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A competitor looks on whilst another team struggle to recover their craft. Photograph by Toodyay photographer Wayne Weaver

WA Paddler Takes Out Avon Descent Title

A record number of competitors took to the water at the 2009 Avon Descent, the longest white water race in the world.

More than 100,000 spectators watched as local favourite Ash Nesbitt and his partner Clint Pretorius won the team single paddle craft title, narrowly beating South African brothers Daryll and Brett Bartho.

First place in the power boat category went

to Matt and Jay Branson, followed by Ian and Todd Williamson in second place.

Avon Descent spokesperson Greg Tate said that high drama was added when a paddler was lost during the event. His ground crew reported him missing and helicopters and rescue craft were launched to search for him at dusk.

"He turned up at Bell's Rapids, which is

about 40kms downstream," Mr Tate said.

The paddler was found just before 6pm.

The Avon Descent has grown in popularity since its inception in 1973 with only 49 competitors and no rules. The event offers up to \$10,000 in prize money for competitors and attracts many tourists and spectators to Toodyay and surrounding districts.

Community Rejects Amalgamation

Samantha Connor
Editor

TOODYAY ratepayers have unanimously rejected the prospect of an amalgamation with Chittering Shire at a public meeting held late last week.

The outcome echoed prophetic comments by Shire President Charlie Wroth, who said that he thought 99 percent of communities would vote no to amalgamation.

The public meeting was well attended by ratepayers, who spoke of their concerns and asked questions before a decisive resolution not to consider amalgamation with the Shire of Chittering. The second vote, which was whether to consider amalgamation with any other local government authority, was also strongly rejected.

The community benefit analysis by consultant ACIL Tasman was criticised by residents, who thought the report

was too broad, did not reflect social or environmental considerations and contained incorrect data.

Local government consultant and resident Terry Bush said that there was no science to the analysis.

"To ask the community to consider perceived figures and then make a judgement is out of order," he said.

Real estate agent Tony Maddox compared the data in the report to "Ray White Avon Valley advertising a house for between two and two million dollars".

Councillors spoke individually about their personal opinions and concerns, which ranged from a preference to 'looking to the East' (considering amalgamation with Victoria Plains and Goomalling) to standing alone and rejecting the prospect of amalgamation outright.

Discussion was held around the grading from the Department of Local Government and Regional Development. Councils were required to submit an initial checklist to assess capacity and investigate need for structural reform. The Shires of Northam, York, Goomalling, Victoria Plains and Chittering were graded two, which indicate

that some structural reform including amalgamation/boundary adjustments and formalisation of regional groupings should be considered. The Shire of Toodyay was placed in the lowest category, which states that 'significant structural reform including amalgamation and formalisation of regional groupings is required to ensure long term community and organisational benefit in order that the needs of current and future generations are met'. Shire President Charlie Wroth said that the outcome has been rejected by the Council, who believe they should be placed in Category Two.

"We have provided further information to the Steering Committee to reassess us," he said.

The meeting was attended by Chittering CEO John Merrick and representatives from the Shire of Chittering. Council is required to formulate a position and report back to the Department of Local Government and Regional Development by August 31.

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What We Said

"No matter how hard you try to convince us or whitewash us, there are minimal savings in a merger." Kevin Hogg

"I wonder if anyone has looked at the University of New England studies on forced amalgamations in the Eastern States - less than 2% improved revenue and an overall sense of loss of place. We should do what the Dumbleyung Shire did and tell them to stick it up their jumper." John Duval

"It's been 100 years since the last amalgamation; in fact, my grandfather got sacked over it." Cr Bob Somers

"My personal point of view is that nothing leapt out at me to say yes, yes, yes, we must do this." Cr Mark D'Alton

"I've crunched the numbers and personally, I don't think there is a compelling argument for amalgamation. I think we should stand alone." Cr Frank Panizza

"We need to consider the whole community and listen to you. That's what we're here for." Cr Debbie Larkin

"One thing we have to bear in mind is that we are elected Councillors, and not pushing personal points of view." Cr Neville Tanner

"Big variations, haven't looked at diseconomies of scale, distance, social impact...personally, I'm uncomfortable with it." Cr Bob Jackson

"I'm completely ambivalent." Cr Bethan Lloyd

"I think there's a danger of losing our



identity. But I liked one comment made by an oldtimer about a merger with Victoria Plains - it's a chance to get our women back." Shire President Charlie Wroth

"How many cars with Chittering number plates have you seen in Toodyay lately? Except you, Mr Merrick." Tony Maddox

"Our rates will go up, and Chittering's will go down." Dennis Johnson

"We should put pen to paper to Grant Woodhams, our National Party member." Wayne Clarke

"We started talking to Chittering some years ago...if you like, it came about almost as a defensive strategy to talk to someone about our own size (after an approach from Northam)." CEO Graham Merrick

"This report is crap." Owen Catto

"I don't think the Shire should solve the Minister's problems for him." Allan Clabaugh



In Days Gone By

Ron E Waters

I WAS there when the toads came to the Northern Territory. All my trips by car and by coach, I saw the cane toads come to the Northern Territory. They crossed the dry arid land east of the Ranger mine at Jabiru. Next I saw them at Corroboree, then south to Manton Dam and very soon they had gone north-east to Fogg Dam. A month later they were in Humpty Doo and within weeks they were in the large town of Palmerston.

Two weeks later they were on the main street of Darwin. Three weeks later I was driving through Katherine and saw them dead on the roads everywhere.

A year later they were in Litchfield National Park, and less than another year they were very thick along the Victoria River heading for W.A. and Kununurra. At the border where they check what you have in your car, they put a dome-shaped vibrating thing under your car, to make sure you have no toads under your car. I believe now they have crossed the border and will spread very quickly in W.A. as our north has lots of summer rain.

I often wonder how all the dingoes at Jabiru rubbish tip got on, as when the toads got to Palmerston, lots of dogs and cats died, and one of my daughter's dogs got very sick, twice, but I saved him by making him drink lots of milk. He won't eat them now, just stands and barks at them. People tried everything to stop them. They dug pits and put those garden lights that are charged by the sun, in the pits and the toads would come to the light and fall in then they would be sprayed with Dettol, but you're not allowed to spray them now. Others

picked them up from behind out of cages with lights in and put them in plastic bags, and put them in their freezers to die. You must never handle them from the front because they will spray two streams of poison liquid on you and they can squirt it a long way. Young people were chasing them on the roads and road verges with beach buggies, and running over them at night. Lots of people's chooks and ducks that were free-range birds died from eating them.

People have to drag small mesh nets across their dams to get all the long cords of eggs that toads lay, and burn them. I often wonder what they do about them in the large Darwin Dam that has the water people drink. It is hard to find a frill necked lizard anywhere now or a native cat. Snakes seem to be scarce except the brown snake who if feeling sick or frightened will vomit up what it has eaten, or if it can't get through a netting fence because it's stomach is too large with the food it has eaten, it will vomit the food up. The eagles, crows, and hawks have learnt to roll the toad over and only eat the stomach not the poison glands at the front. I often wonder what the Darwin people that had stopped spraying them with Dettol, would do if they had a grass hopper plague.

You can't leave a door of your house open on a hot night, or they will come inside. Some people have gone right around their five-acre blocks with plastic strips, four-feet wide, one foot in the ground and three foot out tied to their ringlock fences. Others have gone around their five-acre blocks with fine-mesh bird netting. Three foot out of the ground and one-foot oiled so it won't rust and cemented into the ground to keep the toads out.

In Darwin you have to keep the ground around your house very clean, no leaves or dray grass or toads will stay there.

It takes three days and two nights by Coach to Darwin, or two days and three nights by car. Travelling in daylight hours, it takes four-and-a-half days on the inland route, and four-and-three-quarter days along the coast. Either way it is a nice drive and there are lots of water-courses, so the toads will get here if they can't find some way of stopping them.



Clare Love with friend

Beauty Therapy Salon Opens

Grant Scobie
Asst. Editor

CLARE Love has been in Toodyay for nine years raising her son and running a salon from home. Now that Coogan is old enough for Clare to return to work, she has decided, after many requests, to open a salon in town for the convenience of her existing and future customers.

The salon offers facials, tinting, waxing, manicures, pedicures, massage and anti-

aging skin care for men and women. All skin-care products are botanically based.

With the help of her husband, Ric, and two weeks of painting, renovating and fitting out, the shop opened on 1st July at Shoemaker House, 104b Stirling Terrace (opposite CWA).

Clare would like to thank, firstly, Ric and Coogan for their help, support and patience and her close friends, Michelle, Silvia and Sarah for their help and support including babysitting, painting, cleaning and decorating advice and all her other friends for their mentoring and patience. "Thank you all so much for making my dream come true," she said.



The renovations at the Toodyay Public Library

Same Cover, New Content

Jordan Connor
Cub Reporter

RENOVATIONS at the Toodyay Public Library have almost been completed, with a \$650,000 restoration to the former Mechanics Institute and Road Board Office.

The Library, which was built in 1874, has been upgraded by Council over the last twelve months. The upgrade includes new fixtures and fittings, a skylight and accessible facilities.

Library staff say that the feedback from the community has been very positive. "Everybody loves it," said a staff member. "It looks good, sits in well with the old building and has more modern technology. It's given people more room and variety and everything is easier to access."

The Toodyay Public Library is heritage listed for its long and close association with the development of Toodyay, aesthetic value and eclectic style.



Free at the Transfer Station

Peter Robinson

THE State Government has a policy of zero waste by 2020. This is a very ambitious plan; however it is a worthwhile objective. To this end the Shire of Toodyay is encouraging local residents to move in that direction. Recycling is an important part of this project.

At the June Council Meeting, the administration attempted to reduce the tip passes for residents from 12 to six per year. This was rejected by Councillors as they felt that such a move could lead to more illegal dumping. It was considered that an education/explanation process was needed first. Your *Toodyay Herald* has decided to be proactive in this field by explaining what can be taken to the Waste Transfer Station, free of charge!

All bottle glass products can be placed in the appropriate bin according to colour, eg: clear, green or brown. It is important that all lids/caps are removed and placed in the general waste skips. There are areas for used vehicle batteries and used motor oils. Steel and aluminium cans each have their separate bins. Plastic bottles also have wool packs set up in the shed for clear plastic in one and opaque plastic (2l and 3l milk bottles) in another. Newspapers tied up in bundles are also accepted. These are collected as a fundraiser for a community group.

Any unwanted, but in reasonable condition books, pictures, tools, electrical appliances, furniture, kitchenware etc. can be left in the shed. It may be just the item someone would like or need to use as spare parts. Clean mulchable green waste, such as prunings, are accepted at the discretion of the attendant. Car bodies and scrap metal can be dumped free of charge.

If you go to the tip with nothing for the large skip bins, then your trip is FREE! No cost and no marking off on your tip pass. It is in our Shire, country, and planet's best interest if these free collection opportunities are utilised by all of us.

Home Composting and Worm Farms are a great way to recycle kitchen waste. Your garden will thank you for using compost and worm castings. Visit:

www.epa.qld.gov.au/environmental_management/waste;
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Tips on How to Recycle Better

When you put materials into your recycling bin, don't put them in a plastic bag. For safety reasons, staff at the recycling centre will not open plastic bags, no matter what the contents are. So anything in plastic bags will end up in landfill. To avoid contaminating the recycling stream, don't use plastic bags in your recycling bin - simply put your recyclable items straight into the bin.

Remove the lids from your plastic bottles and make sure they are empty before you place them in your recycling container. Doing this prevents liquid spilling and ruining other recyclable products or damaging the equipment at the recycling centre. Don't put ovenproof glass, drinking glasses or ceramic mugs in your recycling container. Just 15g of ovenproof glass can contaminate one tonne of normal glass, making it useless for recycling.

Drink cans are commonly recycled. However, many people forget about the cans they drink from away from home. Don't litter them, put them in a bin when you're finished or, better still, take them home with you and recycle them with your other recyclable items. Your local Scout Group have a can collection service for large quantities of cans - for more information, ring 089574 2363.

Keep recycling those newspapers! Last year, we recycled over two billion newspapers, making us the best newspaper recyclers in the world.

Metal lids can also be recycled if metal is accepted for recycling. Place these lids, including jam jar lids and bottle tops, inside the steel can.

Council collections aren't the only way to recycle. There are other recycling programs that collect other materials and products. These include: Printer Cartridges: All types and brands can be recycled via the 'Cartridges 4 Planet Ark' recycling boxes in participating Australia Post, Officeworks, Harvey Norman, Tandy, Dick Smith Electronics and Powerhouse stores. Corks: Guides Australia collects wine and champagne corks nationally through a network of individuals and collection points at hotels, restaurants and supermarkets. Mobile Phones: These can be recycled via most mobile phone outlets.

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An Interesting Meeting

I FIND I have to comment on what was an interesting ordinary meeting of Council in July.

Good news is that the CEO stated that the Recreation Strategy Advisory Committee would include the benefits, drawbacks and costs of providing recreational facilities on dual sites. This option provides for the grouping of sporting activities with the continuation of the current showgrounds site and the development of the new recreational and aquatic complex at Lot 1 Drummond Street.

The community will now be able to compare the options of collocation of all sporting facilities with that of dual locations and comment accordingly when consulted on the final strategy to be adopted by council.

During the debate on the proposed subdivision of Lot 61 Goomalling Road the Shire President aimed a shot at the gallery claiming in effect that it is seen as the newcomers that want to preserve the values of the Town.

It seems the Shire President cannot comprehend that the community is in favour of development so long as it is well managed and in sympathy with the cultural, heritage and rural aspects of Toodyay. It seems ironic that it is seen as the newcomers that want to preserve the values of the Town.

Councillor Jackson declared a proximity interest in the subdivision and did not participate in the discussions or the vote. The nature of the proximity interest was considered confidential and the Shire President would not provide any details when asked to do so by another councillor. The council minutes now show that the proximity interest amounted to Cr Jackson using a short cut through the land subject to subdivision to reach a leased building on an adjoining property. Why this reason was considered confidential at the council meeting but placed in the public domain a few days later is open to conjecture. The proximity interest is hardly earth shattering, but enough apparently for the CEO to advise Cr Jackson to declare an interest and remove himself from the council chamber for the duration of the agenda item.

Cr Jackson was elected to council to represent the interests of the community. Failing to take part in the debate and vote does not achieve this. It is understandable and necessary for a councillor to declare an interest if a decision of council will afford significant benefit or detriment to the councillor or perceptions of bias but does the retention of a shortcut across the block satisfy this requirement. Apparently the CEO thinks so. Perhaps better advice would have been to stop using the shortcut.

Another agenda item was whether Council Form meetings should continue to be held in private. The recommendation of the officers was that they should continue to be confidential and the following was submitted in support of this recommendation.

In the High Court case Stanley vs Whitlam (1978) Gibbs C stated:

"... it is inherent in the nature of things that

government at a high level cannot function without some degree of secrecy. No Minister or senior public servant, can effectively discharge the responsibilities of his office if every document prepared to enable policies to be formulated was liable to be made public..."

Wow, the Shire of Toodyay council forum is now equated with meetings of Federal Cabinet holding discussions on items of National security and interest. Come on now. Let's get serious. Of course there will be discussions that relate to matters where confidentiality is required. This also happens at council meetings and the gallery is cleared whilst those discussions take place.

Councillors who want the community that they represent to be aware of the pros and cons of an issue before council have to attempt to repeat the debate already held in the forum at the council meeting. This seems to annoy some councillors but is the only option if council forum meetings are to remain closed to the community.

Council elections are due in October and the ratepayers of Toodyay have the opportunity to review whether some of the Councillors really are representing the community and managing the business of the Shire openly and transparently.

*Phil Coffey
West Toodyay*

Taking a Step Back

RECENTLY I WATCHED two programmes on Channel 9 A Current Affair referring to a march to the Toodyay Shire Offices by a group of aggrieved residents and business owners. These residents wanted to air their grievances on alleged unrealistic Shire policies and actions. There may be a third programme as a follow-up to their concerns.

I am concerned that this programme may have damaged the view of the Toodyay district. The aggrieved residents are partly correct in some of their claims; however some of the conditions the shire is trying to impose are primarily for their benefit.

I have spoken to representatives of both sides who believe the position they have taken is the correct course. I conclude that both parties are partly to blame for the damaged view for the Toodyay district. This also means that both parties must try to solve the problem for the benefit of the district.

With regard to the shire, there is a perception that some of the Shire employees have become very dictatorial and have antagonised many electors. It appears that some shire employees consider that the shire exists for their agenda and do not consider the position or views of the electors. I suggest that this has evolved because of the apparent divisions amongst the Shire Councillors. With this division, it has made it easy for some of the Shire employees to gain the above perception. The district has lost some valuable residents and businesses because of the actions and decisions of some of the staff on the Shire.

To solve the problem, I would suggest both parties step back and try and consider the



Is This Your Baby?

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THE ATTACHED PICTURE was taken during the Moondyne 2009 Festival of the Premier Colin Barnett holding a baby outside the Victoria Hotel. I believe the baby is a Toodyay local but I do not have the contact details of the parents. It seemed

quite important to the parents that the photo was taken, so I would like them to have a copy. It was suggested I contact the local newspaper, the Toodyay Herald - to see if you would be willing to help locate the parents by publishing the photo in the next edition.

other side's views. With regard to the Shire, perhaps the Councillors could meet and pass a unanimous motion that all Shire employees are to become more cooperative, less dictatorial and answerable to the Councillors. Any staff no prepared to accept this direction should be replaced.

With regard to the aggrieved residents, the Shire has already decided to amend some of the grievances. Take a step back and accept the Shire direction for a short period. Wait and see if the above suggested direction from the Councillors occurs and, as a result, alters relations with Shire employees and results in the parties being partly reconciled.

If the above is achieved, we may return to the pleasant, progressive and contented district in which we used to live.

Vern Pearce

Council Should 'Make Amends'

DURING THE DEBATE on the proposed subdivision at lot 61 Goomalling Toodyay Road at the July ordinary meeting of council, Councillor Firms raised a number of issues relating to this subdivision. One that caught my attention was that local planning scheme No 4 had been amended by officers of the council after council had approved it.

Reviewing the minutes of the council meetings in 2008 shows that questions were asked on this matter. The CEO and Shire President confirmed that officers of the Shire of Toodyay in conjunction with officers from the Department of Planning and Infrastructure and West Australian Planning Commission removed a clause from local planning scheme No 4. The clause was removed because the officers considered it to be an abnormality and they also decided that the clause did not refer to Lot 61 Goomalling Toodyay Road but to Lot 62 Goomalling Toodyay Road.

Without fully understanding the implications it appears that removal of the clause had significant implications for the subdivision of Lot 61 Goomalling Toodyay Road.

It does not seem appropriate that officers, without them seeking any approval from council, should amend such an important document.

Generally an abnormality indicates a conflict with other parts of the document and may be resolved in more than one way. Whether removing the clause in question resolved the anomaly in accordance with the intentions of council is unknown.

One councillor complained that the issue should not have been raised in the council meeting where the community were present but should be raised at the council forum. This councillor obviously believes that the less the community knows the better and no doubt voted to maintain the exclusion of the community from forum meetings.

*Phil Coffey
West Toodyay*

Toodyay Says No To Amalgamation

FIRSTLY, CONGRATULATIONS to Toodyay for the excellent turnout on Thursday night at the Amalgamation Meeting.

Please don't take this letter as another negative ratepayer merely one that has Toodyay 100% in his heart.

The result was 100% vote for no amalgamation with Chittering Shire.

The 100% vote then leads us onto the next question.

Who decided to use our Grant money on this ridiculous merger?

Was it the Councillors?

If so then we, the public can alter that when election time comes!

That's up to us the people of Toodyay to ensure this does not happen again.

Was it our Council Officers?

If this is the case then surely our Councillors must ask the question of those responsible, why are you so far out of touch with the public of Toodyay?

To get a 100% result NO you are obviously out of touch with the general public and isn't that your job - to be in touch with the people?

After all, isn't it the people of Toodyay that pay your wages?

I implore the Council to seek out those responsible for this vast waste of funds and take the appropriate action.

Perhaps those responsible would be better employed elsewhere.

Grants are difficult enough to obtain without completely wasting them!

On an interesting note, the councillors all seemed to be against the idea at the meeting.

Tony Maddox

Changes at the Herald

JOE AND I have been intending to let you know how much we like the changes you have made in the Herald. I have found that more people are reading the monthly columns with the writers' 'by-lines' at the top, because they recognise names of people they know, and tend to read on.

Joe also has commented a number of times on the high quality of photography in the last few issues.

Keep up the good work,

Jenny Edgcombe

Keep Toodyay Tidy

TO THE litterpig who drives along Coondle West and Horseshoe Rds, please, PLEASE STOP throwing your empty Carlton Cold stubbies on the roadside!!

There are some of us who would like to keep our little bit of paradise tidy and you're not helping. We have picked up over a dozen of this particular item in the last 2-3 weeks which makes you a repeat offender. Yes, it is an offence.

J.Henderson

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Competitors hit the rocks during the 2009 Avon Descent. Photograph by Toodyay photographer Wayne Weaver

My View

Anne Skinner

IT'S very cold and blustery today and, with every gust of wind, the brief shock of sunlight transforms our property into a vast sparkling wonderland, only to become a dark foreboding storm-tossed, creaking mass of flaying branches and scurrying birds in just a few seconds. It seems one moment is never the same as the next. However, it is still the same place; just its circumstances change.

I sat looking at my brand new baby grandson, Deegan, this week and, although he was only four weeks old he had already begun to change before my very eyes. I remind my daughter-in-law to treasure every moment and to lock away in her memory bank all the precious fleeting moments, because nothing seems to stay the same for very long. Even more so with our children. It seems only yesterday that I too bounced my little ones and spent sleepless nights pacing floors with fitful babies and cleaning up toys from across the house. Today, I am more than happy to let my daughter and daughter-in-law do all the hard work while I enjoy the fringe benefits of being a grandparent. It really is Grand isn't it?

Watching our own children grow into fine adults and now seeing our grandchildren means only one thing, that I too must be getting old and, yes, changing. At one time I feared the prospect of growing old but now I am more prepared than ever for the inevitable changes that must take place.

So here I stand in front of an unforgiving mirror. Who is that person standing there?

The Apostle Paul in his second letter to the Corinthians, talked about the tent, his body, in terms of growing old. Well, this tent is getting old, and it seems to have acquired a couple of annexes that I hadn't noticed before.

This tent that I live in has been tested over the years. A few things have been taken away, some broken and rejoined. Pampered, painted, plastered and pricked. Grown a size larger than my youth with less hair and fewer unfilled teeth. It takes longer to get ready for an outing than it did 20 years ago, but it's still me.

When we look at a flower and see the beauty and smell the fragrance, we don't notice the bulb or the seed that it grew from. It has taken a while to reach its full

beauty and time has done its work and, of course, Mother Nature directed by the hand of God.

What is beauty after all? We are bombarded by pictures of so-called beauties all day long. We are told we must have this, that or the other to be like the eye candies of this world. Brad and Angelina are sure nice to look at, but are they beautiful?

With the physical changes in our bodies, the emotional changes in our lives have also done their work. Scars, deformities, lumps and bumps go toward making us who we are. We have pruned, and experienced some painful events that might cause us some ongoing regrets. I am not the same flighty carefree girl any more – I'm proud to say though, I've made my 60th year, with a lot of help from family and friends. God, Himself, has to be given all the praise for my being in one piece, so to speak, but the essence of me is still here. I need glasses to read and drive; I'm no longer able to run without a limp; my hurdle running days are definitely over but I just love the group of over 55s who meet on a Wednesday at the Sports Pavilion to test our bodies as much as are able, to keep moving and to have fun while we do it. I can laugh at myself and my attempts at exercising but, in all honesty, it's purely a celebration of life and our shortcomings may be there, but who cares – our tents are still moving. Mine might even flap a bit, but I am so grateful I can move.

Each morning is a new day, a new challenge (sometimes just to get out of bed). With each shock of sunlight and each foreboding storm, I am at last able to say, I like who I am maybe this too is beauty in a way.

Having said this, about changes being a must, I must say some things should be left alone, or at least modified only minimally. Change can be a good thing. What a beautiful new Library Toodyay has; it has kept its charm and history and made choosing my next good read a real joy. This was a good change. I always loved going into the chemist. However, I'm sure it was very difficult to work in and now we have a lovely new chemist. This was also a good change. I love our old hotels and I'm especially glad we still have the old style veranda on the Victoria Hotel.

I cannot apologise for loving old buildings, old furniture and some old bits of linen and china. In my thinking, aged timber and old homes have real beauty, no matter what condition they are in time has

made them appealing. After all, who ever heard of fine 'baby wines'? The older, the wine the better it becomes.

A lot of people may disagree with me but, as Toodyay is a historical town and we would want to encourage tourists into our village, we really need to keep changes within the criteria of looking like the image already set by the age of our town. Modern style is great but not for us. Otherwise we will lose the essence of Toodyay which in my view should never change. I'm hoping any future changes will, if only on the outside, fit into our aged look. Just as my aged look (my tent) covers a still youthful/modern, (maybe not always) thinking, baby-boomer.

Theatre Group

REHEARSALS for the forthcoming play, 'The Umpire Strikes Back' are steaming along very well according to director, Vicky.

To avoid disappointment, get your group together and book a table soon as this production is not far away and local interest is running high. For full details, see our advert elsewhere in this edition of the *Herald*.

The Toodyay Theatre Group is currently negotiating an upgrade to their lighting setup, valued at approximately \$4000 and some of the proposed new equipment will be used for this play and should add to the colour and glamour, particularly our dancing girls who are in full training.

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Success for Second Antiques Roadshow

Kathy Robinson

ON Saturday 25th July, the Toodyay Historical Society held its 2nd Annual Antiques Roadshow at the CWA Hall. Local resident and antique expert Richard Brouwer along with Bill Boyd of King William Antiques in Bayswater again offered their services to talk about items brought in by the public and give an estimate of their value.

There were many beautiful and interesting items brought in for valuation. Just some of the items shown and discussed included magnificent Chinese Porcelain/China, a very old Teddy Bear, beautiful vases from the late 19th Century, an unusual milk churn, lovely jewellery and cameo brooches, bone china tea sets, paintings, beautiful porcelain and an old book.

The stories behind the items are always interesting. Some were purchased on overseas trips or in antique shops while many had been passed down to family members through the generations. The history about the items given by Richard and Bill including

when and where they were made was fascinating to hear.

The Society wishes to thank Richard and Bill for donating their time and expertise. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon and the scrumptious afternoon tea provided by the members.

Pictured: Richard Brouwer (l) and Bill Boyd describing the history of a massive 'corkscrew key' at the Toodyay Historical Society's Antiques Roadshow.

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Red Hat Mi-Ladies of Moondyne

Kaye Rewell

SEVEN of our group went on a Red Hat gathering to Norfolk Island as part of a group of 70 ladies from Australia and New Zealand. The gathering was organised by the local chapter which has about 10 members. We went to a night dressed as convicts, a fish fry, had a welcome dinner as well as two

informal dinners, a street parade with some ladies travelling on motor bikes and in sports cars. We also shopped 'til we dropped and some played golf, bowls, tennis and even horse riding.

Some of us also went on every other tour available and we all had a thoroughly good time. We have also had a luncheon in Northam, fashion parade and morning tea at York and have a Masquerade Ball coming up. Anyone wishing to join please phone Kaye Rewell 9574 2056.

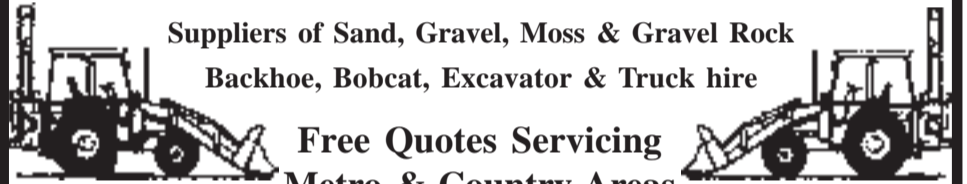
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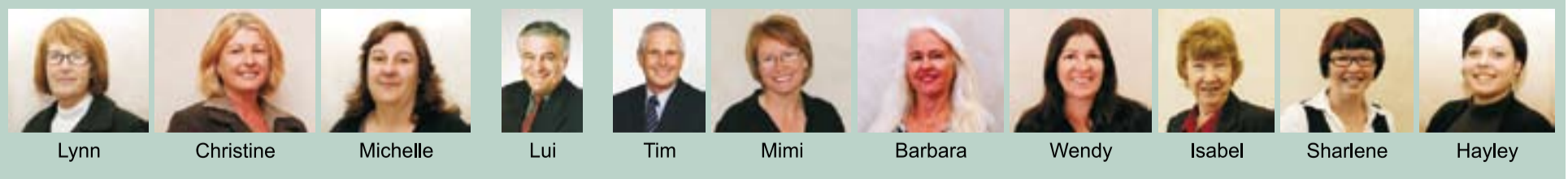
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fire chat

a look at events from our local volunteer bush fire brigades



central

Desraé Clarke

A really great social evening was held on Saturday 25th July 2009 with the presentation of two Honorary Life Memberships. Wayne Clarke and Bobbie Jones were the worthy recipients with the honours presented by Shire President, Charles Wroth. Among the guests was Alison, Charlie's wife, Chief Fire Control Officer, Murray McBride, and Shire Ranger, Alan Knapp.

Wayne was the force behind the amalgamation of the former Red Hill Brigade and the Central Bushfire Brigade in April 1996 taking on the

position of inaugural Chairperson. Since that time he has been a Fire Control Officer and has held various committee positions currently with that of secretary/treasurer.

Bobbie has been involved with fire fighting since a 16-year-old! She has been a stalwart of the Fire and Rescue Service (FRS) since that time and has been involved with the Central Brigade for many, many years. Bobbie is very well-known for her incredible catering organisation, catering at VERY SHORT NOTICE for members of the FRS callouts (including in the middle of the night and the early hours of the morning!!!) and for all fire events especially the major Shire of Toodyay incidents.

CONGRATULATIONS WAYNE AND BOBBIE !!!

Training is to re-commence on Thursday 13th August at the Fire and Emergency Services

Centre at 6pm. All enquiries can be directed to the Captain/Training Officer, Kevin Hug, T 9574 2612.

The next General Meeting is to be held at the Fire and Emergency Services Centre on Tuesday 25th August 2009 commencing at 7.30pm. New members will be made most welcome so please come along.

morangup

DURING these cooler months, we have the opportunity to clean up our paddocks and reduce fuel on the ground before we enter the next fire season. The brigade has noticed a number of Morangup residents have piles ready for burning and strongly encourage you to commence your burnings as soon as possible whilst we enjoy the cool and moist weather conditions.

Recently, the 2009 Fire fighting awards have been announced by FESA and if you would like to nominate your local firefighter, now is the time to acknowledge their hard work and dedication. If you would like more information on how to nominate, or more information on the awards in general please contact FESA or email awards@fesa.wa.gov.au

Finally, a big thank you to all Morangup residents who have recently donated to the Morangup Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade. Receipts have been issued and dropped off into your mailbox and sent to a postal address. If yours has gone missing and you require a copy please don't hesitate to contact the treasurer.

Stay Safe,
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bejoording

Kim Leonhardt

RAIN, rain, rain! This is what our winter skeleton crew likes to see the best!

Congratulations go to young Shane, slightly older Margaret, and Malcolm and Gloria for achieving their Bush Firefighting Certificates. Also Dougie has received a certificate for completing his AIMS course. Well done one and all.

Tuesday, 22nd September is the date set for our broadacre farmers' and fire fighters' meeting. Rock up to get your belly filled from 6pm, and have your brain filled from 7. Along with our usual presenters with updated information on insurance, fire ground rules and who's in charge of what and when, we are hoping to have a representative from FESA to speak on the night as well.

We advertise it as a broadacre farmers' meeting, but the information is general enough to apply to hobby farmers and residents as well. Please feel free to come along to the Bejoording Fire Shed, if for no other reason than to have a free feed and see what goes on in your community.

Training days are now the last Sunday of each month. Please make an effort to attend. The next last Sunday of the month is the 29th August from 2pm. Contact our Captain, Lawrence, if you have any queries.

We are now accepting orders for Bejoording Fire Brigade polo shirts, jackets and hats. Please contact Barry with your size and numbers, and for any queries on pricing etc.

The Fire Shed will no longer be open on Friday nights during Winter or, to be more specific, during June, July and August, the Fire Shed will be closed on Friday nights.

However, if you need information or want to have a look round, there are always fire brigade members available on site every Wednesday night from 6pm at the Shed.

The unappealing singed stickers are now off our truck. As 'brilliant, white and all things bright' looking the doors

of our truck are, we wait with bated breath for our new stickers.

Our Pea Straw fundraising is certainly making hay this season. Pea Straw is still available and you can contact Lawrence or Barry for purchases.

Research is currently being conducted into a Burnover Deluge System for the Fire Truck. Types of systems, manufacturers and prices are currently being looked at, but it would seem unlikely that it will be operable for the coming season.

For any further information or purchases from the above, please contact either Lawrence Haywood on 9574 5106 or Barry Grey on 9574 2149. Our next meeting is 6pm Saturday the 15th August. Assuming we can drag our skeleton crew away from lying in the rain on a sun lounge in their Bermuda shirts, shorts and sandals whilst sipping some ghastly coloured cocktail through a straw strategically placed next to a little umbrella protecting their ice cubes from the downpour!

See ya then.

julimar

Grant Scobie

THE Julimar 2.4 is now back in the shed, all serviced, 'pumped', 'wheel-aligned', 'clutched' and 'gearboxed'. Hopefully, it's in perfect shape for the forthcoming season and will be trouble-free throughout.

The news on our new Julimar 1.4 is very hopeful. After many months of waiting for some final approval from FESA, it will be available for handover very soon.

Our Brigade photos, taken on 4th July, show about 25 fire fighters and auxiliaries; less than half the active members. It's so difficult to arrange a date when all members are available. Let's hope we can find a suitable time to redo them.

At the July meeting, members were presented with their FESA 5 and 10 year medals for service. Our auxiliaries, for the first time, were honoured as well as fire fighters. As fire fighters, we would be completely lost without the support of our auxiliaries so it is definitely appropriate that they receive the recognition they deserve. Congratulations to all.

The hamburgers for the after-meeting BBQ were a huge success (not to mention the bottle of white port for afters!)

'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! 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.

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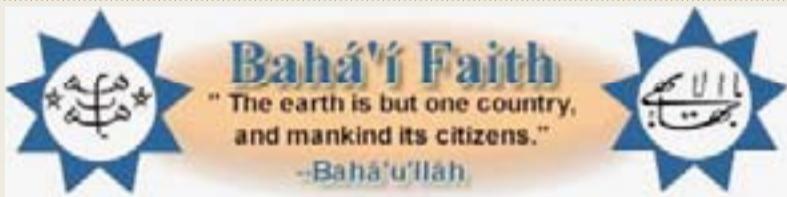
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To the kings, He announced: "O Kings of the earth! Give ear to the voice of God... your glory consisteth not in your sovereignty, but rather in your nearness unto God and your observance of His command... Examine Our cause: inquire into the things that have befallen Us, and decide justly between Us and Our enemies... This is a Revelation to which whatever ye possess can never be compared, could ye but know it." "Be united, O kings of the earth... should any one amongst you take up arms against another, rise ye all against Him for this is naught but manifest justice... Compose your differences, and reduce your armaments, that the burden of your expenditures may be lightened, and that your minds and hearts may be tranquillized."

To Queen Victoria He wrote: "O Queen in London! Incline thine ear unto the voice of thy Lord, the Lord of all mankind... He, in truth, hath come unto the world in His most great glory, and all that hath been mentioned in the Gospel hath been fulfilled... We have been informed that thou hast forbidden the trading in slaves, both men and women. This, verily, is what God hath enjoined in this wondrous Revelation. God hath truly destined a reward for thee, because of this... We have also heard that thou hast entrusted the reins of counsel into the hands of the representatives of the people. Thou, indeed, hast done well, for thereby the foundations of the edifice of thine affairs will be strengthened..."

For information, please email: info-toodyay@wa.bahai.org.au
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Our special thanks go to Mr Jim Scully and his charges from the prison system who came and worked through rain and mud to lay our prized cement. The men happily got to work gouging out the hard dirt, clay and rocks that our shed sits on and had the boxing levelled and down very quickly even though it was raining steadily. Perhaps this was because our girls had laid on a delicious morning tea spread. Because of the rain the concrete couldn't be laid that day so the lads had to return later on to finish this side of the work. Perhaps they just enjoyed the morning tea spread that had to be repeated; that's why it took two days.

As we are still in the off-fire season, our meetings are every two months now and the next one is the 8th August. So if you would like to come along and try out our new cement work or join us for a warm meal and a wonderful social gathering, with the chance to chat to members and ask questions about how to protect yourselves from fires in the future, then do so, as we are available from 5pm every Friday evening at the shed on Coondle West Road near the silos end.

Any queries, call Kerry Gregory, our logistics Officer/Social director on 9574 4470.

If you can't make it to the shed on Friday night and would like to know more about the Coondle Brigade or would like information about any aspects of fire prevention and safety, phone Peter

apprenticeships, pre-apprenticeships and traineeships.

The Minister said the State Government was committed to seeing people in regional areas receive the same training opportunities as those in the metropolitan area and that the State Government had introduced a raft of initiatives to boost training in Western Australia.

“Training WA: Planning for the future 2009-2018” outlines a series of targeted initiatives to ensure the skills needs of industry are met as well as providing greater access to training,” Mr Collier said. “In addition, a \$47.4million added investment over the next three years was announced in the May State Budget.”



Northam Regional Hospital Reunion

Lyn Johnson

PLANS are now well under way for a reunion of former employees of Northam's two old hospitals.

It will be held at the Northam Trotting Track on Saturday, 19th September from 10am to 4pm. The cost for those attending will be \$30 for hire charges and a light lunch.

Organisers are keen that anyone who worked at the hospitals, not just nursing staff should come along. If you worked in the kitchen, X-ray or domestic areas we would love to see you there.

Registration and payment need to be made by 1st September.

More information can be obtained from Gill Beazley on 9622 1440 or gillian.beazley@bigpond.com or Lyn Carmichael on 9547 2530 or gully.310@bigpond.com.

Boost to Training in Northam

A NEW \$2.4million training facility to be built at C. Y. O'Connor College of TAFE will provide a major boost to building and construction training in Northam.

Training Minister Peter Collier, who visited the Northam campus today, said work was expected to start on the new building this financial year.

“The workshop will provide a single new multi-purpose trade training facility,” Mr Collier said. “It will expand the college's existing building and construction training, and offer a broader range of courses in

With these two as our guides, we were shown the complete picture of the disaster from the view of people who lived through this terrible time. We were driven through the area of Kinglake, Whittlesea and Yea, and, with Flowerdale, it was a tremendous area of fire damage.

Perhaps I might miss someone out at my peril but, without the support of the Coondle/Nunile Fire Brigade, the craft ladies of Toodyay, and many more, this epic journey of support for our fellow Aussies, could not have been achieved. Thank You, Toodyay.

Our second proud achievement has finally been the construction of our concrete apron to service the fire trucks on without sliding down the gravelly hill as we usually did. Thanks to Geoff and Megan Ebdon who put us on to the work release system instituted by the Prison Department and Kevin Hogg for his time and the use of his front end loader to level the ground and remove a few rocks and stumps. Of course, this would not have been possible without the funds for concrete and steel being supplied by FESA.

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Fred Fellowes

We're Back from Flowerdale

WE have returned from Flowerdale with a feeling of actually doing something for the benefit of our fellow Australians.

We bring back with us, the heartfelt thanks and appreciation from the Flowerdale CFA, the school, kindergarten and community of this small Victorian town ravaged by the Black Saturday fires. Gail and I travelled some 8000 kilometres with a trailer and three quarters of a ton of quilts, blankets, clothing, beanies, scarves and knitted toys, plus some needed household items for members of the CFA.

While we were there, we were taken under the wing of the CFA Secretary, Trudie Goudge, and her husband, Len.

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school news



all over Australia. Toodyay District High School planted hundreds of trees on damaged land at the rear of the school leading down to the creek line. Children from all year groups worked all day to regenerate the bush by planting hundreds of trees.

This year Mr Greg Wadley, who coordinated the project was busy admiring the growth of the small forest, along with Mitchell Giles and Kodie Bartholomeusz. Mitchell, who is Head Boy at the school, worked as a mentor for the younger students last year and was amazed to see how the trees have advanced in just one year. Brody was shocked, but equally delighted to see that the tree she planted had overtaken her in height over the past twelve months.

Photo: Mitchell Giles, Mr Greg Wadley and Kodie Bartholomeusz with one of the trees planted last year as a small seedling



Fresh Fruit a Winner

Grant Scobie
Assistant Editor

TOODYAY Home Fresh, our local fruit, vege, wholefoods, etc. supplier made a big splash at the '2009 WA Fresh Produce Retailer of the Year Awards' held at Burswood on

Friday, 24th July.

Although they didn't take out any major prizes, the business was the finalist in four sections:

Excellence in Potato Retailing (WA);
Excellence in Apple and Pear Retailing (WA);
Best Small Store (WA);
Best **Regional** Fresh Produce Retailer.

There were only five finalists in each category and judges said it was a very close call, especially in the 'Best Small Store' category, where Toodyay Home Fresh was only just pipped at the post by a Geraldton business which had

been operating for nearly 50 years (Toodyay Home Fresh has only been operating from a shop-front for 8 months!)

The '2009 WA Fresh Produce Retailer of the Year Awards' were held by Market City (Cannington Markets).

Photo: Tom Carter and Carlos Saldorri from Toodyay Home Fresh at the 2009 WA Fresh Produce Retailer of the Year Awards

TDHS School Adopts Sustainable Energy

TOODYAY District High School was pleased to commission its new solar (photovoltaic) power system on 18th June this year.

The system has been installed as part of the WA Government's Solar Schools programme. The total cost of the project was \$14,326 of which the school will pay \$1,000. It has been part of an initiative to enable students to learn about renewable energy and ways to save energy. It is also designed to raise community awareness about sustainable energy, increase the uptake of renewable energy and lead to long term reduction of greenhouse gas emissions.

Mrs Heather Blackwell, Year 6/7 teacher at Toodyay District High School, said the project has been the culmination of more than a year's work with the children. The project has been part of the students' studies on sustainable energy. Mrs Blackwell has been responsible for initiating the funding application as well as overseeing the installation of the system. She said the school has installed a higher capacity transformer, which will allow for installation of more panels in the future.

Students and staff are able to read the meter at any time to see how much solar power the school is generating and putting back into the power grid. Ewald Ellis, Year 6 and Andrea Chitty, Year 7 have been monitoring the meter and reporting to the class on the power generated for the school. Such hands-on experience has been invaluable for the students as well as helping them to develop proactive, environmental attitudes and values which will serve our community well into the future.

Thank you, Mrs Blackwell and congratulations to our local Year 6/7 students.

Gold For Our Local Toodyay Girls

Eleven local Toodyay women competed in the Mandurah Festival of Dance for the very first time this year on Saturday 18th July. They competed against six groups of very talented women and came equal first, earning a well deserved gold medal.

TDHS is very proud of their own Mrs Vicki Haggarty who was one of the eleven women representing Toodyay. Vicky has worked part-time as a Laboratory Technician at the school for eight years and also volunteers her time as a school Cadet Leader. She also gives her time to teach the Graduating Year 10 Class ballroom dancing in preparation for their graduation ceremony.

Vicki is President of Toodyay Theatre Group and Director of the upcoming production. She attends Adult Jazz class once a week. With community involvement at this level, Vicki is a fantastic role model for the students at the school. She said her motto is, "It's all about the children. They are our future and I can see their potential."

Taylor Ferguson and Cindle Noppen were keen to congratulate Mrs Haggarty at school this week.

National Tree Day

National Tree Day was held on Sunday 2nd August, with Schools Tree Day taking place on the Friday 31st July. Last year thousands of people, including school children, dug deep to improve their natural surroundings



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Bolgart Primary School

IT'S wonderful to see the happy, smiling faces of the children as they return from the school holidays. Since their return the K-Yr 1s have been to see The Jungle Book Musical performed at the Moora Performing Arts Centre. The production was written and directed by Glenn Elston and the music was by Paul Norton. The children had a wonderful time and are sure to remember the show for a long time to come.

The annual Cross Country is fast approaching and the children are well prepared after putting in a lot of effort practising. This year the cross country will be held at the Calingiri Football Club on 31st July and as always we are expecting a great day.

As reported previously, the Mobile Muster Challenge the school participated in raised an amazing 20kg of old mobile phones and batteries. As a reward the school was given a \$100 voucher to spend at Men of the Trees Nursery in Midland. The students voted to plant some of the trees along the school fence line and will be donating some of the trees and planting them at the Bolgart Cemetery. We're very proud that the children think about and enjoy enhancing their community. The children planted the trees on Monday 3rd August.

Whilst Ms Mudway and Ms Teti have

been away on a course for a short period of time, the senior room has been under the care of Ms Warburton. We've received feedback from one of our parents that Ms Warburton said she was very pleased with the children, loved their respect and manners and had a lovely time teaching them. Well done to all the students and thanks to Ms Warburton.

July's Aussies of the month are Kyle Fethers and Steven Cullen. Well done boys on a wonderful achievement.

The school is still improving and now has a lovely little cubby house set into a beautiful garden opening onto a shaded grassed area, near the veggie patch where the younger children can play. Although the children from across the ages interact and play together wonderfully it's nice to have an area where the littlies can go. The large playground now has large limestone blocks around it to help keep the sand in but of course the children have made it an additional part of their play and seating area. It will be lovely to sit under the trees on cool limestone blocks on the hot summer's days to come.

Our rainwater tank is now nearly full and the new waterwise toilets have been installed. Within the next couple of months we are also expecting our solar panels to be installed. They will enable us to create our own power and sell back the additional power. In times of low demand we should be able to create some credit reserves that significantly offset the costs of running our air conditioners and reduce our carbon footprints.

On Friday 4 September the school will be



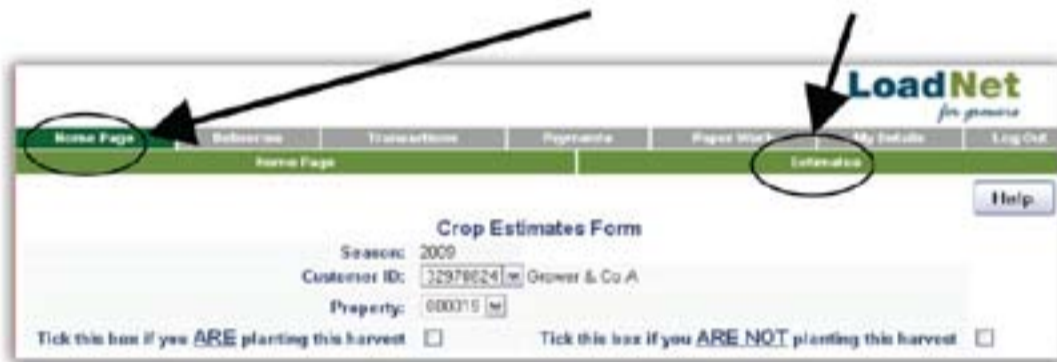
visited by Bush Poets from "Digger's Camp" and a bush barbecue with Kangaroo stew and damper etc is planned. The children are being encouraged to dress up in a bush theme and it should be great fun for all.

Above, students in the new cubby house; and right, school equipment.



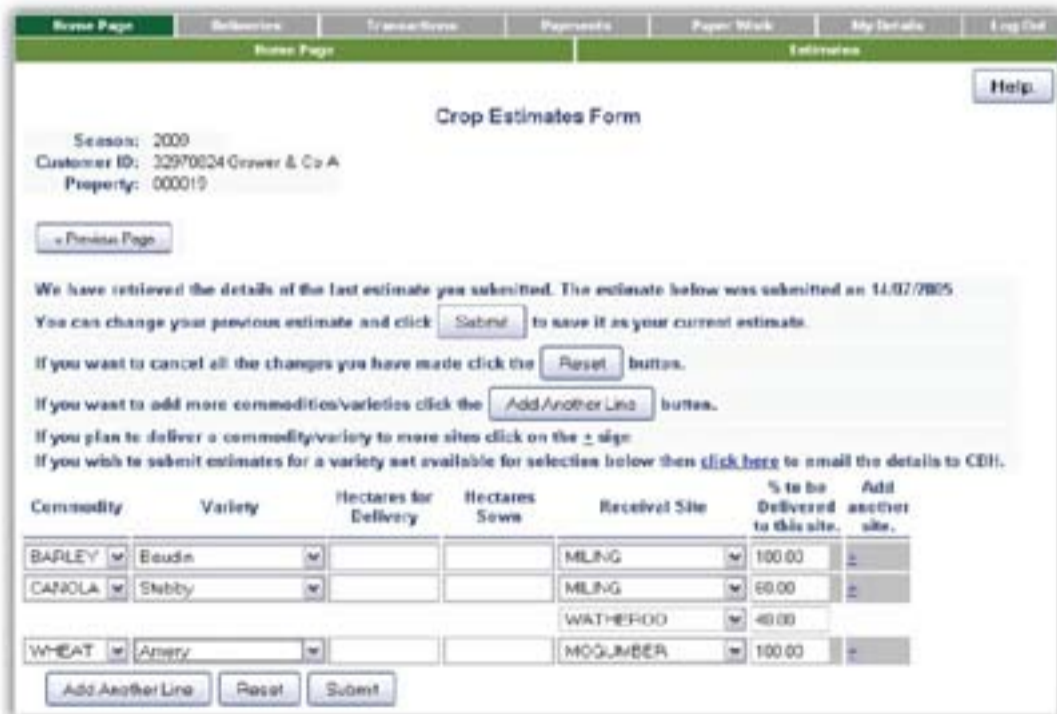
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Toodyay Miniature Railway

June Eastwood

THE Annual General Meeting was held Monday 20th July and, though neither President, Graham, nor Secretary, June, could twist arms so they could relinquish their positions, we welcome a new Treasurer, Philip Roberts, who is taking over from a very happy Jeanette Mills. Jeanette handed over her audited (thanks Robert) and meticulously kept books and never wants to see them again! Getting those dollars and tickets to agree can be frustrating but thank you Jeanette for a job well done.

The holidays were a busy time as usual with weekend running, special days, birthday runs and the Wednesday runs. A pity, though, that every school holiday brings the same old problems. Unfortunately we have a group of parents who simply shove their offspring out the door to run loose all day, with never a question as to just what these children get up to for their amusement (?). In one case, a new item added to our complex lasted just two days before being destroyed. It was imperative for safety but not even that aspect worried the perpetrators.

Saturday 25th saw the railway hosting 80 members of the Tractor and Machinery Preservation Society who held their AGM over the weekend. With a full programme of events to showcase Toodyay, it was our little trains that were one of the most enjoyed outings. It proved we are all still kids at heart and the President of Tracmach was the only one who counted the number of kangaroos correctly. Which just goes to show why he is President.

In an unfortunate incident with Shandy, Stan received some very nasty burns with one to the ankle needing ongoing care. When he received the account for the replacement of his padded seat everything hurt all over again! Hot coals take no prisoners.

Micaile also suffered a strained wrist, a victim of the slippery mud on the river track. This is where Benny has the last laugh, his four legs proving more efficient than Micaile's two in handling the walk conditions.

With pleasant weather predicted for the Avon Descent weekend, it will no doubt be another very busy day and we look forward to seeing if we can break our all time record of passengers carried.

If any mother finds a lock tumbling round the bottom of her washing machine, having come from her darling's pocket - we would appreciate it back. We have a lonely key.

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'Rapid' Youth Development

Greg Warburton with Avon Youth members

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'RAPID' youth development erupts within Northam's young people as they brave the Avon Descent! Greg Warburton will embark on the ride of a lifetime as the Avon River comes alive and entertains the masses through Northam and Toodyay.

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Recipe Corner

Desraé Clarke

Chocolate Self-Saucing Pudding

THIS pudding is another of my favourites and it is SO easy to make! It will make four large servings or, if combined with ice-cream, will serve six. A little hint that I have not mentioned before is that I never use fresh milk in my recipes; the frig supply would soon be exhausted. I have powdered milk in the pantry and make it up as directed when it is required. Enjoy this delicious hot dessert!

Ingredients:

- 60gms butter or margarine
- ½ cup castor sugar
- 1 tspn vanilla essence
- 1 egg
- 1 cup self-raising flour
- 2 tbsps cocoa
- ½ cup milk
- Topping:
- 1 tbspn cocoa
- ½ cup sugar (ordinary sugar)
- 2 cups hot water

Preparation:

Grease a 2 litre ovenproof bowl with a little butter or margarine using a small piece of kitchen paper. Also have ready an oven tray

to place your ovenproof bowl on in the oven as the pudding is inclined to spit a little; this prevents a dirty oven.

Combine the topping sugar and cocoa in a small bowl ready to sprinkle it over the pudding before it is ready to be placed in the oven for cooking.

Method:

Cream the butter, or margarine, sugar and vanilla by beating with a large wooden spoon or with an electric beater.

Beat until the mixture becomes lighter in colour and the ingredients are thoroughly mixed and the sugar is not visible. Break the egg into a cup, to check that it doesn't have any blood in it, add it to the butter or margarine mixture and beat it thoroughly.

Add half the flour and cocoa, using a flour sifter, then half of the milk and mix thoroughly. Add the remaining half of the flour, cocoa and milk, mixing really well.

Spoon the mixture into the ovenproof bowl; make sure it is smooth on top by gently stirring the mixture to make it even in all parts of the ovenproof bowl.

Sprinkle the combined sugar/cocoa on top of the pudding then VERY GENTLY spoon the two cups of hot water over the combined sugar/cocoa mixture ensuring the water is spread over all the topping. (If the water is poured over the pudding mixture it will create a great hole in the top of the pudding)

Place in a moderate oven, on top of the oven tray, (I use a pizza tray) for approximately one and a quarter hours. As the centre of the pudding is the last part to cook check the centre before you take it out of the oven (about 10 minutes before it is timed to be ready) to make sure it is firm.

Serve the pudding, with its delicious sauce, by itself or with a dollop of cream or a spoonful of ice-cream.

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Montessori Puggles Playgroup

VIEWED through a child's eyes:

"Mum have we got playgroup today? I've got my fruit." Mum smiles and states that it is Wednesday so that makes it playgroup day. "Yah!" I get to see my friends and play lots of games.

The drive seems to take forever but I see the Community Centre and start bouncing in my seat. "Come on Mum!" Racing in, I am greeted by my friends. Felicity greets me with a huge smile and words of welcome. She asks me what I have been doing and I tell her all about the new little chicks we have and how they sound, "Chirp, chirp."

Placing my fruit into the basket, I grab Mum and pick out a wooden set of cars and a station. Mum helps me build it to my specifications. Some of the others help with putting the trees and cars around. "Vroom vroom, screech!" The truck I am driving takes the corner fast and loses its load of cars.

Tinkle tinkle, Felicity rings her little bell. It's mat time! Everyone helps with the putting away. We all sit down on the mat, Felicity then introduces a new member of playgroup, Bridie. We all say hello and welcome. Holding each other's hands we sing our greetings and squeeze hands. I'm sure I am the strongest in squeezing. Then we sing some more. I get to pick the song, 'Peas in a pod'. Standing up we all have a stretch and move about, singing.

Felicity then asks us what we see outside through the window, about the weather. We only pick out two cards: sunny and cool to stick up on our chart. I get to stick the chart up this week.

Felicity then demonstrates what we are doing for craft today. I put on my art smock, and start sticking pieces together. Mum reaches the stuff in the middle of the table and brings it towards me. "Thanks, Mum. Oops-a-daisy, a bit messy." Lucky we have our own sink to wash in. "He, he." Splash! What to do next?

Outside, Mum grabs my hand as I balance on the blue-spotted and striped steps. Mum says this time that she will catch me as she moves in behind me on the balancing steps. "Hah, hah, Mum, you're too slow. I am super fast. You'll never catch me!"

Tinkle, tinkle. Felicity comes outside and tells us that it's fruit time! Quickly, I move inside and wait in line to wash my hands and pick out a china plate and cup. Finding my placemat at the table, I pour the water

and start taking fruit for my plate. "Yummy, grapes they're my favourite." I even get to wash and dry my plate and cup in a little sink. What's next?

Mum's found some letters with a magnetised ball and pen. We grab a mat and start tracing the letters. Felicity tinkles her bell and we pack our letter away.

Mystery bag, goody! We all pick out an object then we need to find it. I got mine second go! We all join hands and sing our goodbyes. Mum grabs my craft and we are back to the car. "Mum I am thirsty!"

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

CWA

Glenys Clabaugh

CWA: A Voice for Country and City Women

ONCE again the members of Toodyay CWA have had a busy month. Our meetings have been concerned with discussing the upcoming International day for the CWA Avon Hills Division. This will be held on 17th August and the country selected this year is Vietnam. A country is selected each year by members, regarding the status of women and their lifestyles worldwide. We will be presenting foods and discussions on the Vietnam life style this year at our International Meeting. 20th July saw our members brave the wild weather, travelling to Mandurah for the 85th State Conference of CWA in WA.

The conference was very inspiring and rekindled our ideals and reminded us of how relevant the Country Womens Association still is. CWA of WA is about intelligent and hard working ladies of all ages and lifestyles concerned with their communities, and with women's causes both in city and country.

The theme of this conference was 'A Voice for Country and City Women' and was a huge success.

The first policy discussed was the implementation of the new strategic plan for CWA. This plan has been developed over the last five years for the improvement and growth of CWA in WA. The plan was presented and voted - and passed; a decision which was widely popular with association members.

Some of the other policies discussed and passed were:

1. Retention of telephone land lines in rural areas;
2. Perpetrators of graffiti be compelled to repair damage caused;
3. Request to Fed Gov to enact a law requiring labelling of alcoholic beverages warning pregnant women of the danger of Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD). This controversial topic aroused much interest in the media and CWA alike.

These motions were passed and the relevant authorities will now be lobbied.

The conference reminded us of just what CWA is about - modern thinking women whose concern is the betterment of lifestyle for all women and the community they live in.

If you would like to have a voice in your community, and enjoy meeting with like-minded ladies, we meet 3rd Thursday of each month in CWA Hall at 1pm. Come and join us - be involved - we are diverse and vital women who support our community. It's not just tea and scones, although we have very good scone makers.

Further information can be found on web page - www.cwaofwa.asn.au/ and read about the new CWA branches formed in the last 12 months incorporating younger members.

Ida's Hideaway

Greasy Sleeve

OUR street stall raffle was a great success. Thank you very much to all the people of Toodyay for their generous support. The winning tickets were:

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Wendourie Lunch	
Blue D31	Penny
Wall Clock	
Blue D40	Louise
Wood Black A53	Jo Sutton

Our AGM is on the 15th August.

Ida's Hideaway is a voluntary organisation to assist the seniors of Toodyay. We meet every Saturday afternoon at Butterly Cottage from 1pm 'til 4pm. You can play bingo, cards or you can just have a chat - whatever you like. So, if you have nothing better to do, please come along; you will be most welcome.

A big thank you again to our baker, Graham, for his kind donations every week and to all our volunteers.

'Defeat is not the worst of failures, not to have tried is the true failure.'

Inside the Shed

Karl Walsh

Blokes Supporting Blokes

READERS will recall that last issue it was proposed to start a Men's Shed organisation in Toodyay. Well, things have been moving along at a pace and we now have a framework from which to start.

Initially, we had three very keen chaps putting the proposal in order to be able to go to the next step. And it happened!

We had a meeting with the CEO of the Shire, Mr Graham Merrick and the Deputy CEO, Mr Sam Mastrolembo and, as a result of that meeting, we were able to secure accommodation. Our Shed! So that was a very positive start that lets us continue with the organising. It won't happen overnight and there is a lot of planning to do beforehand. Our thanks to the Shire for their support in this important step forward.

The Department of Veterans' Affairs has forwarded a funding application package, the Lane Cove (Sydney) Shed has sent a folder on starting a shed and support has been forthcoming from service groups such as the Shire of Toodyay, Lions, RSL, Wheatbelt Men's Health, Dept of Veterans' Affairs, our local church groups and the Kalamunda Men's Shed members who keep us posted through their newsletters.

On Monday, 20th July, we held a meeting in the dining room of Uncle Vince's with an attendance of ten men in order to set up our steering committee to put together our constitution and application for incorporation among other things, of course. There will be a myriad jobs to do to get up and running.

I believe the level of enthusiasm is growing daily and it is hoped to run a monthly column in *The Herald* under the above title to keep all informed of our progress. So everyone please be kind to Sam and her team.

If any men wish to contribute to the Steering Committee, please feel free to call Karl Walsh on 9574 5767.

A Men's Breakfast will be held at 7am on Saturday 29th August in the dining room of the Freemasons Hotel. The guest speaker will be from the Kalamunda Men's Shed. Interested men should contact me as early as possible for catering numbers.

Footnote: There will be an inaugural WA Men's Shed Association Conference held in Muckinbudin on the 3rd and 4th September, 2009. The theme is 'Blokes Building Better Communities'.

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Toodyay Kindergym

Nyaree Lawler
Vice President

STUCK for ideas on what to do with the children when it's cold and wet?

Kindergym will start back on Friday, 24th July, no matter what the weather is like. Come down and let the children get warm and have fun at the same time!

Congratulations to our coach, Lisa Giorgi who is now accredited with Gymnastics WA as a Level 1 Coach.

Despite the slow start, we had another very successful cake stall and managed to sell pretty much everything. A huge thank you goes to Kenny from the Caltex Roadhouse for generously buying all of the numbers that were left in the raffle and well deserved congratulations for being one of our winners of the \$100 note. Our other winner was a Downie from the Makit Hardware store. Thanks also to those people who gave us ideas for future fundraising activities. A big thank you to everyone who supported the stall.

Toodyay Kindergym has classes every Friday during school term in the Pavilion at the Showgrounds at 9.30am. Remember, your first class is free. For more information, please contact our Head Coach, Rene on 9574 4708.



Little Rascals

LITTLE Rascals special visitor for July was Chef Gary. Gary and the children made Cheese and Bacon Damper.

Thanks to Kate and Jay Wakka for providing a bouncy castle to Daycare to celebrate Kynan's Birthday.

Pictured L-R Xali, Josh.G., Bridie and Daniel.



Toodyay Spinners

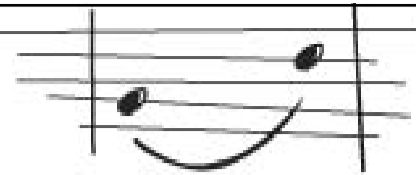
Margaret Grassick
Secretary

ON the share table this month we had a knee rug crocheted in Davidson tartan made by Phil Harmer. Well done, Phil, on completing a five-year project. We also had a brown variegated silk summer top and a cotton top with green leaves needle felted onto it by Lee Wolsoncroft, a chunky merino jacket by Margaret Masterlerz and Valerie Richard showed us a hand dyed alpaca scarf which she had woven on a knitters' loom.

A big thank you to Krys Poliniak for coming to the club to teach us the basics of weaving. Your help was much appreciated and it was interesting to see some of the lovely things that you have made.

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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Every Wednesday, 1pm to 4pm. Toodyay Sports Pavilion
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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: 26th August 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.

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Meets Saturday 3rd October 6pm at Julimar Fire Station.
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2nd Friday of the Month from 7pm
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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.

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

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Contact Francis Moran for meeting dates 9574 5786.

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Contact Roger Bray (Chairperson) 9574 4562.

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2nd Monday of month, Anglican Hall, 1.30pm

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Signed: Joanne Edgar 14.11.09

Thank You

Thank you to the kind gentleman who stopped to help the elderly lady catch her small dog on Julimar Road recently. Your help was much appreciated.

Brendan and Elvina McFaul together with their son Darran and partner Lisa would like to extend their sincere thanks to all those wonderful individuals, organisations and Clubs that have offered and provided assistance to us during the time of Brendon's diagnosis, surgery and treatment. It is times like this that prove that Toodyay is a community in the real sense of the word, even if we do have our differences of opinion over some matters. It has been made obvious to us that caring for those in need takes precedence over ideology. Long may it last. Thank you one and all.

Apology

Apologies to our birthday and anniversary list recipients for the July Herald - the wrong file was imported and consequently incorrect names were printed.

Please remember that if there is a factual error (person has passed away, divorce / anniversary listing no longer required) you must let us know. The List is automatically generated but is maintained by volunteers.

In Memorium

Lynn John Cugley
2.8.2008
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Gary Gurney
7.7.06
Its been three years, mate. Miss you heaps. Miss everything about you and miss you walking into the club. Your mates, Evelyn and Poet.

GURNEY Garry John
17.7.53 - 7.8.2006
Three years have gone by, little mate. You're still missed by all.
Carol, Dave, Donna, Andrew and Bluey

Bereavement

Mrs Laurine Williams
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The Annual General Meeting of The Toodyay Herald Inc will be held at 7.30pm Tuesday 22nd September 2009 at the Freemason's Hotel, Toodyay. All committee positions are open for nomination and election. Annual membership fees are also due at the meeting.

Birthdays

Jo Sutton	Nicky Johnson
Troy Watson	Dimity Taylor
Drew Taylor	Wayne Clarke
Samantha Douglas	Heather Henderson
Tiana Connor	Mark Bowden
Isabelle Adamson	Ben Gordon
Nicole Seed	Shane MacGregor
Tanya MacGregor	Ian MacGregor
Kylie Hebron	John Mitchinson
Wesley Yarron	Travis Higgins
Dianne Lynam	Jon Heath
Joy Ambler	Greta Baker
Margaret O'Sullivan	

HAPPY birthday to the beautiful and totally awesome Sammie.
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Anniversaries

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Glen & Jo Harrington
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Photo: 'The Missing Chords and Keys', Rhonda Sullivan, Kathy Haynes and Bob Haynes.

Toodyay Music Club

Jenny Edgecombe

WE'RE an enthusiastic bunch at the Music Club – even a rather wintry night didn't prevent an excellent attendance again for the July club night.

The sing-along sessions were really enjoyable. Although we introduce new songs from time to time, there are always plenty of familiar ones. It provides a way for new members and learners who might feel hesitant about performing to get up and join in some easy numbers without any pressure. Playing your guitar, singing along or shaking a tambourine with the group does wonders for your timing and confidence. This month we ranged from 'Oh Boy!' in preparation for the upcoming Rock and Roll night, to the old 'Tavern in the Town'.

Speaking of the approaching Rock and Roll night in August, it should be fun to hear acoustic versions of the fast-moving songs of that era, as well as some of the slower ones that were around, and I've heard there could also be a bit of dancing from the period.

The July gathering featured our usual eclectic mix of styles. We thoroughly enjoyed Gale's country guitar and singing in the classic 'He'll Have to Go', followed by Frank with a great Bob Marley song.

It was good to have Adam from Goomalling with us this month, with his harp accompanying Naomi's classical guitar for two lovely items. I particularly enjoyed the lilting melody of the traditional Irish 'Carrickfergus'.

Leila showed off her ever-improving violin playing, performing the beautiful 'Shenandoah' particularly well. Allan followed with 'Smile', incorporating some very cool, jazzy guitar work we hope to hear more of in the future. Did you know Charlie Chaplin wrote the music to that song?

Joe tried out the Tom Paxton oldie, 'Can't Help But Wonder Where I'm Bound' that he'd been working on, and Jenny decided it was time 'Bonnie and Clyde' got a workout

again, for a bit of fun.

Spencer gave us his amusing 'Hole in the Road' song, and also persuaded Adam to provide harp accompaniment to his ukulele as he sang 'One Day at a Time' – an unusual but successful combination. Peter's singing of 'My Curly Headed Baby', accompanied on guitar, was an evocative reminder of times past.

Gordy was down from Boulder, and we enjoyed his 'Ghost Riders in the Sky', while Jeanette's lovely unaccompanied 'You Were Always on my Mind' was on my mind all the next day.

Tina kept us laughing as usual with some interesting interpretations of medical terms, while the Missing Chords and Keys, Kathy, Rhonda and Bob, provided the fun we have come to expect with their tragic teen saga of 'Sad Movies'.

Next Meeting: 14th August - Rock and Roll Era theme night, but any style of singing or instrumental performance is welcome, so long as it is 'acoustic'. Come to our monthly meeting as performer or listener - Second Friday of each month, 7pm at the CWA Hall. For further information contact Teddy or Spencer on 9574 4492.

Country Hoon Seizure

WHEATBELT Traffic Officers have seized a Ferrari California after it was allegedly caught driving at twice the speed limit on 13th July 2009.

Just before noon, traffic officers were on patrol on Julimar Road, near Toodyay, when they detected the Ferrari allegedly speeding at 231 kilometres per hour in a 110 kilometre per hour speed zone.

The 57-year-old male driver, from the Perth suburb of Wembley, will be summonsed for Reckless Driving, and the car has been impounded for 7 days under hoon legislation.

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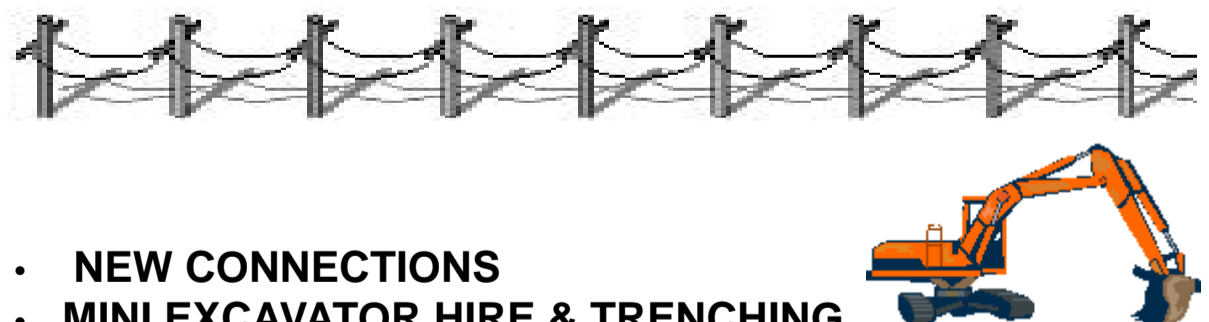


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Bejoording Babble

Kim Leonhardt

THIS month has been just full of birthdays! The most disappointing of all, I must say, is Blake's. Why weren't we there? Where were all our invites?! He's a bloke for goodness sakes! Blokes have birthdays and birthdays are on the day you're born! Jayne and Jerome were carrying on that there wasn't enough room in the labour ward. Well Jayne... that's why the beds have wheels on them! Jerome could easily have wheeled you and Blakey outside under a tree, got a good fire going, cranked some Eminem up and just rocked on. AND, you could have earned a bit of money on the side for Blakey's first bank account, by having a 'guess how long the umbilical cord was?', \$2 a pop. Oh well... let's just hope you buy him a block in Bejoording so we can all bring him up properly. Oh and... Jayne and Jerome... congratulations!

Other birthdays, where PROPER parties were organised, were Carol's (40) and Emma's (17). These parties were both on at the same time, but different locations. I know, I know, the organisational skills of some of the parents around here leave a lot to be desired! Some of the old blokes at Carol's were discussing a raid on Emma's, but we took too long discussing hip replacements, crook knees, the need to find a tree every 100m, and mental incapacities that we soon found ourselves surrounded by young whipper snappers who had none of the aforementioned afflictions, and just raided us because it seemed a good idea at the time. The more strategic of the oldies deemed it time to stand by the fire with a beer to discuss how to repel the invaders. The conversation soon resorted back to hip replacements etc., which the young-uns decided was boring, and wandered off back to their own party. Ah, the wisdom of the over 40s. Obama could learn a lot from us.

Carol and Fred redeemed their Hot Air Ballooning vouchers last Friday, by going Hot Air Ballooning! I wasn't able to attend the launch, but since they weren't on that night's news reports, one would have to assume everything went swimmingly well.

Skiddy's birthday got him one year nearer to those dreaded 'turn' birthdays. First of the turns is when everyone loses count what you turned. Second of the turns is when you have a turn. Last of the turns is when you turn in your grave. Let's hope it's not your turn just yet!

Right, we're finally off birthday subjects! In my diary I usually note down things to write

That Currajong tree. Left to right: Nicky, Jacko, Richard (at rear, indicating the emu he saw), Captain Underpants and Fred.

about in this article. In my list, I have the words 'School Bus', and have no idea what I meant. So, on to the next subject!

The Yellowdine 4wd overnigher was held last month. Three cars attended the event, myself and Ashlee in our Navara, Fred and Richard in their Landcruiser and Captain Underpants with his entourage of Catherine, Nicky and Jacko in their Pathfinder. One of the first things to find was a Currajong Tree with 1900AD emblazoned on it, at the NW extremity of an unnamed salt lake next to a granite rock outcrop. We had to find it the old fashioned way, ie. we had no GPS co-ordinates. Fortunately, there never seems to be Currajong forests, so we were able to pick individual trees and investigate them for markings. Still, we weren't finding it and the kids, being kids, were getting a bit antsy. They decided to head back to the cars. "Do you know where the car is?" we asked. "Yeh. We'll just go down this hill to the salt lake and turn right and eventually come across 'em." "Rightio then", we says. We decided that we may have spent enough time searching, and trailed back behind the kids. A voice calls out with the dreaded words "Found it!" Dreaded only if it's a kids voice! After all, WE'RE the expedition leaders! It was only half dread! Fred found it, but we were all on the kids trail!

Back on the track again, we kicked a few tins and bricks around the Mt Palmer Hotel ruins, travelled a long way to what I thought would be our campsite, only to have a no camping sign greet us and travel just as long a way back again to find any sort of suitable wild camp site at night! And by crikey we found one! Once that fire was going, everything seemed a lot better. Pork roast, steaks, and I think Fred and Richard had a casserole thing going; soon got everyone warm and comfortable. Slept out under the stars, no rain, but the morning saw us in a foggy-not-quite-misty-rainy-thingy, which fortunately didn't wet anything; we just didn't wake up to the sun is all. We got going again about 10.30. Fred had walked the dog about 15 times by this stage. We had warned him that early starts aren't our thing! We all got home by about 6.30, and I believe a good time was had by all.

Our next meeting is Wednesday, 5th August at 6pm, which is followed by a casserole night. In case you've missed that one, take note of this one... Feast Night is Wednesday, 2nd September from 6pm.

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