

## Australia Day Celebrations

Congratulations to all nominees and Award recipients of the 2011 Active Citizenship Awards and welcome to seven Morangup residents who received Australian Citizenship. The music from the Rambling Bilbies set the atmosphere and the kids enjoyed free face painting, miniature train rides and vegemite painting. The morning wouldn't have been complete without the cooking efforts from our Shire Coucillors! Thank you to all those who helped make the event a relaxing and enjoyable morning to celebrate being Australian.



Annelle Oldenbury-Morgan and the Clynes family - Toodyay's newest Australian citizens



Breakfast cooks...

### From the desk of the Chief Executive Officer

Having fulfilled the role of Acting Chief Executive Officer for nine months, it gives me great pleasure to present my first "Herald" article in the capacity of the newly appointed Chief Executive Officer. To those ratepayers and residents who have contacted me personally to congratulate me on the appointment, thank you very much. In accepting the position, I acknowledge both the responsibilities which go with the position and the challenges which lie ahead. I will continue to reside in Toodyay and look forward to working with the community in progressing projects and initiatives.



On 28 December 2010, I had the pleasure of being involved in both the Memorial Service at Toodyay Racecourse and Memorial function at the Toodyay Memorial Hall, held in recognition of the anniversary of the December 2009 Toodyay bushfire. The community spirit was uplifting and I thank all those who participated in making the first anniversary a very memorable day.

On 26 January 2011, the Shire again hosted the annual Australia Day breakfast at Duidgee Park. With the Councillors assuming cooking duties, it gave me the opportunity to integrate with the community at a social level. From my perspective, the event was a huge success and highlighted the wonderful community spirit which is evident in Toodyay. To all Australia Day Active Citizenship Award nominees and winners, congratulations for the wonderful contribution you have made to the betterment of the District. You are all deserving of the recognition which has been bestowed upon you.

In relation to the Australia Day activities, the Shire's Administration would welcome any feedback in terms of how to improve the event in 2012. All constructive comments (and dare I say it, criticisms) are welcomed and should be directed to the Shire's Executive Support Officer, Kerry Skinner on telephone 9574 2258 or email [eso@toodyay.wa.gov.au](mailto:eso@toodyay.wa.gov.au).

Finally, design and documentation in respect of the Toodyay Footbridge upgrade is continuing. Consulting Engineers have been engaged to assess the existing substructure and negotiations are continuing in relation to preferred superstructure replacement. A tender specification is currently being prepared, in order for Council to invite tenders. The community will be kept updated as developments in respect of this project materialise.

**Simon Fraser**  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



Pam Tennant and Damon Geary, Toodyay's 2011 Active Citizenship Award recipients

### Council Meeting Dates

Please note that Ordinary Meetings of Council will now be held on the third TUESDAY of each month and are open to members of the public. Meetings commence at 7pm and will be held at the location listed below.

**18 January 2011**  
Toodyay Council Chambers

**15 February 2011**  
Toodyay Council Chambers

**15 March 2011**  
Toodyay Council Chambers

**19 April 2011**  
Bejoording Fire Shed

**17 May 2011**  
Toodyay Council Chambers

**21 June 2011**  
Morangup Community Centre

**19 July 2011**  
Toodyay Council Chambers

**16 August 2011**  
Toodyay Council Chambers

**20 September 2011**  
Toodyay Council Chambers

**18 October 2011**  
Julimar Fire Shed

**15 November 2011**  
Toodyay Council Chambers

**13 December 2011**  
Toodyay Council Chambers

### Free Worm Farm and Compost Workshops

Following the popularity and success of the "Community Worm Farm and Compost Bin Workshops" that were held last year, further workshops have been scheduled for Tuesday 5 April, 6.00pm and Saturday 16 April, 10.00am at the Toodyay Community Centre.

Orders can be placed, and / or workshop bookings made at the Shire Administration Centre. Products will be ordered in batches and delivered to the Shire Depot for collection. Please note that product numbers are limited and will be allocated on a first come first serve basis. One subsidy applies to each rate assessment.

Further information is available by phoning the Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Sam Mastrolembo, on 9574 2258.

The subsidies, giving residents and ratepayers the opportunity to purchase heavily discounted 'greenlife' composting products, have been made possible by funding received from the Waste Authority's Regional Funding Programme for Local Government.

	RRP	Resident Price
210 Lt Compost Bin with aerator	\$67.65	\$35.00
340 Lt Compost Bin with aerator	\$99.55	\$50.00
220 Lt Tumbling Compost Bin	\$209.00	\$130.00
Worm Cafe Worm Farm	\$207.00	\$130.00
1kg Worms	\$95.00	\$45.00



## Library News

Thankyou to the band of smiley "Santa's Helpers" who helped decorate our enormous 8ft Christmas tree with flashing lights and red, gold and silver baubles! Also special thanks to Alison, who organised our pre-schooler's Christmas party. Although numbers were down on previous years it was well received and much fun.

### New books on the shelf

"The Story of Little Granny Munklestump". Toodyay resident Dorothy Hall has just written and self-published her very first children's novel. Dorothy's idea for Granny Munklestump evolved as a means to entertain her grandchildren. Dot is also making and donating to the Library, a Granny Munklestump doll, which shall take pride of place in the Junior Library. Thank you Dot!

"Unwanted Litter". Many thanks to Jennifer Ferguson in donating a copy of her much appreciated book, it is a lesson to us all. Jennifer is a local resident and co-founder of CAT (Cat Appeal for Toodyay).

### February in the Library

#### Sharing a Good Read

Thursday 3 & 17 February, 9.30am. February's theme is "Lucky Dip". Alison is looking forward seeing familiar faces and welcoming new participants.

#### Toodyay Crime Club

Friday 18 February, 10.00am. Hosted by Dorothy Hall and Liz Stevens.

#### Baby Rhyme Time and Story Time

Weekly sessions commencing Friday 4 February (please note new day). 10.30am and 11.00am respectively. "Fun at the Beach" is our theme for February.

#### Morangup Library

Tuesday 8 and 22 February, Morangup Community Centre, 3.00pm – 5.00pm. Please feel free to request any books, DVD's or sound recordings. Phone us on 9574 2323 or complete a request slip and pass to one of the friendly Morangup volunteers.

From all the staff at Toodyay Library, we wish all our members a very happy and safe new year.

## BreastScreening WA

...will be located in the carpark at the Toodyay Medical Centre from 2 to 18 February 2011. Women aged 50 to 69 years are invited to have a FREE screening mammogram every two years. Women 40 to 49 years are invited to attend if they wish. Bookings can be made by calling 132 050.

Further information can be obtained by contacting BreastScreen WA, Department of Health on telephone 9323 6700 or website [www.breastscreen.health.wa.gov.au](http://www.breastscreen.health.wa.gov.au)

## Proposed Temporary Road Closure

An application has been received for a temporary road closure of the left carriageway along the Northam Toodyay Road, part Perth Toodyay Road, Stirling Terrace and Harper Road, Toodyay. Closure will commence at 8.30am on the Northam Toodyay Road and conclude at 1.30pm on Harper Road, Sunday 15 May 2011. The event is the annual Toodyay and Northam Lions 'Shopping Trolley Dash'.

Concerns, comments and submissions from the public are welcomed. They should be presented in writing and will be received until 4.00pm Thursday 1 April 2011 at the Shire of Toodyay Administration Centre, 15 Fiennes Street (PO Box 96) TOODYAY WA 6566.

**Simon Fraser**  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

## Keep Australia Beautiful

The Shire of Toodyay is proposing to establish a Tidy Towns Committee. Individuals, businesses and community groups keen to participate in promoting the Shire of Toodyay as a neat and sustainable community are encouraged to register their interest.

In addition to promoting a positive visual aspect, the Tidy Towns initiative incorporates environmental challenges and considerations, litter control, wildlife habitat preservation and restoration of historical buildings, all which are significant characteristics of the Shire of Toodyay.

The Committee would oversee, co-ordinate and report on activities in the Shire and also be the link between community, Shire, Keep Australia Beautiful Council and Department of Environmental Protection.

Expressions of interest are sought from interested community members to establish a Tidy Towns Committee for the Shire of Toodyay. To register or for further information please telephone the Shire's Executive Support Officer, Kerry Skinner, on 9574 2258.



## Clean Up Australia Day

### Volunteers needed

Sunday 6 March 2011

Duidgee Park

8.30am - 11.00am

Please wear a hat, long pants and enclosed shoes. Gloves will be provided.

### Enjoy a free sausage sizzle afterwards

Further information or to register your interest contact Kerry Skinner, Shire of Toodyay, on telephone 9574 2258, or Greg Warburton, mobile 0438 920 617 or after hours 9574 5445

## 'Be Active' Beach Volleyball Competition

2011's season of beach volleyball is due to commence **Sunday 20th February**. The season will run for six weeks with games commencing at 5pm at the Toodyay Club. \$5 per person. Register your team of 4 (2 males, 2 females) **by 11th February** by e-mailing Jo Buegge, Avon Be Active Coordinator at [beactive@toodyay.wa.gov.au](mailto:beactive@toodyay.wa.gov.au) or calling 0428291302.



## Proposed Temporary Road Closure

An application has been received for a temporary road closure of Stirling Terrace for the Toodyay Bug-in 'Show and Shine'. The Road Closure would commence at 7.00am and conclude at 2.00pm, Saturday, 23 April 2011.

Concerns, comments and submissions from the public are welcomed. They should be presented in writing and will be received until 4.00pm Thursday 3 March 2011 at the Shire of Toodyay Administration Centre, 15 Fiennes Street (PO Box 96) TOODYAY WA 6566.

**Simon Fraser**  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

## Proposed Development Plan for Public Comment

The Shire of Toodyay has received a Development Plan for Lots 9001, 9002, 9003 & 9005 Dumbarton Road, Toodyay.

The Development Plan has been prepared to guide the future subdivision of this site. The site is zoned Rural Living under the provisions of the Shire of Toodyay Local Planning Scheme No 4 and the Development Plan is proposing to subdivide the site into 24 lots ranging in size from 6.774 to 39.619 hectares.

Your views on the proposed Development Plan are encouraged and welcomed. The Development Plan is available for inspection at the Shire of Toodyay Administration Centre, Old Court House, 15 Fiennes Street, Toodyay, during office hours and can be downloaded from Council's website at [www.toodyay.wa.gov.au](http://www.toodyay.wa.gov.au).

Submissions on the proposed Development Plan may be addressed in writing and lodged with the Chief Executive Officer, Shire of Toodyay, PO Box 96 Toodyay 6566, by 4.00pm on Monday 7 February 2011.

Further information on the above Development Plan is available by contacting the Shire's Development Services on 9574 2258 after 1.00pm week days.

**Simon Fraser**  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

## Shire of Toodyay Community Sponsorship

The Shire of Toodyay is calling for applications from local organisations as part of its Community Sponsorship program. Requests may be made for a specific event or project, or for a contribution towards continued operations.

If your organisation or club would like to apply for sponsorship, further information and application forms are available by contacting the Shire's Manager of Finance, Cherie Delmage, on 9574 2258 or via the Shire's website at [www.toodyay.wa.gov.au](http://www.toodyay.wa.gov.au)

**Applications close 4.30pm Thursday 31st March 2011.**

## Submissions for Budget Requests 2011-2012

The Shire of Toodyay invites members of the community and/ or organisations to submit items for consideration during the planning of the 2011-2012 Shire of Toodyay budget.

Council is keen to hear what projects or works the community believes are a priority within the Shire, for example, the installation of footpaths, repairs and upgrades to public buildings etc.

Please note that this is separate to sponsorship applications for community organisations, for which an application can be obtained from the Administration Centre.

Further information is available by contacting the Shire's Manager of Finance and Administration, Cherie Delmage, on 9574 2258.

**Budget requests should be submitted in writing by 4.30pm Thursday 31st March 2011.**

## 'SUMMER SKATE SERIES' Competition

Toodyay, 12 February

Contact Jo Buegge, 0428291302 or [beactive@toodyay.wa.gov.au](mailto:beactive@toodyay.wa.gov.au) or



Toodyay Visitor Centre

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## Hospice Wins Christmas Decorations Comp

Karen Jacomelli

STAFF at Northam Regional Hospital competed to create the Christmas spirit in their respective areas for the 2010 Festive Season. The thought and effort put in by the staff was exemplary.

Two members of the Toodyay Northam Health Advisory Group were asked to judge and struggled due to the high standard and effort made by all. This resulted in their decision to award all the runners up with encouragement award hampers.



The Hospice section was the unanimous winner, second place went to the Ward and third place went to accounts.



## Toodyay Medical Centre

Dr Richard Walkey

HAPPY New Year and Australia Day, hopefully celebrated in style and safely. Thank you to all the elves and helpers who put up and, just as importantly, took down the Christmas decorations.

Beta blockers are a group of medications that are used to treat blood pressure, angina and heart disease. Interestingly, they appear to have a beneficial side effect of increasing bone density, thereby reducing osteoporotic fractures. Not as expensive as some of the newer blood pressure medication, they have tended to fall out of favour although research like this may give us a new reason for using them.

Irritable Bowel Disease is common and can have an enormous impact on the emotional and physical health of those who it affects. Exciting work suggests altering some dietary sugars may improve quality of life. Low FODMAP diets are suggested reducing excess gas production and excessive water retention in the bowel.

High FODMAP foods would include apples, pears, mango, watermelon and honey, milk whether cows, goat or sheep, yoghurt, fresh and soft cheeses. In the vegetable line, asparagus, beetroot, broccoli, onions, wheat and rye when eaten in large amounts or legumes could be culprits. Sorbitol and isomalt sweeteners should be taken, if at all, in smaller quantities.

What are alternative foods that could be substituted? Well, banana, blueberry, strawberry, oranges, kiwifruit, maple and golden syrups, lactose free milk, rice milk, 'hard cheeses' and, surprisingly, brie and camembert. Vegetables thought better to take include carrot, capsicum, lettuce, pumpkin, tomato, green beans, gluten free bread, spelt bread and cereals. Sucrose and glucose are suitable for use.

Chlamydia notifications increased from 32,506 in 2005 to 62,693 in 2009. Opportunistic screening of 15 to 25 year olds is one suggestion although others believe the age range should go up to 29 year olds. Chlamydia is one cause of PID or pelvic inflammatory disease.

The sad case of Charmaine Dragun, the Network Ten newsreader who suicided has been in the news with GPs urged to consider Bipolar Affective Disorder as an alternative to depression. There are many reasons why people may take this step and, while there are many supportive agencies, the message must get out that help is available whether from GP surgeries, ED, mental health agencies, online and telephone help lines.

Just how hard is it to get GPs to work in the country? Well, the first problem is probably getting people to realise that 'country' does not mean social isolation or lack of medical support, which is much better these days than it was with consultants in most major EDs able to offer advice. However, the thought of long hours with after hours' responsibilities seems to frighten a lot of applicants away. I recently received an offer from an agency to employ a doctor on a 1 to 3 year contract. The MINIMUM requested was a retainer fee

depending on a contract for 1 to 3 years: a minimum payment of \$1200 per day clear with a guarantee of more if undertaking on-call, accommodation assistance, vehicle and relocation costs. Since running costs in medical practices are anywhere between 40 to 60% of the takings, you can see this would be a costly exercise and yet, if this is not provided, then the market out there for doctors is such that they can go elsewhere. There is, of course, no guarantee that the doctor is any good or interested in the local community. I continue to look.

And, finally, for useless facts. It takes 10 to 15 minutes of laughing to burn 10 to 40 kilocalories and 1 in 20 adults have insomnia. All the best for 2011.

## Psychological Health

Politics and policy 2011

Richard Taylor  
Registered Clinical Psychologist

ALONG with colleagues from the Australian College of Specialist Psychologists, I am attending a meeting with Mark Butler, the new Federal Mental Health and Aging Minister on 10 March.

Last year was one of ferment and controversy, particularly in the context of the Psychology Board of Australia coming into being to replace the long established and leading edge, WA Psychologist's Registration Board. Many professions including medicine and dentistry now have National Boards under the umbrella body, the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (www.ahpra.gov.au).

After a great deal of lobbying and incursions into the political process, it remains clear that our attempts to influence policy makers is like water off a duck's back. However, we did learn that keeping up a strong message is absolutely essential and that the manner in which you conduct a campaign does get noticed and can set you up positively for the next battle.

In meeting with the Federal Minister, we will be talking about Medicare reform, access to Clinical Psychologists and other mental health services, the development of community-based psychological health services and the promotion of psychological health in a positive fashion. It will also be an opportunity to discuss rural psychological health issues such as access to specialist professionals and facilities.

Last year was one of much talk and aspirations for reform. Patrick McGorry, the Australian of the Year, pushed hard for a youth mental health reform agenda.

A big question for 2011 is - how will we know if real reform in mental health actually takes place? Ian Hickie at Sydney University has suggested five key tests:

- Will all Australian governments agree to a new national agenda for reform such as a five-year plan?
- Will the federal budget underwrite reform including new monies to promote innovation and service reform?
- The implementation of e-health.
- The building of new health and educational structures that underpin

mental health.

- The establishment of a body to report on progress to the Australian public (this would be a first).

Men's Shed Online

The Shed Online is a joint project of beyondblue and the Australian Men's Shed Association. The new website is www.theshedonline.org.au.

The beyondblue launch on 13 December last year stated, "The Shed Online is a new website that aims to replicate in the online space, all the positive things men get from being in their own sheds or in a community Men's Shed."

## Toodyay Friendship Group

A Well-Being Support Group

WE all have physical and mental health. Just as from time to time we get physically ill, we may also get mentally ill. We are often made aware of keeping healthy physically with diet and exercise regimes, but how often are we told to look after our mental well-being and how do we do it?

Stress is one of the main contributors to poor mental health. How we deal with the stresses of life can have a big impact on our mental health. So, as you can see, it's about physical and emotional well-being; it's about having strength and capacity to live a full and creative life; it's about having the flexibility to deal with life's ups and downs.

Toodyay Friendship Group is a well-being support group providing support through genuine friendship. We are supported by the Catholic Parish and Franciscan Friars in Toodyay but our group is for all members of the community who would like to make new friends over morning tea.

We would also like to host life skills workshops facilitated by the staff from the Emmanuel Centre who will travel to Toodyay free of charge from Perth. These workshops are designed to be delivered with or without faith content. Everyone is welcome to join us.

Also, expressions of interest are sort after for a workshop called *An introduction to 'Taking Control of Your Life'* for later this year.

We meet every third Thursday of the month at St. John the Baptist Catholic Parish Hall on Stirling Street in Toodyay. 10.30am - 12noon. Contact Gina on 9584 0136 or 0414 168 077

## Free Breast Screening in Toodyay

WOMEN aged 50 - 69 years are urged to take advantage of the FREE screening mammography service in Toodyay. The Health Department's mobile van will be located at Toodyay Medical Centre, 81 Stirling Terrace from 2 - 18 February 2011.

Routine screening mammograms every two years for women aged between 50 and 60 can significantly increase the chance of a woman surviving breast cancer and reduce the amount of treatment required. Current medical evidence shows that screening is most effective for this age group. More than 70% of breast cancers occur in women over the age of 50, however, all women 40 years and over are welcome to attend.

All women on the electoral role between 50 and 69 and all women who have attended previously will receive an invitations in the post.

Appointments are necessary and can be made by telephoning 13 20 50 (for the cost of a local call.) Block bookings can be made for groups of women and transport can be made available for such groups.



**RHCS**  
REGIONAL HOME CARE SERVICES

### Team Leader - Toodyay / Wheatbelt

*Are you our next TEAM LEADER?*

We are looking for an individual experienced in all aspects of personal care and who is skilful and dynamic to lead, develop and supervise support worker teams. Our Team Leader will work in partnership with the people we support and their families, to ensure they have the support they need to live their lives.

**In addition to providing direct support, the Team Leader will have duties including:**

- Developing a good understanding of each person their team supports and what is important to them in their lives
- Developing positive relationships with people we support and their families
- Training, coaching and supervising support workers directly in their work
- Promoting and facilitating positive team work
- Organising staff rosters and schedules and providing back up support when required
- Developing potential resources and relationships with members of the community

This is an interesting and varied position. We are looking for forward thinkers who have a high level of drive and motivation, with a strong desire to succeed.

If this sounds like you we would love to hear from you!

**Applicants require a Certificate II or III in Community Care and/or demonstrated 12 months direct care experience, a current driver's licence and a reliable vehicle and a current National Police Clearance.**

**To apply please forward your resume to Recruitment Officer, PHCS, Po Box 1597, Osborne Park DC, 6916 or email [linc@phcs.org.au](mailto:linc@phcs.org.au), or for further information contact Lyn on 9204 7818**

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## Recipe Corner

### Tutti Fruiti Custard Delight



**Desraé Clarke**

THIS little dessert is inexpensive, colourful, easy to make and 'yummy'! It is a great addition to a children's birthday party or an adult's dinner party. I find it decorative to be served layered, with red and green jellies and Chocolate Sauce, in glasses and, if you have a set of parfait spoons (those long-handled spoons with a bowl the size of a teaspoon,) the glasses can be quite tall and you can still get to the bottom for the last little bits.

In the October 2009 edition of the *Toodyay Herald* I gave recipes of an ice-cream and a 'simple to make' Chocolate Sauce; I will repeat the Chocolate Sauce recipe. I make up the Chocolate Sauce, a red jelly and a green one, the day before; this allows the Chocolate Sauce to be chilled and the jellies well set.

**Ingredients:**

- 3 level tablespoons custard powder
- ¼ cup sugar
- 475 mls milk
- ¼ cup orange juice
- 2 firm ripe bananas, sliced
- Pulp of 3 passionfruit
- Whipped cream
- Grated chocolate
- Crushed nuts - (optional!)

**Method:**

Mix the custard powder and sugar with a little water in a medium sized bowl. Heat the milk then add it to the custard powder/sugar mixture stirring as it is added. Gently heat the mixture stirring it constantly till the custard thickens; allow it to cool. When cold stir in the orange juice, sliced bananas and passionfruit.

**To serve:**

Break up the jellies with a large fork. Put a *little* amount of the Chocolate Sauce in the base of each glass. Layer custard, green jelly, custard, red jelly, custard, Chocolate Sauce and so on to fill the glasses. Top the dessert with whipped cream (*checking firstly that cream is allowed!*) then sprinkle grated chocolate and nuts (optional!) on top.

**CHOCOLATE SAUCE**

**Ingredients:**

- 2 heaped tablespoons cocoa
- 1 tablespoon cornflour
- Small amount of extra milk, about ½ cup, to blend the cocoa and cornflour
- 1 ¼ cups milk, heated
- 2 teaspoons butter (or margarine)
- ½ cup sugar

- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- Pinch of salt (enough to be pinched out of the salt crock between 2 fingers)

**Method:**

Blend the cocoa with the small amount of milk until a 'watery' mixture – you may need to add a little more than a ½ of a cup. Gently heat the 1¼ cups of milk. Add the heated milk to the cocoa/cornflour mixture stirring as it is added. Add the butter (or margarine) and stir until it has well combined with the milk/cocoa/cornflour mixture. Stir the mixture over heat, gently adding the sugar and vanilla as you stir, until it thickens. When cold store the sauce in the fridge in an airtight container.

## Courtyard Markets

### Something for Everyone

THE Courtyard Markets, now in their second year, are situated in the courtyard beside the Toodyay Newsagent on Stirling Terrace.

Stalls include locally produced handicrafts and preserves as well as a huge variety of gifts. See local artists displaying their talents.

The Courtyard Markets are open on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays of the month from 8.30am – 2pm.

Part proceeds go to local, community organisations.

Contact Roz on 0427 744 352 or justroz@iinet.net.au.



*Bev serving customers, John, Melanie and Alison at the Christmas Market, 2010*

## Toodyay Community Bus

THE Toodyay Community Bus is available for hire by interested groups or organisations. The bus is a 20-seater, air-conditioned diesel Toyota.

The bus may be booked through the Toodyay Visitors Centre on Piesse Street or by calling the Centre on 95742435.

Hiring fee is currently \$1.30 per kilometre travelled (inclusive of fuel) with a \$50 bond refundable upon the return of the bus in clean condition. Minimum hiring fee is \$60.

A cheap, effective way to move groups of people, the bus has been used by a variety of groups including Autumn Club, Scouts, Police, Shire, School and individuals for weddings or parties.



## From the Pavilion

### Woodturners' Notes

**Max Heath**  
Convenor

WELL, woodturning has been quiet for a while as we had a break over Christmas.

We finished the year with a breakfast wind-up and started 2011 with a Sausage Sizzle lunch at the pavilion on 23 January. We actually started on 16 January with a clean up and rearrangement of the pavilion to make things a little better for turners.

We are in the midst of working out our project for this year's Show Raffle and delegating jobs to turn individual parts for the project.

We had our monthly meeting on 23 January and have decided to try to visit Swan Club early in the New Year depending on when it will suit them. They are great supporters of our club and will come up and demonstrate whenever we want them. This is great for us

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# Toodyay Investments

## FOR SALE

### Loads of Potential

- \$965,000: Partially Leased
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but now may be the time for us to visit them and their club and workshop area.

We are planning a couple of demonstrations for the cooler months of the year and you, the public, will be informed of when this will happen so you can come and observe if you wish.

We are at present meeting at 8am each Sunday until March so, if you would like to see what goes on, we would welcome a visit from you.

Cheers now from the pavilion.

## Ida's Hideaway

### Greasy Sleeve

WELL, Christmas has come and gone, once again, and I hope you all had a good time. We are now into the new year and we start it all over again. We would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a safe and healthy New Year.

Our street stall on 26 November 2010 was a great success. Thanks to all who supported us and to all our helpers. What a great night it was; it was spectacular.

Winners of our raffle were:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Christmas Hamper, Adelle
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Breakfast Buffet, Rhonda Sullivan
- 3<sup>rd</sup> 2 x Bottles Wine, Wes Smith
- 4<sup>th</sup> Tea Set, Tania Harrison
- 5<sup>th</sup> Egg Cups and Spice Rack, Adelle

Birthday wishes this month go to Lynette Hooks (11<sup>th</sup>). Happy birthday Lynette. Birthdays for the months of December 2010 and January 2011 were Tina Short (4 Dec), Ray Edwards (8 Dec), Mena Chapman (10 Jan), Bob Nelson (22 Jan) and Jim Short (23 Jan). We hope you all had a lovely day.

If you are a senior and like to play cards, why not come along to Ida's Hideaway on a Saturday afternoon. We would love you to join us. Contact Ida on 9574 2858.

Ida's Hideaway is a voluntary organisation to assist the seniors of Toodyay. We meet every Saturday afternoon at Butterly Cottage from 1pm to 4pm.

He who waits to do a great deal of good at once will never do anything.

## Toodyay Spinners

### Phil Lansell

WELL, the festive season is over and we hope everyone had a happy one. Some members went to Albany and had a great time.

Share table:- scarf exchange from Geelong – blue shell with white beginning and end by Glynne. Pre-felting coasters and small bag – cotton bamboo, white x 2 and green bonnets for premy babies by Margaret Mastalerz. Long sleeved cardigan with knitted patterned edging – in baby pinkish. Felting – merino – alpaca – beetroot dyed asparagus – suri white scarf by Jan Manning. Greenish bag (lined) knitted by Joan.

Happy New Year to everyone for 2011.

We meet every Wednesday from approximately 9am to 12 noon at Parker's Cottage in the Showgrounds. We also meet on the second Saturday of the month at the same place and times.

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

## Toodyay Music Club

### Jenny Edgecombe

THE other day I heard something Kenny Rogers once said, "In life you need three things: someone to love, something to do and something to look forward to." This appealed to me and it struck me that, in its own way, the Music Club offers those possibilities: friendship, music to perform and enjoy and the anticipation of preparing something for the next meeting.

Which reminds me, it should not be too difficult to find songs for the theme night in February: 'Love Gone Wrong'? Really, how many songs are there about 'Love Gone Right'? It seems that a bit of heartache has always been much more productive for songwriters!

There was a light-hearted air to our December meeting. The sing-alongs included cheerful Christmas songs and there were some very funny individual items.

Spencer and Leila's 'Come Outside' song and dance routine was hilarious, with that redoubtable pair costumed as slightly rickety seniors rather than the teens of the original song. Ken recited his own poem, 'Roger the Lodger', Murph gave us 'The Spaniard Who Blighted My Life', Peter, the Allan Shermann classic 'You Gotta Have Skin' and the Missing Chords and Keys performed 'I'm Getting Nuttin' for Christmas'. 'The Angel in the Christmas Play' and 'Robert the Red-Nosed Reindeer' made appearances via Jenny and Joe.

We also heard some very beautiful Christmas music performances, including the lovely harmonies of Peter, Eileen and Moya singing 'Christmas Island' to their ukuleles, Jeanette, Eileen and Moya singing 'All Through the Night', partly in Welsh, and Maurice's traditional piece 'The Boar's Head', complete with Latin words. Allan added a great Christmas medley on harmonica after his singing of 'Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas'. Thank you to the many members who made the club's entertainment at the Bethavon Christmas lunch in Northam such a success. The response of the residents, staff and guests always makes the effort worthwhile.

Thank you also to Rhonda for getting some of the regulars together to work on new 'skiffle' songs. We are all looking forward to these. The sing-alongs are so important for gaining confidence, learning to play along with other instrumentalists, and pure enjoyment.

Next Meeting: 7pm Friday 11 February. 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 Agricultural Society Founded 1852

### Pam Jackson Committee Member

THE Annual General Meeting of the Toodyay Agricultural Society will be held on Monday 14 February 2011 at 8pm at the Youth Hall, Toodyay Showgrounds.

Please note that the start time is 8pm. The start time had previously been advertised as 7.30pm. We apologise for any inconvenience caused by this error.

Please come along and show your support for the Toodyay Show, a major community event which this year will be held on Saturday 15 October.

## News from Bolgart and Surrounding Areas

IT was with a sense of great loss that Bolgart folk heard the news of Mrs Jean Broomhall's passing on 5 December in Northam. She was a lady who had done so much for the area and I am sure that the townfolk would like to pass on their condolences to relatives and loved ones at this sad time.

Condolences are also being extended to the family of Sir Ernest Lee-Steere who recently passed from our midst. For many years he and his family lived just north of Toodyay and he was well known in the racing circle. He was also Mayor of Perth for a period of

## Quo Vadis Floods

THERE is a dichotomy in the debate over the present flood predicament facing the Australian nation and its people who are, indeed, in the hand of a leadership requiring the wisdom of Solomon, not only practically, in the physical sense, but ethically, in a moral sense, both of which will test the 'cultural' depth of our national and personal psyche. Whether they are fully 'egalitarian' in their nature, or egocentric in their intent, whichever way, it will be a measure of the quality of the 'government' in a political sense and the personal government we apply as individuals to ourselves. As it depends on the latter, in the final analysis, as to how the former behaves, it is an unfortunate fact that politics, more often than not, intrudes itself into the arena that requires 'statecraft' rather than selfishness.

It is said that politics is the art of the possible. Disraeli even said it was the art of deceiving the people, neither of which is very flattering, nor applicable to any practical event/situation and certainly not to the ultimate aim of 'culture', the development and refinement of mind/morals/taste. Whereas politics can be assigned, as currently practiced, as that which is involved in seeking the power of government, not necessarily in the public interest, which then becomes a very vexed question of personal good versus public good. So thus we get back to the 'dichotomy' of what is the cross-over between my good becoming my neighbours' good also which then intrudes back into the 'ideological' battleground of party politics, in which welfare wellbeing are disconnected on the communal and national scale!

History has so many stories to reveal, so many lessons as precepts, which are applicable to the above reference to Solomon; it is said that a sign of wisdom is not to repeat the mistakes of the past (even the present past) or even the mistakes which are the causes of the present past subjected to much violent debate/disputation as to the laws of the universe, or of physics as (mal) practiced or not, by various means of exploitation for a standard of living that abrogates the relationship and affinity between the sacred and the secular, which encourages the 'hubris' that has undone so many societies, even civilisations, before our time.

A classical example of 'psyche' being out of control is given by Freud in his psychoanalytic work concerning the relationship of the primordial with the draining of the Zeider Zee, which was a technical achievement! Freud used it as metaphor to stress the work of psychoanalysis was/is spiritual as distinguished from material/physical work; that the reclaimed land needed constant vigilance to protect it from the power of the sea which is a dominant element in the natural world comparable to the 'It' of the psyche, over which the 'I' ought to exercise its constructive influence to control the undesirable aspects of the 'It' and gain

time.

Thank you to the folk who offered help recently when my husband, Ray, underwent an operation on his right carotid artery. The operation went well and your offers of help were much appreciated. Thanks also to those who were on Ambulance duty on Christmas Day when my husband decided to have a gall bladder attack which saw him carted off to Northam Hospital. Never a dull moment!

I am sure most folk in the area feel a great sense of pity for those folk who have been affected by the recent flooding in other States. I personally find it worrying should the same occur in our area, as there are many folk with houses built on flood plains that I have seen underwater in the 1950s in the Toodyay Shire. Sections of Toodyay / Northam Road and Toodyay / Bindi Bindi Road from Toodyay to Bejoording area were badly affected at that time. Hope that they are carrying flood insurance should it happen again.

School holidays are drawing to a close, so farewell and good luck for the future to those students who have left Bolgart Primary School and welcome to those who will be starting their schooling at Bolgart this year.

ascendency over those aspects which can disturb human wellbeing thus the link between politics and the individual person in their joint effort to contain those elements which have both the primordial and psychic influence on the broad spectrum of 'life' and themselves.

For leaders to have an effectual role in the public arena, they need to have the awareness/understanding of the public which is an inculcated phenomenon requiring a good dose of fundamental fact upon which there needs to be an intellectual agreement that embraces the outlines of both reason and pragmatism applied on both a national/regional scale. Local wisdom is a necessary requisite, as, also is the benefit of regional overview, a concourse is essential, which has been discovered during the discussions on the Murray/Darling water allocations. It is a miniature example of the micro versus the macro fields in a few 'disciplines' of human endeavour; chief of which is the vital role of leadership having the ability to consolidate views into a unity of purpose and action, or less action where that is beneficial-but upon which so much diatribe is evident, either as self-interest, or the lack of courage to face up to the facts of 'reality', to make the necessary mental / physical adjustments personally / collectively!

Never before, has humankind had the opportunity to commune on a global scale, virtually and instantly yet there is no full realisation in the global mind of the dangers that face humanity which is at war with the planet with the quid pro quo of the planet being at war with humankind either by excesses or by withdrawals so the dilemma resolves itself around change of life-style by choice or by the 'primordial' forces of nature!

In summary, the most important requirement lies in the field of education, for which, as stated above, we have a global technological 'reach', if given by inspired leadership, can assert/inspire the reasons to know, and follow, with trust and confidence. There is an assertion about the right relation between spiritual aspects and other social functions but as the 'spirit' cannot be disembodied, so no institution can exist only to express it, because the spiritual and the secular are woven together, not only empirically, but also theoretically in the texture of civilisation. For the church the problem is to articulate the right relation between moral socialisation and the dynamism of the gospel; for the university, the more complex task is to articulate the relation between the economic and technical imperatives, intellectual socialisation, and the urge to moral and intellectual activism, which in part, Swartz of Macquarie university is making the attempt! Freud was correct with his assertion/analysis of elemental wrestling away of the 'primordial' instincts from our 'cultural' ambitions and achievements if we are to live harmoniously!

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## Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder

FOETAL Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) describes various effects that may occur in a foetus whose mother consumed alcohol during pregnancy. The most extreme form is Foetal Alcohol Syndrome (FAS). The effects of Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder can last a lifetime and include physical, mental, behavioural and learning disabilities.

Alcohol is harmful to a foetus as it is a neurotoxin (poison) and a teratogen which is a substance proven to cause birth defects and permanent brain injury. Areas of foetal development that may be interrupted include normal growth being inhibited, facial features developing abnormally and permanent brain damage occurring.

There is no known safe amount of alcohol that can be consumed during pregnancy. The National Health and Medical Research Council recommends that not drinking alcohol is the safest option for women who are pregnant or planning a pregnancy.

"It is important to support women who are pregnant or planning pregnancy to not consume alcohol. This may be achieved by providing non-alcoholic drinks at social occasions, selecting outings less focussed on alcohol (a movie rather than the pub) and encouraging their partners to abstain from alcohol prior to and during pregnancy," stated Rachael Biddulph, local Health Promotion Officer.

For support or more information regarding Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder or other parenting issues phone the Parenting WA Line on 1800 654 432, available 24/7.

## Emergency Support for People with Disabilities

THE State Government has provided a \$50,000 emergency support package for people with disabilities and their families living in areas affected by the current dry season.

Announcing the 'Dry Season Support Initiative', Disability Services Minister, Simon O'Brien, and Agriculture and Food Minister, Terry Redman, said many farming families were facing the prospect of significantly reduced incomes, while town-based families were also feeling the effects of the economic downturn in the regions due to the impact of the dry season.

"This is one of the driest years on record, and Disability Services Commission country-based staff have reported a deteriorating situation on farms in some regions and in some country towns was having an impact on people with disability and their families," Mr O'Brien said. "For example, the costs met routinely by families for pharmaceuticals, transport assistance, specialised equipment, respite support and direct care could become prohibitive when farm incomes are reduced significantly."

Mr O'Brien warned that informal support and volunteer assistance for people with disabilities could also be affected by the reduced capacity of local people to give their time to assist.

The 'Dry Season Support Initiative' will operate within six of the commission's regions: Mid-West, Upper Great Southern, Midlands, Lower Great Southern, Lower South-West and the Harvey Collie part of Bunbury and Districts. Mr Redman said the commission was working closely with other Government departments, including the Department of Water, to ensure a co-ordinated

response to issues faced by people in rural communities.

"I am pleased with the cross-agency work being done to ensure the Government is doing its best to address issues faced by country people in this extended dry period," he said.

The funding will be open to those individuals and families already receiving services and supports from the Disability Services Commission in those regions. Families and individuals should approach their Local Area Coordinator for further information.

Funding is available for immediate allocation through until May 2011, when the commission will review the impact of the dry season and of the support initiatives.

## Regional Events Scheme: Applications

APPLICATIONS for the annual \$300,000 Regional Events Scheme, which comprises only one round in 2011 as opposed to two in previous years, are now open.

The scheme offers funding for eligible regional events held between 1 July, 2011 and 30 June, 2012 that have the ability to attract a large number of visitors and generate significant media coverage to raise the profile of a region.

Executive Director Mr David van Ooran said Eventscorp was committed to supporting regional events and the funding pool of \$300,000 had not reduced despite the number of rounds being adjusted.

"The change to one round aligns with a number of other funding schemes, supports Tourism WA's strategic direction of streamlining processes and reduces the administration, time and cost involved in coordinating the scheme," he said.

The Regional Events Scheme supports new and established regional events that will showcase Western Australia as a vibrant tourism destination.

Mr van Ooran said the State had a number of exciting and diverse regional events that flourished as a result of the scheme.

"The Shinju Matsuri festival in Broome, Geographe Bay Race Week and the Manjimup Cherry Harmony Festival were just some of the events funded by the Regional Events Scheme in 2010," he said.

"These events offer many extraordinary experiences to our visitors and play an important role in delivering social and economic benefits to the local community."

The Regional Events Scheme is administered by Eventscorp. Applications for the scheme close on Monday 21 February, 2011 at 4 pm.

For more information visit [www.tourism.wa.gov.au/Events/Pages/Regional\\_Events.aspx](http://www.tourism.wa.gov.au/Events/Pages/Regional_Events.aspx) or contact Event Development Manager Wendy Tate on 9262 1759 or [wendy.tate@westernaustralia.com](mailto:wendy.tate@westernaustralia.com).

## Tobacco Legislation

ON 22 September 2010 amendments to the Tobacco Products Control Act 2009 were introduced in Western Australia. Restrictions have been tightened on where people can smoke and on the promotion of tobacco.

The new legislation bans:

- the display of tobacco products, packages and smoking implements at point of sale
- smoking in outdoor eating areas
- smoking in vehicles with children under 17 years of age
- smoking within 10 metres of children's playground equipment in a public place
- smoking between the flags at patrolled swimming areas on beaches

Liquor licensed premises that are not subject to a restaurant liquor licence may set aside up to 50 per cent of outdoor dining areas as smoking zones.

"Western Australia is leading the way in combating smoking and this legislation will result in major health benefits for all Western Australians," stated local Health Promotion Officer, Rachael Biddulph. "Not only will it help protect children from tobacco promotion and the harms of passive smoking, but it will also reduce smoking-caused illness, and help people live longer, healthier lives."

The new laws affect the whole community, including tobacco retailers, hotel owners, café and food outlet proprietors, industry groups, and the general public. Rachael Biddulph said the Department of Health would use a range of strategies to encourage and enhance compliance with the new laws including the provision of advice, education, formal warnings, or prosecution. Inspections will also occur in response to complaints from members of the public.

For more information on the new tobacco legislation go to [www.health.wa.gov.au/tobaccocontrol](http://www.health.wa.gov.au/tobaccocontrol).

If you have a concern that the new legislation is not being adhered to in your local community then you can make a complaint to the Tobacco Control Branch on 1300 784 892.

## Not-for-Profit Sector Reform Council Announced

MINISTER for Social Inclusion, the Hon Tanya Plibersek MP, has announced the

composition of the Australian Government's Not-for-Profit Sector Reform Council (the Council).

The Council fulfils an important election promise and demonstrates the Government's ongoing commitment to the not-for-profit sector.

The Council is made up of eminent figures from the not-for-profit sector. To help drive the Government's plans to reform the sector, the Council will examine the scope of a national

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## TOODYAY RAINFALL

Recordings are taken from Bureau of Meteorology (in mm).

YEAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
2000	94.4	0.0	13.0	31.6	7.6	73.0	115.6	78.8	26.0	0.8	5.0	2.8	488.6
2001	7.2	3.2	2.6	2.8	60.4	6.4	78.6	70.6	50.8	22.4	28.0	0.0	333.0
2002	9.0	5.4	2.2	52.4	37.2	72.4	90.4	50.6	50.0	27.0	11.4	2.6	410.6
2003	0.0	26.6	46.2	49.0	71.8	120.0	68.6	92.0	75.2	7.0	26.8	6.8	590.0
2004	2.2	2.4	3.4	4.2	73.6	93.2	63.8	82.8	28.6	21.2	35.0	0.8	411.2
2005	0.0	2.2	25.2	10.6	86.0	135.6	43.6	71.6	51.0	22.6	9.6	4.6	462.6
2006	119.5	16.6	3.0	21.2	19.0	29.8	54.8	88.8	73.2	15.6	13.8	9.4	464.7
2007	16.4	26.6	10.2	34.0	58.2	43.2	121.0	74.0	70.4	39.2	0.0	57.6	550.8
2008	0.0	10.8	9.8	76.8	38.2	62.8	146.2	8.4	50.6	43.0	31.0	3.4	481.0
2009	8.0	8.0	9.0	32.6	39.2	83.6	115.0	76.2	56.2	17.2	30.2	2.6	478.2
2010							69.4	36.2	12.0	3.4	7.2	21.4	149.6
AVERAGE ALL YEARS: (RECORDING COMMENCED IN TOODYAY 1/1/1877)													
	10.7	12.4	19.5	25.9	67.2	99.9	102.4	80.3	47.8	31.4	14.8	9.1	521.4
Driest year 1914 - 255.3mm. Wettest year 1917 - 916.8mm. Wettest month June 1945 - 322.4mm. Wettest day March 9 1934 - 191.3mm.													

*Not-for-Profit Sector Reform Council  
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one-stop-shop regulator, provide advice on streamlining tendering and contracting processes for Government-funded not-for-profits, consider harmonisation of federal, state and territory laws on fundraising and support the implementation of the National Compact: *working together*.

- Full membership of the Council includes:
- Linda Lavarch - Australian Centre for Philanthropy and Nonprofit Studies (Chair)
  - Anne Robinson - Prolegis Lawyers (Deputy Chair)
  - Glenn Appleyard - Australian Accounting Standards Board
  - Ken Baker - National Disability Services
  - Sandy Blackburn-Wright - Westpac, Community Development
  - Kasy Chambers - Anglicare
  - Michael Coleman - KPMG / Planet Ark
  - David Crosbie - Community Council for Australia
  - Cassandra Goldie - Australian Council of Social Service
  - Suzie Haslehurst - Magabala Books Aboriginal Corporation
  - Evelyn O'Loughlin - Volunteering SA and NT
  - Frank Quinlan - Catholic Social Services Australia

The Council will be governed by the following Terms of Reference.

**Terms of Reference for the Not-For-Profit Sector Reform Council**

**Purpose**

The Not-for-Profit Sector Reform Council (the Council) will be established by the Commonwealth Government for three years to support the Office for the Not-for-Profit Sector (the Office) to implement the Government's commitment to smarter regulation, reduced red tape and improved transparency and accountability of the sector.

**Role**

The role of the Council is to provide support to the Office in its role to drive and coordinate the Government's not-for-profit sector reform agenda.

The Council will provide advice to the Government on not-for-profit issues, including:

- examining the scope of a national 'one-stop shop' regulator for the sector including its role, feasibility and structure;
- streamlining Commonwealth Government

tendering and contracting processes for government funded not-for-profit organisations, including the development of a common form contract; and

- harmonisation of fundraising and other Commonwealth, state and territory laws.

The Council will also provide advice on the Productivity Commission's report into the not-for-profit sector and other related reviews.

The Council will also support the implementation of the National Compact: *working together*.

**Membership**

Membership of the Council will be determined by the Minister for Social Inclusion.

The Council will comprise of up to twelve members and will be led by a Chair and Deputy Chair.

Membership will be reviewed annually, to provide a balance of continuing members with new members.

Members will be reimbursed costs for economy travel, accommodation and incidentals to attend the meetings. Sitting fees will not apply.

The Council will meet up to four times per year face-to-face. Additional meetings will be conducted via phone conference.

**Governance**

The Council will work closely with the Office for the Not-for-Profit Sector. The Council may convene working groups as necessary to consider particular issues in depth and report back to the full Council. These sub-groups may consult external experts in the field to inform their deliberations.

**Emergency Personnel Miss Their Own Presents**

WESTERN Australians should spare a thought for the many emergency services personnel and police who weren't able to spend the festive season with their families because they were required for duty, Shadow Emergency Services Minister Margaret Quirk said.

"We should not take for granted the selfless contribution of firefighters, police, emergency volunteers and emergency hospital staff at this time of the year," Ms Quirk said. "While most of us were relaxing with our families, these officers were required to be on duty or on call. As



**Thank You, Edith!**

THIS nice lady named Edith offered us new bikes.

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**Toodyay Theatre Group**

THE midnight oil has been burning for some of the Toodyay Theatre Group! Writing and re-writing is taking place as we speak for the up and coming production of:

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All budding actors and anyone willing to lend a hand back-stage or with production are welcome to join us at the AUDITIONS on Tuesday 22 February 2011 at 7pm, Toodyay Memorial Hall - Rear Entry

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a community, we owe them our special gratitude and appreciation."

Ms Quirk also took the opportunity to thank the emergency personnel who assisted in the recent floods in the Gascoyne.

"Now that the immediate threat is subsiding we can begin to reflect on the excellent efforts by many to assist those stranded and to mitigate the damage," she said. "It would be terrific if their efforts could be acknowledged in some formal way when the town is back on its feet."

Ms Quirk said Christmas and the summer holidays were traditionally a stressful time for emergency services personnel.

"Western Australian police are committed to 24 hours a day, 7 days a week enforcement

of our road traffic laws to preserve lives and dealing with the negative and violent impacts of alcohol and drug abuse," she said. "Fire fighters and bushfire and rescue volunteers need to be in a constant state of vigilance for what has the potential to be a disastrous fire season. They are also on heightened alert for cyclones and the possibility of having to undertake rescues in the case of serious motor vehicle crashes.

"Ambulance officers and nurses must be on hand during medical emergencies until a doctor can arrive.

"These personnel are living examples of the Christmas spirit. They put their own desires behind those who are in trouble and in need."

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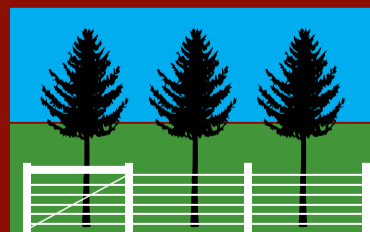
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## New DVD: Sandalwood - The Golden Harvest

FOR those who have heard about sandalwood and want to know more, a DVD produced by the Australian Sandalwood Network with funding from Wheatbelt Natural Resource Management is now available at the Toodyay Library.

Sandalwood (*Santalum spicatum*) is a native species to Western Australia. It is



grown for its aromatic oil which, after five years, forms in the heartwood and nuts. Sandalwood was very important in the development of WA.

Toodyay originally contained large areas of sandalwood which was cleared early on because of the close proximity to Perth. Nowadays you will only find the occasional tree in the wild.

Sandalwood grows in many soil types and rainfall zones.

The DVD looks at the history, cultivation markets and future prospects for this fascinating crop. All the questions growers may have about sandalwood are answered by this DVD and includes comments from farmers and sandalwood growers and researchers throughout the wheatbelt. Further copies of the DVD are available from the ASN on 9574 5882 email [exec@sandalwood.org.au](mailto:exec@sandalwood.org.au).



## Python Watch

Desraé Clarke  
Member Toodyay Naturalists' Club

OVER November and December of 2010 there were multiple reports of reptiles, especially snakes, of various types.

The fire in the area of Malkup Brook Reserve caused excitement when some snakes moved house! However, the reports have lessened and most of the recent sightings have been of small animals, obviously juveniles.

A 20cm Gould's Monitor, small Bobtails, a very young Barking Gecko, a small robust frog (may have been a burrowing frog), a snake-like lizard whose description sounded very like a Burton's Legless Lizard, and a very small brown frog (??? a Red-thighed Froglet – it wasn't allowing me to check it out!) found in our garden. These little critters have survived the first few critical months of their young lives!

With their own types ready to predate on them and the many birds that relish a frog or lizard or two, chances of survival of these young fauna are quite slim. However, as is well-known, the camouflage of our native creatures is amazing! A Bobtail came to visit and, following a feed of tiny tomatoes, it disappeared. A shiny scale

was detected beneath a bed of nearby eucalypt leaves under which it had hidden - and SO quickly!

Over the last decade and a half, Bobtails and Blue-tongue skinks have come under threat of an 'upper respiratory tract infection' (URTI); this contagious, flu-like condition continues to spread in the warmer months of the year and can decimate a whole population. Kanyana Wildlife Rehabilitation Centre has been successful in obtaining funding to research, together with Murdoch University, this devastating complaint.

A skink with URTI may present, initially, with bubbling clear fluid from the eyes, nose and mouth, sneezing and appearing lethargic. The eyes become sealed shut with the fluid and the animal ceases to move about resulting in a reduction in bodily condition due to starvation; it becomes thin and severely emaciated with a flattened tail (the tail is usually rounded and quite fat) which is a sign of pending death. If you find a Bobtail or Blue-tongue Skink that is unwell please contact Kanyana Wildlife Rehabilitation Centre, as soon as possible. The telephone number is 9291 3900 and the address of the Centre is 120 Gilchrist Road, Lesmurdie.

*Barking Gecko courtesy Wayne Clarke*



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# environmental matters

## Recovery at Place of Plenty

Margaret McKeown

NO person who was in Toodyay on the afternoon of Tuesday 29 December 2009 will forget what that day was like. The countryside was dry and the weather hot and windy. The day was the first in the Shire to be given a Catastrophic Fire Weather Warning. The Catastrophic classification had been introduced after the dreadful fires in Victoria early in 2009 and denotes the worst possible conditions if a fire is ignited.

It was one of those days when you can start bringing in the washing as soon as you've hung it out.

At Nardie Homestead, the day had passed quietly up until just before one o'clock in the afternoon. It was between Christmas and New Year, many people were on holidays and there was a machinery ban in place in the Shire. As the temperature rose to 46 degrees most people were indoors avoiding the heat. At our place, I was looking after our three year old granddaughter, Safi, and Mick was having a snooze (typical!).

The first we knew about the fire was just after two o'clock when Fletch came over to see if we had any update on the fire which was burning in the Folewood Road area. The smoke cloud was growing higher above and the drifting smoke was getting thicker from the back of Majestic Heights.

Soon we could see the fire burning through the Toodyay Racecourse and we knew that this was a "big one" and we could be in trouble. As we found out later, by then the fire had wrought a terrible pathway through the farms, homes and businesses between River Road and the Racecourse.

We thought we might be OK as the wind was blowing the fire more towards Key Farm than towards us. Then the wind shifted. It was now blowing directly from the west. We knew we were now in the direct path of the

fire. At about three o'clock, I evacuated with Safi and assorted belongings which would fit into our car and left for Northam where we were to spend the night in billets.

The fire jumped the Toodyay Road at about three-thirty. With the wind directly behind it, the fire first raced up hill on the other side of the railway line through a stubble paddock and towards Miller's home. Then the fire jumped the railway line and three firebreaks and entered our property.

Mick stayed to defend our property. The firebreaks were in place, the area around the house was clear, we had a farm fire fighting unit on the ute, we are on Scheme water and there was a clear escape way down the Northam-Toodyay Road.

At first, Mick thought that he could stop the fire before it hit the olive grove but the fire was moving too fast and he thought he might need to preserve the water in the tank on the ute to defend the house. So began the fight which was to last well into the night.

Our olive grove and garden were burnt and our sheds caught fire but were saved. Our thanks go to Josh Jackson and Wayne Fletcher who were there when things were grimmest in the afternoon and evening, and to all the Fire Brigades and farmer's units who came through to help during the long nights and days which followed. You know who you are.

Our first priority after the fire was to replace the irrigation system to get water to the burnt trees as soon as possible. With the help of great neighbours the irrigation was up and flowing within a week. Once again, our thanks go to Fletch who worked tirelessly including one stint at night with a cap lamp! You should go down the mines Fletch.

There is not much information available about the recovery of olive trees after bushfire although after the Victorian fires, a fire at Grass Valley and the Toodyay fire the knowledge of what to do is increasing rapidly.

We hoped that watering and waiting might do the trick but not so.

After harvesting the remnant olives in June, about one-twentieth of our usual harvest, the trees were still struggling. There were not many olives picked but those that we did pick were good enough to make an oil which won a Bronze Medal at the Perth Royal Show.

We sought expert advice from Stan Kailis, Professor of Plant Biology at the University of Western Australia. Stan was kind enough to visit and assess the damage and suggest what to do. Unfortunately, his advice meant that we had to cut the trees down to live wood no more than a metre or so above the ground. As Stan drove back to Perth, the sound of the chainsaw wielded by Mick, muttering through gritted teeth, echoed through the valley.

The trees showed how tough they are and good growth began in many canopies as the weather warmed in early October.

Unfortunately, as a means of survival, olive trees which have been damaged throw off new water shoots from around the base. In trees which had been cut to ground level the strongest of these shoots were chosen to be trained as new trunks. All other water shoots must be pruned away. Then they grow back. Then they must be pruned away. Then they grow back...

I've been pruning olive trees almost every day for the last three months. After this I'm buying a brush and going to Sydney to get a job painting the bridge!

Olives form on two year old wood so there will be no olive harvest in the winter of 2011. We will have to wait three or four years before we can produce a significant quantity of oil at Place of Plenty. We are on the first step of the stairway to recovery. There is a bottle of the finest Extra Virgin Olive Oil at the top of the stairs.

Thank you to the good people of Toodyay who have shown us all what real friends are.



## Toodyay Seed Orchard Group

Bethan Lloyd

WE have been busy over the summer months sowing seed and the germinated seeds are putting on maximum growth. Even some old seed which has been less than perfectly stored has germinated and many species such as anigozanthus and conostylis have benefitted from the use of smoke water. In coming weeks we will be sowing the faster maturing species such as acacias.

Anyone still wanting seedlings for 2011 can still put in requests as we are growing more plants than ordered. Meeting times are 8.30am at the shade house but, if it's hot, we start at 8am on 9 and 23 February, 9 and 23 March and 13 and 27 April.



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# environmental matters

## Toodyay Friends of the River

Gregory Warburton

EVEN though it is early in the TFOR year there is already plenty to report. Our planning meeting, as is now traditional was conducted on Australia Day and indicated it will be another busy year for the 'Friends'. Fencing, tree planting, Tamarix control, litter pickups and river section surveys are just a few activities on the programme. TFOR has also put forward a member to join the Tidy Towns committee and we are hoping to see some badly needed cleanup work being undertaken, especially on our waterways.

I am very pleased to report that our 2011 re-vegetation project is already well under way with the fencing almost complete and 3000m of deep ripping done thanks to our friends and sponsors Vernice Pty Ltd.

In December of last year TFOR hosted an Indonesian Landcare student for a weekend. Her name is Sintya Latumahina and she is from the Island of Ambon and studies at a university in Yogyakarta on Java. The tour included visits to landcare sites in the York and Talbot area including the 13 Mile Creek site where no less than 60,000 trees have been planted. Then there were visits to river pool dredging operations at Katrine and a re-vegetation site at Harper Brook. The next day took in a Sandalwood plantation, Arinya Tree Farm at Dowerin and the amazing 'Auria' (Australia without S.A.L.T.) Project, also in the Dowerin Shire. Here, David Kennett has used unconventional methods to re-vegetate over 400 acres of severely degraded, salt affected land. It is something to behold now after 10 years of planting. The previously treeless wasteland now resembles a forest. Fellow TFOR members Viv Street and Vicki Warburton joined the trip and an enjoyable learning experience was had by all. Sintya was amazed at how landcare is conducted in our Wheatbelt under such dry conditions.

Programme Manager with the Department of Water in Northam, Bern Kelly, is soon to be transferred to the city after 13 devoted years working along the Avon River. The contribution he has made to improving the health of the river and waterways of the Avon Catchment over that time is inestimable. From river pool dredging to fencing and re-vegetation projects, Bern



Deep ripping of the Harper Brook Recovery Site (Stage 1) in preparation for winter tree planting.



Bern Kelly of the Dept of Water and Gaven Donegan of TFOR at Long Pool

has been at the forefront. But perhaps his biggest legacy will be the great work he has done by engaging local communities. He has been a good friend of the Toodyay Friends of the River, consistently providing invaluable help and support for the group. He will be sorely missed.

Community members are encouraged to report damage to flora and fauna or any suspicious behaviour along the River and its reserves to the Department of Environment on 9295 9100 or the Department of Water on 9622 7055. There has been a recent spate of severe damage to native trees, off-road vehicle use and disposal of rubbish and animal carcasses along the river.

We will meet for the first 'working bee' of the year 8am at Duigee Park. The planned activity will be a site inspection and some final fencing work at the Harper Brook Recovery Site (Stage 1).

Toodyay Friends of the River (Inc) meets every 3rd Sunday of the month. Any enquiries about TFOR can be made by phoning Greg (Pres) on 9574-5445, Robyn (Secretary) on 9574-2578 or Desraé (Vice-President) on 6364 3609. We are always looking for new members, especially fit ones, so come along and do some good work for the environment while having fun and meeting some great people.

## Grants to Help Care for Bush

WHEATBELT landowners now have a helping hand when it comes to protecting their precious bush land.

Natural resource management group Wheatbelt NRM is offering grants of up to \$15,000 to help conserve patches of remnant vegetation in the Avon River Basin.

Wheatbelt NRM's Rebecca Palumbo said landholders, local councils and community groups could apply.

"It could be a project to protect bush land on your property, a local community reserve or even a creek," Rebecca Palumbo said. "We want to help communities look after those remaining patches of bush that are home to our native plants and animals."

Rebecca Palumbo said because these areas were scattered throughout the Wheatbelt, they had become a vitally important habitat for rare flora and fauna.

She said it was also crucial to retain the last original stands of Wheatbelt vegetation.

"We are looking to support projects that could include a land owner wanting to fence stock out from a patch of bush," she said. "At the same time they may also want to plant tree crops to provide a corridor between those patches of bush."

"The funding would also be available for community groups and local councils wanting to revegetate creek lines or reserves and for pest and weed control."

The closing date for applications is 18<sup>th</sup> February 2011.

Funding for the Bushcare Grants is through the Commonwealth government's Caring for our Country programme.

For more information visit the website [www.wheatbelt.nrm.org.au/funding/bushcare-grants/tlrm.org.au](http://www.wheatbelt.nrm.org.au/funding/bushcare-grants/tlrm.org.au) or call 9690 2250.

## Weed of the Month Castor Oil Plant

Compiled by Wayne Clarke

A COMMON weed in Toodyay, particularly along the waterways, is the Castor Oil plant. A member of the Euphorbiaceae Family, this plant (*Ricinus communis*) is considered a pest plant, producing many hundreds of seeds on maturity. It is native to tropical Africa and Asia. Although Castor Oil is extracted from the seeds (for medical and other uses), the seeds are highly toxic.

Castor Oil is a shrub growing to a height of four metres. The alternate leaves can be up to 40cm across and are palmately shaped (like the palm of a hand with the fingers extended). There are 5-9 lobes (points) on each leaf. The flowering stalk grows up to 15cm in length, with yellow male flowers below and red female flowers above, on the one plant (a feature called monoecious.) It normally flowers from August to September, but they have been found to flower in Toodyay as late as March.

The mature seed capsule is woody, 15mm by 20mm, spiny, with long conical and curved, spine-tipped projections. Each plant can have hundreds of these seed capsules, with 20 or more capsules per flowering stalk. On maturity, the capsules break open to allow their large seeds to be dispersed by birds or the wind.

While the plant is small, pulling the seedlings can easily control it. Mature trees need to be cut and poisoned, but it may take a number of years before finally being eradicated. In the meantime, cutting off the flowering heads and placing them in a black plastic bag in the sun to rot will control further spread of this noxious plant.



Photograph of the seeds by Wayne Clarke  
Source: *Flora of the Perth Region, Part One. WA Herbarium 1987*

## Bird of the Month Laughing Kookaburra

Desraé Clarke  
Member Toodyay Naturalists' Club

THIS stocky and largest member of the Kingfisher family (who, incidentally, doesn't take fish), is an endemic bird of the eastern states of Australia. It was introduced to the lower south west of Western Australia in 1897, Tasmania in 1905, Kangaroo Island,

South Australia, in 1926 and the islands of Bass Strait in the 1940s. It has successfully bred, and spread, in these regions and now lives in Western Australia in forest clearings, woodland, farmland, timbered watercourses and suburbia from as far north as Geraldton to our southern coastal area of Esperance.

Unfortunately, our smaller birds such as robins, honeyeaters, etc, have not evolved with this clever predatory bird with its hunting method of seizing its prey by pouncing on it from a suitable perch. It will swallow smaller prey whole or smash a larger catch against a tree branch or the ground.

Food of the Laughing Kookaburra is varied. It will take small birds and nestlings, large insects, frogs, snails, crustaceans, reptiles, mice and small marsupials - it is not above taking handouts at picnic spots from the human hand (never a good thing for wildlife of any type!)

This large member of the Kingfisher family grows up to 45cms with the female slightly larger than the male. The compact, strong bill has a blackish top mandible with the lower one bone-coloured. Upper body colouring is a soft brown with the wings spotted blue/grey and a blue rump. There is a band of creamy white separating the head from the neck and a significant dark streak through the impressive brown eyes. The tail is rufous in colour with black barring and white tips to the tail feathers; the underparts are creamy white. The female is similar to the male in colouring with less blue on her rump.

It is believed the Laughing Kookaburras pair for life. A dominant male and female lead the group with the well-known 'laugh' announcing territorial rights. Two to three white eggs are laid, with each egg arriving at two-day intervals, between August and January in a nest that may be a bare chamber or termite nest in a tree hollow or may be in the bank of a river course.

Incubation is by both adult birds and takes between 23 and 25 days with the young fledging between 32 and 37 days. The parents are assisted with care of the young by other group members including offspring from the previous year.

Western Australia does have an endemic kookaburra known as the Blue-winged Kookaburra. It is found in the tropic and sub-tropic areas of Western Australia, across the top of our country to Queensland and down the eastern coast to just north of Brisbane. It is slightly smaller, has a large, solid bill, a whitish eye and pale blue wings. Its 'maniacal' call is guttural together with squawks and screeches. It lacks the broad, dark band through the eye that is so prominent in the Laughing Kookaburra.



# Toodyay Christian Fellowship

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# environmental matters

## Be Prepared to Act During a Bushfire

MOST people living in areas where bushfires happen know they are at risk but think it will happen to someone else. Many think about preparing but never get around to it. Bushfires impact people every year and there is a good chance one could start near you.

FESA District Manager Avon, Mark Bowen, said, "Bushfires can start suddenly so you need to be prepared to act even if you do not get an official warning."

"Not hearing a warning does not mean there is no threat. You need to put your bushfire survival plan into action immediately. If you do not have a plan, discuss with your family now what you will do if a bushfire threatens."

"Most people wait to be told what to do, expecting a firefighter to knock on their door to tell them to leave. This is unlikely to happen as they will be working to put the fire out," he said.

On hot dry days when bushfires are possible, you need to stay alert, regularly going outside to check for signs of a bushfire. Look and listen for information on television, local ABC radio, the internet, information lines and speak with your neighbours.

"Know what the Fire Danger Rating is for your area. The Fire Danger Rating (FDR) tells you what type of fire weather is forecast, how bad the fire will be if one starts and what actions you need to take from a fire if one starts," Mr Bowen said. "Knowing the FDR is the best trigger and should be the first step in activating your bushfire survival plan, whether you plan to leave for a safer place or stay and actively defend."

"If bad fire weather is forecast put your preparations into action the night before or early in the day."

"Be prepared and have a plan, your survival depends on it."

For further information on preparing you and your family for bushfire visit [www.fesa.wa.gov.au](http://www.fesa.wa.gov.au) or call or visit your local volunteer bush fire brigade.

## Toodyay Naturalists' Club

Lee Francis  
President

WELL, here we are at the start of a new year, which promises to be a very busy one for the Club. Hopefully everyone is refreshed and re-energised after the holiday break.

We held a well-attended and productive planning day, thanks to the hospitality of Don and Eva Smith, on Saturday 22 January. There were lots of ideas and suggestions for projects, excursions and guest speakers, and



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the Committee will be meeting at Bob and Beth Frayne's at 6.30pm on Friday evening 4 February to hopefully develop a programme for the year which will then be sent to all members.

At the planning day, the President Lee regretfully advised that due to work and family commitments she will no longer be able to fill this role, so the nomination of a new President will also be on the agenda for the Committee to consider. Lee thanked the members and Committee for their support over her time as President.

Our first meeting for the year will be at the CWA Hall in Stirling Terrace at 7pm on Saturday 19 February. At this stage it will be a Club night, with some matters to discuss, some organisation of the Club's assets to arrange, and hopefully a presentation by members. Everyone is welcome to come along and participate.

Late last year we were pleased to make a presentation to the Shire of our recently completed Naturalists' Club history, written by a variety of members and compiled and edited by Beth Frayne and Robyn Taylor. Shire President Kevin Hogg accepted the book and commented that it was good to be able to work cooperatively with community organisations. We were also very grateful for the kind invitation extended to members to attend dinner with the Councillors prior to the meeting.

Copies of the book will also be donated to the Toodyay Library and Toodyay District High School. Anyone wishing to purchase a copy can do so by contacting Beth Frayne.

The Club welcomes new members, or visitors who just want to see what we get up to, and we also welcome sightings of any interesting or unusual flora and fauna.

## Such is Life

Barbara Dadd

DO wood ducks mourn the loss of their precious young? From a human perspective who's to say, but the Temple Tree lake allows me the opportunity to observe this question at close quarters.

Each year a mating couple arrives sometime in September and - skirting over the more private and intimate scenes - eventually introduces a brood of 6-8 ducklings to the water's edge.

For weeks then, I have the privilege of watching the ducklings grow and prosper. Each morning they appear as if from nowhere and, late in the afternoon, I watch in breathless anticipation as the parents prepare their brood for the perilous dash to overnight cover. And perilous it is for the kookaburras sit atop the gum trees surrounding the lake ready to pick the babies off as they make a mad dash from bush to bush.

Last year the jovial serial killers got the lot, one by one and, with the brutal disappearance of the last of their brood, the couple mourned.

For half a day she sat by the edge of the lake with her head hidden beneath a wing. Her equally sad life-partner stood protectively nearby and would periodically waddle up and quack a forlorn lament. The tragic day wore on as I watched from the sidelines but, as the afternoon's shadows lengthened, she eventually stood tall, fluffed her feathers, called to her mate and together the lovers flew away. Such is life.

But happy, happy news! They came again this year - ever the hopeful pair - and presented Temple Tree with another healthy brood of 8. Perhaps more diligent as parents or was it simply their time to expand their bank of genes, but the 8 grew and prospered and seemed not to want to leave.

Strangely, instead of the young adolescents taking to the sky in search of freedom and adventure, they've stayed and, with their parents, appear to have adopted the lake and garden as their own safe port. They return most days now, often at dusk AND, as they waddle free of fear nearby I wonder, what can I learn from this?

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## Toodyay Cricket

John Lucas

### 'A' Grade

Sat 27 November

Toodyay 5 for 211 Defeated Roos 192

Toodyay Batting:

Jermaine Davis	97
Peter Dasborough	41
Shane Farrall	28no

Toodyay Bowling:

Corey Higgins	3 for 29
Kerwin Stuart	3 for 52
Jermaine Davis	2 for 37

Sat 4 December

Grass Valley White 119 defeated Toodyay 96

Toodyay Batting:

Jason Jones	35
Blade Brown	11

Toodyay Bowling:

Jason Jones	4 for 15
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Sun 12 December

Toodyay 195 defeated Federals 179

Toodyay Batting:

Jermaine Davis	81
Jack Dasborough	31
Jason Jones	26
Corey Higgins	15

Toodyay Bowling:

Corey Higgins	5 for 58
Damien Higgins	2 for 25

Sat 8 January

Toodyay 6 for 131 defeated Grass Valley Green 4 for 119

Toodyay Batting:

Kerwin Stuart	58no
Ben Jenkins	30no
Jason Jones	13
Paul Morgan	12

Toodyay Bowling:

Corey Higgins	2 for 28
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### 'B' Grade

Sun 5 December

Toodyay 131 tied with Grass Valley Green 131

Toodyay Batting:

Kerwin Stuart	25no
Paul Lindsay	24
Ryan Van Beek	24
John Lucas	19

Toodyay Bowling:

Steven Risely	3 for 31
Paul Lindsay	2 for 47
Ryan Van Beek	2 for 18

Sun 12 December

Toodyay 7 for 236 defeated Grass Valley White 189

Toodyay Batting:

Ryan Van Beek	61
Damon Geary	50
Rob Glover	38
Paul Lindsay	30

Toodyay Bowling:

Steve Riseley	2 for 23
Damon Geary	2 for 39
Ryan Van Beek	2 for 10
Rob Glover	2 for 44

## Juniors Under 16

Sat 27 November

St Josephs 226 defeated Toodyay 46

Toodyay Batting:

Connor McBride	10
Patrick Cording	9no

Toodyay Bowling:

Michael Hart	2 for 23
Jeremy Ferguson	2 for 42

Sat 4 December

Toodyay 36 lost to Avon West 64

Toodyay Batting:

Patrick Cording	11
Connor McBride	8

Toodyay Bowling:

Kieran Delicata	3 for 16
Tom Lucas	2 for 15

While the Toodyay Junior Under 16s has been short on player attendance during the season, the team has worked hard and has built a great team combination.

Toodyay has sourced a field of inspiring young players who enjoy the game of cricket. New member, Michael Hart, has been welcomed into the team and is enjoying the opportunity to score and develop his bowling technique. Special mention must go to Anthea Ferguson for playing a few games to maintain the team numbers. She did a wonderful job of batting and bowling, almost outdoing the boys; great to see the girls having a go. Mitchell Cording, our U/13s team representative who has supported the team when available with his bowling skills has been much appreciated.

A special thank you must go to our wonderful scorer, Tracey McBride, who is always organised and ready. Recognition must also go to John Lucas for coaching and managing the team and umpiring every game. Melinda Lucas has made herself available to help the team to maintain the numbers. She has assisted in scoring and also helped with the seniors. It is a bonus to have someone who takes on these roles to represent the Toodyay Cricket Club. Finally, to the small group of parent support, thank you for making yourselves available to assist with the team.

Northam Junior Country teams competed at Country Week recently. Strong player representation was from Toodyay, who played hard every day and had some great matches, in some very unusual weather. Players from Toodyay, Patrick Cording, Jeremy Ferguson, Jake Burke, Josh Wlazowski, Mitchell Cording, Kevin Wakefield and Jack Morgan, represented the E section coached and managed by John Lucas with assistant, Paul Morgan, and a special mention to Melinda Lucas as scorer every day for the E team. The Northam B Section team was represented by local, Damon Geary, who also had the opportunity to play a few games in Senior Country Week which was co-ordinated by John Lucas.

The leading run scorers for the number 2 team were Jeremy Ferguson, Patrick Cording and Josh Wlazowski.

Leading wicket takers were Josh Wlazowski, Kevin Wakefield and Jeremy Ferguson.

Toodyay players representing the Northam Cricket Association's 3 teams at the recent Senior Country Week Championships in Perth were Jason Jones, Jack Dasborough, Ryan Van Beek, Damon Geary, Paul Lindsay, Steve Riseley, Nathan Welburn, Damien Higgins, Jeff Parnham, Paul Morgan, Matt

Parnham, Rob Glover, Mick Carter and John Lucas. Scorer for the number 1 team was Melinda Lucas.

## Juniors Under 13

THE two Under 13's Teams continue to do well with both the Red and Gold recording wins, the 'Derby Ashes' clashes have the Red team holding the upper-hand at the moment. Coaches Paul Morgan and Barry Clarke are sure to have their teams ready for their next clash at the Town Oval on Saturday 5 February at 8.30am.

### Fixtures

'A' Grade

Sat 5 February

Toodyay v Emus Toodyay Oval 12.50pm

Sat 12 February

Grass Valley Green v Toodyay Bert Hawke 12.50pm

Sat 19 February

Toodyay v Roos Toodyay Oval 12.50pm

Sat 26 February

Grass Valley White v Toodyay Bert Hawke 12.50pm

'B' Grade

Sat 5 February

Grass Valley Green v Toodyay Bert Hawke 12.50pm

Sun 6 February

Toodyay v Grass Valley White Toodyay 12.30pm

Sun 13 February

Grass Valley Green v Toodyay Bert Hawke 12.30pm

Sun 20 February

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Sun 27 February

Grass Valley White v Toodyay Bert Hawke 12.30pm



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Toodyay Under 16's Cricket Team

Players: Michael Gray, Damon Geary, Connor McBride, Peter Wlazowski, Darryl Martin, Patrick Cording, Jeremy Ferguson, Tom Lucas, Michael Hart, Mitchell Cording  
Absent: Josh Wlazowski, Melinda Lucas



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## Toodyay Bowls

### June Eastwood

#### LADIES RESULTS:

##### November

24 – Championship Triples – winners K. Rewell, J. Walton, D. Haworth.

30 – League Triples at Toodyay – won by Vicky Ellis team from Bolgart with Dale McGill's team also from Bolgart, runner up.

##### December

7 – 6th Pennant v Northam Blue – Toodyay lost both games, nil points

9 – Two teams went to Bolgart Open Day. Heather Henderson's team won a round.

14 – 7th Pennant v Dowerin. One team had a draw and the other lost so only ½ point.

We are now 5th on the ladder.

22 – Ladies Christmas Luncheon at Oasis on the Swan and a game of Supa Golf.

The lunch was delicious and the entertainment fun. Ladies could hardly contain their mirth when a team of very macho young men fronted up to tee off.

There were many preliminary swings and then the first player drove off. The brightly coloured ball flew in the air and into a dense thicket of shrubs. Our three embarrassed heroes ultimately climbed a tree, got down on hands and knees and crawled into the shrubbery and shook trees and bushes in vain. That little ball remained invisibly wedged, somewhere in there. I guess that at least meant he hit it hard. It also meant he had to humble himself to go and ask for another ball while the little old ladies played successfully past him.

During January, the ladies play a series of night games for the Judith Walton trophies. Judith generously donates several over the period. With one round of games to go, Heather Henderson is leading the pack but, as some of the front runners found last Wednesday, Scroungers can be a funny game.

Then there is one lady who has her partners fill in her score card as she said she cannot see in the night lighting. And Gale's score that particular evening? 56. Was this some sort of complex mind game to confuse partners? Whatever, it darn well works.

Then there was the (nameless) lady who played so tough she almost ended up with more minus scores than she scored the whole evening by aggressively sending all opponents bowls out of bounds. I say nameless lady because I may meet her next round and I don't want to get her offside.

In February the ladies revert to morning bowls, 9am for a 9.30am start. Tea

drinkers and cigarette smokers take note!

#### MEN'S RESULTS

##### December

4 – 7th Pennant. Toodyay v Meckering. Toodyay 1st Division won 6/2. 2nd Division had a bye.

5 – Bendigo Bank Open Day. Won by a city team. Dowerin (?) runner up. (Captain has had memory lapse)

11 – 8th Pennant. Win to 1st and 2nd Divisions. Congratulations to 2nd Division team of J. Paulson, K. Strauhan, J. Smart and W. Smith for obtaining a 50 badge with a 51/14 shots to win.

12 – I.V. Murray 2 Bowls Singles. Winner B. Bywaters and Runner up K. Adams.

18 – 9th Pennant. Win to both divisions 7/1.

With apologies if names are spelt incorrectly.

## Toodyay Golf Ladies News

### Rose Myers

2011 season is looming. Time to dust the golf clubs and polish the shoes and have a few swings in the backyard. The course is still very dry but hopefully with some winter rain we will see the return of the beautiful wild flowers our course is noted for.

There has been progress in restoring things damaged by the fire, the shed has been fixed and machinery replaced. The tiles in the ladies rest room have been laid they look great thanks to Bruce Shaw.

There is summer golf being played on Sunday mornings. Anyone interested is very welcome.

The Ladies season opens on 4 May, starting at 9am. A platter lunch and 9-hole Ambrose will be played to ease us into the season. There will be 18 and 9 hole competitions available for the rest of the year. Anyone interested may contact Nadine Cording 9574 4165, or Lorraine Musielak 0419 736 936. There are golf clubs that can be borrowed, if anyone wants to try themselves at this sport.

## Toodyay Pony Club

### Cassandra Duckworth

TOODYAY Pony Club is part of the worldwide Pony Club movement, a youth organisation for riders under the age of 25 years. We are proud to be the only club in the state run entirely by volunteers.

The objectives of Pony Club are:

- To encourage young people to ride and learn to enjoy all approved kinds of sport connected with horses and riding.
- To provide instruction in horse mastership and to instil in members the proper care of their animals.
- To promote the highest ideals of

fellowship and loyalty and to develop strength of character and self discipline.

The objectives are achieved with the following in order of importance:

- The safety of the rider
- The comfort of the horse/pony
- The enjoyment of the rider
- The progress of the rider

A working rally is the backbone of the pony club movement. Toodyay rallies are held at the Toodyay Racecourse on the fourth Sunday of each month, (excluding September) starting at 9.30am.

At rallies riders can expect to have a flatwork, jumping, horse mastership and games skills session. Riders are placed in groups after a ridden assessment, which takes into account the rider's age and ability. At times throughout the year visiting coaches may be invited to the club. Toodyay riders have experienced lessons in carriage driving, dentistry, natural horsemanship, vaulting and saddle fitting, to name a few.

Riders are working towards goals to improve their riding and horse handling skills and at the end of the year there is much excitement as members prepare for the End of Year Camp and Presentation Evening. We finished last year with an overnight camp at Mr and Mrs Tighe's farm in Clackline on a very hot weekend in December. Unfortunately it was too hot to take our horses and venture on the usual trail ride around the farm but plenty of alternate activities were arranged and enjoyed by the kids. This included swimming in the pool and a ute ride down to explore the creek and magnificent boulders.

At the AGM held on 11 December, the Committee positions were filled as follows;

- President: Virginia James
- Vice President 1: Sue Tighe
- Vice President 2: Anne Gilchrist
- Secretary: Tanzi Carpenter
- Treasurer: Penny Christie

Chief Coach/ Rally Coordinator: Alison Cook

2011 Enrolments for new and old members will be taken on Enrolment Day at Duidgee Park on 12 February. Please meet us there at 4pm to complete membership forms and pay fees then join us for a sausage sizzle.

Please call Tanzi with any enquiries on 0427 859 493.

## Avon Valley Adult Riding Club

### Caroline Venables-Kyrke

AVON Valley Adult Riding Club will start its 17<sup>th</sup> year on 12 February with enrolment and the annual general meeting at 2pm held at Toodyay Racecourse, the club's grounds.

All previous members will have received an enrolment form for completion, but if you are thinking of joining the club, please phone 9574 1407 after 6pm and a form can be emailed to you.

Remember that all committee club positions will become vacant at the AGM

and it is hoped that members will be keen to put up their hands to take up one of the posts; this is your chance to help with and to have a voice in the running of the club.

This will be another busy and exciting year for the club which meets on the fourth Saturday of each month for an instruction day and is open to equestrians of all levels who enjoy a relaxing and social environment.

The club also holds two closed club gymkhana which are hotly contested as all points go towards the end of year Hi-Point trophy.

There are special weekends when guest instructors visit the club, and these usually cover show jumping, horse handling and dressage.

In May the club, which is a member of the WA Adult Riding Club Association, will host an inter-club challenge in the form of a Hacking and Show Jumping competition. This is a fun day with all the adult riding clubs entering teams competing for the association trophies.

In August an official/unofficial Dressage day will be held by the club where we will welcome riders from all around the area.

The first rally for the year will be held on 26 February, starting at 8.30am. This is an orientation half-day with lunch to follow, when members are put into riding groups. During the lunch break (lunch is provided at each rally) instructors get to meet everyone and answer questions regarding groups, and the club committee answers any queries members may have about the club and its rules. All rallies are full days, starting at 8.45am and finishing at about 3pm.

If you would like to know more about the club, please phone 9574 1407 or email pkyrke@optusnet.com.au. We're looking forward to seeing everyone at the annual general meeting.

## Clackline/Toodyay Karate Club

2011 IS already shaping up to be a big year for the Clackline/Toodyay Karate Club and we are only just starting to get back into the classes! If you or your child would like to be a part of the excitement, then please come and try one of our classes.

Toodyay classes start back on 2 February and are held in the Youth Hall:

#### Wednesdays

- 3.45 – 4.15pm 5 – 8yr olds
- 4.30 – 5.30pm 8 – 12yr olds
- 6 – 7.30pm Highschool and adults

#### Fridays

- 3.45 – 4.15pm 5 – 8yr olds
- 4.30 – 5.30pm 8 – 12yr olds
- 6 – 7.30pm Highschool and adults

Classes are also held in Bakers Hill at the Bakers Hill Rec Centre and start back on 7 February:

#### Mondays

- 3.30 – 4pm 5 – 8yr olds
- 4 – 5pm 8 – 15yr olds

You are welcome to come and try a class before registering. If you or your child enjoys the class as much as the current students do, then the fees are as follows:

	Training fees (per 10 week term)	
	1 class/wk	2 classes/wk
Peewees	\$45	\$80
Juniors	\$75	\$95
Seniors	\$100	\$120

There is a \$20 discount for each additional family member, with a maximum family rate of \$250 per term. Also an annual fee of \$60 per student covers insurance, registration and membership. A discount applies to the annual fee if three or more family members join the club.

The Clackline /Toodyay Karate Club would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the Water Corporation as a major sponsor for our weekend of karate seminars presented by Sensei Andre Bertel 6<sup>th</sup> Dan. While our students will have the privilege of Sensei Bertel conducting their classes on 11 February, the weekend of 12-13 February will provide an opportunity for all martial artists to attend seminars conducted by this internationally renowned instructor and champion. The Clackline/Toodyay Karate Club relies on grants, fundraising and sponsorship, such as from the Water Corporation, to be able to provide such once in a life time opportunities for its students.

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## Toodyay Tennis

Angela Fox, Judy Dow and Therese Chitty

HAPPY New Year to you all and let's hope it's a healthy one for everyone. The Christmas goodies must surely all be gone so now is the time to come to tennis and burn off those extra kilo's.

We held a very successful Mother / Daughter – Father / Son tournament at the end of last year (see below.) It was a brilliant day and everyone seemed to really enjoy themselves. It was a very hot day but, nevertheless, we had about 70 people turn up for it. We had a lovely supper at the end of the event.

Friday nights have had better numbers for the past few weeks. Do come along if you can't manage Tuesday mornings; we start at 7pm. On Tuesdays, we start at 8.30 at the moment.

### JUNIOR OPEN DAY

The Tennis Club held its junior open day on Saturday 27 November with 56 entries; players from Gin-Gin, Wanamall, Goomalling, Dowerin, Midland, Northam and Toodyay attended. Thanks to the IGA Community Chest for being our major sponsor and also to Sunsmart for their sponsorship.

The winners for the day were:

#### 11 and Under Girls

Olivia Ferguson and Chloe Donegan (Toodyay); R/up Shanae Haywood and Amiee Tyson (Goomalling).

#### 11 and Under Boys

Sam Chitty and Jacob Blankendaal (Toodyay); R/up Luke Catto and Reuben Street (Toodyay).

#### 14 and Under Girls

Kristen Twine and Andrea Chitty (Toodyay); R/up Awinha Carpenter and Lilly West (Midland).



#### 14 and Under Boys

Kedus Lacey and Asyton Temby (Northam); R/up Justin Sellars and Dominic Hafter (Midland).

Junior Club Tennis will recommence on Thursday 17 February 3pm – 5pm.

### MOTHER/DAUGHTER – FATHER/SON COMPETITION

On 12 December the Toodyay Tennis club held a very successful Sunsmart Mother/Daughter – Father/Son Tennis competition. The temperature rose to 38 degrees but didn't deter the players who enjoyed some very good tennis.

The winners of the Father/Son 16 and under were Mel Fox and Keiran Hug with Malcolm and Trent D'Silva from Midland runners up. In the 12 and under winners were David and Sandon Knipe from Northam with Owen and Luke Catto runners up.

In the Mother/Daughter 16 and under winners were Therese and Andrea Chitty with runners up Heather and Kasey Abel from Northam and the 12 and under winners Roma Heath and Megan Moffet with Jenny and Chloe Donegan Woolooloo runners up.

A 9 and under participation event was held and Leonie and Jasper Knipe from Northam

won this event followed closely by Petrina and Rebecca Moffet. All children in this event received a bag full of goodies.

It was so lovely to have players from other clubs coming to Toodyay to participate in this event. We had 58 players playing on the day.

The success of this event is mainly due to the very generous sponsorship from the Lynn Family (Allways Shipping), Sunsmart and the following local business who were so generous with their prizes: The Bendigo Bank, Toodyay Pharmacy, Toodyay Emporium, Toodyay Hair Studio, Toodyay Post Office, Avon Valley Jewellery, Freemasons Hotel, Wendouree Tea Rooms, Makit Hardware, Moondryer Cafe, The Cola Cafe and Museum and Liz Ferguson for the certificates. A big thank you to all these people and especially to all the Tennis club volunteers who helped in any way.

All for this month, keep cool if you can!

## Toodyay Hockey Club

THE Toodyay Hockey club would like to enter a team for the Senior Women's division of the Mortlock Association. These games are held on Sundays in conjunction with the Senior Football club.

Expressions of interest for a Coach and Umpire as well as women keen to play can be forwarded to Dave Flaherty 9574 4145 or Jo Buegge at sportrec@goomalling.wa.gov.au.

A registration, fun scratch match will be held at the hockey field Friday 18 February at 6pm. This is for all players interested in playing in the Mortlock Womens competition as well as Toodyay junior players for the Avon Association under 12s mixed competition A & B division and for the girls under 17 competitions which are played on Saturday mornings. All old and any new players are urged to come along on this day so we can get our numbers sorted out early.

Congratulations to Damon Geary who won the Junior citizen of the year at the Australia Day celebrations. Damon was nominated by the hockey club for his contribution to have-a-go hockey and hockey in general.

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