toodyay Herald established the Frank Venn Memorial Awards for local writers in 1994 to mark the paper's 10th anniversary in its present form as a community newspaper.

These awards have now become an annual event and the following information is provided on the 2009 Frank Venn Memorial Awards.

Entry is open to all residents of the Shire of Toodyay.

There are five categories consisting of:

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

The closing date for entries is Friday 16th October 2009.

Entries may be left at the Toodyay Herald Office or posted to PO Box 100, Toodyay, 6566.

GUIDELINES FOR WRITERS

1. Entries are to be in short story format only - **not poetry or plays.**
2. The judges are looking for original ideas. Try to avoid using ideas you have seen on television or read in a book.
3. A **COMPLETED COVER SHEET** must accompany each entry. **Names must not appear on the entry pages.** Cover sheets are available from the Toodyay Herald Office, the Toodyay Library and TDHS.
4. There is a limit of one entry per person.
5. Entries should be on A4 paper and should be in type, biro or dark pencil and be double spaced.
6. Entries to be no longer than **five single-sided pages.**
7. Illustrations are permitted but will not influence the judges' decisions.
8. Manuscripts will not be returned but will be responsibly destroyed. Entrants should keep a copy of their work.
9. The winners will be announced and published in the December Issue of The Toodyay Herald.
10. Permission will be requested before other entries are published.



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MOONDYNE FESTIVAL

Needs a Chairperson. Someone who can manage the Festival with a strong committee. New committee formed but no-one with the time to be the Chairperson. You need: Strong Management Skills, Ability to delegate, ability to chase grants and possible funding opportunities. You need to have a strong sense of humour, the left brained activity to have fun, the need and desire to steer the greatest Festival in Toodyay every year. Contact Lynda Burke on 9574 4086 or Lesley Hug on 9574 2612 to discuss. We need you!!!!

AVON ROCK SONGWRITING COMP.

Do you enjoy expressing yourself with words? Maybe they are the lyrics for the next winning song! This year's competition will be bigger and better, so any aspiring writers out there, you have till November to put something together. Contact AVAS avas1@wn.com.au for more info.

2009 NORTHAM ART PRIZE

AVAS invites you to the official opening and presentations of awards for the 2009 Northam Art Prize. In the Old Post Office Gallery, Northam Arts Centre Sunday July 5 at 5pm. Refreshments and entertainment. Artworks will be on display for the month of July.

SHAPE

School Holiday Program SHAPE is on in July. Activities held in the Old Girl's School with sessions twice daily 10am-12noon & 1pm-3pm. Fees are \$5 per session. Starting Monday July 6 through to Friday July 10. Enjoy arts and crafts with Anne and her team. Contact AVAS for bookings on 9622.2245.

THE AVON VALLEY BASEBALL CLUB INC.

P.O. Box 1107
TOODYAY WA 6566

The Avon Valley Baseball Club is seeking interested people for the positions of Coach, Assistant Coach and Umpire to join in this fantastic sport for our youth in the Avon Valley region.

Training and travel costs will be met by Department of Sport & Recreation.

For further information
Please contact Head Coach: Reg Skinner on 9574 4884

FARMERS DO YOU SHEAR IN JULY - how would you like your sheep shorn for a **DONATION TO THE FLYING DOCTORS?** We need Lambs, Hoggets Wethers and Ewes for the **CLEAN SHEARS** on the 11th July ticketed classer and professional shed team to do wool sheep well cared for.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED to help run stalls at the family fun day in Beverley on the 11 July. If interested in helping call Sharyn on 0407424654. A meeting will be held in the **LESSER HALL ON SATURDAY 27TH JUNE** at 7pm for anyone interested in helping or learning more. 40% of takings will go to the **NOT FOR PROFIT ORGANISATIONS** of your choice.

CLEAN SHEARS COMPETITION to be held at the family fund day in Beverley on **THE 11TH JULY** 8am-6pm this event is to raise funds for the **RFDS** and **Avon Youth C&FS**, anyone wishing to know more or to sponsor this event or just make a donation call Sharyn on 0407 424 654.

THE BULLDUST COUNTRY UTES CHARITY MUSTER is leaving Beverley on the 12 July at 9.30 am anyone wishing to join them on the journey for the whole trip or just part Contact Sharyn on 0407424654. **THERE ARE 2 SPONSORSHIPS UP FOR GRABS** on for a tray top the other for a Nissan so if you or know someone who would like to join give me a call.

THE BULLDUST COUNTRY UTES CHARITY MUSTER FAMILY FUN DAY and **CONCERT** 11th July entry to the fun day is \$10.00 Concert \$30.00 (\$35.00 for both). Swag it and stay the night. For more information call Sharyn on 0407 424 654

The Toodyay Soccer Club is about to start the season off!
Sunday June 7th 9.00am at the Toodyay Hockey oval.
Queries to Kerry Green 95742602 or Bronwyn Gavlik 95742650

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Bereavements



HARRINGTON, JUDY NEE KINGSTON
Dearly loved sister and aunty of Coral Ashley and family.

Our love and thoughts are with Paul and her beautiful family.
Rest in Peace Jude.

HARRINGTON, JUDY

I love you Jude
I miss you Jude
Rest in Peace my beautiful sister. *Coral*

HARRINGTON, JUDY

When we were doing the Christmas tree at the surgery last Christmas, Paul and Judy Harrington came in and Judy received very bad news from Richard. After leaving the consulting room and coming back into the waiting room I asked Judy if she could help with a problem I had.

I needed an angel to go on a 4metre Christmas tree.

Judy laughed and said she would be honoured and that I had made her day.

This is an announcement to all the people of Toodyay to say that the position of our surgery's angel has now been taken by Judy as it rightly should.

It gives both Richard and I great comfort to know that she will be with us each and every year guarding the tree and the Christmas decorations which are for the people of Toodyay.

Her spirit so strong in life is stronger still in death and she will truly never be forgotten.

Sean Byron

HARRINGTON, JUDY

The Toodyay Scout Group wishes to extend their sympathy to Kaydee, Simon and family on the loss of Judy. You are all in our thoughts and prayers.

Toodyay Scout Group

HARRINGTON, JUDY

24.1.1951 - 15.6.2009
To Paul and your extra kind family
Judy, the angels came so that you could complete your journey. Now you are free from pain. We shall miss you heaps.

Jackie, Michael and Paula

HARRINGTON, JUDY

Jude, you blessed us with your friendship, wisdom and love and we will always remember you as our lovely neighbour on the hill.

Much love to your beautiful family.

Mili and Marlene

JUDY HARRINGTON

The members of the Toodyay Historical Society are also saddened on the passing of former member Judy Harrington. Judy had been a member of the Society in 2000-2002, and was very active, holding the positions of Committee member, Vice President and Oral History Co-ordinator. Our condolences to Paul and his family.

CHRISTA BEE

We were so saddened to learn of the sudden loss of Chrysta. As one of our original members, we'll miss her support of our club with her cheery smile. Our sympathy and condolences to John and her family.

Toodyay Garden Club.

CHRISTA BEE

The members of the Toodyay Historical Society are deeply saddened on the passing of member Christa Bee. Christa and her husband John have been great supporters of the Society since 2000. Christa was on the Committee in 2001-2007, represented the Society on the Shire's Museum Advisory Committee for some years and contributed many hours working in the Society's Archives. Our condolences to John and his family.

DONEGAN, Beryl

The family of Beryl would like to sincerely thank everyone for their kind sympathy, cards, phone calls and attendance at Mum's funeral.

Special thanks to Silver Chain staff, Dr Walkey and Northam Regional Hospital staff for your care and devotion.

Please accept this as our personal Thank You.

THOM, Jill

You were searching to find your way. May the darkness of this world be conquered by 'the light'. Goodbye my dear friend.

Rae Vigar

2J'ers

Christmas in July
Casino Bus
Contact Ida on 9574 2858

Reward Offered

Info please on the black/chrome chairs removed from the Cola Café.
Contact Brian 9574 4407

Thank You

On behalf of Paul, Shelley, Rebecca, Simon, Kelly, Lisa and our family

We would like to thank the many friends who supported us & sent well wishes during this difficult time in the loss of our beautiful Wife, Mum & Grandma.

Dr Richard Walkey & staff of the Toodyay Medical Centre

Dr Arlene Chan & staff of Mount Hospital

Father Andrew

Maxine Walker & staff of Purslowe Tinetti Funerals

Stella & John Pearce for Catering

No words can truly express the gratitude that we feel

Since my illness I have become even surer of the shire and town in which I live.

The get well cards, calls and good wishes have made me even more certain that I chose correctly; in case of even perceived need there is someone to offer help.

To all, please accept my grateful thanks.

Jim Bavin

I would like to express my sincere thanks to everyone for the cards, gifts, phone calls, flowers and best wishes conveyed through Mark over the last three months. To have this support during such a time is very special. From the bottom of my heart, thank you.

Sally Hudson

Correction and Apology

Last month in the Chaplaincy notes I missed a decimal point ie, Subscription for Friends of Chaplaincy \$1000.00. This should have read \$10.00. My apologies, I sincerely hope noone was frightened off from giving donations in the future.

Raffle results
Chaplaincy Street Stall Raffle results

Wood B. Milberry Ticket Blue D13

1st Tree Lee Wolsoncroft Ticket Green F20

2nd Tree Marg Ticket Green F95

Birthdays

Roslyn Rowles	Margaret Sutton
Stacey Mills	Cassie Mills
Wally Chitty	Matthew Fleay
Joseph Fleay	Jenny Wellgoss
Graham Mills	Elizabeth Andrijich
Anthony Andrijich	Lesley Sloper
Bill Myers	Rose Myers
Doreen Watson	David Eddy
Eva Beveridge	Peg Nelligan
Val Kissane	Michael Cox
Ron Kissane	Veya Due

Anniversaries

Joe & Margaret Paulsen
John & Gwen Sizer
Doreen & Spot Watson
Lea-anne & Ian MacGregor
Joanne & Martin Stacey
Sharon & Patrick Ferguson
Eva Beveridge
Peg Nelligan
Val Kissane
Michael Cox
Ron Kissane
Veya Due

A Big Thank You

The Avon Auxiliary Branch of the Silver Chain had their Big Monster Street Stall. It was a big success and it was due to the generosity of the business sector and peoples of Gingin, Bindoon, Toodyay, Northam and Wundowie.

A big thank you to the parliament members who made contributions.

On behalf of the committee and myself, I would like to thank everyone that helped make our day a huge success.

All the proceeds will be staying in our Avon Region. It will go towards helping our senior citizens that are cared for by our Silver Chain staff.

We look forward to having your support again next year.

Jan Broadbent

President

Avon Auxiliary Branch Committee
The editorial staff of the Herald would like to apologise for the omission of this thank you in previous editions of the paper. It was misplaced and only came to light following some subtle prompting.



Fairytales

Thank you to Adam Harris for the opportunity to give away a newly released 'Fairytales' CD in our Herald competition, featuring Adam Harris (Celtic harp) and Naomi Millett (guitar).

Adam is a composer who operates a recording studio in Goomalling. He specialises in writing and playing instrumental music in the latin/jazz/new age vein. In 'Fairytales', a CD of traditional celtic and medieval tunes, Adam is joined by Toodyay artist Naomi Millett, who is a guitarist, Western Australian mandolin orchestra player and radio presenter.

The CD launch will be held at the Tin Dog Café in Dowerin in August.

To win a copy of the 'Fairytales' CD, write to: The Toodyay Herald, PO Box 100, Toodyay 6566 and tell us what you think of our paper.

when and where they meet

Dusts, Fumes and Fibre Hazards

An inspection campaign targeting dusts, fumes and fibres held in April has uncovered that many employers are either not aware of the hazards in their workplaces or are not taking action to reduce the risks.

WorkSafe inspectors found that dust, fumes and fibres presented a hazard to workers at almost two-thirds of workplaces visited.

Inspectors carried out 94 investigations and found hazards of this type in 61 of the locations. They issued 57 improvement notices, one prohibition notice and seven verbal directions.

WorkSafe WA Commissioner Nina Lyhne said today the inspection campaign had exposed a number of issues in regard to dusts, fumes and fibres.

"The most common problem the inspectors identified was that many employers had not assessed the risks associated with dusts, fumes and fibres," Ms Lyhne said.

"In some cases, inspectors reported that employers and managers were not even aware that some of the substances being dealt with by workers were hazardous.

"For example, inspectors visited cabinet-makers who were not aware of the hazards of exposure to wood dust and restaurateurs who were unaware that fumes from high temperature frying could be a health risk.

"These inspection campaigns are aimed at providing employers with information on how to comply with occupational safety and health laws, so employers who were not complying with the laws were provided with information to assist them to do so.

"We firmly believe that raising awareness is the best way in which to lessen the risk of illness and injury, and it is evident that this particular campaign has been successful in raising awareness of the risks of dusts, fumes and fibres in workplaces."

During the campaign, inspectors who visited workplaces for any reason also assessed whether hazardous or combustible dusts, fumes or fibres were present and, if they were, ran through a checklist based around identification, assessment and control of the substances.

A variety of dusts, fumes and fibres were targeted over a number of different industries, including welding fumes in metal manufacturing, pesticides in agriculture, asbestos in construction and wood dust in cabinet making and construction.

"There are many airborne substances that can cause illness and disease in workers, and the potential risks may not be immediately recognised or fully understood," Ms Lyhne said.

"This campaign is an excellent example of WorkSafe's proactive work aimed at preventing injuries and illness in workplaces."

Further information on dusts, fumes and fibres can be obtained by telephoning WorkSafe on 9327 8777 or on the website at www.worksafe.wa.gov.au.

Beverley Station Gallery

AN Art Exhibition will be held for Graeme Wild, Artist in Residence at the Beverley Station Gallery. Graeme has completed about 30 new paintings while being in Beverley, and the exhibition will be open from Friday 10 July - Sunday 19 July.

Opening times 11am - 4pm.

The opening night, with wine and cheese served from 5pm - 7.30pm will be on Friday 11th of July. All Welcome.

Contact Marylou Hutchinson on 9647 1027 or email hutchinson@wn.com.au.

AAFC 708 SQUADRON

Australian Air Force Cadets 12 ½ to 17 year olds, male and female. Building J1, Northam Army Camp Grt Eastern Hwy. Friday 6:30pm to 9:30pm, during school term. 708squ@cadetnet.gov.au

AFRICAN DRUMMING

Tuesdays children and adults 3.30 - 4.30pm
Thursdays adults 7.30 - 9pm at The Factory Baptist Church
Drums available. All welcome.

ARTS TOODYAY INC

Meets first Tuesday of the month, 7pm at The Old Police Station in Duke St Sth. For all interested in arts/crafts, workshops. Enquiries to John on 9574 4664

AUSTRALIAN BREASTFEEDING ASSOCIATION

For breastfeeding information and the company of other mums. 2nd Tuesday of month at Parent Information Centre, Gordon Street Northam 10am-noon. 4th Tuesday of month Toodyay Playgroup 10am - noon. Contact Louise for more details on 9574 0229

AUTUMN CLUB

Every Wednesday. Toodyay Sports Pavilion
Contact Ida Edwards 9574 2858

AVON VALLEY ENVIRONMENTAL SOC.

3rd Friday of each month at Dept of Water, 254 Fitzgerald Street Northam, noon.

AVON VALLEY VINTAGE VEHICLE ASSOCIATION

3rd Thursday every month, 8pm at the old engineers quarters, next to Northam Railway Museum, Fitzgerald Street, Northam. ph 96221192.

AVON WOODTURNERS GROUP

Monthly meeting 4th Monday 7.30pm to 10pm, Workshops 2nd and 4th Sunday 9am - Wool Pavilion, Toodyay Sports Ground.

BEJOORDING VOLUNTEER FIRE BRIGADE

Meet at Bejoording Fire Shed, 3rd Saturday 5pm

BINGO

Every Wednesday, eyes down 7.30pm Community Centre

CENTRAL VOLUNTEER BUSH FIRE BRIGADE

4th Tuesday of each month, 7.30pm at the Toodyay Fire and Emergency Services Centre. Training 2nd Thursday of each month.

CHILD HEALTH IMMUNISATION CLINIC

The next immunisation clinic: 22nd July from 9am-11am. Please call Sheree on 9574 4577 to book an appointment.

COONDLE NUNILE VOLUNTEER BUSH FIRE BRIGADE

Meets 2nd Saturday of month from October to April, June and August, 5pm at Coondle Fire Shed.

COUNTRY WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION (CWA)

General meeting - 4th Thursday of each month, 1.30pm, C.W.A. Hall. New Members very welcome.

CUBS, JOEYS & SCOUTS (only during school term)

Youth Hall, Showgrounds, Cubs & Joeys 4.00pm - 5.30pm
Scouts, Thursday 6pm - 8.00pm Ph: 9574 2363

DRAMA CLASSES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

Monday 4-5.30pm, Call Anne on 9574 2458.

FITNESS & FUN FOR THE OVER 55's

Wednesday 9am, Sports Pavillion.

IDA'S HIDEAWAY

Every Saturday, 1pm to 4pm at Butterly House.
Contact Ida Edwards on 9574 2858

JULIMAR JEWELS

Ladies only. Tuesday 21st July at 10am, Licks and Lollies.
All ladies welcome. Contact Shirl on 9574 5077.

JULIMAR VOLUNTEER BUSH FIRE BRIGADE

Meets Saturday 4th July 5pm (Brigade photo 4.15pm) at Julimar Fire Station. BYO BBQ 1st Sat of every month 6pm.

MOERLINA

Every Tuesday and Thursday Toodyay Sports Pavilion

RAG BAGS QUILTING GROUP

1st, 3rd (& 5th) Wednesday, 10am Uniting Church

ST STEPHEN'S MOTHERS' UNION/GUILD

3rd Tuesday of month, Anglican Hall, 2pm from March to November

SHIRE OF TOODYAY COUNCIL MEETING

3rd Thursday of each month Council Chambers 7pm

SILVER CHAIN AUXILIARY

Meetings 2nd Tuesday of each month, 2pm at Toodyay Telecentre.

SIMPLY MUSIC

Piano lessons for all ages. CWA Hall Friday afternoon and Saturday morning. Contact Jan 0416 054 942.

SING AUSTRALIA TOODYAY

Every Thursday (except summer holidays), 7.30pm at The Factory, Baptist Church, Stirling Tce. Contact Beth 9574 5971

SOCIAL TENNIS

Tuesday 8.30am Ladies and senior men

TOODYAY BALLET SCHOOL

Classes in Classical, Jazz and Tap held at 507 Julimar Rd, new studio. Ages from 4yrs to Adults, girls and boys. 9574 4459. Saturdays 9am - 2.30pm (except school holidays)

TOODYAY/CLACKLINE KARATE CLUB

Wednesday 3.30-4pm, under 8, 4-5pm under 11, 5-6pm under 14, 6-7.30pm seniors. Friday 3.30-4pm Peeweese, 4-5pm juniors, 5-6pm intermediate, 6-7pm seniors at the Youth Hall

TOODYAY DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL P & C

Every 3rd Wednesday (except school holidays)
School Library, 7pm

TOODYAY FRIENDS OF THE RIVER

3rd Sunday of each month Duidgee Park (near Bolgart Bridge) at 8am October to April and 9am May to September.
Enquiries 9574 2578

TOODYAY KINDERGYM

Kindergym Fridays (except school holidays), Toodyay Sports Pavilion. Contact: Debra Andrijich 9574 2676

TOODYAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

3rd Wednesday of each month, 7pm Donegan's Cottage

TOODYAY IRISH DANCING

Friday 5pm Anglican Hall. Contact: Lyn Johnson - 9574 2530.

TOODYAY LIONS CLUB

1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month Hotel Freemasons

TOODYAY MASONIC LODGE

3rd Friday each month (except Jan)
Masonic Hall, Fiennes St, 7.30pm

TOODYAY MINIATURE RAILWAY (Inc)

1st and 3rd Sunday commencing Easter Sunday. Enquiries 9574 4462

TOODYAY MUSIC CLUB INC

2nd Friday of the Month from 7pm
CWA Hall. Contact Teddy or Spencer 9574 4492.

TOODYAY NATURALISTS' CLUB

3rd Saturday each month, at CWA Hall 7pm. Enquiries to President on 9574 5445 or Secretary on 6364 3609. Visitors and new members will be made very welcome.

TOODYAY NEIGHBOURHOOD/RURAL WATCH

2nd Tuesday each month commencing 6pm Toodyay Police Station (General Meeting bi-monthly - Feb, April, June, Aug, Oct, Dec) Enquiries 9574 2212

TOODYAY OLIVE GROWERS

Contact Francis Moran for meeting dates 9574 5786.

TOODYAY PLAYGROUP

Tuesdays & Thursdays 9.30am - 11.30am, Playgroup Hall, Community Centre, Bindi Baxter 9574 4430

TOODYAY RATEPAYERS & RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION (INC.)

General Meetings 3rd Tuesday each month @ the CWA Hall, 7pm. Committee meetings fortnightly on Tuesday evening. Contact Roger Bray (Chairperson) 9574 4562.

TOODYAY RED CROSS

2nd Monday of month, Anglican Hall, 1.30pm

TOODYAY SPINNERS

Wednesdays and 2nd Saturday from 9am Parkers Cottage.
President: Greta Sauta 9574 2868; Secretary: Rita Morald 0428 956 909

TOODYAY SUB -BRANCH RSL

1st Saturday of March, May, July, September and November at 2pm at the Bowling Club. AGM second Saturday in February at the Bowling Club. Contact Lou 9574 4310

TOODYAY SWIMMING POOL ACTION COMM.

12.30pm on the 2nd Monday of each month at the Freemasons Hotel.

TOODYAY VOLUNTEER FIRE BRIGADE

1st Monday of each month Fire Station, 8pm

TOY LIBRARY

Tuesday and Thursday, 9am to 10am at Toodyay Community Centre. Contact Tracey Hunter 9574 5642

UNITING CHURCH

10am, St Stephen's Church, Toodyay

YOGA

Friday 9am Friday CWA Hall. 9574 4184

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Professor Paolo Ferrari

Paired Kidney Exchange Program

Pre-eminent Perth nephrologist and world-renowned kidney specialist Professor Paolo Ferrari will become the first National Clinical Lead of the national Paired Kidney Exchange (PKE) program for the Australian Organ and Tissue Donation and Transplantation Authority.

Announcing his appointment today, Authority CEO Ms Karen Murphy said Professor Ferrari's extensive experience within the sector and his groundbreaking work with kidney donor and recipient patients at Fremantle Hospital would now be extended nationally.

"Professor Ferrari is a very talented and experienced clinician with a highly regarded international academic profile. His appointment is another successful milestone in the Australian Government's \$151.1 million sector reform package to improve access to lifesaving transplants," Ms Murphy said.

"PKE helps poorly matched or incompatible donor/recipient pairs by enlarging the available donor pool to increase the possibility of compatibility. It's a program which has been trialled successfully in Western Australia since October 2007 and has so far changed the lives of 11 Australians with successful kidney transplants.

"Through the national program more kidney patients will have access to life-changing transplants, which is certainly great news for Australians on the waiting list.

"Throughout the consultation process to establish the PKE program Professor Ferrari's appointment was wholeheartedly endorsed by the overwhelming majority of his peers. I am very pleased he is joining the Authority and welcome him to this new role," said Ms Murphy.

The PKE Advisory Group of the Cognate Committee developed guidelines for the establishment of a national Paired Kidney Exchange Program by the Authority, and made recommendations including the appointment of a National Program Manager. Health Ministers have agreed to recommendations on a national paired kidney exchange program. Professor Paolo Ferrari completed his undergraduate medical training and trained in Medicine and Nephrology at the University of Berne in Switzerland. He was a research fellow at the University of Southern California and the Baker Medical Research Institute in Melbourne.

Professor Ferrari is Director of Nephrology and Divisional Director at Fremantle Hospital. He is also Co-Lead of the WA Renal Health Network and holds an appointment as Professor at the University of WA. Professor Ferrari has been the initiator and coordinator of the paired kidney exchange program in WA.

He is member of the Medical and Scientific Advisory Committee of Kidney Health Australia and of the Scientific Program and Education Committee of the Australian and New Zealand Society of Nephrology.

Handgun Ownership Myth Busting

Often, those opposed to the shootingsports, such as the National Coalition for Gun Control and the Australian Greens, perpetuate the myth that 'single-shot' handguns could and should be used in competition.

Recognising these myths for what they are - just myths - the Sporting Shooters' Association of Australia (SSAA National) would like to make clear a few facts about the sport of handgun shooting in Australia.

There are many organised handgun competitions that cater for sporting shooters at the club, state, national and international level. In the SSAA alone, competitors are required to use multi-shot-capable revolvers and self-loading pistols to participate in the Action Match, Handgun Metallic Silhouette, Single Action and Target Pistol competitions.

Within each of these competitions, there are many categories, matches and events, which cater to the different skill levels of its participants and there are thousands of competitors participating at each of these levels across the country. Another myth regularly peddled by anti-firearm groups is that multi-shot handguns are not utilised in elite shooting competitions such as the Commonwealth Games. This is quite untrue. The Commonwealth Games 25m Pistol competition, for instance, includes a Precision and a Rapid Fire event, with each requiring 30 shots.

Sporting handgun ownership in Australia has always been strictly regulated and continues to be so. In Australia, only sporting shooters who belong to and regularly attend handgun clubs can maintain their handgun ownership outside of professions such as veterinarian, security and law enforcement agencies.

Finally, the Australian Greens leader Senator Bob Brown has previously stated that there are 300,000 'handmachine-guns' in Australia, many of which are carried around or hidden in car 'glove boxes'. Senator Brown's figure is blatantly incorrect. In September 2008, the Australian Institute of Criminology stated that there were, in fact, 145,123* registered handguns in Australia. Furthermore, in November 2008 when Senator Brown's asked when the Australian Government will ban handguns, Senator Penny Wong, on behalf of the then Minister for Home Affairs Bob Debus, stated that the Government considers the existing controls in place on firearms, including handguns, to be appropriate in striking a balance between the interests of those with a genuine need to have access to these firearms, such as sporting shooters, and the interests of the broader community to live safely and securely. And the SSAA rightly concurs.

For more information about firearm legislation in Australia and the SSAA's handgun shooting competitions, please order your complimentary copy of A Journalist's Guide to Firearms and the Shooting Sports from www.ssaa.org.au/media-centre

Community Rejects Amalgamations

Latest research shows West Australians do not support forcing Local Governments to amalgamate and believe that the reform process should look at other ways to improve the sector.

The independent research, commissioned by the WA Local Government Association, also found that the community is adamant it wants to be both consulted and have a vote on any proposed amalgamation.

Conducted by research consultancy Knowledge, more than 1250 West Australians were randomly surveyed from across the State.

Key findings were that almost half those people surveyed (48%) had an interest in the Local Government reform process while 74% believed that the process should consider alternatives to amalgamations of Councils.

Of those surveyed, 64% agreed that the State Government should not force Councils to amalgamate and they overwhelmingly (83%) wanted to have a vote on any amalgamation proposed for their Local Government.

WALGA President Cr Bill Mitchell said the large sample size, with its high level of confidence, and that the survey was conducted independently, demanded that the findings be given due credence.

"This survey demonstrates that the community is interested and more importantly wants to have a say in the future of their Councils," Cr Mitchell said.

"It is encouraging that they want to get involved and are not stuck believing that amalgamations are the only option for better Local Government".

Wheatbelt North Road Toll

Road crash statistics in the Wheatbelt North Region is now at a critical point, fatalities and serious injury data indicates the increase is unsatisfactory to say the least.

The 2008 statistics provided advise vehicle crashes in the WA Rural Regions accounted for 119 fatalities out of a total of 209 State wide. The stats indicate 20 of those fatalities occurred in the Wheatbelt region.

The year to date 17th June 2009, road death statistics show that 93 persons have perished on our roads this year of which 61 were on regional roads.

Where communities have operational Road Safety Committees there is a notable reduction to road crash incidents. Local Committees have the insight into where potential black spot areas exist, this information may be presented to the Local Government or Main Roads for rectifying or road upgrades.

Country roads are notorious for single vehicle crashes as past data has proven.

The Wheatbelt North Region consisting of 24 Local Governments from Dandaragan/Jurien Bay to Yilgarn/Southern Cross, in the decade from 1995 through to 2004 there were a reported 6,882 car crashes of which 182 fatalities occurred and 954 hospitalisations.

With the establishment of working Road Safety Committees in the Region there are

indications the number of fatalities and crashes may have been reduced by up to 50%.

Hopefully there are interested parties in the Region who are willing to provide their time and energy in promoting Road Safety. They must be prepared to organise an operational RoadWise, Road Safety Committee within their Shires in a major effort to reduce the heartache associated with the loss of a loved one due to a fatal road crash.

If you are interested please contact your Local Government (Shire) or your local media outlet and they can pass your interest onto your Local Road Safety Officer for the WALGA RoadWise Program

Winter Workshops for Landholders

The Department of Agriculture and Food, together with the Blackwood Valley Small Landholders Group, will host a winter workshop for small landholders in July.

The Achieve the Good Life Winter Workshop will compile a host of the department's Small Landholder Information Service (SLIS) workshops, plus some additions, into one weekend event in Bridgetown.

Experts across various fields will deliver practical advice on topics such as, climate change, conserving water, maintaining healthy soils, composting organic wastes, good biosecurity management and keeping your livestock healthy.

Sessions will also be held on controlling feral animals, pests and bushfire risks. Participants will hear advice on what to expect from the Federal Government's Emission Trading Scheme and field trips will round out the practical component of each day's workshop.

SLIS manager Neil Guise said with a growing number of small landholders within rural communities, the department was keen for all rural property owners to not only understand what issues they may face, but how to make every hectare count.

"Many owners of small properties are looking for information on what challenges they may face in managing their property, and how to prepare for these," he said.

"The weekend program brings together a host of expert presenters from the department, Landmark, private consultants and local specialists.

"Participants will be able to hear directly from the experts, as well as chose from a range of field visits covering topics including pastures, annual crops, livestock and farm forestry, and see practical demonstrations of good management ideas that may work for them."

Mr Guise said whilst the Small Landholder Series events were very popular, many people had been unable to attend as many of the events as they would have liked.

"By teaming up with the Blackwood Valley Small Landholder Group we are pleased to be able to provide a comprehensive mix of topics all rolled into the weekend," he said.

The workshop is being held from July 10 to 12 in Bridgetown.

The workshop is supported by Landmark and the South West Catchments Council. For more information or to register for the workshop contact Christine Hewitt on 6262 4958 or visit www.agric.wa.gov.au/small_landholder



Rollingstock Maintainers (Trades Assistants)

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Should you require any further information concerning this position, please contact Graham Lucas, Area Maintenance Manager Northern, on (08) 9622 4643.

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