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Toodyay Agricultural Society Float. One of the many exciting participants in the Grand Parade. Photo: Wayne Weaver

## Toodyay's 175<sup>th</sup> Parade Kicks Off a Fabulous Month of Celebrations

DURING October 2011, Toodyay is celebrating 175 years of settlement with many exciting projects.

Although other projects such as the Photo's Exhibition started earlier, the Grand Parade really led the celebrations, closing half of Stirling Terrace on Saturday 1 October.

Starting outside the Alma Beard Community Health Centre and, to the accompaniment of a didgeridoo, the parade was led by the aboriginal flag, followed by the light horse, Toodyay school students, and members of

various community groups: Irish dancers, belly dancers, Moondyne Festival, etc.

On arrival at the Toodyay Show Grounds, entertainment was provided to all participants with food, drinks, a bar, rides on a cart led by the beautiful Clydesdales, Sam and Luke, face painting for the children and games for the older youngsters, a beautiful Clydesdale to talk to and four large screens to view the AFL Grand Final.

What a great kick off to Toodyay's birthday celebrations.

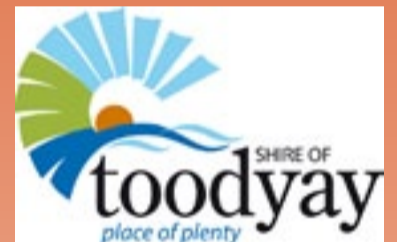


Mena Chapman cuts the 175th Birthday Cake whilst Shire President, Kevin Hogg, looks on. Photo: Beth Frayne

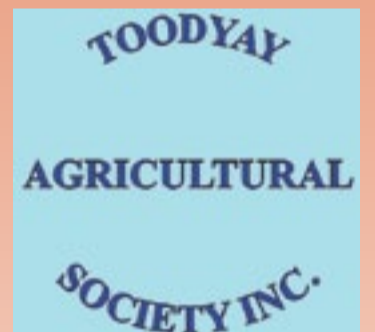
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# Fly on the Wall

## Peter Robinson

THE October Ordinary Meeting of Council was held in the Council Chambers on Tuesday 20 September 2011 with just six (6) Councillors present. Councillors Nouwland and Somers were on leave of absence and Cr Wroth was an apology.

The first item of interest was a presentation to the Shire from Keep Australia Beautiful, with Mr Phil Butcher from Coca Cola, representing KAB, handing over a cheque for \$7,589. This was for success in the KAB Beverage Recycling Grant. We now have a recycling press at the waste station.

### Development Plan

A development plan for some land near the junction of Salt Valley Rd and Toodyay Rd was presented to Council. Cr Larkin moved the Officer's recommendation but it lapsed for the want of a seconder. A subsequent motion was passed to return the matter to a Council Forum.

### Earth Mound

The next item was interesting because an earth mound (up to 3m high) was being constructed on a property in Bejoording. Because of an ongoing conflict between neighbours, the earth mound was to block views between houses. The Officer's recommendation was to grant approval. However Councillors (after some discussion) decided to refuse permission and ordered that the already existing part of the mound be removed. The reasoning was that sort of alteration to the natural environment was not acceptable in a Rural Residential Zone.

### Policies

There were a series of new policies presented which are to be advertised for public comment that Cr Larkin moved en bloc. This saved some time. There were also two policy reviews that had changes in them, so they will appear in the *Herald* for public comment as well. I would advise all of you to check the Shire pages and have a good look at these policies. It is interesting to see the proposed changes in areas such as Ordering Thresholds and Opening of Tenders. During Graham Merrick's time, the CEO basically had power to do whatever he liked. Now it is proposed to have these areas properly controlled.

### Voting Rights

We then came to the motion recommending that Cr Nouwland be given permission to vote at the meeting to elect the President and Vice President while he is absent overseas. This is allowed under the Local Government Act provided that there is an instantaneous communication provided - in other words a phone hook-up from Cr Nouwland to the Council Chambers. Since the elections are a secret ballot, Cr Nouwland only has to have communication with the Returning Officer. Ironically, because of his sight impairment, he has to have the Returning Officer's

assistance in voting at a secret ballot even when he is in the Chamber. I thought this motion would go through without discussion but I was wrong.

Cr Larkin objected vigorously. Her points of objection included that the request was on Shire letterhead and a doubt about the quality of the phone hook-up. I couldn't follow any of the reasoning. If the phone hook-up failed, then there would be no vote for Cr Nouwland.

In 2007, on the evening of the vote for President, etc, Cr D'Alton was delayed because he was out fighting a fire. Voting was delayed; nobody dreamt of denying Cr D'Alton his right to vote. I can only surmise that Cr Larkin had some political motive. Let's leave the politicking to the State and Federal pollies. At the Local Government level we just need a group of people who can work together for the community. Because there were only six members present, the 4 to 2 vote on the matter was not an absolute majority. A short adjournment was requested by Cr Firms and the Councillors went off to the next room to discuss the issue. When they returned, another (but similar) motion was moved and this time passed 5 to 1. Cr Larkin had her name recorded as objecting to the motion.

### Ward Boundaries

It is a statutory requirement that ward boundaries and representation (% above or below the average number of voters in each ward) be reviewed not more than every 8 years. This went off to public consultation a while ago.

The Toodyay Ratepayers and Residents Association looked at each of the 5 points of the review and recommended no change on any point. The Officer's position was the same and the motion was passed 5 to 1. Cr Firms had his objection recorded. He believes that all Councillors have a responsibility to the whole Shire and therefore all eligible residents should vote for all Councillors. Quite a few Shires in fact operate in this way. There are good and bad points for each method, but I think the differences between broadacre farming in the eastern part of Toodyay compared to Morangup make the ward system the most practical.

I urge all voters in the West Ward to exercise their right to vote on 15 October.

### Cleaning Contract

The Shire's three year cleaning contract came up for renewal. The four tender prices were (1) \$288,000 (2) \$410,300 (3) \$744,300 (4) \$1.63m. Add to that the Shire pays for all the consumables and specialist equipment. What I find disturbing is the tender for \$1.63m. You would think that their tender was based on some existing contracts, which probably includes government contracts. If that is the case then our taxes are being massively ripped off.

## New Trainee Makes Her Mark

### Grant Scobie Editor

Meredith Neilsen, the new trainee editor at *The Toodyay Herald*, joined our team just over a month ago and is already proving to be an asset to the paper.

The position is a complex one, learning all the skills, procedures and ideas that make up the way the *Herald* functions, how the editor makes decisions and how the words and photos get from paper to computer to paper. She will be helping us 'bomb proof' the production of the paper by broadening the number of people who can actually put the product together from start to finish.

Meredith joins a vibrant team of volunteers, all working together to make sure each issue of the paper is, hopefully, a little better than the last.

With each new volunteer, the skill base broadens and Meredith brings to the paper computer skills to aid in production, organisational skills which will help us save time, attention to detail to keep the standards high and a probing mind which helps us all to question why and how we do things the



way we do at the Herald.

The more skills we accumulate, the better chance the paper will go to press without any glitches and the better chance that an unforeseen circumstance won't ever leave the *Herald* in the lurch.

As editor of the *Herald*, I would like to thank every one of our volunteers for their contribution and commitment to the paper. With this new position helping to secure the future of the paper and Meredith making her mark, I can only see good things to come.



## Toodyay Colt Runs Away to a Great Finish



KERWIN Stuart was recruited to play for the Perth Football Club from the Toodyay Junior Football Club where he played since the Under 11s. He has travelled up and down between Toodyay and Perth for the past three years to play for the Colts.

On Thursday 8 September, Kerwin was awarded the Jack Clark Medal for the Best and Fairest in the Colts for the 2011 season.

At 18 years old, he also had the honour of being named the Captain of the WAFL's Colts Team for the year. Playing as a rover, Stuart amassed 45 votes including accumulating 37 possessions in a best on ground performance against Swan Districts in Round 24 to win the award by a clear margin of 12 votes.

This is seen as an outstanding effort especially considering, despite their impressive finish to the season, the Perth Colts won only 5 matches for the year.

Kerwin has shown he is a real star of the future combining his explosive pace together with his skilful ball handling to dazzle many opponents throughout the season.

Congratulations to Kerwin on this wonderful achievement and I look forward to seeing his exciting future develop.

*Parts of the above article were reprinted from an online post by Mark Thornber, courtesy of the Perth Football Club. Mark's full story can be seen at <http://www.perthdemons.com.au/news/stuart-wins-jack-clark-medal/>*

## Shire of Toodyay Wins Grant

THE Shire of Toodyay has won a \$7,589 community grant to increase beverage container recycling in the area and reduce waste being sent to landfill.

The Keep Australia Beautiful grant, funded by The Coca-Cola Foundation, will enable the Shire of Toodyay to purchase a waste press machine in order to expand the recycling facilities already in place in the shire.

The focus of the \$170,000 nationwide Community Grants Scheme is on increasing away from home recycling, through practical projects that leave a legacy and do not duplicate existing recycling activities. Project results must be measurable and show how recycled materials are being collected and diverted from landfill.

The Shire of Toodyay was awarded a grant, along with four other Western Australian community projects, so that they could purchase and install the waste press machine for the Toodyay Waste Transfer Station, and to set up community workshops to teach residents about the benefits of recycling.

Jennie Anderton, CEO of Keep Australia Beautiful WA, said "The Shire of Toodyay was selected as their project provides a clear



and tangible outcome for increasing the recycling rate of beverage containers."

"With only just over half the total waste produced in Australia each year being recycled, this project provides an educational program as well as advanced recycling infrastructure to encourage the public to recycle their beverage containers."

Kevin Hogg, President of the Shire of Toodyay, said, "We are delighted to receive this grant from Keep Australia Beautiful and The Coca-Cola Foundation. We are keen for our community to play a role in increasing the recycling rates of beverage containers and this grant will help assist with providing the infrastructure and recycling education needed to engage the public in this process."



## Local Girl's 1st State Championships

LOCAL dancer, Danni Hug, recently competed in the Western Australian Irish Dancing Championships held in Fremantle in August 2011. It was her very first State Championships and she placed 5th in a section of 14 other dancers, some with a great deal of experience.

Danni began dancing in 2009 with the local community group, the Toodyay Irish Dancers, and decided last year to begin making the weekly trip to Perth to dance with the Ceide/Upton School of Irish Dance. This allowed

her to compete in competitions throughout the year where she has come home with many 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes and has moved from the beginner levels into the primary and intermediate levels.

Danni has excelled with her dancing and has achieved a lot in a very short period of time. She is now looking forward to State and National competitions next year.

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## Sally Craddock - West Ward

### What I value about Toodyay

- The relaxed lifestyle
- The sense of community
- The environment
- The heritage

### What I stand for

- Independence
- Integrity
- Informed debate
- Informed decision making

### My record

- I listen to the community
- I represent the community views on council
- I speak with an independent strong voice
- I advocate a fair go for all

Written and authorised by Sally Craddock, 32 Leeder Street, Toodyay 6566





# letters

*All letters to the Herald must carry the sender's name, home address and day and evening phone numbers. Pseudonyms are not accepted. We do not acknowledge receipt of unpublished letters unless the writer requests it. Ideally, letters will be a maximum of 200 words. By submitting your letter for publication you agree that we may edit it for legal, space or other reasons and may, after publication in the newspaper, republish it on the internet or in other media.*

THANK YOU to the amazing mums at Toodyay Playgroup.

They are Cathy Stewart, Jess Adams and Moni Thornton from Baby Group, as well as Sarah Gardner, Claire Moore and Maryanne Greenhill from Big PG.

Not only did these lovely ladies donate supplies for the Family Fun day, but they also spent a lot of time on the day as well as days leading up to the event helping out and making sure we were organised! A BIG thank you to Cathy who dyed ALL the pasta, and Jess and Moni who made and organised all the play dough!

We couldn't run these community based groups without people like these ladies.

Again, thank you very much! The day was a hit... and I really appreciate all your help.

*Jessica Corbey  
Playgroup President*

It was easy visiting the 'old' Post Office, he said,

Now it's over the wall or through the garden bed,

Then once inside to get your post card stamped,

There's nowhere to write, it is far too cramped,

To get past fellow customers is quite a squeeze,

Sorry about my parcel, will you excuse me, please,

Floor space, it seems must make a sacrifice, Where else to put all that imported merchandise,

Perhaps it is just a symptom of our modern time,

Where 'practical' is no longer a part of the design.

*Greg Warburton*

How sad, Richard Walkey. For a 'community' doctor, we were astonished to find you had taken the Toodyay surgery's phone number with you.

Is that in anyone's best interest?

Please note that the new doctors are TOODYAY FAMILY PHYSICIANS and their new number is 9574 2300.

*Liz Hughes, Laurie James*

THANKS TO THE residents that signed the petition. This was submitted to the Shire of Toodyay on 15 September 2011.

*K Schmid*

WE THE CHILDREN of Bolgart would like to explain what we think of the recent events in Bolgart. Over the past month there has been many arguments in the community over the recent Mortlock carnival and the venue that it would be held at. Many arguments have occurred because of the venue. The community wanted the carnival in Bolgart, but there are too many problems with our oval. Some of them include: holes in our oval, uneven ground, old kitchen, injuries, not enough room on the oval, no grass, hard ground. We do understand the other side! Next year we will be holding the VPSSA carnival so we will need to have the oval at Bolgart ready if we are to have it at Bolgart. This requires proactive behaviour not negative.

*From the children of Bolgart*

HAVE YOU EVER had a look at the condition of the Bolgart town oval? We, the children of Bolgart, had a discussion

about the condition and we all pretty much agree that it is not suitable to play on let alone run a full day of athletics activities. There is no way in the world that we would get through the day without having an injury. There was a petition at the local shop saying that we need to have it in Bolgart. But the majority hadn't even had a look at the condition of the oval. A lot of the people that signed it were people just passing through. We understand it is important to keep events in our small town. We are very proud of Bolgart! However, it has been forgotten about for too long and our facilities are disappearing. So we hope people are content with the decision now because it is over now and we all had a great day. We did not have any injury on the day but I am sure that it would be a different story if we had it at Bolgart. We are holding the VPSSA carnival next year and the condition of the oval will need to be improved and we hope people are not content and don't stop until the oval is improved. Let's work together as a community to improve the facilities and communicate with all parties, not just the ones we agree with.

*From a concerned Bolgart community member aged 11*

WE, THE CHILDREN of Bolgart, believe the faction carnival went really well in Goomalling. There were no severe injuries; if we had it in Bolgart there would have been. These are some of the problems we have on our oval; holes in the oval, really hard ground, uneven ground, the kitchen, not enough room on the oval. Those are all the

reasons we didn't use the Bolgart town oval, not because one individual person decided not to have it and when we used the Goomalling oval everybody went home without any injuries, or being hit by a car. We, the participants of the faction carnival, would like to thank the Goomalling Shire for letting us use the oval.

*From a Bolgart Child*

WE THINK THAT the sports carnival held in Goomalling was a great idea because the Goomalling facilities are much better than the Bolgart facilities. The Goomalling town oval was also much better than the Bolgart town oval. Some of the dangers of having the carnival in Bolgart are: bone breaking cocky holes, hard surfaces which gives you shin splints and magpies which scare little children. I believe that Goomalling does not have these same problems and so it was much safer having it in Goomalling. Another risk of having the carnival in Bolgart is there is a road right next to where all the team games are with no fence. The danger of that scenario is that if a ball goes down on the road and a student goes and gets it could result in a serious accident. In the following years we will need support and proactive members of the community as well as Shire support to get the oval fixed.

*From the children of Bolgart*

*These are letters from students at Bolgart Primary School and are in regards to an article about an update in Bolgart, in last edition, as well as the ongoing happenings in Bolgart.*

## Toodyay Celebrates New Guide Dog Partnership

ON Friday 30 September Toodyay resident, Carrie Mitchell, and Guide Dog, Indi, celebrated completing their training and beginning a new life together at a Babbling Graduation Ceremony at Toodyay Showground Pavilion.

Special guest at the ceremony was the Hon Max Trenorden MLC, Member for the Agricultural Region. Senior Guide Dog Instructor Phil Stanley and Association for the Blind of WA CEO, Dr Margaret Crowley, also travelled to Toodyay to attend the event.

Carrie Mitchell developed a tumour in her optic nerve in 2001. After several operations and a course of radiotherapy, Carrie's vision continues to deteriorate.

In 2003, Carrie received her first Guide Dog, Millie. After many years together and a wonderful partnership, Millie retired in early 2011. Millie still resides with Carrie in her Toodyay home.

Receiving her replacement Guide Dog, Indi, has given Carrie's household a new lease on life.

"Indi has put a new spring in the step of both myself and Millie. We regularly make visits to the local library, where Millie and Indi lay quietly together while I volunteer," says Carrie.

With 25% of its clients living outside the Perth metropolitan area, the Association has a strong commitment to providing services to the regions. It also assists local service providers, supplying the knowledge and equipment needed to support their communities.

One of the aims of the Guide Dog Programme is to extend the reach of services to people who are blind or vision impaired around the State. In an example of this, Guide Dog Instructor, Anne-Sophie Lesteven, visited Carrie in Toodyay over several weeks to conduct training with Indi.

The Association assists Guide Dog teams throughout the State, including Geraldton, Busselton and Kalgoorlie. Guide Dog

owners living in regional areas receive the same services as those in the Perth metropolitan area.

Training with a Guide Dog takes place from the Association's headquarters in Victoria Park and from a person's home. The new Guide Dog team works in a variety of locations to learn the skills they need to travel safely through different types of environments. Each training programme is individually managed to meet the needs of each Guide Dog owner.

The Association for the Blind is the primary provider of Guide Dogs in Western Australia. Western Australia was the first state to introduce Guide Dogs, with the establishment of Australia's first Guide Dog training school in Perth in 1951.



## Toodyay Outdoor Karate Tournament



*Competitors from metropolitan and rural karate clubs gather in the sunshine to begin the competition*

THE sun was shining on the Toodyay Oval as 85 karate students and over 200 spectators gathered under a huge marquee to compete in the first ever outdoor tournament to be held in this State.

The event was hosted by the Clackline/Toodyay Karate Club to celebrate the 175th anniversary of settlement in Toodyay. Shire President, Kevin Hogg opened the event, acknowledging the area's traditional owners, welcoming all our visitors and wishing the competitors the best of luck. After a beautiful rendition of the National Anthem by well known jazz singer, Miss Harry Deluxe, the competition began.



*Storm Hogan and Hannah Morrison of Toodyay 1st and 3rd place 10yrs Kumite*

All of the competitors, some as young as four, tried their very hardest to collect a trophy. Of course not all were winners, but they all demonstrated the true spirit of karate and made their parents and coaches very proud. For many of the karate students, this was their

first competition. They all gained confidence, made friends, and had a wonderful experience.

The parents and volunteers of the local club were praised by all who attended for the exceptional organisation of the event. Chief Instructor of Avon Valley Shotokan, Sensei Ken Bainbridge, conveyed his heartfelt thanks to everyone who helped to make the day such an outstanding success. The competitors all expressed sincere gratitude to the volunteer referees, judges, marshals and table officials



*Jack Tugby and Trinity Portlock of Clackline Peewee Team Kata*

for doing a superb job. The club would like to thank Aquarius Freight, Muresk Social Club, Ray Hanas Martial Arts Supplies, Belinda's Lunch Bar, Dot and Gill Murray and the Bakers Hill Progress Association for their generous donations and to acknowledge the professional assistance of Funky Face Painting, Type Tamer, Cut It Out Laser Models'n'More, Princes Growers Nursery and the St John Ambulance volunteers. Their contribution, combined with the sponsorship of Healthway, the Shire of Toodyay, Toodyay & Districts Community Bank and the Water Corporation, helped to produce an unrivalled community event.

**Local Government elections are held on Saturday 15 October West Ward only**

### When & Where You Can Vote

From now until Friday October 14 4pm  
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Morangup Community Centre  
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# Chris Firms

You have two votes tick two boxes

Written and authorised by Chris Firms, 30 Weir Rd, West Toodyay, 6566.





# Reflections of a 'Latecomer'



Maree Lewis

THIS month, Toodyay celebrates 175 years of European settlement. The Avon area was explored in 1830 and found to be fertile and to have a good supply of water. Pioneers took up the land grants that were offered and until this day there has been a steady stream of people into the area.

Among those families were the Woods who have worked the 60 to 70 acres of vines and fruit trees at Coorinja since 1919. When they procured the property, the family intention was always to continue the winemaking for which Coorinja is so well known (the cellars were built in 1870 and 1889 respectively.) Wool growing was their other major enterprise.

Hector Wood was born in the Toodyay Hospital and now, at 84 years of age, recalls fondly his days growing up in the district. "My brother and sister rode a horse to school." Shortly after, the Irishtown school bus run was introduced, the first country school bus in the state. "Two on a horse is alright, but three's a joke. I walked the two miles to meet that bus at Lloyds Crossing," he said. To pass the time waiting for the bus, the children built a tree house in what must be a very sturdy gum as Hector says much of it was still there when he last looked, three to four years ago.

At school, apart from the three Rs, the curriculum focus was on giving the students life skills suited to the area. And so the pupils were taught how to farm. They planted and tended clover and various grain plots and looked after the school orchard and vineyard - "though we all used to pinch the grapes," - and learned how to dry fruit, which was a big industry in Toodyay in those days. The headmaster, Sam Crabbe, saw to it that the pupils acquired essential social skills so they learned to dance to the beat of a kero drum that Hector's mother said she could hear quite clearly at their property.

Idle times, even for children on school holidays, were few and far between on properties in those days but Hector and his mates would always take the opportunity to try and lob a pomegranate into the funnel of the steam train that passed by the property. In turn, the fireman would pelt some apples back at them! Then there was the more serious business of shooting the 28s (parrots) for which the Shire would pay a penny per head. "This was enough to buy more bullets and maybe a lolly," mused Hector. They also shot rabbits and in this pastime joined the serious trappers who made a living out of this. A freezer truck (ice boxes) would pick up the carcasses and take them to Perth to sell for

meat and pelts. Hector despairs of the damage that rabbits and other feral animals have done to the environment. "They have done untold damage. There was a time when the orchids would come up to my knees and you would always see cowslip, red spider and donkey orchids...not nowadays."

The years, in the 1930s, were some of the hardest times for Toodyay, recalls Hector, for those were the Depression years. He remembers swagmen from all walks of life passing through the area on the way to the goldfields where they hoped to turn their fortunes around. These men always carried a pair of secateurs and a file as a visible means of support otherwise they could be arrested as vagrants. They would stop at Coorinja asking for work and a meal as payment. His parents would always try to find something for them. The road ahead was hard and few of them, Hector adds, were aware that the Mortlock River was their last major source of water between Northam and Coolgardie.

Hector attended Wesley College for a year in 1941, but times were tough and labour scarce in these years of World War II, so he returned to labour on the family property. He would tend the vineyards by hand and clear land. He stressed how important it was to rid the pastures of poisonous weeds like bloom poison and pea poison. "I wore mattocks out doing that". He recalls how he saw a lamb eat a couple of mouthfuls of poison weed. "It died in hours," he added.

Despite the gloom of war overhanging the country, Toodyay was very lively at this time. There was a Victorian Signalman group stationed at the racecourse and entertainment for these men was provided to keep their spirits lifted. So Hector and other locals went to the music concerts which attracted both local and city musicians, and there were always dances.

In 1949, Hector married Joy, a girl from Perth, and brought her to Coorinja and they both agree that those years following the War were the heyday for Toodyay. "Everyone hopped in and did everything," recalls Joy. There were two football teams and most people belonged to the tennis or badminton club. The Agricultural Society got going again (there was no show during the war) and Hector till this day is a member of it.

There were usually four major balls a year, among them that of the Anglican and Roman Catholic Churches, and particularly the one for the hospital which was a major fundraiser for it. "And everyone belonged to a couple of volunteer groups which were as vital to the Toodyay community then, as they are now," they observed. What brought major change to Toodyay was the motor car which gave people access to social activities well outside of the region and, there's a perception, somewhat weakened the strong bonds in the community.

The Woods just love the beauty of the hills and valleys of Toodyay, "especially at sunrise and sunset," adds Joy, who has her favourite vantage points from which to view these. Just talking to them it becomes evident that they think it's a great place. Hector makes a final comment that newcomers to the region may likely find amusing - "We were considered outsiders here, well until the War years... We're latecomers compared to the pioneer families around here." With Toodyay turning 175 this month - maybe so?

## Did You Know?

On 11 October 1919, the first electric light poles were erected in Toodyay. (From The long Toodyay Chronology, Part 2, 1901-1950, Toodyay Historical Society Inc.)

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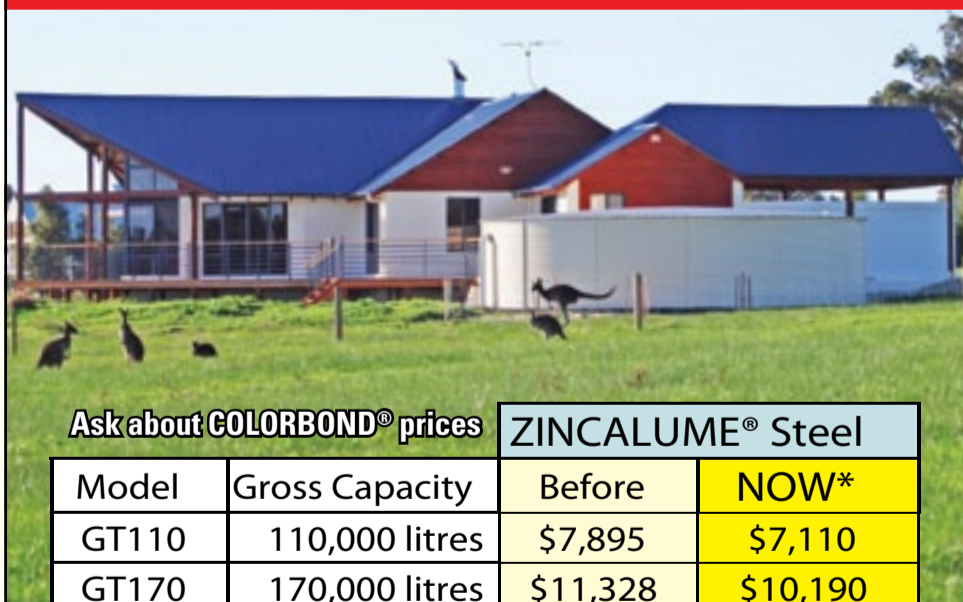
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# Toodyay Pictures – 175 Years



(L to R) Len Leeder, President, Toodyay Historical Society & member, 175th Anniversary Celebration Committee; Jenny Edgecombe, Curator, Toodyay Pictures exhibition & THS Archivist; Cr John Praier, Chairman, 175th Anniversary Celebration Committee; Beth Frayne, Secretary, Toodyay Historical Society & member, Toodyay Pictures Committee; Cr. Kevin Hogg, Shire President, who officially opened the Toodyay Pictures exhibition

## Jenny Edgecombe

THE long-awaited Toodyay Pictures exhibition of historical images opened on 25 September with a Grand Opening Reception for over 70 guests in the Memorial Hall.

Guests were treated to a sample of the films that would be screened throughout the week and enjoyed a preview of the amazing collection of images of Toodyay presented by the Toodyay Historical Society.

The Welcome to Country was given by Pamela Walsh to begin the formal part of the evening. Len Leeder, the President of the Toodyay Historical Society, welcomed the assembled guests. He thanked the 175th Anniversary Committee for its support in purchasing the handsome new display

panels being used for the exhibition.

John Praier, Chairman of the 175th Anniversary Committee, congratulated the Shire on its foresight in past years in setting aside funding for the many events held throughout this special year. He made particular mention of the work of Desraé Clarke who has been the Secretary of the Anniversary Committee and an indefatigable figure in the organisation of the events.

Jenny Edgecombe, Curator of the exhibition, expressed her delight at being part of this event which has been a community event in every sense, with a dedicated band of Historical Society members working hard to present it and many present and past community members

contributing photographs for the exhibition.

The exhibition was opened by Shire President, Kevin Hogg, who congratulated the Society on its achievement. He made the point that being well-oriented in time and place makes for a healthy community and that events like this exhibition play an important role.

A special feature of the preparations was the 'Buying Back Toodyay's History' project. A Historical Society team spent many days in the Battye Library of WA History in Perth identifying the hundreds of Toodyay-related photographs that have been lodged there for safe-keeping over the years.

Generous sponsorship from the local branch of the Bendigo Bank and the Op Shop made it possible to purchase copies of a substantial number of these photographs for display.

The exhibition remained open for a week and attracted large numbers. Many local people visited it several times because there was so much to see. The Toodyay District High School display proved extremely popular with visitors poring over class photographs and a display on the 1993 school fire. The Bus Restoration Society also provided a fascinating display on the restoration of a Toodyay School Bus.

An exhibition of the Shire's Art Collection held in the Memorial Hall foyer created a great deal of interest. This exhibition was curated by John Mitchison.

Toodyay Pictures – 175 Years has resulted in the establishment of a significant locally based collection of historical images for the benefit of Toodyay in years to come.

## Toodyay Spinners

Phil Lansell  
Secretary

WELCOME back to Margaret Rankin and Lois from holidays, also Rita and Lee.

Share table: Joan has made some felted buttons. Berenice made some "knitted" baby jumpers and booties in alpaca (which was hand spun and hand dyed). Glynne made a skein in variegated merino and silk. Lyn Boshoff made a blanket in hand spun Corriedale fleeces. The blanket was done in octagonal shapes. Angie



knitted some baby jumpers x 3. One jumper was knitted in larger needles and also knitted sideways, all in commercial wool. Carol Davidson crocheted a large doily in a pineapple pattern in fine cotton. Carol also made a stole in a tulip pattern with yarn from Dalmeny yarns. A gold thread down both sides and in the tassels. Jan made a felted sleeveless dress in a greenish tissue silk, felted scarves x 4 and a muslin square scarf with different shapes felted onto the muslin. A large circle was cut in the middle, so you can put it over your head and into the required shape. See photos.

The spinners meet every Wednesday from approximately 9am to early afternoon at



Parker's Cottage in the showgrounds. We also meet on the second Saturday of the month at the same time and place.

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

### Did You Know?

In October 1846, Hawthornden farmer and botanist James Drummond Snr. had heard the British Government had granted him a £200 Honorarium the previous May for his contributions to botanical science. (From The long Toodyay Chronology, Part 1, 1829-1900, 2nd ed., Toodyay Historical Society Inc.)

## Smiles all Round

'MONTAGE in the Garden' held at Earth Sculptures Studio on Sunday 11 September has been deemed a huge success.

Our visitors enjoyed the diversity of unique WA produced art and produce available and also meeting the artists and creators.

Nature turned on a magnificent spring day. With the soothing tones produced by Rowan, our harpist, and lots of beautiful colour in the garden, the day was perfect.

The Princess Margaret Hospital Foundation received \$785 in donations from the gate entry tins. On behalf of the team at Earth Sculptures and the PMH foundation, we would like to thank you for supporting our event and for your donations to our chosen charity - the PMH Foundation.

The free gate raffle was won by Betty Bywaters of Goomalling. Good timing as it was also Betty's birthday.



## West Ward Vote

### Debbie Larkin

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at Morangup Fire Brigade Station Toodyay

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## Radio Archive Inspires Unique Education Project

THE Old Gaol in Toodyay played host to a historic moment this month when Toodyay District High School drama students used the venue to launch their recording of the radio play *Six from Borneo*.

ABC journalist, Colin Simpson, walked the Sandakan Death March trail in 1946 with army war grave officials and he wrote *Six from Borneo* based on his experiences on the track and his interviews with the six survivors.

The march is less known than the Kokoda Trail, but its tragic story inspired a unique historical project at Toodyay District High School. Year 9 and 10 drama students spent a semester studying the trek and re-recorded the *Six from Borneo* radio play, which was last taped 64 years ago by ABC Radio.

The original story aired in 1947 and until recently had not been broadcast again. Last Friday, the students were interviewed on ABC radio about the project and the original broadcast was resurrected from the archives and aired again.



Students at the launch at the Old Gaol

The drama students had been following in the footsteps of the town's forefathers to learn about Australian war history and the infamous march.

Principal, Wendy Camenzuli, said there was a strong historical link between the brutal trek, where 2,434 prisoners of war were forced to march from Sandakan to Ranau on the island of Borneo during World War II, and Toodyay.

"Four men from Toodyay, including three brothers, died on the journey. Their



Chris Parry, TDHS principal Wendy Camenzuli, Malaysian Consul General Puan Hamidah Ashari and Robyn Cleaver outside the Dorizzi Memorial Cell.

descendants attend Toodyay District High School," Ms Camenzuli said. "The brothers from Toodyay; Herb, Tom and Gordon Dorizzi, ran the local school bus contract here in the 1930s.

"It is a wonderful opportunity to involve our drama students in such an important local story. The launch was a great success and the students did a great job.

"Representatives from our local community along with descendants of the Dorizzi and Ferguson families, the Malaysian Consul General Hamidah Ashari and Sydney-based author and military researcher Lynette Silver attended."

Ms Camenzuli said she was contacted by WA researcher, Chris Parry, who was inspired by the tragedy and asked if the school was interested in re-making the ABC production.

"While most historical projects are designed to be studied by history and social studies students, the context of this project was appealing because it was ideally suited to drama students," she said. "As part of their preparation for undertaking the character roles, our students visited Kings Park in Perth to learn more about the Sandakan march."

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## Time Capsule Opened at TDHS

TOODYAY District High School Students had the thrill of opening the Time Capsule at the school's Open Day on Friday 23rd September. The capsule was sunk in 2001 and contained samples of students' work from each year group as well as hand prints of many students.

Many of the school's current Year 10 students were at the school at the time that the capsule was buried. They had great interest and amusement in seeing samples of their work from pre-primary class in 2001.

Local resident James Knapp was delighted to find his school statement, 'When I Grow Up', written in Year 8 at the age of 13. James had plans to join the army, but is pleased to advise he is a train driver instead of a soldier. He was visiting the school for Open Day with his partner, Brooke Newman who has two children attending the school.



Many parents attended the day and enjoyed the student performances at the school assembly, as well as the many classroom displays.

## TDHS Students Attend CHOGM



TOODYAY District High School students, Rhiannon Arnold and Courtney Fleay have been chosen to represent their school on 27 September at CHOGM this year. The meeting

will take place at the Perth Convention Centre.

The Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting is held each year when Heads of each country come together to discuss ways to improve the Commonwealth.

Mr Greg Wadley, Society and Environment teacher at Toodyay, nominated Rhiannon and Courtney to attend the conference. The students were then nominated to represent Canada, in the absence of students from Canada.

For the past four weeks, the girls have been researching Canada and have had to design and make a travel poster for Canada. Rhiannon and Courtney have created a fabric collage poster to represent the main attractions of Canada. They have learnt about the indigenous people, the first European settlers, and the war between the French and the English.

Rhiannon and Courtney also had to research universal education, health, and challenges facing the Commonwealth into the future.

Rhiannon and Courtney said they felt honoured to be selected to represent the school at such an important event and they are very much looking forward to attending.

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As the name implies, a large range of craft activities are held, usually suggested by a member who takes responsibility for that session. Lately we have been experimenting with digital photography and felting. Future workshops will be painting with Sun Colour and laquering with resin. Cost for morning is \$4, which will include most materials used and morning tea.

**3 C's Tuesdays 10am**  
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This group have been meeting for ten years and has not lost its popularity. As well as knitting and crocheting their own pieces, the members have produced dozens of blankets, jumpers, beanies and baby outfits for less fortunate people in third world countries. The cost is \$2.50 which includes morning tea.

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## College Open Day a Huge Success

THE Catholic Agricultural College Bindoon's annual Open Day attracted a record number of visitors this year, with many making the long journey from Perth's suburbs and as far away as Carnarvon to take advantage of the showcase event.



College Acting Principal, Martin Tobin, was pleased with the turn out saying, "It's great to see the many new faces of parents and children who are genuinely interested in finding out what the College has to offer."

The Open Day not only provided a great opportunity for prospective students and their parents to see the College first hand but also provided a showcase for the College's existing students to demonstrate their skills and 'show off' completed projects in front of their parents and visitors. "I cannot speak highly enough of the efforts from our students and staff to make Open Day 2011 such a success," said Mr Tobin.



Guests were treated to a range of displays highlighting the College's specialised Agricultural and Trade Training courses and were able to talk directly to the teaching staff in regards to the academic subjects and

certificate courses offered at the College. The 'College Café', which included meals prepared by the College's Hospitality Students and baked goods packaged to take home, as well as the P&F Sausage Sizzle proved to be a popular lunch stop.

Other highlights on the day were our Edmund Equine All Breeds Show and the Cattle Club's cattle parading and judging demonstrations. All students in these events were competing for ribbons and trophies and competed with great pride in their chosen event.

The College is now taking enrolments for 2012 with new scholarships on offer. With numbers filling up fast as a result of the Open Day you would be advised to get your applications in now.

Preparations for the 2012 Open Day are already underway which promises to be another fantastic event not to be missed. If you require any more information on upcoming events at the College you can phone on 9576 5500 or visit the web site [www.cacbindoon.wa.edu.au](http://www.cacbindoon.wa.edu.au).

## Toodyay Youth Care (Chaplaincy)

**Moya Bruce**  
Secretary

### Street Stall

ONCE again thank you all very much for all your help and support. Toodyay never ceases to amaze us with all the wonderful cakes, slices, biscuits and pre-loved goods that are donated to our stall. The raffle was also well patronised with the first prize of a money tree being won by Adele, ticket No D 35 Orange. Second prize of a money tree won by Ruth Lawford, ticket No D 82 Purple. The scratch and win tickets on the trees were generously donated by Lottery West.

The wood raffle was donated by Jim Page; thank you very much Jim for another very generous gesture. The wood raffle was won by someone out of town, ticket No C 85 Red, who thought they were buying a ticket in the money tree. They donated their prize to the

Victoria Hotel, .

Friends of Chaplaincy Morning Tea will be held on Wednesday 26 October, at 10am in the School quadrangle. The morning tea is prepared and served by the Yummy Chummies who do a wonderful job every year; they also made lots of cakes for the street stall this year.

The invitations to the morning tea will be sent out in the next couple of days. Once again, thank you all very much for your support.

We wish the staff and students a very happy and safe holiday.

God bless you.

## TDHS P&C

THE P&C is again providing food in the Pavilion at the Toodyay Show on 15 October. This will be our biggest fundraiser for the year. You can help by donating food items and/or some time. Items of food which we need donated include:

- Cakes (sponge, chocolate, carrot)
- Scones
- Iced cup cakes
- Slices
- Quiches (home- made)
- Curried eggs
- Homemade pickle/chutney
- Cans of cool drink
- Bottles of water
- Milk
- Cream
- Margarine
- Mayonnaise

Volunteers are needed on both the Saturday of the show and also Friday 14 October to help with preparation. If you are able to assist with donations of food or time, please contact Amanda Harvey on 9574 4807. Food donations can be left at the Pavilion on the Friday or Saturday morning. Remember to visit us on show day as well for some yummy home-made food and help the P&C to make this another great success!

Pamela Barwood will be finishing in her role as Uniform Coordinator at the end of this year so the P&C are looking for another volunteer to take over. Ideally the next person will be available to start next term so that they can get a handover from Pamela. If you are interested in this role, or have any questions about what it entails, please see Pamela in the uniform shop on a Monday or Friday morning from 8.30 – 9am.

A big thank you to the Yummy Chummies for the lovely morning tea which they made for the last P&C meeting. The sausage rolls, cake and slices were delicious and went down well with a hot cuppa on a chilly morning!

Next P&C meeting is on Wednesday 19 October at 7pm in the school staff room.

## Northam Senior High School's Got Talent

NORTHAM Senior High School's 'We've Got Talent' has been running during recess for the last couple of weeks and the talent has been awesome!

Many thanks to all the brave performers. It



Jessica and Jody Wallace

was fantastic to see such a diverse range of skills amongst the student body, from Acrobatic Dancing to Acapella Singing. The student audience was terrific, showing support for their peers and appreciation for the daily

entertainment. The winner will be announced next term at the first whole school assembly.

Organisers, Dawn Abbott and Lisa Soloway, were impressed with the number of students who put their hand up to perform and the success of this first time has indicated that there is a place for future concerts.

## Interhouse Athletics Carnival

**Allen Daniels**  
HOLA H+PE

THE Northam Senior High School Interhouse Athletics carnival was held on Friday 23 September with Sanders running out convincing winners from Rutherford, Strickland and Clifton. The unique format of individual events, followed by year group field event rotation, followed by individual events and relays again proved to be very successful.



Individual champions for the day were:

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|---------------|------------------|
| Senior Boys   | Dean Kent        |
| Senior Girls  | Erryn Hall       |
| Year 10 Boys  | Aaron Jackson    |
| Year 10 Girls | Stephanie Dawson |
| Year 9 Boys   | Kris Moss        |
| Year 9 Girls  | Shiloh Robertson |
| Year 8 Boys   | Stuart Narrier   |
| Year 8 Girls  | Tori McCloy      |

The efforts of the Gardening and PE Staff and Elise Lloyd in organising the carnival deserves special mention, as does the effort from all participants and the interest shown by parents, who are always welcome at these events.

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## Outdoor Education Overnight Hike

The Northam Senior High School upper school Outdoor Education class completed their annual overnight Bibbulmun Track hike on 8 and 9 September. The hike is a course requirement for 1B Outdoor Ed students who must complete a logbook identifying local flora and fauna while on the hike.

All students made the 31 kilometre distance in record time and due to this camp have further developed an appetite to explore more wilderness options in the future.



## Julimar Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade

Alison Wroth

WITH all the wet weather that we have experienced lately, it is not only the crops that have grown so vigorously. There is plenty of long grass around now, providing fuel in summer if it's not taken care of now.

Every property owner has the responsibility to ensure that the firebreaks on their property have been completed and that they comply with the required 'standard', which is three metres wide of bare earth and a minimum height of three metres clear of vegetation. Inspections take place and action against property owners who have not complied with firebreak requirements will occur.

Another item of interest is that the Shire of Toodyay has postponed the restricted burning period. The restricted period will now begin on Saturday 15 October.



On Sunday 11 September an *Introduction to Fire Fighting* course was held with six attendees, one from Bejoording and five from Julimar. All passed with flying colours! There was a bit of confusion regarding the date however; some thought that 11 September was a Saturday which meant that more Bejoording members couldn't attend on the Sunday! Apart from that, the day went very well and our thanks must go to Grant and Brian for running the course. The day was well catered for by Shirly and her helpers; those scones were to die for, Jenny! All in all, congratulations to everyone for attending and if you could all spread the word about the wonderful feeling of satisfaction you get when you are a volunteer, all Brigades would definitely benefit. To a growing community, volunteer fire fighters are a very valuable asset and we need as many people on our roster as possible.

It is interesting to note that at the moment we have 16 women and only 14 men on our roster! I can only believe what I hear from our legendary Captain! Come on boys, pull your socks up, you've got nothing to lose and everything to gain!

Our next training is 10am on Sunday 16 October at the Julimar Fireshed. This is for all fire fighters. Please wear PPE as the course is on *Structural and Car Fire Basics*. There is information about training online at [www.julimarbfb.org.au](http://www.julimarbfb.org.au).

On Tuesday 11 October, the Julimar Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade is hosting the October Ordinary Meeting of Council. This

will be the last meeting before the Local Government elections, so it is bound to be interesting!

The JVBFB 2012 Calendar is being planned to hit the stands for our December Street stall. Hopefully this will be an excellent fundraiser for us and we look forward to the final result!

We look forward to seeing you on Friday night at the 'Fireshed' from about 5pm either for a social drink and a chat at our weekly Sundowners or just come along and gain some information about the upcoming fire season. Our next Brigade Meeting is on Saturday 15 October at 5.30pm followed afterwards by a BBQ for those who would like to "socialise"!

## St John Ambulance

Karen Jacomelli

COMMUNITY support and cohesion continues to be reflected in the deeds of some members who think beyond themselves or their organisations and are able to think laterally.

When the Toodyay Police Service was required to dispose of equipment, Sergeant Geoff Dickson, OIC, requested that he be allowed to donate to community groups. St John was gifted with a printer and the Herald scored a copier. This equipment is greatly appreciated by both organisations as they rely on the goodwill and support from the community to enable them to improve some of their operational needs. It is a country reality but it makes for a bonding that is seldom seen in the city. It exemplifies why people are drawn to country communities.

On another good note, Kalie Gladwin, Area Manager for St John, drew the winning tickets for the Monster Shopping Trolley



raffle. The winner was Rose Myers (as pictured with her husband Bill). Second prize of two quilts went to Judy Morrissey. Both are customers of Toodyay Hair Studio where the tickets were purchased much to the pleasure of Sandy Smith who is not only the proprietor but also the Chairperson, fundraising officer and volunteer ambulance officer for the local St John Ambulance service.

Volunteers have been stretched with a busy period including extra duties for events like the Targa West, Mainpeak Multisport, football, Karate Club and Family Fun Day. There is more to come with the Toodyay Races and Agricultural Show on 8 and 15 October respectively. People may not be aware that it means St John needs crews for

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## Bizzy Bees



ON Thursday 15 September, the 3-year-old 'Bizzy Bee' children went to the Toodyay Public Library to attend 'Rhyme Time'. We had fun listening to stories and singing. Bizzy Bees Pre-Kindy 3-yr-old

programme will continue next term from 27th October (Week 2) until 8th December (Week 8). To register your interest please phone: Toodyay District High School 9574 2296



### Did You Know?

On 23 October 1898, the Toodyay Valley Public School (ie Toodyay Government School) in the old Catholic Chapel (Sancta Maria) in old Toodyay was closed, due to low student numbers. (From The long Toodyay Chronology, Part 1, 1829-1900, 2nd ed., Toodyay Historical Society Inc.)



## Firebreaks and Slashing

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## Toodyay Christian Fellowship

### GETTING BACK TO BASICS

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If you are interested in getting to know more about God then we have groups that meet informally.

For further information call 9574 5002  
We are a child friendly church



# emergency services

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the events and still has to cover callouts so the service requires twice as many volunteers on duty. Thanks to the volunteers who put their hands up for extra duties.

The statistics for July and August saw 60 cases encompassing 5,590kms travelled. These consisted of 12 trauma, 32 medical, 10 cardiac and 6 others. Bolgart responded to 2, Morangup 9 and Toodyay, covering 4,500 of the total kilometres, 49.

## Toodyay Central Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade

Paul Thompson

OUR captain, Kevin Hug, enthusiastically reported there were no call-outs for the month under review at the most recent meeting. Hardly surprising with the very acceptable rainfall we have received in September.

With this spring rain, there appears to be further germination and additional growth, not only in gardens and along road verges, but also in some gutters in residences throughout the district.

Let there be no doubt, the summer of 2011-12 will be a shocker if a fire becomes established. Only those vigilant folk who remove all fuel from around houses and sheds with adequate fire-breaks will be immune. Even the best fire plans may not cope with an extreme day and an established wild fire. The best precaution is that local residents accept a shared responsibility to prepare their properties by removing the risks and planning for a bush fire emergency. The permitted burning period has been sensibly extended until 15 October 2011.

Enough of the pep talk.

One of our members, experienced firefighter, Gary Holland, participated in the Nullarbor hazard reduction exercise at Rawlinna Pastoral Station. The purpose was to reduce the hazard along the railway line. Gary reported to the meeting that the material was often too green to burn well and, where that was not the case, a continuous burn was not possible as the growth was inconsistent. Thank you, Gary, for participating in that most remote location.

The Brigade, along with others, participated in the Freedom of Entry Parade and in the 175<sup>th</sup> Celebration since the formation of Toodyay. Our members will be assisting with parking and collection duties at the Toodyay Race meeting and will be on hand for the marvellous 158<sup>th</sup> Annual Toodyay Show.

The next General Meeting of the Toodyay Central Bush Fire Brigade will be held at the Fire and Emergencies Centre, Stirling Tce, Toodyay on Tuesday 25 October commencing at 7.30pm.

There will be a busy bee at the fire shed on Thursday 13 October at 5.30pm for a general spring clean and will be followed by a sausage sizzle.

Volunteers, both active and ancillary are always needed so feel free to join the Central Brigade. Enquiries are invited to be made to our Captain, Kevin Hug, on 9574 2612.

## Coondle-Nunile Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade

Peter Ruthven

OCTOBER already and the 'fire season' is almost upon us. Are you prepared?

A recent study, since the Roleystone and Red Hill fires, has shown that residents of the Perth hills saw bush fire as a risk, but not as a threat to their own lives or properties. This is part of the "it won't happen to me" attitude.

Unfortunately, as many people over the last few years - Toodyay, Roleystone, Red Hill - have found out, it can happen to them. So, how are you preparations going?

The start of the of the restricted burning period has been postponed and now begins on 15 October, so you have a bit longer to get that rubbish burned. However, if you want to burn on the 15<sup>th</sup>, or after that, make sure you get a permit from a Fire Control Officer or you could be embarrassed to find up to 10 fire vehicles in your driveway. In addition, you could be fined.

While on your preparations, remember that your fire breaks must not only be 3 metres wide, but 3 metres high as well. We need this for access for our vehicles. Fire will easily jump a 3 metre break in even a moderate wind and if we don't have the height clearance to get our vehicles along the break, we can do nothing to protect your property.

Members were saddened by the recent passing of Bob Nelson. A long time member of the Brigade, Bob was a little bloke with a cheeky grin and a twinkle in his eye. He loved to stir people up and was disappointed if they didn't have a go back at him. Bob will be missed, but not forgotten. Our condolences to June and her family. Our next Brigade meeting is on Saturday 8 October at the Coondle Fire Shed on Coondle West Road. Visitors are welcome so come along and have a look to see if you might want to join us.

You are also welcome to join us for a social get together at the shed any Friday night. Alternatively, if you would like information about any aspects of fire prevention and safety, phone Peter Ruthven (Captain) on 9574 2951 or one of the local Fire Control Officers. Contact details for Fire Control Officers are in the Toodyay Directory.

## Residents Saw Bushfire as a Risk, but No Threat

MANY Perth Hills residents recognised a bushfire was possible in their area before the February fires, but did not see it as a threat to their own lives or properties, a study of residents has found.

Those who had recognised fire was a direct threat to them - after attending a Bushfire

Ready Group for example -- did more preparation before the fires than others.

These are some of the major findings of the Final Report on the February 2011 Fires in Roleystone, Kelmscott and Red Hill Research Project, conducted by Bushfire Cooperative Research Centre researchers at the University of Western Australia (UWA) for the Fire and Emergency Services Authority of Western Australia (FESA).

FESA asked the Bushfire CRC to conduct a study of the affected communities to learn what they knew about bushfire safety prior to the fires, how they interpreted and responded to fire services messages sent before and during fires, and the how they understood their role in fire safety.

Face-to-face interviews were conducted with residents of 425 households in, around or near the fires. Following the interview process, an extensive questionnaire was mailed out to a random selection of 3000 residents of the affected suburbs, producing a response rate of over 30 per cent.

Bushfire CRC Deputy Chief Executive and Research Director Richard Thornton said the findings were similar to those of research conducted after the February 2009 Victorian Black Saturday fires.

"In those fires, a majority of the population knew it was going to be a bad day, but a bad day for somebody else."

Dr Thornton said the Perth Hills study finding that residents involved with a Bushfire Ready Group made significantly more preparations than those who were not "demonstrates the importance of these kinds of groups."

FESA Director Community Engagement Suellen Shea said the report's findings were invaluable to help local communities better prepare for the upcoming bushfire season.

"This report identifies community attitudes towards the threat of bushfire and what they did to prepare themselves and their families," she said.

"FESA will use this valuable research to enhance our community safety programs and engagement with the community in readiness for the 2011/12 bushfire season.

"No one can afford to be complacent about bushfire. If you live near bushland, you need have a bushfire survival plan so that you and your property are as prepared as possible to survive a bushfire."

## Vets Say Prepare for Bushfire, Cyclone and Floods

AFTER last year's bumper season for natural disasters, vets are warning that bushfires, cyclones and floods are likely to put many animals at risk again this summer.

Dr Alex Burleigh from the Australian Veterinary Association (AVA) says that all states and territories may well be affected by some sort of natural event over the coming months, and that people with pets, horses and livestock should be prepared.

"The Bureau of Meteorology is already warning of a record bushfire season due to the huge rains that have allowed vegetation to flourish," said Dr Burleigh. "And in the northern part of the country the predicted La Nina weather system may once again bring record rains and floods.

"It pays to be over cautious and over prepared. The loss of livestock, pets and wildlife last season taught us this," he said.

The AVA is encouraging farmers and pet owners in areas that are likely to be affected to talk to their local veterinarian about how to prepare.

"Your vet will be able to advise you about how to prepare an emergency kit and animal evacuation plan. Natural events like cyclones, flooding, and fires can be extremely traumatic for pets and livestock just as they are for people and planning ahead can help to reduce anxiety," said Dr Burleigh. "For all of these events you need to decide if you're going to evacuate or stay at home. If you decide to stay at home, think about confining pets to the safest enclosed room of the house such as the bathroom.

"Put together an emergency kit with lots of non-perishable food (dry food) and water in spill-proof containers. It's also important to be prepared for possible disruption of services, including power, water and phone lines for extended periods of time," he said.

For those in bushfire affected areas the AVA recommends preparing a Farm and Livestock Bushfire Plan, which can help protect stock and reduce personal safety risks as well as the potential financial and emotional burden.

"It's important never to assume a rural property is free from the risk of bushfire. Being prepared is the key to minimising the risk and impact of fire on your property and to livestock and pets," said Dr Burleigh.

AVA brochures on protecting horses, livestock and pets in natural disasters are available for download from the AVA website at: [www.ava.com.au/publicinfo](http://www.ava.com.au/publicinfo).

## Music from 1750 for Northam's 175<sup>th</sup> Birthday

IN a programme of music to help celebrate the 175th anniversary of the gazettal of Northam, the Recorder and Early Music Society of WA is delighted to announce a concert in the Northam Town Hall at 7.30pm on Thursday 27 October featuring local, national and international artists - exclusive to Regional W.A.

The musicians will be performing on instruments of the period, a rare treat for Australian audiences, with music by JS Bach, GP Telemann and JG Janitsch. Joining local musicians, Kathy Corecig, baroque viola and Sophie Walker, baroque cello, will be Melbourne teacher and performer, Ruth Wilkinson, recorder and violone, and international specialists, Georg Corall (Berlin, Germany) on recorder and baroque oboe and Cynthia O'Brien (Vienna, Austria) on baroque violin.

Do not miss this exciting opportunity to hear the glorious music of the *stile galante* in the beautiful atmosphere of the newly refurbished Northam Town Hall.

Tickets (\$20) are available online at [www.trybooking.com/14120](http://www.trybooking.com/14120), at the Old Northam Railway Station Heritage Forum, Wellington St, Northam (11am - 3 pm, 6 days a week - closed Wednesdays), and the Northam Visitor Centre, Minson Avenue, Northam or by phone 0439 135 577. Door sales will also be available on the night (\$25).

The concert will open the Society's annual residential 3-day workshop in the beautiful grounds of Muresk during this year's Queen's Birthday weekend (28-30 October). If you would like to hear more about this please call 0439 135 577.

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## News from Bolgart and Surrounding Areas

Doris M Martin

A BIRTHDAY party of interest was held in the CWA Hall at Toodyay on Sunday, 4 September when friends and relatives who were invited by the family of Peggy Nelligan, congregated to help Peg celebrate her 80th birthday. Speeches were made by members of Peg's family and a friend and one time neighbour of Pegs, Kevin Hogg.

Peg's love of life, her willingness to embrace challenges and her great resilience in times of trying events in her life were spoken of.

Friends travelled from great distances to attend the event and Peg's two sisters, a brother and a couple of her aunts were also in attendance. Nice also to catch up with Val and Bill Martin who were former residents of the Bolgart area at the party.

The Avon Junior Football Association grand finals were held at Jubilee Oval in Northam on 3 September with Saints and Toodyay competing in the 13s game. Despite Toodyay being beaten, it was pleasing to note that Kyle Martin of the Toodyay team (who is a Bolgart lad), was considered to be best on ground and as well as receiving an award also was presented with the game ball. I'll just bet that has taken pride of place somewhere in Kyle's home.

Missed wishing Mrs Pam McGill a happy birthday in the last *Herald*, so we hope you had a good one Pam.

The Faction sports carnival was held at Goomalling Oval on 9 September and Bolgart came second to Goomalling with Sacred Heart Goomalling coming third. It was pleasing to note the effort put in by all the participants and trust that the school will send in the results of the day.

The Interschool carnival was held at Goomalling Oval on 23 September and once again it was pleasing to note the effort put in by all participants but unfortunately Bolgart did not fare as well as last year. Final results are not to hand at the present time and once again I trust that these will be supplied by the school. One thing I will say though is how thrilled Ray and I were to listen to the old fashioned march music prior to the sports and a huge congratulations to the female teacher from Goomalling Sacred Heart school who marched beautifully in the old fashioned way alongside her pupils and to also watch many of those pupils doing their best to march in the same way. Years ago, points used to be awarded to schools for their marching ability, and it would be so lovely to see a return of this trend. I think it used to instil in the pupils a sense of pride and maybe even spur them on to greater heights - that, of course, being our old fashioned view.

Unfortunately, with good news also comes sad tidings and the district is greatly saddened by the death of Mr Ron Travers of the Carrol Farm southwest of Bolgart. Condolences are being extended to Ron's widow Kath and their family Mark and Sue.

Ray and I are very proud to announce the arrival of our first great-grandson at Karratha to our granddaughter, Jody Harris and her partner, Steve Calhoun. Weighing in at just over nine pounds, he is a brother for Kiara. We are still waiting to learn the full name of the baby which arrived about 10 days early on 20 September. Grandmother, Carol Harris (nee Martin), was formerly a Bolgart lass.

The occasional showers have made a big boost to the crops in the Bolgart area which is pleasing to note. Also noted in the Bolgart/Toodyay area is the cape weed (dandelions). The paddocks and hillsides are absolutely yellow with them more, so than ever before, and probably not so good for folk suffering from hay fever.

I do hope that not too many folk fall victim to the flu that is going around. I have been told that there is a new strain of whooping cough making its rounds. Whatever it was, I've had it and I would not wish it even on my worst enemy.

School holiday time is on us once again, so take care with your driving and remember that double demerit points are once again in vogue.

## Bejoording Babble

Kim Leonhardt

HOWDY all.

Firstly, a community announcement: I have started running again! "And so?" you may well ask. "Well, let me tell you," I will reply.

Last year, I started running to try and get a semblance of fitness. From my side of the eyelids, I was running like a Gazelle... a Cheetah... even, may I say, a red Ferrari. It seemed however, that the image didn't follow through to the other side of the eyelids. On six separate occasions, I had cars stop to see if I was all right. Oh... and a truck! I can only assume, that, from their side of my eyelids, I was, in actual fact, looking more like a mangy wombat, whose legs had obviously given up the ghost, after having spent at least forty days in the desert, and who was desperately trying to find some hidden meaning in the intricate patterns of the gravel and bitumen that may lead me to a water source. True enough... I don't dress like a jogger. I have my KT26s, explorer sox, work shorts, T-shirt and peak cap. And I will give you that, because as the peak cap is on FORWARDS, it may be assumed that I'm at least 182 years old. Hence, the announcement. I do appreciate the concern but, if you come across a distressed wombat running along the side of the road and it's wearing the above attire, fear not!

Casserole Night was a success last month. Too many varieties to fit on my plate.

And, it seems, there was a sexist casserole. That's right, a sexist casserole! How is that possible you may ask? Well the recipe is fairly straight forward really: potatoes, spinach, onion, tomatoes and... kangaroo. This certainly seems to separate the men from the women. Not the boys... just the women.

Bejoording's oldest teenager went in for his hip operation at the end of last month. All went well and he'll only miss one Wednesday night! Onya Skiddy!

Right! On with October's events! Wednesday 5 October is a Community Group Meeting, followed by Breakfast Night. You can read what you missed next month.

Sunday, 9 October is Bathurst Day! Change of venue: 'tis now being held at Skiddy's. Starts 7am, bring everything, no charge.

Saturday 29 October is Halloween Games Night from 6pm; no charge for that one either!

Tuesday 1 November is Melbourne Cup Day. Members free, visitors \$15 a head.

Wednesday 2 November is Left-overs' Night. Members free, visitors \$5 a head.

Remember, the Shed is open every Wednesday from 6pm and the NEXT Community Meeting is Wednesday 7 December.

Seeya at one of, or all of the events.

Toodles.

## Toodyay Agricultural Society

Pam Jackson

Committee Member

THE Toodyay Show is on Saturday 15 October; just over a week to go.

Have you lodged your exhibit entries? Entries in all General Sections will close on Saturday 8 October 2011

**Section K - Apiculture** Please note that First Prize is \$10 (not \$104 as shown in the schedule). We apologise for any inconvenience.

When completing your entry form, please tick if you would like to donate your exhibit to the Mini Auction which will be held at 6pm (near the bar).

Please collect your exhibits on Show Day between 4.30pm and 5pm (no exhibits may be removed prior to 4.30pm). Items for the

auction will be collected at 5.30pm. The Toodyay Agricultural Society Inc cannot take responsibility for any item not picked up by 5pm.

Entry boxes are located at the Visitors Centre, Newsagent and Brewbakers. Show schedules are also available. Please read the schedule carefully for the place, dates, and times that will be open to receive your exhibits.

### Lodging your entries

The Youth Hall will be open to receive exhibits on Friday 14 October, in sections of Art from 9.30am to 12.30pm, Photography from 9am to 12pm and Woodwork from 11am to 2pm.

The Exhibition Hall, including Children's Sections, will be open to receive exhibits in all sections (except hand spinning and alpaca and coloured fleeces) on Friday 14 October from 11am to 3pm.

Hand spun garments, alpaca and coloured fleeces, must be received at Parkers Cottage by 12 noon on Wednesday 12 October.

### Fashion Through the Decades

Entries must be lodged with the Secretary by Friday 7 October by mail to PO Box 362, Toodyay 6566 or email to SecretaryTAS@bournet.com.au. Entries will be received at the Youth Hall on Friday 14 October from 12noon to 2pm.

On show day, the Official Opening and Families Revisited Presentation will be held at 11am, the Fashion Parade by 'Blackmarket' and 'Lady Raven' at 1.30pm and the Fireworks at 7.30pm.

We hope to see you there.

## Did You Know?

On 24 October 1929, Toodyay's first WA Centenary function was held in the Town Hall, when a large number of people assembled for a period ball, organised by the Toodyay Branch of the Country Women's Association. Many of those who were present were descendants of some of the State's earliest citizens, and a feature of the evening was the number of old-time dresses and costumes worn. The proceeds were donated to the Toodyay Hospital. (From The long Toodyay Chronology, Part 2, 1901-1950, Toodyay Historical Society Inc.)

## Financial Planning, Wills, Funerals, Your Future.

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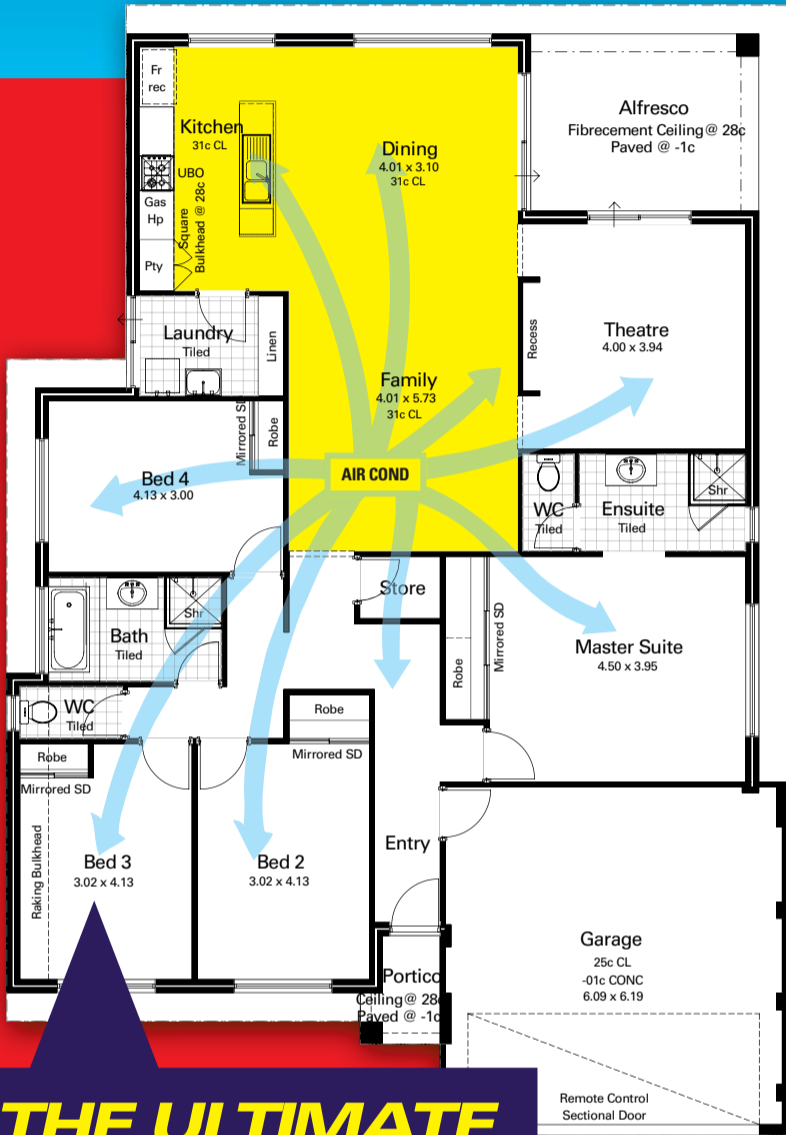
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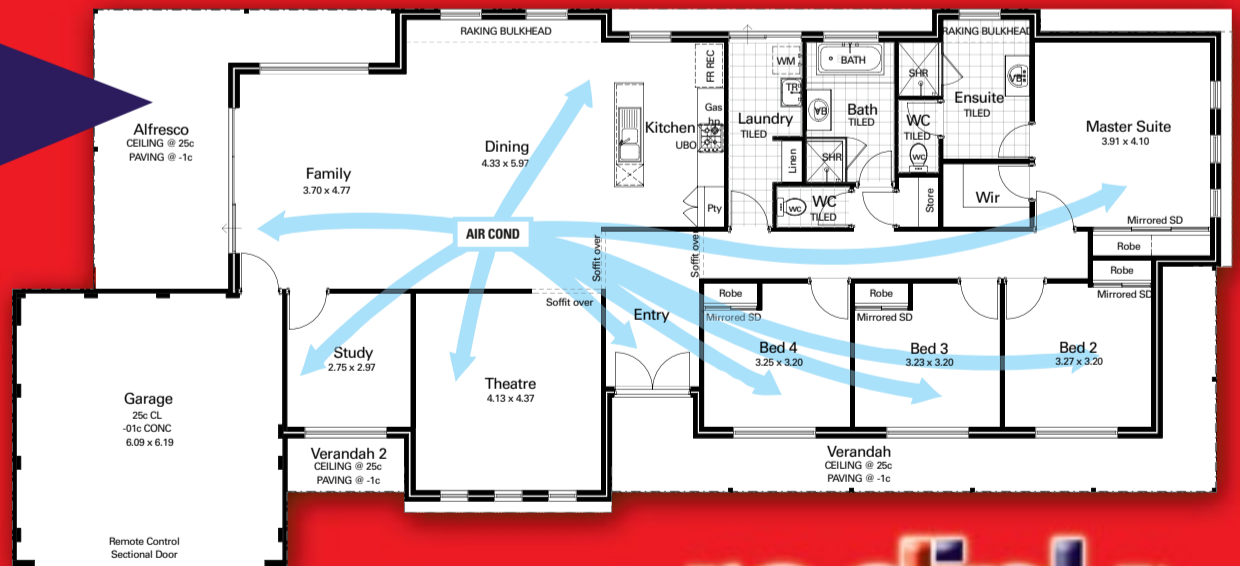
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## out and about

## Maree Lewis

MANY of us have been wondering what would become of the former Post Office building and if the charm of its old-worldliness would be retained. Any fears we may have had have been allayed. The building has become **Bee Happy Uniquely Toodyay**, an outlet for some of our wonderful producers, artists and crafts-people from around Toodyay.

The idea for the 'co-op' was born when Ruth Hamlyn and Colin Fleay saw the chance to



lease the Post Office building. Consultation with like-minded people saw the formation of a group that envisaged a place from which to offer "the products of local artists as well as displays, demonstrations and samplings."

The 'Post Office' has been freshly painted and, as one would expect, the displays are pleasing to the eye and it's easy to see what is on offer. Huge wine barrels displaying goods from producers like Bee Happy's range of honey, Esselmont olive oils, and Amberfield preserves (capers, quinces and marmalades) lend that country feel to the place. A beautifully crafted wooden chair sits near the entrance and suggests what is on offer from Ironwood Studio, whilst the iron sculptures from Four Horn Forge could find a spot in anyone's home. There's nothing quite like the feel of alpaca wool and Paca Molino displays some very attractive scarves and berets – most suitable Christmas gifts for those family and friends in the northern hemisphere. The walls are adorned with the likes of Bettina Scobie's intricate collages and Bev Bush's intriguing textile art. There's photographic art for purchase and landscape paintings by artists such as Wendy Lewer and Sally Craddock. The overseas visitor will find the aboriginal art by Loretta and Karen Egan more than just a souvenir to take home. Also from this centre, remedial masseur, Rob Fomiatti, has set up in one of the back rooms. He also offers reflexology and welcomes appointments.

Behind the counter you'll find one of the members of the co-op happy to greet you and to assist. The producers and artisans – and I have mentioned but a few – displaying and selling their various wares at **Bee Happy Uniquely Toodyay** are understandably happy about their achievement. There's constantly new items coming into the store, so stay in touch.

It was exciting to see a new cafe open, especially one so handy to us when we visit



the supermarket. Fortunately, after a brief period of being closed, **Mokka 21** is open for business again, under the ownership and management of Lance Owen and Sarah Shilcock. Lance has been in hospitality for 22 years, but took a year off to work in a different industry. When that job finished, lo and behold, it seemed that **Mokka 21** was there waiting for him. Sarah has worked in cafes for the last three years. I enjoyed a cappuccino while we were speaking which prompted Lance to offer, "You'll not find a burnt coffee here ever. We know how to do it." It turns out that the pair are trained baristas and, in the short period the cafe has been open, have earned the accolades of an Italian coffee importer. Lance has clear objectives for the cafe. "We use fresh, top of the line produce and our prices are fair. For example," he continued, "the Ham and Cheese Toasted Sandwich is like grandma used to make – quality leg ham

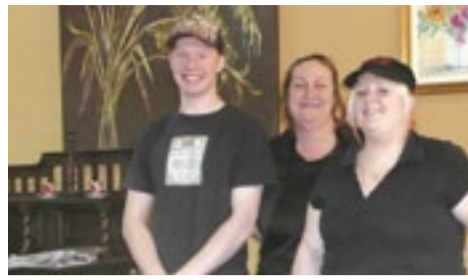
and premium aged cheese." His aim is to offer "something different and nothing deep-fried" and he is aware that many of his customers, particularly those who have escaped the office or worksite at lunchtime, want quick service without sacrificing any quality. Lance is enthusiastic about his new cafe and confident of its success and indeed a customer chipped in with a comment, "The Moroccan Lamb Salad is delicious." Find out for yourselves. **Mokka 21** is open 8am to 4pm Tuesday to Sunday.

Darlene Whitford is another person with years of experience in hospitality and who has very recently ventured into ownership of a restaurant business. **Top of the Terrace** is well known to many of us as the restaurant with the outlook over town. However, Darlene is quick to point out that it's the meals that count and if their winning the Department of Health's tick of approval



as the healthiest place to eat in town is anything to go on, then we can be assured that Darlene's insistence that nothing be deep-fried and everything made fresh would make an excellent dining experience. She believes in caring for her customers and is adamant that "obesity is one of the biggest killers," she exclaims. Another aspect of this is to always have a friendly face for the customer. Indeed, she said, "I always smile – even when I open the electricity bill." **Top of the Terrace** boasts many regular customers, some of them returning for sizable functions. Signature dishes are the chicken breast stuffed with sundried tomatoes and feta and the scallop wrapped in pancetta on a pea and basil puree. Lamb shanks are popular. Darlene inherited a car theme along with the restaurant – the walls are festooned with models of vehicles, road, racing and garage signs. She kept this decor because many, especially men, enjoy it. "For food with love served with a smile," **Top of the Terrace** is open from Wednesday to Sunday from 9am to 9pm. Bookings (9574 5425) are advised.

**Wendouree Tea Rooms** needs little introduction. Sited up the western side of town, owner and manager, Sally Bolger, believes it's been a tea room since the 1930s and maybe well before and that it is in fact the oldest of the tearooms in the Avon Valley. Perhaps that's part of the reason why it was included in the filming of the movie, *Shame*,



which involved many locals being part of the cast. Wendouree is just the place to take that visitor from the city because it's just so colonial and promises food with a good old fashioned touch. Inside, the dining tables, some of them antique, are set with gingham table cloths. Ochre painted walls are adorned with art that's for sale and this certainly completes the ambience and adds just that little extra dimension to the experience of 'taking tea'. Now the staff at Wendouree has moved along with the times and it's just as important to them that they provide a good coffee too. And Sally's scones that she makes for a Devonshire order are light, fluffy and generous in size. (Be warned girls, you may find one enough.) In fact Sally makes her own cakes and many among us have made it a mission to try them all. Sally says that her carrot and the banana cakes are the most popular. Of course the tearooms offer meals (all home-made) as well and the Big Breakfast on the first Sunday of the month is a big hit with people. Apart from that, take-away meals for lunch time are available



– that's if you haven't time to join the diners who regularly fill the cafe. Wendouree is open seven days a week for breakfast, lunch and morning and afternoon teas. You'll be cheerfully greeted by Mario, owner of **Vince's Italian Restaurant and Pizza Bar**, when you and your friends dine there. Mario has been working as a cook in Italian cafes since 1971 – "but (now) does a bit of everything – even when you're the boss, you work harder than anyone." **Vince's** is easily spotted for the lovely alfresco area at the front that is set off by bright red geraniums. Venture inside and there's the take-away bar, where you can see your pizza, made to order, being freshly made. A short

corridor leads to a charming dining room, rather Victorian in style, its high ceilings keeping the room cool in summer and the large open fire place providing warmth in winter. The aroma of Italian cooking wafts in from the kitchens, making mouths water. Friendly service makes for a relaxed and informal atmosphere. The menu is extensive and Mario says that of the variety of pastas offered, carbonara is the favourite. One of the cooks adds that mussels served with crusty bread are also hugely popular and, of course, you can drop in for that afternoon caffeine shot. **Vince's Italian Restaurant and Pizza Bar** is fully licensed. To order a pizza or make a reservation, phone 9574 5544.

## Bolgart's Master Chef

TRISTAN Clarke from Bolgart was a finalist in the Healthways Kitchen Whizz kids competition held in Perth on 17 September.

It was the second year Tristan has entered the competition and both times making it to the final cook off with Chef Dale Sniffen and assistant chefs from Challenger TAFE in Fremantle. Last year he cooked at the Dairy Pavilion at the Royal Show and this year at Challenger TAFE in a commercial kitchen.

There were 30 participants this year in five rounds and each participant's dish was judged by a panel of renowned food industry reps – very much like Junior Masterchef. Tristan cooked a pan fried Barramundi on a roasted beet salad with rocket and caraway seeds and a sour cream dressing. Tristan was highly commended for his dish and has been given the opportunity to cook off at the Royal Show.

Tristan's recipe will feature in a book with all other contestants in the Yellow Brick Road bag at this year's Perth Royal Show.

Tristan thoroughly enjoyed the experience and is passionate about cooking just about anything. He is particularly good at desserts although he will throw his hands to cakes, biscuits, bread, pizza, curries, soups and anything else that come his way.

Could he be Australia's Master Chef of the future?



# THE FACTORY

Toodyay Baptist Church

## Jesus Works

## Sunday Service

### 10.30am

18 STIRLING TCE. 9574 4546

**Music**  
Contemporary acoustic rock with some lovely ballads and old hymns thrown in.

**Sunday School**  
Three classes, 6-9 yr olds, 9-12 yr olds, 12-15 yr olds. Creche for under school-aged kids.

**Youth**  
Every Friday night at our place "The Factory". Ages 13-21.

**Ladies**  
Bible studies and fellowship.

**Mens**  
Groups, short term studies.



## Recipe Corner Date, Fruit and Nut Slice



**Desraé Clarke**

THIS delicious, fruity slice is quick to make once the dates and nuts have been chopped. If I plan to bake this slice I usually finally chop the dates and cut up the nuts the night before. It is then just a matter of measuring out the other ingredients and allowing half an hour for the ingredients to cool following the addition of boiling water. The boiling water and the bicarbonate of soda are to break down the finely chopped dates. This slice can also be frozen; I dust the slice with icing sugar **after** it has defrosted.

**Ingredients:**

- 90gm (3ozs) butter or margarine, softened
- 4Weetbix
- ¾ cup finely chopped dates
- ½ cup sultanas
- ¾ cup caster sugar
- 1 tspn bicarbonate of soda
- 1 cup boiling water

- 2 eggs, lightly beaten
- 1 cup SR flour
- ½ cup chopped walnuts
- Icing sugar to dust

**Method:**

Line the base of a slice or lamington tray with baking paper.

Place butter (or margarine), Weetbix, dates, sultanas, caster sugar, bicarbonate of soda and boiling water in a large bowl and mix thoroughly.

Allow to cool.

Stir in the beaten eggs, sifted flour and walnuts.

Spoon the mixture into the slice pan.

Bake in a moderate oven (180°C) or fan-forced (160°C) for approximately 35 minutes.

Cool in the slice pan.

Dust with icing sugar and cut into squares.

This delicious slice can also be frozen; I dust the slice with icing sugar after it has defrosted.

## The Toodyay Historical Society

**Beth Frayne**  
Secretary

**Targa West Rally, 25 August: pit stop at Donegan's Cottage.**

THIS year the organisers requested the use of DC's WC and verandah in case of rain. With the pit-stops being accessible to the public in the Showgrounds, the event provided an opportunity to open the cottage for the day. Thanks to members Beth Frayne, Desrae and Wayne Clarke who held the fort. We did have a few visitors while we did Exhibition preparation work.



**Affiliated Historical Societies State History Conference, York, 16-18 September**

Five THS members had a great time at this very interesting conference, learning much about sandalwood cutting, the York town hall (this year is its Centenary), the Marwick family of York (one ancestor lived at the Toodyay Immigrants' Depot in old Toodyay briefly in the 1850s) and the impact of 2010 Kalgoorlie-Boulder earthquake on Boulder's heritage buildings. We spruiked the Toodyay Pictures exhibition and 175th events items in general. Jenny gave the Big Quiz event a rap!

**Toodyay Pictures: Grand Opening Reception, Sunday, 25 September.**

A great night! See separate article.

**Toodyay Pictures Exhibition, 26 September - 2 October, every day, 10am - 4pm, in the Toodyay Memorial Hall.**

The Pictures Committee and many other members have worked their hearts out for this event, and were still beaver away during the exhibition week, adding more great stuff! Just as well we had the whole week! Congratulations from all of us to Curator Jenny Edgecombe and her team. It was wonderful to meet all the current and former locals who came in to see the Exhibition, show us more pictures, tell us some of their stories and fill in the information gaps about some of the images. The Foyer also looked even more colourful than usual with the Shire of Toodyay's Art Collection, curated by John Mitchinson. John also collected more information about the artists!

**THS mystery float in the Big 175th Anniversary Parade, 1 October.**

Well, we hope you saw hot air balloonist Miss Millie Viola! Not sure at the time of writing that she is still able to drop in!

**Next events:**

THS Display at the Agricultural Show, Saturday, 15 October.

Progressive Dinner with Entertainment! Old Duke Street School and Wendouree Tearooms, 30 October, 6pm to lateish. Bookings required, with cost per head for the Dinner. More info coming via a THS update (after the Exhibition!)

**Next general meeting:** Wednesday, 19 October 2011, 7pm at Donegan's Cottage.

For information about any matter to do with the Toodyay Historical Society, or how we may assist you or your group, please contact our Secretary Beth Frayne -

9574 5971, President Len Leeder - 9574 4343, or Vice President Robyn Taylor - 9574 2578.

Our headquarters are at Donegan's Cottage, which is open to the public every Thursday from 1pm to 3pm. You will find us on Toodyay Street in the Toodyay Showgrounds. Membership is \$10. (Postal address: PO Box 32, Toodyay WA 6566)

## Toodyay Miniature Railway

**June Eastwood**

OUR president, Graham Mills's daughter, Katie, is not only very talented at producing the ornate signs that are dotted round our railway, she has come up with an idea of how to thwart pushy passengers.

Back on Avon Descent day, we had hundreds of people come to the station to ride our trains. Sadly, there were those who pushed into the carriages ahead of others who had patiently awaited their turn. Katie's suggestion is to sell a set of tickets in a colour and alternate several colours so that passengers have to have the colour being called. Luckily we do have several part rolls which were given to us and though it will mean a lot more work constantly recording the changes to advise our Station Master, it will be one way to bring order in the ranks. Smart kid, Katie.

The hardest working of our engines is little yellow Percy. Percy pulls passengers at weekends and week days pulls the works wagon or carries buckets on the front to wherever work is needed. However our small customers are most upset about Percy being painted yellow. Any disciple of Thomas and friends will know Percy is a green engine. After years of small furrowed brows and mutterings, Vern has capitulated. It is a case of "Kermit, eat your heart out," for Percy is now resplendent in the most beautiful green livery! However no one need hold their breath awaiting Shandy turning blue like Thomas. On that point, Stan is totally deaf.

## Autumn Club

**Autumn Leaf**

OUTING for August took us to Midland Gate to the cinema to see 'Red Dog' and we all enjoyed it so we are off again to the cinema to see 'Zookeeper' soon. In September we went to The Tivoli Club for their mid season variety show and as we all enjoyed it so much we aim to make another trip to see their 'Christmas 2011 Show'.

We had planned to hold our AGM on 7 September but it had to be put off until the 28<sup>th</sup> and the new elected members are: President, Wes Smith; Vice-President, Mike Cox; Secretary, Glenyce Bosnjak; Treasurer, Jim Short; Bowls Captain, Joan Cook; Catering, Joan Hubie; Raffles, Freda Richardson.

On Wednesday 5 October we have a visit from the Bindoon Seniors Club, and then on the 12<sup>th</sup> we have the Mundaring Seniors Club coming. I have heard on the grapevine that the hall is to have a 'make over' so we will have to have our meeting elsewhere?

The club is very sorry to hear the passing away of our good friend Bob Nelson, many a joke was had with him, he will be sadly missed, our heartfelt sorrow goes out to June and family.

Birthdays for October are: June Eddy (10<sup>th</sup>). We hope you have a very happy birthday.

## Little Rascals

LITTLE Rascals Child Care had two very special visitors last month, the Toodyay Fire Brigade and Lani of The Toodyay Ballet School.

The children and staff enjoyed both visitors and we thank them very much.





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### How can you help in the Toodyay community?

**Would you like to become a Support Worker for a ventilator dependent quadriplegic?**

The person we support lives in the Toodyay area and we are recruiting a specialised team to support Geoff to live at home with his family.

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**For more information ring Jay - Coordinator on 9204 7891 or Recruitment Officer Joanne on 9412 3446 or email recruitment@phcs.org.au**

**Applications close: Friday 14 October 2011**

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**FRANK VENN**  
**MEMORIAL AWARD**  
For local writers - 2011

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

There are five categories:

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

All writing to be in short story format and the original work of the entrant.

**A COMPLETED COVER SHEET MUST ACCOMPANY EACH ENTRY.**

- \* Guidelines for writers and cover sheets are available from the Toodyay Herald, Toodyay District High School and the Toodyay Library
- \* There is a limit of one entry per person.
- \* The winners will be announced and published in the December issue of the Toodyay Herald

**The closing date for entries is Friday 14th October 2011**



# councillor profiles - election 2011

## Vote Debbie Larkin ☑ for West Ward



MY name is Debbie Larkin. I moved to Morangup late in 2006 with my family. Previously, we resided in the Shire of Dowerin (1992 – 2006).

I was privileged to be elected to Toodyay Council in October 2007 and I am now seeking re-election.

During the last four years I have represented Council on the following committees:

- Audit Committee
- Works Committee
- Recreation Committee
- Local Emergency Management Committee

I have also recently been appointed by Minister John Day as a Development Assessment Panel member. This appointment will only remain effective whilst I remain an elected member.

I am a member of the Morangup Progress Association committee and have worked hard with my fellow committee members to further develop the amenities of the Morangup Community Centre.

I support my husband and son as members of the Morangup Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade as an auxiliary member.

I receive many invitations to various community events run by different local groups and make an effort to attend as many of these functions as I can as I wish to support these endeavours by local clubs in any way that I can.

I believe that my experience in Local Government has been of benefit to the Community of Toodyay and will continue to take the opportunity to further educate myself in my role as Councillor so that I may provide you, the members of our community, with the best level of Representation that I can. I hope to ultimately achieve a Diploma in Local Government.

I consider myself a positive thinking and acting individual who believes in teamwork. I have extensive business and organisational skills with a strong desire to contribute to the community in which my family lives.

I have the necessary skills to assist with the detailed forward planning that is required for Council to plan the many projects required for our Community to continue to develop into the future. These projects need to be economically sound in development and practical in the ability of Council to operate once developed.

I believe it is essential to retain and improve our existing community services and facilities and to provide a positive environment of support to our community groups.

I have an interest in children and young adults and would hope to encourage programmes to engage these members of our community. They are the future.

I also wish to ensure that our young at heart community members are not disenfranchised but provided with the facilities they require to live an active and full retirement. They have the experience.

I believe that growth is inevitable however it can be controlled by a strong council with the best interests of the entire community in mind.

It is a fact of life that saying we don't want it, won't make it go away. It will just be imposed upon us by bureaucrats in Perth.

I am well aware there will always be issues of contention within a community. I am easy to talk to and very open to being approached to listen to the concerns of community members both young and not-so-young.

I can't promise to make miracles happen but I can promise to do my best for the community at all times.

Contact me at any time on (08) 9572 9458 or 0429 906 227 or debbielarkin@westnet.com.au.

## Vote Chris Firns ☑ for West Ward



FOUR years ago I stood and was elected to Council on the platform of calling for accountable and transparent local government. Ratepayers were demanding a council that consulted with and responded to the community. People were concerned that decisions were apparently being made at forum meetings with no public in attendance.

In 2009, I was elected as Shire President and led the reform process resulting in the selection of a new CEO. Changing the culture of an organisation is neither an easy nor a speedy process, especially when burdened with difficulties carried over from the previous administration. Resistance was strong and, having made the initial and essential changes, I stepped down to allow the reform process to continue.

If you were a resident of Toodyay five years ago you know the progress we have made towards making the Shire of Toodyay more responsive to its residents and ratepayers, but there is still much to be done.

I believe that Council and the Shire exist to represent and provide service to the ratepayers and residents of Toodyay. Regulation needs to be minimal and policies need to contain flexibility and be enforced according to the circumstances and reasonable consideration of needs of the individual, neighbours, the community and the environment – common sense.

I have worked hard to improve the response of Council to ratepayers' concerns about development proposals, policy formulation and individual matters, such as recreation facilities and the council

depot relocation. I have insisted that the Shire set an example with development by adhering to the standards we set for others. During my first two years on Council I was one of the minority voices forcing the debate and even though we didn't win many votes, at least people knew what was happening, who was responsible and the reasons being given for the decisions made. More recently Council have taken these concerns seriously and now apply higher standards.

I have consistently argued for the support of community groups by reducing fees and charges for community facilities and supporting council grants for non-profit organisations and events that enhance the community and people's lives. This position has now been adopted by Council, as shown in this year's budget. I have also encouraged support of local businesses by arguing for local purchasing policies, minimising fees and charges, and flexible application of planning policies for small businesses, signage and street trading. A new policy on purchasing is being advertised for public comment now and Council is continually reviewing policies and fees effecting businesses.

I remain committed to holding developers to the highest standards and have recently been appointed to the Joint Development Assessment Panel that now considers larger development applications in place of the Council.

By re-electing me you can ensure that Toodyay moves forward in a considered and sustainable way, in line with the wishes of the community. I believe in Toodyay, I believe in its future and I believe in its people.

Structural reform is still required to ensure that the progress we have made towards more representative, responsive and accountable Local Government is not lost in the future; I believe I can make a valuable contribution to this process.

My record over the last four years is in the public domain.

As your elected representative, I will continue to support reforms resulting in a Council that serves the people of Toodyay.

## Vote Sally Craddock ☑ for West Ward



TO the Elector,

In the past few weeks I have learned a lot about what the electors of West Toodyay, Julimar and Morangup value about the Shire, and about your concerns. I think the main thing we have in common is our love of our rural lifestyle.

This rural lifestyle means that we have a strong sense of community. This can be further strengthened by community events, a recreation centre, excellent medical services, as well as facilities for youth and seniors.

Our rural lifestyle also means sensible development. This means that decision making must involve the community, and all relevant information be made available.

As Perth and Northam continue to expand, our rural lifestyle may seem to be under threat. We cannot stop or ignore this, but we can ensure that we have input to any changes that occur, and work them to our advantage.

My record as a Councillor shows that I listen to the community and represent their views on Council, and that I am committed to informed debate and decision making.

If I am elected, I will not assume that I automatically know what is best for the community. I am there to represent you, and to listen to what you have to say about the things that matter to you. I look forward to your support on October 15th.

Written and authorised by S. Craddock  
32 Leeder St., Toodyay 6566

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### The Great Expectation – Prophecies Fulfilled

The spiritual spring time of the Nineteenth Century was no accident. The Holy Books of Christianity and Islam had alluded to the appearance of the promised Saviour in that century. Christians expected the return of Christ and Moslems the coming of Mahdi. Of all the religious movements that began in the Nineteenth Century, only the Baha'i Faith has endured with an independent revelation distinct from the religions of the past including Christianity and Islam whilst confirming the Divine origins of them all.

The Báb (the Gate) declared His mission in Shíráz on 23 May 1844 and over the six years of His Ministry made it known to the Shiite divines as well as to government authorities that He was the appearance of the expected Mahdi. At the same time He stated in His Writings that He was the harbinger of one greater than Himself. The mission of the Báb bears remarkable similarity to that of John the Baptist. The Moslem divines tried to discredit the Bab by demonstrating the falsehood of His claims and when they failed, raised a hue and cry that the Bab was an apostate and the enemy of the Faith of Islam. The governor of Shíráz, at the instigation of the priests, arrested the Bab and sent Him towards Tehran to be dealt with by the authorities in the capital. As the Báb approached the capital, the chief minister, Háji Mírzá Aghasi, fearing that the Shah might meet the Bab and be influenced by Him, ordered the guards to take the Bab to Tabríz and from there to the castle of Máh-kú high in the mountains near the Russian border where the Báb remained a prisoner for nine months. Whilst a prisoner in that fortress, He revealed several of His works including the Persian Bayán, the most weighty of all His works. In it He laid down the laws and precepts of His Dispensation, plainly and emphatically announced the advent of a subsequent Revelation, and persistently urged His followers to seek and find "Him whom God would make manifest", warning them lest they allow the mysteries and allusions in the Bayán to interfere with their recognition of His Cause. By the fatwas of Shiite divines, the Báb was executed on Sunday 9 July 1850 in the Central Square of the city of Tabríz. A very unusual event occurred at His Martyrdom. (To Be Continued)

For info Email: [info-toodyay@wa.bahai.org.au](mailto:info-toodyay@wa.bahai.org.au) or call 9330 6999 or 9574 5610

Baha'i Library: (<http://reference.bahai.org/en/>)



# when and where they meet

## AAFC 708 SQUADRON

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

## AFRICAN DRUMMING

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

## ARTS TOODYAY INC

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

## AUSTRALIAN BREASTFEEDING ASSOCIATION

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

## AUTUMN CLUB

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

## AVON VALLEY ADULT RIDING CLUB

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

## AVON VALLEY ENVIRONMENTAL SOC.

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

## AVON VALLEY VINTAGE VEHICLE ASSOCIATION

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

## AVON WOODTURNERS GROUP

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

## BEJOORDING VOLUNTEER FIRE BRIGADE

Meet at Bejoording Fire Shed, 3rd Saturday 5pm

## CENTRAL VOLUNTEER BUSH FIRE BRIGADE

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

## CHILD HEALTH IMMUNISATION CLINIC

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

## COONDLE NUNILE VOLUNTEER BUSH FIRE BRIGADE

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

## COUNTRY WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION (CWA)

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

## CUBS, JOEYS & SCOUTS (only during school term)

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

## EARTH SOLUTIONS - AVON VALLEY

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

## FITNESS AND FUN FOR THE OVER 55's

Wednesday 9am, Sports Pavillion.

## IDA'S HIDEAWAY

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

## JULIMAR VOLUNTEER BUSH FIRE BRIGADE

Meets 3rd Saturday of month, 5.30pm at Julimar Fire Shed followed by BYO BBQ. Training Sunday following meeting, 10am, Julimar Fire Shed.

## MOERLINA

Every Tuesday and Thursday Toodyay Sports Pavilion

## MORANGUP PLAYGROUP

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

## MORANGUP VOLUNTEER BUSH FIRE BRIGADE

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

## MURDER MYSTERY CLUB

Meets Third Wednesday of the month beginning 17 August, Toodyay Library, 10am - 12noon. Ph Liz 9574 5967, Linda 9621 1620 or Dot 0407 656 853

## RAG BAGS QUILTING GROUP

1st, 3rd Wednesday, 10am CWA Hall

## ST STEPHEN'S MOTHERS' UNION/GUILD

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

## SHIRE OF TOODYAY COUNCIL MEETING

3rd Thursday of each month Council Chambers 7pm

## SILVER CHAIN AUXILIARY

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

## SIMPLY MUSIC

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

## SOCIAL TENNIS

Tuesday 8.30am Ladies and senior men

## TOODYAY 4WD CLUB

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

## TOODYAY BALLET SCHOOL

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

## TOODYAY/CLACKLINE KARATE CLUB

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

## TOODYAY COMMUNITY RADIO 105.3fm

Meets 1st Tuesday of the month at 7-ish (or as soon as the coffee is ready.) Phone 9574 4554 for this month's venue. New members and volunteers to help run the station welcome.

## THE TOODYAY COMMUNITY SINGERS INC

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

## TOODYAY DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL P & C

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

## TOODYAY DISTRICTS HORSE & PONY CLUB

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

## TOODYAY FRIENDS OF THE RIVER

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

## TOODYAY GARDEN CLUB (Inc)

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

## TOODYAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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

## TOODYAY IRISH DANCING (Inc)

Fridays (except school holidays), 3.30 - 7pm. Anglican Church Hall.  
Contact Alison on 0409 295 369

## TOODYAY KINDERGYN

Kindergyn Fridays (except school holidays), Toodyay Sports Pavilion. Contact: Jodee 9574 4656

## TOODYAY LIONS CLUB

1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month Hotel Freemasons

## TOODYAY MASONIC LODGE

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

## TOODYAY MINIATURE RAILWAY (Inc)

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

## TOODYAY MEN'S SHED

Meets at 6176 Toodyay Road on Thursday mornings. Phone Geoff Ebdon on 9574 4568

## TOODYAY MOOONDYNE FESTIVAL (Inc)

Monday 9.30 - 10.30am  
Meets 1st Monday of each month, 5.30pm at the Toodyay Library. New members are always welcome. Contact Angie on 9574 2323 or Erica on 0409 108 007.

## TOODYAY MONTESSORI

Monday 9.30 - 10.30am  
Enquiries phone Felicity on 9574 4254.

## TOODYAY MUSIC CLUB INC

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

## TOODYAY NATURALISTS' CLUB

Meets 3rd Saturday each month. Venue can be found in the article under 'Environmental Matters. Enquiries to President on 6364 3609, Vice President on 9574 2578 or email toodyaynats@westnet.com.au. New members and visitors are made very welcome.

## TOODYAY NEIGHBOURHOOD/RURAL WATCH

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

## TOODYAY PLAYGROUP

Tuesdays & Thursdays 9.30am - 11.30am, Playgroup Hall, Community Centre, Claire Moore 9574 4529

## TOODYAY RATEPAYERS & RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION (INC.)

General Meetings: venues and times, please contact Chris Ballam (Chairperson) 9594 3167 or email ttrainc@gmail.com.

## TOODYAY RED CROSS

2nd Monday of February, May, August and November, Anglican Hall, 1.30pm

## TOODYAY SPINNERS

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

## TOODYAY SUB -BRANCH RSL

1st Saturday of February, April, May, July, September (AGM) and November at 2pm at the Bowling Club. Contact John 9574 5681

## TOODYAY SWIMMING POOL ACTION COMM.

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

## TOODYAY TOWN WALKS

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

## TOODYAY VOLUNTEER FIRE AND RESCUE

1st Monday of each month Fire Station, 8pm

## UNITING CHURCH

10am, St Stephen's Church, Toodyay

## YOGA

Friday 9am, Monday 6pm Toodyay Community Centre. 9574 4184

## Optus Offers up to \$100,000

OPTUS has put out a call for not-for-profit community groups in Western Australia to apply for up to \$10,000 in funding and the opportunity to star in a TV commercial. Optus Regional Community Grants of up to \$10,000 each are available to projects that support regional communities across the areas of sport, arts, the environment, local community development, social inclusion and supporting disengaged youth.

Now in its second year, the 2011 Optus Regional Community Grants program is bigger and better with the maximum grant allowance increasing from \$7,500 last year to \$10,000 for 2011. Increased investment from Optus means the programme now provides a total of up to \$100,000 to regional community groups across Australia.

As well as receiving up to \$10,000 in funding, the winners of the 2011 Regional Community Grants Programme will star in their own television commercial that will showcase how they have put their grant funding to good use, airing across the WIN network in Western Australia and regional Australia.

Anthony Shiner, General Manager, Optus Country said, "The Regional Community Grants Program is part of Optus' ongoing commitment to help build better Australian communities. So whether it's new facilities for a community hall, equipment for the local sporting team or landscaping for a habitat regeneration programme, we encourage not-for-profit organisations to submit their applications to access funding for their project."

Traralgon South Primary School in Victoria, one of the 2010 winner and stars of their own TV commercial, is a fantastic example of how the funding can make a huge difference.

Traralgon South was awarded \$7,200 to develop a community garden which now plays an integral role in the communities' everyday lives. Run by parent groups and teachers called the 'greenthumbs', the garden enables children to plant and grow nutritious vegetables to help them learn about harvesting and sustainability.

Headmaster of Traralgon South Primary School, Joel Fraser said, "The 2010 Optus Regional Community Grants funding has enabled our community garden to become an invaluable teaching asset. Students have a hands-on learning experience about all aspects of nutrition, from growing their own vegetables through to cooking nutritious meals from scratch.

"The project has been so successful, we have also been visited by other community groups who are looking to set up their own sustainability projects and want to learn from our experience. None of this would have been possible without the support of Optus."

Anthony Shiner, Optus Country added, "We are proud to see such positive outcomes from last year's Grants program. Optus looks forward to supporting more communities like Traralgon by funding projects that will make a real difference."

Projects identified in the application must respond to community needs in one of the following areas:

- Education, life skills and knowledge: with a focus on youth (under 25)
- Building social inclusion: by providing access to communication
- Protecting the environment: focusing on endangered species
- Regional Sports: developing and assisting local and grassroots sporting projects
- Regional Arts
- Local Community Development Projects

Applications must be submitted online at regionalgrants.optus.com.au and must be received by Monday 31 October, 5pm (AEST).

For full guidelines, selection criteria, and terms and conditions, please go to: regionalgrants.optus.com.au.

## Did You Know?

In October 1849, First Assistant Surveyor Arthur Hillman surveyed town allotments, reserves and roads in the old Toodyay town site, in spite of the Avon River flooding the area that month. (*From The long Toodyay Chronology, Part 1, 1829-1900, 2nd ed., Toodyay Historical Society Inc.*)



# public notices

## In Memoriam

### Nelson, Robert (Bob)

22.1.31 – 15.9.11

To all of Dad's friends who have shown us such kindness and love. He was truly blessed to have such warmth and laughter in his life. He was a lovable rogue who had a mischievous manner.

A heartfelt thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

*June and family*

### Nelson, Robert (Bob)

22.1.31 – 15.9.11

Farewell to a good friend who touched the hearts of many.

Our sincere sympathy to June and family.  
*Geoff and Megan Ebdon*

### Nelson, Robert (Bob)

22.1.31 – 15.9.11

We lost a great mate and friend with the passing of Bob on 15 September.

Our most heartfelt condolences to June and family.

May he Rest in Peace.

*Di and Jeff Roberts*

### Travers, Ron

We were sorry to hear of the passing of a good man. Bolgart won't be the same without you.

Deepest Sympathy to Kath and family.

*Geoff and Megan Ebdon*

## Annual General Meetings

### Toodyay Community Radio Inc

The Toodyay Community Radio Inc. Annual General Meeting will be held on Thursday 17 November 2011 at 16 Whitegum Ridge, Toodyay, commencing at 7.30pm. The Agenda includes the election of new Office Bearers for the Year

### Toodyay & Districts Community Financial Services Limited

Notice is hereby given of the Annual General Meeting to be held at 7pm on Tuesday 25 October, 2011 in the Toodyay Community Centre, Stirling Terrace, Toodyay

*Robert J Millar  
Company Secretary*

## Birthdays

Liam O'Sullivan	Sharon Mills
Zoe Hamlyn	Jade Hamlyn
Les Warrell	Shann Ferguson
Bruce Murray	Alison Bloom
Emylee Morrison	Christopher King
Thomas Seed	Kelly Seed
Christopher Panizza	Kale Portlock
Sam Hide	Courtney Valentine
Keisha Calyum	Hazel Cardem
Michelle Higgins	Paul Cullen
Daniel Beveridge	Aileen Smith
Bob Adams	June Eddy
Hazel Carter	Jye Ryley Nelmes
Courtney Valentine	Deagan James Wacura

Faye Baxter

## Anniversaries

Mark & Tara Taylor  
Ray & Ida Edwards  
Doris & Ray Martin  
Maureen & Peter Harris  
Veya & George Due  
Milton & Faye Baxter

## General

### AVAS News

#### Feathers Flowers and Fun

AVAS presents Feathers, Flowers and Fun an exhibition showcasing the works of Marion Jenkin. The choice of subjects for her works include animals, flowers, birds and still life. Marion's exhibition runs until to 21 October.

#### Avon Rock 2011

This year Avon Rock will be held at the Sound Shell Bernard Park on Saturday 19 November with a live recording taken of the whole event. Original and underage bands can win great cash prizes and recording opportunities. Entries close 4pm 21 October. Email AVAS at avas1@wn.com.au, provide either a postal or email address and an entry form will be sent.

#### Roots & Culture Festival

The Town of Northam and the Avon Valley has a rich and colourful migrant history and AVAS is calling all groups to help express and celebrate their different cultures. The Roots and Cultural Festival will be held in Northam Saturday 3 December and to be a part of this experience contact Bruce Gilbert on 0402 327 458.

#### The Fred Killick Memorial Art Award 2012

Opening night and presentation of awards for the Fred Killick Art Award is on Sunday 4 March 2012 @ 4pm at the Northam Arts Centre. The art award is open to AVAS members and artists are invited to join and enter their artwork. The exhibition will run until 29 March 2012.

#### Woodridge Spring Fair

Sunday 6 Nov 9am-4pm.

Come along and enjoy a family day with woodchopping displays, circus performer and workshop. There will be sheep shearing, ponies, camels and bagpipes and lots, lots more.

Woodridge is situated on Wanneroo Rd about 25mins north of Yanchep (at the end of Gingin Brook Rd.)

Enquires on 9577 1404 or 9577 1864

#### Car Boot Sale

Remember, remember the 5<sup>th</sup> of November. Chaipancy Car Boot Sale. St Stephens Church Car Park. Sellers from 7.30; buyers from 8.30. Stalls: \$10 a bay. No commercial sellers. Please ring Moya Bruce on 9574 4080 to book your bay or for more information.

## Grants Available for Healthy Community Projects

A SECOND round of Community Healthy Eating and Physical Activity Grants are now available to WA organisations who want to run community physical activity and/or nutrition projects targeting adults.

In the first round 22 organisations received funding as part of the Swap It, Don't Stop It campaign, a Federal Government initiative which the Heart Foundation in WA is involved in promoting.

These organisations are now running successful projects across the State aimed at raising awareness of the healthy choices that can help protect people from lifestyle related chronic diseases, beginning with an increase in physical activity and healthy eating.

The Swap It, Don't Stop It campaign encourages people to make simple swaps such as 'swap watching for playing', 'swap big for small', 'swap often for sometimes' and 'swap sitting for moving'.

Incorporated community groups, not-for-profit organisations, general practice networks and local government authorities can apply for up to \$5000 through the grant programme.

All projects should target West Australian adults aged between 25 and 50 years of age, particularly those with children.

Applicants can apply for funding to establish a new project or enhance an existing project. Examples include, but are not limited to the following:

- Setting up or expanding a walking group (e.g. Heart Foundation Walking group)
- Conducting healthy eating supermarket tours or workshops (e.g. FOODcents)
- Running cooking workshops/cook-offs e.g. 'Catch & Cook'
- Developing local resources to support activities (e.g. walking maps)
- Running local events relating to physical activity, healthy eating and/or healthy weight
- Promoting local participation in healthy lifestyle programs (e.g. Diabetes WA Get on Track Challenge)
- Modification of a program to local conditions or culture
- Adapting an existing program for a specific target group.

The Australian Government is funding Swap It Don't Stop through the National Partnership Agreement on Preventive Health, aimed at addressing the rising prevalence of lifestyle-related chronic diseases such as some cancers, heart disease and Type 2 diabetes.

For more information, visit the Swap It WA website or contact Lisa Wheatley on (08) 93825935 or lisa.wheatley@heartfoundation.org.au

The deadline for applications is 5pm on 17 November, 2011.

## SuperTowns Receive \$5.5million Planning Boost

THE Minister has announced \$5.5million in Royalties for Regions funding for local governments and RDCs, for planning activities related to SuperTowns. This planning involves collaboration across local governments and State agencies

Regional Development and Lands Minister, Brendon Grylls, said the \$85.5million SuperTowns initiative represented an excellent opportunity to stimulate sustainable economic and community growth in towns in the southern half of Western Australia.

"The SuperTowns vision is to create well-connected communities with access to services, affordable housing, and a diverse range of lifestyle and employment opportunities. This will offer more choices for people living in regional WA and provide an alternative to living in metropolitan areas," he said.

The Minister said each of the SuperTowns were about to embark on an intensive planning process to map their vision for growth to 2050, and that collaboration across all layers of government and the community would play a vital role.

"With the State's population predicted to double over the next 30-40 years, these towns need to be prepared to capitalise on this growth and plan for a prosperous future," he said. "Each town will be expected to provide a comprehensive growth plan, identifying the economic drivers, services, amenities and infrastructure needed to reach and support the town's growth potential."

"Many towns have established their project teams and community reference groups, and they are also involving their surrounding communities, which is such an important element of the SuperTowns programme."

### Wheatbelt Community Legal Centre

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## Toodyay Playgroup & Baby Playgroup

WOW... What a month... We held a combined FAMILY FUN DAY with First Steps and Kindergym on the 17 September and it was an amazing day. The kids had a ball, with free show bags, mask making, play dough, bouncy castle, face painting, looking through an ambulance and so much more. It was a great family morning out. Congratulations to the coordinators!

We have also purchased a new fort, to replace the current gazebo. It has swings, slide, rock wall and more. It's so exciting; the kids are going to love it.

We really hope to see some new faces as we slowly improve our playgroup. Don't forget we are open over school holidays so if you need to get the kids out of the house come in and have a cuppa with other mums and let the kids have a play.

Our playgroup is informal, set in a casual, friendly environment for you and your little ones to enjoy.

Toodyay Playgroup is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9.30 - 11.30am at the Community Centre in Stirling Terrace. New families are always welcome so please come along. It's a great way to meet other parents, make new friends and allows little ones to socialise with other children (dads welcome too).

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

The Toodyay Toy Library has been incorporated into the Toodyay Playgroup and toys can now be borrowed by members of Toodyay Playgroup and Baby Playgroup. The cost is \$20.00 per year. All money raised will be put back into the Toy Library to replace toys as needed.

For any enquiries about Toodyay Playgroup and Baby Playgroup, please call Jessica Corbey on 0408 128 156 or find us on Facebook!

## Healing in the Hills But my Brain Still Works

**Bob Adair**

For Toodyay Christian fellowship

WHEN you hit 20, you own the world; at 30, you start paying for it. By 40 you have the 'ten year itch' and you ask, "Is this all there is?" The half century sneaks up and you can enjoy life but then at 60, it dawns on you that it's almost too late. Three score and ten and you feel like you're sitting in the waiting room. Then what?

If you're lucky and you've hit the big seven zero, the light dawns and everything makes sense. We live in the world of technology where communications by email, Facebook, Skype and the internet, with its access to the world of information, all stimulate the senses and it can all be carried on a mobile phone. Cars get faster but you get slower.

My grandchildren are amazed that I can manage these 21st Century miracles and declare that "I am very hip" but then, one evening, I trumped them with my 8mm projector complete with silent movies of their parents. They were fascinated by this 'ancient technology'. Being a grandfather is great. You see, grandchildren ask you stuff my children never did. They even come to me with questions about life, expecting that the answers still reside underneath this canopy of grey. I might be old but my brain still works.

Ageing is a funny thing; it is not until you are well into it that you realise that the physical body degenerates but the essence of who we are is stored within the soul. A friend of mine sent me an email sharing the encouragement he received from one of the Psalms, so I clicked my mouse and lo and behold there it appeared: Psalm 90. My eyes focused on these gems: "At your command we die and turn back to dust, you know all of our sins, even those we do in secret. Teach us to use wisely all the time we have.

"When morning comes, let your love satisfy all our needs. Then we can celebrate and be glad for what time we have left. Do wonderful things for us, your servants, and show your mighty power to our children. Our Lord and our God, treat us with kindness and let all go well for us. Please let all go well!"

This was written by Moses - not bad for an old bloke.

The honesty and straight talk of the Bible is without doubt refreshing. Use your time wisely it says. No matter at what stage in life you are, this is really good advice. Reflecting on the wisdom of God is timeless. Do not waste time. Start now.

## Toodyay Music Club

**Joe and Jenny Edgecombe**

THE AGM was held before our September meeting. There was discussion on the use of electronic instruments on club nights, especially keyboards. The lack of a suitable piano has been cutting out some potential performers who would normally be considered acoustic players. It is likely that members will call for a special general meeting to consider proposals on the matter.

Then it was time for music. Although various misfortunes had kept some of the regulars away, it was still a great night's entertainment. First we were treated to the fine talents of the Kalamunda contingent. Pete, Moya and Eileen combined for a delightful 'Clickety Clack Song'. Eileen and Moya, both playing ukuleles, followed with a pretty rendition of 'Blue Bayou'. Later the audience enjoyed Peter's 'Twenty Days and Twenty Nights', which saw him exploring a different style of music to his usual repertoire.

Maurice then stepped up with 'Lady Magdalene' and later recited 'Irving, The 142nd Fastest Gun In The West'. Where do you get these from Maurice?

Gale brought her banjo which sounded fantastic with 'Mommies Don't Let Your Babies Grow Up To Be Cowboys', then after supper she had us all singing along to 'Little Brown Jug' for a lighter interlude.

The golden voice of Jeanette was a treat as always, this time in the lovely Eric Bogle song 'Shelter'. Spencer and Teddy were up next and Teddy's harmonies made for a great version of the old Merle Haggard song 'Branded Man'. Joe added his guitar to Spencer's for the lively 'Send Down The Rain'.

Jenny certainly did her best to enrage cat lovers with 'The Cat's on the Table', which sounded remarkably like a most affecting Harry Chapin song but had a distinctly different effect on the audience.

The theme for the November meeting will be a lot of fun - No Songs Older than 25 Years! Members have been getting right into the spirit of it, especially those who previously thought decent music ended around 1970.

Next Meeting: 7pm Friday 14 October. 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.

## Such Is Life Time, where did it go?

**Shirl Banks**

WELL, it started at around 5.45am, with hubby and grandson going hammer and tongs over the learning of times tables, whilst trying to consume their breakfast.

I must hurry to make lunches, as I have a busy schedule today. Time for grandson to go and catch the school bus, hubby and the dogs go for their run as well. YES! That gives me time to make beds and run through the house with the vacuum cleaner (what a stupid statement that was; perhaps try plugging the machine into the power, Shirl, it will not work by just running through the house).

Hubby is now back and informs me he is off to Northam to help some friends. GREAT! Now that will give me time by myself to get to and finish this costume for the 175th Toodyay celebration parade. Sewing machine, overlocker, cottons, lace and pins: READY! Go! I think I will start by putting the zip in the top of the outfit. WHAT'S THIS? What a mess! The bobbin is playing up and I have a huge mess of bunched up cotton underneath. Now that's a real good start! CAN'T FIX! Oh well! Rod will be home in about two or three hours; give that job to him.

Shivers, I just remembered I had to print some family birthday cards and post off. Better turn on the computer and printer. Why can't I remember which way I was supposed to print these photos? What a waste of time and paper? Oh! That's right, I just thought of how I did it last time. Now where did I

leave the stamps for these envelopes? Let's save time, I'll go to the post office and just buy some more.

Hooray, Rod has just arrived home. I'll leave him with the problem of the sewing machine and go into town and post these cards.

Relax, Shirl, you have a little time on your hands, so enjoy the drive into town. That was a nice drive. Now I'm at the post office and there's not many people in the queue, so that's good - shouldn't take too much time. Obtained stamps and a couple of other items. Paid with a \$100 note. Change in hand, went to sort out cards. WHERE is my purse? Time is now not on my side!

What happened to my purse? In my haste to find the missing object, I dropped the \$50 note from my hand and it went sailing into the rubbish bin. Oh gosh! I do feel stupid fossicking in the bin. Oh, look there's my purse behind my bag. Now take things easy Shirl, there is still time to do everything. Put the stamps on the cards. Where is the third stamp? There it is on top of the box that is on the floor. For goodness sake, Shirl, just go home! Tomorrow is another day and I'll try starting again. Oh, no it's not; it's my day at the Herald.

Perhaps just thinking back over all of this, I should have gone back to bed this morning and tried getting out the other side and see if that had given me some more time.

## Arts Toodyay

**Wendy Lewer**

THE AGM was successful with a number of matters resolved. A reminder to pay membership subs for this year, if you have not already done so.

We had an interesting visit from a representative of 'Living Communities', Sandy McKay, who explained the aims of the organisation and sought our ideas and support.

We are currently busy preparing for our annual 'Vino' art exhibition at Coorinja winery on the weekend of 1 - 2 October, with the official opening on 30 September. We are so grateful to Hector and Michael for providing their beautiful property as the venue once again. A pleasing number of artists with interesting and varied skills have submitted entries this year, so the exhibition should be a great success.

We are looking forward to holding various workshops during the year so whatever your skills or interests, you can enjoy some creative fun. To find out more, come along to our meetings held on the first Tuesday of each month at 7pm at the old police station in Duke Street.

## Country Women's Association

**Maxine J Walker**

TOODYAY Branch of Country Women's Association welcomes new members, Trish Turnbull and Kerry Gregory, bringing our membership now to 16.

After a very busy September we now look to October, starting with the 175th street parade on 1 October with our branch entering a float (watch out for Nellie).

On the 20th we will be travelling to Tammin for our W.A. Week luncheon, then on the 31st we travel to Mt Helena Parkerville for their Cultural day - a day of stalls, demos, entertainment and raffles.

Anyone interested in joining our Branch and enjoying these activities with us, please contact the numbers below. You are all most welcome.

Looking ahead to November, again a busy month will start with:

1. Melbourne Cup lunch to be at Gidgegannup Hall on 1 November.
2. Our Garden Party to be held in the garden of Shirley and Eric Paton on Friday the 4th from 9.30am to 12noon. The dress here is pearls, hats and gloves. Entry to the garden is via Charcoal Lane.
3. An information evening run by the Bendigo Bank of Toodyay will be held at the CWA rooms on Tuesday the 8th, 6.30pm for 7pm start. This will include:-
4. Avon Legal to discuss - wills and estates, power of attorney and enduring power of attorney. Purslowe Tinetti Funerals to discuss funerals - prepaying funerals, funeral planning.

St John Ambulance to discuss their responsibilities to residents in our community

Don Bates - financial planner from the Bendigo Bank of Toodyay.

Further information on this informative evening will be advertised in the coming weeks. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend. Supper will be provided and your questions on the above topics answered.

Our Branch members are also involving ourselves in helping members of our Australian Forces serving in Afghanistan. As winter is setting in for them, we will each be putting together care packages for the men, women and service dogs that will not be spending Christmas at home.

Our next meeting will be 27 October at 1.30pm. If you would like to share an afternoon with us, we would love to meet you.

For more information on joining our Branch, please contact President, Vivien Street, on 9574 4871 or Secretary, Kath Haynes, on 9574 2923.

## Call for Entries for Australia's Best Young Writer

BUDDING young writers across Toodyay Shire are invited by book retailer Dymocks to show off their creative writing talent in the annual Andy Griffiths Kids' Writing Competition.

Now in its third successful year, the nationwide writing competition run in conjunction with Dymocks and bestselling Australian children's author Andy Griffiths, is calling for young writers in Toodyay Shire up to the age of 12 to write a creative short story with a 'treehouse' theme.

One of Australia's most popular children's writers, Andy Griffiths has sold over five million books worldwide and has featured on the New York Times bestseller lists. With over 40 Australian Children's Choice Awards to his name, Andy Griffiths' latest novel The 13-Storey Treehouse is the basis for this year's theme in the popular writing competition.

Judged by Andy Griffiths, the winning entry that displays the most creativity and originality will have their short story illustrated by Griffiths' renowned illustrator Terry Denton. The winner and nine runners up will receive an Andy Griffiths Book Collection containing 21 books, valued at \$309.27 each.

"We're thrilled to open the Andy Griffiths Kids' Writing Competition up for another year in the search for emerging young writers across the country. We hope our entrants will showcase their creativity and writing talent and encourage children to take part in creating their own stories, but most of all, foster the love and joy of reading and writing for years to come," said Dymocks CEO, Don Grover.

Entries for the Andy Griffiths Kids' Writing Competition are open until Monday 31 October, and winners will be announced by 7 December 2011.

To enter, young aspiring writers can simply email their maximum 200-word short story entry to booklover@dymocks.com.au with 'Andy Griffiths Writing Competition' in the subject heading or mail their entry to Dymocks Booklover, Level 6, 428 George Street, Sydney NSW 2000.

For more information on the Andy Griffiths Kids' Writing Competition, including full terms and conditions, please visit www.dymocks.com.au.

## RSL Toodyay Sub-Branch

**John Adams**

Secretary / Treasurer

THE Annual General Meeting of the sub-branch was held on Saturday 3 September. At the meeting, the following officebearers were elected for 2011/2012:

President	Gary Holland
Vice President	Maurice Tola
Sec/Treasurer	John Adams
Welfare Officer	Warren Hall
Membership Officer	Bob (Daisy) Day

We have decided to continue with the Sandakan Scholarship Tour again next year and we will be seeking applications from students at the Toodyay District High School. The tour associated with this scholarship is a unique experience to learn about our history.



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