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Local Girl Wins \$11,000 Scholarship

Kim Angus

COONDLE-NUNILE Volunteer Bushfire Brigade Lieutenant, Samantha Salmond, has been successful in obtaining a half fee scholarship to undertake the Advanced Leadership Program 2012 course offered by the Australian School of Applied Management. This scholarship offered by Women & Leadership Australia aims to support the rapid advancement of high potential female leaders.

The scholarship was competitively granted, with the National Scholarship Committee recognising that Samantha showed leadership capability above her years. Her

location (not metropolitan), volunteer activities and positive attitude also spoke well for her.

Of course, Sam winning this scholarship has created a problem: raising the other \$11,000. The Shire, the CWA and the Toodyay Op Shop have all promised to make a contribution but further benefactors would be appreciated.

Helping to equip the youth of the shire to be our future leaders is a worthwhile enterprise. Samantha is already studying Economics and Finance at Murdoch and working to fund that course. In gaining the scholarship Samantha has shown she has what it takes, so hopefully this can happen for her.

this month



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Collier Must Explain Code of Silence for Payments to Toodyay Victims

Shadow Minister for Emergency Services; Bushfire Response; Electoral Affairs; Seniors and Volunteering

ENERGY Minister, Peter Collier, must explain why details of Western Power payments to a group of people who lost their homes in the Toodyay bushfires will be kept secret, Shadow Emergency Services Minister Margaret Quirk said today, 30 July 2012.

Ms Quirk said media reports suggested some Toodyay fire victims had been successful in negotiating a settlement offer from Western Power, but the details of payments had been placed under a confidentiality agreement.

"Western Australian taxpayers and Toodyay fire victims have a right to know the circumstances under which Western Power offered payments to up to 10 people involved in a class action," she said. "Many Toodyay homeowners that were not part of

the settlement are still seeking compensation from Western Power and it's important they are able to view the conditions that allowed some to be offered payments.

"Mr Collier must explain why a confidentiality agreement was placed on those involved in the settlements and if it occurred under his instruction."

Ms Quirk said it made no sense that Western Power had reportedly offered payments to a small group of victims, while maintaining it was not responsible for the fires.

"There may be many more whose homes were destroyed that could be eligible for similar settlements," she said. "The process of litigation will continue to cause enormous financial and emotional trauma to those wishing to proceed, and it's important they have access to information surrounding any successful settlements."

"Mr Collier must explain Western Power's confidentiality clause and ensure taxpayers can apply appropriate scrutiny to any payments made in their behalf."

Toodyay A Poem

Ron E Waters

There were everlastings in all Toodyay hills when I was a boy at school. Those days you could swim in the river in very nice clean pools. There were huge gum trees in the river until they knocked them down And there were huge gum trees up our street the length of town. The Avon River takes all the surplus water from Toodyay to the Swan. It's a good river for the boat race in the winter when the current is very strong.

The young trees and the large hills along our river are a beautiful sight And to hear the frogs call out in our river from sundown to daylight. The river has lots of birds, animals, fish, gilgies and all kinds of frogs Also lizards snakes insects and worms on the banks under the logs. Toodyay is a nice place to call home. It gets a nice lot of rain and has very good loam. I haven't found a place as nice as Toodyay And that's where I'll spend the last of my days.

Toodyay Herald Office Hours

Grant Scobie

Due to circumstances beyond our control, the office hours of *The Toodyay Herald* throughout August and September may be intermittent.

We shall try to open the office as usual on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 8.30am til 12.30pm but it is not guaranteed.

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Shire's New Faces and Farewells



New Shire CEO, Stan Smith

for managing programmes for Employment Creation, Vocational Education and Training, Migrant Settlement, Adult Literacy and Aboriginal Employment. On leaving the Federal Government he furthered his management qualification while continuing to work in the community human services sector.

The move to Toodyay gives Stan and his wife, Laurel, a chance to spend more time with their adult children who live in Perth.

The other new face is Les Vidovich, our new Manager of Works and Services who comes to us from the Shire of Collie. Les has been in Local Government for a total of 24 years having also previously worked at the Shire of Broome and City of Cockburn. Through his studies Les has gained a Diploma of Engineering and a Diploma of Project Management. Les has come with his wife Lisa and three teenagers who are currently residing in Connor's Cottage.

Les's arrival is, of course, the result of Ashley Grundy's retirement. Ashley has served the Shire for 35 years and lived here

Kim Angus

THE long-awaited arrival of the Shire's new Chief Executive Officer has occurred amid a flurry of change. Mr Stan Scott joined us on Monday 23 July, the same day that Mr Les Vidovich joined us as the new Manager of Works and Services following Ashley Grundy's retirement (he doesn't get a 'Mr' as we all know him too well.)

Mr Stan Scott comes to us from the Shire of Perenjori, where he had been the CEO for the past seven years. His time in Perenjori saw the emergence of the iron ore industry in the midwest and the renewal of most of the Shire's recreation assets. Prior to that Stan had a further three years in Local Government as a Chief Executive Officer.

Stan's background includes 18 years working for the Commonwealth Government, responsible at different times



Retiring: Ashley Grundy

even longer. There is a wealth of knowledge in Ash's head and, until they invent a mind reading machine that can extract it all en masse, Les is going to be at something of a disadvantage as far as local knowledge is concerned.

Ashley's farewell was, of course, well attended. After 35 years there aren't many people who don't recognise Ash's smiling face and who had often been glad to see it. I am sure that both the Shire and Ashley's golfing opponents will look at his retirement with a certain sadness though for possibly very different reasons!

So change is under way and it is up to us all to welcome the new, farewell the old (even if he isn't really going anywhere apart from spending more time doing what he wants to do) and hope that, with time, the new faces become old friends.



Les Vidovich, Manager, Works and Services

Arts Toodyay

Clive Eger

ARTS Toodyay members were busy during July with their raku pots being glazed and fired to everyone's great satisfaction. The raku workshop series has been sponsored by the Shire of Toodyay. The assistance of the shire was also evident in the delivery of an excellent set of timber plinths for the display of our work at exhibitions. The plinths were manufactured by the guys at the Men's Shed and funded from a Shire of Toodyay grant.

The next workshop will be something very different – Bev Bush and Jane Martin will be running a two day fibre and fabric assemblage workshop on 11 and 12 August. The first day's activities will include the exploration of dyeing techniques and, on the second day, participants will use the sewing machine and dissolvables to create a 3D fabric piece which can become a cushion, handbag or wall hanging. The workshop will be held at the Arts Toodyay meeting rooms in the Old Police Station on Duke Street North from 9.30 – 3pm on both days. The cost is \$85 plus \$35 for a kit of materials. Enrolments close on 4 August but places may still be available if you contact Bev on 0428 531 008 or email bevbush@westnet.com.au.

Arts Toodyay's Annual General Meeting is to be held on 4 September at 8pm in the club room in the Old Police Station on Duke Street North. All members must be financial in order to vote at the AGM and annual fees are now due for payment. And don't forget to consider nominating for a position on the committee!

At the recent meeting, it was decided to change the time of our regular meetings from 7pm to 8pm on the first Tuesday of each month – please note this change.

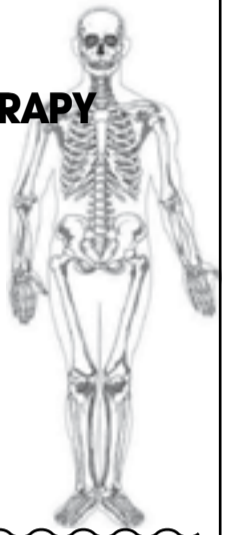
At the end of September we will be having our annual 'Vino' group exhibition at Coorinja Winery over the long weekend with the official opening on the evening of Friday 28 September and the exhibition running all weekend from 10am – 5pm daily. Look out for the posters around town! Members and non-members of Arts Toodyay are welcome to enter exhibits in the exhibition and entry forms will be available from LJ Hooker's

office from 31 August or by email upon request from drumree99@gmail.com. The closing date for the submission of entry forms is 21 September and forms should be submitted to LJ Hookers or to Arts Toodyay, PO Box 801, Toodyay.

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 creative writing, pottery, printmaking and sculpture.

New members are very welcome – contact Bev on 9574 2898 / 0428 531 008 or come along to the monthly meeting held at the Old Police Station in Duke Street at 8pm on the first Tuesday of each month.

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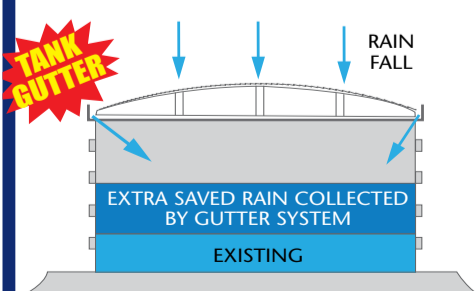
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Thank you

I LEFT MY purse outside IGA when putting up posters. A wonderful person named Adele found it and left it at the doorstep of my past home.

I would like to thank Adele, who did not leave her full name or phone number, for the honesty and the effort she went to in returning my purse. I would like to invite you for a coffee, Adele.

Ring me please on 9574 2020.

Regards

Liz Hughes

IT SEEMS LIKE I'm always writing a letter to thank someone these days but I think it's important to recognise and acknowledge kindness in this increasingly harsh, 'whatever' world.

There are so many good people out here in Toodyay.

On Thursday 12 July, a man stopped to help me reverse my trailer at the tip, then helped me empty a huge load of green waste. Thank you, whoever you are.

Earlier that same week, as I left IGA, ten dollars dropped out of my pocket. Another kind person was passing; she called out to me and handed it back.

I came home to find that my overgrown verge had been mown. Thank you to my dear neighbour, Karl Walsh.

Thank you, mystery caller, for leaving a new baking dish (I broke the old one) on my front steps, and thank you to Mitch for cutting me a trailer load of wood.

Lastly, many thanks again Michelle for the chainsaw, the leg of lamb, the skin ointment and, above all, the listening ear.

It is so heartening to live in a community where everyone looks out for each other. What a valuable asset!

Naomi Millet

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE business owners who created the marvellous, eye-catching window displays in the IGA building.

These types of promotions should be taking pride of place in our town and supported by facilities such as a functional information bay. Well-promoted local businesses are as much about viability as they are about

providing a service to visitors.

After many years of campaigning by community members it is heartening to see a small signboard under construction at the old information bay.

Now, with the recent formation of a Tidy Towns Committee, perhaps there is renewed hope our town can see improvements in signage, visitor information, picnic areas, litter control etc. that will bring us to a level approaching that of other towns in our region.

Greg Warburton

I AM TRYING to locate relatives of William MATTHEWS (my Great Grandfather) who was born Sept 1863 and died 28/5/1939.

William married Caroline Amelia (Mary) WATERS born 8/5/1865, died 1/9/1914. My research reveals they had six children, William Thomas (my Grandfather) was born 10/6/1890 and buried in Melbourne 11/9/1959, Herbert Edward born about 1892, James born about 1893, Ethel Mary born about 1894, Margaret Cathleen born about 1898 and Ada Gertrude born about 1901. All were residents of TOODYAY, I believe.

William Thomas Matthews married Margaret May Rusden in Melbourne 11/4/1916. Margaret was born 17/10/1892 in Ulverstone TAS. She died 17/12/1943 and is buried in Ararat Vic. William and Margaret had a daughter, Gertrude (hereinafter called Gert) May Matthews (b 2/1/1917 d 3/9/1989, buried Ararat Vic.). She was an only child. Gert married my father Sydney Walter SMART (B 8/3/1912 D 3/8/1996) in Ararat Vic. on 24/12/1938.

During her lifetime, my Mother didn't very often refer to any of her relatives or those of her father. My Grandfather was unfortunately a great supporter of the local hotel in Port Melbourne where he worked as a stevedore on the wharves.

If any of your readers are descendants of any of those I have named, I would very much appreciate their communication. My details are:

Eddie Smart 10 Queen St. HAMILTON Vic. 3300.

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Ph: (03) 55711195 Mob. 0428 711193

Eddie Smart

TOODYAY OUR TOWN. Just recently my wife and I visited my home town of Bridgetown, strangely enough a town bounded by a river, a deep crevasse and divided by a railway reserve and a main street, which is the South Western Highway, and hills. Sound familiar?

Their Entry Statement is a tasteful rock wall, both ends of town, saying 'Bridgetown Simply Beautiful'.

Most of the town buildings have a brass plaque noting their original use and date of build, not what they are used for now. The Information Centre has a map of all the noted places to go, a museum of interesting items and volunteers who just love to help. There is a lovely river park and walkways to enjoy. Makes you wonder what happened to Toodyay?

Having read the Shire President's Report in the Herald, I wonder where this town is going?

Lack of attendance at the Info sessions? I attended a previous session and learned nothing. What, and why, are we not being informed about the important things that are being approached by the Shire? We don't want 'History, Parking and Money' or what other towns are doing!

As for the lack of land in our town, there has been pointed out many times that land is available; however most of it has apparently got issues or has been flagged by the Shire.

What heritage value do half the buildings in Toodyay really have, and why is it necessary to have an Historical Precinct which contains these buildings? Buildings that have been erected in this area are as modern as today.

What value is a VISION 2050 when many of us will have passed on? Input needs to be from 12-year-olds. PERHAPS WE NEED TO THINK OF THE NEEDS OF TODAY. We must try to vision things within a more viable time line.

Instead of telling us what can't be done, what about thinking outside the square and telling us what CAN be done? Keep the people of Toodyay fully informed about decisions; don't be secretive concerning their town; don't bring things up and say it's a done deal!

Fred Fellowes

were not given the code, effectively denying them access. What sort of precedent does that set in an emergency?

Several of us have contacted the councillors for comment. I received one reply; others had a similar response.

So beware firefighters! If it can happen to us, it can happen to you, and don't expect any help from your shire reps. It only took one nasty, duplicitous person to cause havoc. Already a couple of active firefighters, as well as a couple of auxiliaries (one a former tireless worker as secretary), have resigned.

Many of us are still angry. We have been judged without cause, maligned and insulted. I look forward to the day when someone will have the testicular fortitude to admit they were wrong and apologise.

Fat chance.

John Henderson

Some words of explanation:

CBFCO is Chief Bush Fire Control Officer;

CESM is Community Emergency Services Manager and Coondle - Nunile fire shed is Coondle-Nunile Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade.

The auxiliaries in a bush fire brigade man the radio at the station whilst the vehicles are at an incident, prepare meals for fires on the fire ground, help with paperwork, cleaning and other tasks as required to give the fire fighters a break.

Editor

FOR PERSONAL REASONS, I felt it necessary that I should resign from the Council.

My business and voluntary work commitments are such that I did not have the time required to remain a fully informed member of the Council and I found that I was having to miss meetings.

I enjoyed my short time on the Council and learnt much about the operation of Local Government and I wish the hard working members of the Council and the Administration all the best in the future.

Richard Wilkinson

HI MY NAME is Bianca Eldridge. I am a student at Toodyay school. On Wednesday 4 July I took my black iPhone to school (that was so silly) and, yes, some person took it from my school bag.

These phones are very expensive and it took me around 100 hours to save for it. I could not believe that someone would do this. It has been reported to the police.

If anyone out there has any information or you think you may know who stole it, please go to the Toodyay Police - there could be a reward if found.

Bianca Eldridge

TO THE RUDE shopkeeper who abused my husband for parking in the driveway near your shop. There was ample room for traffic to go by. I have a walking difficulty and some days are worse than others. My husband parked where he did to help me.

It was the first time I had been to your shop, and loved it, but I will never come back again or recommend it to my friends.

Ronda Holland

ON 9 JUNE THE CBFCO, CESM and shire CEO closed the Coondle - Nunile fire shed to all but active firefighters. No sensible, acceptable explanation has yet been given for this action.

Apparently certain members complained to the CBFCO about certain other members of the shed. Summary: members, unnamed, made accusations, unspecified, about members, unnamed. Based on this, auxiliary members were denied access to the shed. None were asked to comment and still haven't.

One person has engineered like-minded troublemakers into taking control of the shed for their own questionable ends. My wife and I were also approached with a list of members he wanted us to influence against another couple. This action has nothing to do with the running of the shed, just spite.

When the shed was closed, the lock was changed and only firefighters were told the code. However, certain firefighters who weren't in agreement with the troublemakers



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Risk Management a Community Project



Some of the participants: Cr Rosemary Madasci, Peter Robinson, Cr Sally Craddock, Wayne Clarke, Grant Scobie, CESM Alan Knapp. Inset: Greg Cook. Photo: Wayne Weaver

Grant Scobie

ON Friday 20 July 2012 a small but significant group of Toodyay residents and other concerned parties met in the council chambers to help put together a Community Emergency Risk Management plan for the Shire.

Hosted by the Shire of Toodyay and Local Government Insurance Services (LGIS), the group of 17, the largest in WA, got their heads down to try to assess the risks that various disasters may impact on the Shire. Members included representatives of the WA Police, bush fire brigades, the media, the Shire of Toodyay, Department of Agriculture and Food, Silver Chain, church groups and concerned residents.

Shire President, Kevin Hogg welcomed everyone, explaining that the risks to the shire were not only bushfire, of which we are only too aware, but a whole range of other things. He introduced Greg Cook from LGIS who took the group through what we were to do during the course of the following six hours.

Firstly, Greg ran through the State Hazard Plans in brief before moving on to the method that the group would be using to assess the various risks the shire may be exposed to.

The group was to be divided into two smaller groups to discuss the likelihood and consequences of possible disasters so a risk rating would be able to be established. They would examine elements of consequence: life, economy, environment, public administration, social and infrastructure, and utilise, where available, historical and technical information and apply local knowledge to the various disasters. All this would be recorded by each group in a workbook which would be taken away, compiled into a single document and then disseminated to all Local Emergency Management Committee members and key community leaders for review.

Finally, a report would be forthcoming. The groups then sat down to discuss various types of disasters such as Air Crash, Earthquake, Bush Fire, Flood, Cyclone, Motor Vehicle Accidents, Train Derailments / Accidents, etc. The types of disasters were limited to what may actually happen in Toodyay.

Most people would think that Toodyay would not need risk management on even some of the above. What, for instance, is Air Crash doing there? Well, many people would be aware that planes from Pearce Air Force Base fly over parts of the shire on a regular basis. Flight paths of commercial carriers fly directly overhead as do light planes, etc. There was an instance, many, many years ago of a RAAF plane coming down in Julimar so it's not at all out of the question.

The question was, however, how will it affect Toodyay. To answer that, there were many elements to discuss. For instance, where would the plane crash? How many people would be on board? Who would be most affected? It would seem that, although the shire is under the flight path of commercial airliners, the town itself rarely sees such an event so danger would be limited to a lesser number of residents.

So, although it was certainly possible for the shire to experience an event such as an air crash, the chances of it causing widespread death and destruction, costing the shire millions of dollars and destroying the economy of the town, are slim. Yes, there may be deaths. Yes, there may be damage to infrastructure. Yes, there may be people adversely affected. But no, the shire and its residents would be able to survive.

This was the way each type of disaster was assessed. It still seems that bush fire is our worst nightmare but we do have other possibilities to consider.

Hopefully, the work of a few will help the shire to get together a risk management plan that will see us well and truly covered for the future.

Tidy Towns Committee Formed

Beth Frayne
Chairperson

IT'S official! Toodyay is entering the *Keep Australia Beautiful WA's Tidy Towns - Sustainable Communities* competition in 2013. With the help of the Shire of Toodyay, the Toodyay Tidy Towns Committee had its inaugural meeting on Wednesday, 18 July 2012 in the Council Chambers. The Tidy Towns Awards encourage, motivate and celebrate the social, environmental and economic achievements of regional communities across Australia and Toodyay has entered at least 14 times between 1976 and 2002.

Did you know that Toodyay won its category (based on population) the very first year it entered (in 1976) and won again in 2001? You may have seen the 2001 emu trophy in the Shire Office.



If you want to read more about Toodyay's Tidy Town involvement, see the essay by Beth Frayne on the History 1969 to 2009 webpage on the *Tidy Towns - Sustainable Communities* website (<http://www.kabc.wa.gov.au/programs/tidy-towns/history-1969-to-2009.html>).

But back to the present. Eleven community members attended the first meeting plus two apologies, with nine agreeing to form a TTT Committee. Beth Frayne has agreed to chair the TTT Committee with the indefatigable Desrae Clarke as Acting Secretary for a short period of time. Four Toodyay community groups are represented on the committee: the Friends of the River, the Garden Club, the Historical Society and the Naturalists' Club, and representatives of both the Council and the Shire are being sought.

The TTTC hopes that all community, school and business organisations will want to be involved and nominate a representative to attend meetings but, if

you are not part of a group, don't let that stop you as individuals are also welcome. The role of a Tidy Town Committee is the co-ordination and reporting of TT activities within the Shire, but the Committee may initiate or participate in some projects.

If you represent a group, then just let the Committee know what you are doing. The 2013 competition covers the period from 1 June 2012 to 31 May 2013 which means that any projects that have been planned, maintained or started during the period 1 June 2012 to 31 May 2013 can form part of the entry. There are eight categories so the range of projects that can fall under this umbrella is pretty wide so just let the TTTC know what your group is doing and help Toodyay on its way to another award. Maybe the emu needs to come and see you.

The Shire has encouraged the formation of this Committee, and will continue to provide assistance and guidance, but now we need the community to really get on board. If you want more information, please ask Kim Angus, Team Leader Community Development, at the Shire Office on 9574 2258 or email grants@toodyay.wa.gov.au. The next meeting of the TTTC is Wednesday, 1 August, 5pm, in the Council Chambers, Fiennes Street. All are welcome.

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TDHS Year 7 Raffle

Kate Wacca

THANK you to the many people who generously supported our Year 7 students with this raffle. We have raised an amazing \$1600 to help offset the total cost for all Year 7 students.

A special mention to the Toodyay Shire, IGA, Makit Hardware, Toodyay Junior Football Club and Full Circle Fitness for their magnificent support. Our students appreciate your assistance.

1st Prize Sat Nav F Lammonby
2nd Prize X Box T McBride
3rd Prize Pamper Pack H Potter

Toodyay YouthCARE Council (Chaplaincy)

Vivienne Freeman
Secretary

WELCOME back to the school community after the holiday break. We trust it was a restful and safe time for everyone.

The High Court of Australia ruled in June that there were no adverse findings about the validity of the National School Chaplaincy Programme. However, there does appear to be a problem with how the programme is funded. The Federal and State Governments have strongly supported the programme and are undertaking to rectify the funding glitch as quickly as possible. At present YouthCARE employs 285 chaplains in 494 public schools in WA. (200 of these chaplains are employed in 337 public schools in the metro area and 85 chaplains in 157 public schools in regional areas).

The Combined Churches Service for Chaplaincy was held on Sunday 22 July 2012 at the Baptist Church, Toodyay. There were several speakers, including the Chaplain, Ben Gladden, who outlined the privilege of being available to students, staff and parents who were in need of encouragement through sometimes very difficult situations. He was also glad to be able to just be there as a listening ear for students.

All in all, it was a time of coming together and celebrating that we as a community are able to support the very worthwhile Chaplaincy programme in our local school.

Toodyay Youth Advisory Council Seeking Recruits!

Kristee Jolly

DO you have a child who constantly complains about the lack of things to do in Toodyay? Are you a young person who thinks Toodyay is 'boring'? Well, do something about it! The Shire of Toodyay is currently seeking young people who live/work/study in the Shire and want to take a leadership role in their community and join the Youth Advisory Council (YAC).

What is the YAC?

The role of the YAC is to represent the

voice of all the youth and young adults in Toodyay. The committee is made up of young people aged 13 to 25 years of age who have a strong desire to represent all youth on the issues affecting young people in the Shire of Toodyay and make a difference in the community. The YAC gives young people an opportunity to stand up and take charge of things they believe need to happen in Toodyay, meet other young leaders and influence and empower your peers. No particular skills are required, just enthusiasm and motivation.

What does the YAC do?

This is entirely up to its members. The YAC provides you with the opportunity to get together with other young people and work on something that you care about. From music and art events (like the Sonic Fest concert held last year) to sport and recreation or journalism in the Toodyay Herald, whatever your passion is, the YAC will embrace it.

Here is a list of events the YAC could do:

- Organise a movie marathon night at the Town Hall
- Organise a youth music concert
- Organise a Skate/BMX/Scooter workshop
- Organise an under-age dance party
- Organise a round robin sport competition day

Or, if you're interested in providing something more long-term for the community, the YAC could organise:

- Weekly Friday Night Activities
- Part 2 (The 'Bowl') of the Skate Park
- Permanent youth services in Toodyay

What involvement would I have in the YAC?

Being a part of the YAC as an individual means you commit yourself to participating in meetings that will occur 1-2 times a month – sometimes this will be more frequent if we are planning an event or activity. The times of these meetings will depend on what time/place suits the majority of the committee members. The Shire does understand that every member will have different commitments and will work hard to select a time and place that suits as many as possible. Additional commitments to the YAC may include volunteering your time at an event the YAC have organised, representing the YAC at relevant committee meetings amongst the Toodyay community or participating in training to further the knowledge of the YAC.

Am I eligible?

To be a part of the YAC you must meet the following criteria:

- Be between 13 and 25 years of age
- Have a dedicated, enthusiastic and committed approach to the YAC
- Have the ability to listen and respect views/opinions of your peer group
- Have the ability to take your position as a YAC member seriously
- Commit to attending YAC meetings

Already keen?

Please contact Kristee Jolly at the Shire Office on 9574 2258 or via email eso@toodyay.wa.gov.au and we will send you out the YAC Applications Form.

If you would like any more information about the YAC or you have any questions please feel free to contact Kristee at the Shire on 9574 2258 or by emailing eso@toodyay.wa.gov.au. The Shire hopes you will consider applying to take part in our Youth Advisory Council as it will be of great benefit to your, your peers and your community.

National Child Protection Week

2 – 8 September 2012

Protecting children is everybody's business

PLAY Your Part to ensure children and young people are valued and nurtured.

National Child Protection Week is coordinated by the National Association for Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect (NAPCAN) and in 2012 will continue to promote the key message that 'protecting children is everybody's business'.

This year's campaign invites you, your workplace, your family, and your community to share how you play your part in valuing children and young people and keeping them safe.

The week will be an opportunity to inspire each other through sharing thoughts, ideas and activities with organisations and communities that inform and assist parents, carers, family members - all the people who care for children.

The *Play Your Part* campaign will offer advice and real life stories as examples of how different members of the community can play their part to prevent child abuse and neglect, available as a free community resource on NAPCAN's campaign website at: www.playyourpart.org.au

About NAPCAN:

NAPCAN was founded in 1987 to advocate for the prevention of child abuse and neglect and initiated the first National Child Protection Week campaign in 1990.

NAPCAN's vision is an Australia where children and young people are valued, nurtured and live free from violence, abuse and neglect.

NAPCAN's mission is to prevent child abuse and neglect by assisting communities, governments, organisations and committed individuals across Australia and internationally to implement strength-based, community-led initiatives and practices to enhance the safety and well being of children and young people.

For further information, go to: www.napcan.org.au.

Lions Lines

Heather McNamara
Lion at Large

DID you know our Toodyay Lions Club also supports a number of Lions initiatives in Western Australia and in our community?

Lions Clubs in every town run many local activities. These activities may be to raise money for local people or projects. Usually our club prefers to put the majority of money raised back into our local community.

Some of our major programmes are the 'Lions Save the Sight Foundation – Western Australia' through the Lions Eye Institute in Nedlands and the Lions Cancer Institute, a joint project of Districts 201W1 and 201W2.

This month I thought I would provide some information on the Lions Cancer Institute.

The Lions Cancer Institute was established in 1990 as a District Project at a Convention of the Lions Clubs in District 201W2 with the

support of the Lions Clubs in District 201W1, such Clubs being located South and North of the Swan River.

Since its early days the Institute has funded research into the disease by supporting PhD Students in their studies into cancer. The free skin cancer screenings were and still continue to be available to the WA regional communities and the Lions Skin Cancer Screening Unit has visited all parts of the State providing this invaluable service. The service could not continue if it was not for the dedication of the Screening Director PDG Colin Beauchamp and his wife Sue together with the professional support from the WA College of Dermatology whose members continue to donate their expertise and time. Many dedicated Lion members also donate their time and nursing skills to the programme and their support is again essential to the services provided.

The financial costs involved in providing the service are extensive and the work continues with the support by way of donations from the Lions Clubs in WA.

For more information on this worthwhile cause visit the Lions Cancer Institute website www.lionscancerinstitute.org.au/lions/.

News Alert – At the Toodyay Show, our club is proud to announce that the Save Sight Van will be placed near the Pavilion with the other medical type attractions, and the Chocolate Wheel will be near the bar area to maximise through traffic. I will provide more information in the lead up to show day.

Lions We Serve

News from Bolgart and Surrounding Areas

IT is pleasing to note the speed limit in Smith Street, Bolgart has been lowered to 40kms per hour during school hours.

Sincere sympathy is extended to Shirley Cousins and family for the sad loss of husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather.

John Herbert Dean Cousins (better known as Jack), was the son of the late Herbert Cousins and Ruth (nee - Edmonds). Jack, who was 83, was a long-time resident of Toodyay and surrounding areas and always greeted folk with a friendly smile and enjoyed having a yarn with his friends. He will be greatly missed.

Sympathy is also extended to the Ferguson and Phillips families on the sad loss of Christopher Ferguson who has been laid to rest in the historic old graveyard of St Philip's Culham Church. Many of his forebears are interred there. The land was originally donated by the late Samuel Pole Phillips for a church and graveyard.

It was nice to receive a flying visit from daughter, Carol Harris, of Karratha and granddaughter, Jody and children during the school holidays.

John and June Higginson of Bolgart have undertaken to entertain the elderly folk at the Goomalling hospital on a fortnightly basis with their music and singing and have already held their first concert there.

John presents as a singer of old time songs, whilst June accompanies him on the piano. This is something they really enjoy doing and, prior to their moving to Bolgart, they (along with June's sister Doris), used to entertain elderly groups in the city.


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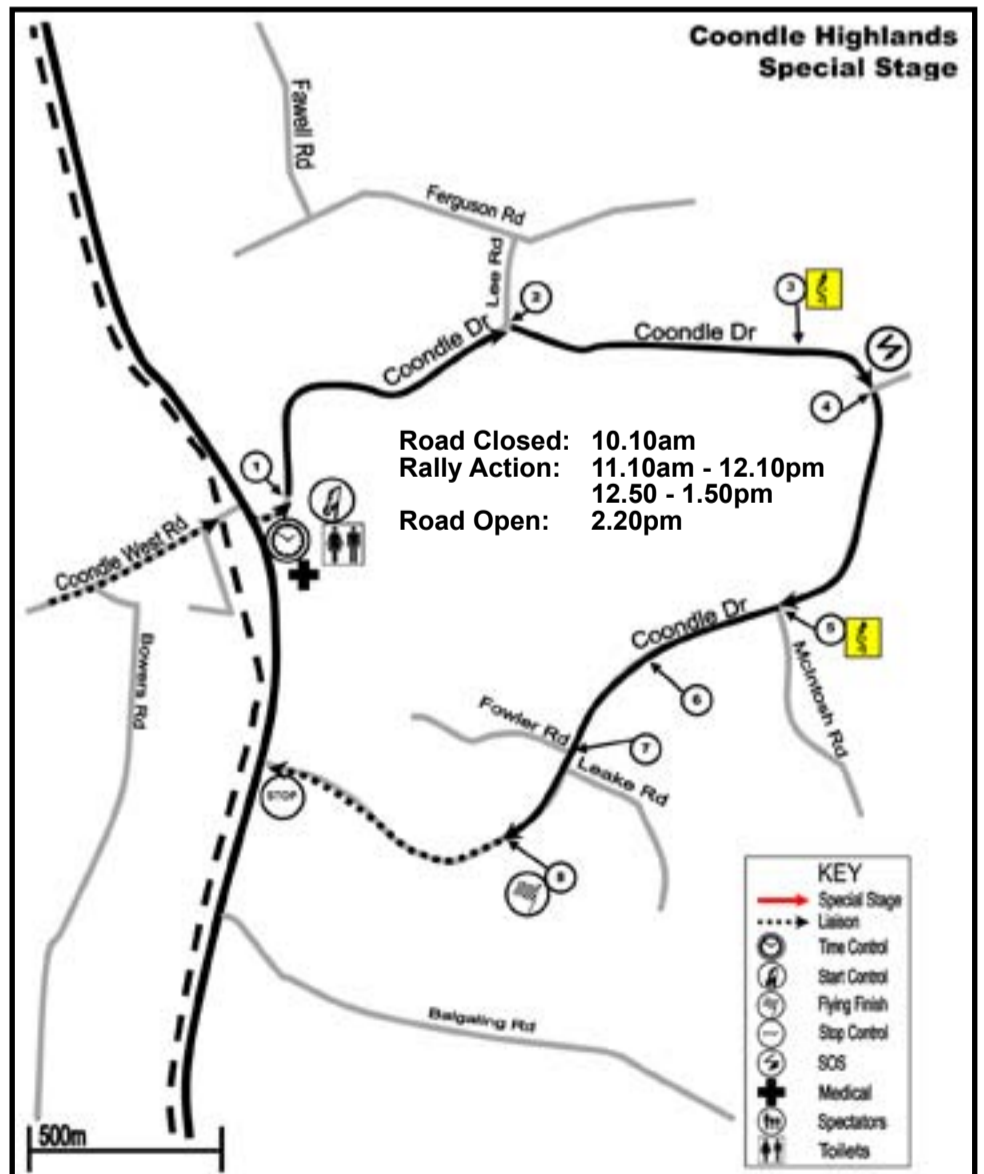
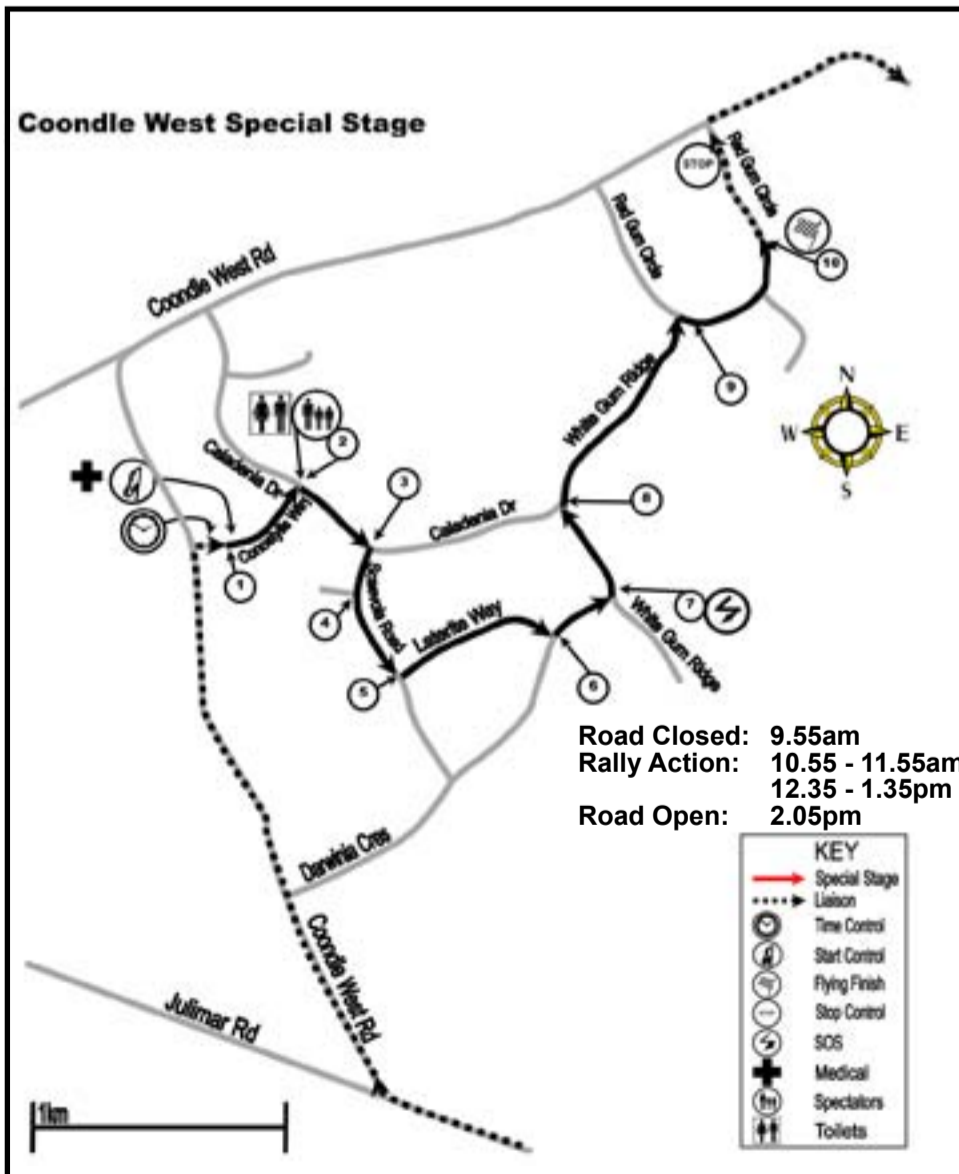
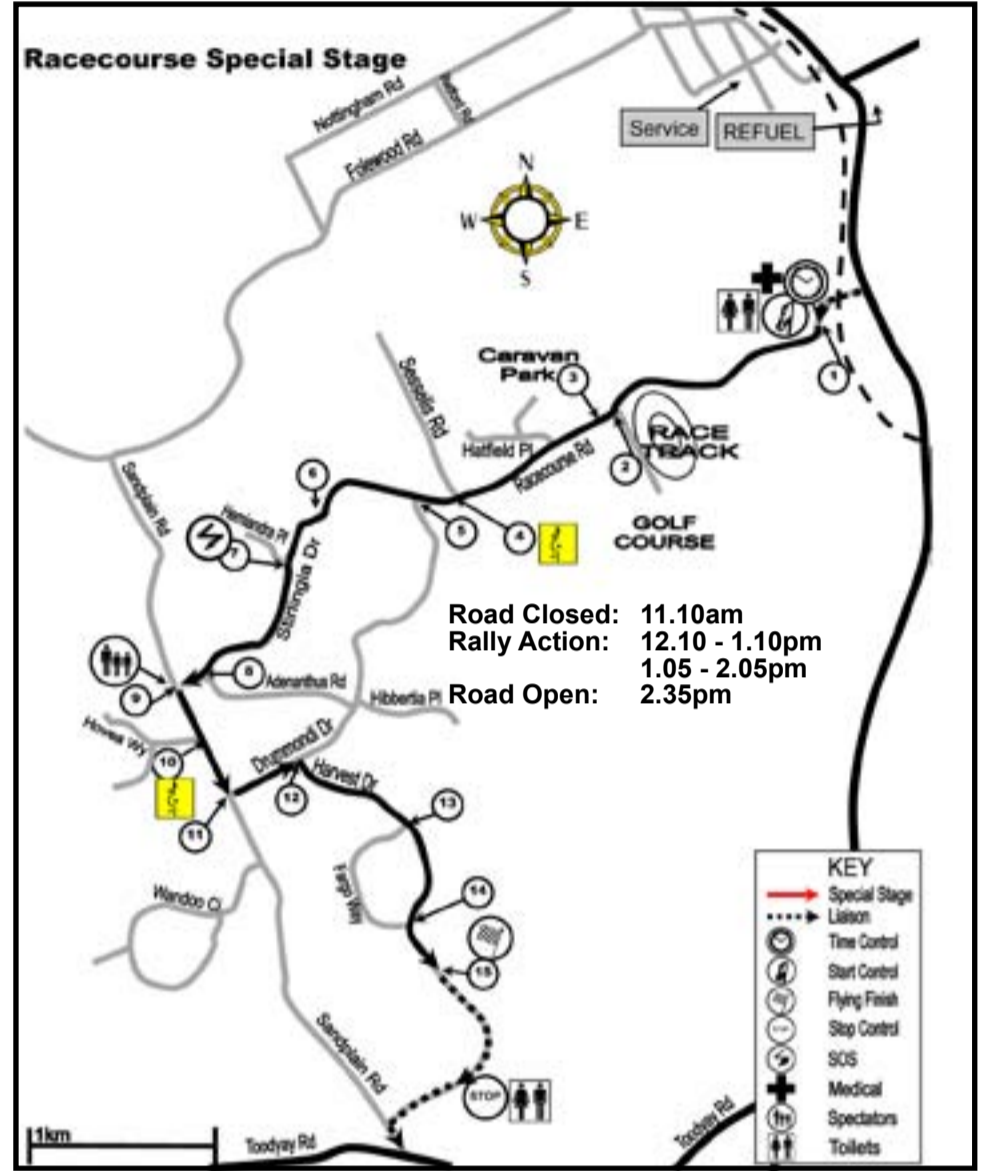
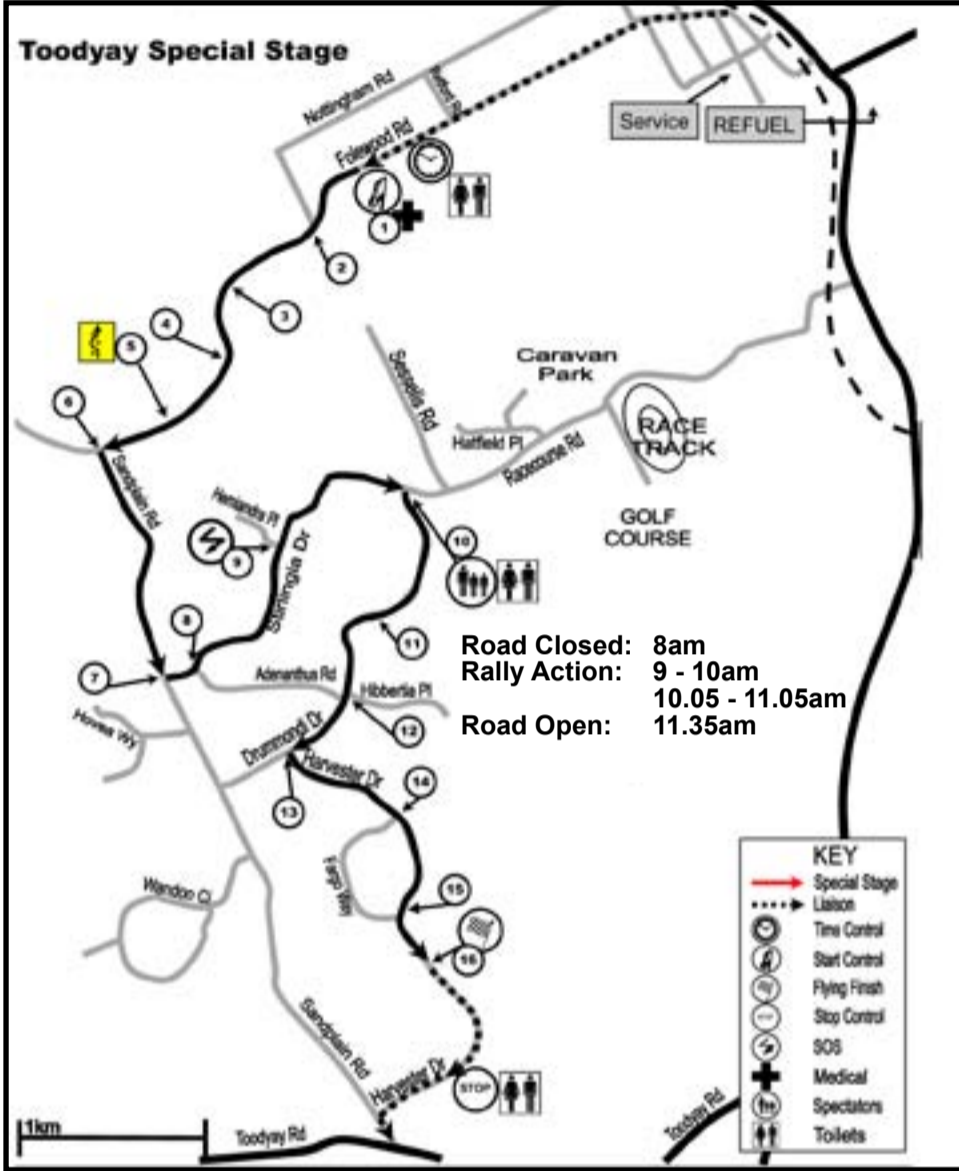
- Our regular day in Toodyay, at a reduced charge, is proving very popular. Remember, bookings must be made prior to each Wednesday.
- A great way to save on routine work such as drenching, vaccinations & preg. testing.
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Julimar Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade

Alison Wroth

WHAT a month we've had at the Julimar Fireplace! It's been so quiet, both training wise and in general, that we've been able to achieve a great deal of cleaning up around the truck shed and 'The Fireplace'.

The busy bee was held not only to get the place looking tip top but also in preparation for our fantastic 'Christmas in July' held on 21 July which had a real international theme to it. We all had to supply an international dish to consume and dress accordingly. More will be explained later!

First of all, thanks to all those who attended the busy bee – the place was turned upside down and inside out and the spring clean does not have to be done again until after next season due to the wonderful effort made.

Everyone was really looking forward to the 'Big Event' especially when everyone put in such a big effort costume wise – the Christmas party took on a life of its own! There were those members who decided to come as Australians wearing flannelette shirts and the odd Drizabone but all the other costumes balanced out the oddities! Peg Sapwell in her Canadian Mounties uniform was a classic (Peter...not so much) as well as all three Salmonds looking VERY French! We had Mexicans, Danish, Arabs, Scotsmen, American cowboys, a disabled Brit and his sexy nurse (feel better Wade?) and the list goes on. It was great to see Vicki Haggerty on the night; she was decorated like a Christmas tree! Ann Kidd was taking the photos and swore that she wasn't doing the dance of the '7 Veils' – that would've been interesting!

The buffet was gourmet with dishes from around the world. Everyone supplied something and it was great to see. Well done to all the cooks.

We all received presents from Santa bin Liner, the Arab, well organised, of course by his helper, Edelweiss! She is a blessing in disguise that girl – thanks must go to Bettina/ Edelweiss for organising the event and for

getting the rock band, 'The Committed' together. Congratulations Bettina, Grant and everyone who helped; the whole night was rockin'!

The premiere of 'The Committed' was a sight to see. Rocket lost his voice and it could have been a blessing that some of the microphones weren't working! Brian '7-Note' Salmond surprised us all singing a heartfelt rendition of the Seekers classic, 'We are Australian' which had all members swaying and singing loudly. Congratulations to all the band members; you outdid yourselves and we can't wait for the next performance! Scott Smyth-Jones was let down by his karaoke equipment but the smoke machine and disco ball were something to see. Thanks Scott for going to all that effort.

We have received emails from both Sue Eldridge who is travelling in Denmark and Graham and Jen in Malaysia. They are all having a great adventure and send their best.

Julimar VBFB will have some training in August and we look forward to that. In the meantime, rug up and come down and join



Santa bin Liner with Edelweiss singing, you guessed it, 'Edelweiss'

us and meet the Brigade on Friday nights from 5pm. If you have any interest in joining or putting together a bushfire plan, please feel free to come and meet us all at 'The Fireplace' and, thanks to Rod and Lou, we have two fires that really throw out the heat, so you won't be cold if you feel like coming down.

'Til next time at the fireplace.

Coondle – Nunile Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade

Corry Munson

AS one of the driest winters is slowly heading towards spring, it is starting to look like a potentially bad summer already!

The keen crew of Coondle – Nunile VBFB has been continuing to train ready for any action! This month we were very lucky to be allowed to use an abandoned house on a property to train in asset protection. This meant the ladies and gentlemen had to protect this particular structure as the bushfire passed over. This required everyone to use their basic training and to also learn some new skills. It is a common misconception that, as bushfire fighters, we only fight bushfires. We do far more than that. We turn out and support Fire and Rescue at structure fires, car fires, vehicle accidents and help the community during storm damage. This is why we need to continually train so we can be prepared for anything.

The crew of Coondle – Nunile would like to thank Tony Haseley from Hamersley Stud for letting us on to their property to conduct this training.

And I would like to thank Megan Ebdon for the many years of tireless work as secretary and auxiliary member of the brigade. Megan was recalled to the secretary's position after retiring at the last AGM and was only too nice to say "No". So thanks for filling the gap Megan and good luck to whatever you get up to in the future.

And for the fire fighters, we are still

completing vehicle checks and doing a little bit of training on Friday nights.

St John Ambulance Toodyay & Districts Sub Centre

Kerry Fletcher

JULY 17 saw our AGM held and election of members to committee. Sandy Smith returns to the Chairperson role with Pam Tennant as Vice Chair. Kerry Fletcher continues as Secretary/Treasurer with Kim Maddrell, Sue Eldridge, Paul Harrington, Mike Irvine, Pat Bradley, Neville Clarke, Dave Eccles and Simon Harrington completing the committee.

Calls for ambulance attendance over the 2011/12 financial year to the Toodyay & Districts Sub Centre were up on last year, totalling 418 call outs, a very busy year (2010/11 total calls was 401.)

May and June were particularly busy months, total transports for May being 49 call outs and June, 47 calls.

From 1 May 2012 To 31 May 2012

Category#	Cases	Ave Km	Total Km
TRAUMA	17	54.47	926
MEDICAL	23	117.35	2699
CARDIAC	8	94.13	753
OTHER	1	4.00	4
	49	89.43	4382

From 1 Jun 2012 To 30 Jun 2012

Category#	Cases	Ave Km	Total Km
TRAUMA	11	62.82	691
MEDICAL	34	106.79	3631
CARDIAC		0.00	
OTHER	2	3.00	6
	47	92.09	4328

Please don't hesitate to contact the Sub Centre if you have any queries regarding St John Ambulance Benefit Fund membership, or if you are interested in becoming a volunteer.

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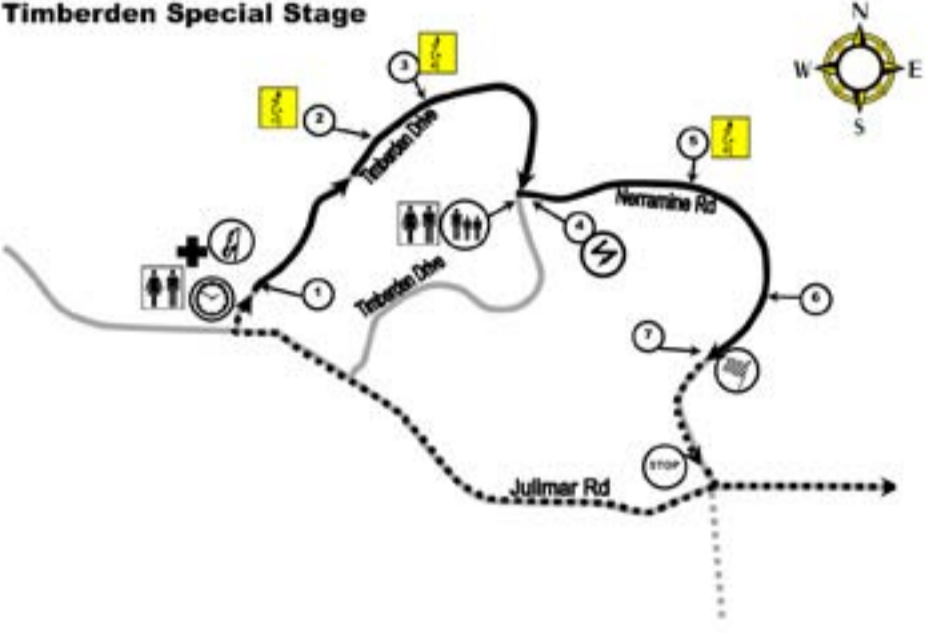


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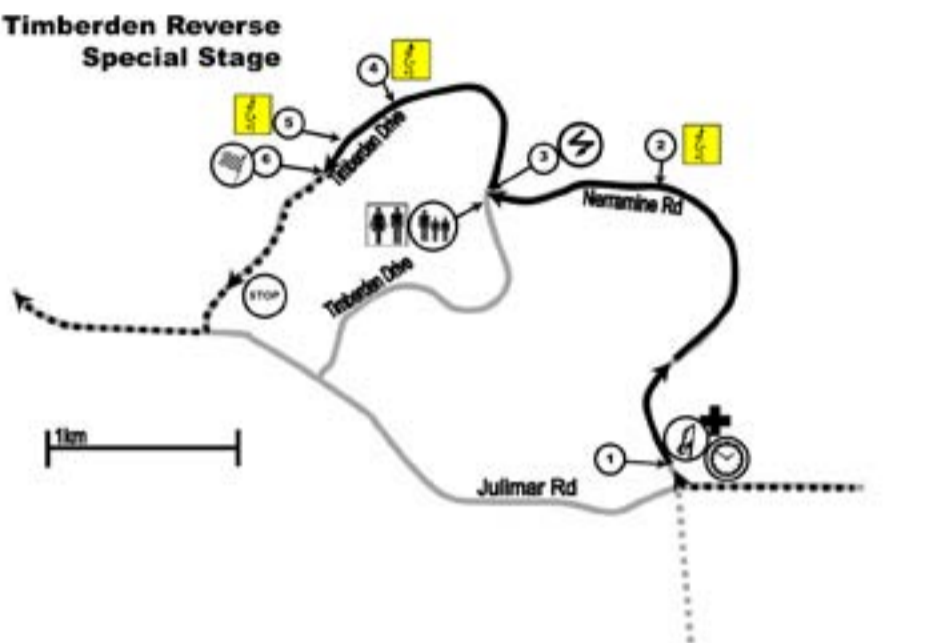
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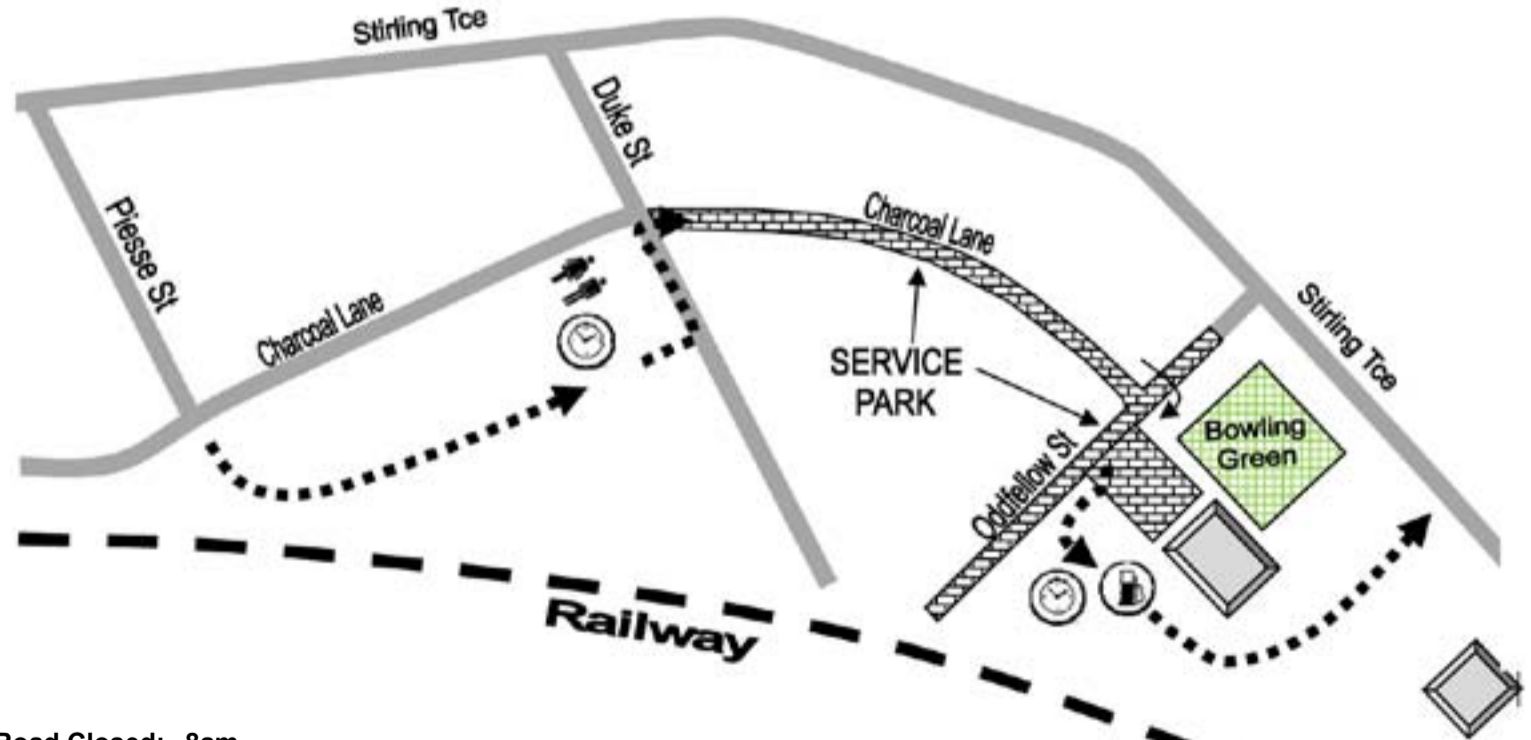
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Timberden Reverse Special Stage



Road Closed: 1.05pm
 Rally Action: 2.05 - 3.05pm
 Road Open: 3.35pm

Toodyay Service Park



Road Closed: 8am
 Rally Action: 9.15 - 10.50am
 11.25am - 12.50pm
 1.20 - 2.40pm
 Road Open: 3.10pm

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Toodyay Rural Watch

Desraé Clarke

Rural Crime Prevention – Fuel Tank Security

THEFT of fuel from farms and hobby farms is relatively common and can vary from being a nuisance, a financial loss or a danger in times of emergency.

Location of fuel tanks on properties is, in the main, one of convenience. However, this can also be convenience for theft.

If the storage tank can be located as far from the road as possible, with no easy escape route, it is not such an easy target for theft. It is also a good idea to have tanks clear of equipment and not placed behind sheds or silos where a thief will have cover. Of course, the best location is below ground but installation cost may not make this possible.

The WA Police Crime Prevention Division suggests that the first step to crime prevention is to lock your fuel tank. Buy a good, substantial chain and a strong, steel padlock with a key that is not removable unless the padlock is closed. A determined thief might use bolt cutters but a good locking mechanism can prevent a theft. Unfortunately, a \$2 lock is not a good investment for \$1000 of fuel.

If using both diesel and petrol, 'colour code' rather than labelling the tank's contents; this makes it as difficult as possible for the thief to identify the target.

Mobile fuel tanks used at time of seeding, harvesting, etc, should only be filled when required and stored out of sight of the road and returned to the main storage area as soon as practicable. Close the valves on all above ground tanks and lock when not in use.

Turn off the power to pumps when not in use. Ideally the fuel tank 'cut off' valve should be locked rather than the nozzle and hose.

Keep a record of fuel purchases.

Dip fuel regularly and monitor your fuel usage. Install a flow meter to supervise fuel use and record fuel usage by all staff for various vehicles and machinery.

Fencing around fuel tanks is a good idea. Another suggestion is to locate fuel tanks close to buildings housing tools and valuable equipment and place a security fence around both tanks and outbuildings.

Security lighting is excellent low cost theft prevention for fuel tanks located in the vicinity of the farmhouse. For effective security the lights should be placed so that they light up the wider area between the house and the tanks. Soft lights are preferable to strong lights and sensor lights only turn on with the presence of physical movements or they can be left on throughout the night.

What to do if you experience theft:

1. Notify the Police. Many farmers and hobby farmers fail to report fuel theft because it is difficult to tell exactly how much fuel has been stolen. However, the Police would prefer to know about these crimes in case there is a pattern of theft in your district. The more information they have, the better equipped they are to follow up the problem.
2. Notify your fuel agent. Ask your agent to notify you exactly when and where your tanks are refilled.

For more information see www.rural.futures.une.edu.au or contact the WA Police Crime Prevention Division on 9356 0555 or by email crime.prevention@police.wa.gov.au

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Big Boost for Safer Wheatbelt Roads

ROADS throughout the Wheatbelt will be made safer through State Government spending of almost \$41million as part of the new Safer Country Roads initiative.

Launching the initiative in York recently, Transport Minister, Troy Buswell, said the significant funding injection would improve safety across nine major Wheatbelt roads.

"The Safer Country Roads initiative is about providing better, safer roads in regional Western Australia, to help reduce the social and economic cost of road trauma in the State and to ensure our regional road infrastructure continues to meet the growing demands of heavy vehicle traffic," Mr Buswell said. "In the Wheatbelt, roads to benefit from this new funding include Albany, Brand and Brookton highways; and Indian Ocean Drive.

"The biggest single project is \$10.5million to widen the seal on the York to Merredin Road between York and Quairading."

The Minister said the Safer Country Roads programme was a funding pool created through combining several State Government sources, including

Safer Roads; Local Roads; Royalties for Regions; and the Road Trauma Trust Account.

"Since the start of this month, the Road Trauma Trust Account (RTTA) has been receiving 100 per cent of all speed camera revenue, a decision made by the Liberal-National Government in 2011 in order to provide a significant boost to road safety across the State," he said.

Mr Buswell said funding for Wheatbelt projects from the Safer Country Roads sources had increased to \$17.8million this year, a major boost from \$5million (2010-11) and \$4million (2011-12).

"The Safer Country Roads funding is on top of the \$118million the Liberal-National Government has already committed to upgrading the grain freight network," he said. "Combined with Main Roads general funding, more than \$180million will be spent on the Wheatbelt road network in 2012-13."

Fact File

New projects being funded through the Safer Country Roads initiative are:

- Brookton Highway: \$4.4m in 2012-13 for realignment and widening works
- Albany Highway (south of Williams): \$6.5m over two years for overtaking lanes, seal shoulders, remove vegetation, install audible lines
- Williams to Narrogin Highway (Williams to Narrogin): \$200,000 in 2012-13 to install audible edge line
- Northam to Cranbrook Rd (Cuballing to Narrogin): \$4.2m to build 1.0m wide sealed shoulders and install audible edge line
- York to Merredin Rd: \$10.5m to widen seal between York and Quairading
- Indian Ocean Drive: \$3.5m over two years to build southbound passing lane
- Brand Highway: \$4.6m over two years to construct seal, widen seals, improve separation between large and small vehicles
- Mimegarra Road: \$5m upgrade over three years
- Bencubbin - Kellerberrin Rd (Shire of Kellerberrin): \$2m upgrade in 2012-13

Toodyay CBD Safety Survey

THE Toodyay Community Safety and Crime Prevention Association (CSCPA) is gathering data on the community's concerns about lighting in the Toodyay CBD. Funding has been sourced for some lighting in Charcoal Lane and one of the requirements of the grant is collection of before and after data on the community's perception of their safety.

A survey has been developed to gather the necessary data. There will be two rounds of data collection, one before and

one after installation of the new lights. The project will be funded by the Community Crime Prevention Fund with supplementary funding and assistance with data collection provided by the CSCPA.

Survey forms can be obtained from the Shire Office, the Visitor Centre, the Library, Bendigo Bank and from the Herald Office and may be returned to the same locations. The form can also be found on the Shire's website, at www.toodyay.wa.gov.au / or cut out and fill in the survey printed below.

Toodyay CBD Safety Survey

Do you feel safe at night on the following streets?

	Very Safe					Scared	
Stirling Terrace	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Piesse Street	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Duke Street	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Oddfellow Street	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Charcoal Lane	1	2	3	4	5	6	7

Have you ever had problems when in these streets at night?

	No		Minor			Injury/theft	
Stirling Terrace	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Piesse Street	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Duke Street	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Oddfellow Street	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Charcoal Lane	1	2	3	4	5	6	7

Would improved lighting improve your personal security?

	No		Yes			Greatly	
Stirling Terrace	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Piesse Street	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Duke Street	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Oddfellow Street	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Charcoal Lane	1	2	3	4	5	6	7

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out and about in toodyay

Maree Lewis

IT is interesting to speculate upon what makes a healthy rural town and a developing business district is surely a positive sign. So many people, among whom are included regional planners and developers, are harbingers of doom and gloom anticipating the end of the Aussie country town. Maybe such predictions for some regional centres are true, but in Toodyay, commercial activity appears to be on an upward trend. Take a look around. There's been a variety of new businesses opening since the start of the year. We can presume that owners expect customers and expect to make a profit. It is safe to say that they regard Toodyay as a secure place to commence a business venture. Even within the last week two shop spaces have been occupied. These are part of the "new" IGA complex and the new retailers should be able to capitalise on passing trade, especially when it comes to letting everyone know they're open for business.



One of these is Paws 'n All Dog Grooming, a welcome addition to the variety of businesses in Toodyay. Gaby Weaver is both

proprietor and groomer and is confident her business meets a need for pet owners throughout the shire. Gaby loves animals and has always been surrounded by them. Presently she owns three dogs, three cats, a horse and a conglomerate of chooks and ducks. (To satisfy everyone's curiosity, the dog breeds are a Shiatsu X and two Matsu X – all requiring serious grooming, I note.) She has just completed six years working as a vet nurse, most recently with Heartlands Veterinary Hospital. Prior to that, she ran a dog grooming business in Perth for fifteen years. It's great to know that Gaby brings with her so many years of experience.

It's best to book an appointment, especially in the high demand of the summer months. Your dog will welcome the pampering of a shampoo and hydrobath, of ears checked for any nasty inhabitants, and a styling brush followed by a blow-dry as an optional extra. It's usual to follow up this luxury treatment with a pedicure for your favourite pooch. Clipping and grooming prices are displayed in the premises.

Gaby is also selling pet supplies and accessories. Already there are toys and grooming equipment, bird cages and small fish tanks for sale, and soon dog and cat food will be available for purchase. Gaby plans to sell hermit crabs and fighter fish which she is sure will appeal to kids. Opening Paws 'n All Dog Grooming is "a dream come true", she says. Her business card states 'Loving Care Assured' and, having witnessed a cute fluffy little dog relishing her grooming, I'd have to agree. Phone Gaby on 0417 974 774 to book an appointment.

Who's the Toy Boy?
By now most of the kids in town will have sussed out that there's a toy sale in the corner shop next to IGA. The Toy Boy advertises as selling "new liquidated stock at wholesale prices or better". One of our townfolk, Mac, obviously with a keen eye for a bargain, scooped up some stock being auctioned for a toy wholesaler. "The stock was at unreserved prices and I got them for a good price," he confided. Luckily for us, he is able to sell the items to customers well below recommended retail prices. For instance, jigsaw puzzles are being sold for

\$15 each or five can be purchased for a mere \$50. They vary in complexity with some being particularly difficult, having no edges.



There are chess sets, the pieces being very attractive and made of cast resin, on sale for \$35. Water cannons, tea sets, plastic snakes to terrify an unsuspecting person, cast iron and plastic car models, a huge variety of board games – heaps of stuff – is up for sale. It's an ideal opportunity to purchase those stocking fillers for Christmas. Mac is also happy to sell bulk wholesale to market stall vendors. Mac expects his stock to be sold out in a couple of months and until it is, the toys are for sale from Thursdays to Mondays.

Healing in the Hills Hoping for Oblivion

Bob Adair
Toodyay Christian Fellowship

MANY of us are like the proverbial ostrich who hid his head in the sand; we have made an art form out of the 'self'.

Just the other day, I was shocked that the Girl Guides rewrote their oath. No longer is there a higher authority that they serve but they must be 'true to themselves'. At last we have come out! We now teach our children that 'self' is good and foremost; no longer does country, sovereign or God need any place in our value system. This is but one example out of many: every child now knows their 'rights'; adults can use their excessive drinking as an excuse

to maim or kill; you hear little of remorse, only justification. 'Self' is the main thing. No longer are moral values a guiding factor in our behaviour. Be true to yourself is our modern catchcry; after all, consequences are minimised in this 'self'-society. One perpetrator becomes more important than the many victims created by 'self'-ish behaviour.


We have moved a long way from the Ten Commandments. This list of rules has had a lot of bad press. Perhaps it is because these rules inhibit the 'self'. Four commandments deal with respect and honouring a higher authority, one deals with honouring our parents and another looks at fidelity in marriage. The next group gives us a guide to living in harmony within society.

The point is this: every action has consequence, either positive or negative. It seems to me that positive consequences work well when we consider others. On the negative side, consequences are diminished by this philosophy of 'self'. The new age says we should never judge others; I call this the ostrich syndrome. So what if the wider community suffers as long as the 'self' is not affected. Thus the rise in minority groups having a disproportionately loud voice, silencing the majority.

When it comes to the ultimate authority (assuming you believe in an ultimate authority other than yourself), many people I speak to are hoping for oblivion (that is total unconsciousness) when they meet their maker, or subscribe to the belief that there is no greater authority than themselves.

A belief system that has this quote as one of its tenets will never be popular in the 'self'-society: '... and I saw the dead, great and small alike, standing before the throne. Books were opened, and then another book was opened, the book of the living. The dead were judged according to what they had done, as recorded in the books. Then the sea gave up its dead. Death and the world of the dead also gave up the dead they held. And all were judged according to what they had done.' (Rev 20:12-13)

Here is a bit of advice for those who behave as though they are the ultimate authority responsible only to 'self'. Boy, are you in for a shock. Get some help now! Christ is the answer.




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Toodyay Historical Society

CWA Toodyay Branch



Northam water engineer, Norman Fernie; his biography is listed in the Australian Dictionary of Biography (adb.anu.edu.au/biography/fernie-norman-10170). We have supplied information to the shire on the history of the Pelham Reserve, which is quite fascinating: lookout, walk tracks, rifle range, town dam, water tank site, and WWII signalling site. The shire plans to do some good work up there, including cleaning up the Old Dam Spillway area (see photo).

Toodyay Tidy Towns Committee

THS is an inaugural member of this new Committee. We hope many other community groups will follow suit in promoting, and participating in, this endeavour for 2012-2013. Toodyay has had a strong involvement in the State's Tidy Towns – Sustainable Communities competition in the period 1976 to 2002. Watch out for the emu!

Next events

Picture Night at 'The Shack', Saturday, 28 July, 3.30pm (note time change). Films, history, puzzles and a share tea. Details are in Duidgeana.

Bolgart Excursion (note place change from Bailup): Sunday, 26 August, 9.30am, Toodyay Visitor Centre

Our August 'end of the month' event will be a daylong visit to Bolgart and surrounds. Details still in process, but we will probably visit a local church, the Bolgart Spring, the site of the old Blackboy Hill goldmines and the former State Hotel (now the Bolgart Hotel). More details in due course. BYO everything, apart from lunch if you plan to eat at the pub.

Next general meeting

Wednesday, 15 August 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, Desrae Clarke, on 6364 3609, President, Peter Robinson, on 0417 957 378 or Committee member, Beth Frayne, on 9574 5971.

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.)

Maxine J Walker
CWA Reporter

WE are preparing to head to Perth in the morning for our conference so this will be a very brief report. We just hope that, as we leave Toodyay at 6am, it is not going to be such a cold morning as we have had.

Our July meeting was spent going through the motions that we will be discussing over the next two days, the results of which we should be able to bring to the next paper.

Regrettably, I failed to thank all the local businesses in the last issue for the wonderful support that was given to our branch when we catered for the Cancer Council Biggest Morning Tea in June. Without your support we would not be able to assist this research programme. This year we raised over \$400 and for this we thank you for your support. We will be doing this morning tea again next year.

Our hall continues to be used daily. Many readers will have noticed that we have had the roof painted. Over the past year we have repaired the steps from the pavement at the front and the stairs entering our hall. Our kitchen has seen a few changes and we have been fitted out with air conditioning (cooler now in summer and warmer in winter) with thanks for this going to Richard Walkey and Sean Byron. We continue to have a programme of general maintenance which, like most buildings, becomes ongoing.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday 23 August at 1.30pm. New members or visitors most welcome. Entry is via Charcoal Lane.

Beth Frayne
Events Co-ordinator

WONDERFUL news re our future website: Toodyay's Bendigo Bank is sponsoring THS's new Website Project to the tune of \$1,200. A big thank you to the Bank's Board and also to THS President, Peter Robinson, for doing such a convincing presentation. Historical society websites are developing dramatically around the State and making their information more easily available. Check out Northam (www.northamhistory.org.au/), Kununurra (www.kununurra.org.au/) and Carnamah (www.carnamah.com.au/). We hope to join their ranks this year, sometime.

Think Toodyay 2050

THS made a submission to the shire, concentrating on issues that match our aims and objectives. For example, our three local action suggestions were:

1. A better location from which to promote Toodyay's social, built and natural heritage eg a local studies centre in a main street heritage

2. Support for a website promoting Toodyay's heritage;
3. Welcoming local expertise (eg the Toodyay Historical Society) in recording and promoting the history of the district, such as improving the Municipal Inventory, and involvement in producing displays and other material that are relevant to the community's youth of today (our future community).

State History Conference, 7-9 Sept. 2012:

Some THS members will attend this year's meeting hosted by the Swan Guildford Historical Society at Guildford Grammar School. The lectures and visits look very exciting, including the banquet in the Midland Town Hall celebrating the Governors of WA. Members, please let Beth know by 31 July if you wish to attend.

Current research

We have been looking into the early history of the Country Realty cottage and determined the name origin of Fernie Road (after

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Autumn Club

Autumn Leaf

JULY was a busy month for the club with a street stall in Stirling Street on Friday 6 and Saturday 7. We would like to thank all of you who bought tickets.

Winning tickets are: Wood raffle Ticket No J47 Hamper Ticket No D80, Lucky Number 36.

On Wednesday 11 July we invited the Northam Seniors Club to a game of carpet bowls and refreshments. Then the following week we invited the Wanneroo Seniors Club. Both clubs said they enjoyed their visit and looked forward to meeting again soon.

On Wednesday 25 we held our AGM and Laurie Beech took the chair to vote in the new committee. The new office bearers are: President - Wes Smith, Vice President - Mike Cox, Secretary - Glenyce Bosnjak, Treasurer - Jim Short, Bowls Captain - Joe Paulsen, Catering Officer - Pat Old and Raffles Organiser - Freda Richardson.

As we go to press we will be having our first lunch party on Tuesday 31 July. This will be a monthly event and any one may join us, just contact Speedy.

We have booked a number of tickets for the Tivoli Clubs Christmas show in December and by the numbers this seems a popular event.

We have only one birthday this month - Valarie Fordham on the 10th and two early in September, Joe Paulsen on the 4th and Glenyce Bosnjak on the 5th. We wish them all a very happy birthday.

If you are interested in joining the Autumn Club you would be welcomed. Just come along on a Wednesday at 1pm to the sports pavilion, or phone our secretary on 9574 4587.

Ida's Hideaway

Greasy Sleeve

OUR street raffle was a great success; thank you very much to all the people of Toodyay for their generous support.

The winning tickets were:

- 1st Hamper - Donated by Ida's Hideaway Sandy (Red B10)
- 2nd Breakfast for two - Donated by Wendourie Tearooms - Ina Prior Red B14
- 3rd Bathroom Gift Pack - Glen Cook
- 4th Games - Donated by Moondynz Gallery - J Reilly Orange B9
- 5th Games - Donated by Moondynz Gallery - Lynette Red B39
- Trailer of Wood - Brian Black C96

Money card:

1st \$40 was won Dean Carter, who kindly donated it back to Ida's Hideaway; thank you very much Dean.

2nd \$10 was won by Sandy

Thank you all so much, and a big thank you must go to Marilyn, Veya, Michael, Joan, Tina and Glenyce who manned the stall.

Birthdays this month are, Jo Sutton on the 2nd and Val Fordham on the 10th - we wish them both a very happy day.

Ida's Hideaway is a voluntary organisation to assist the seniors of Toodyay. We meet every Saturday afternoon at Butterly House, cnr Harper Road and Stirling Terrace from 1pm till 4pm. Please come along; you will be most welcome.

Toodyay Community Bus

Di Roberts Secretary

WELCOME to the Toodyay Community bus column for August.

Excitement and exciting news

Our beautiful bus is having a 'facelift'. There were so many dents, scrunches and absolute scratches all over the bus that have been caused over the past years, the management committee, with great fortitude and wisdom, decided to bring our bus into a new and favourable position. Thus it was time, during the colder months, to have the expertise of Neil from Toodyay Panel and Paint to bring forth a glistening, gleaming and much happier motor on the road. Just watch the bus motor down Stirling Terrace with a swing in the tyres (if there were eyes on the lights, they would be blinking away with enjoyment) and a movement that one could imagine was saying, "I am on the road again, new and clean and waiting just for you." What a song and what truth. It seems we need a little humour within our town at the present time; the cold has brought about a little concern amongst others and it is time we all looked towards a 'Smiley Face' and this is where the bus comes in.

The enthusiasm our management committee has endeavoured to share with all the community organisations within the shire has paid off, and we are happy to report that many of the organisations have responded to our call of 'come on down'. Become a member and enjoy the friendship that we as a committee and the bus can offer. No matter what your adventures are, no matter what

celebrations can and will be, our bus will always be available to assist you.

We are very happy to report that one of the recent memberships is Butterly Cottages. What a great bunch of people they are and, even though they may be of an age that sometimes they are unable to venture too far afield, we will make sure they will always be cared for with great dignity and, of course, humour too and, perhaps, a sing-along also. Don't forget the chokkie or two on their days out.

Now, down to the news of the month. Want to guess what it is? Yep, it is the Toodyay Community Singers again. I will backtrack a little. A few weeks ago they were invited to the Wundowie Recreation Hall to sing their little hearts out to a group of people. And of course the people down there were so impressed that they extended another invitation to them to their 'Xmas in July'. Yeah, our bus had the opportunity of sharing this adventure so off to Wundowie Recreation Hall again for the celebration. Well, what can one say? Driver, Jeff, decided he didn't want to miss out on this trip either so, with voices singing Xmas carols and other songs, the girls and guys will again have brought some more gladness into the hearts of the people of Wundowie. I will report in the next column of the comings and goings of this trip.

We would like to thank the Shire of Toodyay for giving the Toodyay Community Bus Management Committee the permission to use the Shire's logo on the bus. Wow it is going to look pretty 'spekky'! Also down the track, we hope to have other logos put on to bring a little more colour and notice to the folk of Toodyay and beyond.

Hopefully the Avon Descent will proceed this weekend. It is a little daunting at the present time without a lot more flowing water under the bridge. We wish each and every one who enters the Avon Descent safe journeys, lots of fun and keep warm.

Well, that's about all for this month - keep your eye open for new adventures of our trusty bus.

Remember: Happiness is not something you get, but something you do.

Nominations Close Soon for 2012 WA Seniors Awards

DO you know a busy grandmother or grandfather who is always helping others out? Do you have a senior in your organisation who loves to get involved? Why not nominate them for a WA Seniors Award?

Western Australians have only one week left to nominate an outstanding senior for their service to the community because the 2012 WA Seniors Awards close on Friday 10 August at 5pm.

There are five categories in this year's awards:

- Community Award for voluntary work and serving the community
- Intergenerational Award for working with children and young people under 25
- beyondblue Inspiration Award for Wellbeing for seniors involved in promoting mental health and wellbeing
- Westscheme/COTA WA Champion for Seniors Award for an individual of any age who works in a paid or voluntary capacity to improve the quality of life for seniors or retirees
- The Bendigo Bank Active Ageing Leadership Award for recognising organisations for their innovative planning or services that improve the quality of life of seniors.

The 2012 Burswood WA Senior of the Year will be chosen from the community, intergenerational and inspiration categories.

Nominations can be made online at www.communities.wa.gov.au or by calling Kolyne Tan on 6551 8530 for a nomination pack.

Quo Vadis Durkheim

ONE asks what is true or false about our system, whether it conforms to social reality, and to what extent it is consistent with itself/things. With regard to socialism, we cannot regard it to have any truly scientific factor(s). No enquiry can be termed scientific unless it has an object that is actual and realizable, and whose purpose, it is to translate into intelligible language.

A science, is a study that deals with a given segment of reality that is both known and understood. To describe and explain what is, and what has been, is its sole task. Speculation concerning the future is not its

affair although its ultimate object is to make them possible. On the contrary, socialism is totally future oriented; above all it is a plan for the reconstruction of present day societies, for a collective life. This in turn (really) is what the Village Commons was/is all about! It is where history and sociology conjoin to awaken reflection and research which aspires to a complete reshaping of the social order.

Socialism, is not a science, it is a cry of pain/anger by those who feel more acutely our psychic, social, ecologic malaise which increasingly overwhelms greater no's of people. When the politico-economists deem and more "laissez-faire" less and less State intervention, an increase in competition (not-co-operation) feelings that are jealous for individual autonomy asserted with (often) passion, in defining socialism what comes mostly to people's minds is the negation of individual property.

The question presents, is everything that is directly or indirectly a State monopoly? Not withdrawn from the private domain? Should we say that Socialism effectively begins where the practice(s) of monopoly does, then socialism would be everywhere for there has been a society without monopoly. The opposite of private property is communism, of which inheritance is a vestige, the rights of relatives, to succeed one another in the ownership of goods, is only the last trace of the ancient right of co-property, that in former times all members of the family possessed collectively, over the whole of the domestic fortune. To say, that property is really individual, it must be acquired by the work of that individual alone, but the patrimony transmitted by inheritance has not this character, it is merely a collective store appropriated by the individual. There has been no society in which private goods have not been subordinated to social ends, for such a subordination is the very condition of all common life, this demands an esteem of the common good above what human nature allows more equality in economic relationships.

Emile Durkheim summed it up years ago "the more weakened the groups to which the individual belongs, the less he depends on them. The more consequently he depends on himself, and recognizes no other rules of conduct that what are founded on his private interests" (as a wise counter measure, the book ends thus "since the meaning of a word is the action it produces, love has assumed a ritual significance, but for the most part failed to spell out its real meaning, as involvement, in the sense of something that is a part of the conduct of one's everyday life. Our true inheritance lies in our ability to shape ourselves, not the creatures, but the creators of our destiny".

Economists, believe that progress can only, and must occur by the natural interplay between supply and demand, must not be legislated against. Indeed, the economic functions are peculiar, in not entertaining well defined and regulated relationships with the organ entrusted with the task of representing the body social, as a whole, and of directing it, what we commonly call the State. Hence, the economic state must be seriously concerned with the general state of the society and be modified by it!

There must be a determinate system of organized channels thru which the influence of the State can be brought to bear upon economic activity, for in practice economic/financial activity lies outside the social consciousness, it functions silently. We may say of them that they are diffuse, and as such, lack any liaison and co-operative organization unlike a living body, where a central organ links with all others. Any doctrine is termed socialist that demands the linking of all the economic functions, or certain of them that are at present diffuse, to the conscious, directing centres of society. (A most important issue). Socialism is a tendency that causes economic functions to move, either abruptly/progressively, from the dispersed state in which they exist, to an organized state (in other words to an harmonious relationship with the physical, psychic, ecologic realms of our personal and terrestrial estates), as in cry the beloved country (the grass is rich and matted you cannot see the soil, it holds the rain and the mist, and they seep into the ground, feeding the streams in every Kloof. Stand unshod upon it for the ground is Holy, destroy it and man is destroyed also!)

One may say this is an aspiration toward a more or less complete socialization of all economic forces, but such a revolution cannot take place without a profound moral transformation. To socialize economic life is to subordinate individual and selfish ends to truly societal, fundamental ends, thus to define and elaborate them in their simplest form!!

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Recipe Corner Vegetable and Risoni Soup



Desraé Clarke

THIS delicious, soup is one that can be made really quickly. However, in saying that, I still prefer to make soup at least a day before it is required as the flavour is certainly enhanced. Also, I had never heard of risoni pasta! It was found to be small grain pasta, with the uncooked grains being about the size of a large grain of rice; it cooks quickly and is delicious. As the recipe suggests, I like to cook, or microwave, my broccoli just prior to serving. If the broccoli is cooked in the soup it becomes an awful yellow colour. This recipe makes enough for four to five serves so I double the quantity to allow freezing a number of meals.

Ingredients:

- 1 tblspn oil
- 1 onion, chopped
- 1 garlic clove, crushed
- 2 carrots, chopped
- 2 celery sticks, trimmed and chopped
- 4 cups vegetable stock
- 400gms can of crushed tomatoes

- 1 bay leaf
- 75gms risoni
- 250gms broccoli, cut into very small florets
- 1 tblspn chopped flat-leaf parsley, to serve
- Finely grated Parmesan (optional)

Method:

Heat the oil in a large saucepan over medium heat, then add the garlic and onion and cook till the onion is soft.

Add the carrots and the celery stirring occasionally until the vegetables soften.

Add the stock, tomatoes and bay leaf to the pan, increasing the heat to bring the soup to the boil.

Season with freshly ground pepper.

If the soup has been prepared a day before use and is being reheated to be served, bring it to the boil then briskly stir in the risoni. Reduce the heat and simmer until the risoni is just tender, stirring several times to prevent the pasta from sticking to the bottom of the pan.

Microwave broccoli and add just prior to serving. Sprinkle the soup with parsley and parmesan cheese and serve with crusty bread.

A Sign of the Times

Naomi Millett

WHY is it that so many people seem to get a buzz from destroying signs?

Could it be that there's proportionately less signage in rural areas, so you tend to notice the damaged ones more?

Check it out next time you take a drive. High and low, you will see signs bent, mangled, altered, graffiti sprayed, peppered with bullet holes or missing - within the shires of Northam, Dowerin and Goomalling, from Bindoon to Bolgart, Wyalkatchem to Wongan, Merredin to Meckering.

Well-known local musical personality Adam B Harris sums it up succinctly when he says "People just hate signs." But why?

Is it because signs stand for authority and order in some way, therefore inviting and maybe even deserving, subversive acts of vandalism or displays of anarchy?

Around Toodyay itself, road sign disappearances are on the increase. Any morning after a storm, or a particularly chilly night, you will spot forlorn-looking, empty posts, their purpose in life cruelly wrenched away. Previously they supported signs, ones declaring street or bridge names, prompting junctions and rest areas, warning of arrow-headed snakes, (winding roads), perilous culverts, and loose gravel, or highlighting picnic sites and scenic routes. Bad luck anyone new to town - now you are on your own.



Traditionally there will always be foolhardy dudes, who, upon discovering their own moniker or a word that appeals to them on a sign, are prepared to break the law so they can display it at home.

As such, some authorities are now

proposing making all street names boring, or just having numbers instead, but wouldn't that be a sad day for society?

The West Australian newspaper usually publishes a couple of articles a year about sign theft, usually with an underlying tone of humour - re unusual signs that people can't resist souveniring for use as driveway, bedroom or shed décor. There's Stoner Ave, for example, or Bong St, High Drive, Zzyzx Rd, Divorce Crt, Dumb Woman's Lane, Psycho Path Pt, the list goes on. (Various websites are dedicated to this popular topic if you have a spare hour or two to waste.)

Wittily-altered signs can be amusing though, a brief respite from the mundane of the highway: 'Planet Ends Here,' 'PEE limit 40,' 'PISSING PLACE,' 'Left Lane Only For Lovemaking,' ... 'Don't STOP Believin!'

I remember one that for years adorned a Toodyay events noticeboard: 'Open Weekdays to the Pubic'....



I guess all this is OK for a (juvenile) laugh, but what about when the phenomenon has potentially dangerous consequences?

It's pretty clear that defacement and theft of this nature can cost councils thousands a year. As a result, fewer dollars may be being invested in signage because of the risk of wilful damage.

Although I don't personally know much about the manufacture of signs, I have observed that the quality of them is not what it used to be: mostly the letters are sort of stuck on, like transfers, not printed: this means they tend to peel and look shabby quite quickly. A built in deterrent to pilferers, perhaps?

It is not just locally that there is a problem: sign stealing is a worldwide epidemic, so much so that in some places, if someone gets hurt or killed as a result of a missing sign, the perpetrators can not only face substantial

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Buzzy Bees

If your child is three years old they may be interested in attending a Pre-Kindy Early Start program at school next term.

There will be lots of fun, educational activities for parents and children to share and enjoy.


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Bahá'í Faith

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



The Great Expectation – God Has Kept His Promise

Baha'u'llah (the Glory of God) announced in 1863 that He was the Universal Saviour promised by God through the tongues of His Messengers. Whilst a prisoner of the Ottoman government in Adrianople and Akka, Baha'u'llah wrote letters (Tablets) to the kings and rulers and religious leaders of the world proclaiming His mission, inviting them to embrace His Cause and warning them of grave consequences of rejecting His teachings. Last month we saw a short extract from His Tablet to Pope Pius IX. Another monarch who received a Tablet from Baha'u'llah was Queen Victoria. In His Tablet to Queen Victoria, Baha'u'llah also addressed all the kings of the earth "summoning them to cleave to the Lesser Peace, as distinct from that Most Great Peace which those who are fully conscious of the power of His Revelation and avowedly profess the tenets of His Faith can alone proclaim and must eventually establish: O kings of the earth! We see you increasing every year your expenditures, and laying the burden thereof on your subjects. This, verily, is wholly and grossly unjust. Fear the sighs and tears of this Wronged One, and lay not excessive burdens on your peoples. Do not rob them to rear palaces for yourselves; nay rather choose for them that which ye choose for yourselves. Thus We unfold to your eyes that which profiteth you, if ye but perceive. Your people are your treasures. Beware lest your rule violate the commandments of God, and ye deliver your wards to the hands of the robber. By them ye rule, by their means ye subsist, by their aid ye conquer. Yet, how disdainfully ye look upon them! How strange, how very strange! O rulers of the earth! Be reconciled among yourselves, that ye may need no more armaments save in a measure to safeguard your territories and dominions. Beware lest ye disregard the counsel of the All-Knowing, the Faithful. Be united, O kings of the earth, for thereby will the tempest of discord be stilled amongst you, and your peoples find rest, if ye be of them that comprehend. Should anyone among you take up arms against another, rise ye all against him, for this is naught but manifest justice." Let us hope that as we watch the distressing condition of the world on our TV screens every day ponder on the words of Baha'u'llah addressed to the rulers of the world over a hundred years ago.

For info Email: info-toodyay@wa.bahai.org.au or call 9330 6999 or 9574 5610
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I am like a kid in a toy shop. I can't wait to play with my paints and hopefully create something that will transmit my feelings of the subject to the viewer.



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finer but serious civil liability (criminal charges).

Another form of this activity, (who would have guessed?) is the removal of signs to avoid obeying the law by claiming later the sign was not there. How's that for quick thinking!

Many people don't realise that the initial purpose of street signs was for emergency services, not mail deliveries.

Remember the April 2012 theft (in the week after the fatal attack which killed Peter Kurmann) of ten shark warning notices from South West beaches? This story was deemed so significant, that widespread media outlets aired it as a major news item, with furious local officials urging those responsible to 'do the right thing.'

I guess we should be thankful we don't live in a place called Shitterton, in the UK. Its welcome sign got nicked so often the council stopped replacing it. The village residents eventually chipped in to buy a one and a half tonne stone slab with the name engraved on it as a permanent replacement.

On a smaller scale, it's already happening here though - tired of Lover's Lane thefts, the Shire has mounted the sign on a massive piece of steel, concreted solidly into the ground. Unless trouble makers take to carting around blowtorches, welding gear or explosives, the only threat this sign faces is probably rust.

In addition to the above story, just last weekend, when the Julimar Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade was conducting a controlled burn on Julimar Road, one of the signs warning motorists of a potential danger ahead was stolen. Thanks to them, motorists came over the rise at speed and were surprised to see a road covered in smoke.

Ed

My View

Anne Skinner

WHEN my husband, Reg, and I moved to Toodyay, we decided we were going to do all the things that we had waited all our lives to enjoy.

Reg became the amazing carpenter, the Mr. Fixit man and the gardener-extraordinaire, with the occasional help from bribed grandchildren (thanks, boys) while I have pursued a few new lines of interest: quilting, an ongoing hobby; spinning, also an ongoing stress releaser; painting (one of those 'I wish' projects, my skills minimal); house decorating, a love of imagination and reality brought together in my home. Of course I really take pleasure in my writing, whether for *The Herald*, or just for myself and my plans for a book one day - my bucket list topper.

I've spoken before of my enjoyment of the exercise group for the over 50s at the Pavilion and the fun while moving/pushing our ageing bodies around led by enthusiastic wonderful ladies, all to a selection of music that has been a part of my life also. I have made some lovely friends and try to go as often as possible to these groups.

I am not being paid to say this but I love FM Curtin Radio; they play my kind of music.

Our neighbours have also commented on our choice of radio station which my husband often has on maybe a little too loud, as he gets into 'We Got To Get Out Of This Place' by the Animals, or 'Ring of Fire' with Johnny. Oh yes, they love the same station - we must all be about the same age, eh? While these songs are equivalent to an 'air guitar' for my husband, my taste is a little more refined - being more of the 'Sound of Music' kind, (much to Reg's horror) or even Abba. So this is where my secret longings come to the fore. Now don't tell me you don't have secret longings too?

Yes, I have always longed for the smell of grease paint, the break-a-leg community, the rush of nerves and passion as the stage curtain parts. Oh, who am I kidding? I will never be a Julie Andrews or a Barbara Streisand but I can dream can't I, or at least pretend for a while?

My first evening at practice was such an eye opener. People I knew, notables of our community became these new identities, people known only to us from movies and musicals we may have been lucky to see as younger people. There were people out there like me with a hunger and a longing to be on the stage. Oh yes, I am not alone any more.

Unknown to me, the group, Toodyay Community Singers, were preparing for an up-coming concert, 'Musical Memories', led by Trish Young, their fearless leader, and I had just walked into their practice session. I was hooked. I knew most of the words to the songs and I knew some of the folk before me only in another light: their day jobs. I soon learnt that, although this was fun, they were quite serious about their chosen pastime and they were all keen to do their best and to be the most professional singer/actor as possible.

Was it possible I could be part of this too? YES, OH YES! GREASE PAINT HERE I COME!

The hair-brush microphone was to become a reality for me at long last. Toodyay we, and I say WE with pride, will be presenting 'Musical Memories' for all to enjoy in our Memorial Hall on 18 August. Please seek out ticket sales, I am sure it will be a great night for anyone who enjoys a good laugh, a sing-a-long, or even the 'Ahhh' moments. We may remember them well and want to remember all over again.

I have done a little bit of public singing, although in the safe confines of a church or a concert with other believers, and even joint functions with the Jewish community. However, this is all now a new ballgame for me and I'm loving it. Stretching my boundaries again (a little like exercise classes: it hurts a little but you feel great afterwards and it's easier next time, I hope.)

If anyone has ever said that "life is boring" or "there is nothing to do", they must be living in a cocoon. There is so much out there to do and so little time to do it, I say. Life is to be enjoyed. We have been given this one life to live and I am so grateful that I am given yet another chance to have a go at yet another challenge. I am no star, but I might twinkle just a little.

COME AND TWINKLE WITH US. HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE.

Calling All Central & Eastern Health Heroes

SENSIS, publisher of the Yellow Pages and White Pages, wants to hear from Toodyay locals in the central and eastern region of Western Australia who are making their communities a healthier place as part of its annual call out for inspiring people to

feature on the covers of its phone books.

Celebrating the value of good health, Sensis wants to recognise selfless Australians who go above and beyond to improve the quality of life in their local area, by featuring them on the cover of next year's Central & Eastern Yellow Pages and White Pages book.

Whether they're tireless charity fundraisers, ingenious doctors or warm-hearted volunteers, Sensis is searching for health care heroes as part of next year's 2013/14 theme *Keeping Our Communities Healthy*.

White Pages Product Manager, Sarah Simpson, said, "Every Australian understands the value of good health. It is what every parent wishes for their child and every individual hopes will never desert them. And at the heart of Australia's health care industry are the selfless men and women who devote their time to improving others' quality of life."

"We want to celebrate those individuals keeping our communities healthy, whether it's through raising funds for health-related charities, initiating support groups, promoting preventative health care messages or pioneering a major medical breakthrough."

"No matter how big or small their actions, helping improve another's quality of life should be commended."

To nominate someone for the cover of the next Yellow Pages® and White Pages® book, visit www.whitepagescommunity.com.au or alternatively you can:

- Email coversprogram@sensis.com.au;
- Message us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/WhitePagesAustralia>;
- Tweet us @Whitepages_au;
- Fax your nominations to 03 8416 6779; or
- Post your nominations to Keeping Our Communities Healthy, Locked Bag 6005, Richmond VIC 3121.

The nominee must have contributed to the community in one or more of the following ways:

- Raised awareness or funds that have helped improve access to health services in their community;
- Performed an action/s that has resulted in a positive impact on the health of an individual or a group of individuals;
- Actively volunteered their time to help support patients or health care providers;
- Initiated projects/programs with a focus on preventative health care;
- Overcome a personal health issue to support or counsel others in a similar situation;
- Made or contributed to a medical discovery, breakthrough or innovation.

Nominations close on 7 September 2012. Shortlisted nominees will be contacted by Sensis or its agency. The cover subject will be selected by a panel of judges.

Did you know? The previous local people to appear on the Central & Eastern Yellow Pages and White Pages covers were:

2012/13: Neridup resident Tom Brown appears on the current cover, recognised under the theme A Helping Hand, The Aussie Way. Tom is the Shire of Esperance's chief bushfire controller and has been helping protect an area 42,000km² from fire since taking on the voluntary role in 1994.

2011/12: Kalgoorlie resident Debbie Beer appeared on the cover under the theme Australians Creating a Better Future. Debbie's selection recognised her commitment to supporting homeless youths in Kalgoorlie, as the youth and family worker at Crossroads West Kalgoorlie Boulder Youth Accommodation Centre. **2010/11:** Bonnie Rock resident Michael Bowron featured on the cover under the

theme Courageous Australians. Michael's selection recognised his bravery when, aged eight, he courageously rescued his father from a horrific truck accident.

Toodyay Community Resource Centre August Calendar Bookings – 9574 5357

Fri 3 – Street Information Stand at IGA – 8am – 5pm

We will be holding a street information stand to answer your questions, encourage ideas and let you know what we are doing and what we have in store for the future at the resource centre here in Toodyay. We look forward to seeing you and gathering information on what you would like to see at the centre.

Thurs 16 – Pet Photo Competition

Bring in your photos of your pets. It is only \$2 entry and some wonderful prizes are to be won. The categories are Most Photogenic, Cutest and Most Endearing. Judging will be done on Friday 17 August at the centre.

Sat 18 – Display of Pet Photos

The photos will be displayed in Stirling Tce between 9am and 1pm and a further judging by viewers' choice will be done. The winners will be notified on Monday and photos can be collected after 20 August.

Mon 20 – Basic Car Maintenance – 1pm – 3pm

To be held at the Toodyay Road House near Duidgee Park. Come along and find out how to maintain the all important things like tyre pressure/tread, radiator, windscreen wipers, oil and more. Cost \$5.

Thurs 23 – Directions Career Guidance 10am – 12pm

There is no charge, but appointments are necessary.

Looking for some career advice? Then come along to the centre and meet Rosie Fleay from Directions Northam who can advise you and help to set your career path.

Sun 26 – How to Reverse Your Trailer 11am – 1pm

We are once again repeating our very popular trailer reversing lessons. There was a great response last time to this very informative and useful course and many were disappointed they couldn't make it, so it's on again. Learn how to reverse a trailer and tie your load down. Cost \$5.00.

Thurs 30 – Cooking on a Budget 10am – 1pm

Cooking on a Budget with Desraé Clarke. This short course will give you plenty of ideas that are both nutritious and affordable to fill those hungry tummies. Participants are asked to bring along three small containers to take home a sample of what's been cooked. Cost \$10.

General

Mondays – Multifarious Mondays 10am – 12pm

As the name implies, the art and craft sessions offered cover a wide range of subjects and everyone is welcome to come along and learn new crafts. Includes morning tea. Cost \$4

Tuesdays – 3Cs (Cuppa, Chat and Crochet) 9.30am – 12pm

A social morning, including morning tea. Learn knitting and crocheting and you work at *your own pace!* Cost \$2.50.

Where to look for more

All calendar and upcoming events for the Toodyay Community Resource Centre will be posted on the Shire Notice Board that is situated on the side of the old post office.

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Letter from Austria

Susan Clulow

HELLO Everyone,

Well, July has been a bit quiet in one way as the school holidays have started so everything has stopped. For the holidays, there are no bell dancing classes to teach and choir is also having a break for a month or so. We have a sing-along coming up in town on 15 August. Last year we started at 6 pm and, with singing and eating and drinks, we were still at it at 12 midnight. It's hopefully going to be fine and warm (last year it was a balmy night) and as typical as an Austrian Fest can be: lots of singing and good humour and, of course, the food and the beers and wines and schnapps. It's funny; for all the drinking, nobody ever is staggering drunk here but all have a good night - no fights and all great fun. Last year a couple of the local off-duty police officers bought me a couple of shots of Schnapps but, at the end of the night, after two wines and three schnapps, I was still sober. Plenty of food too. And, of course, this year will be even better as I have made many new friends here.

On 6 - 7 October the choir is going by bus to a health spa in Slovenia for two days and one night - all inclusive, €25! I'm so looking forward to this. Later in the year we are again going to Salzburg to sing in the advent concert and see the famous advent markets.

This month I have had a busy social life with a birthday supper with friends at a restaurant in town and, a couple of invitations to supper at the same friend's place and, last night, 22 July, a party there again with drinks, wine and a huge spread of Spanish tapas and finger food - didn't get home till 11.30 pm.

I must say I have a lovely social life here. I am trying to get the hang of the German language and seem to pick up a couple of new words each day and can manage a few short sentences now.

My veg garden has borne a huge crop of food so far, with around 40lbs of new potatoes from spuds I had sprout in my cupboard so cost nothing and tasted great with fresh butter and mint sauce. Also I have been busy making jam from my redcurrants and blackcurrants, canned all my gooseberries, have picked my first zucchini and all my peas and French runner beans. The cherry and large tomatoes are all loaded with fruit and the pumpkin are flowering - this after a very wet summer so far. I have decided it's time to take down my 100-year-old apple tree. It's loaded with apples but I'm afraid they are all bruised and have fruit fly and are dropping 50lbs each day on the garden and rotting. The apples are OK to make strudel but are no good for eating and how much strudel can one make? The tree has a lot of dead branches and is hanging over my next door neighbour's garden, too, so it's time for it to go.

The weather is warm when the sun is out and everyone here has a dark brown tan! I am hoping my friends might get back to visit me before they fly back to Oz on 12 August but I haven't heard from them for a couple of weeks. I must say they have had terrible weather in Europe this summer. The UK has had the wettest three months on record and even Austria had heavy rains and landslides yesterday (not near me but one person was reported drowned) and a couple of villages were evacuated!

I follow all the news back in Oz and Toodyay via an app on iPhone called Australian Network and the *Herald* online and also I use facebook. In fact, I sometimes can tell friends and family what's going on before they hear it.

My neighbourhood ducks are now six strong this year and I have many a giggle watching them. The traffic is so good that the ducks frequently stop the cars in the middle of the road. I am sure they watch for cars and wait until one's almost level and then walk out into the middle of the road and stop. They then look at the car and wait until the driver gets out to chase them off the road. I also never tire of watching the cows wander down the road every afternoon, shepherded from behind by a lady on a push bike and a stick. They walk slowly, stop for a drink at the trough and a mouth full of grass on the way to the dairy to be milked. Cars stop to wait until they've passed. I walk down and get my milk every two days at 50c a litre, fresh from the cooler.

Life is good and peaceful and a joy to wake every morning and see my mountains and my valley.

More next month. Keep safe, all. Only another six weeks and it will start warming up over there.

Bye.

iDisorder: A Groundbreaking New Book Hits the Shelves

Naomi Millett

PICTURE this scenario: You meet some friends for coffee. All of you take out your electronic devices and place them on the table. During this face to face encounter, no one thinks twice anymore about fiddling with their little plastic rectangles, checking them, answering calls or texting.

You leave, and are driving away when you notice your phone isn't in your pocket! Cue instant panic: a desperate retracing of steps, frantic scrabbling through bags and briefcases, disembowelling the car's interior as you search, borrowing another phone ASAP so you can locate yours, desperately dialling the café in the hopes they have found it...

In this techno-hooked age, misplacing our smartphones is like losing a part of ourselves.

Could we be suffering from iDisorder? iDisorder is a newly-coined term for the millennium malady affecting thousands around the world.

In a previous edition of the Herald, I wrote a light hearted item about technology and how it can take over our lives. This month, with the arrival of a \$785 bill plus more than \$60 in late payment fees, the joke, for me, is well and truly over.

I didn't really think my symptoms were serious or that I had a troublesome addiction; spending a maximum of half an hour a day on the internet, researching information, and yes, I admit, passing some pleasant time listening to YouTube songs.

However, as a single parent struggling to stay on top of 'normal' bills from week to week, this kind of indulgence is crazy. Time to face the frightening prospect of withdrawal - and rethink the effects technology is having on us.

American psychologist, Larry Rosen Ph.D, has just released a book called iDisorder. According to him, experiencing fear at the thought of separation from our ubiquitous portable devices is a key indicator of addiction. This book, while a little heavy on the academic stuff in places, makes some fascinating, thought-provoking observations about contemporary society and its embrace of technology.

Experts predict that by 2015, 80% of the world's population will have a smartphone or a laptop computer. That means most of us are connected all day, every day, no matter where we go - unable to escape from the 'plugged in' aspect of our culture.

Dr Rosen and his colleagues use experiments in neuroscience, biology, education and sociology to argue that our online dependence has 'gone past convenience' - claiming this constant flow of information is more than the human mind was ever meant to handle.

The book explores some of the many reasons why we become hooked into our devices, focusing on five 'critical features.' These include their ease of use, the way they exploit our senses, with appealing, in fact entrancing, visual displays and crystal clear sounds and that they can make us feel as though we are anonymous since nobody can see us.

The evidence is all around us that people are attached to their devices and often driven to check and use them.

One of Rosen's more alarming observations is that there is little difference between Facebook, Twitter, and other social media website addicts and those suffering obsessive-compulsive disorder.

The concern is that our reliance on computers and other devices to 'keep us connected' may also be doing us psychological harm if we rely too much on them and not enough on maintaining healthy lifestyles, including face to face interactions with people.

Reading his words, I identified with many of the points, 'recognising' some aspects of my own behaviour and that of almost everyone I know. More positively, the Doc shows that there are ways to achieve harmony with technology without being controlled by the constant influx of data.

Rosen is realistic - he does not suggest that people go 'cold turkey' and get rid of their devices. Instead, he suggests strategies such as putting aside technology for short, scheduled 'reconnection' periods with nature - and having some times (such as meal times) where phones, tablets and Blackberrys etc

are turned off.

He also stresses the need to remember that there are real people on the other end of all e-communications we put out.

The book has a practical element, incorporating detailed surveys so you can monitor your own level of technology use and takes steps to modify it if you wish. Interestingly, he does not examine the high cost of using these devices, and I believe he should. Sure, we might be concerned about our mental health, but nothing hits home about a problem more than when it affects the health of your wallet.

iDisorder is currently in the Toodyay Library. I recommend you check it out.

Meanwhile, I'm off to beg for further payment deadline extensions from my provider.

Clean Machines Preventing Weed Spread

The smallest of seeds can be carried far and wide by vehicles and machinery, potentially spreading weeds to farms and bushland around Australia.

Weeds nationally cost more than \$4 billion a year in lost agricultural production and control costs, as well as immeasurable damage to the environment. Detecting and treating invasive plants while they still occur at low abundance and with limited distribution provides the best opportunity to prevent wide-scale establishment. It also represents the stage of invasion at which a rapid response results in cost effective management.

The National Weed Spread Prevention Initiative (NWSPI) was established in 2011 by the Australian Government's Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry. The initiative seeks to reduce weed spread through early detection and rapid response by encouraging knowledge sharing and the adoption of nationally consistent approaches in weed management.

The project officer for the NWSPI, Dr Matt Sheehan, said a key priority of the initiative was to improve linkages and support networks between all weed managers, including industry.

"There is a need to increase education opportunities within industries on weed risks and the legislative responsibilities they have to manage weeds, as well as to provide tools to help industry reduce their impacts," Dr Sheehan said. "Partnerships that include industry can reduce the spread of weeds and increase the likelihood of early detection and rapid response."

"The initiative also provides an opportunity for us to recognise and promote the numerous examples we have of industries being proactive in weed spread prevention."

The Civil Construction Industry provides one such example. The Civil Construction Federation (CCF) is the peak body representing civil engineering contractors across Australia. With 2000 members, the CCF represents a workforce of approximately 350,000 Australia-wide. Civil contractors work on a wide range of projects including the development and maintenance of roads, bridges, dams, wharves and commercial and housing developments.

Environmental field officer for CCF, Wayne Huntley said that civil construction activities often involve working in direct contact with soil, and therefore present a high risk of weed contamination and subsequent spread. To address this, the CCF has developed an industry-wide guide for machinery hygiene that details methods for

detecting and removing contaminant plant parts, seeds and soil from machinery.

"The development of the guide has been an important and proactive step in preventing the spread of weeds to new areas, be that in urban environments or in agricultural or environmentally sensitive areas," Mr Huntley said. "By adopting this guide and applying effective machinery hygiene methods, contractors help to reduce the spread of invasive plants."

The Machinery Hygiene Guide and an online e-learning tool were developed in partnership with the Victorian Department of Primary Industries (DPI), with support from the Association of Land Development Engineers (ALDE), VicRoads, and Victoria's Department of Sustainability and Environment (DSE). The DPI-CCF partnership worked to develop best practice methods of weed spread prevention (for both strategic and on-the-ground activities).

Dr Sheehan said that the guide provides just one example of the types of tools that can be developed to reduce weed spread.

"It also illustrates how the development and effectiveness of such tools can benefit through partnerships," he said.

The NWSPI seeks to raise the awareness of the importance of weed spread prevention, promote the achievements of industries such as CCF, and encourage other industries who wish to adopt a proactive approach to tackle weed spread.

Industries interested in developing a weed spread prevention or weed management initiative should contact Dr Matt Sheehan on 0427 722 793 or email matt@wildmatters.com.au.

The Guide for Machinery Hygiene for Civil Construction can be downloaded from www.civilcontractors.com/resource-guide-for-machinery-hygiene-for-civil-construction-available-for-general-use

To participate in the CCF web learning tool and view video demonstrations of best practice go to civiltrain.trainingvc.com.au/. New visitors must register with a username and password to participate in the training module.

Ten tips for weed spread prevention at construction sites:

- Conduct a site assessment and determine if there are noxious weeds or plant diseases present.
- Chemically treat or manually remove weeds before commencing work, where appropriate, and plan the disposal method to be used. Contact the relevant state authority for disposal permits for declared weeds.
- Locate suitable clean down areas, usually near entry and exit points, and identify these on your site map.
- If possible, plan works to progress from clean areas to infested areas (particularly when working on roadsides).
- Aim to minimise disturbance of existing vegetation.
- Implement procedures to inspect and/or clean machinery entering and leaving the site.
- Ensure everyone on site is familiar with machinery hygiene and cleaning procedures by use of site inductions and training.
- Avoid the movement of people and machinery through infested areas particularly at the high risk time of seeding.
- Use removable screens over grills on vehicles to prevent seeds lodging in internal parts such as the radiator.
- Seek a declaration from suppliers that soil and machinery received to site is weed and disease free (especially for re-vegetation works).

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

AFRICAN DRUMMING

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

ARTS TOODYAY INC

Meets 1st Tuesday 8pm, The Old Police Station, Duke St Sth. Interested in arts/crafts workshops call Wendy 9574 4172

AUSTRALIAN BREASTFEEDING ASSOCIATION

Breastfeeding information & company of mums. 2nd & 4th Tuesday, Salvation Army Support Centre, 3 Elizabeth Pl Northam 10am-noon. 3rd Tuesday Toodyay Playgroup 12-2pm. Call Louise for details 9574 0229

AUTUMN CLUB

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

AVONGROVE TAI CHI

Promoting Health Fitness & Relaxation Classes at CWA Hall Mondays & Thursdays 9:30am to 11:00am. New members receive two free intro classes Contact Peter Millar 0408 364 917

AVON VALLEY ADULT RIDING CLUB

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

AVON VALLEY ENVIRONMENTAL SOC.

3rd Friday at Max Trenorden's Office, Entrance Northam Boulevard Fitzgerald Street Northam, noon.

AVON VALLEY VINTAGE VEHICLE ASSOCIATION

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

AVON WOODTURNERS GROUP

Meet every Sunday and Wednesday 9am-12 noon Wool Pavilion Toodyay Sports Ground

BEJOORDING VOLUNTEER FIRE BRIGADE

Meet at Bejoording Fire Shed, 3rd Saturday 5pm

CHILD HEALTH IMMUNISATION CLINIC

For the next immunisation clinic please call Sheree on 9574 4577 for details and book an appointment.

COONDLE NUNILE VOLUNTEER BUSH FIRE BRIGADE

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

COUNTRY WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION (CWA)

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

CUBS, JOEYS & SCOUTS (only during school term)

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

EARTH SOLUTIONS - AVON VALLEY

3rd Tuesday 6pm at PB Kirby Centre, cnr Gordon & Wellington Sts, Northam. New members welcome. Contact Caroline Barr on 9622 8043 or Belle Moore on 9622 5203 for information.

FIRST STEPS PLAYGROUP INC - TOODYAY MONTESSORI

Monday 9.30 - 11.30am Playgroup Room Community Resource Centre Enquiries call Felicity 9574 4254

FITNESS AND FUN FOR THE OVER 55's

Wednesday 9am, Sports Pavillion.

IDA'S HIDEAWAY

Every Saturday 1-4pm Butterly House Call Ida Edwards 9574 2858

JULIMAR VOLUNTEER BUSH FIRE BRIGADE

Meets 3rd Saturday June August October 5.30pm Julimar Fire Shed followed by BYO BBQ. Training Sunday following meeting 10am Julimar Fire Shed. BYO BBQ other months 5.30pm.

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 at 7pm Saturday mornings 8am at 3 Wallaby Way, Morangup new members welcome. Call Cheryl Mustchin 9572 9556

RAG BAGS QUILTING GROUP

1st, 3rd Wednesday, 10am CWA Hall

RSL TOODYAY SUB -BRANCH

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

ST STEPHEN'S MOTHERS' UNION/GUILD

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

SHIRE OF TOODYAY COUNCIL MEETING

3rd Thursday Council Chambers 7pm

SILVER CHAIN AUXILIARY

Meetings 2nd Tuesday 10am at Toodyay Community Resource Centre

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 3rd Saturday, for location & time call Dave Isbill 9574 4035

TOODYAY BALLET SCHOOL

Classes in Classical, Jazz & Tap held at 507 Julimar Rd, new studio. Ages 4yrs to Adults, girls and boys 9574 4459 Saturdays 9am-30pm (except school holidays)

TOODYAY CENTRAL VOLUNTEER BUSH FIRE BRIGADE

4th Tuesday 7.30pm at the Toodyay Fire & Emergency Services Centre. Training 2nd Thursday

TOODYAY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY INC

Meets 1st Monday CWA Hall, Stirling Tce, 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 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 Feb-Nov Toodyay Race Course call Tanzi 0427 859 493

TOODYAY FRIENDS OF THE RIVER

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

TOODYAY GARDEN CLUB (Inc)

1st Thursday 10am call Gale 9574 4740 or Margaret 9574 5885 for next club venue.

TOODYAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

3rd Wednesday 7pm Donegan's Cottage

TOODYAY IRISH DANCING (Inc)

Fridays (except school holidays) 3.30-7pm Anglican Church Hall call Alison 0409 295 369

TOODYAY KINDERGYN

Kindergym Fridays (except school holidays) Toodyay Sports Pavilion call Claire Moore (President) 9574 4529

TOODYAY LIONS CLUB

1st & 3rd Tuesday Hotel Freemasons

TOODYAY MASONIC LODGE

3rd Friday (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 6176 Toodyay Road Thursday mornings Phone Geoff Ebdon 9574 4568

TOODYAY MOOONDYNE FESTIVAL

Meets 2nd Monday 5.30pm Toodyay Club. New members always welcome Contact Jasmin 9574 4068 or email moondyncommittee@gmail.com

TOODYAY MUSIC CLUB INC

2nd Friday 7pm CWA Hall call Teddy or Spencer 9574 4492

TOODYAY NATURALISTS' CLUB

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

TOODYAY NEIGHBOURHOOD/RURAL WATCH

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

TOODYAY PLAYGROUP

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

TOODYAY RATEPAYERS & RESIDENTS ASSOC (INC.)

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

TOODYAY RED CROSS

2nd Monday February May August & November Anglican Hall 1.30pm

TOODYAY SPINNERS

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

TOODYAY SWIMMING POOL ACTION COMM

12.30pm 2nd Monday at the Freemasons Hotel

TOODYAY TOWN WALKS

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

TOODYAY VOLUNTEER FIRE AND RESCUE

1st Monday Fire Station 8pm

UNITING CHURCH

10am St Stephen's Church, Toodyay

YOGA

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

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CASH paid for aluminium cans, steel, brass, copper, old car bodies, etc. Lot 10 Tannin Place, Industrial Extracts, Northam Road. Ph 9574 2987 or 0438 412 324

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Last week on the Toodyay Hockey pitch, a sports wrist stopwatch. Phone 9574 5947

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some extra shots from Julimar Bush Fire Brigade - Christmas in July



Anniversaries

Peter & Veronica Dymond
Peter & Kathy Robinson
Stan & June Eastwood

**Forsyth – Ernie and Magdaline
Happy 50th Anniversary**



What an amazing accomplishment: to build a happy marriage, to create a warm and loving home, to raise a family and to do it all together. You are both truly an inspiration and we feel very lucky to have grown up knowing the love of two such very special people. Happy anniversary, Mum (Nanna) and Dad (Grandpop). It warms our hearts to see the way the two of you still care for each other, in their own special way, and we never grow too old for holding hands.

Love from family and grandchildren.

Annual General Meetings

Toodyay Community Resource Centre Inc

The Toodyay Community Resource Centre Inc wishes to advise that there will be an Annual General Meeting on Monday 10 September at 6pm at the Resource Centre.

All members are requested to attend and any interested persons would be most welcome.

Arts Toodyay Inc

Arts Toodyay's Annual General Meeting is to be held on 4 September at 8pm at the club room in the Old Police Station on Duke Street North. All members must be financial in order to vote at the AGM and annual fees are now due for payment.

The Toodyay Herald Inc

The Annual General Meeting of The Toodyay Herald Inc will be held on 10 October 2012 at The Toodyay Herald office, 92b Stirling Terrace Toodyay commencing at 7pm.

Birthdays

Jo Sutton Dimity Taylor
Drew Taylor Wayne Clarke
Samantha Douglas Heather Henderson
Tiana Connor Mark Bowden
Isabelle Adamson Ben Gordon

Nicole Seed Shane MacGregor
Tanya MacGregor Ian MacGregor
Kylie Hebron John Mitchinson
Travis Higgins Margaret O'Sullivan
Greta Baker Rod Banks

GEARY Kristian 21st

We watched with pride as you strived to complete your goals.

Trust your instincts and follow your heart, Happy 21st.

Love Mum, Dad and Damon

GEARY Kristian 21st

With love on your special day.

Kira

Faith

Happy 10th Birthday our beautiful girl. We are sure you will have a wonderful day.

With lots of love from Mum, Dad, Sam and Gabby xxxxxx

Steve

Happy Birthday to my dear husband.

We hope you have a great day.

With love from Roz, Sam, Faith and Gabby xxxxx

Gabby

To Gabby,

Happy 8th Birthday to our gorgeous little munchkin.

We hope you have a wonderful day.

With lots of love from Mummy, Daddy, Sam and Faith xxxxxxxx

Di

To Di

Hope you have a wonderful birthday on the 7th.

Love Jeff

Competition

A Pet Photo Competition will be held on Friday 17 August at the Toodyay Community Resource Centre.

Any persons wishing to enter their pet are asked to have the photos and \$2 entry in by Thursday 16 August.

Expressions of Interest

Toodyay Race Club

Toodyay Race Club invites expressions of interest from community groups wishing to provide a service or catering stall at the Toodyay Picnic Race Day on Sunday 7 October.

Please direct all correspondence to The TRC Committee, PO Box 32, Northam 6401 or email toodyay.avonturf@westnet.com.au. Queries to 9622 7765 or toodyay.avonturf@westnet.com.au.

Toodyay Junior Basketball Association

The Toodyay Junior Basketball Association invites all interested children aged 9 to 16 years to register for the upcoming basketball season.

The Toodyay Junior Basketball Association teams play within the Northam Amateur Basketball Association Junior competition with games played generally on a Tuesday night during the months of November to March.

Please contact Enrolment Officer, Liz Ferguson, on 9574 2304 or email toodyayjuniorbasketball@hotmail.com for registration details.

Basketball is a fun summer time team sport which the whole family can enjoy.

In Memoriam

HYDE Les

The committee and staff of *The Toodyay Herald* were saddened by the passing of one of our staunchest supporters, Les Hyde.

Les worked for the *Herald* for at least 15 years as committee member, proof reader, writer, advertising coordinator and delivery driver.

He will be sorely missed, not only as a valued volunteer but also as a friend and colleague.

WATSON Troy

27.8.78 – 20.8.09

Three sad years have now passed, not a day goes by without thoughts of you, and wishing you were still here with us.

Death is a heartache that no one can heal, Love leaves a memory that no one can steal.

Love Mum, Dad, Latiesha, Brad and Renee

WATSON Troy

27.8.78 – 20.8.09

Dad we think about you always. We have so many photos and memories, but we wish we still had you.

Love you so much, your kids Sharnae and Joshua

WATSON Troy

27.8.78 – 20.8.09

Uncle Troy we talk and think about you every day. We have your photos and memories, but we want you back, so we can have our fun times. Missing you so very much.

Bella, Lily, Will, Charlotte and Ella.

WATSON Troy

27.8.78 – 20.8.09

Troy Watson loved grandson. This day is remembered and silently kept. No words are needed, we will never forget, love you,

Nan.

Training

First Aid Course

The next First Aid Course is to be held at Bolgart on Sunday 19 August. The last course will be held at Toodyay on Sunday 16 September.

For registration contact Valerie Cale, Bolgart, 96275 248 or Jenny Willgoss, Toodyay, 9574 2455 a/h 9574 2412. Registration for your homework pack essential.

Assist your St John Ambulance sub centre by enrolling in your local First Aid course.

Graham Boston
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102 Fitzgerald Street Northam
(Opp Red Rooster)
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Mob: 0438 919 932

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Jesus Works Sunday Service
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Three classes, 6-9 yr olds, 9-12 yr olds, 12-15 yr olds. Creche for under school-aged kids.

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

Ladies
Bible studies and fellowship.

Mens
Groups, short term studies.