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Toodyay Agricultural Society Show - 2010



Images from the Toodyay Agricultural Society Show 2010. Photos by Pam Jackson and Karen Jacomelli. Montage by Guido Verschoor.

Pam Jackson Committee

ANOTHER successful Toodyay Show was held on Saturday 9 October. The warm weather and, at times, windy weather did not deter people coming along and enjoying

a great show.

At the opening ceremony, the Toodyay District High School Captains opened the show, the Toodyay Community Singers sang the National Anthem and the De Longis family were presented with the Toodyay Families Revisited Shield. The

shield is a new initiative to the show and will be presented to a family each year.

A BIG Thank You to all who participated in the Toodyay Show: all the volunteers, the sponsors, judges, firms and individuals who donated trophies and prizes, stewards, members, exhibitors, entertainers,

community groups, advertisers and all the people who came through the gates. Without YOUR support the day would not be the success it was. We hope that you, your family and friends had an enjoyable day.

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Toodyay Families Revisited 2010

De Longis Family

A NEW initiative to the Toodyay Agricultural Society Show this year was the inaugural presentation of the Toodyay Families Revisited Shield during the Opening Ceremony at this year's Toodyay Show.

Below is the De Longis Family's story from the time they arrived in Toodyay in 1951 to the present day.

Enesto and Antinesca De Longis and their five children lived in a small village approximately 30km east of Naples. Life in Italy after World War II was difficult with little opportunity for work or education. Families were required to grow crops on very small plots of land to hopefully provide enough family food for the year. Like most migrants during this era, Enesto and Antinesca craved a better life for their young family. In 1951, Antinesca and the De Longis children farewelled their husband and father, who set sail on the Oceania for a twenty-eight day voyage to Australia where he would be reunited with his sister and two brothers who had earlier departed Italy in search of a better life.

After arriving in Fremantle, Enesto joined his sister who lived on a chicken farm in Bayswater but, finding it difficult to obtain work,

he relocated to Toodyay where he acquired a job cutting down trees in the bush for the local saw mill. During this time, Enesto lived in a makeshift bush camp of tents with other Italian men. Together, these men worked tirelessly to save enough money to bring their families to Australia.

Within two years, Enesto paid back the money borrowed from his sister for his boat fare to Australia and also saved enough money to bring 17-year-old Vince, his eldest son, to Western Australia. With limited English, Vince set sail for Australia and, on his safe arrival, worked alongside his father in the Toodyay bush cutting down trees until between them they had earned the money to bring their family to Australia. In Fremantle on 16 October, 1955 the young family was finally reunited. Enesto rented a derelict house in Stirling Tce between Henry and Arthur St to accommodate his young family. In 1956, the family welcomed a new daughter and sister with the birth of Christine at Northam Hospital.

After many years of cutting down trees in the bush surrounding Toodyay, Ernesto gained employment as a

Boiler Man at the Toodyay Industrial Extracts Factory on the Toodyay/Northam Road. Sons, Vince, Mario and Ugo joined their father at the factory and together they worked to bring the family's goal of providing a better lifestyle for their family and the best quality of education for the girls, Iolanda, Saverio and Christine.

During their 16 years in Toodyay, the children attended St Aloysius Convent. As the Convent only accepted boys up to the end of Year 7, Saverio was then required to travel by bus to Northam to attend the Marist Brothers School. Ugo did his first few years of primary school at St Aloysius then went across to the Toodyay State School. From here he completed his secondary education at Northam Senior High School.

Sport for the De Longis girls consisted of netball. Iolanda was a particularly good runner which resulted in her winning most of the school sports' races. Ugo played football, cricket and basketball and was a cyclist of some note. He owned a custom-made racing bike which he rode to Northam to participate in cyclist road races and was successful with many wins to his name. He was also a member of the Toodyay

Bush Fire Brigade and was one of the representatives of his station to attend the State Fire Brigade Games in Kalgorlie. Saverio played both football and cricket but his favourite past times were riding his bike and spending time in the bush testing out his home-made 'gings'.

Whilst residing in Toodyay the De Longis family lived in three different



Christine, Iolanda, Sam and Mario De Longis

houses. The first home located in Stirling Tce was demolished which resulted in the family moving to the house opposite, 'The Residency' (where the Toodyay Railway Station now stands). In 1963, both the De Longis home and 'The Residency' were demolished to make way for the Standard Gauge railway line. Their third and final home in Toodyay was located in Hamersley Street.

Life in Toodyay has and will always be a part of the De Longis

Family as it provided them with their very first opportunity in a new country and it was the place where their Australian roots were laid. Toodyay offered the De Longis children lifelong friendships and a sense of freedom with the hills and the Avon River as their playground. They enjoyed fishing, duck hunting, swimming, picking mushrooms on Mount Anderson, trapping rabbits, catching gilgies and bike riding. The family believes there is not one piece of ground or hill around the town that they did not frequent and look upon their years in Toodyay as a wholesome, safe and active way of life.

In 1967 the family made the very difficult decision to leave their idyllic Toodyay lifestyle and relocate to Morley. This decision was once again based on education for the younger children and employment opportunities for the older boys. Ernesto gained employment working for Plaimir, an associated company of the Toodyay Industrial Extracts Factory.

The family settled into life in suburbia and over time the De Longis children grew up, forged their careers,

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Herald Advertising: Price Rise in 2011

Grant Scobie
 Editor

IN July 2010, *The Toodyay Herald* was informed by our printer that, due to rises in the cost of paper and ink, our printing prices were to rise by 5%.

Rather than spring this on our valued advertisers, the Committee of *The Toodyay Herald* decided to cover these rises for the remainder of the year, to inform our advertisers with plenty of notice that our prices would be rising in the new year and to try to keep the rises to a minimum.

To that end, I have detailed the rises to take effect from February 2011.

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The price for a column/centimetre (1 column wide by one centimetre deep) will go from \$2.95 to \$3.10; Colour loading will remain at \$51.50.

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Trades and Services

Trades and Services advertisements will rise from \$20 to \$22 for the small (1 column wide) and \$40 to \$44 for the large (2 columns wide.)

Artwork

With the exception of Trades and Services advertisements, if new artwork is required, there will be a minimum fee of \$30 which includes the first hour of setting and \$30 per hour or part thereof to follow.

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Classified advertisements will now be charged per 20 words with a minimum price of \$5.50 for the first 20 words or part thereof and a further charge of \$2.20 per 20 words

or part thereof for advertisements greater than 20 words.

Display style ads will now be available in Classifieds. Please speak to us about pricing.

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Most Public Notices such as Births, Deaths, In Memoriam, AGM Notices, Birthdays and Anniversaries will remain free.

The Toodyay Herald recognises the need for the community to be able to advertise their upcoming fundraising events. However, most will be able to do so in their monthly column. Advertisements in the Public Notices section will now be charged at the appropriate rate applicable in the Classified Advertisement section of the paper.

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Mono Size	Previous Cost	New Cost
1 x 6	\$17.70	\$18.60
1 x 10	\$29.50	\$31.00
2 x 6	\$35.40	\$37.20
2 x 10	\$59.00	\$62.00
¼ Page	\$118.00	\$124.00
½ Page	\$236.00	\$248.00
Full Page	\$472.00	\$496.00

Colour Size	Previous Cost	New Cost
1 x 6	\$69.20	\$70.10
1 x 10	\$81.00	\$82.50
2 x 6	\$138.40	\$140.20
2 x 10	\$162.00	\$165.00
¼ Page	\$169.50	\$175.50
½ Page	\$287.50	\$299.50
Full Page	\$523.50	\$547.50

If you have any queries related to the above, please do not hesitate to call the office on 9574 2106 or Accounts on 0429 896 860.

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married and had children of their own. They settled not far from their family home in Morley with Vince living in Midvale, Mario in Morley, Ugo, Iolanda and Sam settling in Noranda whilst Christine lives at The Vines.

Sadly, Ernesto and Antinesca passed away without ever having returned to their homeland. Their children put this down to the fact they were always busy working on their family home in Morley and putting all their efforts into providing for their family.

At the tender age of twenty-two, Ugo did a tour of duty in Vietnam. He was a forward scout with the 4th Battalion. His role was to keep alive his soldier mates behind him, get them from Point A to Point B, sight the enemy first and kill him whilst determining the sometimes silent and confusing signals sent up to him by his section commander. Ugo continued as a forward scout until a Vietcong mine detonated beside him and took half of his stomach, forcing him back to Australia where he spent eight months in hospital recuperating. Sadly Ugo passed away in 2006 after several heart attacks. Immediately following Ugo's death the family revisited the Toodyay Show to toast Ugo's life with his favourite Strega liquor.

I would now like to share with you Saverio's response when I asked him why he and his family revisit the Toodyay Show:

"It has long been a De Longis family tradition to revisit Toodyay at the Annual Show. The day begins with a BBQ at Dudgee Park near

the Bolgart Bridge, where all the family members attending meet about mid-morning.

Personally, the Toodyay Show has memories of my childhood and it was the highlight of the calendar year. It was an opportunity not only to interact with the whole of the townfolk but also to have a lot of fun with mates.

For Toodyay, the show was a consistent highlight of the year matched only by the odd arrival of a Circus. It had all the excitement of the animals and the ring events but for us school kids it was all about catching up with your mates and spending the few dollars you had saved up throughout the year. The main attractions were the merry-go-round and Dodgem Cars. Loads of fun was had on a hot October day by buying a water pistol at the show and then running around trying to soak as many mates as possible. There were 'Knockem Down', shooting and dart type games that you could try your hand at and the De Longis all time favourite, the Chocolate Wheel. If you observe us during our times at the show there will always be a member of the family at that Chocolate Wheel. It is iconic!

Another vital part of the show for school children growing up in Toodyay was the Pavilion and the ability to display your drawings and craft projects for all the townfolk to see. I always look forward to viewing the children's work and I always make a point of visiting the Pavilion to see what they are drawing and making. It feels good to know that after more than 40 years since leaving Toodyay the Show continues

to maintain these and other traditions and every year it always brings back memories of my childhood.

The main reason for revisiting is to rekindle my childhood, the traditions of the show and of course to catch up with mates and have the odd beer at the bar in the afternoon! It is a place where not only do I catch up with regular mates who still live in the town but it is also the only event that provides the opportunity to catch up with other people who, like me, left Toodyay a long time ago. I am often thrilled to bump into someone I have not seen since leaving school and most years will turn up a surprise visitor that I have not seen for many years.

My children and now my grandchildren have been attending the Toodyay Show since they were born and feel just as strongly about this special day as I do."

Ernesto and Antinesco's family has grown more than sevenfold since their arrival in Western Australia in the early fifties. We feel extremely honoured and privileged to have three generations of the De Longis Family with us today for the inaugural presentation to their family of the Show's Toodyay Families Revisited Shield.

The Perpetual Shield was presented to the De Longis Family representatives Mario, Iolanda, Saverio and Christine by Toodyay Agricultural Society President, Gaven Donegan and the Toodyay Agricultural Society's 2010 Rural Ambassador, Megan Pearce.

Assistance for Toodyay Fire Affected Residents Welcomed But...

THE State Government's and Western Power's development of a financial assistance package of up to \$10 million for residents directly affected by the December 2009 Toodyay bushfire has been welcomed but with some reservations.

An estimated 137 properties were damaged, with 38 homes destroyed. Unfortunately, some homes were not insured and many others were underinsured.

The report, handed down by EnergySafety on 15 February, 2010, did not determine a cause for the fire while a second report released on 13 August, concluded the fire started from a Western Power pole. The Government accepted the finding of the second report but acknowledged Western Power does not accept liability.

The Government and Western Power will each contribute \$5 million as an ex-gratia, goodwill payment. Residents receiving payments through the assistance package would not need to waive their rights to future litigation against Western Power.

Western Power Managing Director Doug Aberle said the business' contribution will come off the bottom line and is not being provided by its insurers.

"Western Power supports the Government's approach to provide compassionate relief to Toodyay residents significantly affected by the 2009 fire".

"EnergySafety and FESA have reached opinions, in the absence of any other cause, that a fallen pole or something blowing into the line sparked the fire. Following a comprehensive review of all evidence Western Power is confident that it did not cause the fire and therefore is not liable.

"We do, however, understand the suffering caused, particularly in circumstances where it is unclear what actually caused the fire. By making this contribution, Western Power is able to provide some support to the most affected residents while maintaining its position that it is not responsible for the fire.

"The fact that none of the residents' insurers have chosen to commence court proceedings against Western Power to determine liability in part illustrates the lack of clear evidence about what caused the fire.

"Personally I am pleased that some resolution has been reached and that we are able to make a contribution", Mr Aberle said.

Financial support will be available to affected households in six categories:

- **Residential Buildings**

Up to a maximum of \$150,000 for established homes which were damaged

or destroyed

- **External Structures**

Up to a maximum of \$15,000 for sheds, fences and other external structures

- **Site Clean-up**

Up to a maximum of \$5,000 toward the cost of site clean-up and rubbish removal

- **Home Contents**

Up to a maximum of \$30,000 for home contents

- **Tools of Trade**

Up to a maximum of \$5,000 for items used for employment purposes (tools and equipment)

- **Private Motor Vehicles**

Up to a maximum of \$10,000 for private motor vehicles including cars, motor homes and motorbikes.

- **Total payment for each property is capped at \$190,000.**

Premier Colin Barnett said the total payment for each property was capped at \$190,000, which compared favourably with the support provided to victims of the February 2009 Victorian bushfires (\$15,000 for contents and a maximum of \$85,000 for homes destroyed) which were primarily funded by donations.

RiskCover will be writing to affected residents inviting them to make a claim for assistance, as well as advertising in local newspapers. Alternatively, residents can contact Risk Cover on 9264 3879.

"This is a fair and considered packaged designed to help affected families get back on their feet," Mr Barnett said. "It recognises the impact of the fire on those people who were not insured or who were not fully insured and at the same time recognises the contributions already made by insurance companies."

"I recognise that the true impact of the fire on people's lives may only just be sinking in so the Government has moved to increase this assistance," he said. "Despite two reports into the cause of the fire, we have the unusual circumstance of conflicting evidence with the cause still not determined.

"The question of liability can only adequately be resolved in a Court of law therefore if people or their insurer choose to litigate, that is their right."

While residents were generally happy that the funds were made available, there are still some issues which were not addressed such as business losses in the affected areas as well as loss of business within the town.

Some residents will still be pursuing compensation through the courts.

Fire Survivor Progresses on Road to Recovery

Karen Jacomelli

SOME survivors are concerned about the amount of what they perceive as negative publicity and being deemed as victims. One resident, Jeanine, wanted people to know that she and her husband Jeff are survivors and are in the process of finalising handover with Westeel who built the replacement home on the site where their previous home was destroyed last December.



Jeanine said, "I appreciate the support that we have had from the beginning; all the locals who assisted in so many ways, the generosity of people in giving their time and donations."

One cannot underestimate the impact of losing irreplaceable family photos, children's birth papers, Christmas decorations made with one's children, the original home with jarrah floorboards and ornate cornices, etc. However Jeanine and her husband stated that they are thankful to be alive.

Just as one can still see the charred remains of the devastating fire below, one can also see the power of the ability to regrow.



Sean's Dream

TOODYAY'S lighting wiz, Sean Byron, had a dream – why not give back to those that have given so generously to fire devastated Toodyay?

Why not give a gift at collection points in Toodyay for the Salvation Army Christmas Appeal?

Thousands visit Toodyay to enjoy the Christmas display at the Toodyay Medical Centre - so let's develop our town as a Christmas Wonderland of Lights – and more.

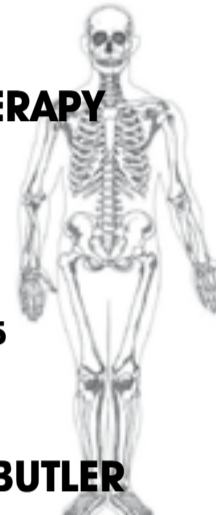
With the support of the community, the Chamber of Commerce and the Shire of Toodyay, Sean's dream will become a reality.

Let's do it!

Let's make it the Christmas Wonderland of Lights. Come along on Friday 26 November 2010 and celebrate.

Enquiries: Barbara at Bar-Bar-A-Black-Sheep, Roz at Courtyard Antiques and Collectibles and Desrae Clarke 6364 3609

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Letters

IN LAST MONTH'S Herald I printed a letter from Sara Whincup.

The much edited letter has received a number of responses in the negative which, themselves, would require much editing to make them publishable.

In light of this, I shall not be entering into what is, essentially, a personal issue and, therefore, not publishing any further correspondence on this matter.

My apologies to all concerned.

Grant Scobie
Editor

IT IS SURPRISING that a town which promotes itself as a visitor destination has such appalling tourist signage.

Our Shire boundary signs are faded, and feature incorrect information: one was blasted by a shot gun 20 years ago and has never been replaced; many road signs have different spellings for the same road; the 'Coming Events' sign boards are weathered, dated and extremely drab; our information bay display board is an embarrassment – it is termite eaten and looks like it is about to fall down; the signs and map on it are peeling, out of date with many featuring seven-digit phone numbers.

The plan of Toodyay having an entry statement or a completely new information bay seems a far off dream but replacing or rejuvenating some essential signage could be easily done. If visitors are greeted with forlorn, confusing, and dilapidated 'welcome' signage they would be forgiven for thinking Toodyay does not value their visit or simply doesn't care.

Greg Warburton

A NUMBER OF years ago a senior ranger informed me the native plant Parrot Bush had been deemed as a weed by the Department of Agriculture. He told me he had removed the Parrot Bush from his property.

I too disliked the prickly plant and had cleared an area of it soon after purchasing my bush block. I have since changed my opinion.

Parrot Bush flowers for six or seven months of the year, through the months when nothing else of note is flowering in the jarrah forest. It is therefore a chief source of food for nectar feeding birds, animals and insects through the

winter months, invaluable for bee-keepers. The flowers may not be prominent, but due to the prevalence of the plant are in good number over an area.

The prickly nature of the leaves growing on the shrub and those it drops to the ground forming a prickly carpet, in thickets of Parrot Bush, are a natural sanctuary for the local fauna. In more than twenty years I have never seen a fox and only one cat (on the drive and very few signs of such on my block due to the large numbers of Parrot Bush.

I understand the plant (like so many in the Jarrah forest) is highly combustible, but is it possible that a thick understorey may slow the pace of a tree top fire by reducing the amount of oxygen available?

Either which way, our fore-fathers have shown us the often unforeseen, negative ramifications of wholesale, indiscriminate destruction of the natural environment.

The much maligned Parrot Bush is one of the more valuable members of our forest.

R. Barker.

Thank you, Beth

ON 17 OCTOBER I had done some shopping and was just looking at the notices on the IGA Board. I picked up my shopping and went on my way.

Sometime later I noticed that I didn't have my purse to pay for further purchases. In a flurry of thinking, I realised I had left it at IGA and rushed back to hopefully find it just maybe still sitting there.

Getting out of my car, I saw Beth Frayne and said hello. When she asked how I was, I explained that I had lost my purse. She replied that she had just handed a purse in to IGA.

I just can't thank you enough, Beth for your integrity and honesty at my failing. It is so wonderful to have people like you in our community.

Many thanks.

Gale Anderson

IT'S GREAT TO hear that laugh in the street again.

Enjoyed coffee the other day.

Welcome home, Daisy.

Rae and Graham

Toodyay Should Be Very Proud

ON FRIDAY 22 OCTOBER, former Toodyay girl, Janice James, daughter of the late Wesley and Grace James, launched her new book 'Forever Warriors' at the Gallipoli Room of the State RSL, 28 St Georges Terrace, Perth WA.

Under the penname of Jan 'Karbarli' James, the book is a tribute to the aboriginals who served in the various wars, shoulder to shoulder with our white soldiers. It speaks of the indignities suffered by this race on returning home where they were not treated equally and were not even invited to march on ANZAC Days and the like.

Janice received her early primary education at the old Duke Street School and the final years of primary education at the new school across the Avon River at Toodyay.

Jan (who is a mother and grandmother), has been married twice but has since resumed her former maiden name and has written several books and has done better than most of those students with whom she attended school. She is really into genealogy and for many years did the caretaking of the Northam cemetery. She shows a very real empathy for those folk who are not given a fair deal in life and is to be greatly admired for her years of research into the various subjects that she writes about.

Doris M Martin

Child Car Restraint Checking Station in Toodyay

NEW laws for child car restraints were introduced on 1 October this year affecting children from 0 to 7 years of age. They will ensure children are appropriately restrained when travelling in vehicles.

For more information about the changes to child restraint laws you can call the Child Car Restraint Information Line on 1300 780 713 or visit www.childcarrestraints.com.au.

To ensure parents are restraining their children correctly for their child's age, weight and height, a checking station will be available in Toodyay.

What: Information on the new laws and child car restraint checks;
When: 3.30-5.30pm, Wednesday 10 November 2010;
Where: Front car park at Toodyay District High School, Drummond St, Toodyay
Bookings: Contact Rachael Biddulph on 9690 1616 (Not compulsory)

What to bring:
• Car and manual
• Child car restraint and manual

If you cannot attend the checking station and would like your child car restraint checked, contact Rachael Biddulph, Health Promotion Officer from the Avon and Central Primary Health Service on 9690 1616.

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'A Bushfire Project' What do you feel about the bushfire?

Well, there is a chance that expressing it may be the beginning of something good for all of us.

How? Come to the film screening of 'At the Coalface' a documentary which follows the development of different arts projects that grew out of the Victorian Bushfires, and how these contributed to healing in the various communities. It is a very inspiring and positive film and viewing the projects may trigger something that could be of benefit all of those affected by the fire here.

After the film there will be an afternoon tea where you can chat with others, and there will be some people available including an art therapist who can informally receive and record your initial thoughts and ideas, however small or insignificant. The background to this is that some groups in Toodyay have been thinking that there must be some good ways of documenting and preserving the fire and its impacts (stories, artefacts, environmental impacts, songs/music?) and possibly creating something for the town that will be of benefit. Do we want 'A Bushfire Project'? These initial thoughts definitely need your input.

The Toodyay Historical Society, Arts Toodyay, Friends of the River, The Toodyay Naturalists, Volunteer Fire Brigades and The Bushfire Recovery Group are all eager to talk to you. The afternoon commences with an introduction, then the screening, at 2pm on Sunday 21 November, in the Memorial Hall, followed by afternoon tea with lots of homemade goodies. There is an ad on this page of the paper, too. Please come!

The Toodyay Races: Held at Northam

IT was a warm Spring Day, the track was near on perfect and a good crowd turned up to the Northam Race Course to soak up the atmosphere and witness this year's running of the Toodyay Small Business Cup and seven other feature races.

The Toodyay Race Club wishes to acknowledge the help and organisation of Nicole Bell and all of the Northam Race Club staff for the running of the 2010 Toodyay Races, held on 3 October.

As everybody was aware the Devastating Bush Fires of earlier this year had huge consequences for the Toodyay Race Course and its surrounds. Ninety percent of the timber outside railing was burnt to the ground, as well as a dozen or so stalls and the Race Day swab box. Damage wasn't limited to just these areas and the area to suffer most was the course reticulation system. Therefore, with so much infrastructure damage, it was impossible this year to hold The Toodyay Races. However, every effort will be made to make sure that Thoroughbred Racing returns to Toodyay in 2011.

The Fashions on the Field saw a large number of women from all age groups

competing for the best outfit on the day and the eventual winner was Lauren Prater.

The Toodyay Small Business Cup which was run over a distance of 1600m had a field of 11 and, in a very keenly fought race, Burin ridden by Paul Harvey and trained by Lindsey Smith managed to take the honours from Oaksville ridden by Paul King in second place and Kwab ridden by Shaun O'Donnell finishing in third place. Burin is owned by Darley Thoroughbreds (that's the Sheik from Dubai!)

Beaumont Catering once again did a excellent job with the food and drinks for the Corporate Area, sponsors and committee.

John Prater (the TRC President) and the TRC Committee Members would like to take this opportunity to thank all of their sponsors who participated in the running in the Toodyay Races at Northam.

The TRC wishes to advise that their AGM will be held on 17 November and further information regarding this can be obtained by phoning 9574 5859 or 0417 097 314. Should anyone wish to become a committee member or volunteer in 2011, enquiries can also be made on the above number.



Old-style Banking Still the Go

FOLLOWING a nationwide security assessment carried out by Bendigo Bank, some major structural changes to the local Branch were required. The major challenge was balancing the upgrade of the security of the Branch, whilst retaining the old-style banking that we had come to know and love in Toodyay.

With a choice between blocking off customers from staff using Perspex screens or refurbishing the branch in a much friendlier way, the Toodyay and Districts Community Bank Branch opted for the latter.

After being closed for four days, the modernised layout was opened for business on Tuesday, 19 October, 2010.

Branch Manager, Don Bates, said the upgraded branch will promote a more welcoming and engaging environment that allows customers to choose how they interact with the bank.

"The decision was made to upgrade the Branch to suit the changing needs of customers and to deliver a great banking experience for the customer," Mr Bates said. "The new layout will make transactions more efficient and allow our staff more time to spend with customers."

"The refurbishment includes more open space for greater interaction, a separate desk for our staff to assist customers more personally and two interview rooms."

At the new branch, customers will be able

to:

- Talk one-on-one with specialist members of the branch team in a comfortable sit-down environment;
- Have confidential conversations with customers in the two new interview rooms;
- Interact with one another in a more spacious environment.



"We are proud to be able to provide the Toodyay residents with a modernised branch layout, while still maintaining the charm of the heritage listed building we accommodate," he said.

The Toodyay and Districts Community Bank Branch is located at 108 Stirling Terrace and is open from Monday, Wed, Thur, Friday, 9am to 5pm, Tues 9.30am to 5pm and Saturday from 9am to 12 noon.

News from Bolgart and Surrounding Areas

Doris M Martin

SINCERE sympathy is extended to Mrs Val Burt and family members on the said loss of their husband and father, Hugh Burt, late of Calingiri. Hugh (who, at one stage, had farmed a property South/West of Calingiri and North/West of Bolgart) had not enjoyed good health for a number of years and had been living at the coast with his wife, Val.

Celebrating their 28th Wedding Anniversary recently were Carol and Jeff Harris of Karratha. Carol (Nee - Martin), is a former Bolgart girl and is the daughter of Ray and Doris Martin of Bolgart. Carol and Jeff had flown down to Perth on 22 October to

attend her first cousin's son's wedding on 23 October. Ray and I joined Carol and Jeff on Sunday for lunch at The Nicholson Road Bar and Grill to celebrate their Anniversary and also our 50th Wedding Anniversary which was coming up on 29 October.

We had heard of this venue via television but never been there, and were pleasantly surprised at the spacey car park, friendly staff and absolutely over-awed at the food served up there. I doubt that I have ever seen such large plates in my life and certainly did not need dinner that night.

It was lovely to also have our former flower-girl (and niece), Rosemary Kickett (Nee - Anderson) and husband, George, with us to help celebrate the occasion. Also joining us to help celebrate were Les and Joan Martin of Mandurah and their daughter, Kerry Brandy, and partner, Rod Patroni. Granddaughter, Kerry Harris, was also at the lunch and was on tap to drive her parents, Carol and Jeff, back to the airport for their flight back to Karratha after lunch.

The highlight of the occasion was a beautiful 50th Anniversary cake iced with cream-coloured icing in a lacy effect. We were amused that the staff actually thought it was a 50th birthday cake for either Ray or me. On discovering that it was an Anniversary cake, one young staff member even ventured to ask how old I was when I got married. On answering honestly that I had been 19, I could see the young fellow doing a calculation in his mind as to how old that made me now. Just to confuse him still more I ventured that Ray was now 80 to which he commented, "Wow!"

Sorry to learn that Mrs Jean Broomhall of Bolgart has not been enjoying good health in recent times.

Melbourne Cup luncheon is just around the corner again and I am sure that ladies are getting their finery together for the occasion. This year a percentage of the money from the luncheon to be held at The Bolgart Hotel is to go towards breast cancer.

A MEETING FOR EVERYONE

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'A BUSHFIRE PROJECT'

at the Toodyay Memorial Hall

2pm Sunday

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- Screening of inspiring documentary "At the Coalface" from Regional Arts Vic.
- Afternoon tea and informal discussions

EVERYONE WELCOME!



Your ideas (however grand or small) and input needed for how we could document and record stories, environmental impacts, collect artefacts, create artworks, make music... and to find out and support what you really want.

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Recipe Corner

Coffee Cake with Sour Cream



Desraé Clarke

THIS cake would have to be my absolute favourite! It is economical, never fails and is delicious – what more could one ask for?

I leave the margarine, for the cake, and the butter, for the frosting in their appropriate bowls on the sink for about an hour before I begin. Leaving the shortening to soften this way is preferable to heating it as often it is heated too quickly and becomes oily. Another little hint is to get all the ingredients ready before beginning. In the long run this is quicker and you can check down the list and feel confident that nothing has been left out.

Ingredients

1 tblspn coffee granules
 ¼ cup boiling water
 125gm margarine, softened
 1 cup caster sugar
 1 tspn vanilla essence
 2 eggs
 2/3 cup sour cream
 1¼ cups plain flour
 ¼ cup self raising flour
 1 tspn bicarbonate of soda
 Mocha Frosting
 60gms butter, softened
 1½ cups icing sugar
 1 tspn coffee powder
 1 tspn cocoa
 1 tblspn boiling water
 2 tspn Tia Maria or milk

Method

Prepare a non-stick 20cm square cake pan with baking paper on the base.

Combine coffee and boiling water and allow to cool.

Beat butter, sugar and vanilla essence until light and fluffy.

Crack each egg into a cup and add, one at a time, to the creamed mixture beating until just combined.

Stir in half of the sour cream, and half of the sifted flours and soda until well mixed then stir in the remaining sour cream and sifted flour and soda.

When well mixed stir in the coffee mixture.

Spread the cake mixture into the prepared pan and bake in a moderate oven for 55 minutes.

Allow the cake to cool in the pan for 5 minutes before gently running a plastic knife around the cake to loosen it to then turn it onto a rack to cool properly. Cover the cake with a cloth or tea towel to prevent the outside edges from drying and ice when cold.

Mocha Frosting

Combine coffee powder, cocoa and boiling water and allow to cool.

Combine the butter, vanilla and icing sugar until well mixed.

Add the coffee mixture and Tia Maria (or milk) and, using an electric beater, mix till

the icing becomes a soft, creamy frosting ready to ice the cake.

NB This cake freezes very well by placing it in a plastic bag, removing the air and sealing it; this prevents ice crystals from forming. I don't usually ice the cake until it is required. Defrost by leaving the cake at room temperature for about ½ to ¾ of an hour.

Bejoording Babble

Kim Leonhardt

THE Community Meeting and Taco Night was held on Wednesday 6 October and allow me to tell you all about it.

First item was Barry's Halloween Games Night for the 30 October: BYO BBQ at 6pm, followed by Games at 7.30pm. Since you've missed it if this is the first you've heard of it, full report will be in the next edition.

Second item was the Melbourne Cup Day for Tuesday 2 November. Non-members fees will increase to \$15; members will still be free. Chicken, salad, strawberries, cream, trifle, and pavlova will still be on the agenda. Since you've missed it if this is the first you've heard of it, full report will be in the next edition.

Third item was a busy bee to reduce the fire hazard around the shed; this was arranged for Sunday 10 October, with Chris Wacura leading the charge.

Fourth item was the progress on the Shed extensions which are proceeding along very nicely thank you, capably being run and built by Barry Grey.

Fifth item was Chris Wacura suggesting a '500m to T' warning sign on Bejoording Rd as two more cars last month slid through the intersection. Previous Minutes indicate that a rumble strip seemed to be part of the intersection upgrade, so we will consult with the Shire.

Next Community Meeting was set down for Wednesday 1 December at 6pm, followed by a sausage sizzle.

Thus the Meeting ended, and the Taco Night began. Obviously notes had been taken from the little 7-year-old Mexican girl, coz we had hard AND soft Taco Shells; we had hot and mild mince; we had all that healthy stuff – you know, lettuce, tomato etc. and a tub of sour cream. Cool! Towards the end of the night, just as we thought there might be leftovers, the Nah Zalandars rocked up and hoovered the remains. Shearers ALWAYS seem underfed, eh? Thanks go to Darb for putting on a good spread.

Bathurst Day was a success! Of course! Since Holdens came... what was it again all you Ford fans? That's right, 1st, 2nd AND 3rd. Oh, and 5th as well! Oh, and 6th! Oh, and... you get the picture. The venue was also a success, except for... where was Fi?!

We had to put our own pies in the oven, WHICH WASN'T IN THE SAME ROOM AS THE TELECAST, and then, WE HAD TO GO GET 'EM WHEN THEY WERE READY! In another room! Without a TV! And not only that! When we'd run out of pickled octopus... where was the car idling by the door with her in it to get more?! The Committee will be investigating a range of options to clarify women's duties for future events.

Well that just about wraps it up. The Christmas Party is scheduled for Wednesday 22 December so keep that in mind.

Remember, the Shed is open every Wednesday from 6pm and we'll see ya in the soup.

Toodyay Fleece and Fibre Show

TOODYAY and the Avon Valley are rich in resources and natural beauty. Primarily a farming region, Toodyay would be the ideal venue to host a proposed annual Fleece and Fibre Show.

The idea of a Fleece and Fibre Show was generated during meetings of Toodyay Tourism Advisory Committee and has attracted interest throughout the local community from local businesses, fibre animal breeders, accommodation providers, arts and craft societies and retailers. Looking to the future of Toodyay with its history of farming stretching back generations, we believe holding an event such as this would succeed in capitalizing on our natural resources while raising the profile of our town.

A wide range of issues would need to be considered in determining the feasibility of holding this event in Toodyay including infrastructure, venue, level of support and the necessity of liaising with the local shire as well as local businesses, groups and societies with vested interests in such an event.

We are currently seeking a motivated group of people who would be willing to form a steering committee to develop and plan the show. Provisionally, the show would encompass fibre animals from across the sector including merinos, alpacas, cashmeres, angoras, even camels and the ideal time to hold the event would need to be determined in order to avoid clashing with other events. Attractions could include:

- Animal and arts/crafts exhibitions
- Demonstrations i.e. shearing, spinning,
- Competitions involving all sectors of the community including local schools etc.
- Inclusion of local fibre processing operations
- Fashion Shows
- Retail opportunities
- Arts and craft workshops

If you are interested in becoming involved in initial discussions to determine the feasibility of the Toodyay Fleece and Fibre Show, please call Barbara Mottershaw on 9574 5652 or 9627 5277 or call in at the shop, Bar-Bar-A-Black Sheep, Tuesday to Saturday.

Toodyay Community Radio

Steve Bannister

IT'S been a bit of a frantic month as we get closer to our start time of 12noon on 3 December.

The Australian Communications and Media Authority changed our frequency a couple of weeks ago from 91.3 FM to 105.3 FM and we have had to change all of our paperwork and re-instruct the guys building our website. Luckily that wasn't too much of a problem and the ACMA have been excellent with the speed that they have given us our licence.

The 'Jukebox' aspect of our website and station stood up perfectly to some very rigorous testing and never crashed once, so we're looking forward to seeing what everyone thinks of it. For those who don't know about the Jukebox feature, this allows you to search for songs from part of our music library on our website. The songs that you choose are then played in order, just like a Jukebox. You don't have to email in your requests like other radio stations. These

'Request' shows are available overnight, and also during the day after The Breakfast Show. You can have a play about with this on our temporary website at www.jukeboxradio.com.au Just click on the 'Request' link on the right hand side of the page. There are currently over 6000 songs to choose from, ranging from 50's, 60's, 70's, 80's, Country, Rock 'n' Roll, Motown, Australian Rock and Chart Music. A little something for everyone.

I also want to remind people that, being a community group ourselves, any other local community or interest group can advertise with us for free. So if you are part of a local community or interest group and you are looking for new members, promoting yourselves or you want to advertise an open day, meeting or a function or just to let people know where and when you meet, we'll do all of that for you for free.

Having so many groups in and around Toodyay, we expect this to be very popular. Therefore, I would strongly suggest that if you are part of a community or local interest group, you should start getting your announcements ready now. You can send your drafts, which would usually be 15-20 seconds long, to me at toodyayradio@live.com.au

If anyone has any questions, please give me a call on 9574 4554.

RSL Toodyay Sub Branch

John Adams

Secretary/Treasurer

AS reported in the last issue, 7 October was an important day for the Sub Branch, being the 91st Anniversary of our formation. With Mr Bill Gaynor, State President of the RSL in attendance, the day commenced with the handover of the refurbished Honour Rolls in the foyer of the Memorial Hall. This was followed by morning tea provided by the Shire of Toodyay.

At 11am a service was held at the War Memorial to dedicate the plaques honouring Toodyay World War I servicemen and the new commemorative park benches.

We would like to thank all who attended on the day. In particular we wish to thank the following:

The Shire of Toodyay
 Deputy Shire President, Bob Somers.
 Toodyay Historical Society.
 Vernice Pty Ltd, for donation of the sand
 Mobile Concrete Services for donation of aggregate.
 Paul Harrington for delivery of sand and aggregate.
 Toodyay Hardware and Farm – Greg Downie for crème cement.

November is a busy month for the Sub Branch with the following events:

Friday	5	Poppy Day Appeal – outside IGA
Saturday	6	Sub Branch General meeting at 2pm at Toodyay Club
Thursday	11	Remembrance Day Service 11am at the War Memorial
Friday	12	Raffle outside IGA
Saturday	13	Street Stall and raffle outside IGA

We look forward to these events being well supported.

By the time this is published Bob 'Daisy' Day will be home from hospital, well on his way to recovery from his motorcycle accident. Thanks to all our members and those in the community who have given their support to Debbie and 'Daisy' during this difficult time.



Due to our increasing workload, we have had to review our work schedules for the remainder of this year. As we need to spend significantly more time on our restoration projects we intend to spend September and October 2010 working exclusively on these.

It is with regret that we cannot work on modern car servicing or repairs until November 2010 when we will take bookings for the whole month.

We realise this may be inconvenient to our growing list of modern service customers, but hope they will "work" with us until staffing levels improve.

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Story of the Monaro

The latest vehicle to roll off the Toodyay Classic Cars restoration conveyor belt is a 1975 HJ Monaro GTS.

The car was owned from new by John Della Bosca from Westonia. The car was subject to a ground up restoration and was taken back to its original showroom condition.

Johns father purchased the car from City Motors in Perth from new and gave the car to John who then worked for two years without wages to pay his father back. The car was originally built in Adelaide and is now to be used for car shows and special occasions.



Before...



After...

Inside the Shed Blokes Supporting Blokes

Karl Walsh

Hi all and welcome to the November edition of the Toodyay Herald.

This edition, I really want to focus on one of our core values – men's health. We have, as you all know, had a couple of hard knocks recently: first the devastating fires followed closely by a dud winter season. This has led to crop failure again leaving anguish and worry in its path.

The purpose of the Men's Shed is to provide a support mechanism for the men in our community.

Men traditionally bottle it all up and forge ahead with the "I'm alright" mentality. But what happens at oh dark thirty (4.30am to the uninitiated)? That is when the black dog starts to bark and problems all too often become insurmountable. Then, tragedy can strike.

What we in the Shed are asking, indeed, imploring, is come and talk. Its free, it's confidential and often just having a sympathetic ear can lead to a problem-solving session. Being able to talk about a problem can very often help. Keeping it bottled up can lead to deterioration in physical health as well as mental health. We have access to various avenues for assisting those in need. Remember, there are nearly 2000 years of experience in our membership: "Been there, done that!"

As everyone is aware, we still do not have a permanent home but presently continue to meet at the Racecourse on Thursdays, on alternate mornings and afternoons, so drop in and have a brew and meet some of the blokes. There have been some kind offers of the use of sheds in the short term and these will be taken to Committee in November.

Anyone wishing to join the Shed or enquire as to meeting times can phone our Secretary Geoff Ebdon on 9574 4568.

Health and well-being tip: Never take a laxative and a sleeping pill on the same night.

I believe Wally has hurt his shoulder again, apparently trying to achieve the impossible, but luckily didn't bust it this time. But I think he broke his forefinger,

which stopped him dialling for a bit of assistance? Go Wally!

Our membership is continuing to grow with two more gents joining our ranks. Keep rolling up fellas; more the merrier!

Membership has been set at \$1 per week with our financial year being 1 July to 30 June. New member's fees are levied pro-rata.

Congratulations must go to the Northam Men's Shed; they formed a year after Toodyay and have been given the old Fire Station in Wellington Street. Well done Northam!

Until next issue, see you in the Shed!

Toodyay Scout Group

Dropbear

YOU may have noticed that there was no Scout column in the last Herald. That might have been because the contributor doesn't work for the Herald anymore and may have forgotten or it may have been because we've been really busy Scouting!

Congratulations to the Scouts who completed their Construction badge. This was undertaken during a great construction project for the Toodyay Show, where the Scouts built a rope bridge for local people to climb over. We were really impressed that the Shire of Toodyay's Sam Mastrolembo climbed across! We had lots of brave young people (and older people too) 'having a go' which is pretty much what Scouts is about – having a go! Great job, Scouts!

Thanks to all the parents, Cubs, Rovers and Scouts who participated in the event and a special thanks to our Chairperson, Gina, who fundraised by selling drinks with the Cubs and Scouts. Thanks, Gina. We also held a photographic display of all the things we've done this year – can't believe its November already! Cubs will submit an article and pictures next month about their attendance at Enduro, the biggest event on the Cubbing calendar. Our Cubs had a fantastic time at Enduro 2010.

The Scouts also carried out a construction activity which involved using holdfasts

so we could drag Rocky's ute. The Scouts built four holdfasts and used rope and pulleys to drag the ute across the field. Awesome job, guys!



Our destination for the weekend of 30-31 October for the Scout section is Lancelin, where we'll camp for two days out near the beach, go sandboarding, take part in some activities around the Area 51 theme and go for a tour on the Monster Bus 4x4 – Desert Storm. If you haven't checked out this machine, go to www.desertstorm.com.au. It's going to be an awesome weekend!

Five members of our Committee attended Committee training last week – it was great to see you there, guys and thank you to our Country Field Commissioner, Milton, who conducted the training.

We have a big event coming up in December – our Group Camp. Look out for more information about this in the November edition of the Herald.

If you have any enquiries about Cubs, Scouts or Rovers phone Samantha on 0400 890 571 (Scouts, aged 10 - 14) Danielle on 9574 4005 (Cubs, aged 7 - 10) or Julia on 9574 4427 (Rovers, aged 18 - 26). Expressions of interest will be advertised next month for a Joey leader and all training is provided.

Have a fantastic November, Toodyay!

Yours in Scouting

Dropbear

Toodyay Spinners

Phil Lansell

FLEECES of alpaca were donated to the club by Andrew and Edna Carr. Thank you very much for your kind donation.

Share table: Granny square rug (hand spun and dyed) by Lyn Boshoff; Skein, green, grey and brown mohair by Glynne; Skein, cashmere (goat) and lurex by Margaret Mastalerz; Skein, alpaca and a beanie (scrumpy) and felting alpaca in brown, white and purple by Jan Manning.

The local show has been and gone, and the club had many items on display. Congratulations to everyone for all your hard work.

The prize winners are: 1st Lois Leeder,



Carol Davidson x 2, Elaine Hutchings x 2, Carol Worrell, Margaret Grassick x 2, Lee Wolsoncroft x 2, Joan McMahon, and Jan Manning. 2nd Carol Worrell, Berenice Robertson, Lee Wolsoncroft x 3, Margaret Crassick x 2, Joan McMahon, Elaine Hutchings, Jan Manning and Margaret Mastalerz. Highly commended was won by Audrey Elson, Margaret Grassick and Lee Wolsoncroft. Well done everyone. Best exhibit (sash) won by Carol Worrell. Lee Wolsoncroft won most points, while Margaret Grassick was only 1 point behind.

Thank you to Margaret Grassick and Lee Wolsoncroft for all your hard work, and everyone who helped in the setting up.

Hope your new projects have been started for next year's show.

We meet every Wednesday from approx 9am – 12 noon at Parkers Cottage in the showgrounds. We also meet on the second Saturday of the month at the same time and place.

For more information, phone Secretary, Phil Lansell on 9574 2015 or Carol Worrell the President on 0407 429 047.

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100 Years of Fire Services

Wayne Clarke

ON Saturday 23 October 2010, the Toodyay Volunteer Fire and Rescue Service (VFRS) celebrated its 100th Anniversary with an 'Open Day' and presentation at the Toodyay Emergency Services Centre.



Goldfields/Midlands Regional Director, Trevor Tasker, presented Ian (Macca) Macgregor, Captain of the Toodyay VFRS, with a commemorative plaque. In making the presentation, Mr Tasker commented on the high esteem the Toodyay VFRS enjoys within the region and with Brigades from the metro area. Their competent and professional approach to each incident they are called upon to attend is testimonial to their dedication in training and operational attitude.

With more than 50 percent of callouts now being to motor vehicle accidents, the Brigade training has diversified considerably from its

early years. The use of breathing apparatus at house fires, incident-related clothing (like chemical suits) has become a necessary part of the brigade's equipment. The 'running games' Toodyay were renowned for as champions have become a thing of the past.

Present at the celebration were past members, Mr Eric Patten AFSM ED, Captain from 1949 to 1960, Mr Ron Winston, Captain from 1990 to 1995 and other past members, wives, partners and children. A special guest was Ms Maureen Torpy, the Granddaughter of the first Captain of the Brigade (1910 to 1914), OL deMamiel.

A children's colouring competition had been organised to coincide with the celebrations and vouchers were presented to the following winners: 5 years - Sharni Harmalin; 6 years - Tim Bretschneider; 7 to 9 years - Rayne McGowan; and 10 to 13 years - Chris Panizza.



A successful dinner was held on Saturday evening to wind up the days celebration.

St John Ambulance Service



St John Bolgart with Harry Hawkins, Paul Gray and Pam Tennant

Karen Jacomelli

ON Saturday 16 October, Harry Hawkins, CEO of the Victoria Plains Shire opened the new Bolgart ambulance depot.

The project was kick started by the injection of \$10,000 from the sub centre, funds that had been accrued through the dedication of its volunteers putting extra time above and beyond their rostered duties to do patient transfers.

It was a testament to how community members give above and beyond the call to bring to fruition such projects. The old facility served the community well. However, with the ever-increasing demands on the volunteers with regard to ongoing training requirements, it became necessary to upgrade and make a more user-friendly facility for the volunteers.

With any major project, it takes people and organisations that are able to work collaboratively and constructively to bring a project to completion. First and foremost the dedicated volunteers from Bolgart not only spent many hours and days training to keep the ambulance service running in Bolgart but also committed time to bring the final touches to the building. Leon and Pat Bradley from Tijuana Farms and Russell Clarke provided the gravel and sand for the foundations; Bevan Clarke assisted with the earthworks and other tasks; Neville and Donna Clark supplied and fitted the kitchen; The Bolgart Progress Association provided many of the items for the interior fit out such as fridge, furniture, lockers, crockery, cutlery, etc; Pat Bradley also put in extra time, particularly in the final stages. Coupled with the cooperation and support from the

Shire of Victoria Plains through CEO Harry Hawkins, councillors and staff, this enabled the project to come to fruition.

Community members and volunteers contributed services, goods and cash donations of significant amounts which greatly assisted in making the project a reality. The property department at Belmont Head Office organised the transfer of title to the new site and Paul Gray, Manager of Country Ambulance Service also attended and spoke at the opening.

After Harry Hawkins officially opened the facility, the gathering of some 50 people who attended were treated to the Bolgart CWA's excellent spread. Apart from being regular supporters of the ambulance service, they had also allowed the service to use their rooms for training over the years at no charge.

So, as the year is quickly drawing to a close, the St John Ambulance Service volunteers can be proud of their achievements. Hopefully this will encourage other members of the community to consider volunteering as volunteers are the only reason these services are in our community.

To that end, the organisation is holding a **free sausage sizzle on Saturday the 4th December at Federation Square** to give people an opportunity to find out about the service and how members of the community can get involved in supporting this vital service in the community.

Finally, the statistics for September included 22 total callouts clocking up 1895km of which Toodyay covered 18 and Morangup 4 of the callouts. These consisted of 3 trauma, 17 medical and 2 cardiac. A quiet month in comparison with August.

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Coondle-Nunile

Peter Ruthven

THE 'real' fire season is almost upon us. For most people, the Restricted Burning Period is over. This means that you must not light a fire; you cannot light up that heap of rubbish; you will not be given a permit to do so. However, the Restricted Burning Period has been extended for Volunteer Bush Fire and Fire and Rescue Brigades until midnight on Sunday 14 November 2010. Permits will be issued for these Brigades to complete hazard reduction burns.

Like other Brigades, Coondle Brigade has been busy over the last few weeks on hazard reduction burns. These include such things as burning a whole block, patch burning in front of a house and one of burning several large heaps of dead trees and branches to reduce the hazard on a block. And we're not finished yet. We have received a couple more requests to burn.

It is interesting to drive around areas in 'our patch' and look at the firebreaks. Most of those who have done their firebreaks have done a pretty good job. Of course, they do vary; most are bush tracks but I have heard the breaks at one place described as a four-lane highway. However, it is worrying how many people have not done anything at all. There are metre high wild oats right up to fence lines and around buildings. Where have these people been? Weren't they here last December or is this the "it won't happen to me" syndrome?

Last month, I mentioned our stand at the Toodyay Show. Unfortunately, we were a bit off the main traffic thoroughfare but still got to talk to a reasonable number of people. This year we took both of our fire fighting units and borrowed the FESA communications van. The problem occurred mid-afternoon when we were told that there was a fire at York and they wanted the communications van. Oh, by the way, could we deliver it there with a crew? So, two of our radio crew took the vehicle to York but were stood down almost as soon as they got there, so we had to go and pick them up.

It has been good to have so many new

people come to the Shed over the past few weeks. This all adds to the depth of support we are able to give. Some are fly in/fly out mine workers so they can't be on our weekly roster but, once trained, they can be backups for people on the regular crews and, in cases like the fire last December, they can do a few shifts, if they are home, to spread the load and give first response crews a rest.

Finally, the social side. At our October meeting, we celebrated the Brigade's 30th birthday. The Brigade has probably been going for longer than that but we based our celebrations on the first official document we hold, a notebook with the notes of a meeting in October 1980. We were glad that some of our old members were able to join us for the night and hope they'll visit us more often.

Old members, new members and visitors are welcome to join us at the Coondle Fire Shed on Coondle West Road any Friday night for a bite to eat and a relaxed get together. If you can't get to the shed on Friday night but would like to know more about Coondle Brigade or would like information about any aspects of fire prevention and safety, phone Peter Ruthven (Captain) on 9574 2951.

Bejoording

Terri Spark-Colfer

ANOTHER great day was had at the Toodyay Show and we completed showground security without any problems arising.

We used the day as an opportunity for fundraising and would like to thank the brigade members who gave up their time to assist.

Rosters will be up and running at time of print so, if anyone has any problems or issues with their days, just contact Lawrence and the brigade will work around the needs of the members. At this time, we can also officially welcome Jeff, Sam and Ashley to the rostered brigade.

With the 1 November deadline now being past, we hope everyone has ensured their fire breaks were up to scratch. Please remember we need these clearances to limit fire destruction and to provide access for fire vehicles.

Also by time of print, we would have held an 'Introduction to Fire Fighting' course, so we hope this has helped members to refresh their knowledge in preparation for the coming summer.

We stress extra vigilance with machine operations on properties as the hot temperatures set in and the fields remain dry.

Finally, the next general meeting will be held on 20 November at 6pm.

Julimar

Grant Scobie

IT'S been a quiet month in general with a few calls to see to some mopping up in the Malkup Reserve in Julimar after our controlled burn in September and a call to Morangup where the hardest part was dealing with the sightseers.

The rosters are now out until December / January. Anyone who is unable to fill their roster commitments, please contact your Duty Officer for them to arrange a replacement. Please do not organise it yourselves.

The Brigade manned the gates at the Toodyay Show again this year but it was dreadfully hard getting people to fill in the roster. The Show has been an important fundraiser for the Brigade and, as with all these projects, it's an excellent way to see and be seen by the community.

The next Brigade meeting will be on 6 November. As it is summer (well, almost), I believe it will begin at 6pm (check at the shed for the veracity of that statement - apparently, I've been wrong before!) and be followed, as usual, by the BYO barbecue.

If you wish to know more about your fire brigade or more about fire and how it may affect you in your community or even if you just want to get to meet some of your neighbours, get down to your local fire shed.

'The Fireplace', behind the Julimar Fire Shed is open from about 5pm on Friday nights for some casual interaction with Brigade members. Even if you're not a member, come along and have a chat about your fire prevention plan, find out about your brigade and get to know the people who are just like you, residents of Toodyay.

Toodyay Central

Desraé Clarke

IT is really great news to hear that our maintenance and equipment officer extraordinaire, Daisy (Bob Day), has left Royal Perth (Rehabilitation) Hospital to return home to Toodyay. Good on you, Daisy - best wishes to you and Deb from all the members of Central!!

It has come as quite a surprise to members of Central that, since the fire of 29 December 2009, there has been minimal increase in the Brigade's membership from the subdivisions covered by Central. To those landowners who have property in the subdivisions of:

Hoddywell Moondyne
Lozanda Heights Vernon Hills
Majestic Heights Majestic Waters
Wicklow Dumbarton

the Central Brigade needs your support as either active or ancillary members.

A Basic Fire Fighters Course is to be held at the Bejoording Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade shed on Saturday 6 November meeting at 8.30am for a 9am start. The Brigade invites those interested or those who might like a refresher on basic procedures, to come along to Bejoording on that morning - you will be made very welcome!

Enquiries may be made to Central Captain, Kevin Hug, 9574 2612 or Bejoording Captain, Lawrence Hayward, 9574 5106.

The next General Meeting is to be held on Tuesday 23 November commencing 7.30pm at the Fire and Emergency Centre, Stirling Terrace, Toodyay.

Central's Christmas get-together is to be held on December 11th commencing 6pm; enquiries may be made to Secretary/Treasurer, Wayne Clarke 6364 3609.



Morangup

Cheryl Mustchin

THIS month seems to have gone so fast! We have had a couple of callouts which, as all our local brigades will be aware, is only a sign of things to come.

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FACTSHEET: FIRE DANGER RATING AND WHAT IT MEANS TO YOU

	FIRE DANGER RATING	WHAT DOES IT MEAN?	WHAT SHOULD I DO?
 <p>Fires can threaten suddenly and without warning.</p> <p>Watch for signs of fire, especially smoke and flames.</p> <p>Know your fire danger rating and be aware of local conditions.</p> <p>Have your bushfire survival plan and kit ready.</p> <p>To seek information listen to local radio, go to www.fesa.wa.gov.au or call the FESA Information Line on 1300 657 209.</p> <p>Call 000 to report a fire.</p> 	CATASTROPHIC 100+	These are the worst conditions for a bush or grass fire. If a fire starts and takes hold, it will be extremely difficult to control and will take significant firefighting resources and cooler conditions to bring it under control. Spot fires will start well ahead of the main fire and cause rapid spread of the fire. Embers will come from many directions. Homes are not designed or constructed to withstand fires in these conditions. The only safe place to be is away from bushfire risk areas.	<p>YOU NEED TO ACT NOW</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Put your survival first and leave bushfire risk areas the night before or early in the day - this is your best option. Act immediately - do not wait and see: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> leave now avoid forested areas, thick bush or long, dry grass take shelter if you cannot leave
	EXTREME 75-99	These are very hot, dry and windy conditions for a bush or grass fire. If a fire starts and takes hold, it will be unpredictable, move very fast and difficult for firefighters to bring under control. Spot fires will start and move quickly. Embers may come from many directions. Homes that are prepared to the highest level, have been constructed to bushfire protection levels and are actively defended may provide safety. You must be physically and mentally prepared to defend in these conditions. The only safe place to be is away from bushfire risk areas.	<p>YOU NEED TO GET READY TO ACT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Only stay with your property if you are prepared to the highest level. This means your home needs to have been constructed to bushfire protection levels eg. enclosed eaves, covers over external air conditioners, metal flyscreens etc. You must be well prepared and able to actively defend your home if a fire starts. This means you have the right equipment and resources to put out fires around your home eg. enough water supply, petrol/diesel portable pump, generator, protective clothing etc. If you are not prepared to the highest level, leaving bushfire risk areas early in the day is your safest option.
	VERY HIGH 50-74	These are hot, dry and possibly windy conditions for a bush or grass fire. If a fire starts and takes hold, it may be hard for firefighters to control. Well prepared homes that are actively defended can provide safety. You must be physically and mentally prepared to defend in these conditions.	<p>YOU NEED TO BE AWARE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Well prepared homes that are actively defended can provide safety. This means you have the right equipment and resources to put out fires around your home eg. enough water supply, petrol/diesel portable pump, generator, protective clothing etc.
	HIGH 25-49	If a fire starts, it is likely to be controlled in these conditions and homes can provide safety. Be aware of how fires can start and reduce the risk. Controlled burning off may occur in these conditions if it is safe - check to see if permits apply.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Check your bushfire survival plan Monitor conditions Action may be needed Leave if necessary
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emergency services

Morangup Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade continued from Page 9

I again want to remind everyone that you need to have your cleanups around your properties completed and fire plans in readiness. Please don't be complacent and think that you can put it off until next week. We can all manage to find other things that need doing but this does need to be a priority, not just for your own families but the whole community. If you're unaware of what needs doing or where to start, we at the brigade are always ready to offer any advice you may need; there's no such thing as a silly question. We would rather come out to advise you now than to attend a fire on your property later.

Now, on a lighter note, we had some wonderful donations for our stall at the Toodyay show and our thanks go to everyone who supported us either by donations or buying from us on the day or even if you just stopped to say, "Hello." A couple of the reasons we fundraise are for the brigade but also for the community. We would like to invite the Morangup community to the annual Christmas party put on by the brigade in the hall at Wallaby Way on 4 December. If you've never been before, please come along; there are no strings attached and you'll get to meet other people in the area. It's a chance for us to get the community together and say thank you to everyone who supports us in what we do. Whether it's financial support or moral support we keep doing what we do because of all the great people who live here. If anyone would like to donate anything for the raffles at the Xmas Party, you can drop them at the shed on Saturday mornings between 8am and approximately 9.30am or call me if you'd like something picked up.

At our sundowner on Saturday night (we have one every third Saturday of the month), there was a small turnout but a good night was had and we had a couple of surprise visitors. Two of the local 'boys in blue'. They were out patrolling and saw the light on at the shed so stopped to check it out. It's nice to know you're out there, guys and girls and we really do appreciate your efforts.

Please keep an eye on your neighbours

and, if they look like they need a hand with a firebreak or just cleaning up, think about offering some help. The worst they could say is, "No thanks," and you know you might make a new mate or two; you never know until you ask.

For any enquiries, phone Cheryl Mustchin on 9572 9556.

Plan to Survive a Bushfire

BUSHFIRES happen every summer, starting often without warning. This is why developing and using a bushfire survival plan is critical especially if you live in or near bushland.

This plan will help you take action and avoid making last minute decisions that could prove deadly during a bushfire.

When developing your plan decide if you will leave for a safer place, which may be to relocate to family or friends, or stay to actively defend your home.

FESA District Manager Avon, Mark Bowen, said your bushfire survival plan must be written down and practised with everyone in your family or household before bushfire season.

"Give everybody their own tasks and if you are on your own you may like to develop your plan with your neighbour," Mr Bowen said. "Do not forget to think about what you will do with your pets and livestock."

The plan needs to take into account different circumstances and be based on the Fire Danger Rating.

"You must decide in what conditions you will stay, if any, and when it would be best to leave. Homes are not designed or constructed to withstand fires started in catastrophic fire weather conditions. On these days you should put your survival first and leave early, that is the night before or early in the day," Mr Bowen said.

Conditions can change very quickly in a bushfire and often without warning, so a backup plan is vital.

While everyone's Bushfire Survival Plan will be different, it needs to be flexible and cover a range of situations and importantly what will you do if things go wrong.

"Practise your plan regularly and review it every year, keep it in an easy to find place and make sure everyone knows where it is."

"Remember that this year's bushfire season is here early. This means you need to bring your planning forward as well."

Visit www.fesa.wa.gov.au for more information on how to prepare you, your family and your property for bushfire.

Toodyay Neighbourhood and Rural Watch 'Neighbours Looking after Neighbours'

Compiled by Desraé Clarke

Neighbourhood Watch State Conference Saturday 6 November 2010

If you are interested in supporting, or forming, a local Neighbourhood and Rural Watch network, the above conference is to be held at the City of Bayswater Council Offices located 61 Broun Avenue, Morley. Registration will commence at 8.30am for a 9am start. The Conference will conclude at 12.30pm and be followed by a light lunch.

This conference is an opportunity for Neighbourhood and Rural Watch groups and volunteers to share their experiences and network with local police, Local Government Community Safety Officers, Police Crime Prevention Officers, and other key Neighbourhood and Rural Watch Stakeholders. This will assist in identification of strategies for the future direction in delivering crime prevention initiatives to local communities.

Key topics that will be discussed at the conference will include an update on new technologies, (including use of Closed Circuit Television cameras), what is happening in local areas, a report on the National Neighbourhood Watch scene and an update on the National Neighbourhood Watch Conference.

Unfortunately, rural areas are poorly represented at this annual conference. It is

understandable that attending meetings in country areas can be a big 'ask' but it is the principles of Neighbourhood and Rural Watch of 'Neighbours Looking after Neighbours' that is so important. This is followed by prompt reporting to the Police of suspicious activities.

To assist in catering at the Conference prospective attendees are requested to RSVP Mr Brian Scully, State Coordinator, Neighbourhood Watch on 9356 0558 or email brian.scully@police.wa.gov.au Please provide a contact phone number or email address.

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Old Fashioned Service the Secret



Steve and Christine Gurman along with Jason Leighton at The Toodyay Butcher Shop

Grant Scobie

STEPHEN and Christine Gurman, both Western Australians through and through, moved to Toodyay for two main reasons: to give their children a better life and for a business opportunity.

Stephen has been a butcher for 10 years, originally leaning his trade at Woolworths before taking up a position at *The Corner Butcher* in Morley where, he says, he really learned about working with meat.

He joined Brian at *Innovations in Meat* in Toodyay eighteen months ago and recently decided to purchase the shop.

Stephen and Christine are now running *The Toodyay Butcher Shop*, and are offering the same old-fashioned service along with fresh new tastes and ideas with the help of their skilled staff.

Stephen says that, apart from general renovations, they will be concentrating on expanding the product range with cold meats, catering platters, ready to cook meals and just giving customers what they want.

"We are now stocking Mt Barker free range chicken and pork products, including our popular traditionally smoked bacon as well as a wide range of cold meats, which we slice on request, said Stephen. "Feel free to come and speak to us and see what we have on offer and what we have as our weekly specials.

"Everything is prepared on site, fresh daily. Don't forget, because it's not necessarily on display, we've probably got it in stock," said Steve. "The shop is just not large enough to display everything. And if it's not there, we'll get it in for you.

"It's old-fashioned service, that's the secret."

education

Toodyay Youthcare Council

Joy Cruickshank
Chairperson

THE Toodyay Youthcare Council is a small group representing the churches in Toodyay i.e. Anglican, Uniting, Baptist and Catholic plus Christian Fellowship.

One of the objectives, which occupies a considerable amount of time and energy, is the raising of funds to cover two days a week to have a chaplain in our High School. Community support is crucial to achieve this outcome.

On 23 October we held a very successful Car Boot Sale. We are indebted to the Anglican Church for the use of their lovely shaded area which gave ample space for cars and goods for sale. Grateful thanks to all who joined in buying and selling.

Thanks also to Trish Page and Maria Pepe for providing and serving delicious morning teas.

On Wednesday, 27 October, the Friends of Chaplaincy were invited to the TDHS for our annual morning tea to thank them and recognise their ongoing support. The Yummy Chummies, a highly competent and professional group of students, served a sumptuous feast under the experienced eye of Marilyn Parker (Home Economics).

Friends of Chaplaincy include Shire Councillors, local organisations and individuals who become members by contributing \$10 annually, thereby providing a steady income to the Youthcare Council.

I would also like to add my thanks to everyone who contributed to the Car Boot Sale, I hope everyone had a successful day. Please ring me if anyone has any queries about it.

We had a very successful day for the school chaplaincy. Four of the stalls were run by members of St John the Baptist Catholic Church, all proceeds from those stalls went to Chaplaincy.

With the site fees and morning tea we

raised \$1,040.

While I was handing out leaflets on Friday two people gave me donations of \$20 each. Thank you.

Our next fundraisers are: A Nutrimetric Skin Care Christmas demonstration on 12 November at 2pm at 11 St. Stephens Street. Please ring Moya on 9574 4080 if you can attend. 20% of all sales will be donated to Chaplaincy.

Also, we will be conducting a Christmas Raffle on the 25 and 26 November outside IGA.

If you would like to consider joining the Friends, please contact Joy Street on 9574 2401. You would be most welcome.

P&C News

Nyaree Lawler

What a success!

BIG thanks to everyone who supported the P&C at the Toodyay Show by buying food and drinks at the Pavilion. People were looking for a cool spot to eat and a cold drink almost non-stop from 9am and we raised over \$3,000. A huge thank you to our Fundraising Working Group, Therese Chitty, Larissa Leyland, Debra Andrijich and Petrina Moffet for all the extra effort, dedication and hard work that went into organising the rest of us!

We had a great response from parents, students and teachers in both donations of food and donations of time. Students helped us to set up on the Friday and others helped with clearing tables, washing dishes and making sandwiches on Show day.

Many people commented on the range and quality of the scones, slices and cakes that we had on offer. The Yummy Chummies have obviously developed a great reputation, with people specifically requesting "those pasties that the students make." Thanks also to those customers on the day who donated their change to the P&C as well.

New Menu Out Now!

Have you seen the new canteen menu? The canteen committee has taken on board some

of the suggestions made by members of the P&C and those discussed at the profitability workshop, including a new summer and winter menu. A variety of sushi is available on Wednesdays; just remember to order it on Monday morning! Charissa has also introduced a debit system, as opposed to the previous credit system. If you have any concerns/queries about the new system, please see Charissa at the canteen. We have already had some positive comments about the changes and hope that you and your children enjoy the new choices. If you haven't received a new menu yet, you can pick one up from the front office.

Faction Sports Shirt Options

The uniform committee, in conjunction with the School Council, is in the process of reviewing the school faction sport shirts. A few design options will be on display at the school on 12 November at the Learning Journey Open Day. We encourage you to have a look at them and have your say by voting for your preference.

Busy Bee

Thank you to the small but industrious bunch of people who came and helped move the leaf litter from the back of the school. This was an important and necessary cleanup which took several hours - not only does it look heaps better but is much safer from a fire aspect.

Special thanks to two TDHS staff who gave their time to come and help the P&C: Veronica Donegan and Erica Sheridan (sorry about the back of your utes, ladies!) Also thanks to parents and kids, Nyaree Lawler, Debra and Anthony Andrijich, Brett, Dylan and Michael Hart, Kerry Skinner and Catherine Fletcher (briefly!)

A big thanks to John Blackwell who volunteered his time and equipment to clear an area of dead trees and undergrowth, which would have taken us another half a day to do by hand.

Thanks also to Fletch who prepared the screening wire for hanging around the demountables, although we didn't get enough helpers on the day to be able to put them up.

The next P&C meeting is on 17 November starting at 7pm in the school staffroom.



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Senator for Western Australia, Senator Mark Bishop, officially opens the Br Norman Tuppin cfc Trade Training Centre at the Catholic Agricultural College Bindoon, accompanied by (from left to right) Regional Administrator EREA Mr Paul Williams, Deputy Director Catholic Education in Western Australia Ms Mary Reiel, Managing Director CY O'Connor TAFE Mr John Scott (obscured) and Principal Damian Wallis

THE Catholic Agricultural College in Bindoon is a year 7 to 12 co-educational college for day and boarding students built on the tradition inspired by their founder Blessed Edmund Rice.

Over the last 18 months the College has undertaken significant investment projects to improve and update facilities at the College, with a new Trade Training Centre and new Girls Dormitories recently completed and an updated Science and Learning Centre and refurbished Administration and Classrooms all scheduled for completion early in 2011.

"The investment in facilities is a result of increasing student numbers and the need to maintain a quality learning environment for our students," said Damian Wallis, Principal. "We currently have a good mix of male and female, boarding and day, students and we expect our student numbers to continue to increase as our reputation grows across the state as a leading specialist agricultural and trade secondary college."

In total the College has seen close to \$10.2million allocated to upgrading facilities including significant contributions from Australian Government initiatives. These new initiatives complement the already outstanding facilities at the College in which students can learn both practical agricultural and trade-based skills and sound academic

skills.

The College is set on a large working farm, with cattle and sheep livestock, wheat and other crops, an olive grove, a state of the art trade-training centre and one of the best equine learning facilities in the State.

Through its qualified team of teaching staff, its partnerships with TAFE and its links to the Apprenticentre, the College is able to provide a broad range of educational courses including both TEE and non-TEE subjects and recognised certificate courses covering Agriculture, Wool Handling, Automotive, Hospitality, Engineering, Equine Industry and Horse Breeding to name a few. Successful students are able to readily progress into further studies, apprenticeships or university courses, or to be job-ready for the workforce.

The College is built on the tradition of Edmund Rice and provides an education based on Christian values that respects the dignity of each individual and encourages the growth of initiative, responsibility, leadership and involvement.

A range of scholarships are offered at the College and details of these can be requested from the Registrar.

To find out how the Catholic Agricultural College can create a bright future for your child please visit www.cacbindoon.wa.edu.au or contact the College on (08) 9576 1040.

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Fly on the Wall

Peter Robinson

THE Julimar Fire Brigade hosted the October Ordinary meeting of Council on a cold night with a low local turnout. I think it may be time to review the practice of taking Council Meetings away from the Council Chambers.

First item of business was an application for a winery/art gallery/botanical garden and an agricultural intensive development on a property along Sandplain Road. This item had been adjourned from the previous month. Without going into all the debate, it is suffice to say that the plan has been put back to the proponents to have more discussions with the administration. I still can't believe that the administration is getting hung up on the botanical garden. If I successfully apply to build a house it is axiomatic that I can plant a garden. A garden that can contain exotic plants, poisonous plants, even hallucinogenic plants (the police may not approve, but the Shire doesn't have a say.) Yet if I want to fence off a section of native flora and put little labels with Latin names next to the various species, the Shire can say NO.

Emergency Management

As a result of some problems with emergency financial management following the December 09 fire, Councillors decided to draw up a policy to enable those authorised to make emergency financial decisions and to do so in confidence with guidelines within a policy. A 2005 policy of the Serpentine-Jarrahdale Shire will be used as a basis for our policy.

Alfresco Dining

The Alfresco dining area along the footpath in front of The Victoria Hotel's main dining room is to return. The area was only removed to make room for the new verandah and the Stirling Terrace upgrade.

Motorcycle Festival

Council has approved a Stirling Terrace road closure for Sunday 21 November 2010 from 6am to 5.30 pm. The town seems to be half full of motorbikes most weekends but, on the 21st, it will be a spectacular sight with the street literally full of bikes. It is also a charity fundraiser.

Scheme Amendment

An application for a scheme amendment to allow the subdivision of a 65ha block of land on the corner of Coondle West Road and Julimar Road (NW corner) has been rejected on a 6-3 vote.

Land Valuations for Rates

The Council has adopted a position that, using LPS 4, only land identified as 'Rural' will be rated at unimproved value (UV) and all other land to be rated at gross rental value (GRV). To complicate things however, you could be rated at a portion at GRV and the remainder at

UV if your land is not only used for agriculture (e.g chalets).

Municipal Inventory

If you can say that quickly ten times, then you are doing very well; the rest of us just use MI. The draft revised MI was passed by Council. The final report will include some late changes. This document is important for an historic town and needs to be kept relevant, accurate and up to date. The Toodyay Historical Society did an enormous amount of work in the short time that was made available to assist in getting the document as accurate as possible.

Archeological Dig

The most significant and important archaeological site works carried out in Toodyay occurred during June of this year. The Council has accepted the preliminary recommendations of the Archaeology Department of the University of Western Australia. That is to nominate the areas around the Shire offices and behind the tennis courts in Anzac Parade to the State Register of Historic Places with a view towards eventual listing on the National and World Heritage Registers. Managed carefully and promoted properly, this could be a major boon to our tourist industry. It is good to note that the Administration is also in the process of developing an archaeology policy. There are a whole lot of ramifications from these discoveries and there needs to be a careful, methodical approach to working through all the issues.

Mens Shed

There was an item of an urgent nature brought to the meeting by Cr Wroth relating to the Men's Shed. The motion was asking the Administration to prepare a report for Councillors on a suitable site for the Men's Shed to be established. The motion also stated that the preferred site be the area behind the Old Stables. The part relating to the preferred site was deleted on amendment, then the motion was passed. Some Councillors didn't learn from the fiasco of the recreation debate relating to Option 7 when the Council came out with a preferred position before public consultation. At least that time there was a consultant's report to work from. This time Councillors were asked to support a preferred site with no background information. The Men's Shed Organisation has not yet even come forward with a concise plan or precise requirements.

By this time of the night, there was considerable laughter going on between Councillors and even the gallery was getting involved. Our Acting CEO, Simon Fraser, was finding extra clothes to put on to try and keep out the chill. He, like many others, was unprepared for such a cold night in a tin shed.

Our new Shire President, Cr Hogg, was put under some pressure to make rulings on a couple of matters, which he handled very well.

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Revving Up in Toodyay

ONE big day in November, the streets of Toodyay will come alive with the first Toodyay Motorcycle Festival.

Following the popularity of the Northam Motorcycle Festival, this event aims to promote Toodyay as a destination for motorcycle enthusiasts, as well as a great place for families to spend the day.

Spend the day in Toodyay

The Toodyay Motorcycle Festival will be a free, one-day event. The main street will be closed to traffic from 8am – 4pm so that visitors can park their bikes in the street and spend the day soaking up the atmosphere.

The street will be filled with festivities that include market stalls, clothing and motorcycle accessories and more. Cafes and pubs will be open for business, serving all day breakfast, lunch and everything in between. The Freemasons Hotel plus the Toodyay Tavern will also feature live blues bands.

But the theme for the day is motorcycles, and the Toodyay Motorcycle Festival is proud to bring an exciting line up of things to see and do.

Don't miss:

- Moto trials - see some of the best riders demonstrating their balancing and skills out on the street;
 - Custom and vintage bike display;
 - Perth Street Bikes display – see the infamous PSB show bikes;
 - New bike displays from major brands;
 - Clothing and accessories on sale;
- Some of the bikes on display will include:
- Suzuki RG 500 - Red/black, blue/white, factory version and the 1984 Barry Sheene 500GP versions;
 - Yamaha RZ500 – Red/white factory version and the 1982 Kenny Roberts 500GP version;
 - Yamaha RD250 custom paint;
 - Honda NS400R;
 - Rothmans Freddie Spencer 1985 factory version;
 - Kawasaki KR250 tandem twin 1984;
 - Honda CBX1000Z 6 cylinder twin shock 1978/9 – a very rare bike;
 - Suzuki GS1000S: Red/white rare Australian version;
 - Custom Bobbers: Triumph and Harley

engine power;

- Variety of Italian classic bikes including Ducati and Moto Guzzi.

Be part of the Event!

Interested in being part of this exciting event? For a low cost of just \$35, you can have a 3mx3m stall. These are available to a variety of businesses that do not include food vendors. You will need to provide your own public liability insurance. For more information, contact Nerissa Garwell on 0400 224 007.



Making a Difference

The Making a Difference Ride (M.A.D.) Inc. is an incorporated charitable organisation formed by members of the Perth Street Bike community. M.A.D. raises much needed funds, gains support and improves awareness of the Shenton Park Rehabilitation Hospital and also Reds Spinal Research at the University of Western Australia. Since 2005, M.A.D. has raised more than \$50,000 through organised charity rides, as well as raffles and fund raising. All proceeds have gone towards spinal injury research and rehabilitation.

The 2010 Making A Difference Ride has now been confirmed, and will be a major part of the Toodyay Motorcycle Festival.

All two and three wheeled motorised transport is welcome, and M.A.D. is calling out to anyone to get involved to support this great cause. There is hope that this year, they will beat their record numbers of over 2,500 bikes.

Details for the M.A.D. ride on Sunday 21 November:

Start Point: Meet at Farrall Oval (Jecks Place, Stratton) from 8am

Departure 10am for the Toodyay Motorcycle Festival

Entry Fee: \$10 on day

Proceeds to Shenton Park Spinal ward and Spinal Research.

Coffee, food, refreshments and M.A.D. bike raffle tickets will be available.

Motorcycle and Scooter Awareness Week

A joint project by RAC, Roadwise and Motorcycle Riders' Association of WA, WA Motorcycle and Scooter Awareness Week runs from 14 – 21 November. Throughout the week, Main Roads will be promoting rider safety through promotional information via radio, television and signage.

Roadwise will also have a safety display trailer at the Toodyay Motorcycle Festival manned by the Motorcycle Riders' Association volunteers.

The Toodyay Motorcycle Festival will be held on 21 November 2010. Festival details can be found at www.toodyaymotorcyclefestival.com.au

The Toodyay Historical Society

Beth Frayne
Secretary

OCTOBER seemed to be the month for historical celebrations in Toodyay. On Friday, 1 October, was the Town's 150th Anniversary when it was proclaimed the Town of Newcastle, now Toodyay. See the Herald's excellent coverage on the front page of the October issue. Limited edition mementos are available for sale at the Visitor Centre.

On Show Day (9 October), we had a pleasing steady trickle of visitors through the Cottage to look at the displays, including Shire President, Kevin Hogg, and Professor Jenny Gregory AM, Chair of the National Trust of Australia (WA). Many thanks to those members who helped on the day, especially in erecting our newly donated, shade gazebo.

On 7 October, some of our members witnessed the rededication of the restored World War I and II honour boards in the Lesser Hall of the Toodyay Memorial Hall. The Society provided some historical information about these boards to the Shire. Members also attended the Toodyay RSL ceremony at the War Memorial, dedicating newly installed WWI memorial plaques and three new seats. The Society also contributed to the Toodyay Volunteer Fire and Rescue Service's Centenary Celebration on 23

October, providing some assistance for the photographic and information displays.

Our Toodyay Clock has moved! Due to the Bendigo Bank renovations, the clock has been safely moved to new quarters provided by the Shire. Many thanks to the Bank for providing such a safe place to display this charming object from Toodyay's past.

Another book on Toodyay has just been published. Member, Alison Cromb, has completed many years of research on 19th century Toodyay and has just self-published her first book, entitled 'The history of the Toodyay Convict Depot: a tale of the convict era of Western Australia'. This beautifully illustrated 147 page paperback tells many fascinating stories as well as being a serious work of research on the beginnings of old Toodyay and Newcastle. The Convict Establishment in Western Australia and its workings is also well explained. This book is available from the Society, courtesy of the author (\$35 RRP, \$30.00 to THS members.)

Donegan's Cottage site maintenance is underway, with Shire and electrical contracting staff pulling up floor-boards and replacing the electrical wiring that has sustained the rats for a decade or so. Many thanks to the Shire for undertaking this work.



Donegan's Cottage on Show Day: L-R, visitor Prof. Jenny Gregory AM, THS members Faye Baxter, Kathy & Peter Robinson, Milton Baxter

The main room in the Cottage is looking particularly good. We have finally spent our Commonwealth Volunteer Grant monies on more light-weight display holders and a folding table. Our leaflets, booklets and publications look especially fine in our small double-sided shelving unit on wheels! Many thanks to Jenny Edgecombe for procuring these items.

The Monster Garage Sale at Donegan's Cottage, on Saturday, 30 October, will

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TOODYAY MOTORCYCLE FESTIVAL

SUNDAY 21 NOVEMBER 2010

Spend the day in Toodyay! The main street in Toodyay will be transformed as motorbike enthusiasts hit the town for the first Toodyay Motorcycle Festival.

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4pm

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have happened by the time this goes to press. Judging by the amount of stuff already collected, it should have been very successful. Many thanks to all those who helped on the day, and especially to Len and Lois Leeder for doing the sorting and pricing (they are the experts at this!)

Next event: Society's 30th Anniversary Dinner, 7pm, Freemasons' Hotel. RSVP Beth by Monday 22 November. Numbers are limited. Members have preference, but partners are welcome, of course. The evening will feature book launches (bring money) and a special guest and presentation. A la carte menu.

Our next general meeting will be Wednesday, 17 November 2010, 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, on 9574 5971, President, Len Leeder, on 9574 4343 or Vice President, Robyn Taylor, on 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. (Postal address: PO Box 32, Toodyay WA 6566.)

Arts Toodyay

Margot Watkins

WRITERS! Just getting your attention... Our group's charter is to embrace all art forms and, to this end, our art room in Duke St is available for meetings, etc (that don't clash with current usage) to a writers' group (poetry, prose, non-fiction etc.) If there is enough desire here in Toodyay, register your interest with Nuala on 0429 386 317.

Coming up on 21 November at 2pm is a public meeting and a screening in the Memorial Hall of an amazing documentary film 'At the Coalface' which records the different arts projects that grew out of the Victorian Bushfires. There will be afternoon tea and discussions afterwards but see separate article and advertisement for details. Please come and support this event.

The day before, on the 20th, is an Open day at Ruth Lawford's, where there will be jewellery, artworks, garden sculptures and much more. Come and browse for some lovely personal and unique gifts for Christmas in a relaxing atmosphere. Phone Ruth on 9574 4695 for details.

The Art alpacas were auctioned to a small but keen crowd at the show. The official opening was in a different place this year which no one thought to mention. However our amazing auctioneer, Tony Maddox, carried on regardless and did a fantastic job. Many thanks for the generosity of the artists who donated their artwork to the cause. Numbers were down a little at the Show's art display; it does descend quickly at a time when everyone is busy getting ready for summer. So why not start now and be ready for the next one!

And during October our president Sharon Boxall had a fabulous exhibition of her recent works at AVAS in Northam entitled 'Memories of Rajasthan'. Hope you all managed to see it.

You might have noticed an article in the Hills Gazette 9th October about a Toodyay artist, Bob Booth, who won a Highly Commended prize at the Mandorla Art Award? Congratulations Bob (and why not join our art group?) There must be something in the air here. The paper said also that the \$20,000 prize was won by Annette Allman but didn't say that she is also a Toodyay person. She has lived here and still has

connections with Toodyay. The works will be at the Benedictine Gallery at New Norcia until 20 November.

Of interest to those who love life-drawing is the Fremantle Festival opening at 6.30pm on 4 November at the Moore's Gallery in Fremantle. The Festival goes till 14 November and, as well as exhibitions, there are activities involving artists and anyone, you too, drawing in the Gallery's spaces using dancers practising as their models, eg Shiek to Sheik belly dancers, classical ballet, flamenco, martial arts, Argentine Tango etc. Also lectures on art, the history of the figure in Renaissance art, and anatomy, and a film on Picasso. At cafes around Freo there will be entertainment at different times, and artists encouraging cafe patrons to try their hand at drawing the entertainers and their instruments as they sing and play etc. Drawing supplies provided free at the tables. Check www.drawntogether.fremantle.com.au or festivals@fremantle.wa.gov.au or phone 9432 9786 for specific times, and all the great things happening.

Next textiles' workshop sounds fabulous: making a 3D rope vessel using rope, wool, onion bags, fabrics, papers and anything else you can think of. Start collecting now and let Bev know 9574 2898 if you want to come as you'll also need to bring a few things. It's on 14 November.

Finally, we will be having another 'wearable' exhibition at the CWA hall during the Moondyne weekend. This time we (anyone who wants) are making 'Waggas', you know, those old quilts that our pioneers made during the hard times using whatever was available such as woollen suiting off cuts, hessian bags, old clothes - recycling before it was fashionable. Can be freely interpreted, so it should be an interesting display and appropriate to the history of the CWA Hall, and the Moondyne legend (well he probably would have appreciated one.)

Toodyay Garden Club

Gale Anderson
Secretary

OUR October visit was to a brilliant home hobby garden of two acres within the town - a genuine credit to Andrew and Debra.

Situated in a valley surrounded by rocky hills, they built their house 8 years ago and, since retiring 4 years ago, Andrew began to contemplate landscaping on several levels.

Andrew believes the rocks harness the heat in summer and makes gardening all that much harder. Having lost some 100 trees last year through the long hot summer, he set about doing some serious planning and layering of compost so that, with varying soils on his property, he was able to enhance the unproductive areas in a very simple and effective environmental way.

To do this, he introduced a manure bath of alpaca, chook, sheep and horse manures, kept moist with the strained liquid collected beneath the bath and tubbed into a holding tank to be used in due course. The bath's organic matter is emptied every two weeks and then spread and raked in with some soil and pea straw added. This makes for a great bed for potatoes, pumpkins, etc.

Debra also introduced us to another sideline, namely worm farms which are fed shredded paper and Alpaca droppings. The worms break down all materials to leave only castings and worm juice which constantly drips into a container and is used as garden liquid fertilizer.

We thought at one stage that Margret O'Sullivan was going to pass out on us if someone else opened the lid to the worm farm again. She admitted that she has a

dreadful fear of worms and the look on her face said it all when Sue dived in to see the layers of the worm farm makings. Well, they're not exactly the most attractive little creatures but it did make for some light banter within the group at Margaret's expense.

The air-conditioned chook house is brilliant and his hen house is set up so that the boxes, lined with shredded paper, can be opened for collection of nice clean eggs from each without going into the actual pen. These very healthy Isa Brown hens have a huge engineered yard, fully enclosed steel structure with heavy mesh wiring, trees for added shade, reticulation and outside perches, all in the name of having happy safe hens. Andrew has recently introduced some meat birds to try his hand at.

Down in the gully, two alpacas complement the landscape as lawnmowers as well as manure and fibre producers (they're shorn once a year.) Andrew now needs to get into washing, combing and spinning the fleeces. As one our Toodyay Spinners he is currently trying to knit a jumper. He said it may take another ten years but he's giving it a go.

The aquaponics set up, breeding of Silver Perch for the table, was fascinating for everyone and the operating costs are no more than having another two light bulbs running full time.

Three old fridges were obtained for the growing of vegetables in the aquaponics area. They were a cheap option but work very well he said. He may eventually line them as he has had some troubles with leakage.

The fridges, on raised stands, are filled with a medium brown gravel of 15mm size which is the vegetable beds for seedlings. All seedlings are washed of any soil prior to planting in order to keep the water clean. The water is carefully managed, initially stored in drums to allow the chlorine to evaporate before putting into the 1000l fish tank which is aerated and kept at 24 degrees all year round. The fish are fed and water is recycled through the vegetable beds ridding it of any ammonium nitrate and then filtered back again into the fish tank. String lines are suspended on weights from the roof for climbing vegetables such as beans, peas and tomatoes. They have had several crops of lovely clean vegetables this year. They are constantly coming up with new ideas for improvement and I'm sure next time we visit we'll see more of their ingenious ways of gardening.

Well, the cheek of the man! Andrew happened to mention that it was his birthday the following day and asked if everyone had bought him a birthday present (preferably not under \$20 each.) John White (member) and native plant nurseryman who owns Florabundance Nursery stepped in and kindly presented Andrew with a tray of trees. His advice for future tree planting was graciously accepted and I'm sure they will take John's hints on board.

Seated in the very restful garden area with chairs scattered at different viewing points within the garden, lovely hedges of lavender and a rose garden in front of the house on a beautiful day, we were treated to a platter of Debra's homemade sausage rolls for morning tea. I could have sat there all day. I believe that is what makes a lovely garden visit.

Many thanks to Debra and Andrew for hosting our club at your garden.

Toodyay Miniature Railway

June Eastwood

A LACK of rain has seen Duidgee Park vegetation dry off very quickly. This has meant a cessation of runs by our two

steamers, big red Smoky and Shandy, but diesels, Len and Percy, will be running on our two last days for the season, 7 and 21 November. Apart from the usual Australia Day run, there will be no public running between 21 November and Easter 2011.

Our hard working President, Graham, has again had to spend time and effort fixing the result of senseless vandalism. All nine metal signs were either uprooted completely or had the ornate place names torn from their posts. Heads on the two metal sheep were also twisted round. No doubt the perpetrators boast of their achievements to their peers. Will someone with a conscience please offer us a clue? Anonymous is fine to Box 230. We would really like to talk to these heroes so we can understand what it is that they have against a fun club that brings so much pleasure to young and old alike.

Our next hope is for someone in power to bend the rules a little so we can erect a much needed loco shed. At present we are unable to store carriages which are badly needed. We have no raised areas where the two steamers can be fired; this is putting in jeopardy a continuation of access to Smoky.

With both owner-drivers well past the centre of 100, working on these engines by lying on the ground is really no longer an option. Even servicing our diesels is a painful experience for similar reasons.

Juggling engines and carriages in our present small space also takes the shine off proceedings. The bugbear is the 100 year flood level. Our locos cannot climb the steep gradient to where the 'safe' area is deemed to be. However they would be stored on 600mm high trestles within a new building so we can only hope as there are no other requirements other than a lockable shell, mercy will be shown. The future of this very popular addition to Toodyay is in the balance.

Toodyay Theatre Group

WE are currently in rehearsals for our next production "Skit'll Do", which is a compilation of one act plays, song and dance, skits and jokes. It's turned into a showcase for our younger members displaying their versatile talents. However, a few of the old faithfuls are up there stomping the boards as well (Vicki Haggarty does Tina Turner!)

Performance nights are Friday and Saturday 19 and 20 November, 2010. Doors open at 7.30pm, curtain at 8pm. To keep it affordable for everyone it's only \$12 a ticket, with a bring your own supper. Bar facilities available as usual - strictly no BYO. Tickets are available from Makit Hardware.

The Toodyay Theatre Group has been entertaining the town for over 21 years. So if you would like a cheap (depends how much you drink!), fun (there's lots to laugh at!) night out, come along and show your support.

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OPEN INVITATION TO TOODYAY HERALD READERS

Ruth Lawford and invited fellow artisans will hold an Open Day at her residence on Whitfield Road (off Goomalling Road) Toodyay on Saturday, November 20. Open 10am to 3pm.

They have created a virtual treasure-trove of unique collectibles to wear or to decorate your home and environs. Take your time to truly appreciate the beautiful selection of quality creations and discover a perfect gift for a special person you want to please this Christmas.

Original pieces include vintage bead necklaces and vintage Japanese pure silk kimonos and scarves. Also see the fabric art embroideries, wirework sculptures, bears, recycled fabric covered visual diaries, and striking steam punk jewellery. Find crystal suncatchers and exquisite evening jewellery and colourful contemporary necklaces.

The venue will be well signposted with plenty of parking. Ruth can be contacted on 9574 4695 or by email address ruthgl@westnet.com.au

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Toodyay Music Club

Jenny Edgecombe

THERE is no such thing as an 'ordinary' gathering of the Music Club; someone is always trying something new or performing with different club members.

Peter continued his successful work with Moira, Eileen and Maurice, this time with an old Fijian love song. The ukuleles and vocal harmonies blended beautifully in this piece. Moira's 'Dream, Dream, Dream', accompanied by Peter on ukulele, showcased her lovely voice, and she is obviously enjoying the different kinds of music she has encountered since joining the club. Maurice presents quite a variety of styles in his individual items, and his unaccompanied version of 'I Think I'm Going Back' was impressive. This song is challenging even with accompaniment.

Allan has also been responsible for some marvellous combinations with other club members. This time it was a toe-tapping Gospel-flavoured medley with his guitar, Leila's bass, Teddy and Spencer's ukes and enthusiastic singing. Allan's voice is also well-suited to the solo items he chose, this time including a favourite of mine, 'If Tomorrow Wasn't Such A Long Time'.

Gale explores a wide variety of Country and Western music, and her version of 'Your Cheatin' Heart' particularly suited her voice and guitar work. Jeanette presented a new song, 'Belfast Mill', Joe sang the very popular Leondar Cohen song, 'Hallelujah', and I tried out a verse or two of my 'Battle of New Orleans', prompted by the US oil spill disaster earlier this year.

Leila had the accordion out this month, always welcome, but my favourite item of the whole night was her haunting use of the bow on the double bass to accompany Spencer's beautiful singing of 'Long Black Veil'.

My parents were visiting from Wellington, NSW and, as on previous visits, they were impressed by the club's friendly, supportive atmosphere. We had the usual cheerful sing-along sessions and I must also mention the substantial group who turned out the next day to perform as roving singers at the Agricultural Show. It is good for the club to be able to support an important community event, as well as providing a very different kind of experience for those who take part.

Performers, don't forget to include some songs related to Planes, Trains and Motor Vehicles for November's theme night - see you there. For everyone else, remember that new performers and visitors are always welcome.

Next Meeting: 7pm Friday 12 November. Any style of singing or instrumental performance is welcome, so long as it is 'acoustic'. Second Friday of each month at the CWA Hall. Further Information: Teddy or Spencer on 9574 4492.

Toodyay Playgroup and Baby Playgroup

WELL it's that time of the year and we are all busy planning the Playgroup Christmas Party. This year the party will be held at Duidgee Park on Thursday 25 November for all our current playgroup members. The kids will enjoy playing in the park's playground and we are trying to organise a bouncy castle. If the kids have been good, we may also get an early special visit from Santa! We are looking forward to a fun morning for kids and parents so bring your picnic blankets, chairs, hats, sunscreen, etc and enjoy. For further details please contact Playgroup.

Toodyay Playgroup is open on Tuesday and Thursday from 9.30 - 11.30am at the Community Centre in Stirling Tce. New families are always welcome. Please come along; it's a great way to meet other parents, make new friends and allows little ones to socialise with other children (dads welcome as well). Our playgroup is informal, set in a casual environment for you and your little ones to enjoy.

In addition to our regular sessions, we also have Baby Playgroup especially for babies (0-12 months). Baby Playgroup is held on Wednesday 9.30 - 11.30am. All new mums and babies (and older siblings) are welcome to come along. This session is a great opportunity for mums to interact with other mums with access to Child Health Care Nurse, information sessions and other facilities as needed. So come along and join us.

The Toodyay Toy Library has been incorporated into the Toodyay Playgroup and toys can now be borrowed by members of Toodyay Playgroup and Baby Playgroup.

The cost is \$2 per toy/fortnight. All money raised will be put back into the Toy Library to replace toys as needed.

Any enquiries about Toodyay Playgroup and Baby Playgroup please call Brenda Hutchinson on 9574 4489.

Our next committee meeting is on Tuesday 16 November.

From the Pavilion Avon Wood Turners' Notes

Max Heath
Convenor

APPARENTLY the show went off well and the wood turners were well pleased with the result of our raffle which raised about \$600 for our club.

As this is our main fundraiser for the year, we really appreciate the support given to us by one and all. As one could see, we really did ourselves proud with the prize. Next year's prize in already on the drawing board and will definitely be under construction early in the New Year.

My wife and I have just recently spent time in and around Victoria and were surprised at the little wood turning we saw. Unfortunately, we did see a lot of dead trees as we spent a few days in the fire ravaged areas but we were also pleasantly surprised at some of the regrowth.

We have a couple of new members and the club is looking good. As I have mentioned before, all are welcome at the pavilion so, if you would like even just to see what we do, please come down at 9am Sunday morning as, at the moment, we are trialling meeting every Sunday (we're hoping this may suit any Fly In Fly Out people).

Cheers for now.

Autumn Club

Autumn Leaf

AT the end of October the club enjoyed a BBQ in Duidgee Park. We had to hang on to our snaggers as the wind was very strong but the day went well.

On 9 November we are off to Goomalling Seniors Club for a game of indoor bowls

and a good chat. We leave the bus shed at 9.30am. Then, the next week, we are off for a day in Beverley sightseeing; we will meet at the bus shed at 9am.

Make a note of the date for our Christmas Party - 18 December so get your name on the list.

There is only one birthday in November: Peggy Beech on the 19th. In the first week of December, birthdays include Tina Short (4th), Billie Dodemaide (6th) and Ray Edwards (8th). On behalf of the club, I wish you all a very happy birthday.

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Bahá'í Faith
"The earth is but one country,
and mankind its citizens."
-Bahá'u'lláh

Day of Resurrection

On the meaning of Resurrection, Shoghi Effendi, the Guardian of the Baha'í Faith explained that "...its meaning is figurative. The tomb mentioned is also allegorical, i.e. the tomb of unbelief. The Day of Resurrection, according to Bahá'í interpretation, is the Judgement Day, the Day when unbelievers will be called upon to give account of their actions, and whether the world has prevented them from acknowledging the new Revelation."

Abdu'l-Bahá has stated that "The world of humanity cannot advance through mere physical powers and intellectual attainments; nay, rather, the Holy Spirit is essential. The divine Father must assist the human world to attain maturity. The body of man is in need of physical and mental energy but his spirit requires the life and fortification of the Holy Spirit. Without its protection and quickening the human world would be extinguished. His Holiness Jesus Christ declared, "Let the dead bury their dead." He also said, "That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the spirit is spirit." It is evident therefore according to His Holiness that the human spirit which is not fortified by the presence of the Holy Spirit is dead and in need of resurrection by that divine power; otherwise though materially advanced to high degrees man cannot attain full and complete progress."

The Baha'is maintain that the material interpretation of the Day of Resurrection by Christians and Moslems has arisen out of misunderstanding of the Bible and the Quran. In Ephesians 2:1, Paul, addressing the living people, says: "And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins; and in 2:5: "But God...even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ..." In John 11:25: "Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live." Clearly Jesus refers to those spiritually dead and not physically, who by accepting Him would be resurrected to spiritual life.

The Baha'is believe that with the appearance of Bahá'u'lláh, began the Day of Resurrection anticipated in the Bible and the Quran.

For information, email: info-toodyay@wa.bahai.org.au or call 08 9330 6999

when and where they meet

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AFRICAN DRUMMING

Thursdays (adults) 6 - 7.30pm at The Factory Baptist Church All instruments provided. Enquiries: Heather on 9574 5463.

ARTS TOODYAY INC

Meets first Tuesday of the month, 7pm at The Old Police Station in Duke St Sth. For all interested in arts/crafts, workshops. Enquiries to Wendy on 9574 4172

AUSTRALIAN BREASTFEEDING ASSOCIATION

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

AUTUMN CLUB

Every Wednesday, 1pm to 4pm. Toodyay Sports Pavilion Contact Glenyce Bosnjak 9574 4587

AVON VALLEY ADULT RIDING CLUB

Meets 4th Saturday of each month (Feb - Nov) at Toodyay Race Course. Contact: Sandra 9574 4429

AVON VALLEY ENVIRONMENTAL SOC.

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

AVON VALLEY VINTAGE VEHICLE ASSOCIATION

3rd Thursday every month, 8pm at the old engineers quarters next to Northam Railway Museum, Fitzgerald Street Northam. Ph 9622 1192.

AVON WOODTURNERS GROUP

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

BEJOORDING VOLUNTEER FIRE BRIGADE

Meet at Bejoording Fire Shed, 3rd Saturday 5pm

BINGO

Every Wednesday, eyes down 7.30pm Community Centre

CENTRAL VOLUNTEER BUSH FIRE BRIGADE

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

CHILD HEALTH IMMUNISATION CLINIC

The next immunisation clinic: Call for details. Please call Sheree on 9574 4577 to book an appointment.

COONDLE NUNILE VOLUNTEER BUSH FIRE BRIGADE

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

COUNTRY WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION (CWA)

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

CUBS, JOEYS & SCOUTS (only during school term)

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

DRAMA CLASSES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

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

EARTH SOLUTIONS - AVON VALLEY

Third Tuesday of each month, 6pm at the PB Kirby Centre, cnr Gordon and Wellington Sts, Northam. New members welcome. Contact Caroline Barr on 9622 8043 or Belle Moore on 9622 5203 for additional information.

FITNESS AND FUN FOR THE OVER 55's

Wednesday 9am, Sports Pavillion.

IDA'S HIDEAWAY

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

JULIMAR VOLUNTEER BUSH FIRE BRIGADE

Meets 1st Saturday of month, 6pm at Julimar Fire Station followed by BYO BBQ. Training Sunday following meeting, 10am, Julimar Fire Station.

MOERLINA

Every Tuesday and Thursday Toodyay Sports Pavilion

MORANGUP PLAYGROUP

Morangup Community Hall, Lot 3 Wallaby Way, Morangup. Every Wednesday 9.30 to 11.30am (excluding public and school holidays). Emma Whately 9572 9376, Julie Slater 9572 9914 or Chere Rothwell 9572 9298

MORANGUP VOLUNTEER BUSH FIRE BRIGADE

Meets 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7pm, Saturday mornings at 8am at 3 Wallaby Way, Morangup. New members welcome. Contact Cheryl Mustchin 9572 9556

MURDER MYSTERY CLUB

Meets Third Friday of the month, Toodyay Library, 10am - 12.30. Ph Liz 9574 5967 or Dot 0407 656 853

RAG BAGS QUILTING GROUP

1st, 3rd Wednesday, 10am CWA Hall

ST STEPHEN'S MOTHERS' UNION/GUILD

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

SHIRE OF TOODYAY COUNCIL MEETING

3rd Thursday of each month Council Chambers 7pm

SILVER CHAIN AUXILIARY

Meetings 2nd Tuesday of each month, 10am at Toodyay Telecentre.

SIMPLY MUSIC

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

SOCIAL TENNIS

Tuesday 8.30am Ladies and senior men

TOODYAY 4WD CLUB

Meets every 3rd Saturday of the month. Please contact Dave Isbill 9574 4035 for location and time.

TOODYAY BALLET SCHOOL

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

TOODYAY BUSHWALKERS

Visiting local reserves renowned for their biodiversity. Wednesday mornings, 7am (Time may vary). Contact Sally on 9574 4184 or Sarah on 9574 2118 for details.

TOODYAY/CLACKLINE KARATE CLUB

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

THE TOODYAY COMMUNITY SINGERS INC

Thursdays 7-9pm, St. Stephen's Church Hall. Contact: Peter 0421704429 or Trish 9574 4330

TOODYAY DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL P & C

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

TOODYAY DISTRICTS HORSE & PONY CLUB

4th Sunday of every month (Feb - Nov), Toodyay Race Course. Contact Tanzi 0427 859 493

TOODYAY FRIENDS OF THE RIVER

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

TOODYAY GARDEN CLUB (Inc)

1st Thursday of each month 10am. Contact Gale 9574 4740 or Margaret 9574 5885 for next club venue.

TOODYAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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

TOODYAY KINDERGYM

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

TOODYAY LIONS CLUB

1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month Hotel Freemasons

TOODYAY MASONIC LODGE

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

TOODYAY MINIATURE RAILWAY (Inc)

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

TOODYAY MEN'S SHED

Meets at Race Course on Thursday. For times, please phone Geoff Ebdon on 9574 4568

TOODYAY MONTESSORI

Monday and Wednesday 9.30 - 11.30am Enquiries phone Sally on 9574 4184 or Jodie on 9574 5569.

TOODYAY MUSIC CLUB INC

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

TOODYAY NATURALISTS' CLUB

3rd Saturday each month, at CWA Hall 7pm. Enquiries to President on 9574 2560 or Secretary on 6364 3609. Visitors and new members will be made very welcome.

TOODYAY NEIGHBOURHOOD/RURAL WATCH

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

TOODYAY OLIVE GROWERS

Contact Francis Moran for meeting dates 9574 5786.

TOODYAY PLAYGROUP

Tuesdays & Thursdays 9.30am - 11.30am, Playgroup Hall, Community Centre, Brenda Hutchinson 9574 4489

TOODYAY RATEPAYERS & RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION (INC.)

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

TOODYAY RED CROSS

2nd Monday of month, Anglican Hall, 1.30pm

TOODYAY SPINNERS

Wednesdays and 2nd Saturday from 9am Parkers Cottage. President: CArol Worrell 0407 429 047; Secretary: Phil Harmer 9574 2015

TOODYAY SUB -BRANCH RSL

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

TOODYAY SWIMMING POOL ACTION COMM.

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

TOODYAY TOWN WALKS

Walk around our beautiful town. Monday and Friday (varies). Contact Prim on 9574 2490 for details.

TOODYAY VOLUNTEER FIRE AND RESCUE

1st Monday of each month Fire Station, 8pm

UNITING CHURCH

10am, St Stephen's Church, Toodyay

YOGA

Friday 9am Friday CWA Hall. 9574 4184

Healing in the Hills

Are you ready for a reality check?

Bob Adair

Toodyay Christian Fellowship

DO you ever get sick and tired of the way perfection is paraded in front of your nose like there's something wrong with you if you're not living up to that standard? What is the 'perfect ten' anyway? Is it being too thin or smarter than someone else, just being cool? Would \$10million make you a part of the 'in crowd'?

Who makes these judgment calls? Well, I think it could all be in our own imagination. Or is it the TV shows we watch or, perhaps, our peer group just playing mind games with us?

Maybe what we need is a reality check? We don't need the knockers or the social engineers and those who would have us yield to political correctness. There are those who constantly try to change us into their mould through criticism, punishment or straight out psychological skulduggery.

The thing I love about Jesus and the reason I talk about him like a broken record is because that just wasn't his style. Sure, he reached out to the disenfranchised, the outcasts of society like the woman about to be stoned because she was caught in the act of adultery (some would ask what happened to the bloke), ten men, outcasts from society with leprosy (the 1st century equivalent of AIDS), a tax department sub-contractor with his own very special rip-off arrangements, a blind man begging and prostitutes with only one way out of poverty; all certainly needed help to change.

But did you know that many of the people He encountered were folk like you and me, the ordinary people with all their faults, with all the normal struggles of life? It wasn't the social ladder climbers, the chic and slick he dealt with, it was you and me: people who genuinely wanted a better life in the now and hereafter.

In fact Jesus himself was accused of being a drunkard. Ironically the religious leaders hated his guts because he related so well with ordinary people. As a matter of fact he said that He did not come to call on the goody-goodies (the righteous) but people like us who are prepared for a reality check. The whole point of the good news Jesus brought wasn't man's ascent to God, but God meeting ordinary people like you and me, not only in our moments of despair, or brokenness, when we feel lonely and hurt, but in the activities of everyday life, helping us to sort out the good the bad and the ugly.

It was never about you and me moving to perfection but God always meeting us in our imperfection, empowering us to be the best we can; something like what parents do for their kids. Maybe that's why we call God, Father?

The fatherly advice we need to take notice of goes a bit like this: God so loved the world (ordinary people) that he sent His son (special emissary) so that anyone who takes notice of him will live life to the full now and in the hereafter. Did you notice there are no putdowns here? That's what continually draws me to Him; I need more of this, his kind of reality check.

Oh, I almost forgot to tell you where you can access this check list: try the four gospels (the good new books) in the New Testament.

Industrial Skills Boost to Trade Training

TO further enhance its position as a leading Trade Training College, the Catholic Agricultural College Bindoon has added the Certificate 1 in Industrial Skills to its range of nationally recognised certificate courses. The course provides students with the skills needed to undertake further studies at TAFE or to enter the workforce. The course covers occupational health and safety, communication skills and the correct procedures on how to use hand and power tools.

Since the introduction of the course the College has also seen the benefits, with Industrial Skills students moving and renovating a gazebo from high on a hill where it wasn't being used down to the school grounds for use when visitors are at the College and building bicycle stands for the College using the machinery in the College's new Trade Training Centre.

Students have learned how to use a cement mixer, mix mortar, lay bricks and render a wall.

"We are very proud of our Industrial Skills students and we have a lot more projects planned for them in term 4!" commented Principal Damian Wallis.

public notices

Avon Valley Arts Society

Olive Road Art Studio

AVAS presents an exhibition of Art and Craft by the social art group from Wundowie and Bakers Hill, Olive Road Art Studio. Held in the Old Post Office Gallery, Northam Arts Centre opening 7 November at 5pm. This display will close 30 November. Open daily Monday -Friday 10am-4pm and Saturday and Sunday 11am-3pm.

Magic Sounds

The Magic of Gongs and Quartz Crystal Bowls will be held in the Old Post Office Gallery on Sunday 14 November at 6pm. Call 9621 1373 for more details.

Student Art Exhibition

AVAS presents at the Old Girl's School(next to AVAS) the C.Y.O'Connor Institute Northam Student Art Exhibition. Open Friday 26 November 5-8pm. Further viewing Saturday 27 and Sunday 28 10am - 4pm.

Avon Rock 2010

It's back! 28 November, don't miss it! FREE ENTRY to watch 11 bands compete in the Battle of the Bands. Food and drinks on sale. Enjoy a great day with great music.

The winner of the Songwriting Competition will be announced during the day and the winning song will be aired to the audience.

Small Things Exhibition

Calling artists and crafters to enter their works in our December exhibition. Entry forms are now available and closing date is 1 December. All mediums can enter, sculpture, drawing, jewellery, textiles, quilting, painting, ceramics, photography, whatever you do. We hope to have a fine display in the Old Post Office Gallery for the public to enjoy and to offer a wide range of affordable items for Christmas stockings! Think small, think Christmas. Phone AVAS 9622 2245 for your entry form now.

AVAS is a peak regional arts community not-for-profit organisation which offers a diverse and inclusive programme of creative activities for Regional WA, particularly in the Wheatbelt and Eastern sector.

Engagements

Williamson-Wacura

The families of Simon and Sarah are happy to announce their engagement on the 8.10.2010.

We all wish them a lifetime of love and happiness.

Birthdays

Shaye Connor	Sarah Seed
Christine Morris	Steve McDermott
Darren Beveridge	Jean Thompson
June Eastwood	Russell Chimes
Renee Downie	John Hamlyn
Desa Munn	Keaton Munn
Carol Worrell	Sharon Ferguson
Peg Beech	Jenny Clarke

Anniversaries

Toni & Russell Chimes
Laurel & Frank Taylor
Darryl & Fiona Orr
Latiesha & Brad Menner

In Memoriam

Watson, Jim

I thought of you today,
But that is nothing new,
As I thought of you yesterday
And the day before that too.
I'll think of you tomorrow
And every day of my life thru.

Dearly loved husband of Doreen, loved father of Brendan, Phil and Tim and family.

Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Toodyay Garden Club Inc will be held on Thursday 10 February 2011 at the CWA Hall at 11am.

For further information please call Gale 9574 4740 or Margaret 9574 5885.

Found

Brown reading glasses in brown case at the Toodyay Show car park (Hockey gate). Phone 9574 5537

First Aid Class

Sunday 7 November. Flexible learning day at St John Ambulance Sub-centre, Toodyay.

Bookings essential - to Register and get your workbook - contact Jenny Willgoss at L J Hooker Toodyay 9574 2455 or A/H 9574 2412 (can leave message) or Pam at Sub centre 9574 2390.

General Notices

2Jers

OUR last Casino Trip for 2010 is on Monday 29 November. For more information, please ring Ida on 9574 2858.

Community Bus

Our community bus will carry 19 passengers and has a wheel chair lift. The cost is a deposit of \$50, and a mileage charge of \$1.10. The fuel is supplied at the start of the journey and any additional fuel must be supplied by the carrier.

All enquiries to the Visitor Centre

Christmas Wonderland of Lightsand more

Friday 26 November commencing 5pm. Support this great event with the Turning on of Lights by Toodyay's most senior citizen and the giving of gifts to the Salvation Army Christmas Appeal at designated points in Toodyay. Enquiries: Barbara at Bar-Bar-A-Black-Sheep, Roz at Courtyard Antiques and Collectibles and Desrae Clarke 6364 3609

Winner of Rural Cabinets Lucky Draw

(Rural Cabinets Jersey jumper & cap) Gloria with green ticket F20. Prize has since been collected by winner. Thank you for all those who took part in our Lucky Draw.

Layne's Morning Tea and Quiz

Friday 19 November, 2010 at 10.30am at the CWA Hall. \$5 donation. All welcome.

Contact Layne or Gina on 9574 0136. All proceeds are donated to the 2013 Scout Jamboree Fund.

Layne is also collecting aluminium cans, so bring them along if you have any to donate.

Community Group – Fundraising Opportunity

Bingo

For the past six years, the Toodyay Lodge has run Bingo every Wednesday night at the Toodyay Community Centre. The Bingo was conducted under a permit issued by the Department of Racing, Gaming and Liquor and has raised funds for us to do refurbishment work on its historic Lodge building which dates back to the 1870s and for charitable donations.

Unfortunately, because of other commitments, we won't have the manpower to continue running the Bingo sessions and propose to close down on 16 December. We sincerely thank all who have supported Bingo over the years.

As we have a loyal and dedicated band of Bingo players, we would like to suggest that some other group in the community may wish to take over Bingo. This can be a great opportunity and is an enjoyable way to raise funds.

If anyone is interested in considering running Bingo, please contact permit holder, John Adams, on 9574 5681. We can provide any training and support required and details of financial benefits and requirements. It requires three people each Bingo night, which also includes selling refreshments.

Shire of Toodyay

Proposed Temporary Road Closure for Chamber of Commerce – Christmas Street Party/ Toodyay Festival of Plenty

The Chamber of Commerce has requested a temporary road closure to take place as part of the Christmas Street Party/Toodyay Festival of Plenty on the 26 November 2010. The requested road closure is as follows:

- Temporary closure of Stirling Terrace, from Oddfellows Street to Piesse Street, between 5pm through to 10pm on Friday 26 November 2010.

Comments and submissions from the public are welcomed and should be presented in writing and will be received until 4pm Thursday 25 November 2010 at the Shire of Toodyay Administration Centre, 15 Fiennes Street (PO Box 96) TOODYAY WA 6566.

Simon Fraser

ACTING CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

AUCTION

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ENQUIRIES: 9635 1985

Community Welcome to Comment on Drug and Alcohol Strategy

PROBLEMATIC alcohol and other drug use affects the entire community. A draft Drug and Alcohol Interagency Strategic Framework for Western Australia 2010-2015 has been developed by the Drug and Alcohol Office, and people are being encouraged to have their say as the public consultation period opened on 22 October.

Acting Executive Director of the Drug and Alcohol Office, Mr Gary Kirby, said the goal of the Framework was to prevent and reduce the adverse impacts of alcohol and other drug use in the Western Australian community.

"The draft Framework provides a guide for government sector strategy, development and implementation of alcohol and other drug policy and services," Mr Kirby said. "Everyone now has the opportunity to have their say about the broad strategic direction

of the Framework.

"One of the focus areas of the draft Framework is more support for people with co-occurring drug, alcohol, and mental health issues. Young Western Australians are also a priority under the draft Framework, including a particular focus on brief intervention.

"We are inviting comment and feedback from all community members, interested individuals and organisations and I strongly encourage everyone with an interest in this issue to get involved in this important process."

To view the draft Framework and provide your comments, please visit www.dao.health.wa.gov.au, or call 9471 0471 for a copy. Submissions must be received by 5pm, Wednesday 17 November, 2010.

Watch for Signs of Disease Suppression While Harvesting Wheat



Research officers Dr Shahajahan Miyan (left) and Dr Daniel Huberli assess wheat roots for disease suppression in DAFWA's plant pathology field laboratory.

GRAIN growers harvesting their wheat crops have been asked to take note of any signs of disease suppression, to assist with plant disease research by the Department of Agriculture and Food.

The department is working on a soil biology project, funded by the Grains Research and Development Corporation, to better understand why and how disease suppression occurs and whether it can be used to remove production constraints.

Research officer Daniel Huberli said disease suppression was particularly evident at harvest. "This is when farmers can identify areas in paddocks where root disease symptoms had previously been seen, which this year had no evidence or reduced incidence of root disease," Dr Huberli said.

Farmers or contractors who notice any suspected signs of disease suppression are requested to contact the department.

"Disease suppression is most prevalent with diseases like take-all, crown rot and rhizoctonia, and parasites like root lesion nematode," Dr Huberli said. "There are some examples of classically understood disease suppression but it's a broad area that is not well understood. Suppression could be some aspect of soil biology or plant pathology or something else.

"We are keen to explore why it occurs and whether it can be duplicated, transferred or manipulated to improve disease resistance in

wheat crops and ultimately improve productivity and farmers' profitability."

A 2006-08 survey of root disease showed that the highest levels of all root diseases in WA are in the southern high rainfall zone.

Dr Huberli said the department's Bridging the Yield Gap initiative, aimed at substantially increasing grain production in high rainfall areas over the next five years, recognised crop disease as a significant production constraint.

"To realise the planned increase in grain production, the impact of root diseases needs to be minimised," Dr Huberli said. "Biological suppression of diseases may be a control option that could help to minimise the cost of production.

According to estimates by Murray and Brennan (2010), root diseases are responsible for an estimated average annual crop losses in WA of \$84 million.

"The majority of this loss is caused by two pathogens, rhizoctonia and root lesion nematode," Dr Huberli said. "Reducing the impact of these root diseases could potentially provide a significant annual benefit to the WA grains industry."

The three year project will produce its findings in 2014.

Any sightings of disease suppression can also be reported to Dr Daniel Huberli by telephoning 9368 3622 or email daniel.huberli@agric.wa.gov.au

Rustic to Refined

C.Y. O'CONNOR will showcase student and lecturers work in the upcoming 'Rustic to Refined' exhibition, to be held in The Old Club Gallery, Bruce Rock on 5 November.

Starting at 7pm, the exhibition will feature new works by graduands, Wheatbelt regional artists, art students, lecturers and the Merredin Fine Arts Society.

Managing Director of C.Y. O'Connor Institute, Mr John Scott will officially open the exhibition. Bruce Rock Shire President, Mr Stephen Strange will welcome guests to town and to the event and will announce the Bruce Rock Shire Acquisitive Award.

"The Bruce Rock Shire has donated an acquisitive prize of \$1000," said Mr Strange. "This prize will be awarded to the artist chosen by the public.

"The Shire supports the innovative establishment of this new venture and, in conjunction with C.Y. O'Connor Institute, we feel it will bring to the Bruce Rock community an arts network that stimulates cultural experience and involvement."

The Old Club Gallery will be transformed into a major art installation space for the event. Visitors, invited guests, dignitaries and loyal supporters are promised a sensate experience on the opening night.

"All disciplines will be showcased including 3D and 2D, textiles, paintings, drawings, ceramics, printmaking, sculpture and assemblage," said Art lecturer Robert McCaffrey. "Works on paper will also be a major feature. The diversity and range of media encompasses a myriad of styles and expression. There will be a veritable plethora of stimulating visuals."



Artwork by Jo Millington

C.Y. O'Connor Institute is supporting this new, exciting and vibrant venue by showcasing recent work by Diploma and Certificate art students and the Institute's future graduates. Student work will come from campuses throughout the region, including Quairading, Northam, Kellerberrin, Moora and Merredin.

Following their recent exhibition at Houghton's Winery, award winning artists from the Merredin Fine Arts Society will also exhibit major works. The traditional and the modernist styles reflected in this collection exemplifies and crosses all art forms.

The Old Club House was bought in August 2010 by Dizzy Fisher and Dave Mason. This pair, highly supportive of Wheatbelt artists, designers and craftmakers decided to turn their clubhouse into a gallery and arts centre to promote regional talent. The Old Club Gallery will be born and have its inaugural opening at this event.

ABC Open Across Regional WA

THE ABC is leading the way in engaging communities in regional Australia to develop their skills and give them a voice through the use of digital media.

The ABC Open project, made possible through funding allocated to the ABC in the last triennial funding round, has been developed to build the digital media storytelling skills of regional and rural communities, and to publish those stories on ABC delivery platforms.

In workshops across Western Australia, four new ABC Open Producers have spent the last two months sharing skills in photography, recording audio and editing images with local communities through exploring the subject of Change, the theme of the first ABC Open Project. The results are compelling new Australian stories that are authentic, quirky, sad, joyous and surprising as they share their personal stories on the new ABC Open website - abc.net.au/open.

WA State online editor Clancy McDowell said the first crop of ABC Open producers are off to a great start.

"This talented group of Producers, possessing backgrounds in photography, documentary-making, community development, journalism, radio and online, have the job of working with the regions to produce local content," she said. "They have already unearthed some great characters and stories across the state in Kununurra, Geraldton, Broome and Bunbury, sharing stories of personal change in their communities and how people have coped with, survived or thrived on the changes life has thrown their way."

The ABC Open website is the main information source and gateway to the project. Each Open Producer has a blog reflecting all the activity that's happening in their region, and the site will provide different ways for people to participate, to seek feedback and ideas, provide workshops and tools to contribute and offer video, audio and other content.

While the first project is now complete, producers are gearing up for the second photographic project Now and Then which will be open for contributions this week.

Recruitment for the next group of ABC Open producers will continue in stages over the next year. By mid 2011 there will be a total of five state editors, who have already started, and 45 producers in regional jobs working on the project across the country.

Janine Boreland - Geraldton
Janine has extensive experience working with regional communities and digital storytelling. She worked for the Film & Television Institute on a number of projects including the Indigenous Community Stories initiative from 2008-2009 and the Making Movies Roadshow from 2003-2006, which took film making to some of the most remote communities in Western Australia. Janine also worked on the Lost Generation Project (DADAA WA) - a series of short films about a group of people with intellectual disabilities who have been institutionalised for most of their lives. Her independent documentary

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Heritage Grants Awarded Across WA

THE Heritage Grants Programme for 2010-11 will see 18 grants totalling \$670,700 to private owners of heritage properties throughout Western Australia.

Heritage Minister John Castrilli said four grants had been awarded to city owners and 14 in regional areas, including the Central Wheatbelt, Mid-West, North-West, South-West and Great Southern.

"Recipients of this year's Heritage Grants Programme include Henton Cottage in Australind; Dempster Homestead in Esperance and the Shamrock Hotel in Northam," Mr Castrilli said. "The grants will assist owners with the conservation of their heritage properties."

The Heritage Grants Programme offers owners of buildings listed on the State Register of Heritage Places grants of \$20,000 or more for conservation works. Smaller grants of

about \$3,000 are awarded for the development of plans and documents prepared by heritage professionals to guide conservation works. Priority is given to applicants who have already developed a conservation plan or demonstrated a need for urgent conservation works.

The Minister said that since 1997, 584 projects had received grants totalling more than \$11.1million though the programme administered by the Heritage Council of Western Australia.

Mr Castrilli congratulated the owners who, as custodians of WA's history, breathed new life into their heritage places through hard work and dedication.

Recipients of the Heritage Grants Programme 2010-11 in the Herald's distribution area are the York Post Office (\$16,500) and \$50,000 to the Shamrock Hotel in Northam to carry out conservation works..



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work includes producing programs such as Y Dwell as part of SBS' mY generation series and Talkabout Walkabout which screened on QANTAS in-flight entertainment. Currently she is working as an Associate Producer on 'Who Do You Think You Are?'

Alex Smee - Broome

Alex Smee is based in Broome and has recently been freelancing as an editor/director/writer and graphic designer. Until the end of 2009 she had been working at Goolarri Media for a number of years in a production and training capacity, and prior to that as an editor at the Brisbane based animation company - Liquid Animation. Alex comes to ABC Open with strong technical and production skills and a great connection within the Broome community and surrounds.

Beth Neate - Kununurra

Beth Neate has a rich history in media and communications including seven years experience producing, production managing, directing or writing short and long from documentaries, public service announcements, cross-platform television, interactive games, websites, and short dramas. She worked on the award winning Hero Project for South Australian company Tall Storez - as a trainer / mentor on school and community digital storytelling workshops in 2006-7. In the last two years she has been working as Media Advisor to the United Nations in Cambodia and was a youth representative at the UNESCO International Leadership Conference on Human Rights in Rwanda 2010. Beth is currently based in Warmun - an Aboriginal community in the Eastern Kimberley, WA. Ruslan Kulski - Bunbury Ruslan is an independent filmmaker, documentarian and blogger who has been working between Australia and Japan for the last 9 years. He has training and experience in both media production and education, combined with a background working on online projects and communities. He currently runs a website that promotes the work of independent screen workers in Western Australia. His latest video project was a series of mini-docs profiling people doing interesting things in Perth.

Full details are at abc.net.au/open

Walk Me to the Moon – 10 Times!

HEART Foundation Walkers around Australia reached their 2 millionth walk this month, covering 7.4 million kilometres or the equivalent of 10 return journeys to the moon.

Since the Heart Foundation's walking programme began in 1995, more than 35,000 Heart Foundation walkers from around Australia have worn out a staggering 14,800 pairs of shoes to reach two million walks.

"A lot of people don't know that the simple act of walking for 30 minutes on all or most days of the week can reduce your risk of heart disease by as much as half – and gradually walking faster, further or for longer only increases the benefit," said Trevor Shilton, Director of Cardiovascular Health, Heart Foundation.

"We are delighted that so many Australians have chosen our walking groups as part of their healthy lifestyle and in the process, helped us reach this

impressive milestone.

Western Australian walkers have contributed more than 7,900 walks to the 2 million total.

Heart Foundation Walkers typically join groups for health reasons but stay for social reasons, with many reporting that they enjoy meeting their neighbours and making new friends after joining groups in their area.

"Our walking groups are particularly popular with women who like the safety aspect of group walks, but the motivation the groups provide appeals to everyone", Mr Shilton said.

"Our groups cater for a variety of fitness levels and lifestyles – from dog walking groups, park walkers and mums with prams to people who are just getting active after years of inactivity and fast paced walking groups.

"The great thing about our walking groups is that it's free to join or start a group of your own and registered walkers receive incentives such as certificates, merchandise and discount vouchers to keep motivated."

There are almost 900 groups established throughout Australia with more starting all the time. For more information, visit www.heartfoundation.org.au/walking or call 1300 362 787.

More Students Make Tracks to School

THE annual *make tracks2school* programme will this year see a record 7,552 students walk or cycle to school – 2,000 more than last year.

This year 67 schools across Western Australia have registered for the programme from 25 October to 19 November.

The challenge, a collaborative project between the Heart Foundation, Department of Transport and the Physical Activity Taskforce, supported by the Department of Health and the Department of Education, aims to get more children and their families walking and cycling to school.

Heart Foundation Cardiovascular Health Director Trevor Shilton said walking and cycling to school regularly helps students achieve the recommended minimum of 60 minutes a day of physical activity they need for good health and has a positive effect on their social learning and development.

"Children need physical activity to grow and develop," he said. "Being active by riding and walking to school is great fun and has many health benefits, including building strong bones and muscles, improving fitness and helping to maintain a healthy weight."

The 2010 *make tracks2school* programme includes curriculum activities on active transport, physical activity and heart health, road safety, bicycle equipment and covers nutrition.

Mr Shilton said that an internationally unique aspect of the programme was that it was complemented by an awareness campaign aimed at parents, showing them the role they can play in encouraging their children to walk and cycle to school safely.

"The Heart Foundation is also liaising with P&C groups, schools and key community agencies to encourage them to run local advocacy activities that lobby for initiatives that support healthier school environments, including improved walk and cycle paths," Mr Shilton said.

Seniors Week 2010

AGRICULTURAL Region MLC, Jim Chown has welcomed Seniors Week 2010, acknowledging the contribution that Seniors make to Regional Western Australia.

"Seniors across the Agricultural Region play an important role within their community," said Mr. Chown. "Many Seniors actively volunteer their time and expertise to their local community groups and organisations.

"Whether staffing Community Resource Centres; running local sporting clubs and men's sheds; working in the hospital auxiliary; or volunteering with Fire and Emergency Services Brigades, seniors make a valuable contribution throughout the Agricultural Region.

"Seniors Week is running from 31 October to 7 November, and is an opportunity for the State Government to acknowledge and celebrate the enormous contribution that Seniors make to the Western Australian Community. Across the Region, local governments, businesses and community organisations are highlighting and promoting Seniors Programs."

Although only a couple of days of Seniors Week remain, a Calendar of Events for is available on the WA Seniors Card Website at <http://www.communities.wa.gov.au/serviceareas/seniors/Pages/SeniorsWeek.aspx>.

As an ongoing commitment to Western Australian Seniors, the WA Liberal-led Government has implemented a number of benefits for seniors over the past year. These include:

- In 2010, 241 901 WA Seniors Card Holders were paid for the Cost of Living Rebate to help meet the rising cost of living. The rebate this year was \$104.80 for singles, and \$157.22 for couples, and this payment will be indexed annually to the consumer price index and will be paid in July each year.

- Seniors who have WA Seniors Card

or Pensioner Smartrider cards are able to travel free of cost on all Western Australian Public Transport from 9:00AM to 3:30PM on Weekdays, and all day on weekends and public holidays. This includes regional town bus services.

- A safety and security rebate of up to \$200per household is available to assist all WA Seniors Card Holders with the cost of installation or purchase of home security devices such as alarms, security doors, window screens, sensor lights or deadlocks.

- Subsidies through the patient assisted travel scheme are available to country based seniors for travel and accommodation costs incurred when going to specialists and specialised services not available closer to home.

- A fuel card to Age Pensioners residing outside metropolitan electorate boundaries, valued at \$500 per family per year, is available to rural age pensioners who need to travel great distances to access essential services such as healthcare.

- A WA Spectacle Subsidy Scheme to assist with the purchase of a complete pair of prescribed spectacles or lenses by providing a 50% subsidy of the total cost to a maximum of \$50.00. This assistance is available once every two years.

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