

From the President Cr Charlie Wroth

The Community Benefit Analysis prepared by ACIL Tasman has recently been completed and is currently available for residents & ratepayers to view. The report investigates the impacts a possible merger between the Shire of Toodyay and the Shire of Chittering would have and whether there would be any benefit to the community, in such a proposal.

A mailout has been sent to Shire of Toodyay ratepayers with a copy of the report's Executive Summary. The complete report is available in hardcopy from the Shire Administration Centre or online at www.toodyay.wa.gov.au. All public comments will be taken into consideration prior to Council compiling the report to the Minister for Local Government, Mr John Castrilli. I encourage everyone to take the time to review the full report and submit your views. It was very pleasing to see such a good turnout at the public meetings held on 28 and 30 July. Over one hundred and thirty residents attended to discuss the report and to put forth their ideas and views regarding the proposed merger.

The Chief Executive Officer, Graham Merrick and I recently attended the 15th annual Australian Local Government Association National General Assembly, held in Canberra. The assembly debated on important topics that concern local governments such as finance, infrastructure and climate change and heard from keynote speakers including Malcolm Turnbull, Leader for the Opposition and Federal Minister for Local Government, Mr Anthony Albanese.

The National General Assembly was followed by the Australian Council of Local Government Plenary Meeting, held at Parliament House. This meeting was a valuable opportunity to meet with other local government officials and ministers and to share ideas under the topic of "Building Resilience in Local Communities". During the meeting it was also announced that an additional \$220 million in funding will be allocated to councils Australia wide as part of the Community Infrastructure Program (CIP).

Under the new CIP allocation Toodyay will receive a further \$30,000 in order to complete and acquit current infrastructure projects. Guidelines determining the use of the funding will be released toward the end of 2009 with the funds being made available during the 2009 – 2010 financial year.

Council Dates

20 August 2009: Ordinary Meeting of Council, Council Chambers, 7pm

17 September 2009: Ordinary Meeting of Council, Council Chambers, 7pm

***** Please note: the following Community Information Session has been rescheduled:**

15 August 2009 is now to be held on **29 August 2009** at the Memorial Hall, 10am

Record Crowds for Toodyay Festival of Food

Although the river levels were slightly lower than ideal for this year's competitors, the spectacular weather combined with thrills & spills on the river all helped to ensure the success of the 2009 Avon Descent Family Fun Day – Toodyay Festival of Food.

A record crowd estimated at over five and a half thousand people flocked to the riverside to view all the action of the Avon Descent and to enjoy the sights, sounds and international flavours on offer at the Festival of Food.



Belly dancers delight the crowd

Displays of exotic belly dancing, loud and colourful percussionists, the ever popular Chinese Lion dance and a live band kept diners entertained as they chose from a wide selection of cuisines, fresh produce and local wines.

Children and families were well catered for with a range of free activities including a baby animal farm, face painting, bouncy castles and balloon twisters. For the more adventurous youngsters, the bungee run and mechanical bucking sheep offered an opportunity to test their skills.



One of the Chinese Lions gets up close with diners at the Festival of Food

Coordinated by the Shire of Toodyay and sponsored by Lotterywest and the Water Corporation, the Festival of Food is now in its fifth year. Given the success of the event and the positive feedback from stallholders, performers and visitors, next year's Festival is sure to be bigger and better.

Dog Attack Warning

Shire of Toodyay Rangers have received an increased number of complaints regarding dogs attacking sheep over the last two months.

Dog owners are required to ensure that their dogs are confined to their premises at all times. Failure to do so may result in severe penalties up to \$10,000 and/or 12 months in jail. Further information can be obtained by phoning Ranger Services on 9574 4555.

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

DID YOU KNOW? - Australians are the second highest producers of waste in the world behind the US, with each of us sending approximately 690kg to landfill each year.

As part of the Shire of Toodyay's ongoing commitment to our Strategic Waste Minimisation Plan, residents and ratepayers are being encouraged to make full use of the recycling facilities located at the Waste Transfer Station on Railway Road.

Type 1 & 2 plastics, aluminium & tin, bundled newspapers & glass, both clear & coloured are all accepted for recycling. These items, that might otherwise end up in landfill, can all be re-manufactured, thereby saving raw materials and energy.

DID YOU KNOW? - Once an aluminium can is recycled, it's back on the grocery shelf as another aluminium can in sixty days.

By assisting in our efforts to increase the amount of waste that is recycled, householders are also helping to reduce the costs associated with waste disposal as well as minimising the amount of waste that ends up in landfill.

There is no cost to residents nor is there the need to use a tip pass providing acceptable recyclable material is sorted and deposited in the designated areas. In addition to household recyclables, garden green waste, used oil, scrap metal and car batteries can also be deposited.

DID YOU KNOW? - Glass can be recycled again and again, the quality does not deteriorate with recycling. Of more than 1 million tonnes of glass made in Australia each year, only about one third is recycled.

Recycling however, is only part of a sustainable future. The Shire of Toodyay has recently been successful in securing funding to subsidise the provision of composting bins and worm farms for residents who wish to incorporate these eco-friendly activities into their lifestyles.

By using compost bins or worm farms to recycle biodegradable waste such as garden clippings and household food scraps, not only are you reducing the amount of waste that would usually be discarded and the greenhouse gases that would be produced as they break down, but the end products can be used to benefit lawns, gardens and home vegetable plots.

DID YOU KNOW? - If buried as landfill 5,000 tonnes of greenwaste will produce up to 13,000 tonnes of greenhouse gas, contributing to global warming.

A series of workshops where Toodyay residents can learn more about environmental awareness and sustainable practices are currently being organised for later in 2009.



Details on how people can take advantage of the subsidised composting and worm farm products, as well as the workshops will be available in September.

The Shire of Toodyay is proud to present a new temporary exhibition, "Railways: The stories of railways in the Avon", now showing at the Newcastle Gaol Museum. This exhibition traces some of the local stories connected to the development of railways in the Toodyay area.

The exhibition includes photos, artefacts and interactive models from the glory days of railways in the region, some items of which have been lent from the Toodyay Miniature Railways Society and the Railway Museum of Northam.

Running until the 10th of September 2009, the cost of entry is \$3.00 per person and \$10 per family (2 adults and 3 children). Students of Toodyay District High School receive free entry.

Group bookings can be made at the Toodyay Visitor Centre and guided tours can be arranged upon request.



The stories of railways in the Avon

A new exhibition now showing at:
The Newcastle Gaol Museum

Clinton Street, Toodyay

10 July -
10 September
2009

Honour Boards Unveiled

The efforts and contributions of the Toodyay Historical Society were applauded on 21 July 2009 with the unveiling of the recently completed Newcastle Municipal Council, Toodyay Road Board and Toodyay Shire Council honour boards, now on display in the Council Chambers.



The culmination of nearly four years of work and research, the magnificent jarrah boards are a fitting tribute to the people who have served the community of Toodyay from 1871 to the present.

Shire President Cr Charlie Wroth thanked the members of the Toodyay Historical Society and particularly Mrs Beth Frayne for their countless hours of research, undertaken both in Toodyay and at the State Library, where archived Government Gazettes and Council correspondence and minute books were analysed to determine the names and dates of office bearers.

Mrs Frayne said although the process was painstaking, the end result made the effort worthwhile.

Shire President Cr Charlie Wroth with members of the Toodyay Historical Society.



NEWCASTLE GAOL MUSEUM VOLUNTEER POSITIONS - FRONT OF HOUSE

Availability: 1-2 days per fortnight (minimum), between 10.00am and 3.00pm weekdays or 10.00am and 4.00pm weekends.

Job Description: The position requires the applicant to open the Old Gaol Museum for business. Duties include the unlocking and locking of cells; taking money for admissions and souvenir sales; welcoming and orientating visitors; answering visitor questions; light cleaning duties. The position may include some object handling.

Please contact Museum Curator, Mr Moss Wilson on 9574 2258 for further information.

Positions Vacant

ADMINISTRATION OFFICER

An opportunity exists for an enthusiastic individual to join our team in the role of Administration Officer.

Applicants must possess highly developed customer service and communication skills and the ability to work well within a team environment, as well as at least two years experience in an administrative role. Principal duties will include providing assistance to the Executive Service Department along with provision of front counter customer service.

Employment conditions are in accordance with the Local Government Officers (Western Australia) Award 1999 Level 2 with a negotiated salary between \$32,000 and \$38,000 dependant upon qualifications and experience.

Applications close 4.00pm, 13 August 2009

FINANCE OFFICER

An opportunity exists for an enthusiastic individual to join our Finance and Administration team in the role of Finance Officer. Principal duties will include responsibility for all aspects of the creditor functions & payroll as well as assisting with Customer Service and Support Officer duties if and when required.

Employment conditions are in accordance with the Local Government Officers (Western Australia) Award 1999 Level 2 with a negotiated salary between \$35,000 and \$42,000, dependant upon qualifications and experience.

Applications close 4.00pm, 13 August 2009

CUSTOMER SERVICE OFFICER (Casual)

Opportunities exist for enthusiastic and motivated individuals to join our Team. The officers will be required to provide assistance at the Toodyay Library, Toodyay Visitor Information Centre and Ye Olde Lolly Shoppe

Applicants should have good computing skills and preferably some experience in a front line customer service role.

Principal duties will include front counter and telephone enquiries, receipting of monies, library and tourism functions and other administration duties as required. Experience in library services or tourism would be an advantage.

Employment conditions are in accordance with the Local Government Officers (Western Australia) Award 1999 Level 2 with a negotiated salary between \$32,000 and \$35,000 (pro rata) dependant upon qualifications and experience.

The position will require mainly weekend work, initially being regular Saturdays and/or Sundays.

Applications close 4.00pm, 20 August 2009

Application packages can be obtained by phoning Kerry Wandless on 9574 2258 or by emailing accounts@toodyay.wa.gov.au or from www.toodyay.wa.gov.au

Graham Merrick
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

PUBLIC NOTICES

Temporary Road Closures - QUIT Targa West

The Shire of Toodyay wishes to advise of the following temporary road closures:

Timberden Rd & Nerramine Drv
22 August - 1.00pm - 5.00pm & 23 August 11.00am to 3.00pm (max 4 hrs)

Stirlingia Drv, Drummondi Drv, Harvester Drv & Fargo Way

22 August - 2.15pm - 7.15pm (max 4 hrs)
Racecourse Drv, Stirlingia Drv, Sandplain Rd, Drummondi Drv, Harvester Drv, Fargo Way

23 August - 11.45am - 5.15pm (max 4hrs)
Conostylus Rd, Caladenia Drv, Scaevola Rd, Laterite Way, Darwinia Cres, Whitegum Rdg & Redgum Circle

22 August - 1.15pm - 5.15pm (max 4hrs) & 23 August 11.15am - 4.15pm (max 4 hrs)

Piesse St & Charcoal Lane (between Piesse & Duke St North)

22 August - 12.00pm - 6.00pm & 23 August - 12pm to 6.45pm

Further information is available from www.toodyay.wa.gov.au or www.targawest.com.au or by phoning the Shire Administration Centre on 9574 2258

FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Council invites public comment on the following, with details available at www.toodyay.wa.gov.au or the Shire of Toodyay Administration Centre, 15 Fiennes Street, Toodyay.

Community Benefit Analysis

The report investigating any potential benefits of a proposed merger between the Toodyay and Chittering Shires has now been completed. The full report is available to download from the Shire website www.toodyay.wa.gov.au or in hardcopy from the Shire Administration Centre.

Council is required to report to the Minister for Local Government, John Castrilli by the 31 August 2009, regarding their position on voluntary amalgamations.

Ratepayers and residents are encouraged to submit their views for consideration by Council, prior to a report being presented to Minister Castrilli. Further information is available by contacting the Shire Administration Centre on 9574 2258.

Submissions close 4.00pm, 7 August 2009

Proposed Review of Local Laws

The Shire of Toodyay advises that it is to review the following Local Laws to determine whether or not it considers they should be repealed or amended.

- Cemeteries Toodyay and Jimperding
- Extractive Industries
- Fencing
- Pest Plants
- Parking and Parking Facilities
- Local Government Property
- Activities on Thoroughfares and Trading in Thoroughfares and Public Places
- Houses, Numbering of
- Stalls
- Health Series "A"

A copy of the Local Laws may be inspected at the Shire of Toodyay Administration Centre, 15 Fiennes Street, Toodyay, during office hours.

Comments close 4pm, 4 September 2009

Forward written comments to:

**Graham Merrick - Chief Executive Officer,
Shire of Toodyay,
PO Box 96 TOODYAY WA 6566**

Australian Breastfeeding Association

Louisa
Northam group leader

THE Australian Breastfeeding Association (Northam Group) is gearing up for the different shows happening soon. We will be having our 'Baby feed and change' tent at the Dowerin Field Day, Northam Show and Toodyay Show, so look out for our white tent. We offer a change table, and some chairs to sit in, away from the hustle and bustle of the crowd.

In July, we had meetings on the topics 'Breastfeeding and winter ills', and 'Breastfeeding in emergency situations'. There were many contributions to the first topic and it was comforting to know that so many people also enjoy a cup of hot lemon and honey when they have a cold. We discussed the value of looking after yourself, instead of running around after everyone else if you aren't feeling well, and that often the first signs baby is unwell is clingy behaviour - not too welcome if you aren't feeling well yourself!

In an emergency situation, such as flooding, fire or famine, mothers need to be looked after first, so they can then look after their children. A mother needs to be given clean warm clothing for herself and her kids. A breastfeeding mother may need access to breastfeeding support services. A formula feeding mother needs clean water, ways of heating, clean spaces for preparation of the formula. If these aren't available, then she may need support to lactate - especially if baby is young. Thankfully, Australia is a 'lucky country', and we don't seem to suffer the problems that occur in other countries.

On 11th August, we will be examining 'Mothering your nursing toddler' at Bridgeley Community Centre, Wellington St, Northam between 10am and noon. With so many children weaning at 1 year, it can be hard to find information about the normal stages a breastfeeding toddler can go through. I found that a 13-month-old suddenly goes back to needing more feeds, and it was comforting to discover that other mothers found the same pattern happening. Toddlers bring along their own challenges and joys, so please come along and discover more.

On 25th August, we will be discussing 'Sex as a parent - work it out' at Toodyay Playgroup, Stirling Terrace, between noon and 2pm. Babies can put pressure on our relationships, and sometimes we don't want one more person touching us. While this can't take the place of relationship counselling, hopefully some easy to use strategies will help restore our libido and balance.

Our meetings are open to all - whether breastfeeding or just interested in the importance of breastfeeding. Hot drinks

are supplied, and people attending bring along a small plate of food to share. You are welcome to bring along baby, toddler, or other children. Support people are also welcome - whether it is your partner, friend or parent! For more information, please call me on 9574 0229, or visit the website www.breastfeeding.asn.au for more breastfeeding information.

Toodyay Agricultural Society

Pam Jackson
Committee Member

CAN you help? The Toodyay Agricultural Society Inc. is seeking Expressions of Interest from local community groups, community organisations, businesses or individuals for completion of the following tasks related to the Annual Agricultural Show to be held on Saturday 10th October 2009:

- Operation of Youth Hall Kitchen, Friday October 9th and Saturday October 10th;
- Operation of the Tearooms - Saturday, October 10th.

Monetary remuneration for services provided will be donated to the groups or persons undertaking these activities.

Duty statements are available from the TAS Secretary on 9574 2465. All correspondence to:

The Secretary
Toodyay Agricultural Society Inc
PO Box 362
Toodyay WA 6566

Membership

It is not too late to join the Society to make your attendance at this year's Annual Show more financially viable. Membership to the Toodyay Agricultural Society Inc. entitles each member to a schedule for the October show, a member's entry and 2 guest passes. SUPPORT YOUR SHOW AND BECOME A MEMBER TODAY. If you would like to become a member, please send details of your name and address and forward it with applicable membership fee (\$20 for one year or \$45 for three years) and post to:

The Secretary
Toodyay Agricultural Society Inc
PO Box 362
Toodyay WA 6566

Membership badges are available at a cost of \$10.

Childrens Sections

Do you have any children or know any children that may be interested in entering in this year's show? Please encourage children to become involved in the show by putting in an entry in one or more of the many sections available.

Children School Years 6-10
Group X1 Floriculture
Group X2 Cooking
Group X3 3D Craft
Group X4 2D Artwork

Children School Years 1 - 5
Group Y1 Floriculture
Group Y2 Cooking
Group Y3 3D Craft
Group Y4 2D Artwork

Section Z - Children - School Years Kindergarten - Pre Primary

Group Z1
Class 9301 Drawing/Painting - any subject, any medium

Class 9302 Animal from recycled materials - maximum dimensions 40cm x 40cm x 40cm

Other sections are poultry, pigeons, home produce, fruit and vegetables, patchwork and quilting, photography.

Toodyay Investing in Communities

Wayne Clarke
Chair, Working Group

Community Safety and Crime Prevention Strategy

THE Toodyay Investing in Communities (TIC) has received funding from the Office of Crime Prevention (OCP) to develop a Community Safety and Crime Prevention Plan (CSCPP) for the Shire of Toodyay. This plan will be developed in association with the Shire of Toodyay and the Toodyay Police, with broad representation from across the community and government, including the Toodyay District High School; Department for Child Protection; Chamber of Commerce; Ratepayers Association; Butterfly Cottages; Youth interests; Seniors interests; District Council of Churches; Toodyay and Districts Financial Services (and the Bendigo Bank); Fire Brigades; Neighbourhood & Rural Watch, and other organisations.

To achieve a long-term vision, the CSCPP has five principal goals:

- Goal 1 Supporting families, children and young people;
- Goal 2 Empowering communities and regenerating neighbourhoods;
- Goal 3 Identifying and tackling priority offences in Western Australia;
- Goal 4 Reducing repeat offending, and
- Goal 5 Designing out crime and using technology.

A Working Group has been established to develop the Plan, and report back regularly to the representative group. Over the next three or four months, the community will be consulted by telephone, through the post, via email, interviews and talks to small groups, and through forums. This research will be to gather the essential data required to develop a plan that will embrace all of the concerns expressed by the community, and the agencies that support us.

In most local government areas, plans have been developed by consultants. To formulate our plan, TIC decided it is critical to use the resources that will eventually benefit from the plan - our own citizens. Toodyay has a

number of very capable residents willing to assist to make our community safe and attractive to new residents. We are tapping those unique resources to develop our plan, and look forward to your support and suggestions in its development.

Arts Toodyay

Margot Watkins

"ART happens - no hovel is safe from it, no prince can depend on it, the vastest intelligence cannot bring it about." (Whistler). He must have known about all those 'sheds' in Toodyay, full of little surprises! And their creators all gearing up for our next new and special exhibition in September!

But first, a reminder to all our members that our AGM is fast approaching: on Tuesday 1st September, 7pm. Please, all come because we will be electing a new committee and all positions are open. It's a very easygoing group and it doesn't matter if you have no experience. It all manages to happen anyway. We have some great events planned and the more input from everyone the better they are going to be. Nominations are due end of August. Annual fees are also due at the AGM. Members generally get a discount on exhibition entries, and we are negotiating further discounts at art shops.

The 'next big thing' is the exhibition at Coorinja Winery. We visited the space during the month to visualise how it will be. It really is a marvellous venue, quite an unusual ambience and it will be intriguing for visitors and locals alike - and that's without the art! Loads of historical charm and atmosphere, with the huge oak barrels visible through a doorway, and other paraphernalia of the winery. It would be fabulous if everyone can enter something as I'm sure this will be a very special event that could well become an outstanding annual attraction.

There will be a people's choice award, and, as usual, no commission will be charged on any sales. Two entries per person allowed with entry fees, and no late entries will be accepted. Entry forms with full details are now available, from the Library, and the Herald office nearby. Also by emailing Sam Connor on moondyne@iinet.net.au. Bettina will answer any queries on 9574 5531.

The exhibition will open on Friday 25th September at 7pm and continue all through the (long) weekend.

Entries close on 18th September. Members and entrants, please think about a list of guests that you feel would appreciate an invitation so that they can be contacted in good time. Compiling an email list would also be helpful.

Member, Wendy Lewer (prize winner!), and former member, Jenny Couper, are having a joint art exhibition in Brookton in early October - lots of new work from both artists, and more details next month. Pencil in the 3rd and 4th.

Next meeting is 4th August but that is too early for this column. Hope you were there.

'Women Leading Change' - Regional Conference

An opportunity for regional women, networking & professional development

If joining a Board, taking on a leadership role or improving your current leadership style interests you then learn from some of Australia's best at this conference designed for leading women -and men- in our region...

Date: Wednesday 9th & Thursday 10th September 2009

Time: Day 1 session: 8.45am to 4.30pm
Day 1 Evening session: 5.30pm to 9.00pm
Day 2 session: 9.00am to 3.45pm

Place: NORTHAM, WA

Cost: \$110 (inc GST) for Conference Pack (all 3 sessions) or \$45 (inc GST) per session

TOPICS INCLUDE:

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Registrations close 5pm Friday **28th Aug 2009** seats are limited



For more information & to register contact:

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Toodyay Historical Society

Beth Frayne
Secretary

ON 21st July, the Shire hosted an afternoon tea for the Society to thank us for our help in compiling and confirming the information required for the Shire's beautiful new Honour Boards.

We are very impressed with the design and workmanship of the three enormous jarrah boards, which display the many names of those members of our community who served as Road Board Members, Municipal and Shire Councillors, Road Board Secretaries, Town and Shire Clerks, and CEOs. As Toodyay local government bodies have been in existence since 1871, there are a lot of names on the boards, representing many of the district's families, past and present. The Society was very pleased to be able to contribute, through its research, a few names that might otherwise have been overlooked. The new boards enhance the majestic proportions of the beautiful Council Chambers (the former Courtroom of the Courthouse). Vice President Robyn Taylor took this opportunity to present the Shire President Charlie Wroth and the Council, with a copy of our new publication *The Long Toodyay Chronology* (Part 1, 1829-1900). Some of our research for the Honour Boards found its way into this publication.

Later that week, the Society hosted the 2nd Annual Antiques Road Show, on Saturday, 25th July, 1.30pm-5pm, in the CWA Hall. Due to the contributions of many of our members, this was a very successful event and we thank all those concerned and also members of the public who were such an appreciative audience. Member Kathy Robinson has written a separate article about the Road Show.

On 5th August, in Perth, members Jenny Edgecombe and Beth Frayne presented a lecture at the State Library of Western Australia's National Family History Week programme (1st - 6th August). Entitled *Researching Toodyay Connections*, they presented some of the unique sources of information relating to Toodyay family and social history in the Society's archives.

Next excursion - Sunday, 30th August: an excursion to Joe's Cage and Forrest's Cairn. Meet at 10am at the Visitors' Centre. BYO Morning Tea. More information about this event will be in the next issue of our newsletter *Duidgeana*.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, 19th August, 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.



Vice President Robyn Taylor, Shire President Charlie Wroth and Secretary Beth Frayne, in front of the new Municipal Council Honour Board, with a copy of *The Long Toodyay Chronology*.

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Toodyay Ballet School

Lani McGeady

What a busy few months we have had! At the start of June we took part in the Annual Dance Quest Competition at Midvale Calisthenics Centre (at the bottom of the hill) which is also where our end of year concert will be held this year on 15th November.

Everyone did their best in this very hard competition which saw some great results for our troupes and solos. Congratulations to Rhyce who got 2nd in the Senior Classical Soloist, and Kate who got 2nd in the Junior Classical Soloist and also 4th in the Junior State Championship. The troupes also did extremely well and Tallon Hogan came 2nd in the Under 5 section.

Then, two weeks later in June, we had our annual classical ballet exams. This year we had Mr Willoughby from Victoria who was looking forward to seeing us again after he had examined us 8 years ago. He was very happy with our students and, although he actually failed 5 students in Perth, we received the highest marks we have ever had. Four of our students received 100% (Kate Arber and Rhyce Toovey - Grade 6, Madelyn Sheahan and Isla Cooke - Grade 3 and two of our students received 99% (Bonnie McGeady - Grade 6 and Ashleigh Pankiw - Grade 2!!!!!!) Congratulations to all the students who took part in the exam session. I am always so proud to watch each one improve each year.



Another two weeks later, The Toodyay Ballet School travelled en masse to Mandurah to take part in the Mandurah Festival of Dance. All the children and adults (yes, and they won their section and a huge trophy) competed to the best of their ability with good sportsmanship and a big smile. I am very proud of every single one of them! We had some outstanding results which are way too numerous to list here but can be viewed in full on our website www.toodyayballetschool.com.au

There were some highlights which including the following:

Bonnie McGeady, Kate Arber and Rhyce Toovey

Highest Mark for Any Duo or Trio of any age or any genre

Highest Mark for Any Classical Trio
Highest Mark for Any Demi Character Trio

Highest Mark for Any Slow Modern Trio
Bonnie McGeady, Kate Arber, Rhyce Toovey, Madelyn Sheahan, Lauren Smart, Kimberly O'Neill, Lauren Arthur and Annaliese Arthur

Highest mark for any slow modern troupe of any age
Bonnie McGeady

Winner of the Aggregate for 14/U

Rhyce Toovey

Highest mark for 14/U

Highest mark for any acro solo of any age

Winner of the Theatrical Scholarship

Kate Arber

Winner of the Aggregate for 12/U

Highest mark for 12/U

Highest mark for any classical solo any age

Highest mark for any neo solo any age

Dancer of the Festival

Janine Hall, Vicky Haggarty, Jennifer Doust, Tracy McBride, Kathy Hart, Claire Bekovs, Kate Bekovs, Stephanie Clarke, Alex Duval, Dee Watson and Nerida Hutchinson

Winner of the Mature and Motivated Troupes

We are now full on into learning our routines for this year's end of year concert. We will be travelling to the bottom of the hill to a huge 600 seat complex with a huge stage and miles of dressing rooms!!

We hope to see you all there!



Bonnie McGeady, Rhyce Toovey and Kate Arber

Lions' Lines

Jim Silvester
President

THE Lions Club of Toodyay members and partners had a very successful and enjoyable changeover dinner recently where retiring president, Naula Ennis, handed over the club presidency to me, Jim Silvester. Other incoming office bearers are Ian Harrower as secretary and Rachel Oliver as treasurer. The installation of the office bearers was conducted by Zone Chairman, Lion Ina Prior.

Attending the dinner where four new members and their partners:

Rob Wellburn and Sara, Liz Hughes and Laurie, Bex Waldie and Wayne and Dave McNamara and Heather Galbraith.

We warmly welcome these new members.



Several weeks ago the club had several busy bees at a property where new paths were laid and power switches lowered in the shed. These improvements have enabled the owner, who is in a wheel chair, to move around more easily and access power to pursue his hobbies.

Another busy bee occurred for a person who has just had major surgery where felled trees were cut up ready for burning.

By the time this article is in print the Avon Descent will be over. The Lions Club is again managing Cobblers Pool camp. More of that event next time.

Avon Woodturners

Max Heath

HI folks, it's me again letting you know that wood turning is still going well in Toodyay.

We had our usual Sunday morning turning sessions on the second and fourth Sundays with good rollups, and on the first turning morning Denis Lang turned the two handles for our wheelbarrow that we are building for our raffle at the show. Frank Budas turned a pair of candle sticks out of mulberry wood

Continued overleaf

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for himself, along with other members on other projects.

I managed to turn the legs of the wheelbarrow and then delivered these items to Allan Richeleau for him to start putting it together. I believe we will have a unique article for the raffle as so many turners have taken part in the putting together of this article.

On the fourth Sunday we had our monthly meeting and followed up with a barbeque lunch afterwards. This was attended and supported by our partners who provided soup, potato bakes and cauliflower cheese as well as salads. Thanks to all who provided this for us.

At the meeting, we discussed the Men's Shed that is happening in Toodyay, and have agreed to offer support where we can with our expertise as wood turners. We also might try to have our raffle prize displayed in town somewhere and if possible have a day selling raffle tickets beforehand. We also agreed to support the annual show with a donation to support the woodworking section and part of this is a section for an item made from natural bush timber. So there you are folks - be in it. We also discussed the WA Woodturners Association day to be held on 17th October and our part in that. If you would like to see some beautiful wood turning, we would welcome you on the day to have a look at these items that will be on display.

Well, that's about all from Wood turners for this month, so bye all, and don't forget, if you have a question about wood turning you can call and see us on the second and fourth Sundays at the wool pavilion at the Show grounds between 9am and midday.

Toodyay RSL Sub Branch

OUR next meeting is our Annual General which will be conducted at the Toodyay Club on Saturday 6th September. We would like to see as many members as possible there. All positions have been declared vacant so all members out there who want to step up and be counted, now is your opportunity.

By the time this has gone to print the Avon Descent will have passed. John Adams with his dedicated band will have sold a heap of 'Avon Descent Stein'. Well done John.

We are again going to run the Sandakan Scholarship project. We will be changing the format slightly to see if we can encourage more young people to become involved. We will be undertaking fundraising activities soon.

The Avenue of Honour is also gaining momentum. Bob (Daisy) Day has completed all of the plaques we had found in the Toodyay Museum. They are now in situ and fit in very well. We are now trying to obtain funding to allow us to cast the remainder. Warren Hall is heading up the bench seats project which he is doing in conjunction with the Toodyay Shire Council.

On a sadder note we mourn the passing of our affiliate Laurine Williams, who will be sadly missed by us all, especially at our street stalls and fundraising activities. Farewell 'Champagne Laurie'.

The Sub Branch will be conducting a Memorial service on the 18th August for Vietnam Veterans' Day. This service will commence at 1100hrs and there will be Fellowship following the service. We welcome all members of the community.

Our sub branch will achieve the marvellous milestone of being ninety years old this October; we are planning a small service and celebration. We were formed in 1919 so this makes us one of the oldest sub branches in Western Australia. We currently have 44 members on our books and 5 affiliates. This sounds like a lot of members but for one reason or another we can only attract 13 to 15 individuals to our meetings. We are always looking for new members.

We would like to reflect on words written by a World War Soldier poet, Alexander Turner:

THE SOLDIER.

*We have grown weary young. We have
lost touch
With the old stories and delights.
The wine of life has cloyed our tongue
too much
And water lost its sweetness. Day and
night.
Have lost their old distinction, and we
pitch
Our tents of Reason on the shifting sand
Of changing laws; but though our deed
enrich
A nation's saga, and we join the band
Of ancient heroes - though we break with
swords
A great oppression and a greater wrong,
Stumbling along uncertain paths towards
A time when laws are just and peace is
strong
Though we give freedom to the race of
man,
Yet who shall give us back Ourselves
again?*

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Home Invasion

HOME invasion is a most distressing occurrence!!! Tampering with precious belongings, soiling of articles, interfering with private property, stealing and destruction, home invasion hits at the very core of our private life.

Over the last month I have been made aware of three home invasions of friends with the resultant anxiety, fear and devastation.

The first was the heavy rattling of a locked door in the early hours of the morning. The elderly lady pushed a set of heavy drawers and a chair next to the door; she then phoned her son. The would-be intruder obviously heard she was making a telephone call and left the premises.

The second horrible happening was the entry into a home at an unknown time and unknown date. Although drawers and

cupboards were opened and bed linen disturbed it appeared that nothing had been stolen. However, the thought that the home had been invaded left the owners extremely unsettled.

The third incident was devastating and emphasises the importance of checking all doors are locked. Our friends had arrived home following a long drive in wet, stormy weather; they were extremely tired and eager to get into a nice warm bed. Unfortunately, the back door was not locked.

During the early hours there was a 'bump' noise, enough to wake them, that was thought to be a door or gate banging. However, at 4am there was an urgent knock on the front door with the couple confronted by several police. They had found the owners of a 'torched' utility, their utility!! It was then discovered that their van had been stolen, plus a wallet left on the island cupboard; the 'bump' noise was that of a painting knocked to floor as their near-new television set was being stolen.

Locking doors, even when at home and especially if you are at one end of the house and doors open to the outside at the other end is imperative!!! One can be intently reading, sewing, watching television, etc, and would not hear an intruder who is also intent on you NOT hearing its entry.

Notify Police if you have any concerns. If you call the Toodyay Police and you are transferred to the Northam Head Office for the district DO NOT HANG UP but give details of your concern. Toodyay Police are only a radio or phone call away and will be contacted as required. Remember your call may be the last piece of a jigsaw puzzle!!!

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Toodyay Garden Club

Wendy Lewer
Secretary

IN July we visited two gardens. The first was Dadd's Eremophila garden near Goomalling. Clare gave a brief talk explaining how the garden was established in January 2004 and is dedicated to propagating Eremophila plants obtained from cuttings retrieved by Ron from many areas. He requires a licence to do so and they now have the largest variety in Australia with over 300 varieties. Not all are for sale, but members were able to purchase from plants that were available. I don't think we've seen so many Erimophilas in one place with so many different leaf structures and flowers. They were fascinating. Large trees, vegetables and other plants also grow the house.

We then travelled to Jane Leeming's large garden. There were so many surprises; roses, some still blooming, and many other plants thrive in beds reached by winding paths and a bird house and a wishing well nestle in the gardens. In a lovely grassed rear courtyard, there were Solanum and Geraniums and quirky garden ornaments together with a weeping 'Japanese Pagoda' tree. In a beautiful gazebo nearby we enjoyed tasty cakes kindly provided by Jane. We also ate our lunch there whilst others relaxed on the

lawn. A huge dramatic Palm tree dominates the front entrance. This lovely house was built only a few years ago, the family having moved there from the original homestead still on the property and Jane has devoted many hours of hard work in establishing this stunning garden.

The next visit on 6th August is to the Rickett's garden at 12 Railway Road, Toodyay, right at the end of Railway Road which runs past the 'tip'. Some may remember this garden was in the 'Open Garden Scheme' two years ago and was still being established. It will be interesting to see how it has evolved.

When we visit Cartreff Park on 3rd September, Jeanette has very kindly waived the morning tea charge to members as she is a member of the club. She says a gold coin donation would be very much appreciated and will still provide scones.

Unless advised otherwise, for 'away visits', we meet behind the PO at 8am to be away by 8.30am. For nearby visits that commence at 10am, you can make your own way there or leave from Charcoal Lane at 9.30am.

The rain is great, the roses are still blooming and there's green, green everywhere. Enjoy your gardens!! The river is flowing beautifully so the Avon Descent should be spectacular.

News from Bolgart and Surrounding Areas

(Mrs) Doris M Martin

THE rains we have had recently have been most welcome and the paddocks are greening up nicely.

One sunny day recently we took a drive over to the coastal area and the 'Bindoon' and 'Gingin' areas looked so green and lovely as we passed through them. We also happened to run into some ex Bolgart/Toodyay folk over at the coast by way of Bill Martin and his wife Val - (nee - McGill). At one time they had a small farming property south/west of Bolgart; Bill was a shearer in the area and Val used to be nursing at Northam hospital. It was good to see them after twenty years. They were interested to learn of how the Bejoording area is expanding and said that they hadn't been this way in many years.

It was sad to read recently in the West Australian Newspaper of the death of a former Bolgart resident - Mrs Hilda Piggot She was the widow of the late Tom Piggot who had farmed at Bolgart for many years. Sympathy is extended to her family Ron, Phyllis, John and families on the death of Mother and Grandmother.

Monday 20th July saw 'Elite Tours' bring yet another bus load of tourists to Bolgart for a belltower visit. As usual there were folk on board who had known former residents of the area. Since the building of the Bolgart Belltower (which was declared functional in November 1999), many thousands of tourists have visited the town. However, after almost ten years of giving voluntary talks to the tourists, I now feel that my life needs to take a new direction. Unless something unavoidable happens, my last talk at the Bolgart Hotel will be on 11th August. I feel that I need to be free now to pursue other things. In the past, due to my commitment to the cause, I have, at times, missed seeing grandchildren compete in various sporting events and even been unable to attend

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funerals of close friends. I did state at the beginning of the year that my New Year's resolution was to be kinder to myself for a change and, despite the fact that I love meeting folk, I also need to take time out to spend with my husband who, at the age of 79, has cut back on his workload. This is now a time for us to sit back and enjoy this part of our lives together.

Sing Australia Toodyay

Beth Frayne

SING Australia Toodyay has been invited to present two gigs in August. The first, on 17th August, is for the CWA International Meeting and the second for the Black and White Ball, raising funds for the TDHS Chaplaincy, so our Conductor Trish Young is making sure we will be at our best for these events. Watch out for our jazzy rendition of 'Chattanooga Choo Choo'! Not to mention our two-part song 'Never Let Go of Your Dream'.

As we sang right through the school holidays, this gave our grandparent members the opportunity to share their joy and fun in singing with their grandchildren. So, one week, we had seven young people raising their voices with us. Last month, we were also very pleased to welcome some visitors from Sing Australia Moora, who were so impressed with the way we run our group in Toodyay, they came back for a second visit!

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

Autumn Club

Autumn Leaf

HERE we are into August and we have not been idle. We have had a visit from the Northam Senior Club and also one from the Wanneroo Club whom we entertained with morning tea, carpet bowls, lunch and afternoon tea. Later in the month we held a street stall and we would like to thank the folks of Toodyay for their kind response by helping to raise funds for our club. The

results of the street raffle are:

Toiletry Basket	Ticket No Y27 (Nat)
Wood	Ticket No A93 (Bettina)
Rug	Ticket No Y70 (Morgan)

And the lucky numbers were:

Game #1	No 92
Game #2	No 69

Congratulations to all the winners.

Last Tuesday we were off to Midland Gate for a day of shopping, lunch and a visit to the cinema.

Apart from our Wednesday weekly games day, we are off to visit Wannamal Senior Club on 12th August and then, on 23rd August, to the Tivoli Club again to see another show (*the Autumn Club doesn't sit around, we get out and about!*).

In August, we have two birthdays: Joy Ambler on the 5th and Greta Baker on the 17th. We hope they each have a great birthday and wish them all the best.



Women Needed for Breast Cancer Prevention Studies

THE International Breast Cancer Intervention Study, IBIS-II, is seeking postmenopausal women aged 40-70 with a family history of breast cancer to take part in this study to find out if breast cancer can be prevented. To be eligible for the study women need to be at increased risk because of a family history of breast cancer or other risk factors such as certain non-cancerous breast conditions. Women must not have already had invasive breast cancer. The study is being coordinated by Australian New Zealand Breast Cancer Trials Group; access to the study is available

through the Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital.

For more information telephone Freecall 1800 640 709 or www.anzbctg.org.

The Australian New Zealand Breast Cancer Trials Group (ANZ BCTG) was established in 1978 at the University of Melbourne, and relocated to University of Newcastle in 1987. It also has close affiliations with Calvary Mater Hospital Newcastle.

The ANZ BCTG is a not-for-profit organisation and is Australia's national organisation dedicated entirely to breast cancer research. It conducts a National Clinical Trials Programme for the treatment of all stages of breast cancer and for the prevention of breast cancer.

The research programme involves multicentre clinical trials and collaboration with over 80 institutions and over 300 researchers throughout Australia and New Zealand. The ANZ BCTG also collaborates with 15 overseas countries and other international clinical trial groups.

All research conducted by the ANZ BCTG throughout Australia and New Zealand must first be approved by the Human Research Ethics Committees (HRECs) of participating institutions. The research is carried out according to International Guidelines for Good Clinical Practice and the guidelines of the NHMRC Statement on Ethical Conduct in Research Involving Humans.

IBIS-II is the first trial to investigate whether the breast cancer treatment drug anastrozole can prevent breast cancer in postmenopausal women at higher risk of developing the disease. Women joining the study take a tablet a day for 5 years. They have a bone mineral density scan and regular mammograms. They have clinical check-ups twice a year in the first year and once a year in the following 4 years. Worldwide the study is seeking 10,000 women. Over 4,700 women have already joined, including 533 Australian and New Zealand women, but more volunteers are needed.

In Australian women, breast cancer is the most common invasive cancer diagnosed and the leading cause of death from cancer. Approximately 240 Australian women are diagnosed with breast cancer every week, and every week 50 die from this disease. Researchers are hoping this study will find that anastrozole can prevent breast cancer and reduce the prevalence of breast cancer world-wide.

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Local Government Reform

LOCAL Government Minister, John Castrilli, is hosting a series of community meetings in various regional centres in Western Australia to encourage residents to get involved in the local government reform process.

Mr Castrilli said it was important to ensure communities were involved in local government reform and that they contributed to the future vision of local government and how services could best be delivered to

Western Australian communities.

"Local governments exist to serve the community and a community voice is essential to shape the future of local government in this State," he said. "The meetings will provide the opportunity for residents to find out more about the reform initiatives, what it means for their community and ask questions relevant to their area."

Meetings have already been held in Kellerberrin, Australind, Moora and Bridgetown throughout July. A community meeting is planned for Wagin in early August. The Minister has also held meetings

with local government elected members and officers in July and will hold some in August at various locations.

The Minister said that local governments should consult and listen to their communities as they considered the best way to progress the opportunities of reform.

"Local government reform is a valuable opportunity for local governments to plan for their future sustainability and ensure the best possible service delivery to their communities," he said. "I encourage community members to contact their local government and find out about opportunities to contribute to the reform process, in addition to how and when the community will be consulted."

Mr Castrilli said he looked forward to the opportunity to meet with residents on this important initiative.

All local governments are required to provide a reform submission to the Minister by 31st August, 2009.

RAC Questions Funding Priorities

THE RAC has questioned why the National Party is using Royalties for Regions funding to invest in fibreglass cows while refusing to spend any of the fund on country road safety.

RAC Head of Member Advocacy, Matt Brown, has revealed that the Royalties for

Regions fund is being used to top-up events which have already been funded by Western Australian taxpayers through the Tourism portfolio.

National Party Leader, Brendon Grylls, has announced \$50,000 funding from the Royalties for Regions fund for the Margaret River Cow Parade which will see 96 fibreglass cows painted in a free art exhibition. But the CowParade had already been given \$20,000 by the Tourism Minister in May under the Regional Events Scheme.

"These are proving to be very expensive cows for Western Australian taxpayers," Mr Brown said. "While the National Party is throwing money at fake cows for country WA, they have refused to spend a single dollar of the Royalties for Regions on making country roads safer."

"So not a single dollar for saving lives but \$70,000 for plastic cows. This is madness."

Last month, National Party Leader, Brendon Grylls, rejected the RAC's call for Royalties for Regions funding to be invested in a targeted program to cut road deaths on country roads. Mr Grylls wrote that "Royalties for Regions has been established to supplement – not supplant – the existing provision of basic, essential infrastructure and services across Western Australia".

"So we now have a situation where the National Party thinks that fibreglass cows are basic, essential infrastructure but country roads aren't," Mr Brown said. "Already 67 people have been killed on country roads this year. When will the National Party wake up to its responsibility to do something about this senseless loss of life?"

"Country Western Australians should be telling their local National Party MPs to get their priorities right."

Mr Brown said the Royalties for Regions was also providing \$15,000 to the Anaconda Adventure Race in Augusta, despite the race receiving \$25,000 from the Tourism Minister under the Regional Events Scheme in May.

"This is extraordinary double-dipping and the taxpayer is being left holding the bill," Mr Brown said. "It's becoming increasingly apparent that the Royalties for Regions fund is being frittered away on events with a short term impact which have already received taxpayer funding."

"The funding should be going to projects such as making our roads safer which will deliver an immediate and lasting benefit to the State."

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Fly on the Wall

Peter Robinson

IT was back to the Shire offices for the July ordinary meeting of Council.

In response to the questions about Channel 9's "A Current Affair" TV programme highlighting Toodyay, the CEO explained that he refused to comment on camera because he was given no notice of the request. The Shire President Cr Wroth added that he had not been approached at all. Keep in mind that the CEO and Shire President are the only people allowed to speak publicly on behalf of council. It is a common ploy of journalists to create headlines by asking questions without notice to fill a three second spot when a long answer is needed.

Another question related to the WA Government Reform Agenda. The Department of Local Government had a 12-point checklist of Structural Reform Guidelines for every Shire to respond to. Depending on the replies, the Department of Local Government placed all shires in one of three categories: 1) You are doing okay; 2) You have problems; 3) You are in a bad situation (my words paraphrasing the Dept. text.) Toodyay Shire has been placed in category three while all our neighbouring shires are in category two. That is a very surprising outcome which should lead to some probing questions. Our Shire has asked for a reassessment with the addition of further information. It would be interesting to know if any shires received a category one rating and if any of those were country shires. This process is very political and the only rationale behind it is ideology.

Cr Larkin presented a certificate to the Shire President that she had accepted on behalf of Council from the Toodyay Scout Group scouts in appreciation of the Shire of Toodyay's support of the group and the scouts attending the Australian Scout Jamboree 2010.

The Federal government has announced an additional \$220 million in funding allocated to the Community Infrastructure Programme. Of this, Toodyay will receive \$30,000.

A development plan for some very steep rugged country between Nottingham Rd and Folewood Rd has come back to the Shire from the State Administrative Tribunal (SAT). With some amendments from Cr Firms, Council moved to adopt the development plan and request the WAPC to endorse it.

The proposed mobile phone base station in the Julimar area also came back to Council with a changed location, making it much further away from the lot boundaries. Council also added a condition that required the power supply to the tower be provided via underground cable.

The proposed subdivision on lot 61 Goomalling Road (known as Guests block) came to council again. There was a good deal of discussion and debate. Cr Firms was given an extra 10 minutes to present his arguments opposing this subdivision. I think it is fair to say that most of the staff and Councillors don't like the design of this subdivision. However, since it was approved for subdivision back in the early 1990s, our Council only has two choices. The first is to oppose the subdivision and leave it up to the West Aust Planning Commission (WAPC) to impose whatever conditions they think appropriate or to support this subdivision and ask the WAPC to impose the conditions which we think appropriate. It is simply a matter of judgement as to which way will produce the best outcome for Toodyay. On a 4/3 vote our council decided to support the subdivision but with many conditions. Cr Firms had a document tabled, allowing it to become a public document. Cr Firms also called a point of order regarding Cr Jackson's declaration of interest and leaving the room. Shire President, Cr Wroth, advised that the decision to declare an interest, or not, rests with the individual. It is not the role of any other Cr or the chair to comment further.

The issue of the council forums was discussed. The Department of Local Government refers to two types of forum: a) Concept forums; and b) Agenda forums. In the last five years Toodyay has not had agenda forums. The officer's recommendation had two points: 1) Continue with closed door concept forums; 2) Council adopts procedures and rigorously applies them to the conduct of concept forums so that proper standards of propriety, public accountability and common courtesy are maintained. The vote for this motion was 4/4 with the Shire President casting his vote in favour of the motion. I know that many people distrust closed door forums, but I agree with giving Councillors and senior staff privacy to allow

open discussion and the floating of what may seem silly ideas. Sometimes what starts out looking silly produces a follow-up good idea with just a small change. The proviso is that no one person should be allowed to dominate these discussions. I think we can read a control agenda in (2) of this motion.

Cr Lloyd had a notice of motion from the previous month, relating to road construction and maintenance along roadsides in the Toodyay Shire. The Handbook of Environmental Practice for Road Construction and Maintenance Works was developed in 2005 as a joint initiative by representatives from the Roadside Conservation Committee, Main Roads WA and WALGA. This is the handbook which Cr Lloyd believes the Shire should adopt. However, if this was adopted, it would effectively mean the adoption of policy without the proper process for the development of policy. The motion was left to 'lay on the table' for one month, as some Councillors had not seen or read the above mentioned handbook.

Heart Foundation Doorknock Appeal

THE Heart Foundation is urgently calling for volunteers to give a few hours of their time to take part in its annual Doorknock Appeal. Running from 5th to 19th September, the Heart Foundation Doorknock Appeal is a simple and rewarding way to help save lives from heart disease – one of Australia's leading killers.

Each person who registers as a volunteer collector will be allocated a number of houses to doorknock either in their own street or in the local neighbourhood. Volunteer collectors will also be provided with an official Heart Foundation identification badge and Doorknock receipt book.

The charity relies almost entirely on the generous support of individual Australians to enable it to continue to reduce the devastating impact heart disease has on Australian families. The Doorknock Appeal helps the Heart Foundation reach its target of \$4.4 million nationally in aid of lifesaving research, education and community health programmes.

Every time a volunteer knocks on a door this September it could help the Foundation save lives.

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Toodyay Naturalists' Club

Greg Warburton

THE Toodyay Naturalists' Club Annual General Meeting was held in July and it was a special occasion in several ways.

Unlike the usual avoidance of AGMs by members, this one was well attended with the programme commencing with afternoon tea. The AGM followed whereupon Lee Francis was voted in as our new President, my own three-year term having expired. On the agenda was the presentation of 'Honorary Life Memberships' to Wayne and Desraé Clarke. This award was not before time as these two dedicated 'Nats' have been stalwarts of the club for over 20 years and have, in that time, contributed an inestimable amount. Wayne had dug out a few slides highlighting some of the events, people and places over the time of their membership.

Also on the programme was a 'Jim Masters Commemoration'. Amongst Jim's many accolades was that he was a great champion of the Avon River and fought to save it from the 'River Training Scheme'. He was an expert on Avon Valley Ornithology and wrote extensively on that subject. Jim was a foundation member of the club and its treasurer for 17 years. In 1994 he was awarded an 'Order of Australia Medal' for his conservation work along the river. I was inspired to paint a portrait of Jim Masters based on photos I found at the Department of Water office in Northam and I was thrilled when the painting won the recent Northam Art Prize. At the presentation night I used the opportunity to highlight Jim's achievements and, indeed, his warnings about the environmental issues facing the Avon River to the crowd which included Politicians. After the AGM, members gathered around a warming camp fire and enjoyed hearty stews and camp oven damper at a member's property.

The occasion had marked the end of a remarkable year in the TNC history as it included the 40th Anniversary celebrations and an extensive research project on the History of the Toodyay Naturalists' Club. Other highlights of the year were a visit to

the Rock Wallaby Sanctuary at Nangeen Hill, Ecologist, Ian Harris and his 4m Olive Python, Wayne Fletcher's 'Around the World in 8 Years' and survey work with Professor Stephen Davies in Morangup Reserve. Of course, the important Club work of sighting recordings, preparing submissions, organising speakers, field excursions and sitting on Committees continued throughout the year. Last month Club members hosted no less than two highly successful 'Land for Wildlife' events on their respective properties.

Finally, I would like to wish Lee the very best in her new role and trust that she will enjoy the same support I did from the committee and members. It was that support that made the task far from an onerous one. The past three years have been not only a pleasure but a valuable experience. The Toodyay Naturalists' Club is a community within a community with members bound together not only by a shared interest in the natural world but a common sense of outrage and indignation at the indifference often shown towards nature. The Club goes forward enjoying great standing and strength and will, I know, remain a respected voice for the environment, continuing to contribute in no small way to protecting and restoring our precious natural environment.

The August meeting will be an excursion to Morangup Reserve to continue surveying birds and botany on Saturday the 15th of August. Meet at 9am at the Visitor's Centre. Phone Lee on 9574 2560, Greg on 9574 5445 or Wayne 6364 3609 for enquiries about the Toodyay Naturalists' Club meetings, activities etc.



Jim Masters' portrait at the Northam Art Prize Exhibition

python watch broad banded sand swimmer

Desraé Clarke

I have, of late, received several reports of sightings of a dear little skink, the Broad Banded Sand Swimmer. In most cases it has been a disturbance of their area of sleeping as reptiles, in the main, are resting at present.

The Broad Banded Sand Swimmer is one of two sand swimmers in this genus with both animals found in Western Australia. Their habitats are in arid to semi-arid areas with the Broad Banded Sand Swimmer found in the southern portion of our State including the Shire of Toodyay. Because these creatures, if disturbed, instantly burrow into soil (if it is available!) with a 'swimming' type of movement, they have been given the name of 'Sand Swimmer'.

The Broad Banded Sand Swimmer grows to a snout vent length (SVL – the length between the tip of the snout and the vent area just past the back legs) of approximately 10cms with the long, slender tail measuring up to one and a half times the SVL.

This beautiful lizard is very shiny in appearance with a ground colour from an orange brown to a rich golden brown. The wide, evenly spaced bands may be branched, broken or irregular, dark brown to a purple brown in colour and extending from the back of the neck to the end of the tail.

The Broad Banded Sand Swimmer has a pointy nose and very bright eyes that have a moveable lower lid for protection when 'swimming' through the sand to escape possible predation. The ear hole is extremely small and does not have lobules, the tiny lobes that protrude from the front of the ear in many reptiles.

The Broad Banded Sand Swimmer shelters during the day, beneath rocks, in leaf litter, or shallow burrows under logs, and comes out at night to feed on termites. It lays clutches of 3 to 7 eggs.

So many interesting stories are told of our fauna. Two different families have reported that the little Sand Swimmer enjoys to eat cat biscuits with the cat looking on!

Several years ago I was told of a number of Broad Banded Sand Swimmers observed chasing mice, causing them to squeak and squeal. Since that time there have been other reports of similar happenings.

Frank Turnbull, took the beautiful photograph in the Julimar area. It is an excellent example of the evenly spaced but irregular, broken and branched formation of the banding.



All sightings are gratefully received by the Toodyay Naturalists' Club to be recorded for future reference. The data is used to track creatures and flora throughout the Shire of Toodyay to formulate changes over a long period of time – data has been collected and recorded since 1989.

weed of the month four-o'clock

Wayne Clarke

THE Woodsorrel Family (Oxalidaceae) has about 900 species in it, with the genus Oxalis occupying 800 of these. Oxalis compressa was the feature weed in June 2005, and it was noted that there were many species of Woodsorrel growing - and quite widespread - in Toodyay. Its close relative, soursob (O. pes-caprae), was featured in June 1999. Flowering prolifically at present is the four-o'clock (O. purpurea), this month's feature.

Four-o'clock, like most other Woodsorrels, is native to South Africa. It is a herb that grows from a bulb, with prostrate leaves in small rosettes. Leaflets are almost circular, and are often deep purple on the underside. The entire leaf is sometimes reddish. Often masses of rose-purple coloured flowers appear from late autumn to spring; this year is certainly no exception. Each flower has a yellow centre. Four-o'clock flowers are larger than other Oxalis species, and appear singly at ground level.

All forms of Oxalis (like soursob and pink shamrock), have become major weeds in the riparian vegetation of the Avon River and its tributaries, particularly following fire. Fires along the Avon River towards Northam (in March 1998 and December 2002) and West Toodyay (in January 2004 and December 2005) destroyed a good deal of the vegetation



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(for a number of kilometres). Much of the area that was burnt was weed-free, with the understorey being shaded out by a dense overstorey (of mainly Sheoaks). Once open to the light, weeds began to proliferate, particularly Oxalis, and with its bulbous nature, this particular weed bank is there for many years to come.

Apart from the environmental issues associated with this weed, it is now becoming a serious weed in some cropping systems. This is adding extra costs into the production of our cereals, a cost that will eventually find its way back to us all as taxpayers.

Source: Western Weeds (Plant Protection Society of WA 1997)

Toodyay Seed Orchard Group

Bethan Lloyd

Revegetation for 2010

NOW all the plants from this year have been distributed, it's time to think about next year.

One of the reasons many revegetation plans fail is that the seedlings have to compete with weeds for space and moisture. If you have plans for revegetation next year and the area has weeds on it, you should aim to control these weeds now and, again, just before planting next year to give your seedlings the best chance. We all know that ground left bare is subject to erosion from wind and water so the aim should be to spray in August which will retain a layer of organic matter on the soil for protection.

Some people use a residual herbicide as

well as a contact herbicide to control weeds in the first instance but its inclusion will often depend on the depth of weed burden you have in the soil. A contact herbicide is usually all that is required in the weeks before planting. Trying to weed areas after they have been planted is a time-consuming task and should be avoided. Other preparation would include ripping in the summer months and of course ordering your seedlings before the end of October so you can get what you want



Application forms for the Tree and Understorey Scheme 2009/10 are available by email from bethanlloyd_8@msn.com or call 9574 5882 to be sent one in the post. We are also hoping they will be available in the library. If you have plants that produce seed and you want to learn how to grow them or want us to grow them for you contact us.

Species we are aiming to collect and grow for next year are Hakea multilinea, dryland Melaleuca species such as fulgens, radula and scabra, wetland melaleucas species such as viminea, lateriflora and brevifolia, York gum (Euc loxophleba), and Coral gum (Euc torquata) to name a few. We aim to grow local native species but a few regionally native species are also grown.

At this stage we have enough plants growing in sites from previous plantings to satisfy our seed collecting requirements for the coming year.

Pictures attached are the Bird beak hakea Hakea orthorrhyncha from further North nearer Geraldton and the Zig Zag wattle Acacia merinthoptera which grows further north and out in to the wheatbelt, both very

hardy and suited to garden cultivation, both flowering in July. We had lots of this Hakea for sale this year and would love to get some seed of the the zig zag wattle for next year.



bird of the month
red-capped plover

Wayne Clarke

OFTEN referred to as the Sandpiper, the Red-capped is a small (14 to 16cm) Plover, found on beaches, and both fresh and saline lakes and waterways. Usually in pairs, they wade and forage along the water's edge, often in the company of other wading birds. They are common along the fringes of the Avon River in Toodyay.

The red cap referred to is a rufous to chestnut colour across the crown and around the nape (back of the neck); it has a white forehead. These areas are bordered by a black line on the male bird, with a black mark extending from the bill, through the eye, to the border of the cap. The female cap is paler, and the remaining upper parts and wings of both sexes are grey-brown. The underparts are pure white, eye is brown, feet and bill black.

Breeding from July to January, Red-cap Plovers nest in a depression in the sand, lined with shells, stones and plants, and often adjacent to a small shrub or driftwood. After laying two to three pale green to grey eggs, the female undertakes the bulk of the incubating over a period of 31 to 33 days; both parents care for the young.

If disturbed during nesting, the birds often exhibit a broken wing or injury, and run from the nest luring potential predators away. They can run very fast, and their crouch-run-crouch-run action is a good distraction in itself. Feeding on small insects, worms and molluscs, they gather their prey by swift, running and pecking actions. Alarm call is a sharp "twink", and other calls include "twitwit, twitwit" and some sharp "peeps".



Drawing by Desraé Clarke

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Quo Vadis

PANDORA'S myth installed itself in Greek culture as a story in which, only at the urging of others, did she open the casket. The danger lay in their physical craving, their curiosity and desire for the things within.

She satisfied their desire but, in opening the lid, she transformed the sweet perfumes into poisonous vapours. The gold swords cut their hands and the soft cloths suffocated those who held them. These mythological personae suggest the ambivalence about material culture that mark out our civilisation from its origins; Western civilisation has not chosen between these personae so much as fused them into ambivalence (affected by contradictory emotions) about manmade physical experience. Both Pandora and Haphaestus are artificers.

Each of these artificers contains a contrary and virtuous God, who makes worthwhile everyday things, yet whose person is ugly and inglorious; a Goddess whose things are as beautiful and as desirable as her body, and as malign.

The fusion of these two personae was why Plato could celebrate the virtue of archaic, domesticating technology, yet assert the superior beauty of the immaterial soul; why early Christians could see virtue in acts of carpentry, sewing and gardening, yet scorned the love of material things themselves; why the enlightened at once embraced and feared the perfection of machines; why Wittgenstein could call a sickness his desire to realise a beautiful, perfect building.

The manmade material object is not a neutral fact; it is a source of unease because it is manmade. Such ambivalence about the manmade has shaped the fortunes of the craftsperson. The unity of the craftsperson's mind can be found in expressive language that guides physical action. Physical acts of repetition and practice enable this animal labors to develop skill from within and to reconfigure the material world through a slow process of metamorphosis (transformation of character/purpose.) Thus we have nature versus culture, the naturalness of what crafts do set against Western culture's longstanding ambivalence about craft-made things. But the way of life that accords with the craftsperson's natural capacity still does not account for Pandora. The skills, if natural, are not always innocent; pragmatism wants to emphasize the values of asking ethical questions.

During the work process no one could have foreseen in the sixteenth century that refining the metal composition used in knives would eventually produce less painful forms of surgery than that practiced with the barber's razor. The phases of becoming a better craftsperson can counter Hannah Arendt's conviction that the 'animal labors' is blind.

To conflate is to bring together from many sources. The term comes from metaphysics

and constitutes the difference between the constitution or essence of a person and the properties whereby we are able to recognise it. In Hegel, the conflation is that of reality and appearance – the temptation is to make this conflation seem to be rooted in metaphysical thought.

At a certain moment of consciousness, the spirit divides the world into good and bad, ideal and reality – a general account of the progress of the spirit towards knowledge of and unity with the idea of the absolute spirit begins with subjectivity (taking place within individuals mind) and proceeds to the objective existence. Spirit creates the world in the act of knowing it, in which historical and individual development are to be seen as the construction and overcoming of successive quotation marks of objectification. This divorce between the self and the objectifications (posited as non-self) since it is the essence of 'spirit'. To identify itself with the ideal the world is seen as devoid of the 'spirit' which lies beyond humanity, not within it. Humans are seen as objects whilst spirits are seen as only realised in the being of a transcendent God; the practice of religion to unite/bond is the effort to overcome this rift. To see humanity no longer trapped in the 'natural' law (of the instinct of self[ishness]) but through the nurture of 'intuition' that arises out of nurture of knowledge, wisely applied in thought and deed. Alienation is overcome by recognition of the imminence of God and the transcendence of the 'self' for which Gramsci's intro to his political writings 1910-20, 'Socialism and Culture'.

But this is not culture but pedantry (trivial matters), not intelligence but intellect, (instinct); culture is something quite different. It is organisation, discipline of one's inner self, a coming to terms with one's own personality. It is the attainment of a higher awareness above all we are 'mind', the product of history not nature, the result of intelligent reflection. The enlightenment was a revolution in itself; it gave Europe a bourgeois spirituality in the form of a uniform consciousness. Sensitive to the woes/misfortunes of the common people, if it is true that universal history is a chain made up of humanity to free itself from privileged, 'prejudice' and idolatry (based on the ego not the community) then, it is not difficult to see what advantage may be derived from the lessons of this historical knowledge.

The Greeks have a word for this neglect; 'anomie'. Durkheim appropriated it to denote the social condition in which no established code prevail or is accepted as objectively binding either because traditions of social conformity have been broken down or because the sense of an authority independent of the individual impulse has broken down. Instinct has prevailed over the intuition of the 'still small voice of conscience'. Is the purpose/intent of the Australian education revolution to arouse the 'consciousness of that small voice'?

Healing in the Hills

Bob Adair
Toodyay Christian Fellowship

How to get an OBE

LIVING in a small rural community like Toodyay gives you a much greater perception of the real world; you tend to see things clearer and have a greater appreciation of what is of value. Sure, we have the fringe dweller who tends to see the world through their own inward looking eyes that focus only on their own needs and desires so if you're one of them you will immediately stop reading.

Have you noticed that the best way to get an OBE is to become an actor or singer? It seems to me that you have to be an 'in your face' kind of person and then you will be identified as someone who has contributed to the wider community. Bit strange, eh? Not much value adding there.

I have to repeat my introduction: "Living in a small rural community like Toodyay gives you a much greater perception of the real world..." There are so many people doing positive things in our town that it is hard to pick any single person while most of us don't even see the significance of the contribution that these individuals make. But what makes all of us spit chips is not being allowed to get on with the job or simply being misunderstood.

Have you had one of those times lately

where what you did was completely misinterpreted or some bungling bureaucrat stopped you getting on with the real job? And you were left scratching your head wondering...what the?!

The reality is that to get things done we need to be free from our own inhibitions; we need guide lines not rule books. The OBE is not sought after by those who do the real work. Just to be free to get on with things that are of value is what we all hanker after. Don't give up. You're in good company.

When Jesus was here some of the religious and bureaucratic elite really got stuck into Jesus. They called him a drunk... and an absolute glutton! And they said he hung around with some pretty dubious people and He broke the rules. It doesn't sound like a big deal but it was just their bigoted way of slugging him off. He couldn't have won an OBE in a fit.

Jesus didn't give a rip about the religious and bureaucratic elite and what they thought; He was more concerned about being with normal people, getting to know them and bringing some hope for the future into their lives as only he could.

He made it clear when He said, "If the Son makes you free, you are free indeed."

Nothing's changed. Jesus is still offering hope for the future and strength to live our lives free to serve others. Now that's better than any OBE.

Psychological Health

Richard Taylor
Registered Clinical Psychologist

State of play

DESPITE all the recent rhetoric concerning psychological (mental) health reform we are constantly being reminded that we still have a long way to go.

Last week, through the Institute of Clinical Psychologists I took part in a 'stakeholder' telephone hook-up with KPMG international (a Swiss co-operative) to examine the Better Access initiative concerning the Medicare Benefits Schedule.

Below is a media release 'Research reveals Australians with mental illness have to choose between paying bills and healthcare' by Sane Australia which highlights major issues in the area of access to psychological (mental) health services:

New research released today by national mental health charity, SANE Australia, has found people with a mental illness are often forced to choose between medical treatment and putting food on the table.

The key findings of SANE Research Bulletin 9: Money and Mental Illness are:

- 38% of respondents have an annual income of less than \$20,000;

- 54% of respondents often could not afford treatments recommended by their doctor;
- 96% had to choose at times between healthcare and essentials such as food.

SANE's Executive Director, Barbara Hocking says of the findings, "We now have the appalling situation where people with mental illness are being forced to make really unenviable decisions. Why should people who are trying to cope with the distressing symptoms of mental illness also have to go without food to pay for essential treatment, or remain unwell to put food on the table?"

SANE Research Bulletin 9: Money and Mental Illness also found that 17% spend more than \$100 a month on medication and yet 32% were not registered with Medicare Safety Net. Debt is a major issue with more than half of respondents (53%) relying on credit cards to help ends meet, and 29% having been contacted by debt collectors in the past year.

"A group of people with mental illness is now at risk of becoming an underclass. Government urgently needs to do more to ensure that all people with mental illness are able to access the treatments they need," says Ms Hocking, "Whether this is for psychiatric care or for the other chronic conditions we know they experience at much higher rates than the general population.

"Healthcare must be made affordable for people on low incomes via targeted financial support. SANE also encourages the government to support financial literacy and counselling programmes for people with a mental illness and register all people on low incomes with Medicare Safety Net as a matter of course."

The survey also found one-third of respondents (31%) were smokers – compared with 18% of the general population. Almost half of smokers said they could not afford nicotine replacement therapy (NRT), the most effective aid to quitting, even though they wanted to stop smoking.

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Toodyay Walkie Talkies

Neville Tanner

ALTHOUGH July is traditionally Toodyay's wettest month of the year the walking group completed all the programmed walks without getting "drowned." We are all looking forward to the walks in August especially the bush ones as the wildflowers are about to bloom. We welcome back Veia after her extended holiday in the North West of W.A. and also Pat from her overseas vacation.

The date for our York excursion will be Sunday 23rd August. We intend to walk the Golf Links Reserve in the morning followed by a BYO Picnic Lunch. In the afternoon our intention is to walk the Mount Brown Trail. Meeting place will be opposite the Toodyay Visitors Centre in Piesse Street

at 9.30am. We extend an invitation to everyone to join us for this excursion and it is strongly recommended all walkers wear sensible and appropriate footwear. Should further information be required please do not hesitate to call me on 9574 2905.

Ode from our walking group:

As daylight hours become longer
Our resolve becomes much stronger
Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday walks
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See our new walk programme below
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DAY /DATE	THE WALK	MEETING PLACE
August		
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
Mon 17	Two Bridges	Duidee Park
Wed 19	Wongamine Reserve	Entrance off Bejoording Rd
Fri 21	Golf Course	Golf Clubhouse Carpark
Sun 23	York Excursion	9.30am Piesse St, Toodyay (Opposite Visitors' Centre)
*Mon 24	River and Mini Rail	Duidee Park
Wed 26	Pelham Reserve	Pelham Lookout
Fri 28	Lloyd Reserve	Next to Old Catholic Church
Mon 31	River Gum Trail	Duidee Park
September		
Wed 2	Back of Racecourse	Racecourse Carpark
Fri 4	River Walk	Duidee Park
Mon 7	James Cottage	Next to Old Catholic Church
Wed 9	Rugged Hills Reserve	Entrance off Ridley Circle
Fri 11	Deepdale	Corner Deepdale Rd and Julimar Rd
Mon 14	West Toodyay	Donegan's Cottage Coondle West Rd

* BYO Breakfast in Duidee Park after this walk.

AMBULANCE STATS

June 2009:

WORKLOAD

Category	# Cases	Average Km	Total Km
TRAUMA	6	98.3	593
MEDICAL	20	133.1	2662
CARDIAC	6	96.7	577
OTHER	2	3.5	7
	34	112.9	3839

The figures show that we had another busy month of callouts.

It may interest you to know that the average time from receipt of the call from Belmont HQ to the ambulance arriving at the scene of a Priority One call was 22 minutes. Bearing in mind that this service is manned by volunteers who are not actually sitting at the ambulance station waiting for a call, the response time is pretty outstanding! The whole community benefits from those selfless volleys who give up their time and earning potential for the good of humanity, for the good of the community. The new recruits from Morangup will help spread the

burden but there is always room for more. Can you help?

Do you want to feel good about doing something for the community? If so, contact Pam at the office on 9574 2390

Annual General Meeting

Toodyay Herald Inc

Tuesday 22nd September, 2009

7.30pm

Freemasons Hotel
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First Aid

THE Flexible Learning Senior First Aid course held 28th June was a resounding success. The students did all the theory at home in their own time and the day at St John's was full of practical learning. We definitely will be following on with Flexible Learning days once or twice a year from now on. If you currently hold a Senior First Aid certificate and will need renewing later this year or sometime next year, register with Jenny Willgoss to take advantage of the Flexible Learning One Day course.

Another successful Two Day Senior First Aid course was held on 9th and 10th July. We congratulate the Shire of Toodyay in encouraging their staff to hold a current certificate. They are very aware that they are often in a position to assist either the public or each other in case of emergency and are making sure they are prepared.

Jenny and Allison held a Basic Life Support class of four hours for mums (and two dads) on Saturday 25th July. The morning was full-on with life saving skills followed by information on bleeding, fractures and anything else that they wanted to know about for their children's health and well being.

The next morning Jenny visited the Toodyay Pony Club to give an hour lesson on how to deal with injuries when around the horses. The little tackers really wanted to have a go at stopping a bleed and splinting a fracture. The older riders were given a demonstration on the recovery position when dealing with an unconscious person.

Next First Aid Course

This Two Day course will be held on Saturday/Sunday 13th and 14th September. Registrations available from Jenny Willgoss at L J Hooker Toodyay.

Did You Know...

...that if you have HBF ExtraEssentials or PremiumEssentials cover (and maybe a similar scheme in other medical benefit funds), that you can claim some money back on the cost of the Senior First Aid course and First Aid kits? This was pointed out to us when a young man completed the course for his weekend work commitments and his mother queried with the fund. She will claim back \$70 of his fee.

With that in mind, and the more recent media reports of baby Tom's mother saving him from SIDS, plus the Surf Patrol TV screening of a life saving CPR, why wouldn't you consider learning this skill for yourself and your family?

Making Decisions that Save Lives

Driving in the early mornings at this time of year can be very dangerous indeed. The fog and mist that is very common reduces visibility dramatically, so please make decisions to help you get to your destination safely.

Drive with headlights on, reduce speed, increase the distance between you and vehicles in front of you, allow more time for your journey. Whilst driving around the area most mornings, I am amazed at the number of vehicles that are driven without lights and without consideration to the road conditions. Luck rather than judgment is the difference between accident and no accident in many cases.

It is better to be late than the late!

St John Ambulance Fund

Please make sure that you are covered for hospital transports by becoming a member. If you are not subscribed and need an ambulance to transport you to Northam or any Perth hospital you may face a bill in excess of \$1000. The family membership covers the whole family and is excellent value for money!

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FRIDAY

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JUDY DENNIS

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ALMA BEARD COMMUNITY CENTRE
81 STIRLING TERRACE TOODYAY

Ms Hocking says, "Now more than ever, with the proposed increased costs of cigarettes, subsidised NRT is urgently needed for people with mental illness as well as other disadvantaged, low income groups to enable them to live a healthier, smoke-free life."

SANE Research Bulletin 9: Money and Mental Illness, can be downloaded from the Research area of the SANE website at www.sane.org.

Toodyay Medical Centre

Richard Walkey

DID you know that the oral contraceptive pill was launched in Australia in 1961 and later that year Thalidomide was linked to birth defects? November 1970 was when Ventolin inhalers came out, 1973 warnings on cigarette packets and 1975 CT scanners. In July 1979, over the counter Bex was banned. This particular pick-me-up of aspirin-phenacetin-caffeine or APC powders led to Australia having one of the highest rates of analgesic nephropathy or kidney damage in the world. Medibank, which later became Medicare, was initiated in 1975.

Free childhood immunisations started with Diphtheria in 1932. Others followed:

- 1953 triple antigen or diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis (whooping cough);
- 1966 oral polio vaccine;
- 1971 rubella or german measles;
- 1987 hepatitis B;
- 1989 MMR (measles, mumps, rubella);
- 199 Haemophilus influenzae type B (Hib);
- 2001 Pneumococcal conjugate vaccine;
- 2003 meningococcal C;
- 2005 varicella or chickenpox;
- 2005 inactivated injectable polio vaccine;
- 2007 rotavirus, an oral vaccine to prevent infant gastroenteritis.

July 1989 was when Australia's first cytology or PAP smear registry commenced and, in 1992, medicine would change forever with the first software launched for writing scripts much to the relief of long suffering pharmacists. It was called Medical Director and has been updated regularly, is still used today and the one used locally at the Medical Centre.

Finally Viagra hit the market here in September 1998.

Should anyone be unlucky enough to have a snake bite it is important that the pressure bandage applied is firm enough and probably elasticised bandages are best.

Aortic Abdominal Aneurysm or AAA deaths could be halved if an ultra sound screening programme for men aged 65 to 74 was started. If the aortic diameter was more than 3 cm, then rescreening would be offered with elective surgery once a diameter of 5.5 cm was reached.

There have been recent concerns about the use of stimulant medication in children such as Ritalin and sudden death. It could be caused by a relationship between heart rate and blood pressure. The official advice is not to stop the medication if it is required as the link is not definitely proven but it would make one wary about prescribing in children with known heart problems.

For curry lovers curcumin, a component spice found in turmeric may lower the incidence of dementia and Alzheimer's. Low GI bread such as wholegrain may significantly reduce the risk of age related macular degeneration, a disease that affects vision. Anti-oxidant supplements may affect therapy in breast cancer and new recommendations are expected soon about prostate screening now that evidence suggests PSA blood tests can reduce prostate cancer mortality.

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GETTING BACK TO BASICS

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BUGGY, Holden red motor, 6 cyl, 2-seater, new bucket seats, runs well, 3-speed auto with reverse. \$1000ono or swap for dirt bike with cash difference. Ph Jason 0405 569 600

WORK WANTED

FLYERS, ads, brochures, business cards, typesetting. Want professional looking flyers or ads? I will design and produce ready for printing. Digital photography service also available. Phone Sue 0402 731 373

LOST AND FOUND

COLLIE, rough, looks like 'Lassie', male. Went missing on 11th June from Coondle. Ph 9574 4820 or 0438 783 083

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YOGA, 9am, CWA Hall, Fridays, relax and enjoy. Ph 9574 4184

Football

TOODYAY, with their 30-point win over Dalwallinu at Dalwallinu on Sunday, 19th July (Final score: Toodyay 16.10 def Dalwallinu 12.4) has kept their finals hopes alive but they must beat Wyalkatchem, Gingin and Wongan Ballidu or hope Goomalling can drop a few games.

Toodyay Reserves will finish minor premiers. On form, they should win their first flag since 2005.

Condolences to Stan Collard on the death of his son (a valuable member of Toodyay Lions over the years) in a tragic car accident recently

Hockey

Suzette Geary

State Team Programme
DURING the July school holidays, local boys, Damon Geary and Mathew Ferguson, nominated by their Hockey Club and Association, were given the opportunity and experience to trial for the State U/15's team programme.



Players were coached by high-level coaches going through a process of high skill drills before playing set games. Both players appreciated the opportunity and gained new knowledge and skills from the programme.




Damon and Mathew were the only country representatives at the programme, as all other members were from metro areas.

Avon State Championships U/15s
AVON Hockey U/15 boys celebrated a most successful event at the State Championships by becoming runners-up in the B Division in Perth during the July holidays. The team had already won their pool division as undefeated; the key to the win was the ability of the players to play as team.

Players were mainly sourced from Northam, York and only one player from Toodyay.

The Avon U/15 girls' division members enjoyed the experience and made friends and, as girls do, had fun. Most of the players should be congratulated on their efforts as most of the team was sourced from Toodyay! U/13 boys' and girls' divisions also had strong representation from the community of Toodyay.



BAKERS HILL VET. CLINIC TOODYAY DAY EVERY WEDNESDAY

- Our regular day in Toodyay, at a reduced charge, is proving very popular. Remember, bookings must be made prior to each Wednesday.
- A great way to save on routine work such as drenching, vaccinations & preg. testing.
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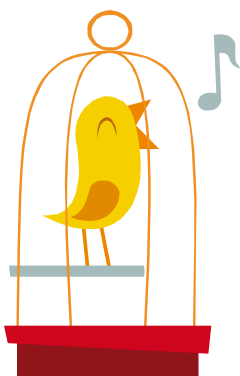
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Toodyay / Clackline Karate Club



'Littlies' Karate Demo. Dylan and Michael Bailey, Layne Gulbransen, Flynn O'Brien

THE Clackline/Toodyay Karate Club is going from strength to strength. Total membership in two branches has hit 60 students – from four-year-olds to the over 50s – and enthusiasm is high. More students are joining the club all the time.

The club follows the principles of Gichin Funakoshi (founder of Shotokan karate):

- Seek perfection of character
- Be truthful
- Endeavour to excel
- Respect others
- Refrain from violent behaviour

Karate students have fun, whilst at the same time becoming stronger physically and mentally. The club is managed by a committee of instructors, students and parents who are all dedicated to running the club for the benefit of everyone. Activities are organised to suit students of all ages and levels and active parent involvement helps the club achieve extraordinary results across the board.

WA State Karate Championships

Congratulations to eight-year-old Regan Flaherty, the only entrant in the 9 and under Kata and Kumite division, which meant he had already earned two Gold Medals. He was permitted to enter the next age division (10-11yrs) and was placed 3rd!

Margaret River Tournament

Well done to our outstanding competitors: Jordan, Russell, Samantha, Casey, Emily, Nicholas and Thomas. Go team!!

2nd Term Grading Results

Red Tip	Shaun, Nicole, Ben, Jock, Bianca
Red Belt	Max, Natasha, Zoë
Yellow Belt	Dean, Lleyton, Dylan, Michael, Lincoln, Faith
Orange Tip	Flynn, Zac
Orange Belt	Layne
Green Tip	Alicia, Darcy
Purple Belt	Regan, Aaron, Nicholas
Purple Stripe	Jacob, Conrad

It is sincerely hoped that you will continue to study and grow in the spirit of Karate-do and strive for the perfect union of Mind, Body and Spirit



Seniors' Training at Toodyay Dojo.

You are invited to Karate Club Challenge, Toodyay Youth Hall, 6pm, Friday, 21st August. See all our little (and big) champions in action; bring friends and family for a fun night out. Sausage Sizzle \$2.50 Cool drinks \$1.00.

Toodyay Tennis

Angela Fox

WINTER is really here now as we all know. The river is really flowing and, unfortunately, the courts are suffering with massive puddles after heavy downpours. We have lost a couple of Tuesdays and a Friday night. I don't think we can run to having the sort of roof that Wimbledon has got, either!!!

Regardless of the sometimes chilly starts, we have had decent numbers of late on Tuesdays.

We have had all the nets restitched over the last few weeks. Our thanks to Ron for taking them to Northam. Hopefully, they will last for a good few years again.

We have another wood raffle on the 14th – 15th August so save up again for the chance to win a big load of wood that will, with luck, last the winter out for someone.

We still would welcome both young and senior people to join the club at all levels so, if you want to just come along and see us on a Tuesday morning, have a cuppa and a chat, you never know; you might just enjoy yourself and decide to have a go!!

That's all for this month. Keep well and keep warm.

Avon Valley Adult Riding Club

Caroline Venables-Kyrke

WELCOME back to our three intrepid travellers, Julie, Suzette and Liz, who flew to Peru, scaled the heights in four days to Machu Picchu, then white-water rafted and finally trekked through the Amazon all in three weeks – how exhausting is that?! The adventure of a lifetime, with many stories to tell and photos to show.

However, they did miss out on the club's annual closed gymkhana held on Saturday, 25th July.

This is the first half of the Hi-Point trophy and all points won will go towards members' total tally at the end of the year. It was a crisp morning, though quite warm in the sun out of the wind, and not a drop of

rain. We engaged two judges which helped move the day along quite quickly with one looking after the walk/trot ring and the other the walk/trot/canter ring. Although the number of entries was small, only 14 members took part, everyone had a great day and thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

The day began with the Ali Shahr Memorial Trophy, donated by Julie Malley, for the best presented on the day and this was won by Gail Kershaw on Darcy. They looked an absolute picture of perfection with every bit of gear, horse and Gail spotless.

The rest of the morning was taken up with 26 different classes including rider, hacking, breed and show hunter, the results of which will be in the club newsletter.

After a welcome break for lunch, the novelties took place, with much laughter during the minty race, sack race and bobbing for apples.

Everyone ended the day having won a ribbon or two or three, and agreed it was a fun time. All results will appear in the August newsletter.

Just a thank you to Rebecca who organised the day so well and to Kerry, Anna, Bjorg, Alison and Caroline, who helped make the day run smoothly, pencil, put up and take away novelties etc, etc. I'm sorry if I have missed anyone out but thanks anyway.

The next rally, a normal rally day, is on 22nd August starting at 8.45am. As usual, if you are unable to attend, please call Suzette and Caroline so that they can keep the classes right and cater for lunch.

The chocolate money should be brought to the August rally if possible and if not bring it in to Caroline at her work in Northam. There are a few boxes of chocolates left for anyone who would like to take some more.

Congratulations to Ron Sutton who was awarded Reserve Champion at the recent York Horseman's gymkhana. Well done Ron! Great to see members out and about.

For any information on the club, contact Sandra on 9574 4429 or Caroline on 9574 1407.

Safe riding – see you soon. Caroline



Club members Julie Malley, Suzette Davis and Liz Gibson at the end of their trek to Machu Picchu recently.



Giles Sullivan, Reuben Street, Kelsey and Jay Broadwood.

Avon Valley Baseball Club

Mrs T Broadwood
Publicity Officer

DUE to the increase of interest, the club this season will be fielding a U/15 years team. B.W.A. has introduced Peewee League Baseball for Boys/Girls aged 8-10 years. The Major Little League team ages will be from 10-13 years. This season the World Series Major Little League games will be hosted in Hong Kong. The Peewee and the Little League will now have coaches pitching to players, plus the use of a pitching machine, this way all kids will get to have a hit and run, making the game more enjoyable interesting and safer.

Our home ground has had to be moved to Northam Jubilee Oval as the Toodyay Shire could not provide the grounds needed for two extra age groups, plus the clashing of the U/15's with the Cricket Association. All games will be on Saturday starting at 8.30 am for the Peewee League, 10am-12 pm for

Major Little League and 1.30-3.30 pm for the U/15's.

Our Club name is Avon Valley Avengers and we will be competing against 17 other teams throughout the season. Each alternate Saturday away games will range as far as Perth only.

Baseball offers our kids a great team competition, and opportunity for them from 8 year olds to U/15's to represent not only their club but also their state and country. Not only this, but U/15's scholarships come our way from the U.S. to play College Baseball.

Registrations are now being taken and will close on 10th August.

We also need help with the increase of players, for Coaches, Assistant Coaches and Umpires.

If you can help our club please call us. For registration please call 9574 2927, 9574 5767 or 9574 4884. Be early we only have limited vacancies.



BLACK AND WHITE BALL

In support of Chaplaincy at the Toodyay District High School

will be held on

Saturday 29 August 2009

Toodyay Memorial Hall

7.30 pm

Supper provided — BYO drinks

Lucky Door Prizes

TICKETS

\$15 SINGLE \$25 DOUBLE

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