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L-R: Darryl and Zack Sofoulis, Nathan Welburn, Wendy and Matt Sofoulis

The Alecia Sofoulis Cup

Alexis Martin

ON Saturday 24 March, the Toodyay Football Club and the Mt Helena Football Club met in Toodyay to contest the inaugural Alecia Sofoulis Cup in memory of Alecia who passed away on 27 December 2011 from an unknown cause. The funds raised will be donated to SADS Australia which researches and raises awareness for Sudden Arrhythmic Death Syndrome.



Alecia Sofoulis

Alecia graduated from Murdoch University as a Chiropractor in 2009. Since then she has given a lot of her time to the two football clubs as well as Gosnells Football Club. She would attend both the training and games to maintain the boys' fitness through strapping, correcting spines and managing muscular injuries.

In 2006 and 2008, along with 17 of her fellow Murdoch students, Alecia travelled to Durbin in South Africa to work at the Mr Price

Bailito Surfing Carnival. Whilst there she also travelled to a small township where she helped treat underprivileged children. Because of her dedication and compassion at a variety of international events, there were people sending their condolences from around the world after her passing.

The game was initially going to be a scratch match in honour of Alecia. However both clubs agreed to make it an annual charity event that would bring together the two clubs that she was so much a part of. The event was advertised and within hours we were flooded with RSVPs.

The players donned special singlets for the occasion, Mt Helena in White and Navy and Toodyay in Light Blue and Navy, complete with bright pink lettering and armbands. Nathan Welburn even sported a pair of pink footy socks! Both sides played with much vigour and enthusiasm but, in the end, the home side came away with the win. The pink trophy will be housed at the Toodyay Football Club until the sides meet again in Mt Helena next year.

Michael (Budgie) Burgess took home the Toodyay 'Best and Fairest' and Russell Cockman took home Mt Helena's.

Hundreds of people showed up, wearing pink of course to support the wonderful event. There was a gold coin donation to enter, raffle tickets and stubby holders sold and a donations box, all to raise money for SADS. In the end we raised over \$2500.

The event just goes to show the kind of person Alecia was. She was loved and appreciated by so many people. The support and generosity we received on Saturday was overwhelming and, although we miss her, we smile at the fact that only Alecia could touch so many lives even after she isn't with us anymore. Only Alecia could bring together so many people and only Alecia could have the ability to make grown men wear the colour pink. A beautiful rainbow appeared over the oval at the conclusion of the game, proof that our precious Alecia, wherever

she may be, approved.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank a few people on behalf of my husband Nathan Martin and I, Wendy, Darryl, Zack and Matt Sofoulis and Nathan Welburn: to everybody who came down to show their support and also to all the people who helped out on the day or in the lead up to the day — your time and effort is hugely appreciated; the Toodyay Football club and committee and the Mt Helena Football club and committee for all their help and support in making the event possible; the Lions Club of Toodyay for their generous donation of \$500; Allmark and Associates for their kind donation of the stubby holders; Grove Wesley Design Art for creating the posters; Alecia's boss, David Lowrie, for coming along and lending out his chiropractic skills to the players; Kristee Jolly and Ryan Sinclair who had the enormous shoes to fill of trainer and strapper. You did her proud.

Thank you all again.

SADS

What is SADS?

Sudden Arrhythmic Death Syndrome is a genetic cardiac disorder, generally affecting people from 5 to 35 years of age. A death caused by SADS is sudden, without



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Correction

In last month's paper there were a couple of errors in the article entitled *Local Dentist Looking out for Our Veterans* the Z Force Shield that require correction.

The Z Force Shield was presented in 2011 and not 2003 and the dental services provided to our veterans was at a reduced fee and not free as was stated.

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symptoms. Usual treatment for this type of medical disorders are Beta Blockers medication or an ICD (Internal Cardioverter Defibrillator – Implant)

Medical experts recommend that anyone with cardiac conditions should avoid strenuous exercise and highly competitive sports, also adequate hydration is necessary at all times. If you have cardiac problems you should contact a cardiologist.

What causes SADS?

A SADS can be caused by heart disease, medication (illegal drugs or overdose), severe asthma attacks, fits (epilepsy) and pulmonary embolus (blood clot in the lungs caused by sitting for long periods while travelling by airplane)

In persons over 30 years of age heart

disease such as blockages of the blood vessels is often a cause of death. Cause of death for younger people can be one of the following: genetic connective tissue disorders, congenital heart disease, cardiomyopathy, mitral valve prolapse, conduction disease or myocarditis.

Although there are no symptoms for SADS there are warning signs when looking at your family history. For example, has anyone in your family died under age of 40 and the death was unexpected and unexplained? Other signs are: fainting or seizure while exercising, being excited or startled. Also shortness of breath or chest pain during exercise.

The SADS condition is inherited from the parents, with a 50% chance for each child born to a parent with this condition, to also have the disorder.

Stop Press

Dangerous Feral Cat Warning

A DANGEROUS feral cat has been encountered in the area of Sandplain Road and Hovea Road, Toodyay.

The cat is known to be entering homes and attacking domestic cats as well as the humans trying to protect their own pets.

On one instance, the cat, a dark, tabby male, entered the house through the cat flap and attacked pets inside. The owner tried to chase him out but the cat turned on her and bit her finger, not only severely damaging the

skin but also breaking the first joint. Luckily, the children were in a separate, enclosed room when this occurred.

The cat is quite large and would easily be a danger to chickens, newborn lambs, other pets and, of course, children.

If you see the cat, do not approach and warn children not to approach any cat they are not familiar with.

For any information on what to do, call Desraé Clarke on 6364 3609.

The committee, staff and volunteers at *The Toodyay Herald* wish all our readers a very Happy Easter and a safe holiday season.

Please drive carefully this Easter

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Toodyay Girls Try Their Hardest



Lia and Rebecca cross the finish line

Steve Bannister

THREE Toodyay girls got up in the very early hours of Sunday 25 March to make the trip to Perth to compete in the 2012 Weet-Bix Try-athlon.

Lia Bannister (Toodyay DHS), Rebecca Vandeppear (Bindoon Ag. College) and Catherine Fletcher (Toodyay DHS) got up at around 4am, put their bikes in the back of the car, and were on their way to Langley Park in Perth.

The Weet-Bix Try-athlon is a 200m swim in the Swan River, followed by a 6km bike ride, and finished off with a 1km run with no breaks in-between. Registration was at 7am, then we all had a walk around to take a look at the course. The river was first, and nerves set in when the girls spotted a huge jellyfish just inches from the riverbank but luckily it had swum away by the start of the race, although Rebecca was sure that it was going to be swimming after her!

After viewing the rest of the course, it was back to the river for the start of the Try-athlon. Lia and Rebecca were in the first heat, with Catherine starting later. The girls entered the water, which was freezing at that time of the morning, swam out towards the middle, then had to turn to swim upstream, like salmon only not quite as graceful! Round a buoy, then back to the riverbank, with Rebecca keeping an eye out for the jellyfish all the way, the girls had no time to stop as they jogged back to the park to get their bikes for the 6km cycle event. It was two laps of Riverside Drive (one lap for Catherine), and we all know how cold the wind makes you feel when you're wet, so the girls got a big cheer as they completed the course. They

then had to park their bikes, and keep jogging to the start of the 1km run.

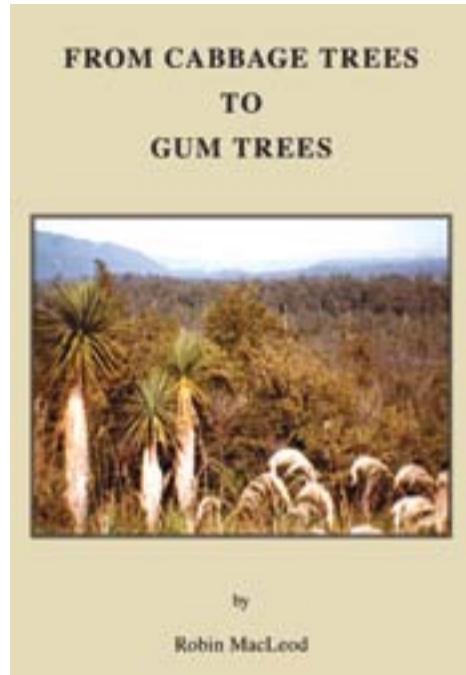
The 1km run was through Langley Park, and the girls all did exceptionally well as they headed towards the finish line, exhausted and still wet, but very pleased with themselves. In fact, we had to stop Lia heading back to the river to do a lap of honour! The girls then had a bit of lunch in the park as we waited for Catherine to finish, as she was in a different



Catherine Fletcher, Rebecca Vandeppear and Lia Bannister

heat. We all thought she did brilliantly for her young age. Then, after a few photos, it was back into the cars for the trip back to Toodyay, and an early night!

Book Review



THIS is an absorbing account of the life from the 1930s of a New Zealander, 'Cat', who so much enjoyed her primary school, she decided at the age of six to become a teacher. This she did until the 1980s when she left a small New Zealand with few fearsome creatures for a large Australia with large, often fearsome wildlife, to join 'Min' for a very different way of life in Western Australia.

How different she soon discovered. The purchase of 'Nardie', at that time a run-down farm at Toodyay in the Avon Valley, with its old derelict house where sheep wandered through at will and overgrown garden and yards, led to years of hard work with many frustrations and rewards on the way. The house was restored to its former grandeur, the garden regained and farming started; first sheep, then crops and, the ultimate, an olive grove. Less rewarding were the hazards of country life; the locust plague, young olive trees attacked, fire threatening the property and ruined hay, but they and 'Nardie' survived.

From Cabbage Trees to Gum Trees ranges in time and territory with descriptions of travels

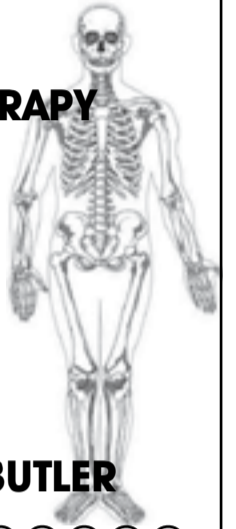
within and beyond Australia but it is mainly a story of farming life told with humour and detailed observation.

The author lived and worked in Toodyay for some twenty years, firstly at Nardie and then at Shoemaker house.

The book is available from the Toodyay Emporium.



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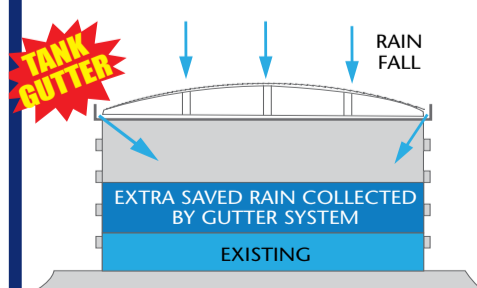
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I CURRENTLY HAVE had a large number of crows (western ravens) visit my property.

They are very noisy and destructive, ripping up plants and also eating my chickens' food.

I heard or read that one way of discouraging them is to put a dead crow somewhere in the garden, to scare the live ones away.

On March 15th I decided to go and check how the recently planted roses were doing at the cemetery.

As I stepped out of the car, a very strange thing happened: a crow fell out of a nearby eucalyptus - thud! - almost at my feet. Horrid omen or piece of luck - who can tell - but I chose to interpret this event as an opportunity to test the 'scare crow' theory. The bird was stone dead, and still warm. I picked it up, put it into the boot, drove home and attached it by its stiffening claws to the chicken wire fence.

Twenty minutes after I did this, there was a huge racket outside, a cacophony of cawing as a dozen or more ravens circled over my house. Clearly they were very disturbed by my actions. I started to feel a bit cruel but decided to continue with the experiment.

Sure enough, several hours later, for the first time in weeks...silence. The crows have disappeared. I think we are onto something here!

Naomi Millett

ON MY FEW reluctant attendances at an ordinary meeting of Toodyay Council, it was announced at the beginning "the meeting could not be recorded by anyone electronically". It prompted the question - why?

In researching the issue I was pursuing, I found the minutes of a previous meeting vague, incomprehensive and still stamped 'unconfirmed' three months after that meeting.

What better way to record council meetings, and bring them into the twenty-first century,

than audiovisually?

Posting it on the internet would make it far easier for all to become involved in the progression of the community. A web site would allow contributions of comments and constructive suggestions by community members at their own leisure or direct engagement with councillors who see fit.

The conclusion of Peter Robinson's great community service, *Toodyay Herald's 'A Fly on the Wall'* (at council meetings), caused a vacuum of vigilance and thus accountability, by all reports and my own experience, an inadvisable situation.

Access to electronically recorded council meetings is necessary in a furtherance of democracy.

R. Barker

I FULLY CONCUR with the sentiments expressed by Angela and Mel Fox regarding the sale of their properties by the Ray White team. My husband, Geoff and I bought one of the Fox's properties.

The Ray White team also sold our property at Coondle enabling us to buy our new home. Judy kept in touch with us weekly, letting us know of developments and progress. She also took us to every property in Toodyay and surrounds in our price range. We know we bought the best we could afford and we are very happy.

Tony and Judy visited us several times. On a couple of occasions, Tony came out and took dozens of photos to send to the people who bought the property. The purchasers were so impressed that they wanted to buy our property just from the photos. Tony would not sell the place without the buyers actually visiting in person.

Thank you Tony, Judy and all the Ray White team.

Megan Ebdon

I HAVE LIVED in Toodyay for 50 years and have never had any reason to complain about our elected councillors. However, as a ratepayer and community person, I find I need to raise awareness of the lack of respect some of our councillors show for the good of the community and the people who elected them.

Recently, I attended my first council meeting to ask why the acting CEO, Lindsay Delahunty, was dismissed after four months when the process of appointing a permanent CEO has started. The President, Cr Hogg, answered that, under a section of the Local Government Act, it is confidential.

Speculation as to why this happened is causing community unrest and major disruptions to staff and Council. I think that the community of Toodyay could have

gained a lot from a CEO with so much experience and regard but we will never know nor, it seems, will we ever be given a reason.

Not having a stable CEO costs the community. Since the previous permanent CEO fell ill, the Shire has since had five acting CEOs over 12 months. This must be extremely frustrating for people who have to deal with the Shire on an ongoing basis.

My second question was about the resignation of the new doctors and what benefits would be offered for the appointment? Cr Hogg replied that Council has advertised for replacements, that the building was offered rent free and that other factors would be assessed at the close of the expression of interest period.

It would be helpful if our councillors were easier to talk to so that ongoing issues could be addressed in a less intimidating manner.

Therese Chitty

HOW MUCH LONGER must ratepayers put up with the gross incompetence of council?

The recent works on fire service access routes and emergency access ways at Woodland Heights highlights the failures of council.

FESA and council guidelines covering these works required six metre wide access routes and emergency ways to be formed. How much has council wasted in creating 8 to 10 metre wide routes instead of 6 metre? How much has Council spent on clearing a 14 metre wide swathe of native vegetation (hundreds of native trees being destroyed) when the FESA guidelines emphasises the need to keep clearing to a minimum to maintain the integrity of areas and, most importantly, to prevent erosion. How much will council be spending on importing mulch to cover up this unnecessary clearing?

The Community Emergency Services Manager (CESM) claims that he has spent four years working on the implementation of these works. I had been led to believe that works on access ways and routes had already commenced in Toodyay before he contracted an erosion consultant. I am concerned that the report from this consultant recommended that the works should go ahead as planned and repair the erosion problems later on. What a joke!

Does the CESM understand the fundamental purpose and use of access routes and access ways? They are not fire-breaks. The installation of fire-breaks has already been imposed on individual landowners when strategic fire-breaks were made obsolete.

Ratepayers have had a gutful of gross incompetence. It is up to councillors to act in an accountable manner.

R.L.Smith

Locals Patent Shopping Trolley Attachment

AN innovative device invented and patented by two Toodyay residents will reduce the frustration of supermarket shopping trolleys from acquiring a mind of their own.

Sonny DeCampi and Wayne Clarke have developed a device that, when fitted to a shopping trolley, will allow shoppers to have better control over the direction their trolley moves, and virtually eliminate the annoying wheel shudder often encountered.

After nearly four years of development and trials, a simple and easy to use foot lever has been devised to lock the front wheels of the trolley. This keeps it on the straight and narrow, while allowing the shopper to negotiate corners using the unlocked rear wheels. By moving the foot lever in the opposite direction the trolley is returned to its original 'free-wheeling' state.

Currently, when a fully-loaded trolley travels over an uneven surface (such as a supermarket car park), it is extremely difficult to manage the direction it takes. This device greatly increases the control a shopper has over the trolley's movement. It is particularly advantageous when negotiating a trolley in the vicinity of motor vehicles.

The patented device can be attached to the front of existing trolleys, or be incorporated during the manufacture of new ones. It has provisions to unlock when the trolleys are stacked, is simple in construction and of low manufacturing cost. It also has the potential to save the insurance industry many thousands of dollars in claims, and many shoppers the annoyance of finding scratches and dents on their vehicles. The inventors are hoping to attract trolley manufacturers to invest in the invention.

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Dental Surgeon

Dr Bowman has extensive private practice experience including twelve years in Kununurra and later in Europe and the UK. Dr Bowman has held teaching positions at the University of Western Australia as a Clinical Co-ordinator, teaching Restorative Dentistry and as a tutor for undergraduate students in other clinical areas.

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Appointments can be made between 8.30am – 4.30pm
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The Robert Faust Photographic Collection Featuring Toodyay



Connor's Mill, with its brick chimney (not often seen). There is a man sitting in the open doorway. Maybe Mr. Marris the miller?

Beth Frayne

LATE last year, Moss Wilson, the Shire of Toodyay's Museum Curator, received a donation of digital copies of a significant collection of approximately 90 glass negative images, many obviously of Toodyay and surrounds, possibly taken or collected by an R Faust, ca. 1900-1919. Moss showed the collection to me last January. I confirmed that most were indeed of Toodyay and that members of the Toodyay Historical Society have not seen any of these images elsewhere. Moss has kindly allowed THS to have a copy of the collection.

The images include views of the town from nearby hills, Stirling Terrace views and events, countryside views, peach trees (Deepdale?), St. Stephen's Church, a school room, Connor's Mill, the old Railway Bridge in flood, Harper fences, Toodyay Showgrounds with a Sunshine harvester exhibit, Freemasons' Hotel, Norman's store, etc. However, many of the photos are of the Toodyay Club building (1908) including a possible interior of the bar. The side and rear walls and garden of the building are featured, with a variety of people. Views of very fine hydrangeas are prevalent!

My research found that a Robert Faust did indeed live and work in Toodyay. He was the Steward (Manager) of the Toodyay Club,

ca.1911-1931. Robert (born in 1874 and possibly of German or Austrian extraction) probably from Sydney, came West to the goldfields, married Catherine Hayes in Boulder in 1899, and ran hotels in North Fremantle in the early 1900s so he knew a bit about the liquor trade. The electoral rolls show the Faustus in Toodyay from 1911, when Robert probably took over the Club Steward's position from George Todhunter, who had taken over the licence of the Freemasons' Hotel. The Faustus kept a low profile during WW1, as you would imagine. Taking photographs would have been an absorbing hobby over that period.

When the Faustus decided to move back to Perth in 1931, their departure was noted in the West Australian. 'Mr. R. Faust, who was manager of the Toodyay Club for 21 years, was presented with a polished jarrah clock at a farewell gathering on November 18.' (WA, 26 Nov. 1931, p.14). Catherine was also farewelled: 'At a social gathering on November 11 Mrs. R. Faust was farewelled and presented with an oak salad bowl by her many friends. Vocal items were rendered by Mesdames J.D. Mooney, E.B. White, I.E. Wiltshire and Mr. White.' (Western Mail, 26 Nov. 1931, p.45). Catherine died in 1938 and Robert, aged 87, in 1955. As far as I know, they were childless.

(Photo: courtesy Shire of Toodyay Museum)

Lions Lines

THE Lions Auction was yet again a fantastic success.

This year the club has endeavoured to make things run smoothly. However, there were a few hiccups along the way.

The Toodyay Men's Shed was sensational in feeding the masses, and the menu was a hit. Our runners for the day, the Toodyay Cricket Club, were extraordinary. Thank you to John Lucas and the club for their support; well done.

Feedback from the community prior and during the auction was that it was one of the best we have had.

The Toodyay Lions Club is proud to announce that funds raised from the auction will support the Chaplaincy with \$1000 and \$3000 which will be divided evenly between local junior sporting groups in the Shire of Toodyay.

The club would like to thank all sellers and bidders on the day including the following businesses for their support: Toodyay IGA, The Freemasons Hotel, Ray White, Toodyay Traders, Toodyay Hardware and Farm (Makit), Avon Valley Jewellery and Gifts, Antique Shop and Shire of Toodyay. And a big thanks goes to Tony Maddox from Ray White and Nathan Martin as our auctioneers.

Our next outing will be catering at the Anzac Day Breakfast and the Moondyne Festival with, wait for it... the Chocolate Wheel, where we will be having special mystery spins during the day and, for all who win a spin, your names will be placed in the draw for our end of day MEGA Prize.

Lions - We Serve.

Toodyay Branch of CWA

Maxine J Walker
Reporter for Toodyay Branch CWA

PREPARATIONS are now under way to have some repairs done to our hall along with having the roof painted. This should not inconvenience any groups that are using the hall.

Members have a busy social calendar

ahead starting with an International day at Tammin on 16 April, Hoy Day at Gidgegannup on the 16th, followed by the local ANZAC Day Service on the 25th and our meeting on the 26th.

Looking ahead, we celebrate Moondyne Festival on 5 and 6 May and will be doing morning teas for the Cancer Council Biggest Morning Tea on the 15th for all local businesses; orders will be taken on Monday the 14th.

Members have booked their accommodation ready for the State Conference which will be held in Paterson Stadium, Perth in July.

We continue to have many enquiries regarding the hire of our hall, the latest being for evenings. It is good to see that we can provide good facilities at a reasonable price for all local groups.

Our next meeting will be held on Thursday 26 April; new members and visitors are most welcome. Entry to the hall is via the back door, off Charcoal Lane. Due to traffic noise the front door is closed while our meeting is on. Our apologies to anyone that has approached the front door and not been heard.

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Moondyne Festival 6th May
Mothers Day 13th May

Little Rascals

A BIG thank you to the Toodyay Fire Brigade for visiting Little Rascals Child Care Centre in March and showing the children the fire engine and giving them a fire safety language session. The children always love to see the fire engine.



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Being prepared is clearly the best defence against disasters. Many of us are still learning the lessons of the past and rely on others to respond in time of need.

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This form can be obtained from your Council's offices, libraries, the Post Office, police stations and some local businesses. Schools are helping by sending the form home with their students.

You can also access it by following the link:
<https://www.zoomerang.com/Survey/WEB22EZ75P8AF9> from 31 March 2012.

Your participation will help us save lives and protect our homes and livelihood.
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There will be 'Joe's gang', coppers, floozies, swaggies and a town crier.

A moustache and cleavage competition. Plus 1860's regiment, wood chop, blacksmith, wood turning and craft demonstrations.

Art exhibition, antique collectors fair, car club display, free family fun, circus and town fair.

Everyone is invited to dress in pioneer costume!

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All activities take place within the Toodyay townsite and run all day from 9am

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It is only one month to go before we celebrate the next Moondyne Festival.

The Moondyne Festival brings Moondyne Joe and his various escapades back to life. Joe and his gang will once again run riot throughout the town of Toodyay holding up various businesses and anyone else in their path. You will see them cosy up with the floozies and defy the ever present hassling temperance ladies whilst trying to evade the local constabulary who are intent to lock him up and throw away the key.

The Moondyne Festival is a wonderful display of life during the pioneer years. Everyone attending including stall holders, local businesses, artists and visitors are cordially invited to dress in period costume for the day and truly get into the spirit of Moondyne.

The Moondyne committee would like to invite all local Arts & Crafts enthusiast to join in this annual celebration by exhibiting and demonstrating their artistic wares.

We are also looking for volunteers who could donate some time on the day. Together we can make Moondyne Festival 2012 bigger better and more enjoyable than ever. Please call into the Library for further details or telephone **9574 2323**.

2012 Programme To enquire visit information booth near stage or ask the Town Crier

Time	Event	Location	Time	Event	Location
9.00	Festival Commences		12.00	Irish Dancing	Makit Hardware
9.30	Moondyne Joe & Gang - appear in street	watch out for them!	12.15	Robbery by Moondyne Joe & Gang	Wendouree Tea Rooms
10.00	Bush Poet	front of stage	1.00	Rifle & Artillery Regiment 1860	street
10.00	Blade shearing - (Continues throughout the day)	Stirling Park	1.15	Irish Dancers	Makit Hardware
10.30	Opening Parade -including Rifle & Artillery Regiment 1860 & Kalamunda Pipe Band	starts Perth end of street	1.30	Moustache Competition - Prize Awarded	Freemasons Hotel
10.50	Capture of Moondyne Joe	during parade	1.45	Balcony Scene and Capture of Moondyne Joe	Freemasons Hotel
11.00	Official Opening	stage	2.00	Moondyne Joe's - Second Trial	stage
	Speeches -		2.15	Highland Dancers	Sommerville Gallery
	Welcome to Country		2.30	IGA Minty Man - catch him if you can	Stirling Park
	Toodyay Shire President		2.30	Toodyay Community Singers	front of stage
	Toodyay Australian Citizen of the Year		2.45	Survey Winner Announced	stage
11.20	Moondyne Joe's - First Trial	stage	3.00	Cleavage Competition - Prize Awarded	Victoria Hotel
11.45	Highland Dancers	Sommerville Gallery	3.15	Car & Motorcycle Parade	
			4.00	Close of Festival	

Festival Activities

Roaming the Main Street

- Town Crier - keeping you all informed of events throughout the day, thanks to sound system installed by PSI Audio
- Morris Dancers - English folk dance from the Cotswold Hill of England
- Organ Grinder
- Sherlock Holmes Society of WA - dressed in period costume of the Victoria Era
- Moondyne Joe & his Gang, Floozies, Coppers, Swaggies, Temperance Ladies, the Lord Mayoress & Lord Mayor of Toodyay & more
- Escaped Convict, stop and have a chat to him and listen to his story

In the Main Street

- Master of Ceremonies - Stage MC announcements all day, thanks to sound system installed by PSI Audio
- Antique and Collectors Fair in Memorial Hall
- Arts Toodyay Exhibition- CWA Hall - starts 10am
- Blacksmith at Old Post Office building demonstration, sponsored by McIntosh & Son
- Bush Yarns at Moondyn'z Gallery
- Car & Motorcycle Display - Perth end of Street
- Miniature Road Train Rides on "Lil Louie" Perth end of Street
- Shenanigan Sisters - Old Post Office building music duo playing the saw keyboard & fiddle
- Swaggie Camp - next to Victoria Hotel Swaggie Stew and Damper samples
- Toodyay Woodturners - near Memorial Hall demonstration & items for sale
- Toodyay Spinners - near Moondyn'z Gallery

In Stirling Park

- Blade Shearing- starts 10am
- Family Fun Day - starts 10am Old Time Children's Activities
- Progressive Axeman's Association - starts 10.30am Log chop Demonstration
- Toodyay Garden Club - Scarecrow Display Church grounds
- WA Circus School - 11am to 1pm & 2pm to 4pm Learn how to juggle, hula hoop & use the diabolo an ancient Chinese cone and string, sponsored by Deepdale Farm
- West Coast Carnivals - Side Show Rides, dodgem cars etc.

In Duidgee Park

- Baby Farm Yard Animals
- Miniature Railway - 11am to 3pm
- Face Painter
- Pony Rides

Visitor Centre

- Clydesdale Cart Ride - starts at 9am then hourly - starts at Visitors Centre to Old Gaol Museum, with Museum guide Museum \$3 entry fee
- Connors Mill - access through Visitors Centre
- Old Gaol Museum - across Railway Line in Clinton St or take the Clydesdale Cart from the Visitors Centre

Worthy of mention

- Wonderful display by the 10th Light Horse and the Toodyay Historical Society's Photo display - 175 years at Toodyay
- Exhibition of old hand tools by the Hand Tool Preservation Society of WA, Restored tractor and farm machinery as well as bygone household items by TRACMACH
- WA Historical Cycle Club - display and ride vintage and old bicycles

Toodyay District High School P&C

Steve Bannister
President

QUITE a bit has happened within the P&C over the last four weeks and even more happened during our general meeting on the 21st.

Our new school uniform committee jumped straight in and took over the uniform shop from Pamela Barwood, who has done an excellent job in running the shop. Although Pam was happy to pass the torch, she will be missed. Our new faction shirts are on the way, after a few major headaches over minor changes, and should be here soon. The uniform shop now has a display set up where you can view the uniform so parents and students can see what uniform is supposed to look like. There have been a lot of items donated back to the uniform shop and are all in excellent condition. We have decided to resell these at only \$2 per item, so have a look through this bargain section as we had jumpers, jackets and long pants in there. Perfect, as the weather is now starting to change!

We have also decided to produce our school photos in-house from now on. This is partly due to a few recent disappointments over previous companies who visit the school to take our school photos. The lateness in our family portraits coming back last year, which delayed the school calendars, was unacceptable and I think that we all deserve better. We are purchasing the professional software ourselves and will therefore not only be able to offer better packages, but we will also be reducing the prices for our parents as well. We all know how expensive school photos can be when we have extended families.

The P&C is also to start holding a regular, monthly, car boot sale at the school. Those who have tried to hold garage sales at home know that these only work if people know where you live, but a car boot sale allows you to bring your items along and sell them to the hundreds of people who usually attend. There will be newspaper advertising, radio advertising as well as shop window advertising, as we try to attract buyers and sellers from our surrounding suburbs to Toodyay. Not only does this increase your chances of selling, it also brings new people to our lovely town, shows off our school, and, hopefully, increases a bit of tourism and trade for our local businesses. The first one is being held on Sunday 8 April, on the school grounds. Gates are open to sellers

from 7am, and to the public at 8am.

St John Ambulance offers a Child Resuscitation course which is an excellent course for parents to learn. In an effort to not only promote the course, especially to our younger families, but also to show our commitment and passion for caring for our children, we have decided to subsidise the cost of this course if parents book the course through the Toodyay District High School P&C. We are still waiting for a final price of the course from St John Ambulance and we will let you know what the discounted price will be, and start sending out enrolment forms as soon as we know.

Our meetings are on the 3rd Wednesday of the month during term time. As the next falls during the school holidays, it will instead be held on Thursday 26 April. The meetings are held at the school at 7pm. See you there!

From the Parents & Citizens Association history pages...



Thursday July 8th 1937

Mr Donegan moved that the prices for entry to the School Fancy Dress Ball will be - Children 1/- each, families of three or more children 2/6, Ladies with refreshments 1/- each, Ladies without refreshments 2/- each and Gents 2/- each. The secretary was instructed to write to the Commissioner of Taxation, asking that the Ball be exempt from tax. It was also decided that the Dept. be asked to give the School children a holiday on July 30th. The secretary was instructed to notify the insurance company that the school buses would bring the children to the Town Hall at 7pm on July 30th and leave to take them home at approximately 10.30pm. Mr Crabbe moved, and Mr Donegan seconded, that the supper arrangements be left in the hands of the Social Committee. It was decided that cool drinks and tea be available for the children's supper. Mr Donegan promised to donate 3 loaves of bread and 1lb of butter for the supper. Mrs Christie offered to raffle a 10/- note, and Mr H. Wood very kindly donated 10/- to be raffled. He was given a hearty clap for his generosity.

Catholic Agricultural College Bindoon School Ball 2012



ON Thursday 1 March, Year 11 and 12 students of CACB attended their annual school ball. The venue at Bridgeleigh in Wanneroo was sparkling in purple and silver with a theme of 'A Night Under The Stars'.

All students arrived looking splendid in their beautiful ball gowns and suits. The night commenced with a very funny, slide show presentation by college teachers, Mr Nguyen and Mr Cox, the MC's for the night.

The menu was mouth-watering with many going back for seconds. After hours of fun on the dance floor and having photos taken, it was time to announce the prizes for the night.

Belle of the Ball was awarded to Kelly Fagan and *Beau* to Cody Steele. *Best Dressed Girl* was Candice Lavis and *Best Dressed Boy*, Joseph Pollicino. *Best Couple* for the night was Grace Smith and Bonnar Cooling.

Co-principals, Mr Tobin and Mr Hendriks, were most impressed by the well-behaved students who conducted themselves with their best manners, saying they "were very proud of the college students; it was one of the best nights for all who attended."

The night concluded with staff and students exhausted from dancing, eating and having lots of fun.

Toodyay Youthcare Council (Chaplaincy)

Moya Bruce
Secretary

The Chaplaincy Council would like to thank all of our families, friends and benefactors for all the help and support we receive during the year with our fundraising efforts. It is an ongoing effort to raise the capital to fund our wonderful chaplain, Benn Gladden. Benn is an asset to the school and Toodyay.

It is with great relief that we acknowledge the \$5,000 Sponsorship cheque that the Council received from the Bendigo Bank, Toodyay. Together with all the other wonderful benefactors in Toodyay who already support us, it will make our lives so much easier.

We would like to wish the staff, students and all the people of Toodyay a very happy, blessed and safe Easter.

Thank you all and God bless you.

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toodyay district high school

School Sport WA Swimming Carnival 2012

India Wroth

ON Wednesday 14 March, the Toodyay Swimming team headed off down to Challenge Stadium for the day, to compete in the 2012 Swimming Division C Event.

When we arrived we got straight into swimming, with people going in and out of the water all the time, with many podium finishes. This year we were put up a division from B to C, so this year was a bit harder. By the end of the day we were doing well, and came fifth overall.

Roy Barwood was champion boy 13 yrs, the only person from Moore Districts to get either a champion or runner up, scoring 24 points.

We would like to thank Mr Jasinski for the time and effort he put in to make the day wonderful.

Results: Overall Points

Runner Up: 13 Boys: 2 Barwood Roy Moore Districts 24

13 Years Girls 50m Freestyle, Div. D

4. Eddy Keeley-Shay Moore Districts 46.75

13 Years Boys 50m Freestyle, Div. A

2. 4092 Barwood Roy Moore Districts 32.70

14 Years Girls 50m Freestyle, Div. D

1. 4176 Dickson Chelsea Moore Districts 37.87

14 Years Girls 50m Freestyle, Div. C

1. 4367 Morgan Judi-Kae Moore Districts 40.24

14 Years Boys 50m Freestyle, Div. B

4. 4426 Robertson Allan Moore Districts 39.82

15 Years Girls 50m Freestyle, Div. C

7. 4145 Cavanagh Rose Moore Districts 56.28

16 & Over Boys 50m Freestyle, Div. C

6. 4229 Gavlik Shane Moore Districts 37.56

13 Years Boys 50m Breaststroke, Div. B

1. 4092 Barwood Roy Moore Districts 47.56

14 Years Girls 50m Breaststroke, Div. B

2. 4176 Dickson Chelsea Moore Districts 51.76

14 & Under Boys 4x50m Medley Relay, Div. A

2. 15 Moore Districts - Team Moore Districts 2:54.33

14 & Under Girls 4x50m Medley Relay, Div. A

1. 15 Moore Districts - Team Moore Districts 3:01.33

15 & Over Boys 4x50m Medley Relay, Div. A

7. 15 Moore Districts - Team Moore Districts 2:59.85

15 & Over Girls 4x50m Medley Relay, Div. A

7. 15 Moore Districts - Team Moore Districts 3:38.60

13 Years Boys 50m Backstroke, Div. A

1. 4092 Barwood Roy Moore Districts 42.04

13 Years Girls 50m Backstroke, Div. A

4. 4191 Eddy Keeley-Shay Moore Districts 52.03

14 Years Girls 50m Backstroke, Div. B

6. 4313 Laurin Melissa Moore Districts 1:04.65

14 & Under Girls 100m Freestyle, Div. B

6. 4313 Laurin Melissa Moore Districts 2:13.81

14 & Under Boys 100m Freestyle, Div. A

5. 4092 Barwood Roy Moore Districts 1:21.26

13 Years Girls 4x50m Freestyle Relay, Div. A

4. 15 Moore Districts - Team Moore Districts 3:04.70

13 Years Boys 4x50m Freestyle Relay, Div. A

3. 15 Moore Districts - Team Moore Districts 2:41.89

14 Years Girls 4x50m Freestyle Relay, Div. A

1. Moore Districts - Team Moore Districts 2:41.02

14 Years Boys 4x50m Freestyle Relay, Div. A

3. Moore Districts - Team Moore Districts 2:35.95

15 Years Girls 4x50m Freestyle Relay, Div. A

4. Moore Districts - Team Moore Districts 6:35.00

TDHS Secondary School Swimming Season

Faction Swim Carnival

OUR students participated in three swimming carnivals this term. In the School Faction Carnival at Wundowie students competed in age groups to qualify for the Interschool Swim Carnival at Swan Leisure Centre against District schools from Yanchep and Gingin. Although the attendance could be improved, everyone enjoyed the swim races and novelty events. The winning faction was Avon.

Congratulations to the individual winners:



13 Years Boys

Rank	No.	Name	House	Points
1	149	Barwood Roy	Avon	45
2	163	Fanning Jayden	Avon	13

13 Years Girls

Rank	No.	Name	House	Points
1	181	Murfitt Tahlia	Avon	26
2	161	Eddy Keeley-Shay	Drummond	23

14 Years Boys

Rank	No.	Name	House	Points
1	123	Robertson Allan	Drummond	32
2	125	Wakefield Kevin	Connor	19

14 Years Girls

Rank	No.	Name	House	Points
1	105	Dickson Chelsea	Drummond	43
2	119	Morgan Judi-Kae	Avon	37

15 Years Boys

Rank	No.	Name	House	Points
1	128	Cavanagh Samuel	Avon	37
2	131	Gavlik Shane	Drummond	31

15 Years Girls

Rank	No.	Name	House	Points
1	135	Kelly Faith	Drummond	30
2	127	Browne Jessica	Drummond	26



MDSA Swim Carnival at Swan Leisure Centre

OUR team has performed very well at the Interschool Carnival and our school won a Handicap Shield, which takes into account the 8-10 students' population.

The winning school was Gingin, scoring 573 points. Toodyay DHS ended up in the 3rd place with 387 points. Three of our students received individual trophies: Roy Barwood, Keeley-Shay Eddy and Samuel Cavanagh.



Author, India Wroth

Individual winners



13 Years Boys

Rank	No.	Name	House	Points
1	149	Barwood Roy	Toodyay	41
2	193	Glover Darcy	Gingin	23

13 Years Girls

Rank	No.	Name	House	Points
1	206	Palmer Rebecca	Gingin	16
2	161	Eddy Keeley-Shay	Toodyay	15

14 Years Boys

Rank	No.	Name	House	Points
1	216	Worth Kale	Gingin	21
2	210	Taylor Corey	Gingin	19

14 Years Girls

Rank	No.	Name	House	Points
1	212	Treloar Codie	Gingin	35
2	188	Anderson Vanessa	Gingin	34
3	105	Dickson Chelsea	Toodyay	22
4	119	Morgan Judi-Kae	Toodyay	16

15 Years Boys

Rank	No.	Name	House	Points
1	128	Cavanagh Samuel	Toodyay	30
2	239	Hennessey Harnie	Yanchep	16
3	131	Gavlik Shane	Toodyay	11



15 Years Girls

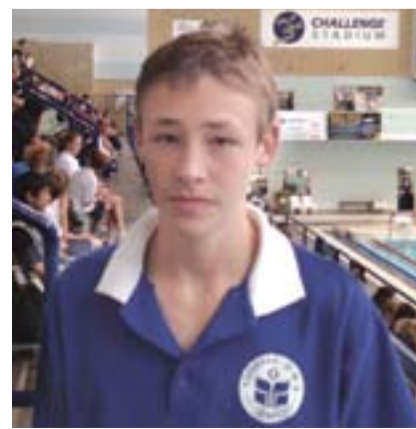
Rank	No.	Name	House	Points
1	246	Duta Ana-Marie	Yanchep	25
2	209	Reinke Brittany	Gingin	23
3	135	Kelly Faith	Toodyay	10
4	127	Browne Jessica	Toodyay	9

School Sport WA Swim Carnival at Challenge Stadium



The best swimmers from Toodyay, Yanchep and Gingin joined together to compete against senior schools from Perth in Div C swim carnival. Chelsea Dickson, Keeley-Shay Eddy, Judi-Kae Morgan, Alan Robertson, Shane Gavlik, Roy Barwood, Rose Cavanagh and Melissa Laurin have been selected from Toodyay DHS.

Moore Districts Sporting Association team came 5th in the overall points and our students contributed to the end result. This was a great experience for all students, especially Roy Barwood, who swam extremely well in his age group races and won a Runner-up Champion Boy Award.



Roy Barwood



FRANK VENN MEMORIAL AWARD For local writers - 2012

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 19th October 2012

emergency services

Julimar Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade

Alison Wroth

AS you all know, we are quickly approaching the end of this fire season. The season has not been very busy for the Brigade but none of us are complaining!

The next meeting we have will be our General Meeting on 21 April at 5.30pm followed by the AGM. Quite a few members have been nominated for positions in the Brigade; all are there because they are responsible, strong and loyal team members and we wish them all the best for the upcoming elections.

Our Captain would like to acknowledge all the support and help he has received during his tenure as 'Captain Kidd'. Lou and Anne deserve a rest now, even though Lou has thoroughly enjoyed the challenge over the past year and is very proud of our strong and unified membership.

The maintenance at our Fireshed is ongoing and we need to say a big thank you to Phil and Isabel Roberts for the kind donation of four café style blinds to the Brigade. Once we have them fitted, it will be a very cosy veranda, especially during the winter months.

Thanks to the talents of Vicki Wesley, we now have a design for our new stubbie holders. The holders look fantastic and we're sure that once again they will be very popular with both brigade members and family and friends.

Training during March was based around the procedure of drawing water from a dam or similar water source into a fire truck; or as we all know now, the procedure of 'draughting'. A dozen members turned up to learn the intricacies of draughting from both the 2.4 and 1.4. Hopefully, even the instructors learnt a few things and all those that attended seemed to be convinced that they would not be left 'high and dry' next time when draughting is required!

Hopefully, everyone remembers that we are still under restricted burning and permits will only be issued to farmers for crop preparation.



We had the opportunity to hold 'The Great Shave' at the Fireshed on a fun filled Friday night recently. Tamara Hasson boldly went ahead (excuse the pun) and was the instigator and the only one to get herself sponsored. Due to her wonderful endeavour the Brigade has donated another \$250.00 to

Tamara's other donations (she raised over \$450). Well done Tamara! The 'elected' haircutters on the night were Corri, Bettina and Scott. Bettina took it all in her stride and shaved off Young Rod's famous eyebrows. We can be assured that they won't take long to return to the original forest that Rod is so



proud of!

Those who participated, either by having a shave of some sort or by having their hair coloured included Scott, Corri, Grant, Mike (Speedy) Cox, Rocket (that mohawk did wonders for him!), Alan, Simon, Young Rodney, Bettina and the three Hasson girls, Tamara, Heidi and Simone. Well done to all of you for having the courage and for supporting such a good cause! It turned into a night and probably very early morning for many and definitely one to be remembered by those that were present!

If you wish to know more about your friendly fire brigade or more about fire or even if you are new to the area and just want to meet a few of your neighbours, all you have to do is get down to your local fire shed!

'The Fireplace' behind the Julimar Fire Shed is open from about 5pm on Friday nights for some social mingling with Brigade members. Even if you're not a member, come along and have a chat about your Fire Prevention Plan, find out about your Brigade and get to know the people in your local community.

Toodyay Central Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade

Desrae Clarke

THE past month has been quiet for the Brigade with no callouts. However, the training on mapping was also rather quiet so hopefully the next training session will make up for small attendance at the previous session.

There will not be Thursday night training for April. The next training session is to be Sunday 15 April commencing at 10am at the Fire and Emergency Services Centre, Stirling Terrace, Toodyay; it will conclude at Duidgee Park for a BBQ lunch. Please RSVP by 8 April for catering purposes. The training will encompass combined driving, radio, mapping and GPS. Please wear PPE on the day.

There is to be Structural Fire Training on 13 and 14 April at the Northam Fire and

Emergency Centre. As approval is required please contact the Captain, Kevin Hug for particulars.

Garry Holland, member and also RSL President of the Toodyay Sub-branch, requested that the Brigade members participate in the ANZAC day parade. April's schedule:

Friday 13 and Saturday 14: Structural Fire Training – check with Captain, Kevin Hug. Sunday 15: Combined radio, driving, mapping and GPS commencing at 10am. ANZAC Day Parade: Central Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade members participation.

General Meetings of the Central Brigade are normally held on the fourth Tuesday of each month commencing at 7.30pm at the Fire and Emergency Services Centre, Stirling Terrace, Toodyay. However, there will be no General Meeting in April with the next meeting being the Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 22 May.

New members are made very welcome. Enquiries may be made to Captain, Kevin Hug, on 9574 2612, or Secretary, Wayne Clarke, on 6364 3609.

Coondle-Nunile Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade

Kerry Gregory

DESPITE the continuing summer conditions, we are thankful there have been very few incidents of fires since last month. Everyone in the shire should be commended for their efforts this summer to reduce the likelihood of fires, and their vigilance in reporting smoke for the few we've had to avert major blazes.

The inevitable lightning strikes will start to occur as autumn progresses and hopefully we will be getting some rain from those thunderstorms. Crop burning has commenced in adjoining shires of Northam, Victoria Plains and Goomalling and, from some vantage points within our district, the smoke sometimes appears to be on our patch. Remember that such fires in our shire are restricted to properties preparing for crops and may only be authorised by the Fire Control Officers for the time being.

The next Brigade meeting, on Saturday 14 April 2012 at the Coondle Fire Shed on Coondle West Road commencing at 5pm, will be the AGM for election of office bearers for the next twelve months. This will be followed by the usual AGM Dinner. If you are intending to attend, please either RSVP on the sheet at the shed or phone me on 9574 4470. This helps for catering as the Brigade provides the meat for this event. All members are urged to attend.

Locals are most welcome to join us at the Coondle Shed on Coondle West Drive any Friday evening from about 5pm onward. For any information on joining the Coondle Brigade or property fire prevention and safety, phone our Captain, Tracey Salmond, on 9574 5360 or one of our local Fire Control Officers. Contact details for Fire Control Officers are on page 11 in the new 2012 Toodyay Community Directory.

Bush Fire Ready Groups

WELL, it's now April and the fire season has finished. It was a very quiet season, which is good. This has been the first season in a long time not having to go to a fire started by a grinder or welder, so maybe the message is finally getting across with education programmes such as the Bush Fire Ready Group. So now it's time to 'fire up' more Bush Fire Ready Groups.

In the coming months, we will be tackling some new subdivisions as well as progressing with the ones from last season. The more the residents of this Shire learn about bush fire suppression, the more chance we have of having less fires.

We have a lot of things planned including hazard reduction burns, escape routes and networking of fire fighting equipment to name a few.

As for our new subdivision members, you will be trained in bush fire plans and property preparedness to start with. It is in your interest to learn as much about fire safety as there are only 12 fire trucks in the whole shire, so don't expect to have one on your doorstep immediately a fire goes up.

So, we look forward to getting as many people to our group meetings as we can. It is not all 'fire and brimstone' as we do have a bit of fun along the way.

Education is the only way to stay safe during the bush fire season. This is where we choose to live, so why not make it as safe for our families as we can. If you have any questions don't hesitate to give Mick Rogers a call on 0428 583 954 or Tracey Salmond on 9574 5360.

To all the Bush Fire Ready Groups, thank you for your time and your enthusiasm for bush fire prevention.

Toodyay Neighbourhood and Rural Watch

Desrae Clarke

EASTER and school holidays are just around the corner with visits to the city for shopping, the zoo, catching up with relatives and friends, fishing, boating, swimming and lots of other exciting things. Our homes and properties are left unattended and need protection.

The following suggestions may help in the protection of your property.

- Notify a close neighbour, or neighbours, that you will be away and leave them with a key and contact number should an emergency arise, eg fire;
- Leave your details with the local police of your time of leaving and when you are expecting to be home again; you can also leave an emergency contact number with them;
- If you have an alarm system for your home or business, leave a key with police or neighbours should the alarm inadvertently

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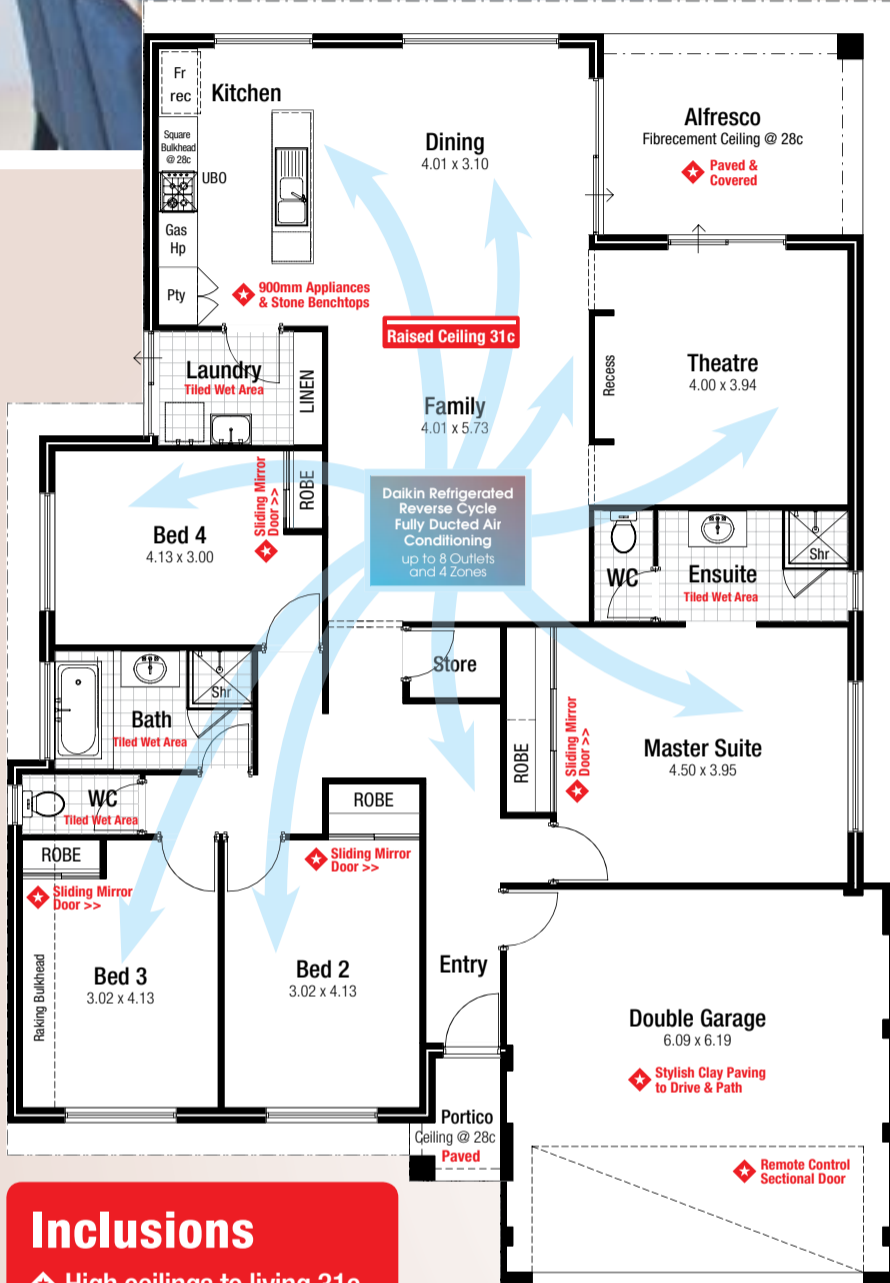
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- trigger;
- A light, set with a timer, to turn on early evening and off at your normal bedtime, shows a 'would be' unwelcome visitor that the home is occupied;
- If living on a property, arrangements could be made with a neighbour to periodically visit and check that everything is alright; their vehicle will also leave fresh tyre marks;
- Don't advertise the fact that you are going away;
- If living in the township ensure mail collection is made regularly or leave a key with a neighbour to empty your mail box;
- Make sure that your newspaper delivery is stopped while you are away;
- Share your wheelie bin with the neighbour and ask them if they would take it back to your house after it has been emptied by the contractor.

These are simple suggestions but may help with protection of your home and property. Unfortunately, it is not unknown for a truck to arrive at a home, load the contents and disappear. This has occurred in both the country and suburbia.

If you observe ANYTHING suspicious or 'out of the ordinary' contact the Toodyay Police immediately on 9574 9555 or CRIMESTOPPERS on 1800 333 000. If the local police number is transferred to the Northam Regional Office, please do not hang up but give details as asked. The Northam Regional Office is in contact with our police staff by either radio or phone.

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News from Bolgart and Surrounding Areas

Doris M Martin

BEST wishes are being extended to Candyce and Will Waters on their recent wedding. Candyce is the daughter of Neil and Fiona Watson of Calingiri and Will is the son of Bill and Liz Waters of Bindi Bindi.

The wedding ceremony was held beside the river at Mulberry Farm at 4pm on 9 March. The Bridal party arrived in a stretch limousine with the bride looking stunning in a full length white strapless gown with a rhinestone and pearl encrusted bodice.

The bridesmaids were dressed in tangerine full length frocks with one off the shoulder style bodices, whilst the groom and his attendants wore tuxedos with cream waistcoats and tangerine ties.

The wedding breakfast was in the form of a beautiful buffet held at Mulberry farm.

Other close family members in attendance were Candyce's Grandfather, John Gordon, Grandmother, Sybil Gordon and Step-grandmother, Fran Gordon of Perth, and Will's Grandparents, Bill and Kay Waters of Bindi Bindi and also John and Mary Anderson of New Zealand.

Candyce and Will will honeymoon in Bali. Congratulations to Pam and Doug McGill on their 41st Wedding Anniversary which they celebrated with a stay at the Burswood resort.

Jack McGill celebrated his 8th birthday with a pool party for 15 guests at his parents' home north of Bolgart. Included were a good many of his new school mates. Go Jack!

Another young lad celebrating his 3rd birthday recently was Cooper Hall. We hope you had a lovely birthday Cooper.

On Saturday 17 March, a St Patrick's Day Great Celebration was held at the Calingiri Sports Club to commemorate Brian (Barney) Westlake's induction as a life member of the sports club. Barney has always been a great supporter of the community and a past President of the sports club.

Congratulations Barney. Job well done!

Much sadness was felt recently when Jean Halse (nee North), aged 64 (who was a former Toodyay girl), died in South Australia as the result of a traffic accident. Sympathy is being extended to her loved ones.

Much excitement was felt at the Bolgart School recently with the return from an extended holiday of Mrs Jennifer Furey. Delighted to know you are back Jennifer and meanwhile Mrs Penrice (who has ably been relieving this term), is currently completing other duties.

Finally, calling all those folk born up to 1945 in the Avon Valley area to be aware that a project is underway to hopefully write a book which will include the names of those folk who were born, married or died in this area along with some other historical facts. It is hoped that the book will include photographs of those named in the book.

Mrs Janice James (aka Jan Young and Jan Goodacre which were former married names that she has written books under), will be writing the book and to date I have loaned Jan around 600 photographs and a good many

obituaries that I have previously written to put towards this project. I still have about ten family tree files worth still to go which includes many of the ancestral names from the Toodyay area.

Jan and I both feel that as we are nearing the end of our mortal time here on earth (at least the biblical allotted time), and sitting and waiting in the departure lounge (so to speak), that we should put our remaining time to good use and amalgamate our thirty to forty years of research and the information that we have gained in that time to put into book form for future reference for those who will follow.

I would also like to take this opportunity to wish Jan a Happy 70th birthday which she will be celebrating about the time that this Herald is due out.

If you have photographs or information such as birth, marriage or death dates you would like included, which you feel we would not have already, then email Jan on janjames1@westnet.com.au.

Bejoording Babble

Kim Leonhardt

TOP of the morning to y'all!

First on the agenda is the Community Meeting we had in February. Nothing overly exciting really, but we did construct the Events Calendar, of which I print the following: Pizza Night (you missed it), Aust. Grand Prix Day (you missed it), AGM (you're gonna miss it), Air Hockey Comp. in April, T-Bone Night and Clean Up Day in May, Meeting and Casserole Night in June, American Hot Dog Night and Hoon & Hornblowers Car Rally in July, Meeting and Soup Night in August, Seafood Night and 4WD Picnic in September, Meeting and Curry Night, Bathurst Day and Halloween Games Night in October, Melbourne Cup Day and Leftovers Night in November, Meeting and Breakfast Night followed finally by Combined Community Group/Fire Brigade Xmas Party. Stay tuned for dates and times in the coming editions.

Let me tell you about the Pizza Night. The Glossops have to be commended for their battleplan for organising 33 pizzas of varying toppings to arrive at the Community Shed... hot! By crikey, let me tell you, when those pizza boxes finally hit the table and the hoards moved in, there was more cardboard floating in the air than a pack of pit bulls raiding a Guinea Pig Convention. Oo... a bit over the

top? Yes kiddies, your parents are quite right... Guinea Pig Conventions don't usually have an abundance of cardboard.

Australian Grand Prix Day was next on the agenda. Following TWO cars this year: both Red Bulls and both driven by Australians. Following deep intellectual discussions on the machinations of F1 cars, it was decided it might be nice if we could find out about the intrick-a-sees of KERS. The discussion did seem to get off track a little, as the race finished and we were still delving into climate change and the likely life expectancy of the human race. Well... I guess the topic was still race related.

Our AGM and sausage sizzle is being held on Wednesday 4 April and, I suppose, depending on when you get the paper, that would have been last night! As always, along with the arrival of our AGM, is the arrival of our Membership Fees. Still the same - a family enjoys all of the above for \$50 a year, and singles pay \$25... remember, when you've paid those fees, ALL the events are free. If you're a non-member, event fees usually range from \$10 to \$15.

Next event is the Air Hockey Comp. on Wednesday 18 April, starting from 6pm. Of course, I'm either gonna win... or die trying.

Our next Feast Night will be T-Bone night on Wednesday 2 May. And let's not forget, the Community Shed is open every Wednesday night from 6pm.

See ya in the soup!

Autumn Club

Autumn Leaf

WE started the year off with a visit to the Northam Senior Club on 13 March with a game of indoor bowls and a good time was had by all who attended.

In April we start off with a visit from the Goomalling Seniors Club on Wednesday 11 April, meeting at 10am at the club rooms. Then, on Wednesday 18 April, we have a visit from the York Senior Club, again meeting at 10am. A few days later on Sunday the 22nd we are off on a trip to Perth to see the Tivoli Variety Club, meeting at 9.30am at the bus shed. To end the month off we have our monthly meeting on the 25th.

This month we have no birthdays listed. I hope I have not missed anyone.

We would like to welcome Kerryanne to the club and hope she feels at home with us.

TOODYAY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY INC

is seeking **EXPRESSIONS of INTEREST** from local **Community Groups, Community Organisations, Businesses or Individuals** for completion of the following tasks related to the Annual Agricultural Show to be held on

SATURDAY 13th OCTOBER 2012

Monetary remuneration for services provided will be donated to the groups or persons undertaking any of the activities listed below. Duty statements are available from the TAS Secretary on 9574 2465.

- Cleaning of Exhibition Hall/Lee Steere Pavilion, prior to Monday October 8 2012
- Assisting with preparation/set up of facilities/equipment on Friday October 12, 8am start and dismantling of facilities Sunday October 14, 7am start.
- Grounds Caretakers, 10pm to 6am Friday October 12 and Saturday October 13.
- Organisation/operation of the bar, SEPARATE TENDER DOCUMENT WILL BE ADVERTISED IN HERALD
- Organisation/manning of the gates, Saturday October 13, 6am to 4.30pm.
- Operation of Youth Hall Kitchen (light snacks only), Saturday October 13.
- Operation of the Tearooms - Saturday, October 13 and/or Sunday October 14.
- Cleaning of grounds Sunday October 14, from 7am.
- Cleaning of oval Sunday October 14 after 4pm (conclusion of Equestrian Events)
- External parking - Toodyay/Connor/Jubilee Streets, Saturday October 13, from 7am
- Pick up and set up of equipment for Equestrian Arena Friday October 12. Dismantling and return of equipment. Removal of horse manure outside arena, Sunday October 14, after 4pm.
- Gate Traffic Management Saturday October 13, 4.30pm to 8pm

All interested groups/organizations/businesses or individuals are requested to submit their **EXPRESSIONS of INTEREST** in **WRITING** for any of the above tasks, including the proposed donation required. Please note, the lowest donation requested may not necessarily be accepted.

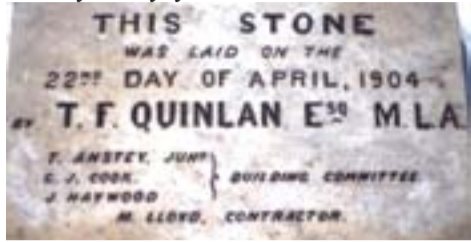
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All correspondence to : The Secretary, Toodyay Agricultural Society Inc, PO Box 362, Toodyay WA 6566

Toodyay Historical Society

Beth Frayne
Secretary

NUNYLE Agricultural Hall memorial stone installation, Nunile, Sunday, 11 March 2012. This was a very successful event, held in the beautiful twilight of a hot summer's afternoon, in a very picturesque part of country Toodyay.



The memorial stone of the little brick and iron hall was originally unveiled by Timothy Quinlan MLA on 22 April 1904, accompanied by luncheon, speeches and sports on the site. The hall was well used by the local community, but time took its toll, and the building was condemned by the Government in 1947.

The Hall lives on as the bricks, timber and iron were used to build the Sanctuary of St. Stephen's Church in 1947-1948. The re-installed stone was unveiled by member Mrs. Ray Paynter, on whose land the hall site is now located. Many thanks to all who attended including some of the Nunile locals. Thank you to the 175th Anniversary Committee and the Shire of Toodyay for providing the funds to encapsulate the stone. Watch out for the full story and more pictures in the next Duidgeana.

Clean-Up Australia participation, Julimar Road, Toodyay, Saturday, 31 March 2012.

The early morning event (7am-9am) was a joint venture with the Toodyay Naturalists' Club and Toodyay Friends of the River. We met at Sandspring Road and scoured the sides of Julimar Road, collecting heaps of rubbish. We enjoyed a scrumptious morning tea afterwards.

WA Heritage Awards, 2012. Well, we have just been informed that we are a FINALIST in the Community Organisation category of the Heritage Awards, presented by the Heritage Council of Western Australia.

Many thanks to Moss Wilson and the Shire of Toodyay for nominating THS. The Shire also nominated our Vice-president,

Robyn Taylor, for the Heritage Industry (Professionals) category. Congratulations to Robyn for again being a finalist (THS nominated her last year). We wish her and us all the best, of course.

Toodyay people won several awards last year. This sort of exposure all helps Toodyay to continue to be a great place to live, work and visit. The awards presentation will be held on Tuesday 17 April in the Government House Ballroom.

John Forrest in Gaol! Shire Curator, Moss Wilson, tells me that a new exhibition will open next week at the Newcastle Gaol. The subject is the larger than life WA explorer and politician, Sir John Forrest.

Moss has some marvellous material on loan from the WA Museum (I have had a sneak preview) and image copies from the Forrest family collection. So please have a look over the next two months.

Notice: Annual General Meeting: Sunday, 8 April, 2pm, CWA Hall, Stirling Tce, Toodyay; followed by afternoon tea and a Public lecture (see below). We ask members to make a special effort to attend this year, even though it is Easter Sunday as we really want to pass our Special Resolution regarding our proposed revised Constitution (members all have copies). A lot of effort has gone into getting the new Constitution to this point. You should see the number of drafts in the files!

Next interesting event: public lecture, Sunday, 8 April 2012, 3pm, CWA Hall, Toodyay: Researching the Toodyay Convict Depot. THS member and author, Alison Cromb, will present a fascinating lecture and PowerPoint presentation. All welcome. THS members are asked to bring a plate for afternoon tea. All welcome.

Next general meeting: Wednesday, 18 April 2012, 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's Radio Station

Naomi Millett

TOODYAY'S radio station, Jukebox Radio, 105.3FM, has now been successfully running for several months.

Manager, Steve Bannister, currently runs the station from home but plans to develop the station in 2012. The biggest change, he says, will be moving into new premises: the red brick former passenger terminal at the old works site. Although regrettably a little far out from Toodyay's main drag, this venue is perfect for a station. It contains enough space to house a couple of studios, recording and administration facilities and even an area for shared community use.

At present, Steve does most of the work from home assisted by Gale and Len Anderson.

"We have a committee, as every not-for-profit organisation, and we are all volunteers," Steve said.

"The day to day running of the station, though, is a one-man band which I thoroughly enjoy doing. As station manager and the person in charge of programming, the final decision is mine.

"All shows are automated at the moment, including the Breakfast Show, and local information broadcast is supplied by community groups and prerecorded. This is unlike other, more established stations that read announcements out on the fly.

"We don't actually need a lot of people yet, without a building, but that will change."

The technology used is cutting edge. Steve prerecords information off the internet and transfers it to software which is then transferred to a computer. This then remotely sends the information to the transmitter mast on the hill above town.

"We use professional software for our station playout, the sort used by many radio stations around the world. It takes a fair amount of configurations to set up programmes, what music should play in those programmes, which community service and sponsorship announcements should be played and when. Obviously, some of this will change when we move into the premises, as presenters will be involved."

Programming was decided at a public meeting held in Toodyay last year and, after conducting some surveys, Steve decided on the programme format. The station has a general license, which means something for

everybody. Its website is easy to navigate through, with shows including classic comedies, a huge range of music genres and even a facility whereby listeners can select and have their own choice of songs played. Other programmes include The Lounge, classic swing from the 1930s to today featuring international and Australian artists, and a drama hour showcasing full cast productions of famous books and plays.

"All our shows are listed on our schedule on the website, but sometimes niche shows can hinder a radio station as your audiences are relatively small," he said.

"We also have a country show, and indigenous affairs programme as well as a classical music show. Again, when we are in our premises, we intend to build a recording studio within the station and cater for many local musicians."

Steve Bannister has his fingers in many pies. He is also an active member of the P&C and, last year, with drama teacher Ms Pratt, organised a recording by local students of the play, *Six from Borneo*. "I took the equipment to school and the kids rerecorded the play from the old ABC original," he says. "It was a bit outdated in places so we updated it and added in some interviews of actual World War II survivors, people who lived through that time. The kids got a lot out of it, I think."

The play has been broadcast several times on the station, and was launched as a CD at the old Gaol Museum.

There are also audio history and music documentaries and, at 11.30pm each evening, the Book at Bedtime, when popular and classic novels (with emphasis on Australian content) are read over a number of weeks in part form.

Once the station is up and running, Steve explains that there will be more opportunity to develop specific programmes, presented in real time by locals. "That's about as far as we go at the moment, until we have the studios," he said.

"Unfortunately I can't yet give an estimate on when we will be in the new building, as this is dependent upon the shire which is providing funding for the renovation."

The station will continue to support Toodyay not-for-profit clubs and groups, offering them the chance to promote themselves on air with free advertisements. "Toodyay has so many community groups - more than twenty have expressed interest in broadcasting. At the moment the *Herald* is the only local voice they've got and that is only every month," he says. "With the radio they can have a voice every day."

The station's web address is jukeboxradio.com.au.

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AUTUMN CLUB

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AVON VALLEY ADULT RIDING CLUB

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AVON VALLEY ENVIRONMENTAL SOC.

3rd Friday of each month at Max Trenorden's Office, Entrance Northam Boulevard, 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 .

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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

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COUNTRY WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION (CWA)

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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.

FIRST STEPS PLAYGROUP INC

TOODYAY MONTESSORI
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Playgroup Room - Community Centre
Enquiries phone Felicity on 9574 4254.

FITNESS AND FUN FOR THE OVER 55's

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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

RAG BAGS QUILTING GROUP

1st, 3rd Wednesday, 10am CWA Hall

RSL TOODYAY SUB -BRANCH

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

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 CHAMBER OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY INC

Meets 1st Monday of the month at CWA Hall, Stirling Tce, starting at 6pm. Contact Jan 9574 4675 or 0438 373 861

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 KINDERGYM

Kindergym 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. Enq 9574 4462

TOODYAY MEN'S SHED

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

TOODYAY MOOONDYNE FESTIVAL (Inc)

Meets 2nd Monday of each month, 5.30pm, Toodyay Public Library. New members always welcome. Contact Jasmin 9574 4068 or email moondyncommittee@gmail.com

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

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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

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Annual General Meetings

Coondle Nunile Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade

THE Coondle Nunile Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade will hold its Annual General Meeting on Saturday, 14 April at the Coondle Shed, West Coondle Drive, immediately after the April monthly meeting beginning at 5pm. All welcome.

Julimar Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade

THE Julimar Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade will hold its Annual General Meeting on Saturday, 21 April at the Fireplace, behind the Julimar Fire Shed, Julimar Road, immediately after the April monthly meeting beginning at 5.30pm. All welcome.

Toodyay Historical Society Inc

The AGM of the Toodyay Historical Society Inc will be held at 2pm on Sunday 8 April 2012, at the CWA Hall, Stirling Terrace, Toodyay. Followed by afternoon tea (2.30pm) and a public lecture (3pm). All welcome.

Toodyay Family Physicians

Availability of Medical Records

IT has been arranged for Wheatbelt GP Network Division in Northam to store all medical records from Toodyay Family Physicians.

When you attend another doctor's surgery and wish to have your records forwarded to your new doctor, please ask your new doctor to contact the Wheatbelt GP Network Division to obtain the records. Doctors can fax a request to the GP Network on 9621 1532.

Easter Services

St John the Baptist Catholic Church, Stirling Terrace

ALL welcome to any or all!
Holy Thursday, 5 April Mass of the Lord's Supper 6pm
Good Friday Passion of the Lord 3pm
Easter Vigil 5.30pm
Easter Sunday (Friars' Mass) 10am

General

Public lecture

Researching the Toodyay Convict Depot. Author Alison Cromb will present a lecture and Powerpoint presentation 8 April 2012, in the CWA Hall, Stirling Tce, Toodyay; 2.30pm, afternoon tea; 3pm, lecture. Hosted by the Toodyay Historical Society. Gold coin donation. All welcome.

Market Day, Northam

ON Saturday 21 April 2012, the Northam Heritage Forum will be holding a Market Day at the Old Northam Railway Station, 425 Fitzgerald Street, Northam.

There will be a variety of stalls which will be selling their goods from 9am to approximately 2pm so come along and,

among other things, do your Mother's Day gift shopping.

Morning tea with homemade ANZAC biscuits and gingerbread biscuits, tea/coffee and bottles of water will be on sale. Tables and chairs are available on the platform so you can relax and take in the atmosphere of the old railway station. There will also be a 'sausage sizzle' on sale from 11am.

A raffle with a first prize of dinner for two, kindly donated by Patrick Gibbs of Fitzgerald's Hotel, Northam.

It is planned to have some military vehicles on display and, by purchasing your morning tea, you will also gain entry to the rooms and displays by the following groups: Northam Army Camp Heritage Association; Earth Solutions-Avon Valley; a model of the former Northam Railway Station; 10th Light Horse and Northam Historical Society.

For stallholders application forms or any general information please contact Hazel King on 0427 228 541 or hazelking1@bigpond.com.

Thank You

I WOULD just like to say thank you to all the individuals and community groups in Toodyay for their support and the really lovely things they have said to me about my father, Jim, since his passing.

Thank you all.

Jon Bavin

A VERY huge thank you to the Toodyay Race Club committee for the great thank you to sponsors and friends evening put on last Saturday 24 March. It was good to see such a great turnout for the event.

A lot of thought and planning had gone into making this evening a great success: great food, music, drinks, speeches and company.

We wish you all the best for this year's Toodyay race meeting.

Toodyay & Districts Community Bank

I WOULD just like to say thank you to some special folk who have helped me out over the last four weeks with your get well cards and Bendigo bank balloon (we know who you all are!) Your thoughts and get well wishes, passed on to me by my very good friend Kerrin at IGA, Margaret from Vic Hotel who went out of her way to drive me to Wongan Hills from Northam Hospital to see Dr Walkey (Margaret was on her way after coming to see me, to Perth) but made no hesitation to go out of her way again, wait and then drive me home - you're a treasure, Margaret. To my good friend Kerrin; you're the best. To Taryn, Claire, Rosie, Lynn and young Jess, your roster has been a little changed since I have been ill, but no complaints. I thank you all very much - good job girls, well done. It's great to work with a good crew of people.

All customers' enquiries about me asked through my good friend Kerrin have been passed on. Kerrin came every day to see me for an update to pass on to you all (I like having my very own little secretary), so thank you all for caring. Dale Sutton, you're a wonderful lady. Thank you for your prayers. To all other staff at IGA, if your roster had been changed a little because



Community Bank turns Twelve!

We would like to thank everyone for coming along to help us celebrate our 12th Birthday! We have achieved a lot in 12 years! To date we have donated over \$450,000 back into our local community.

To celebrate, cake was shared by all and Piggy even dropped in to say hello. A special mention to the Toodyay Bakery for baking such a beautiful cake. Needless to say there were no leftovers!

of me, thank you so much for filling it out. Young Jodie, for driving me to Wongan Hills to see Dr Walkey, thank you (I felt like royalty folks being driven everywhere.) For all the flowers, thank you all.

My family, thank you. Poor ole Joey did all the cooking etc and his cooking is really good, so I think he now should have the job, seven days a week. Thank you to my children, Darcey, Laura, Ben and Maddie. To the Staff at Northam Hospital, thank you. And last but certainly not least, my bosses, Dean and Amanda. I am extremely privileged to have you both as my employers. I have worked for quite a lot of folk, but none have earned my respect more than you two, so thank you both for helping me out with my latest hiccup.

To Dr Walkey, thank you very much in more ways than one. Wongan Hills, you are truly blessed to have this man, Toodyay misses him heaps and Sean, just 'cause I love you.

If I have forgotten anyone, I am sorry, but to all that have helped me one way or another, thank you. We have a good crew at IGA, and very thoughtful customers.

THANK YOU

Lea Jenkins

Birthdays

To My Darling
Happy Birthday
Luv Ya
Xxxxx

Rob Welburn
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Raelene Fleay
Damien Higgins
Murray Hasson
Julia Robinson
Eryn Louise Evans
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Steve Cullen
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Janine Evans
Evelyn Eddy
Mary Bendtsen

Anniversaries

Michelle & Les Sloper
Jim & Serina Watson
Teresa & Tim Watson

In Memoriam

Atkinson, Joyce Mary

24.11.18 - 23.03.12

Our beautiful Nan and Great Nan passed away peacefully at 93yrs young. We will miss your many football conversations, your humour, your amazing memory, your kindness and love.

Love you to bits Joycie. Forever in our hearts.

Fiona, Darryl, Damian, Michael and Sarah

Atkinson, Joyce Mary

24.11.18 - 23.03.12

(formerly of Bindoon & Toodyay)
Died peacefully 23 March at the age of 93yrs.

Your wit and your spirit will be sorely missed.

Much loved Wife of Lionel (dec), Mother to Rosemary, Ken (dec), Ian, Bruce and Barry, Mother-In-Law to Gil (dec), Cheryl and Marissa, Nan and Great Nan to many.

EAST Douglas Keith

Douglas Keith East passed away 21 April 2011. I miss you dearly Dougie, it's been a lonely year since you closed your eyes to sleep for the last time. There is not a day goes by when you are not remembered. Life does go on, and memories remain in my heart for ever. Marie

Condolences

Arthur North

Sincere condolences to Arthur North on the tragic loss of his sister.

THE FACTORY

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out and about in toodyay

Maree Lewis

OVER the last couple of years, locals have seen the Oddfellows Arcade shopping facilities reinvent itself. Of course the biggest change was IGA moving to its new location, a move which created possibilities for other vendors. Roz Davidson, featured in *out and about* last August, moved **Antiques and Collectables** into the former newsagency and now has front street location. This has been a significant improvement, showcasing to better advantage the wonderful products on offer and certainly enhancing the appearance of our main street. **Bar-Bar-A-Black Sheep** now occupies the old Antiques and Collectables space. What an amazing transformation! I loved Barbara's old premises anyway and wondered if she would lose the charm it offered. Fear not, **Bar-Bar-A-Black Sheep** has maintained its attractiveness, offering even more knick-knacks, craft materials and hand-made accessories amongst other goods. What has become a major advantage of the move is the space now available for Barbara to conduct her workshops in crocheting and knitting. Sharing front window space with Roz is Dianne and Garry's **Herb and Vegetable Seedlings and Hydroponic Supplies**. The healthy display of plants featured in the window is testimony to just how successful growing hydroponics can be and the couple are more than happy to help with purchases, and welcome inquiries.

Many locals were especially happy to see the blank facade of the former IGA store transformed when **Moondynz Gallery** opened its doors for business. Interesting items began appearing in the shop's portico such as a couple of ancient looking kids' tricycles, which scarily hark back to my childhood, and a quaintly beaten up wheelbarrow. Clean white shelving displaying crockery and other knick-knacks all beckon the passerby to come explore Toodyay's newest antiques and collectables shop and gallery. Opening such a store is one of the items that Jackie Maxwell has ticked off her bucket list. "I always loved antiques and I always loved art," Jackie enthused and, with a background in retail, this seemed the way to fuse the two together. She set about refurbishing and redecorating the premises and painstakingly restoring the antiques and collectables (a work in progress of course) and has done a wonderful job of it.



One of Jackie's aims in setting up the merchandise is to avoid becoming 'junk' and to show the products to their best advantage. And indeed, **Moondynz Gallery** is creatively organised and leads a customer almost on a journey of discovery. Men, for instance, can head for the space set up as 'Moodyne's Humpy'. Before this, however, their attention is most likely to be drawn to the display of 1920s to 1940s model vehicles. Once at the 'Humpy', they can find wartime memorabilia, shipwright's items, swords and daggers, old cameras, and was it an old X-ray machine I saw and one of those early telecommunication devices?

Women, on the other hand, may be more inclined to head directly for 'Alice's Place', a space that features delicate china and kitchen and fine-dining artefacts. That's once they've stopped and admired the gorgeous antique furniture, adorned with settings of china, crystal and glassware. Then there's the pub memorabilia in the 'Bushman's Saloon' to distract you as you endeavour to make a bee-line for the 'General Store' or 'Bolitho's Barn and Stables', just like the other spaces, all adopting a theme of some sort.

The wonderful thing about exploring

Moondynz Gallery is that whilst a customer is treated to a museum type of experience, there's the added attraction that the items are there to be purchased. Luckily, that's the case in the gallery side of the business as well. Works from artists such as Paul Morgan, Naomi Grant, D Yunupingu and Alex Platt are available for purchase as are woodwork and metal sculptures by local artisans, Doug Caswell and Pierre Caponi.

At **Moondynz Gallery**, open every day except for Tuesdays and Wednesdays, you're sure to find something to buy that will delight you or that lucky someone.

Happily, the premises behind Moondynz Gallery in the courtyard were vacant for no time at all. There, you'll find **Velvet Crystal**, an appealing addition to the shopping experience in Toodyay. Elvi Soer quipped that she had "a crystal tree change" and moved her business from Subiaco Markets to Toodyay. Needless to say, the move makes life easier for the family who own a property just outside the town. Four of the occupants are goats, whose contribution to the family income is to supply milk for the soaps which Elvi makes herself and sells in the shop. "The soap is made free of chemicals and fragrance which makes it great for people with sensitive skin," explains Elvi. "Once tried, there's no looking back," she adds and she sells it at a very competitive price.



Elvi has an eye for the unusual and so a portion of her range is given to fossils and shells – for the likes of collectors, people looking for an ornamental display with a difference, and particularly kids, who have always been delighted and fascinated by these. It won't come as a surprise then to learn that a large part of the product range is devoted to gemstones and crystals. There's Mookarite from the Mookara Station and crystals, among them, ammonite with its glorious violet hues, to entice the buyer. To complement this rather spiritual, yet earthy side of the range, are books on new age thinking and tarot.

There are also beautifully hand-made raffia hats and crocheted beanies; and a selection of pure silk scarves, caftans and kimonos, proceeds of which support a women's co-op in Bali. But for all that's been mentioned, you can't go past the gorgeous range of gemstone jewellery and pearls. Elvi makes much of it herself and freely declares that she is "addicted to beading." The designs are truly exquisite, the colours tantalising. If for no other reason, pop into **Velvet Crystal** to admire. It's open Wednesday to Sunday and most public holidays.

Stay posted for the re-opening of the Courtyard markets. The group of shops in Oddfellows Arcade is ample reason for Toodyay locals to be happy to shop locally.

Mothers' Day
May 13

Arts Toodyay

Clive Eger

THE French have a word for it - actually three words: 'en plein air'. It means 'in the open air' and is used to describe the activity of painting outdoors. The Arts Toodyay group recently took advantage of the cooler weather and headed out to Mountain Park to do some 'en plein air' painting and enjoy the scenery.

Hoping to catch the early morning light, one member was hard at work by 7.30am and had done some lovely work by the time the rest of the group arrived for breakfast. Several plates of muffins and pancakes and numerous cups of coffee later, it was back to work. Eventually the day became too warm to stay outdoors and the pastels and paints were packed away but not before lots of good work had been done and lots of ideas developed for future paintings. The event may be repeated later in the year when the landscape has changed and there may be more use for green paint.

April is shaping up to be a busy month. On 14 April Marie-Louise Orr will hold a felting workshop at the clubrooms on Duke Street North starting at 9am. The deadline for registration is 6 April - more details from Marie-Louise on 9574 4698. On 21 April, Ruth Lawford will be having an Open Day at her home and studio at 121 Whitfield Road. All are invited to come along and browse Ruth's distinctive jewellery and other artworks on her shady verandah.

The Moodyne Festival is upon us and Arts Toodyay will feature an exhibition in the CWA hall on Sunday 6 May between 10am and 4pm. The title of the exhibition is 'Flaunt' and entries are welcomed from the community. Entry forms are available from the Library and from LJ Hooker and should be returned by 27 April. Works should be delivered to the hall between 2 and 3pm on Saturday 5 May. As usual an eclectic mixture of artworks will be on display and for sale so please make it part of your Moodyne Festival plans.

Preparations are well advanced for Arts Toodyay's exhibition at the Midland Junction Arts Centre between 24 and 31 May. The exhibition entitled '2J or not 2J' will be officially opened on Friday 24 May at 7pm by local artist, John Mitchinson. This is a

new venture for Arts Toodyay and much effort has gone into the preparations. The venue is a delightful old building and the exhibition promises to be a highlight of our year and a great opportunity to show the city slickers what Toodyay has to offer.

Other events are already planned for later in the year including the second annual Raku workshop and firing once the firebans are over and our traditional Vino exhibition at Coorinja winery in September. Arts Toodyay Inc is a group of arts enthusiasts from the Toodyay area who meet to share their expertise and promote their work in the Toodyay area. Members have diverse interests ranging from painting, creative textiles, jewellery and contemporary embroidery to photography, creative writing, pottery, printmaking and sculpture. New members are very welcome - Contact Bev on 9574 2898 or 0428 531 008 or come along to the monthly meeting held at the Old Police Station in Duke Street at 7pm on the first Tuesday of each month.



Plein air painting in the early morning light

Moodyne Festival
May 6



The Great Expectation – Prophecies Fulfilled

Baha'u'llah (The Glory of God) declared His mission in April 1863 in Baghdad whilst He and His family were being banished to Istanbul. From Istanbul, they were sent to Adrianople where they remained prisoners for about five years. At the instigation of the Iranian authorities, the Ottoman rulers of Turkey yet again banished Baha'u'llah and His family to the penal colony of Akka in Palestine (today's Israel). They arrived in Akka in August 1868. Baha'u'llah remained a prisoner in Akka to the end of His life in 1892. Baha'u'llah claimed that He was the Voice of God for this age. He further stated that His advent was the return and the second coming of Jesus Christ in the Glory of the Father to the Christians and the coming of the Lord of Hosts to the Jews.

One of the most revealing prophecies of the return of Christ is found in the opening verses of chapter 30 of Deuteronomy. This prophecy has been clearly fulfilled. Addressing the Jews, the Lord says: "And it shall come to pass, when all these things are come upon thee, the blessing and the curse, which I have set before thee, and thou shalt call them to mind among all the nations, whither the LORD thy God hath driven thee,That then the LORD thy God will turn thy captivity, and have compassion upon thee, and will return and gather thee from all the nations, whither the LORD thy God hath scattered thee."

Christians in general have given up on the return of Christ. We do not hear world leaders of Christianity speak about the Second Coming. Sadly, those Christian groups which still believe in and preach the return of Christ have become captives of the literal reading of prophecies and say and write things that cannot be taken seriously in this age of scientific enlightenment. As a result the Christians, except for a small number, have failed to recognise the returned Christ in the appearance of Baha'u'llah. Baha'is believe that the crises and the problems the world society is entangled in are not the signs of the nearness of the return of Christ but rather the consequence of ignoring the returned Christ and His teachings.

For info Email: info-toodyay@wa.bahai.org.au or call 9330 6999 or 9574 5610
Baha'i Library: (<http://reference.bahai.org/en/>)

When is a Contract Not a Contract?

Grant Scobie

"WELL look, I can tell you that the law is such that contracts aren't always required to be held to." So said Jack Criddle, a member of the Building Disputes Tribunal in proceedings between Gerhard Kirchner and T&R Homes Pty Ltd¹.

In 2005, Gerhardt (known as Peter) Kirchner bought his block of land in Coondle and decided to build.

He needed a residence quickly as Council had just decided that the old way of doing things, living in a shed until the house was built (sometimes for years), was no longer acceptable. So Peter opted for the new, transportable variety - up in weeks, rather than months and, also importantly, rather affordable.

The contract signed, Peter arranged for the site works to be done and looked forward to the footings going in and the house being delivered.

On completion, Peter was given the keys and inspected the work. He took along the contract, the plans that had been supplied as part of the contract and approved by the Shire of Toodyay and started to meticulously go through the process of checking everything. He soon found that not everything was as it should have been.

Many of the problems seemed to be superficial and were either easily fixed or could have been easily fixed. But there were a couple of serious inadequacies that led to the whole matter being taken to the Building Disputes Tribunal (Tribunal). The Tribunal is comprised of three members: a consumer representative, a member of the building profession and a Chairperson / Deputy Chairperson who is a legal practitioner. This should make for a fair and equitable process but, alas, it seems that it all comes down to a question of how well you can make yourself understood as a layperson compared to a company with legal representation.

Peter, with English as his second language, was unable on many occasions to get his point across and was often confused and overridden when trying to say something. Should he have applied for legal representation? Yes, maybe, but he was sure that logic and simply showing what was wrong was all there was to it. Added to that, there was the cost; Peter Kirchner was under the impression that he'd have to pay a lot of money, money which he did not have, to get that representation.

So, what was the nature of the serious inadequacies and why were they not fixed? The most important was the number of footings under the building. The plans showed 18, the builder provided 14. The plans said a maximum distance between the centres of the footings of 4000mm with a comment that 'centres may vary on site due to site conditions', the variance taking

place within the maximum distance, eg. less than 4000mm; the distance between footings was 4400mm. The plans said that, to level the building, packing of a specified type and size could be placed between the concrete floor slabs and the footing pads - to a maximum of 20mm; the packing is up to 100mm and not of the specified type and a much smaller surface area.

Then it's obvious; the Tribunal would say that Mr Kirchner was right and the contract should have been adhered to. Unfortunately, that is not the case and this is where the way things are said and/or written down can be twisted.

At the Tribunal, the words, 'centres may vary on site due to site conditions', were put forward by the builder's representative that that is exactly why the centres are 4400mm (actually, the builder claimed on 4200mm) apart: it said on the plans that they might vary. The builder supplied an engineer's report that said the building was 'structurally sound'. The Tribunal bought it, hook, line and sinker. The engineer stated, "Pushing the pads out to 4.2m is considered to be of no structural consequence and well within the capacity of the soil."² Although they're actually 4.4m (4400mm) apart the whole reason for the number of pads (footings) is to support the floor trusses which the manufacturer of the trusses recommended be no further apart than 3200mm. The result of the extra distance is that furniture in a room vibrates in response to a person walking across the room and care has to be exercised to avoid glassware on the surface of furniture vibrating and even falling to the floor.

The Tribunal was able to carefully avoid or be led away from the above by the words, '... of no structural consequence...' and found that there was no problem with the fact that the contract was ignored.

Peter Kirchner then went to the State Administrative Tribunal (SAT) where he argued his case. This time, however, he was able to gain the assistance of Ms Lewis from the Wheatbelt Legal Service.

Unfortunately, despite the legal expertise he had with him, the submission was based on the fact that the contract was not adhered to or was broken. The SAT, therefore, suggested that a broken contract was a matter for the court and that the case was not persuasive enough for the matter to be dealt with by the SAT.

Peter Kirchner's only recourse now is to go to the Supreme Court of WA. Can they decide that a contract is a contract and not subject to the 'expert' arguments as to the structural soundness of the building that the Tribunal thought more important than the contract itself?

¹ Transcript of proceedings: *Building Disputes Tribunal, Complaint No 17344/2*

² Ibid: *P7 Reasons for decision*

Toodyay Swimming Pool Action Committee

Carole Plackett
Chairperson

ANOTHER summer has come and gone and wasn't it hot? And still no swimming pool in Toodyay.

Our requests for funding from Regional Development Australia and Royalties for Regions have both been denied. We are now the only shire in Western Australia without a swimming pool.

The shire officers have committed to begin constructing a pool in the next financial year. Let our councillors and government representatives know that we need and want this facility. It seems the only way to achieve this aim is to continue to raise the issue.

I have been personally involved in pool committees in Toodyay for the past 20 years and am becoming tired and disappointed at the lack of progress. We have had plans, concept plans, feasibility studies, drawings, models, a site, engineers' reports on the site and the list goes on. However, we are no further advanced than 20 years ago when I first joined a swimming pool committee.

Toodyay community members, if you really want a pool, then make it your priority, let your representatives know and let's all work towards making it happen. If you are not interested in such a facility, then tell us and also tell us what to do with the funds in the Bendigo Bank that were raised to help build a pool.

Perhaps with our efforts, we can get together and build our own community swimming pool. Other communities have done so. We need a strong voice and commitment to achieve this for the children of Toodyay.

Toodyay Mens Shed Inside the Shed

The Scribe

HELLO Fellow Shedders.

Last month, I was away visiting family in Albany and was unable to write the column so I must thank Jeff for doing such a good job in my absence.

While I was in Albany I took time to visit their Shed and was made very welcome. The members were keen to hear how other Sheds operate and the problems they have had to overcome starting up. With the nearest shed over 200km away, they rely heavily on visitors and newsletters to find out what the rest of us are doing. Their 'Shed' is a pavilion at the show grounds with smoko area and barbecue all in the same room as the working machines, hardly conducive for conversation as I found out. Come time for the Agriculture Show all the machinery has to be packed into a 1.2m space along the end of the pavilion and what doesn't fit has to be taken away. The shed is closed for some three weeks over this period.

They too, struggled to get their Shire Council to recognise their need, so they approached the councillors individually and explained what Men's Sheds are about. To their consternation they found that the councillors had little or no idea at all as to how the Men's Shed operated, what their requirements were, or how they could contribute to the community.

The Shed committee identified some council land and has put it to council as being a suitable sight and, with the councillors now having a better understanding, they believe that this will be approved at the next Council Meeting.

Trevor, on the other hand, visited Esperance about the same time and came back with photos of their new big shed now up and running at full tilt.

Men's Sheds can be brick buildings attached to churches or community centres and, as is the case in the city, established in high density populated areas. They are as individual as the community that they are established in and, as its memberships needs are, in that community.

Unfortunately there has been some disquiet within the TMS committee as to finding a suitable site and we all hope this will be overcome with the passage of time and some common sense. Meanwhile we continue pursuing all avenues as directed by the membership. We have to consider what the future may bring us as we only get one opportunity to get it right. Once we have our piece of land, we can get a grant to build the

facility we want. We can add to it no doubt but, if it is poorly positioned to participate in the opportunities that are around now, and to make a connection with the community, it certainly won't be suitable in the years to come. We can't sell up and move, have no doubt that what we develop will revert to the Shire when the Men's Shed has had its day, should that ever happen, so much thought needs to be put into our position and how we want to operate today, tomorrow and the years to come.

Until next time, take care out there.

Inquiry's for The Men's Shed, ring Geoff on 9574 4568.

Healing in the Hills

A race to the bottom

Bob Adair

For the Toodyay Christian Fellowship

WE hear this statement often: "This is a race to the bottom." Well, we have not arrived there yet, but we are close. We have allowed our politicians to hijack morality and replace it with compromise, back flips and spin (deceptive statements). This new 'paradigm' has moved aside morality under the guise of human rights, class war (the haves against the have nots) and justice.

We abolished corporal punishment and espouse it as progressive and risk free. We do not wish to execute anyone who is innocent; that would be 'barbaric' but aborting a baby is OK! We even have a debate among academics that a new born with a disability should be euthanised.

In the near future, euthanasia will be debated in parliament. Of course legislation will make it perfectly safe; no barbarism here (ha-ha).

Meantime, back in the real world, the marriage laws state that, if you are under 18 years of age, you cannot get married under any circumstances but the government will pay you to live together. It is a matter of urgency with some that same sex marriage is debated in parliament while we disregard 99.9% of the rest of the human family who experience marriage as the unique province of a woman and man. But, as a nation, we will debate it as it contravenes a minority group their 'human rights', even if it denies every child their right to have a mother and father.

I know that the left wing intellectuals of this world tell us that we are a secular society despite the fact that historically secular societies have been a disastrous failure; all have become totalitarian with the resulting harmful effect to their people. North Korea and the USSR are good examples.

God has given His creation fundamentals of law: physics balanced by a moral law based on what is right rather than what is legislated by party-political philosophies.

Think of these questions raised as we race to the bottom.

If we disregarded the laws of physics e.g. gravity, combustion, motion, etc, we would without argument be in big trouble; human beings would not survive long.

Would we ever consider as a society that paedophilia could be regarded as normal?

We never thought homosexuality would be the normal 50 years ago. Is this one of the milestones in the race to the bottom or progressive action?

The sanctity of life in all but barbaric societies has always been regarded as a given.

Who will make up your Quality of Life panel when your relatives consider euthanising you?

Will we set aside the medical profession's Hippocratic Oath and compel them to take life rather than maintain life; this has happened in some countries.

Are we evolving into an animal lower than the ape? Perhaps not. In our race to the bottom, I think we are now rubbing shoulders with the amoeba - they are totally amoral (to have no moral values).

Are these arguments exclusively Christian? NO. Are they religious? YES, the major religions of the world generally hold to the moral laws of God. My question is, how many politicians do?

Then why do we allow politicians to legislate on moral issues? The answer is simple: because people get the government they deserve. A government's morality reflects society's morals. It is our standard we must raise not theirs. Where do we start?

Get back to a place where God's laws of morality and life values are taught. Even with all its faults the Christian church is not a bad place to begin. If nothing else, their handbook, the Bible, is fundamentally sound on moral values.

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Recipe Corner



Bolognese Sauce, Mince Pie, Shepherd's Pie and Savoury Mince

Desraé Clarke

AN idea that is simple and can be a real time-saver begins with cooking a large amount of good, fat-free mince (perhaps one and a half kilos) to make a basic mince sauce and then, dividing the mixture into four and with the addition of several different flavours and presentation, it results in four different, wonderfully simple meals! One with pasta, another for a pie, a third portion for a potato-topped dish and the fourth, by adding lots more vegies, a savoury mince. I like to use ramekins for individual serves and all these meals can be frozen.

Ingredients:

- 2-1/2 tablespoons olive oil
- 3 large onions, chopped
- 4 teaspoons dried garlic
- 2 kg fat-free mince
- Pinch of Italian herbs
- 280gm tomato paste
- 825gm tin of chopped tomatoes
- 4 beef cubes
- 1 cup boiling water
- 1 cup red wine
- 8 tablespoons chopped parsley (if it is available)

Method:

- 1) Chop the onions finely (slice the onion in half, slice the halves finely then chop the slices into very small pieces).
- 2) Place the chopped onions, garlic and oil into a large saucepan and cook gently until the onion appears clear. (Stir the mixture so as the onion will not catch on the bottom of the saucepan).
- 3) Add the mince, also constantly stirring, until it changes to a grey colour.
- 4) Soak the beef cubes in a cup of boiling water, stirring them till they dissolve, and add to the mince mixture.
- 5) Add the tomato paste, tomatoes, red wine, Italian herbs and parsley, still stirring the Bolognese. If the mixture is very thick a little more water can be added.
- 6) Allow to continue cooking on a VERY

low heat for several hours, stirring regularly to prevent the mixture from 'catching' on the bottom of the saucepan. If you have a 'slow cooker' the Bolognese can be left to gently cook.

Suggestions for a variety of mince dishes
The sauce can be used with pasta but it may need to be thickened to be used in a Mince Pie, Savoury Mince or in the Potato Topped Pie. Stir two or three tablespoons cornflour into ½ cup of cold water until it is beautifully smooth. **STIR IT BRISKLY INTO THE MINCE AND CONTINUE TO STIR TILL IT IS WELL MIXED** otherwise, there will be little lumps of unmixed cornflour.

A *Mince Pie* can be made by using a shortcrust pastry for the base. Spread the mince, to which a few peas can be added, over the base then add a puff pastry top. The puff pastry is square so lay a piece over the mince then fold the excess over the top of the pie – don't cut it off. Paint the top with either a beaten egg or a little milk. A pie with a pastry top must be cooked in a very hot oven of suggested 220° until the pastry is lovely and brown.

For a *Potato-topped Pie*, mash several large, well-cooked potatoes, then add seasoning, a tablespoon of butter or margarine and a little milk to make a lovely, smooth mixture. Add a few peas to the mince then place the mince in an oven-proof bowl or ramekin. Spread the potato over the mince, pattern it with a fork then paint with a small amount of melted butter and brown it in a hot oven.

For *Savoury Mince*, slice enough cabbage to fill two cups, chop a large carrot and several sticks of celery into tiny pieces and microwave all the vegetables on 'fresh vegetables'. Stir them into the mince together with a packet of Cream of Mushroom Soup or Chicken Noodle Soup; cook for about ten minutes, stirring constantly; serve with other vegetables, rice or pasta - delicious!

variety, Bannister.

Other department stories include an article on future grains markets, the use of new technology in the department's *MyCrop* online diagnostic service, articles about future biosecurity and sustainability challenges and details on the More Sheep initiative.

The department's *Ag in Focus* pages can be viewed online via its website www.agric.wa.gov.au by searching under 'publications'. Hard copies are also available from department offices and Kondinin Group.



Ag in Focus Looks to the Future

'THE future' is the theme of the autumn edition of industry leading agricultural magazine, *Ag in Focus WA*.

Published by Kondinin Group, the Department of Agriculture and Food contributes several stories each edition and is published four times a year to coincide with summer, autumn, winter and spring.

This edition leads with a feature on the department's *Agrifood 2025+: the future Way* initiative, which is encouraging stakeholders throughout the food production sector to start thinking about future commercial opportunities and obstacles.

There has been great feedback since the initiative was launched in February this year, which will contribute to the ongoing development of the department's Strategic Plan.

"Participants in the Western Australian agrifood sector have a great opportunity to take collective action to secure a strong position for the future," said department Director General Rob Delane. "Now is a good time to analyse the opportunities and generate discussion about what needs to be done to capture and capitalise on these opportunities – not just for the short-term but for future generations as well."

The cover story is a case study on Pingelly farmers Andrew Marshall and his father Ray about their hopes for the future with new oat

RSL Toodyay Sub-Branch

ANZAC Day and Sandakan Scholarship



Back l-r: Don Bates, Manager Toodyay Community Bank; John Pearce, Toodyay Lions Club; Gary Holland, President RSL Toodyay Sub-Branch; Dr Michael McGuinness, Dental Surgeon
Front: Councillor John Prater, Shire of Toodyay; Ina Prior, President Toodyay Op Shop; Jessica Browne and Jabin Tucker (Jessica's Stepfather)

John Adams
Secretary/Treasurer

WE WOULD like to take this opportunity to remind everyone of our ANZAC Day arrangements – Wednesday 25 April.

The day will commence at 6am sharp with the Dawn Service at the ANZAC Park War Memorial.

The ANZAC Day march will form up outside the Toodyay Memorial Hall in Stirling Terrace from 10:30am. The march will step off at 10:45am and proceed to the ANZAC Park War Memorial. The main service will then commence at 11am.

We look forward to the community's support for this important day.

Sandakan Scholarship

We wish to thank our faithful sponsors who have again given their generous support to the Sandakan Scholarship project. This

year's scholarship winner, Jessica Browne, will participate in a two week tour of Borneo in April. Jessica will follow in the steps of our servicemen, who lost their lives during World War II. Of particular interest, is that four of these men were members of the Toodyay community. Reg Furguson and three Dorizzi brothers lost their lives in this area.

Our sponsors again this year are:

- Toodyay Op Shop
- Lions Club of Toodyay
- Shire of Toodyay
- Dr Michael McGuinness
- Toodyay Community Bank
- Hon Judi Moylan MP; and
- Hon Grant Woodhams MLA

Sincere thanks to these sponsors in providing this unique opportunity for the youth of Toodyay.

CWA member Celebrates 50 Years Service

COUNTRY Women's Association member, Win Truman, celebrated 50 years of service during March.

City of Swan Mayor, Charlie Zannino, said she was the first member of the branch, which was established in 1953, to reach this milestone.



Mrs Win Truman receiving a Swan Award from Swan Valley/Gidgegannup Ward Councillor, Darryl Trease

more impressive is that, of this 50 years of service, for about 25 of those years she has taken on the extra responsibilities and duties of holding the position of President, Treasurer or Secretary.

"When she left Gidgegannup and moved to the city, Win made the decision to travel back to the town each month, such were the strong friendships she had made during those years."

During the past 50 years, Mrs Truman has been involved in many CWA projects including catering for clearing sales and at the local show, teaching crafts to residents at a rehabilitation centre in Shenton Park and at a retirement home in Karrinyup.

In more recent years she has been part of a group teaching knitting at local schools and passing on her skills to a new generation.

"In the late 1970s, when she was Branch President, Mrs Truman organised a Debutante Ball in the local hall, providing a wonderful social occasion and a very special event for the young ladies of the region," Cr Trease said.

"When Chairperson of the Handcraft Division, she organised and hosted three, big, week-long exhibitions at Trinity Church in the centre of Perth.

"She also designed the banner for the Gidgegannup CWA that is still in use today.

"Win has always given of her time and her skills so freely and would put her hand up to help whenever anything needed to be done.

"She has always been there to help and it is my pleasure to acknowledge this wonderful woman's service with a Swan Award and a Certificate of Appreciation."



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Toodyay Agricultural Society

Pam Jackson
Committee Member

THE society is seeking Expressions of Interest from local community groups, community organisations, businesses or individuals for completion of various tasks related to the Annual Agricultural Show. Monetary remuneration for services provided will be donated to the groups or persons undertaking any of the tasks. For further details, look for the advertisement in this issue of the Herald or contact the TAS Secretary on 9574 2465.

We are also seeking Tenders for organisation/operation of the bar on show day. For full details please see the tender advertisement in this issue of the Herald.

New Section – home-made cheese.

Do you enjoy making cheese? If yes, you may be pleased to know that you will now be able to enter home-made cheese in the new Home Made Cheese section at the Toodyay Agricultural Show.

Flyer

We will once again advertise the show by way of a flyer, to be distributed in the local and broader community. To help cover the cost of printing and distributing the flyers, we are looking for sponsors. If you would like to make a donation towards the printing and distribution of the flyers, please contact Pam on 9574 2881 or post your donation to Pam Jackson at PO Box 58, Toodyay 6566. Your donation will be acknowledged on the flyers and will also be listed in the Show Schedule.

Advertisement in The Schedule

If you are interested in placing an advertisement in the Show Schedule, please contact the Secretary by mail to PO Box 362 Toodyay WA 6566 or email SecretaryTAS@bournet.com.au.

Stalls

If you are interested in being a stallholder at the show (to sell your produce, craft, etc), application requests can be made through the Secretary, by mail to PO Box 362 Toodyay WA 6566 or by emailing SecretaryTAS@bournet.com.au. Cost for the stalls varies, depending on the size: eg. 3m x 3m space is \$65. Other sizes available are 4 x 4 (\$65), 7 x 7 (\$70) and 9 x 9 (\$75). A discount is offered if more than one bay is booked.

Wood Raffle

The Society will be holding a wood raffle outside IGA on Saturday 28 April 2012. Please come along and purchase a ticket to support your Annual Show. Membership forms will also be available should you wish to become a member of the Toodyay Agricultural Society Inc. Put the date in your diary now.

Executive Positions – 2012

Brian McGill (Patron), Alison Wroth (President), Robert Millar (1st Vice President and Treasurer), John Mitchinson (2nd Vice President). Tracey Salmond will continue as Secretary until a new Secretary is elected.

We welcome Mark D'Alton, Wayne Fletcher and Melinda Lucas onto the committee.

We look forward to your support during 2012.

Pasture Seed Make Sure You Get What You Pay For

Dept Agriculture and Food

PASTURE growers seeking seed for the 2012 season have been warned to avoid disappointment by purchasing certified seed.

There have been recent reports of pasture seed being sold by unauthorised sellers, which is in breach of both the Seeds Act and the Plant Breeders Rights Act.

Department of Agriculture and Food senior researcher Brad Nutt said growers not only risked poor seed performance but the practise was unfair on the wider industry.

"Most new cultivars are subject to Plant Breeders Rights (PBR), where the proceeds from royalties are fed back into the development of new cultivars for the benefit of all growers," Mr Nutt said.

Varieties with a PBR logo may only be sold by authorised sellers. The department is monitoring sales of pasture seed in commercial forums and will be following up where it identifies cases of sales of its PBR varieties by persons without a license.

Dr Nutt said growers needed to make sure they got what they paid for.

He said growers risked poor germination and low plant numbers, as well as weeds if they purchased the wrong type of seed.

"Soft seeded varieties of French serradella, like Eliza and Cadiz, need to be managed quite differently to hard seeded varieties like Margurita and Erica," he said.

"Growers are well within their rights to ask the supplier for a seed analysis statement that describes the seed characteristics like purity and percent germination."

Growers have also been warned to be careful when purchasing pre-coated seed.

"For some cultivars if treated with rhizobial inoculum, the effectiveness of the inoculum can diminish if the time between seed coating and planting is too long, but this is often very difficult to identify," Dr Nutt said.

The department's AGWEST Plant Laboratories offers a seed analysis service, as well as other commercial providers, which provides confidence for both the buyer and the seller.

For more information about seed trading, the department's certified seed service or sample submission forms visit www.agric.wa.gov.au/agwestplantlabs.

Start Sharing Sports with your Pet

DR Mark Perissinotto suggests all pet owners start sharing a sport with their pet.

"Every opportunity to spend time with their owners is a fun experience for pets. Whether that is getting wet at the beach or going for a walk, the bond between pet and owner is strengthened by spending time together.

"That's why I suggest owners begin sharing a sport with their pet. Pets love to participate in activities with their owners, regardless of the nature of the game - even catching a wave in the surf," he said.

The holidays are here and many of us, our pets included, overindulge in treats over Easter. By making shared sport sessions routine, pets and owners alike can proactively ensure they stay fit over the yummy season.

"Owners who begin sharing a sport with their pet now could use the Easter break as a deadline for showcasing their pet's newfound skills, as they celebrate with family," Dr Perissinotto said. Exercise is a necessity for the good health of people and pets so Dr Mark recommends owners take advantage by exercising together to spend quality time with their furry best friend.

"Now that we're well into autumn, the moderate temperatures keep pets and owners comfortable when exercising and the risks of overheating or dehydrating, as faced in the summer months, are essentially eliminated," Dr Perissinotto said. "Having a companion may be the key motivating factor you need to take on a new activity. It's an opportune time to start a sport regime so get your pets involved," he said.

Ideas for getting active with your pet include playing fetch, frisbee, going for daily jogs or bike riding while your dog accompanies you on their lead. Or for those keen to try something unconventional; introduce your pet to water sports by first teaching them how to balance on a surf ski in calm water, such as a river. As you both gain confidence move on to small waves in the surf.

In Days Gone By

Ron E Waters

BACK in the olden days, stone was used a lot for building things on the farm, such as a house, sheds to store grain, stables for horses, tank stands, churches in the town and the country to name a few.

Lovely Toodyay stone was used a lot for footpaths and to face where ground was raised for a building.

However, handling stone can be a dangerous job, especially smashing stone with a 10 pound (4.55 kilo) sledge hammer, to use in concrete making. I had to do this once so I could concrete my verandah. As I hit the stone with the hammer, little bits would fly up and hit my legs or my face so I found I had to wear goggles for my face and good, working trousers for my legs. After a few days of breaking stones, I was quite sore.

When I read the article of Moondyne Joe's escape from Fremantle Gaol after being chained to a post in an outer prison yard and having to break stone with a 10 pound hammer all day every day, I know how he felt. If it was me in March of 1867, I would have made a hole in the wall with that same hammer and escaped, too.

There were no 'work safe' rules in those days so I'll bet Joe didn't have goggles to protect his face and eyes nor good trousers for his legs.

Nowadays stone has become a major part of our lives with rock crushed every day for our roads and for concrete that we build our huge buildings with. There's blue metal and coarse gravel for our toilet drains and we use blue metal as ballast on our railway lines. We cut and polish beautiful stones just to admire.

I bet Moondyne Joe didn't know all the things that stone could be used for as he swung that hammer and broke all that rock in Fremantle prison years ago.

TOODYAY JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

TRAINING

All ages have started pre season training except AUSA KICK.

Training is currently on Tuesdays for all age groups; 13s and 16s teams also train on Thursdays.

9s and 11s train with Wayne Outen from 4pm to 5pm, 13s with Lee Mawer from 4.30pm to 5.30pm.

16s with Murray McBride from 4.30 to 6.00pm.

Please remember everyone needs to register. Registration forms as well as club merchandise are available at training.

Grab your socks and shorts from the club, all sizes available. Boys, please do not wear your school uniforms to training. 16s require sneakers as well as football boots.

We have also set up a new facebook page which we would like parents to join or, alternatively an email/sms database will be set up to do mass mailouts if required.

The new club email address is toodyayjuniorfootball@hotmail.com It will help to keep everyone in touch with what is happening throughout the season.

Hope to see everyone at training.

Any queries please contact:

Secretary Michelle Haycock

0439 754 144

Toodyay Miniature Railway

June Eastwood

THE big, important news for our railway is the erection of our long awaited locomotive shed.

With its green walls and cream roof, it blends in amongst the gums, though it will eventually become completely invisible from the road as it is intended to plant a grove of kurrajong trees in keeping with the old Toodyay look being implemented round the town.

A sharp sighted president noted kurrajong seedlings and, digging them up, replanted into large pots. Graham has been amazed at their rate of growth and come winter they will move to their permanent home.

There is still a lot of planning and work before our engines are installed into their

new home. Meanwhile, the railway will open its 2012 season on Easter Saturday, continuing Easter Sunday and Monday and Wednesday in the school holidays. 11am to 3pm; Children \$2, adults \$3.

Benny, our guard dog, was the recipient of two lovely new scarves with a big letter B which he proudly sports. However the problem is he wants to say, "Woof Woof," (human translation – thank you) but he does not know who to say thank you to!

The scarves were handed through two or three people to reach him and the last person could not remember the name of his benefactor. So, whoever the clever seamstress is, please make yourself known and take a ride round with Benny. I am sure he will even let you ride in the little red caboose.

Autumn Club

Autumn Leaf

WE started the year off with a visit to the Northam Senior Club on 13 March with a game of indoor bowls and a good time was had by all who attended.

In April we start off with a visit from the Goomalling Seniors Club on Wednesday 11 April, meeting at 10am at the club rooms. Then, on Wednesday 18 April, we have a visit from the York Senior Club, again meeting at 10am. A few days later on Sunday the 22nd we are off on a trip to Perth to see the Tivoli Variety Club, meeting at 9.30am at the bus shed. To end the month off we have our monthly meeting on the 25th.

This month we have no birthdays listed. I hope I have not missed anyone.

We would like to welcome Kerryanne to the club and hope she feels at home with us.

Find Lung Cancer Early

DID you know that lung cancer is the fourth most common cancer in men and women in Western Australia? In 2009, 583 men and 393 women were diagnosed with lung cancer.

Finding lung cancer early is important to increase the chance of survival. Many people aren't aware of the signs and symptoms of lung cancer or they might be experiencing symptoms but don't act early enough, such as going to the doctor.

The earlier lung cancer is found the greater the chance of successful treatment.

The symptoms of lung cancer can include:

- Coughing up blood
- A cough that lasts for four weeks, or a worsening or changing of a long-standing cough
- Repeated chest infections
- Becoming more short of breath, tired or lacking energy
- Unexplained weight loss
- Persistent (long lasting) chest or shoulder pain

Knowing what is normal for you and your body is important as it will be easier to notice when something is different.

Go and see your doctor if you have had any of these symptoms for more than four weeks – they would rather see you earlier than later so don't put it off.

Check out www.findcancerearly.com.au for more information about cancer signs and symptoms, what to do, telling your doctor and why early detection is important.

If you would like to order campaign materials (DVDs, posters or flyers) to promote the Find Cancer Early message in your community, please contact us.

Find Cancer Early is an initiative of The University of Western Australia and Cancer Council WA investigating ways to improve cancer outcomes for people in regional Western Australia.



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Toodyay Chiropractic Centre

7 Henry Street West
(Behind Old Newcastle Hospital)

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Mon: 4pm - 6pm

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Toodyay's Moondyne Festival

Sunday 6th May

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Step back in time and experience the 28th Annual Moondyne Festival in Toodyay.

Join in the fun with **Moondyne Joe** as he runs through town, robbing shops, escaping custody and reeking havoc!

There will be 'Joe's gang', coppers, floozies, swaggies and a town crier.

A moustache and cleavage competition. Plus 1860's regiment, wood chop, blacksmith, wood turning and craft demonstrations.

Art exhibition, antique collectors fair, car club display, free family fun, circus and town fair.

Everyone is invited to dress in pioneer costume!

www.moodynefestival.com.au

All activities take place within the Toodyay townsite and run all day from 9am

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Festival Activities

Roaming the Main Street

- Town Crier – keeping you all informed of events throughout the day, thanks to sound system installed by PSI Audio
- Morris Dancers – English folk dance from the Cotswold Hill of England
- Organ Grinder
- Sherlock Holmes Society of WA – dressed in period costume of the Victoria Era
- Moondyne Joe & his Gang, Floozies, Coppers, Swaggies, Temperance Ladies, the Lord Mayoress & Lord Mayor of Toodyay & more
- Escaped Convict, stop and have a chat to him and listen to his story

In the Main Street

- Master of Ceremonies – Stage MC announcements all day, thanks to sound system installed by PSI Audio
- Antique and Collectors Fair in Memorial Hall
- Arts Toodyay Exhibition– CWA Hall – starts 10am
- Blacksmith at Old Post Office building demonstration, sponsored by McIntosh & Son
- Bush Yarns at Moondyn'z Gallery
- Car & Motorcycle Display – Perth end of Street
- Miniature Road Train Rides on "Lil Louie" Perth end of Street
- Shenanigan Sisters – Old Post Office building music duo playing the saw keyboard & fiddle
- Swaggie Camp – next to Victoria Hotel Swaggie Stew and Damper samples
- Toodyay Woodturners - near Memorial Hall demonstration & items for sale
- Toodyay Spinners - near Moondyn'z Gallery

In Stirling Park

- Blade Shearing- starts 10am
- Family Fun Day – starts 10am Old Time Children's Activities
- Progressive Axeman's Association - starts 10.30am Log chop Demonstration
- Toodyay Garden Club - Scarecrow Display Church grounds
- WA Circus School - 11am to 1pm & 2pm to 4pm Learn how to juggle, hula hoop & use the diabolo an ancient Chinese cone and string, sponsored by Deepdale Farm
- West Coast Carnivals - Side Show Rides, dodgem cars etc.

In Duidgee Park

- Baby Farm Yard Animals
- Miniature Railway - 11am to 3pm
- Face Painter
- Pony Rides

Visitor Centre

- Clydesdale Cart Ride – starts at 9am then hourly – starts at Visitors Centre to Old Gaol Museum, with Museum guide Museum \$3 entry fee
- Connors Mill – access through Visitors Centre
- Old Gaol Museum – across Railway Line in Clinton St or take the Clydesdale Cart from the Visitors Centre

Worthy of mention

- Wonderful display by the 10th Light Horse and the Toodyay Historical Society's Photo display – 175 years at Toodyay
- Exhibition of old hand tools by the Hand Tool Preservation Society of WA, Restored tractor and farm machinery as well as bygone household items by TRACMACH
- WA Historical Cycle Club - display and ride vintage and old bicycles

It is only one month to go before we celebrate the next Moondyne Festival.

The Moondyne Festival brings Moondyne Joe and his various escapades back to life. Joe and his gang will once again run riot throughout the town of Toodyay holding up various businesses and anyone else in their path. You will see them cosy up with the floozies and defy the ever present hassling temperance ladies whilst trying to evade the local constabulary who are intent to lock him up and throw away the key.

The Moondyne Festival is a wonderful display of life during the pioneer years. Everyone attending including stall holders, local businesses, artists and visitors are cordially invited to dress in period costume for the day and truly get into the spirit of Moondyne.

The Moondyne committee would like to invite all local Arts & Crafts enthusiast to join in this annual celebration by exhibiting and demonstrating their artistic wares.

We are also looking for volunteers who could donate some time on the day. Together we can make Moondyne Festival 2012 bigger better and more enjoyable than ever. Please call into the Library for further details or telephone 9574 2323.

2012 Programme To enquire visit information booth near stage or ask the Town Crier

Time	Event	Location	Time	Event	Location
9.00	Festival Commences		12.00	Irish Dancing	Makit Hardware
9.30	Moondyne Joe & Gang - appear in street	watch out for them!	12.15	Robbery by Moondyne Joe & Gang	Wendouree Tea Rooms street
10.00	Bush Poet	front of stage	1.00	Rifle & Artillery Regiment 1860	Makit Hardware
10.00	Blade shearing - (Continues throughout the day)	Stirling Park	1.15	Irish Dancers	Freemasons Hotel
10.30	Opening Parade –including Rifle & Artillery Regiment 1860 & Kalamunda Pipe Band	starts Perth end of street	1.30	Moustache Competition - Prize Awarded	Freemasons Hotel
10.50	Capture of Moondyne Joe	during parade	1.45	Balcony Scene and Capture of Moondyne Joe	Freemasons Hotel
11.00	Official Opening	stage	2.00	Moondyne Joe's – Second Trial	Sommerville Gallery
	Speeches -		2.15	Highland Dancers	Stirling Park
	Welcome to Country		2.30	IGA Minty Man - catch him if you can	front of stage
	Toodyay Shire President		2.30	Toodyay Community Singers	stage
	Toodyay Australian Citizen of the Year		2.45	Survey Winner Announced	Victoria Hotel
11.20	Moondyne Joe's – First Trial	stage	3.00	Cleavage Competition – Prize Awarded	
11.45	Highland Dancers	Sommerville Gallery	3.15	Car & Motorcycle Parade	
			4.00	Close of Festival	