

FROM THE DESK OF THE SHIRE PRESIDENT

This past month saw the passing of Mr J C Mac Wroth, Toodyay's only Honorary Freeman, who was also a former Shire Councillor and former Shire President. His passing was marked by a formal condolence motion at the Special Meeting on 1 September in which condolences were extended to the Wroth family.



The Shire information day was held on 20 August 2011 and was well attended by residents and ratepayers who gave a lively question and answer time. Thanks to those who attended.

Quit Targa West ran their stages through Toodyay on 26 and 27 August, finishing the event at a stage on the Perth Esplanade on 27 August. Organisers of and competitors in the event were unanimous in their praise for local government and their thanks for being able to conduct their sporting event. A one-hour television program covering the event has been aired on One HD on 24 September at 5.00pm and again on 25 September at 2.00pm (Saturday and Sunday), with three further airings on the following week which are certainly going to showcase part of Toodyay.

On 29 August the Avon Regional Organisation of Councils held a meeting in Toodyay at which the opportunities for resource sharing were further explored. Despite having identified some six areas suitable for resource sharing, most were eliminated during this meeting. However, in any resource sharing discussion the spectre of amalgamation seems to be ever present. The one remaining service or resource considered universally lacking across the six shires is engineering. The possibility of engaging a full-time professional engineer and possible support staff (if appropriate) is being further explored.

Sharing Engineering Services appears to have the greatest attraction for AROC Members because not one has sufficient demand to engage a full-time professional engineer. I look forward to developments in this area with the next meeting of AROC scheduled for Monday 26 September 2011.

Following on from the resolution of Council at the meeting of 15 August 2011, representatives of the Western Australian Local Government Association met with the Chief Executive Officer and myself yesterday. Discussions were productive with an acknowledgement that the level and quality of service expected had not been delivered. Short time-frames were offered by way of explanation but not excuse. WALGA will be writing formally to Council about this issue.

For those not aware, the commencement of the restricted burning period has been deferred until midnight on Friday 14 October 2011. That is no fires without a permit on and from 15 October 2011.

A WARNING AGAINST THE DESTRUCTION OF ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES

Cultural heritage remains in the Shire of Toodyay are important in their potential to provide scientific or research information on the lives of the Shire's early settlers. Specifically, these cultural remains can be studied by an archaeologist, whose role is to reconstruct past patterns of human behaviour from a detailed study of cultural and physical remains. These patterns of human behaviour can include what tools people used and how they were made, what people ate, how they structured their society, what they believed and how they responded to changes in the environment.

A well-researched archaeological site can do more than simply provide a glimpse into past human behaviours at a particular place. By studying how different sites relate to each other, a larger picture of past cultural landscapes can be produced, highlighting how different settlements, towns, or entire cultures interacted.

However the excavation of an archaeological site is a destructive process. This means that once an area has been excavated, it can never be re-excavated. When an area becomes disturbed, damaged or the cultural remains removed, the context in which the cultural remains existed is also destroyed.

An example of this could be an archaeological deposit containing thimbles, thread and fragments of lace, found beneath the surface of what was once an interior room of a historic ruin. The placement and association of these objects suggests that sewing and lacemaking activities occurred in a certain room of the past residence, an activity generally reserved for women. This provides a glimpse into the activities taking

place in the house, and has research implications for what types of needlework was being produced in the era, the role of women in society and how activity spaces were divided up in early homes. If this information is analysed in conjunction with other sites in the wider area it could provide insight into domestic production and trade activities across the landscape. However, if the thimbles, thread and fragments of lace were removed from their original context, all that can be determined from them is the rarity or condition of each object as an example of its type (i.e. whether the thimble represents a particularly rare or good example of a thimble).

It is therefore considered essential to have a trained professional directing the excavation and a valid research question that cannot be answered through archival research. Permission for excavations must be gained from the state government, not just from the Heritage Council of Western Australia but also from the Department of Indigenous Affairs. This is because European sites may overlay earlier Indigenous sites.

The Shire of Toodyay should be rightly proud of its rich archaeological record, and the Shire of Toodyay is working towards developing those heritage resources. However, it is essential that the Shire be contacted when archaeological remains are discovered so that unnecessary damage is avoided.



CCTV

The Shire of Toodyay has recently contracted Zenien to install Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) within the Toodyay Townsite. The installation of CCTV has been a long term project, with community funding being raised starting in 2002 through Rural Watch. Rural Watch first raised approximately \$5,000 that has been sitting in trust with the Shire of Toodyay since this time. The Toodyay Community Safety and Crime Prevention Association recently completed the Toodyay Community Safety and Crime Prevention Plan 2010-2015. This plan has now been endorsed by the office of Crime Prevention and was developed through extensive community consultation. The main priority project within this plan is to implement CCTV in Stirling Terrace.

The Shire of Toodyay has been successful in sourcing grant money from the Office of Crime Prevention; \$25,000 from the Community Safety fund, and \$20,000 from the Graffiti Grants Fund. Further to this, the Toodyay Community Safety and Crime Prevention Association have contributed \$20,000 of their own funding to the project. Thanks to the efforts of the association, Rural Watch and the two successful grant applications, no cash contribution to this project has been required by the Shire of Toodyay.

It is envisaged that the installation of cameras along Stirling Terrace and the Toodyay Skate Park will be completed in late October 2011. It is hoped that this project will reduce antisocial behaviour, graffiti and vandalism within the town and also reduce the associated costs to the Shire of Toodyay in removing graffiti and repairing damage. For further info, please contact Senior Ranger Paul Postma on 9574 2258.

TOODYAY COMMUNITY BUS COMMITTEE

The Toodyay Community Bus Committee (Inc) provide an eighteen seater bus for the use of the Toodyay Community. The bus is widely used by the community and is a great asset for the town. The bus is nearing its use by date and the Committee is keen to work with the Shire to source external funding opportunities for a new bus purchase. The Community bus committee is currently seeking expressions of interest for new members to assist in the progress of purchasing a new bus. Any interested persons are advised to contact Ray Edwards on 9574 2858 for further information.

The community bus is available for use by the community whether it be sporting groups, community groups and we trust will continue to be available for many years to come.

LIBRARY NEWS

Calling all children aged 6 – 12yrs. Do you like eating bread, bread sticks pizzas or foccacia? Better still would you like to learn how to make them yourself? If the answer is yes, then call into the Library and register for the School Holiday Program to be held on Tuesday 4th October at 11am. Numbers are limited so register today to avoid disappointment.

We are delighted to announce Toodyay Library now provides wireless free internet access. Members of the public may utilize this facility by using their own laptop computers on the Library premises for internet and email services.

Sincere thanks to Alison Jones our resident Story Time volunteer who once again surpassed our expectations in providing an extra special Story Times session for the Kindergarten & Pre-Primary children from Toodyay School. As previously announced last month Toodyay School has joined the Better Beginnings outreach program devised by State Library. This innovative extension to our existing pre-school program for babies to toddlers is all set to be a resounding success and we are delighted Toodyay School has joined the program.

Did you know Toodyay is home to a promising young and talented author? Belinda Cowell started writing when she was 15 yrs of age. She used to write stories for English class whenever possible. Belinda's writing goes hand in hand with her drawing. She sketches her stories before she writes them and at school she won a scholarship for Talented and Gifted Students in the art department.

For Belinda writing is something she does because she has a passion to fulfil. "It's like there are all these stories inside me and I need to tell them and of course I enjoy it immensely" Belinda told me. She has been a story teller for as long as she can remember and trying to have her work published seemed the most natural thing to do. "I was accepted on the first try which left me breathless" Belinda recalls "Ever since I was little I've been in love with strange creatures, magical and mythical so fantasy called to me in a way that no other genre ever has".

Belinda's favourite creatures are the unicorn and she plans to write a special story about them. Her dream is to become well renowned established author. Some of the authors from whom she has gleaned inspiration are: Anne bishop, Terry Goodkind, Anne Rice and Peter S Beagle. Belinda's family wholeheartedly support her quest and believe she has the capabilities of becoming as successful as J.K. Rawlings the author of the Harry Potter novels.

Belinda will be attending the Library's "Better than a Book Club" session on Thursday 10th November at 10am to provide us with a most enlightening and entertaining Authors Talk. So do come along on the day and be inspired by Toodyay's own budding fantasy author.

The Library is at present the temporary home to a travelling display celebrating the years of Italian Migrants to Australia. This informative and colourful exhibition from State Library via Northam Regional Library depicts the Italian migrant origins and their journeys to Australia, trials and tribulations from late 1920s to pre & post world war II.

'Bay Watch'
This months Bay to watch is bay 9



Morangup Library will be held on 11th & 25th October between 3 – 5pm. Each session there are in excess of 500 items to choose from. Therefore if you are in the Morangup area you are most cordially invited to pop along and choose some literary delights. Maureen, Peter and the gang look forward to seeing you there.

Toodyay Public Library - 9574 2323

COUNCIL DATES

11 October: Ordinary Meeting of Council, Julimar Fire Shed, 7pm.

17 October: Special Meeting of Council, Council Chambers, 7:30pm.

15 November: Ordinary Meeting of Council, Council Chambers, 7pm.

Shire of Toodyay Firebreak Order 2011-2012

Pursuant to Section 33 of the Bush Fires Act 1954, all residents and ratepayers within the Shire of Toodyay are required to clear a fire break of all inflammable material on their land as set out below.

Due Date: 1 November in each year **Maintained Until:** 30 April in the following year.

NB: If you purchase land during this period you have 14 DAYS from purchase to comply with the requirements of this order.

REMEMBER: YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE TO ENSURE THAT YOU COMPLY WITH THE FIRE BREAK ORDER AND THAT YOUR PROPERTY IS UP TO STANDARD BY THE DUE DATE OF 1 NOVEMBER EACH YEAR.

1. Rural Residential and Rural Land

Is all land outside the Gazetted Toodyay Townsite.

- 1.1 Land up to and including 200 hectares in size requires a minimum of a 3 metre wide and high fire break within 10 metres of the external boundary.
- 1.2 Land exceeding 200 hectares in size requires a minimum of a 3 metre wide and high fire break to divide the property into 200 hectare parcels of land.
- 1.3 A fire break a minimum of 3 metres wide shall be cleared and maintained within 7 metres around all buildings, haystacks and fuel storage areas. In addition to this, a 15 metre wide low fuel area with a maximum vegetation height of 75 mm is to be maintained. NB: It is not a requirement to remove live trees or shrubs except for Dryandra.
- 1.4 A fire break a minimum of a 3 metre wide shall be cleared and maintained around a stationary motor.
- 1.5 A firebreak a minimum of a 20 metre wide shall be cleared and maintained inside the boundary of all land that has been cleared by whatever means and has piles of vegetation (whether for burning or removal) NB: If clearing is completed after 1 November, the fire break is to be installed within 28 days.
- 1.6 On all land situated within the MAJESTIC HEIGHTS, MAJESTIC WATERS and VERNON HILLS subdivisions a Building Protection Zone 25 metres wide shall be established and maintained around all buildings with a further 25 metres of a Hazard Separation Zone.
- 1.7 All lots within the DONEGAN VIEWS, GIDGEGANNUP SPRINGS and REGAL HILLS, Subdivisions shall comply with clause 1.1 of this order except for that portion of the lots adjacent to the external boundary of the subdivision. The fire break on the external boundary of the subdivision is to be 6 metres wide, clear of inflammable material with 4 metres trafficable. Within;
MOONDYNE PARK, (Lots 601, 112, 114, 117, 125, 126, 128, 132, 133 and 134) MAJESTIC WATERS, (Lots 5 - 10 & 13 - 17) and PARK VIEWS (Lots 650, 671 - 680, 685 & 686) Subdivisions shall comply with clause 1.1 of this order except for that portion of the lots adjacent to the external boundary of the subdivision. The fire break on the external boundary of the subdivision is to be 6 metres wide, clear of inflammable material with 4 metres trafficable.

Strategic Fire Breaks

ALL "STRATEGIC FIRE BREAKS" WITHIN THE SHIRE OF TOODYAY HAVE NOW BEEN DEEMED AS FIRE ACCESS ROADS AND WILL BE MAINTAINED AND UPGRADED BY THE SHIRE OF TOODYAY AT THE SHIRE'S EXPENSE

ALL LANDOWNERS WHO PREVIOUSLY CONTRIBUTED TO THE STRATEGIC FIREBREAKS WITHIN THE SHIRE OF TOODYAY ARE NO LONGER REQUIRED TO DO SO BUT ARE REQUIRED TO COMPLY WITH THIS ORDER.

2. Townsite Land

Is all land within the Gazetted Toodyay Townsite.

- 2.1 All Townsite Lots with an area less than 1 hectare (2.47 acres) are required to be fire hazard reduced by:
 - Removal of all inflammable material **or**
 - Reduction of the vegetation fire hazard to a maximum height of 75 mm.
 - Removal of all slashed material.
- 2.2 All Townsite Lots with an area greater than or equal to 1 hectare (2.47 acres) shall comply with either clause 2.1 above **or** clauses 1.1 and 1.3 of this Order.

Fire Break Variation

If for any reason it is considered impracticable to clear fire breaks on any land as required by this Order a Fire Break Variation can be applied for. All requests for variations must be received at the Shire Office by 1 October in any year. The request must be in writing and provide a sketch of the property with existing fire breaks and the proposed alternative. If permission is granted, it will be in writing and shall remain valid until revoked.

Burning Garden Refuse, Campfires and Cooking Fires During the Restricted Burning Period.

The burning of garden refuse and the lighting of camping or cooking fires is prohibited during the Restricted Burning Period unless a valid permit to burn *has been obtained from a Fire Control Officer.*

COMMUNITY STALLHOLDERS

As you may be aware the Shire of Toodyay waived stallholder fees for Community Groups at its Council meeting on the 21st June 2011. While the fee has been waived it is still important that each community group obtains a stallholders permit from the Shire prior to the stall. By obtaining a permit, it ensures your organisation is the only stallholder on the day in that location therefore maximising your organisations fund raising potential. Please seek advice from Shire staff regarding the availability of a stall location and who will be more than happy to help you complete your application form. It is also important to remember that stall holder permits must be displayed in a prominent location on the day of the stall. Stallholder application forms can be obtained from the Shire of Toodyay Administration Centre, Old Court House, 15 Fiennes Street, Toodyay during office hours or on the Shire's website at www.toodyay.wa.gov.au.

FIRE BREAK INFORMATION

The Shire of Toodyay would like to formally apologise for the incorrect information provided in the 2011-2012 Fire Break Information. The correct restricted burning period runs in two parts from 1 October 2011 to 31 October 2011 and 9 March 2012 to 30 April 2012.

Further to this, please also note that Fire Break Inspections will in fact be conducted after 1 November 2011. We again apologise for any confusion this may have caused.

COMMUNICATIONS, MARKETING AND TOURISM OFFICER

An opportunity exists for an enthusiastic individual to join our team in the role of Communications, Marketing and Tourism Officer.

This position provides an opportunity for an experienced person to assist in the development of Council's corporate identity and communications strategies. You will work closely with the Deputy Chief Executive Officer to raise the profile of the Shire of Toodyay and the Toodyay Visitor Information Centre.

Major responsibilities of this diverse role include developing press material (e.g. media releases, editorial, brochures, information sheets), developing website content and assisting with the coordination & promotion of events.

If you possess sound organisation & time management skills, are suitably qualified and have a desire to make a difference, this is the perfect job for you.

The successful applicant will enjoy the benefits of working as part of a high performing, supportive team and receive the resultant rewards. Salary will be negotiated dependent on qualifications and experience, with a cash component of between \$45,000 to \$55,000. This position is Level 5 under the Local Government Industry Award. A vehicle for commuter use may be available by negotiation.

An application package can be obtained by visiting the Shire's website www.toodyay.wa.gov.au or by contacting Maria Rebane on 9574 2258 or by email execsec@toodyay.wa.gov.au.

Applications close 4.00pm on Thursday 27 October 2011.
Trevor Harken
ACTING CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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View from the Shed What is a Healthy Community?

Julian Krieg
 The Regional Men's Health Initiative

RECENTLY, I received an award for my work in helping to maintain healthy communities in rural WA. As I contemplated the award and what it meant, it crossed my mind that it is a bit of a contradiction to award an individual if you are talking about communities.

For something to be considered a community it surely means a group of individuals working together to achieve a common goal. Personally I feel that we achieve very little on our own, we develop skills based on our own interests for sure but they usually reach their full potential when we apply our personal skills with the talents and skills of others.

When we apply this basic logic to the concept of a healthy community it keeps in perspective how important every member of that community is because of the skills and talents they bring to the life of the community.

I guess there are some basic rules that need to be accepted if we are to maintain a healthy environment in our particular location. These concepts come into focus

most often when we are focused on dealing with a common problem, any disaster, like a dry season, a flood, a fire or the loss of a specific service in a town.

When any of these things challenge us we put aside our personal differences and unite behind the "cause" and work to resolve the issues. It is a pity we don't always apply this same commitment to a healthy community when things are going well.

Some of the things to remember are:

- Tolerance, particularly of our cultural differences. Communities benefit from diversity in so many ways;
- Acceptance that we all play a part in creating a healthy community;
- Willingness to be involved for the benefit of all to achieve community goals;
- Team Attitude - not everyone is a captain, but a captain without a team has little chance of achieving.

As country people I think we are way better at building healthy communities, as long as we accept the part we have to play and work to achieving our goals. These things can never be achieved alone.

Toodyay Men's Shed Inside the shed.

The Scribe

HELLO fellow shedders.

Another month has passed us by in what seems to be just a blink of an eye and, with the arrival of blue sky and warmer days, many of our members are making ready to head off up the road for holidays. We wish them a safe journey and look forward to hearing about the "one that got away" on your return.

The road verge cleanup continues with the Julimar Road section finished and a good start already on Railway Rd.

Reports from the AMSA conference held in Brisbane recently, tell us that there are now some 600 hundred sheds Australia wide with a membership of more than 50,000 men operating under the AMSA

banner. There are a further 37 sheds in Ireland, 1 in Europe, and 1 in Canada. One of the delegates attending the conference from Canada was on a fact finding mission representing 37,000 retired school teachers and will be reporting back to them on how the sheds operate with the view of opening as many as possible on his return. (courtesy WAMSA Warbler Sept' 11)

The AMSA visitors to Mundaring Shed on the 21st have told us that there is statistical evidence that Men's Sheds have reduced suicide numbers by 2000 lives nationally in the past twelve months. This is undeniable evidence that Men's Sheds are making a difference to men's health and well being, something we see every time we meet here locally.

The Toodyay Men's Shed was saddened by the passing of Bob Nelson on 15 September 2011. A quiet spoken man, always ready with a joke and liked nothing more than to wind you up and then walk away. Bob passed doing what he loved most, working alongside his mates and helping others. He will be sorely missed at the shed but not forgotten and our condolences go out to June and family.

On Wednesday 21 September, our Chairman and Secretary joined with about fifty other Sheddars at the Mundaring Shed to meet with the Patron of Australian Men's Sheds Association Mr Tim Mathieson (the Prime Minister's partner) and Andrew Stark, the Manager of Communication with the AMSA. These guys were here to find out what is happening with Men's Sheds in WA. The display of what Mundaring Shed produces in its passive workshop is awe inspiring. Suffice to say the hosts were proud, the guests impressed and we delegates learned plenty. Messrs Mathieson and Stark are returning in October and wish to meet in Toodyay with our membership and local dignitaries. Look out for details closer to time.

The Toodyay Men's Shed will be engaged in the 'Setup' and 'Dismantle' for the Agricultural Show on 15/16 October as well as having a display at the Show. Fellas, we will need your help to get our message out there, so please make yourself available to help out.

A fundraiser as a 'Sundowner' will be held at 16 Whitegum Ridge at 3pm on 5 November. This event is to raise funds for the Toodyay Community Singers and the Men's Shed so do come along and enjoy with your family and friends. Please ring Jeff on 9574 2498 if you can make it.

The York Men's Shed has invited members of the Sheds in the Avon Basin to attend a late breakfast at Balladong Farm. If you wish to attend please contact Jeff on the above number so we can notify York of numbers attending and rides for those that need them.

So remember guys, most of the things we worry about the most, ain't never gonna happen anyways.

Enquiries for TMS ring Geoff on 9574 4568.

Until next time.

Healthy Community Workshop Another Step in the Right Direction

THE Stakeholder and Community Workshop held on Monday 5 September at the Toodyay CWA Hall was another step forward. Nineteen people attended to hear about the healthy eating and physical activity assessment conducted in Toodyay.

Rachael Biddulph, local Health Promotion Officer, who led the research gave an overview of the process. "We tried to collect enough information to be able to get the balance between what the community needs and wants," she said. The evening was about revising results of the assessment. "Have we missed any significant barriers, are you happy with the recommendations and what community resources can assist?" asked Rachael.

The Grants Officer, Kim Angus, presented the Shire's infrastructure priorities. She outlined that a funding application has been submitted for a Health and Wellbeing Centre to be built near the school. Phase one includes a 25m eight lane pool, hydrotherapy pool, allied health consultation rooms, community/meeting rooms, gym, crèche and change rooms, with an adjacent splashpad. This configuration was chosen as being the one most likely to meet the community's needs, attract grant funding and be self sustaining in the longer term.

It is unfortunate that the broader public could not be consulted at this stage, however, rather than risk missing out on this funding opportunity. Preliminary drawings were completed and key stakeholders consulted in order to meet the tight application deadlines. Formal public consultation will be commenced shortly. The result of the application for \$3.73mil from Royalties for Regions will be known in November. In the absence of such funding, the shire still hopes to proceed with a scaled back development meeting the communities strongly expressed wish for a pool.

"A walking trail around the river was frequently suggested during the community consultation," stated Rachael. The Friends of the River are working towards this with the cooperation of the Shire. The long term goal is to build a trail from Duidgee Park to Northam though this is a long way off.

More immediately, the Shire is currently rebuilding the footbridge and seeking external funding to upgrade the showground change rooms.

Rachael stated that she was very happy with the community input at the workshop. Toodyay residents representing community groups agreed that the cost of public liability insurance is a barrier. An idea of having multiple groups under one insurance cover was mentioned. It was also outlined that the Community Directory is quickly outdated due to the current printing schedule occurring before most Annual General Meetings.

A Toodyay Living Communities representative outlined how the group is

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establishing more communication about activities in the area. For example, a 2012 community expo is planned where current opportunities to be active can be show-cased.

To encourage seniors to be more active, afternoon tea dances were suggested by a community member. "This could become a popular social outing and laugh, with the extra benefit of being active," said Rachael.

School Principal, Wendy Camenzuli, was open to the idea of increasing community involvement with the school. For example, the school is planning on having a horticultural focus for 2012, where there would be opportunity for seniors to be involved.

Toodyay's Australian Early Development Index results were raised by Wendy. "The school's Pre-Kindy program to support child development has been positively received," she stated.

Another issue raised by a community member was the pressure on parents to be on a committee, fundraise or organise activities when they attend community activities or groups. Unfortunately, this can deter others from getting involved as well as leaving those who regularly volunteer to be overburdened.

The extra barriers and strategy ideas have been considered in the development of an action plan to process the assessment's recommendations. If you have any extra information or ideas, or would like to get involved, contact Rachael on 9690 1616 or email rachael.biddulph@health.wa.gov.au.

Local Doctor Joins in Push for More Country GPs

A LOCAL doctor will feature in a national and international recruitment campaign to bring more doctors to the Wheatbelt and across the southern inland region of the State.

The southern inland stretches from Kalbarri and Meekatharra in the north, to Laverton in the east, down to Esperance in the south-east.

York-based Dr Matt Archer is one of a number of private general practitioners already working in the region who will take part in the recently launched campaign. Dr Archer has worked as a GP in the Wheatbelt town of Northam for the past four years and said he joined the campaign because he enjoyed the variety of roles that came with working in a rural area.

"There are a lot of very skilled generalists working in the country," he said. "Professional fulfilment is clearly only one aspect of country life. We certainly enjoy living in York which, like many smaller towns, has a strong emphasis on community spirit.

"You just need to be prepared to become involved!"

The campaign will run nationally as well as overseas in countries including Canada, the United Kingdom and New Zealand, where the medical training is recognised by the Australian Medical Council's Competent Authority Pathway.

The recruitment drive is part of the \$565million Southern Inland Health Initiative which is funded under the Liberal/National Government's Royalties for Region Programme.

WACHS Chief Executive Ian Smith said the initiative would develop and improve medical services that were able to respond to changing community needs.

"The initiative will fund up to the equivalent work value of more than 40 doctors to secure ED services and GP services for local residents and a key focus of the first year is to bring more private GP's to the region."

The Southern Inland Initiative includes a \$240million investment in the health

workforce as well as \$325million for capital works over the next five years.

"This will substantially reform and improve access to healthcare for all residents of the Southern Inland area of Western Australia," Mr Smith said.

Key Appointment to Southern Inland Health Initiative

THE \$565million Southern Inland Health Initiative, which will introduce a new era in health care across southern inland Western Australia, has marked an important milestone with the appointment of the Project Director.

Ian Smith, Chief Executive of the WA Country Health Service, announced recently that a senior health professional, David Naughton, would take up the key position on 3 October 2011.

Mr Smith said Mr Naughton would lead the implementation of the initiative which will dramatically improve medical resources and 24 hour emergency coverage across the southern inland area from Kalbarri and Meekatharra in the north, to Laverton in the east, down to Esperance in the south-east.

"Mr Naughton has over 25 years experience in both the public and private health services and he has held multiple clinical and senior management positions across a number of sectors including acute care, mental health, community health and public health," Mr Smith said. "He has also held senior executive roles within the WA Country Health Service where he led the development and implementation of clinical services at a regional level in the South West."

The Southern Inland Health Initiative, funded under the State Government's Royalties for Regions programme, includes a \$240million investment in the regional health workforce as well as \$325million for capital works over the next five years.

A key focus of the first year is to address the lack of private GPs across the region. More private GPs in inland country towns will mean better support to nurses in delivering quality health care to country patients.

It will fund the equivalent work value of more than 40 doctors to secure emergency department and GP services in areas where GP recruitment is an ongoing challenge.

Further information on the Southern Inland Health Initiative can be found at www.health.wa.gov.au/southerninland/home.

Chiropractic Clinic at Tom Price

LOCAL Chiropractor and Senior Clinician at Murdoch University School of Chiropractic Clinic, Bob Mattin, helped supervise eight 5th year students on a recent external clinic in Tom Price to provide free treatment to the indigenous population, workers in the local mines and their families. Other external clinics were also held at Carnarvon, Geraldton and Mt. Magnet.

The annual field trips are sponsored by NRW, a large earthmoving mining contractor, and Rio Tinto Corporation.

Students also conducted clinics in the Paraburdoo Hospital and Jigalong Aboriginal Reserve near Newman.

Bob Mattin stated that the indigenous people do not have access to chiropractic treatment so they are encouraged to attend the free clinics.

The 5th year students are capable of making general health assessments, but essentially concentrate on muscle and bone problems such as back, neck, arm, leg, shoulder, hip and knee pains.

The trip was highlighted by an NRW sponsored trip to Karajini National Park and to a local iron-ore mine site east of Tom Price for the students.

Several families from Toodyay live and work at Tom Price and attended the clinics; for Bob it was like old home week catching up with the former Toodyay patients and families.

In summary, the trip was a huge success providing over 800 treatments during the two week period and the University Chiropractic Clinic students were invited back to provide follow-up treatment.

St John's Church Spring Fayre

Gina and Moya
Fayre Co-ordinators

WOW, what a fantastic day. The weather was beautiful, the birds were singing and all was right with the world. A very big thank you to all the people who worked so hard to make it such a great day. To our wonderful Toodyay Community Singers - they are such an amazing group. Thanks to the Bendigo Bank for all their help and support, for the loan of the barbecue trailer. For the donation of \$300 for the cost of sausages, ham, meat pack and buns supplied by the Toodyay Butcher and Bakery, thank you very much.

Thanks to: Rhonda and Geoff Miller who donated the Mountain bike; Lottery West who donated the scratch and win tickets on the money tree; Jim Bruce who made and donated the laundry trolley and a rocking reindeer; Dean at IGA who donated a 50% gift voucher; Coles Northam who donated a \$25 gift voucher; Jenny Norman who donated Nutrimetics gift packs; Barbara at Bar-Bar-A Black Sheep for her donation; Jacquie Bruce-Cullen who donated all the material for the Craft activity table; Jessica and her team who supplied the paint and did the face painting.

Thank you to Roz at Courtyard Antiques and Sally at the Wendouree Tearooms for the use of their windows to advertise our event, and to Sally for the donation of a breakfast voucher as first prize for our Spring Hat parade and to Jeff at Chemmart Chemist for the 2nd prize gift voucher.

Once again thank you all very much and God bless you.

Avon Woodturners

Max J Heath

HI from the pavilion for this month.

Well things are flying high at wood turning with our new secretary, Andrea, doing a balloon flight over Northam, which she really enjoyed.

We have been quiet at the moment with actual woodturning as we have now finished our project. There is a lot of other turning going on and a lot in preparation for the show with some nice articles being produced.

We have settled on 23 October for a visitor, Mr Des Donnelly, to come and talk on forestry in WA and we have invited the Men's Shed to share with us. Hopefully we will be arranging a barbecue lunch on this day. Des used to live in Toodyay quite some time ago.

Don't forget to come and see us at the Show as we will be demonstrating some wood turning there as well as selling tickets for our raffle.

We have not heard from WAWA yet about our wood turning weekend to be held in Toodyay next year but I believe it may be in August if we can fit it in. August seems to be getting pretty full for Toodyay.

Well, that's about all for now but don't forget that we are at the Pavillion every Sunday morning from 9am to midday and our monthly meetings are on the fourth Sunday. So, if you would like to take a look, please feel free to come and look in on us and say hello or, for any enquiries, phone Andrew McCann on 0409 203 962 or Max Heath on 9574 2069.

Cheers for now.

Vet's Corner

Dr Tracey Thornton

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Cruelty Case in York

TWO weeks ago a dog was found on a road by a member of the public who brought him in to the Heartlands Veterinary Hospital in York. The staff were shocked to discover that someone had wound an elastic band around the dog's testicles, presumably in an effort to castrate him.

In so doing, the band had severed one of the testes and the other had herniated from the scrotum. The whole area was infected and extremely painful to touch. The pup was taken to surgery that night in an effort to save him. Because the area around the testes was so badly damaged and infected the whole scrotum had to be resected and he was placed on intravenous antibiotics as well as a drip and several different pain killers.

Incredibly he made a full recovery and has gone on to find a loving home. The cost of his surgery and treatment was absorbed by the veterinary hospital as no community funding was available. Even more amazingly, he shows absolutely no malice towards people and is happy to greet you with a very exuberant wag of his tail!

Castration is normally undertaken surgically under general anaesthesia with the aid of several different pain relief injections. Dogs have a nervous system that is almost identical to humans and therefore so is their ability to perceive pain. Use of elastic bands or elastrator rings to castrate dogs and cats is illegal and carries a minimum RSPCA penalty of \$2000 plus court costs. We would urge anyone who has knowledge of others performing this barbaric practice to report them to local authorities or to the RSPCA.

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Ida's Hideaway



Greasy Sleeves

SATURDAY 17 September saw Ida's Hideaway celebrate its tenth birthday.

From small beginnings, this Saturday club held at Butterly House has gone from strength to strength. Ida Edwards, who had the original idea for the hideaway, has steered it through thick and thin to reach this ten-year milestone. The club is still as popular with the golden oldies today as it was in its first year. Ida's husband Ray, who is President of the club, has been actively involved with it since day one and together, he and Ida have run a great afternoon out on a Saturday, with the help of willing volunteers who have given their time and efforts to be a part of it.

The celebration was held at the Victoria Hotel, where a very nice meal was enjoyed by all of the about 50 people who attended. Special thanks must go to Margaret and staff for the meal.

Original committee members and regular volunteers were invited, along with supporters and patrons. Special guests were Shirley and Allan Dolphins from Veteran Affairs, Shire President, Kevin Hogg, Margaret O'Sullivan from Bendigo Bank and also Charlie Wroth and Mark D'Alton. After the meal there were presentations to the loyal supporters who have helped with donations throughout the years. A special

thank you was extended to Chips from Ida and Ray for his support over the years and we wish him well for the future. Another special thank you went to Mick Dodemaide for his ten years as treasurer.

Those of the invited guests who couldn't be present on the day sent letters and cards of congratulations. Included in these were Judy Moyland MP and Doctor Richard Walkey, both regular supporters of the Hideaway and, also a very nice letter from Veronica Dymond which was well received.

Ida surprised Ray with a gift and certificate for his years of service and then was herself surprised when first Michael Cox presented her with a certificate and then Peg Nelligan presented her with a single rose. There wasn't a dry eye in the house when Peg sang "only a rose I give thee".

The cake was superb featuring a photo of the original members and was generously donated by Toodyay Bakery who have been staunch supporters of the Hideaway for many years. A very special vote of thanks to the Bakery for their ongoing support.

Condolences from us all to June Nelson and family for the sad loss of Bob. We will miss his bingo calling on Saturdays.

Birthdays this month are: Jim Bavin (3rd), Aileen Smith (6th) and Hazel Carter (12th). We wish them a very happy day.



Above and below: Original and current Committee Members, volunteers, supporters patrons and special guests enjoyed a delightful meal, followed by the magnificent cake donated from the Bakery.



'Art for Learning' Exhibition

ON Thursday 14 September, C.Y. O'Connor Institute's Managing Director, John Scott, had the pleasure of opening the 'Art for Learning' Exhibition held at the Killara Day Centre in Northam.

The 'Art for Learning' program was a cooperative effort between Killara and C.Y. O'Connor Institute with the opening showcasing the artwork of participants with disabilities who were involved in a 20 week program aimed at improving literacy and numeracy skills through arts and crafts.

The program started on 1 March this year after C.Y. O'Connor Institute and Killara received funding from Adult Communication Education (ACE) with participants attending classes every Wednesday over the 20 weeks.

C.Y. O'Connor Institute lecturer in Aged

Care, Nerrilyn Agius, and Chris Martin from Killara, were involved in the application for funding, organisation and running of the program, both believe it was a great success for the participants involved

"The 'Art for Learning' Exhibition is about showcasing the artwork and efforts of the participants in this program as well as their hard work," Mrs Agius said.

"The 20 week program enhanced the literacy and numeracy skills of these participants through arts and crafts, while also improving their computer and social interaction skills.

"Classes ran every Wednesday with participants having the opportunity to explore areas of arts and crafts including clay, kitchen art, screen printing, felting, card making and basic woodworking.

"It is extremely pleasing to witness the success of this program and I am delighted that there was such a large attendance with over 60 people including staff from C.Y. O'Connor Institute, Killara Day Centre, family and friends," Mrs Agius concluded. C.Y. O'Connor Institute's Managing Director, John Scott, praised the efforts of both the Institute and Killara Day Centre staff members in ensuring the success of this program.

"Today, I am pleased to support the opening of this exhibition, which gives due recognition for the achievements of these most talented participants," he said.

"We are able to witness the success of this program and see the work the participants have been able to produce as a result of the training delivered during the program.

"I would like to congratulate the students for the quality of their exhibits and the lecturers, without whose support the program would not be the wonderful success that it is.

"I would like to thank Killara for their support in the conduct of this program, and in particular, for providing the various classroom venues, as well as lunch for the students and staff," Mr Scott concluded.



The View from My Window

Anne Skinner

IT seems impossible to believe so much time has elapsed since 29 December 2009 but, as I look out of our lounge room window, it would seem that magically a wand or a baton has been waved over the scene and a carpet of paper flowers (pinks and whites) has appeared, bowing their heads in the wind, as if keeping time. Our fledgling bottle brushes have spoken up with a mixture of reds and whites and a couple of yellows thrown in for good measure as they herald their presence, much to the delight of the honey eaters and, of course, the bees.

The creeper that completely disappeared has come back with a loud profusion of deep purple blossom, and the never to be outdone, three native hibiscus that were burnt to the ground have, if possible, provided us with a brilliant display of floppy purple flowers trumpeting their glory.

The orchids and kangaroo paw have quietly surpassed their previous note of gentle harmony and the loud crashing blue of the leschenaultia can be likened to the waves crashing on the grassy slopes; back and forth they wave in the wind.

We have a few wattle type shrubs struggling to make their attendance noticed but I'm sure they will improve for next year's performance.

You may have noticed this year more than ever before that the plethora of yellow flowering shrubs, pictured above have performed their very best - I'm afraid I don't know their name, but their presence is most welcome, bringing the whole orchestra together in one accord. Once again, the master conductor has shown us His brilliance, and mother nature her forgiveness.

If I had thought at any time that nothing could ever be so glorious again, I was wrong. The sweet sounds of growth, colour, the hum of native life, along with the cacophony of rustling leaves blowing in the wind, always leave me quite breathless, and I'm reminded once again that spring really has sprung, as I gather my tissues and take another

antihistamine to stroll around our little kingdom.

Our 'one-eyed' Labrador joins me with a sneeze as he snuffles out a dozing Goanna. "Let him be, Cody, he's enjoying the symphony."



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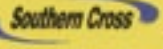
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YEAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
2001	7.2	3.2	2.6	2.8	60.4	6.4	78.6	70.6	50.8	22.4	28.0	0.0	333.0
2002	9.0	5.4	2.2	52.4	37.2	72.4	90.4	50.6	50.0	27.0	11.4	2.6	410.6
2003	0.0	26.6	46.2	49.0	71.8	120.0	68.6	92.0	75.2	7.0	26.8	6.8	590.0
2004	2.2	2.4	3.4	4.2	73.6	93.2	63.8	82.8	28.6	21.2	35.0	0.8	411.2
2005	0.0	2.2	25.2	10.6	86.0	135.6	43.6	71.6	51.0	22.6	9.6	4.6	462.6
2006	119.5	16.6	3.0	21.2	19.0	29.8	54.8	88.8	73.2	15.6	13.8	9.4	464.7
2007	16.4	26.6	10.2	34.0	58.2	43.2	121.0	74.0	70.4	39.2	0.0	57.6	550.8
2008	0.0	10.8	9.8	76.8	38.2	62.8	146.2	8.4	50.6	43.0	31.0	3.4	481.0
2009	8.0	8.0	9.0	32.6	39.2	83.6	115.0	76.2	56.2	17.2	30.2	2.6	478.2
2010	(No recordings taken)						69.4	36.2	12.0	3.4	7.2	21.4	149.6
2011	14.8	0.0	14.2	10.4	36.6	52.6	92.0	70.2					290.8
AVERAGE ALL YEARS: (RECORDING COMMENCED IN TOODYAY 1/1/1877)													
	10.8	12.4	19.4	25.8	66.9	99.5	102.3	80.2	47.8	31.4	14.8	9.1	520.4

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MR G Wood, MLC, Mr V Hamersley, MLC, and Mr L Thom, MLA were at the Toodyay Show in 1936.

The Presidents Cup for the most points for cattle, sheep and pigs, also horses was won by V Hamersley and Son, and the Agricultural section was won by W A Hodgkinson. In the horse section S S Sinclair won with a thoroughbred mare.

First and Champion four horse team was won by V Hamersley and Son. First prize for the best trotter or pacer went to G G Sinclair. Mr E D P Hayes won best draught mare. The draught stallion, 1st place went to T Oliver. Draught horse mare bred in the Toodyay district went to Lloyd brothers. First and Champion draught mare, with foal at foot, went to Deepdale Estate. Mr A Hanks got first with a pair of farm horses. Best draught filly yearling was won by E D P Hayes, who also took first prize for a two year old yearling. A yearling, by Lord Paichem won by Sinclair and Donegan.

In the Wool section, two fleeces of commercial value grown in Toodyay district, F Forbes, one fleece, S W merino ram, V Hamersley and Son, one fleece. Merino ewe won by Chandling Estate, one fleece fine and medium from merino ram, E E Twine, and merino ewes fleece E E Twine. Two commercial fleeces from unregistered sheep F Forbes.

I thought I would show the people these days just a few of the entries from the past and just a few of the winners in a few of the many sections.

In the cattle section, I will just print the names of winners. They were F Ohde, R J Brockman, F P Atwell, J C Phillips, A Groves and E Lee Steere.

In the pig section, J W Clarkson, J Birnie, A Groves, and G Rewell were the winners.

The winners in the wool section were Deepdale Estate, A Banks, V Hamersley, F Forbes, E D P Hayes, W E Jervis, E Lee Steere, A B Hooper and Sons and J C Phillips.

In the poultry section, the winners were B D Hooper, A and V Stone, Mrs A H Carter, G A Beard, C Lawler, R E Wallace, G Hughes, R L Jack and K D Lee.

Winners of the Agricultural produce section were W A Hodgkinson, A J Smith, S J Lee, G S Donegan, V Hamersley and Son and M Geary.

QUO VADIS Society and Civility

IT matters not how near or far are the lessons of history; we as a society local or universal, are prone to ignore them, either by accident, choice or plain dumbness academically/intellectually, maybe by a leadership lack on behalf of humankind as a whole.

Two previous dissertations were headed "cross roads and road fork", they are aspects of the journey humankind has embarked upon during its time on this planet, it has indeed been a "long march", and as Wells

has noted about us "as at first being scattered and blind and utterly confused, feeling our way slowly to the serenity and salvation of an ordered and coherent purpose". Wells wrote of that in the earliest times of the 20th century at the height of the 1st World War in which the lessons of the Treaty of Westphalia were totally ignored tho' for different reasons, secular rather than religious, a plurality of conditions that exist in this day and age!

So what is that "ordered and coherent purpose" we have made, mostly legal effort with such as the League of Nations, Atlantic Charter, The United Nations and numerous other agreements, such as Breton Woods, and Treaty's without number, notably two at Versailles after both World Wars arising from which there was/is evidence of the foibles that bedevil our human nature when they are not erased by the intellectual nurture of educate with the emphasis on the "care" aspect of nurture. It was stated by a well known cleric that there are two kinds of people, one of whom care, the other whom do not (except for themselves) they are the egocentrics absorbed with a narcissistic bent sometimes laced with a vengeful aim which entangled itself within the above Versailles Treaty's despite the Mount Sermon being a nurturing example!

However, these are examples of the failure of international diplomacy, not forgetting that human beings are involved in that process and have the ability to influence the outcome of such deliberations which often begin with high ideals such as President Wilson in 1919, but ends in capitulation where peace becomes subservient to belligerence for which there are many examples presently in overseas and our own political culture, the dove of peace remains but an emblem in a stain glass window. So what is to be done to overcome the impasse that exists in the bosoms of too many of humanity!

It was May 1968 that the Uni students of Paris staged a revolt against President de Gaulle's closure of the Sorbonne Uni, which invoked much violence and salient to the reaction to it are these comments "the free University is the 'Monastery' in the world, rebuilding that world under its immediate impact and responding to its most pressing problems (they are? This is secularization and is the quickest way to be absorbed by the world, because once the vital energies of the moment are sapped, and the euphoria converted to boredom, then the institutional frame work of the monastic life is needed (ponder the use of will for that to impose (self) discipline in which that is as essential as the Uni academic disciplines, both are a learning symbiotic process! But some people turn sociology into ideology and justify themselves by claiming there is no difference, both the commercial right and the moralizing left are against the seminar mentality yet there must be those who accept a life, as of the cloister, if only because the politics of witness must depend on those who know the difference between true and false witness. A civilization is lost when it disavows the monastic ethic which is patient humility before the truth (what is that in the realm of transcendental contemplation?) It is further added that the problem for the church is how to articulate the right relation between moral socialization and the spiritual dynamism of the gospel and for the university, it is the more complex task of articulating the right relation between economic and technical imperatives alongside the need for moral and spiritual activism for it is the confusion between truth and falsehood that results in much confusion, in which learning is not therapy, knowledge is not ideology because contemplation and action abide each other always! It rejects knowledge without understanding, process without community and power without purpose!

Many years ago these words appeared in a daily newspaper headed by "Where Hope Lies" followed by "Unless humanity is intrinsically decent, heaven help the world indeed, for more and more we are going to see people naked! There is no

stopping the world's tendency to throw off imposed restraints, the religious knowledge that is based on the ignorance of the many, the political authority that is based on the knowledge of the few. The time is coming when there will be nothing to restrain people except what they find in their own bosoms, and that freed from fear, people are naturally predisposed to be upright and just "As an ages, old precept of those final words there is an exemplar in Micah 6.8, which is stated thus "what does the Lord require of thee o man, but to love justice and walk humbly with your God"

The salient? Is, how do humankind inculcate that message within their heart, mind and soul and govern themselves with the obeisance that illumines their cognizance of One Will ruling over them all which undoubtedly embraces within its entirety and sane and coherent purpose that will enwrap us with both a serenity and a dignity that will evade the scourge of the stress which that lack of "faith" allows to pervade many lives presently.

The? Still remains Quo Vadis, the Fork is really easier than the crossroad, it is a matter of His Will, not our own, unless it is of our own willing choice.

Threatened Species Need More Than an Ambulance

WWF has warned that more native species will become extinct if Australia does not systematically upgrade its plans to protect and recover some of its most iconic animals.

"Since European settlement, seven of 57 species in the kangaroo and wallaby families have become extinct and many more are now threatened with extinction," WWF-Australia Threatened Species Manager, Michael Roache, said. "The current methods of protecting threatened species are not working."

To mark National Threatened Species Day, WWF released its Action Plan for Threatened Australian Macropods (kangaroo and wallaby families), outlining exactly what is required to recover 21 species of kangaroo and wallaby most at risk of extinction.

"Without fully-funded recovery programs, we are destined to be an ambulance service for threatened species, only responding to the emergency calls," Mr Roache said. "WWF's Action Plan is a compelling argument for upgrading the recovery process for these species so that we can focus on preventative care as well as emergency treatment."

Threatened species are those considered to be at risk of becoming extinct in the near-to-medium term, as they are either few in number or threatened by changing environmental conditions.

National Threatened Species Day commemorates the death of the last remaining Tasmanian Tiger at Hobart Zoo on September 7, 1936. Currently, there are more than 1,600 species of plants and animals in Australia listed as threatened at the national level.

The Action Plan for Threatened Australian Macropods outlines everything needed to recover our threatened species of kangaroo and wallaby, including locations, costs and required efforts. The WWF plan also shows dedicated species recovery is an essential part of preventing further extinctions.

"Parts of northern Australia have relatively intact landscapes, but we still see species disappearing," Mr Roache said. "The little funding available to protect threatened species tends to be spent on whatever actions are the most obvious or on the most pressing issue at the time. But without investing in the recovery programme in full, we will not save these species."

According to the Action Plan for Threatened Australian Macropods, recovering all 21 species over the next 10 years will cost about \$290 million.

The Action Plan outlines a systematic, transparent, repeatable and objective method for achieving species recovery - with detailed analysis of the requirements of each species to achieve down-listing on the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species within 10 years.

The same process could be applied to all of Australia's threatened species to determine the true nature and cost of recovering our iconic animals.

Bird of the Month Wedge-tailed Eagle



Desraé Clarke

Member of the Toodyay Naturalists' Club

TWO true species of eagles (raptors - birds of prey) are found in Australia, and both are found in the Shire of Toodyay. The Little Eagle is not commonly seen and as well-recognised as the much larger Wedge-tailed Eagle, the fourth largest eagle in the world. An eagle is fully feathered down its long legs to its toes and as with several other bird species, this bird displays different colour morphs (distinctive and life-long plumage type, unrelated to age, sex or season), making them difficult to identify, particularly when there are intermediate plumages between the two.

The Wedge-tailed eagle, with the easily identifiable 'wedge-shaped' tail, has a wingspan of up to 2.5 metres and a body length of up to one metre. The female bird's body length is approximately 10 centimetres larger than the male and is similar in colouration of the various phases. It has tawny-brown neck feathers and dark russet-brown neck feathers that overlay the bases of the larger feathers of the wings and the under tail. Its eye is hazel, the bill white with a dark tip and a pale yellow cere which is the structure at the base of the tail that contains the nostrils.

The nest, or eyrie, of the Wedge-tailed Eagle is a large messy platform of sticks that is lined with green leaves that are replenished on a daily basis. The same eyrie may be used for many years or alternative nests in an area of approximately eight square kilometres.

Acrobatic display flights are observed prior to breeding, and pairs mate for life. The male will dive at the female at high speed to pull out of the dive and rise on part-opened wings - the female may ignore him or show him her claws. Two white or buff coloured blotched lavender or dull red eggs are laid usually between June and November with the hatchlings pure white down - often, only the largest and strongest chick survives with the young fledging at approximately 80 days. Sexual maturity is reached at three years but they do not breed till six or seven years.

Although the Wedge-tailed Eagle nests high in strong branches in tall trees it soars over open grasslands to search for its prey which is mainly rabbits, small kangaroos, wallabies and carrion. It takes flight heavily with slow, deep, powerful wing beats but soars very high with upswept wings, 'fingers' at the wingtips easily distinguishable, and in great circles using the thermals.

The call of the Wedge-tailed Eagle is a repeated double whistle, 'pee-yaa, pee-yaa', which is quite distinctive and a far reaching sound.

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Western Shield Spring Baiting Under Way

THE Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC) has commenced its spring fox baiting programme and is urging people to keep pets away from DEC-managed land to avoid ingestion of toxic baits.

Fox baiting will be carried out during October and November on up to 3.6 million hectares of DEC-managed land throughout the State, under the department's Western Shield fauna recovery programme.

Western Shield programme coordinator, Ashley Millar, said spring fox baiting aimed to control breeding foxes and offspring with high food requirements.



"Fox baiting is carried out using a salami style sausage containing the naturally occurring 1080 toxin, which is poisonous to introduced species, while native animals have evolved a higher tolerance to it," he said. "It is important that domestic animals



Young golden bandicoot twins at Lorna Glen. Photo: Judy Dunlop, DEC.

are kept away from baited areas at all times of the year, as baits can remain toxic for some time and will kill dogs."

All aerial and ground-baited areas are signposted.

Mr Millar said baiting this spring would primarily focus on DEC-managed land in the South West and Wheatbelt, but would also cover sites as far east as Cape Arid National Park on the south coast and as far north as Cape Range National Park near Exmouth.

"Through baiting, DEC can continue to control the threat of foxes and bring native animals back from the brink of extinction," he said. "The Western Shield baiting programme is DEC's main weapon in reducing the threat of introduced predators and is helping conservation efforts for endangered native species.

"Feral cats and foxes have been a major threat to native species in Australia since European settlement, contributing to the extinction or severe decline of dozens of mammal species as well as ground nesting birds, pythons and other reptiles.

"DEC's feral cat research programme

has been particularly successful at Lorna Glen in the northern Goldfields, one of the world's most extensive and groundbreaking arid zone wildlife reconstruction projects.

"Sustained cat baiting over 360,000ha at Lorna Glen (Matuwa) and Earahedy (Kurrara Kurrara) has significantly reduced the number of cats in the area to allow for the reintroduction and recovery of native mammals that once occurred across the arid zone, but have disappeared since European settlement."

Sustainable September – Millenium Kids

MILLENNIUM Kids Inc, a not-for-profit environmental youth organisation www.millenniumkids.com.au, has now run several events in the Wheatbelt with young people who want to get active and do something about the local environment.

Last year, Millennium Kids Inc assisted in running a Life for Environment Conference in the Wheatbelt with over 100 young people looking at the local issues they would like to take action on. Kids came from local schools and participated in a two-day conference on local issues.

The conference was designed by students from Calingiri PS and Bolgart PS. After the conference kids wanted to do more so they enlisted the help of Millennium Kids. They wanted programmes that helped the environment that they could help run in their local community. They wanted to help out in learning about landcare and what farmers were doing to help local native animals. So far they have run a two-day programme at Carrah Farm, tree planting and learning about *Cockys for Landcare*. They ran a one-day programme for 60 children at Boshack Outback looking at biodiversity and water issues and last weekend they ran a day event at Avon River Duigee Park where they met with members of Toodyay Friends of the River and heard about how they could get involved in river care. They learnt about local reptiles and had a fabulous reptile handling experience with Vanessa Paget from Bush Survival.

"Cat promised us that she would bring Vanessa to the Wheatbelt so we could learn more about local reptiles and their habitat. It was great to be able to bring

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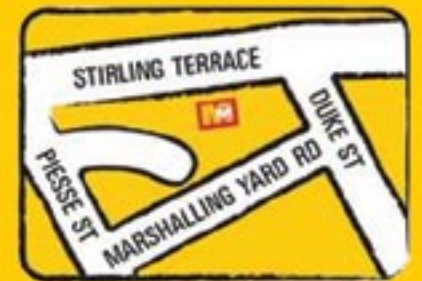


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The programmes have been kindly funded by Wheatbelt NRM. "I love learning about my friends and family to Toodyay and take part in the programme," said Conner from Calingiri.

reptiles and Vanessa was great." For more information about Millennium Kids Inc community and school programmes call 0418 923 968 or email info@millenniumkids.com.au.



Toodyay Friends of the River

DESPITE very wet conditions, some hardy members turned up for our litter campaign along Railway Road which is our Keep Australia Beautiful 'adopted spot'.

Being the road to the dump, there is always a generous supply of rubbish that has fallen or blown off trailers and utes. However, we were pleasantly surprised when member, Rebecca, turned up with the back seat and boot of her car stuffed with rubbish she had picked up after a five-hour solo run earlier in the week. Well done Rebecca and thank you for making our litter job the easiest and quickest we have ever done.

It was a pleasure to meet with some 'Millennium Kids' in Duidgee Park Sunday the 25th. These students were concerned about the environmental plight of our precious river and want to help. Vicki, Robyn and I addressed the group and were asked some very poignant questions about conservation and the environment from these inspiring youngsters. Millennium Kids is a not-for-profit organisation that encourages young people to be aware and active

in environmental issues, with training offered in water resource and waste management, energy conservation, health education, preservation of culture, youth leadership and empowerment. It was a bonus for the TFOR members when we were invited to an enthralling reptile demonstration with a range of friendly Pythons and Lizards passed around the group. It gave one member in particular

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The TFOR Secretary seemed to have as much fun as the Millennium Kids

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an excuse to be a 'big kid' for a while. Thanks to Millennium Kids CEO Catrina and her dedicated team for coming to see us and we look forward to continuing our association with this wonderful organisation.

It was fascinating to view the 175th Anniversary photo exhibition put on by the Toodyay Historical Society recently. There were some great historical images of the Avon River and I particularly enjoyed the home movie of what looked like the inaugural Avon Descent down a river that was in spectacular full flow.

Our October event is of course the Agricultural Show display in the 'Environment Matters' marquee. We look forward to having locals and visitors alike popping in to see our special 175th Anniversary display. The usual cleanup operation will take place on the Sunday, and the more volunteers that can help the better. Any enquiries about TFOR please phone Greg on 9574 5445 or Robyn on 9574 2578.

Python Watch

Desraé Clarke

Member of the Toodyay Naturalists' Club

WITH the good rains over the past months grasses are very high making an ideal haven for reptiles. There have been two reports over the past week of baby snakes being found and they may have been either a dugite or a gwardar; both these species belong to the brown snake family and are venomous - and that includes the young as they would have already developed some venom. Pythons will also be making an appearance but there are differences between the genres.

Venomous snakes have a wriggling movement whereas the python glides. If a python is moving across a road the only way to know that it is actually moving is that the area between the edge of the road and the head is lessening and the area between the other side of the road and the tip of the tail is lengthening. The python will also 'freeze' whereas the venomous snake will streak away in rapid wriggling movements.

The Carpet and Stimson's Pythons, found in the Toodyay Shire, have a distinctive narrowing between the head and the body to form a 'neck' whereas the venomous snake's head is the same width as the body.

The legless lizard can also be confused with being thought to be a baby snake. Snakes have a very short tail whereas the legless lizard has an extremely long, slender tail and a blunt snout; a tiny ear hole may also be able to be seen as lizards and monitors have ears. The legless lizard does NOT have a forked tongue.

The Dugite

This slender snake can grow to a length of 2 metres (6½ feet) and has quite large eyes. Its ground colours range from greyish and reddish brown, pale to dark brown, pale to dark olive, green to black with the belly colour any of the above colourations. Some Dugites have small, distinct dark spots over their entire body or it may be spotted or blotched with darker colours.

The Dugite's main diet is the house mouse so it is found in areas of housing development, poultry food storage, aviaries, fowl yards and stables. It forages at night during the warmer weather as it also feeds on birds, lizards, geckos and other snakes.

The female lays between 10 and 30 eggs over the summer months with hatchlings appearing February to May. They measure between 19.5cm to 22.6cm in length and must be treated with caution as they have already developed a supply of venom.



Photograph by courtesy of "Reptiles and Frogs of the Perth Region" By Brian Bush et al

The included photograph is courtesy of 'Reptiles and Frogs of the Perth Region' authored by Brian Bush, Brad Maryan, Robert Brown-Cooper and David Robinson ISBN 1 875560 42 4.

Snakes, Dogs and Cats

Dogs and cats are prone to snake bite because of their inquisitive natures. Keep backyards and enclosures free of long grass, car bodies, piles of wood, sheets of roofing, etc; animal food and milk are also enjoyed by mice - and snakes! Symptoms of snakebite in dogs and cats are slow to become obvious. If a Dugite is found in the vicinity of your dog or cat take it, as soon as possible, to be thoroughly checked by the local veterinary surgeon.

When exercising a dog in bushland keep it on a leash and don't allow your dog to run in the sand dunes at the beach as they are frequented by Dugites. Most snake bites occur when attempts are being made to kill a snake.

The Toodyay Naturalists' Club welcomes reports of sightings of reptiles, birds and mammals to include in their database; photographs aid identification. Email desraec@wesnet.com.au or telephone 6364 3609.

Weed of the Month

Stagger Weed

Compiled by Wayne Clarke

Many of the weeds are coming into flower at this time of the year, and they are certainly growing well, particularly the annuals (plants that complete their life cycle within a year). Good winter rains, followed by periods of warm weather, have allowed for mass germination. Some weeds can be easily recognised in their non-flowering stage - Paterson's curse, bridal creeper and soursob, to name a few. Although environmentally and economically disastrous, most do not pose a health risk to our stock or to us.

Stagger weed (*Stachys arvensis*), the weed for this month, however is toxic, especially to livestock. Flowering in winter and early spring, it is a widespread weed, particularly in cultivated or disturbed land, granite outcrops and woodlands. Although it is not as easily recognised as the more common weeds, where stock is concerned it is advisable to learn to recognise and remove it. Standing upright to 35cm high, stagger weed has a brownish hairy stem, with small, broad leaves that have deep veins; the stems are angular. Leaves are not unlike those of mint in texture, but unlike mint the margins have rounded teeth; they are 3cm long and 2.5cm wide. The weed's flowers are pink to purple in colour, and they grow in clusters from the upper leaf axils (the angle between the leaf and the stalk). It has dry fruit, splitting into 4 one-seeded units.

Stagger weed is an annual weed, and a member of the Lamiaceae (or mint) Family, which includes lavender (*Lavandula*), the native snake bush (*Hemiantra*) and the mints (*Mentha*). It is native to Europe.

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

Flora of the Perth Region Part One (WA Herbarium, Department of Agriculture, 1987)



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You can purchase this stunning range of natural skincare online at www.verissima.com.au, where you will also find a list of local stockists. Verissima Natural Skincare is delighted to offer Toodyay Herald readers a 10% discount for the whole of October! Simply enter the code TOODYAY at checkout when you order online.

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Toodyay Golf Club Trophy

7 August	Par	
Net Winner	A Eddy	+5
Runner Up	C Jackamarra	+4
Third	B Shaw	+4

Woodlands Cup

14 August	Stroke 27 holes	
Net Winner	M Spence	103 net
Runner Up	W Mastin	103½ net
Third	A Boston	104½ net
Best A.M. Net	D Gordon	32½ net

Wayne's Carpentry and Fencing Trophy

21 August	1 st Round Championships	
Net Winner	M Spence	67 net
Runner Up	L Slater	68 net
Gross Winner	M Ryder	80 gross

Northam Skin and Body Care Trophy

27 August	2 nd Round Championships	
Net Winner	D Gordon	65 net
Runner Up	M Spence	67 net
Third	Mark Hasson	69 net
Gross Winner	M Ryder	79 gross

George Murray Trophy

28 th August	3 rd Round Championships	
Net Winner	D Gordon	67 net
Runner Up	M Ryder	67 net
Third	M Spence	67 net
Gross Winner	A Boston	79 gross

Championship Results

A Grade Winner	M Ryder
A Grade Runner Up	A Boston
B Grade Winner	Mark Hasson
B Grade Runner Up	Wayne Mastin
C Grade Winner	L Slater
C Grade Runner Up	B Shaw

Vice President and Vice Captain Trophy

4 th September	Stableford	
Net Winner	R Ryder	43 points
Runner Up	Mark Hasson	42 points
Third	D Gordon	42 points

Police Trophy

11 September	Sroke	
Net Winner	R Ryder	66 net
Runner Up	K McMahon	67 net
Gross Winner	M Ryder	78 gross
Long drive No.7	A Grundy	

Dave Hardie Memorial

25 September	2 man ambrose	
Net Winners	A Boston & G Murray	64 net
Runner Up	A Eddy & Mark Hasson	64¾ net

Third	D Gordon & M Spence	65¾ net
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Congratulations to all the winners in the championships – well done. Toodyay Golf Club has recently won the inaugural "Moodyne Shield" for being champion club of the Central Districts Association. Wayne Mastin was named the winner of the "Moodyne Cup" for best total score over the course of the Association open days. Jay Grundy was the Central Districts Association gross winner on Rose Bowl Day at Wundowie. A great result for Toodyay Golf Club and well done to all who participated.

Ladies Results

Breast Cancer Day

31 August	Ambrose	
Winners	R Heath	
	M McBride	
	M Scahill	

Runners Up

G Anderson
K Rewell
L Musielak

Patrons Trophy

7 September	Final Round	
	Championship	
Winner	S Gilpin	
Runner Up	R Heath	
Least putts	S Gilpin	
Nearest pin	D Haworth	

2011 "B" Grade Championship

Winner	R Heath
Runner Up	L Dival

2011 "C" Grade Championship

Winner	M McBride
Runner Up	K Rewell
Best net score	L Musielak

Wendy's Reflexology

14 September	Stableford	
Winner	L Musielak	
Runner Up	B King	
Nearest pin	D Haworth	

Toodyay Innovations in Meat Supply Trophy

21 September	Stroke	
Winner	G Anderson	
Runner Up	L Dival	
Least putts	L Dival	
Nearest pin	K Rewell	

Toodyay Netball Association

IN last month's Herald I put a story and photo of our Junior Division girls who won the 2011 Juniors Grand Final.

Unfortunately, I missed out one name from the Grand Final Team's list of players. Full apologies to Samantha Smart for missing her out.

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Toodyay Junior Hockey

Therese Chitty

THE finals of the Avon Hockey Association was held Saturday 24 September with Toodyay Royals mixed senior primary team playing an excellent game against Wongan Hills.

Wongan was too strong on the day

the Association Best all round player. As you can see, Toodyay has a lot of talented junior players.

Toodyay Lions junior mixed primary team finished 3rd on the ladder for the season. Well done to coach Nadine Cording for your patience and guidance. This team had many new players to the game of



Royals team Back Row L-R Clayton Dickson, Lockie August, Ewald Ellis, Zoe Blackman, Josh Flaherty, Mitchell Cording.

Kneeling L-R Sam Chitty, Viv Fleay, Zoe Ellis, Isabel Ferguson and Rubin Street.

winning 4-3. Goal scorers for Toodyay were Josh Flaherty (1) and Sam Chitty (2). The game was a great team effort: Zoë Ellis, our full time goalie, played an excellent game, stopping many attempts at goals; Viv Fleay was the ever-reliable full back. To all members of the team, "Well done!" Zoe Blackman had an unfortunate accident and broke her wrist a few days before the finals so could not take part in the game. As we have only 11 players we needed a fill-in player. Samson Woodford, who plays in the junior primary Toodyay Lions team, stepped up to take Zoe's place and did a mighty job. Thanks Samson!

Ewald Ellis won the Association runner up Fairest and Best for senior mixed primary; George Greenhill from the Toodyay Lions team won the Fairest and Best for junior mixed primary; Damon Geary who plays for the Magic team won the Association Fairest and Best for the 17 and under mixed team. As Damon has often supported our club and players, we congratulate him on this achievement. To our coach of the Royals team, Courtney Fleay, also from the Magic team, congratulations on winning

hockey and it was a challenge to get their skill levels up so they can function as a team. Nadine did this very well. Thanks also to Raylene Fleay who was there on many of the training evenings helping Nadine.

The results of the Royals individual trophy winners for the season are:
Fairest and Best Ewald Ellis
Runner-up Fairest and Best Mitchell Cording

Most Valuable Player Vivian Fleay
(donated by Debra Ferguson)
Coaches Award Josh Flaherty
Best first year player Clayton Dickson
(donated by Helmi Ellis)

With the season over and a new committee ready for next year it is fitting to thank our major sponsors for the year, Toodyay Op Shop, IGA Community Chest and the Toodyay Lions Club. Thanks also to Darren Macgregor and Mat and Joe Fleay for umpiring the home games this season. If there is anyone in the community who has an interest in umpiring or coaching junior hockey, we would love to hear from you. Contact Therese Chitty on 9574 4274.



Lions Team Back Row L-R Elijah May, George Greenhill, Coogan Love, Tom Gilbertson, Samson Woodford, Molly Dickson, Amaris May, James Christie.
Front Row. Tameka Baker, Donny Greenhill, Tom Woodford, Sam Gilbertson, Leo Millett.

Did You Know?

On 20 October 1865, the Newcastle Race Committee ran its first horse race meeting as a trial on a flat to the west of Newcastle. The meeting featured the Newcastle Stakes, won by Selim, ridden by J. Lockyer. "The course was crowded with the beauty and fashion of the district. 'Some were rich and rode in chaises, Others poor who walked like blazes.'" [The course was created on its present site in 1866]. (From The long Toodyay Chronology, Part 1, 1829-1900, 2nd ed., Toodyay Historical Society Inc.)

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Toodyay Cricket

John Lucas

THE Toodyay cricket club recent Annual General meeting was held, resulting in the following people being elected:

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Damon Geary
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Players for the Under 13 teams, Red and Gold, contact Paul Morgan on 9574-5765

Players for the Under 16 team and the Senior A and B Grade teams contact John Lucas on 9574-2406.

Training for the Under 16 and Senior teams is Thursday's from 5pm at the town oval nets, starting on the 6 October.

Under 13 and Under 16 season is likely to commence on Saturday 29 October, with the A and B teams starting likely on Sunday 9 or Sunday 16 October.

Under 13 training at the Oval nets starts 20 October.

Toodyay Tennis

Angela Fox

THE clouds kept building up and the wind got up once or twice but the rain held off for our Tennis Reunion Day on 25 September. What a super time was had by all. It was lovely to watch all the handshakes and hugs and kisses from people who hadn't seen each other for ages.

A few games of tennis were played. Some of the visitors probably hadn't picked up a racquet for a while but seemed to thoroughly enjoy themselves, bringing back some happy memories no doubt. People spent ages looking at all the old photos that we managed to dig out and to look at all the trophies that we had put out on display. We supplied a delicious afternoon tea; there was no shortage of food!

A big thank you to all who baked cakes, scones, slices etc. Also a huge thank you to all who put in a huge effort at the club to make it all look so good and to all who helped with the endless supply of food and drinks. To all who came back to see the club, a big thank you for making it such a lovely successful day.

Did You Know?

On 7 October 1919, the Toodyay Branch of the Returned Soldiers' Association was presented with its Charter. (From The long Toodyay Chronology, Part 2, 1901-1950, Toodyay Historical Society Inc.)

Avon Valley Adult Riding Club



Best Presented winners Julie Malley, David Sauer, Sandra Sutton, Lacey Ford and Mel Flowers at the club's recent closed Gymkhana

Caroline Venables-Kyrke
Treasurer

AT the Adult Riding Club's closed club gymkhana held on 11 September, a small but very keen group of members put their best feet forward to win points towards the annual Hi-Point trophy which is awarded at the end of the year.

The day started off with the five best presented classes kindly sponsored by the Victoria Hotel Toodyay.

Winners were Lacey Ford, Best in the West (Western); Mel Flowers, Most Colourful (Make it Bright); Sandra Sutton, Most Classy (After 5 Attire); Julie Malley, Smartest on Parade (Hack King or Queen) and Best Looking Horse (Spick and Span), David Sauer.

The results of the rest of the classes are not for publication as they are 'kind-of' secret (though the competitors know their own total) until the end of the year when they are added to the end-of-year gymkhana results for the Hi-point trophy.

Congratulations to all those who took part and many thanks to Di Norman the judge, Taryn Wolf the penciller and Ian Malley who helped with the scoring and also in the kitchen.

The weather wasn't too hot and as the classes were finishing quite quickly entrants decided to abandon the lunch break and go straight through, which meant members could unsaddle and rest after their busy morning and enjoy a leisurely lunch.

The normal club rally on 24 September was very well attended, with five new visiting riders and the return of previous member Taryn Wolf.

Members who are entering the ARCA Spring Challenge hosted by Orange Grove on 30 October are looking forward to the special dressage weekend at Sunninghill on 15 and 16 October to hone their skills and rehearse their tests.

Helpers are needed to man the club's

sausage sizzle stall at the races on 8 October. Please contact Sandi and let her know if you can help and also if you can set up the day before.

The stall is one of the club's biggest fundraisers and so put your name up to support your club.

The 22 October rally is the last normal rally of the year as the November rally is the last part of the closed club gymkhana and will feature show jumping in the morning and lots of fun games in the afternoon.

If you are unable to attend the October rally or are bringing a guest please let Mel Flowers know as soon as possible on 0448 679 583 so she is able to organise the lessons. Also call Caroline on 9574 1407 for catering (lunch) purposes.

The adult riding club is open to all equestrians over 18, who have their own horse and who wish to enjoy a day of instruction, great lunch and great company. The club meets on the fourth Saturday of each month from February to November for a full day starting at approximately 8.30am, at Toodyay Racecourse - for more information contact Caroline on 9574 1407, 0488 288 379 or pkyrke@optusnet.com.au

Toodyay Districts Horse and Pony Club

Cassandra Duckworth

OUR next big event is the Toodyay Districts Horse and Pony Club Unofficial Gymkhana to be held on Sunday 23 October at the Toodyay Racecourse. This event is open to all unofficial riders but, as it is a pony club event, it will be run under pony club rules.

A fantastic programme has been compiled including classes for lead riders, walk/trot, ponies, Galloways, hacks, showjumping, games and fancy dress.

Ribbons will be awarded to 6th place with garlands, trophies, broadbands and prizes for champions and reserve champions.

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A brook flows through pretty, 3.3 acre hobby lot adjoining a reserve. Ideal landscaper's homesite.

\$80,000

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10 ACRES

Gorgeous elevated land, fully fenced with superb views. 3-Bay Powered Shed with concrete floor, **22,717 litre** (almost 5,000gal) Polytank & **stock water bore.** Keep a pony, grow some hay & build your dream home on this family friendly block.

\$220,000



PERFECT FOR A PONY

Just 15 minutes north of Toodyay is this fertile block with lovely views in the family-friendly area of Bejoording. Almost 5 acres with new trees planted and in an area with a good history of underground water. Inspect soon.

\$160,000



1st TIME OFFERED

COUNTRY RETREAT. Exceptional 100ac executive farmlet. Magnificent views down Lovers Lane to Avon River Valley & Cobblers Pool. Stunning modern residence offering city comfort in peaceful surroundings in first class condition. Excellent balance of natural waters, tall timbers, arable & grazing paddocks with full complement of farm buildings.

\$1,490,000



PICTURE PERFECT

Outstanding **14 acres.** 360 degree views with gentle, fertile land. **9m x 6m C/B shed,** power and a 23,000 litre poly tank. Just 8kms from Toodyay on a corner location, this is a blank canvas for your dream home.

\$295,000



SECURITY PLUS

Beautiful 1,554sqm block with level yard, driveway access to all sheds plus side access. The D/B 4 bed home is surrounded by colourful gardens & paved verandahs. With security a priority & tons of powered shed space, this is ideal for a retired couple. **Gorgeous location, amazing views & a home with PRESENTATION PLUS!**

\$465,000



BIG & BOLD BY DAY

Spacious elegance by night. Nestled in majestic whitegums with stunning valley views. Inspired, ultra-modern design blending in/outdoor living with wall of glass & natural light, a combination both fun & functional. Allow time to enjoy the experience.

\$449,000 - \$469,000



COMPLETE FARMLET

39 Ac Goomalling side of Toodyay border. Hay & grazing. Good fences, dam & bore. Stables & yards. Big 3 bed 1 bath with outstanding Rural Views from open living area. Olive grove at entry secludes shed/workshop & granny flat.

\$499,000



25AC FARMLET

1st TIME OFFERED. Parkland & brook at rear. Picture perfect sustainable farm with excellent water from 3 bores. Huge shed & outdoor undercover areas, incorporating 4 bed home with GIANT living areas.

\$490,000



25AC PLUS HOME!

Winter creek, wet lands, stunning trees & reticulated olive grove. Comfy **3 x 1 transportable home** - suit renovation or temp. acc. whilst you build your dreams. **6 x 9m workshop,** home orchard plus an **exceptional bore.** Don't let this one slip through your fingers.

\$385,000



WHEN SIZE DOES MATTER

Magnificent D/B home featuring timber ceilings, paved verandahs, B/G pool & guest accommodation, all on 2 acres backing onto Avon River. Living area is spacious, with built-in-bar, French doors, warm log fire & split R/C air-conditioner. Invite your friends over & still have room for more. **INSPECT NOW!**

\$525,000

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