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Adopt-a-Spot groups gather at the launch

## Toodyay Adopts More Spots Than Anywhere Else

Naomi Millett and Shelley Kingston

ON 15 June the CWA Hall in Toodyay was filled to capacity with enthusiastic locals of all ages who turned out for the official launch of Adopt-a-Spot Toodyay.

Working in partnership the Toodyay & Districts Community Bank®, the Shire of Toodyay, Toodyay Tidy Towns Committee and Keep Australia Beautiful Council have taken eight months to put this initiative together. The Community Bank is sponsoring 20 groups while a further three groups, the CWA, Avon Valley Environmental Society and Great Beginnings Daycare, joining voluntarily. All are getting involved in our community by adopting spots to keep Toodyay litter-free. Signage is currently going up in adopted areas acknowledging all the hard work done by these community groups.

The function was attended by Stan Scott, CEO, and councillors from the Shire of Toodyay, Vicki Wesley, Chair of Toodyay & Districts Community Financial Services, Jenni Anderton, CEO of Keep Australia Beautiful WA, subcommittee members, Shelley Kingston, Kim Angus, Greg Warburton, Beth Frayne, Maureen Maher, Adopt-a-Spot Coordinator, Keep Australia Beautiful Council, and an impressive number members from the community groups.

Display boards were set up showing the areas that each group has agreed to watch over and protect, and there was also a Keep Australia Beautiful stall distributing free car rubbish bags, stickers, pencils made from



Great Beginnings Toodyay's clean-up with Riley, Kailani, Izzaiah and Cohen with Lea Anne MacGregor

reclaimed paper, special pouches in which to safely extinguish cigarette butts, and pamphlets outlining the new tougher laws surrounding littering. Infringements can be issued by police officers, local government rangers and other environmental officers.

Did you know, for example, that cigarette butt littering fines have increased from \$75 to \$200 for individuals and you can be fined \$500 for transporting a load unsecured? Maureen Maher from Keep

Australia Beautiful Council invited people to become a litter reporter by going online to the Keep Australia Beautiful website.

"We are here today making history!" said Maureen Maher. She spoke of this being the first time in Western Australia that they have ever had this many groups from one community Adopt-a-Spot. There is no other town or local government area in the whole of WA with 23 adopting groups. 900 community members out there picking up litter equates to 20% of Toodyay's population.

The Adopt-a-Spot programme is bringing together not only environmental activists, but tiny children through to those in their autumn years, sportspeople from all codes, people who embrace the arts and culture, some who drive the local bus, who make up the church communities, who fight the fires, who grow beautiful gardens, who support the wellbeing of women in rural communities. Despite the diversity, they all have put their hands up to pick up litter and work together

on a common goal: keep Toodyay litter-free. KABC council asked all members involved to complete a survey and clean up reports as this is such a unique group they would like to study and perhaps replicate this programme in other communities around WA. Go Toodyay!

After the official part of the proceedings was over, each group was presented with their adoption kits, vests and rubbish tip passes. This was followed by morning tea, photos and an informal question and answer session. This was a great example of the community spirit in this town and an encouraging start to this project.

Well done to all involved for working together and creating something a lot bigger than we can each do on our own. These are the community groups who have joined this programme:

### Adopt-a-Spot Toodyay Community Groups

Toodyay Tennis Club, Toodyay Bowling Club, Arts Toodyay Inc, Toodyay Junior Basketball Club, CWA Toodyay Branch, Toodyay Garden Club, Toodyay District High School, Great Beginnings Daycare, Toodyay Friends of the River, First Steps Playgroup, Toodyay Naturalists Club, Toodyay Senior Cricket Club, Clackline/Toodyay Karate Club, Toodyay Community Singers, Julimar Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade, Avon Valley Environmental Society, Toodyay Junior Cricket Club, Toodyay Baptist Church, Toodyay Autumn Club, Toodyay Golf Club, Toodyay Community Bus, Toodyay Community Resource Centre, Anglican Church.

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## Ol' Blind Joe

### Stirling Hamilton

AT the recent June meeting, Council elected not to recommend the rezoning for the proposed subdivision into 57 lots of Lot 151 Francis Street, Lots 190, 209, 396, 397 Waters Road and Lot 280 Horseshoe Road.

This proposal has been kicking around Council since 2009 and, after three amended versions of the development plan were received, it was put out for public comment early this year.

There were 24 local objectors to the proposal. Some were concerned about environmental issues such as excessive clearing, bushfire risk, wind and water erosion, degradation of local creeks and loss of underground bore water capacity. Others raised the loss of rural amenity and visual impacts, among other things

The Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES) raised concerns that the site is located in an extreme bushfire risk area and development in such hazardous areas will normally not be approved. It is considered that, owing to the steep topography of the site and the dense bush cover, the hazard can only be reduced if the vegetation is removed.

The Department of Environment and Conservation, (DEC), objected to the proposal due to the significant percentage of vegetation proposed to be cleared, especially as the area is likely to have rare flora such as grevillea flexuosa and habitat sites for rare fauna such as carnaby's black cockatoo, the forest red-tailed black cockatoo and chuditches.

Stalemate! So how did a site so manifestly unsuitable for close development due to its steep topography and heavy vegetation cover

get to this point? Well, although the site is currently zoned Rural, the Local Planning Strategy identifies the subject land as 'Rural Residential' and then sets out criteria through which amendments to the Local Planning Scheme would be considered. Obviously these criteria are inadequate as the proposal satisfied the requirements apart from the availability of reticulated water.

Remember, the Scheme sets the law and the Strategy gives the reasons / objectives. The problem is that the Strategy was written after the Scheme and the previous administration didn't finish its homework. There are many inconsistencies between the Scheme and the Strategy. For example, the Scheme allows the Council discretion to require Structure Plans and the Strategy deems them compulsory.

As I wrote last year: The Strategy says of itself that 'it is unlikely to be a complete and definitive document and aims to be a living document.' It has been controversial since it got served up in 2008. It received over 180 critical submissions and has not been reviewed since. The Strategy will need to be reviewed at the same time as the Scheme (this year), as both documents are dependent on each other for their integrity.

Incidentally, in its appraisal of the Omnibus amendments to the Scheme, the West Australian Planning Commission (WAPC) has recommended that the Shire of Toodyay consider inserting a provision stating that a Structure Plan is required for subdivision of more than three lots and at Council's discretion for three or less lots, to provide Council some discretion for smaller, straightforward subdivisions. Council has agreed. And I say, "Good onya."

## Council Commits to Recreation

### Stan Scott

Chief Executive Officer

SUSTAINED investment in sport and recreation over the next decade is the key feature of the Shire of Toodyay's Strategic Community Plan. The Toodyay Council has formally adopted the plan following community engagement which started back in mid-2012. President Cr Kevin Hogg commented, "This is the most comprehensive consultation process ever attempted by Council to establish its Strategic Community Plan. I believe that this document is truly representative of the community's view and as such is an important guide to Council's future decision-making."

The Strategic Community Plan was formulated through a range of consultation

measures including community visioning and on-line surveys. The Shire also referenced previous published community plans from organisations such as Bendigo Bank. The draft Strategic Community Plan was developed to include the strategies put forward from the consultation sessions and surveys, was then advertised for further comment and the Plan amended as required. More recently Council held two further consultation sessions in the community on the draft Strategic Community Plan with the updated and final draft adopted at its Council Meeting on May 10, 2013.

"The Shire has taken on a challenging and ambitious plan," Cr Hogg said, "but with the support of the State Government and the Toodyay Community we are confident that it is achievable."

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### July 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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### August 2013

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25	26 9am - 4pm	27 9am - 4pm	28 9am - 4pm	29 9am - 4pm	30	31

## Swaggie Hut Relocation



### Jasmine Devlin

ON Monday 3 May, the WA Day Public Holiday, the Moondyne Festival's 'Swaggies' (Phil Watson, Mike Devlin, Dave Bohan, Murial and Lamb) packed up their 'Hut' and relocated to Canning to set up and spend a 'Day of Damper Cooking'. The 'Day' was a huge success with our 'Swaggies' being the star attraction.

They were kept busy with three fires cooking damper nonstop and many people asking for the recipe. They went through 9kg of flour and 12 cans of beer (ginger), making about 26 batches when they normally make about 15 at the Moondyne Festival.

The 'Swaggies' thoroughly enjoyed their 'Day', meeting and welcoming families and the new citizens of Australia.

Andrew McCann also attended with an Information Table promoting Toodyay with brochures from the Toodyay Visitors Centre and a display for Toodyay Moondyne

Festival with Moondyne Joe (the dummy) who was a great photo attraction. Andrew ran out of brochures by mid-afternoon with a lot of interest in our town and the activities and events we hold.

Approximately 6000 people attended this event held by the City of Canning at the lovely Kent Street Weir Park.

Well done all.



## Earth Mother Day Toodyay

A Reconciliation Week event.

### Naomi Millett

ON 2 June a special event was held at the Showgrounds in Toodyay – Earth Mother Day, an initiative of valuable community citizens, Pam and Carl Walsh.

This fun, laid back, reconciliation week (alcohol and illicit drug free) occasion attracted a reasonable crowd of indigenous and non-indigenous folk, and deserved a wider audience. Perhaps next year it will be advertised more widely. Sponsors included the Toodyay Shire, and the Mental Illness Fellowship of WA.

Following a Welcome to Country, Shire President Kevin Hogg spoke before the Patch-Up Band presented some wonderful Country and Western numbers. MC Robert Miles kept proceedings running smoothly.

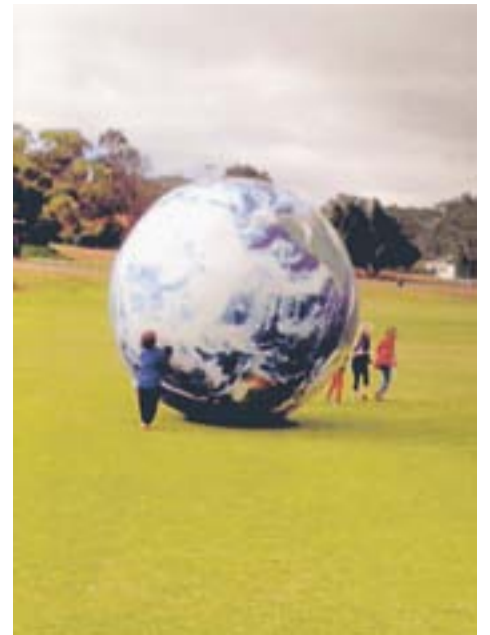
Camp fires were lit to ward off chilly winter winds and elders instructed anyone interested in some traditional tool making: a fascinating – and slow - process. We learned about the patience needed to construct traditional axes using pieces of blue metal, powdered grass tree pods, charcoal and kangaroo dung. The kids (and adults) had a ball turning their sticks slowly over the flames to melt the powder and build up a base for the stones!

Also of interest were a traditional smoking ceremony, and stalls, among them the Avon AntiToxic Landfill Lobby, Regional Home Care Services and Toodyay Friends of the River.

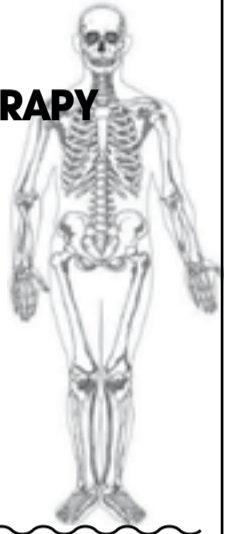
A generous, free barbecue lunch and an afternoon tea of biscuits, sandwiches and cakes was enjoyed by the crowd.

Entertainment was diverse including an open mike session, storytelling, face painting and some fantastic hip hop routines by Static Crew and Little Sparks. Children also had hours of amusement playing with a giant 'Earth' ball on the oval – a potent symbol of the planet's fragility – especially when it threatened to deflate.

Filling the sphere with air earlier in the day using a compressor, Mr Walsh rubbed his hands together wickedly and joked, "I've always wanted to blow up the earth." It truly was the day of 'music and laughter' that he and Pam had envisaged. Well done to everyone involved.



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## Mortar Shell Found in Morangup

### Corry Munson

A/Community Emergency Services Manager, Shire of Toodyay / Shire of Goomalling

ALL members in the Morangup community and surrounding areas need to take note.

On Friday 21 June 2013 a prescribed burn was conducted behind the Morangup Fire station and Community Centre for asset protection purposes. During this controlled burn, in the mop up stage, an old mortar shell from the live firing days was discovered in a section of unburnt forest. As a result of this discovery the police and the

military were requested to attend. On the military's arrival and inspection, the shell was declared safe.

A request has now been sent through to the Department of Fire and Emergency Services to have the entire reserve behind the Community Centre surveyed by the Unexploded Ordinance (UXO) division through DFES.

As another precaution signs will be erected soon to let the public know that UXO may exist in the area.

Hopefully, I can provide some future follow up of information regarding a survey of the area in the not too distant future.



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IT IS NOT too late to stop Opal Vale's proposed Class II landfill operation on Lot 11 Chitty Road.

Although the decision by the Shire of Toodyay to refuse the planning application by Opal Vale was overturned by the State Administrative Tribunal, Opal Vale must still obtain the necessary environmental approvals. This will give residents of Toodyay two opportunities to object to this proposal.

Firstly, Opal Vale has applied to the Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC) for a licence to operate the landfill. DEC will shortly be calling for public submissions on this application.

Secondly, the proposal has been referred to the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) for an assessment of the environmental impacts of the proposal. The EPA must now decide whether to carry out an assessment. This depends on whether the EPA decides that the proposal is likely, if implemented, to have a significant effect on the environment. Before it makes this decision, it will call for public submissions.

If the residents of Toodyay wish to stop this proposal, it is vital that they lodge submissions to both the DEC and the EPA.

DEC contact details: Phone 6467 5000 or email [info@dec.wa.gov.au](mailto:info@dec.wa.gov.au)

EPA contact details: Phone 6145 0803 or email [anna.bogdanowski@epa.wa.gov.au](mailto:anna.bogdanowski@epa.wa.gov.au)

Bill Manning

TOODYAY ROADWISE COMMITTEE, a sub-committee of the Toodyay Community Safety and Crime Prevention Committee, meets monthly to look at local road safety issues. We recently received correspondence regarding the intersection of Fernie Road and State Main Road M26 Toodyay Road, with concerns about the safety of motorists at this intersection.

Toodyay Rd carries a considerable amount

of local, tourist and heavy freight traffic. According to Main Roads WA Crash Data, there have been 70 recorded crashes on Toodyay Rd between the Dryandra Rd intersection and Goomalling-Toodyay Rd/Stirling Terrace intersection, in the period 2008 and 2012. This is approximately 28 kms of road. Of these, one crash was a double fatality, and there were two other fatalities, with 17 serious injury (hospitalisation) and eight where medical assistance was required.

On the 8km stretch between the intersections with Morangup and Jingaling Rds, which includes the Fernie Rd intersection, there are 13 crash entries in the Crash Data. This crash data does not include anything more recent than 31 December 2012.

The Toodyay RoadWise Committee urges Main Roads WA to consider a turning lane, signage and a holding line at the Fernie Rd intersection at the very least, and also the absolute need for passing lanes on this State Main Road.

Traffic stuck behind B Doubles travelling up hills can become frustrated and make poor and risky decisions to overtake, or just make a mistake. As Towards Zero, WA's Road Safety Strategy clearly states, the aim is to prevent death and serious injury by improving the safety of roads and roadsides so crashes are less likely to happen, and if they do occur, have a less severe outcome.

Max Heath

Chairman, Toodyay RoadWise Committee

IT IS HOPED that when local Government Councillors do their rounds, they take note of the many tree limbs overhanging roadways in their areas.

Recently in the press, a young man in his late teens was killed when the limb of a tree crashed through the windscreen of his car. There are many such limbs, especially on the Bejoording/Irish Town Road and the Toodyay/Bindi Bindi Road. My main

concern is the one at the intersection of the above two roads where one must stop to check for traffic traversing the Toodyay/Bindi Bindi road.

It was pleasing to note tree loppers at work near the Nine Mile Hill on the Red Hill Road to Perth this week, but then that is a road where overhanging limbs of trees are kept in check.

Please don't wait for accidents to happen before anything is done.

Thanking you in anticipation.

Yours sincerely

Doris M Martin

AFTER SUFFERING A flat tyre on the way home at night and struggling to change to the spare under the stars, we were very relieved when a ute pulled up to help and shed some light on the problem.

Our grateful thanks to Gary – yet another reminder of what a friendly town we are privileged to live in.

K and L McMahon

## Toodyay Traffic Concerns

AS I HAVE said before and I say it again, the madness continues!

The traffic around the IGA is becoming more and more desperate with people coming one way and trying to angle park in the opposite direction, u-turns halfway down Charcoal Lane, reverse parking in the angle parking and generally anything to return the way they have come.

What the Shire has done turning part of Duke Street into one way has caused all this, and what the Shire has done it can undo, surely. It would certainly assist the traffic flow around this central area of Toodyay. Now that the speed in Toodyay is 40kph, there is ample viewing time from the 'Old IGA' corner up to the right for safety.

Perhaps in this way they could undo the blocking of Rosedale Street and make it one way downhill to allow everyone visiting the Shire Offices to return to town without u-turns in front of the tennis courts and entering Folewood Road from car parks. Safety is the concern of everyone, especially the Shire Planning for traffic movement.

Considering all this, what about the double white lines through town? As I understand the traffic laws, you cannot cross a double white line, so everyone who turns from the opposite side, at Piesse Street, Duke Street and all the other streets and crosses the lines is in breach of the Traffic Laws.

When will this madness stop?

Fred Fellowes

TOODYAY HAS RECENTLY taken a much needed leap forward in terms of litter control with the formation of a Tidy Towns committee, the amazing Bendigo Bank sponsored Adopt-a-Spot scheme and now kerb side re-cycling. The strong community support for these initiatives has been very encouraging as we work towards a litter-free Shire.

As an enthusiastic anti-litter campaigner, you can imagine my dismay, only a week after the Adopt-a-Spot launch, when I saw to my horror our local roads strewn with telephone books! Obviously, it was the result of some attempt at delivery but the depressing fact is that most of these now wet and useless books will remain on the roadside where they were carelessly thrown to create an ongoing source of litter.

With the Tidy Towns judges coming in July it is a real slap in the face for those who have worked so hard to make an impression. Whoever came up with the idea of delivering phone books like this needs to be reminded that littering is illegal and Toodyay is a Tidy Town.

Greg Warburton

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## Avon Woodturners

THINGS have been flat out at the Pavilion again this month.

We started by having our excursion to Midland to visit Swan Woodturners club and five of us had a good afternoon there. It seemed strange that we had been given a bag of Banksia nuts until we found out that the demonstration was turning them; we got some good ideas from that. The visit did point out that we are very lucky having several lathes to operate on at the Pavilion as the like of Swan

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Applications close 4.00pm on  
Thursday 18 July 2013

Stan Scott  
Chief Executive Officer

only have 2 or 3 lathes and this makes it hard for to coach and mentor newcomers.

We were given an old lathe, which we picked up, and have decided that it is just about a museum piece as it was built in the early 70s. But we will do it up and see what goes from there. Thanks go to Barry Edwards for this piece of machinery.

We had an approach from a lady with a lathe for sale. One of our members, 'The Potpourri Man', Roger Streatfield, had a look at it and purchased it on the spot. It is now set up at home, although I believe his wife has put her foot down and said the chores have to be done first before woodturning.

Due to having Swan visit us on 23 June, we had our meeting on the 16<sup>th</sup>. The numbers were down a little as there seems to be so much on these days. There was some discussion about our day at The Boulevard in Northam as the 27<sup>th</sup> was booked out. Now it seems that we may be at The Boulevard on 20 July demonstrating our skills.

On Sunday 23 June we had our visit from Swan where we had a few demonstrations, two of which were what is called 'inside-out turning' while the third was a demonstration of a new sharpening method of the Skew Chisel. Another showed us wooden toys he had made. Eight members from Swan attended and it turned out a good and humorous morning.

After the morning's turning we cranked up the barbecue and cooked up a treat and, thanks to our wives and partners, etc who provided salads and sweets, had an enjoyable lunch. We had a few former members back for the lunch including Christine and Bill Beswick and Ivy and Bob Adams with their daughter Bronwyn. During the meal we had a couple of presentations to give out. They were certificates of appreciation and Max Heath was given the job of presenting certificates

to Bob Adams for actually starting the club and for his work and instruction and advice to club members over many years. Then Max had the pleasure of presenting a similar certificate to good friend, David Eyres, for his efforts with the club including his times as Convener and also his help with learner turners. Max thought that that was the end of his public speaking but current Convener, Andrew McCann, then stood up and caught him out by presenting Max with a similar certificate. These certificates were appreciated by all recipients. There was also a presentation of a bunch of flowers to David Eyres for his wife, Pat, who is in hospital at the moment, and the same went to Max's wife Mildred, for putting up with Max.

The Avon Woodturners Group is pleased to be partnered with RoadWise and be sponsored to spread the 'Don't Drive Tired' message on behalf of RoadWise at our public appearances.

## Ida's Hideaway

### Greasy Sleeve

ON 13 July Laurie Beech is having a birthday. Happy birthday, Laurie.

Don't forget on 3 August, we have our AGM. Also we have a Street Stall coming up next month; see you there.

Come Saturday afternoons and you don't have much to do, drop in and join us at Buttlery House from 1pm to 4pm. Give us a ring on 9574 2858.

Question – why do Queenslanders call their alcoholic drink xxxx

Answer – because they cant spell beer.



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## Back to Back Challenge



ON Saturday 1 June, a team from the Toodyay Spinners participated in the International Back to Back Wool Challenge.

A team of eight people, one shearer and seven others, shearing, spinning and plying the wool to knit a jumper 'from the sheep's back to a person's back'. The team comprised Carol Worrell, Judy Mackie, Carol Bennington, Margaret Grassick, Angie Sturman, Lois Leeder, Valerie Richard and the shearer, Sydney Davis, who had not met the others prior to the event. The competition was against the clock and eight other teams from around the world including The Netherlands, Canada, Japan, the USA and one other team from Australia.

While the challenge runs for 8 hours, this year's event was attempted with only a few hours practice. It was a great team effort by all concerned, with a completed jumper in 9 hours 16 minutes 59.3 seconds and was quick enough to finish ahead of a team from Canada and another from America; all nine teams achieved a finished jumper.

The morning was very cold for an early start, but the Toodyay team started well with the shearing being carried out using old-fashioned blade shears on the back of a trailer while Syd recited poetry by Henry Lawson and Banjo Patterson as he went. As soon as fleece was available, it was run to the team who were ready with their wheels ready to start spinning. Once the yarn was available to ply together, plying commenced allowing the knitting to commence only seven minutes from the sheep starting to be shorn.

Margaret Grassick and Angie Sturman began knitting the front and back of the jumper first as these were the largest panels, then Carol Bennington and Judy Mackie started a sleeve each. While the four knitters were clicking away with their needles, Lois Leeder and Carol Worrell continued spinning and Valerie Richard was plying the wool ready for the knitters.

While the team officially consisted of 8 people, the team effort was much greater! Many thanks to Berenice Robertson who coordinated the team including: Adjudicator/Timekeepers, Krystyna Poliniak and Hazel Cantem. Anne Pope supplying endless tea, coffee, and sandwiches. Alan Parsons providing shoulder massages to relieve aching muscles, Berenice providing band-aids for the sore fingers. Many thanks also to Kevin Hutchings who took time out from seeding on his farm at a busy time of year to supply and deliver the sheep for the event.

The challenge took place this year at Avalon Homestead, where there were other guests staying at the time with many taking time out to encourage the Team. One young French couple were particularly intrigued and impressed by the team's dedication to the task at hand, saying it added to their Toodyay experience.

Avalon Homestead was also holding a knitting/spinning retreat at this time. This

group of knitters, after seeing the challenge went away looking at how their own group could return next year with the aim of competing against our local ladies and the clock.

Planning is now underway for next year's challenge, which hopefully will be held at the Toodyay Race Club on 31 May, 2014. The challenge will be part of a much larger festival of all things fibre, from the production of the fibre through to the possible end use of the materials. Hopefully this event will have other associated activities like sheep dog trials, animal displays, craft displays and trade tables.

### Official Results:

1. Groenewoud Netherlands/Germany Swalmen, The Netherlands: 5hr 32min 37sec. New mainland Europe record; new The Netherlands record.
2. Knitwits, Tocal Agricultural College, Paterson, NSW, Australia: 6hr 37min 37sec
3. Hitsujikouboh Masako, Chiba-ken, Japan: 7 hr 47min 53sec. Japanese record
4. Spinthrift Scotsville Cape Brenton Island, Nova Scotia Canada 8hr 33min 9sec

5. Poly Westers, Lethbridge, Alberta, Canada: 8hr 35min 27sec
  6. Sheep Thrills, Gaspereau Valley, Nova Scotia, Canada: 9hr 8min 22sec
  7. Toodyay Spinners Incorporated, Toodyay, Western Australia, Australia: 9hrs 16min 59.3sec
  8. San Diego County Spinners, Bonita, California, USA: 10 hr 30 min
  9. Shear Delights, Bridgetown, Nova Scotia, Canada: 11 hr 58 min 59 sec
- Well done, Toodyay. Fantastic first time effort!

## Avon Valley Gourmet Food Festival

Anne Barr

TOODYAY products were promoted at the food festival held in Northam on the long weekend in June. Eight Toodyay businesses associated with the Uniquely Toodyay shop in the Old Post Office building in Toodyay shared a stand and provided product tastings over the two day event.

Don Hancey (Chef) featured a number



## RSL Toodyay Sub Branch

John Adams

Secretary/Treasurer

THE next general meeting of the Sub branch will be held at 2pm on Saturday 6 July at the Toodyay Club. Following the meeting Lia Bannister, this year's recipient of The Sandakan Tour scholarship, will give a presentation on her tour of Borneo. Fund raising for next year's Sandakan Tour has begun with over \$500 dollars being donated for this purpose, by those who attended the Anzac Day Gunfire breakfast. Thank you to all who attended and donated.

We have also received a generous donation from the Rogue Riders Social Club, which will also be used towards next year's tour. Thank you to all concerned.

Whilst acknowledging the support we receive from the Toodyay community, we also wish to thank Mr Charlie Ferguson from Toodyay Firewood and Scrap Metal Recyclers for his kind donation of two trailer loads of firewood for our recent raffle.

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Tender 02/2013

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Tenders are invited for the purchase of Lot 148 (No 16) Toodyay Street, Toodyay town site. Council has set \$100 000 as a guide price.

Tender documentation is available by contacting Ms Tobie Prater, Development Support Officer on 9574 2258 or by email at [dso@toodyay.wa.gov.au](mailto:dso@toodyay.wa.gov.au).

Tenders quoting the Tender Number and in conformity with the documentation will be received up to 2pm Friday 19 July 2013, at the Administration Centre, 15 Fiennes Street, (PO Box 96) Toodyay, 6566.

The Shire of Toodyay may decline to accept any tender and canvassing of Councillors will disqualify.

Stan Scott  
Chief Executive Officer

# education

## Toodyay YouthCARE Council (Chaplaincy)

**Vivienne Freeman**  
Secretary

WE, as a Council, would like to welcome our new School Chaplain, Robyn Sinclair, to Toodyay District High School. She will commence her role at the beginning of 3rd term. We look forward to a happy association with you. Congratulations.

Once again we thank our local community for your support of our raffle/stall held recently for Chaplaincy. 1st prize – red ticket D53, won by Freda, 2nd prize – blue ticket D02, won by Adele.

Thanks to you, we raised \$1137.05.

A reminder about our Quiz Night to be held on Saturday 27 July. Lots of prizes, raffles, auction items, winning table prize of \$160, RoadWise quiz with \$200 prize, lots of laughs. Full details in the Public Notices section. Bookings essential – contact person Vivienne Freeman, Secretary 9574 4915 or [freeos@iinet.net.au](mailto:freeos@iinet.net.au). We look forward to your continued support of Chaplaincy.

## Toodyay District High School School Council

**Owen Catto**  
TDHS School Council Chairperson

YOUR School Council is in place to help guide the school in policy development and evaluating the schools performance in achieving them, promotion of the school and ultimately improving the environment for positive student outcomes.

Thanks to all school council members for their ongoing contributions.

This is an opportunity to remind all parents, carers and friends that educating our children is a three-way partnership between the school, families and community. With this collective commitment we will make a difference to our children's education.

Nominations for school council are due; we have two parent vacancies under the parent membership category and one community vacancy under the community membership category. These are two year terms starting from 1 July 2013.

Please nominate and get involved. You can make a difference to your children's education by being involved with your school at the grass roots level.

Send your nomination to Timothy Martin, Principal, Toodyay District High School, PO Box 75, Toodyay 6566 by 7 August.

## Toodyay Kindergym

**Claire Moore**

AS we come to the end of Term 2 of Kindergym, I think we can all feel proud of what we have achieved.

We won first prize of \$5000 cash in the Toodyay Bendigo Bank 'WA You Like' competition. We will use this money to update and increase our equipment. Thank you so much to all the staff at the Toodyay Bendigo Bank for selecting us to be one of the projects that the community could vote for. We also received a grant from St John Of



God Healthcare to purchase more equipment. It is a massive boost to our group as all volunteer community groups will understand how tough fundraising can be.

I would like to acknowledge the amazing families we have and an extra special thank you to our Treasurer, Suzanne George. Without her we wouldn't have achieved so much; she is very valued.

We have welcomed new families to Kindergym and welcomed back others that haven't been able to make it for a while. It has been another great term with all the kids having a great time every Friday.

Our last day of term will be on Friday 5 July and we will be going on our outing to *Let's Play* in Ellenbrook.

We will be starting Term 3 on Friday 26 July.

Kindergym is on every Friday of the school term from 9.30am til 10.30am in the Pavillion at the Toodyay Oval. We cater for children from birth up to 4 years old with a great range of climbing and balance equipment, teaching shape and colour recognition and lots of songs to move and sing along with. We are parent/grandparent



volunteer run so you will be expected to go on a roster to set up just once a term with another parent/grandparent. This is how we are able to keep our fees so low.

All ages and children have different abilities and we are trying to cater for them until they are ready to move from the Playgroup environment to school. Our recently acquired funds will help us to offer more.

If you would like more information about Kindergym please call Claire on 9574 4529 or come down on a Friday and try Kindergym with your first class free then only \$5/week or \$25/term per family plus Playgroup WA annual insurance.

## Toodyay Ballet School

**Lani McGeady (Lic)CBA CICB cert iv**

IT was a very exciting session this year at the Midvale State Championships held at Midvale and RAD Classical Ballet Festival held at John Curtin in Fremantle over the long weekend in June.

We had some wonderful results as well as some outstanding individual performances including Whitney Mills receiving a commendation and Janae Kerr being awarded runner-up in the Evelyn Hodgkinson Scholarship. Shaylee Mills was runner-up in the Grishko/McKnight

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# education

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Award out of 39 students aged between 13 and 16 and also runner-up in the Joan Stacy Scholarship.

At one stage during the State Championships, we had 5 out of the 11 Junior Finalists as well as Bonnie McGeady in the Seniors with her lyrical solo which she choreographed herself, Lily Blechynden for her lyrical solo, Isabella Watson for her acro solo, Shaylee Mills for her lyrical solo, Tenaya Kerr for her acro solo, Janae Kerr for her lyrical solo and Jasmine Watson for her lyrical solo. Seven students on the finals board for such a small school as we are is really an amazing accomplishment for our students.



Finals night at the State Championships was a special night with Shaylee, Janae, Bella and Bonnie all taking part in the prestigious Finals for 2013.

Shaylee also gave a special guest performance as she was last year's Junior State Champion.

It was an amazing result to see her take out the Junior Classical Soliste and also the Junior State Champion for 2013 (2nd year in a row).

Shaylee walked away from this weekend with over \$2400 in cash and prizes including a workshop at Brent St in Sydney and Broadway Dance Centre in New York!



Yes, New York!

All the students at Toodyay Ballet School have the ability to be stars. We do take it seriously and we do set ourselves high goals while still maintaining the absolute joy of dance.

We strive to always do our best and improve from our last class and our last performance. Life isn't a dress rehearsal! The rewards for dedication and hard work are a fantastic lesson to be applied in every aspect of life in your children's schooling and in their futures.



We are all excited for Shaylee as she jets off next week to take part in the National Lucie Saronova Competition being held in Melbourne. Shaylee was chosen from an audition process in March this year to be one of the two WA representatives for this

Australia-wide competition. There will be two students from each State competing for the silver medal in the under 15 age group. Shay has been working hard, getting up early to do an hour's training before school and doing exercises and strengthening during school and then classes after school and more exercises before going to bed.

This little girl from Quairading who has been travelling a 3-hour round trip to come to Toodyay for the last three years has the dedication and determination to do the very best that she can. She is an absolute joy to work with. Let's all wish her luck in this latest challenge; I am sure she will enjoy the experience and also learn from it, developing more skills and making more new friends on her journey.

But it's not just the competition kids who win medals! Above is a picture of the beginner acro class proudly showing off their medals awarded on the parent viewing day last term. This class is quickly progressing with their tumbling and strength skills and loved showing off what they can do to their very impressed parents! They are looking forward to learning backflips, saults and aerials like the senior class. Congratulations to all of you!

Keep stretching

## Money for Schools and Crime Prevention

### Media Statement

AS part of the 2011-12 State Budget, the Barnett Government announced a \$4 million technology programme for public schools. The programme is now in its final stages, with 300 schools to be equipped with interactive whiteboards that allow teachers to present lessons in more innovative ways.

The latest round of the programme will see 176 public schools across the State receive the new interactive whiteboards, including 18 schools in the Agricultural Region, with Goomalling Primary School and Toodyay District High School among the recipients.

"It is great to see these innovative new technologies being introduced into schools," the Hon Jim Chown MLC, Member for the Agricultural Region said. "It is amazing how technologically savvy children are these days and it is important for the technology in schools to keep pace with their knowledge and understanding so that children can remain engaged in the classroom."

The Barnett Government also recently announced more than \$989,000 in crime prevention grants to 48 community organisations and local governments as part of the Government's \$6 million Crime Prevention Program.

"The organisations target violence prevention, engage 'at-risk' youth, promote community engagement and crime prevention messages and installation of CCTV," the Police Minister, Liza Harvey, said.

The grants of up to \$25,000 will go towards projects with significant crime prevention benefits in both metropolitan and regional communities.

"Several shires within the Agricultural Region, including Boddington, Bruce Rock, Dowerin, Moora, Northam, Pingelly, Toodyay, Wagin, Wandering and York, are set to receive grants ranging from \$2,367 to \$25,000," the Hon Jim Chown, Member for the Agricultural Region said. "As is always the case, prevention is better than cure; grants totalling over \$208,000 in the Agricultural Region will go towards installation of CCTV and programmes to target graffiti, anti-social behaviour and security."

## Toodyay Great Beginnings

NOT one, not two, not three but five excursions in one week! *Toodyay Great Beginnings* children celebrated Australian childcare week with five excursions. The theme for the week for us was to involve the children in the community, allowing them the opportunity to experience how, what and where things happen.

Starting the week was a visit to the Toodyay Waste Transfer Station where the children were able to see how recycling occurs and where that rubbish in the big green bin ends up. With the arrival of our wonderful recycling bins on the Monday, the children had the chance to see how we sort different recyclable items and also had the chance to purchase a lovely set of drums to use on World Music Day, on Friday 21 June.

That afternoon the school children did a fantastic job cleaning our Adopt-a-Spot location, where they also took time out to enjoy the surroundings and fresh air playing Frisbee.



The Toodyay dentist was the next port of call where the children saw the hugest set of teeth and Jack even had a check up.

On Thursday morning the children visited the butcher and got some firsthand tips on how to carve meat and a visit to the op shop allowed them to see that something someone no longer wants can be reborn.

Coral even gave them some money to purchase some choice items.



Friday saw the biggest trip of all: 13 children visited the Toodyay Library to join in story time and what an experience that

was. The children joined in music, story time and even a craft session and finished off with a tour.

The week ended with a performance from Spencer and Pete Street for World Music day. Pete showed the children how to multitask by playing the drums, guitar and harmonica all at once while Spencer sang and played the guitar to some good old children songs from days gone by. Thank you, Pete, and our special neighbour, Spencer.

We would like to thank Coral Grundy for her valuable volunteering and all of the kind owners, operators and staff who made each and every one of the excursions a journey to remember.

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## Country Women's Association

ON Tuesday 18 June, our members attended the Mothers Union Church service at St Stephens Church. This service was followed by lunch in the Church Hall.

On Thursday 20 June we celebrated WA week with the regular luncheon held at the Tammin CWA rooms. This has always been a great day with beautiful food, raffles and stalls; members also enjoyed what was a rather hilarious account of cricket by Bruce Yardley. The day was certainly a successful community event; a great day was had by all that attended.

Monday 24 June had members travelling to the Konnongorring Hall for a feast of French cuisine. As many as could dressed in a French outfit for the occasion. It is interesting to see how much effort is put into dressing for these gatherings. The variety of food meant that we all had a break from cooking tea that night. Our State International Officer, Pat Twiss, gave a very interesting talk on ACWW Conference and

her overseas trips.

Thursday 27 June will be our birthday with a French lunch and a hat competition; this will be followed by our regular meeting and voting on the motions that have been submitted by members. These submissions include the concern that rural land is being sold to foreign governments and individuals, climate change now necessitating protecting all existing water supplies and the lack of emergency accommodation for single women who are homeless for reasons other than domestic violence. Along with these we will be voting on the finances of the running of CWA. Our branch this year will have five members attending for the three days of the conference.

A full report will be published in the *Herald* next month when our branch reporter will be back from visiting relatives overseas. We all hope that she is enjoying herself.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday 18 July at 1.30pm. Please note that is one week early due to the Conference taking place during the week normally set aside for our meetings.

### CWA Holiday and Emergency Accommodation

Albany Seaside Flats; Busselton Holiday Units; Carnarvon Cottage (emergency accommodation); Derby Cottage (emergency accommodation); Esperance Holiday Homes; Jurien Holiday Home; Port Hedland Cottage (emergency accommodation).

All CWA holiday units provide hot water, washing machines, electric or gas stoves, blankets and all kitchen requirements. Cots are available. In the case of young children, please bring adequate protection for mattresses. Sorry, no pets.

### Holidays the CWA way

I AM A member of Toodyay CWA and have just returned from our Odyssey 2012: four months travelling throughout the Northern Territory and Kimberley region of WA with my husband. What an amazing adventure indeed. Our country is stunning: The Ghan, Katherine, Kakadu, Darwin, the Bungles, Derby, Warmun, Wyndham; so much history and so much beauty.

During our journey, we were fortunate to meet up with many CWA members along the way. We met them at the Darwin Royal Show

where they had a great display and it was wonderful to feel that CWA communication and friendship which we all share. They were indeed a happy group and their stand at the Show was very busy and the Devonshire teas a delight (as we all know!)

We stayed at the CWA cottage in Derby which was a great experience. The Derby members were friendly. They hold a market stall in the grounds of the CWA Cottage every Saturday morning; a very popular event in the Derby calendar.

We also stayed in the CWA Cottage in Jurien Bay which also is rather special. Being only one street back from the beach and very central, you can walk everywhere in Jurien Bay. It is a beautiful place. We attended the CWA's Geranium Show during the week we were there. Always great fun and good company, Jurien CWA has great clubrooms right in town and you are always made welcome there.

I could write a book or two on our adventures. I would recommend everyone take advantage of our amazing country and also try out the CWA cottages for a holiday. They are just great in convenient locations and always clean and neat.

Enjoy,

Stephanie Corcoran  
Member Toodyay CWA

## Healing in the Hills Kerry Packer Knew Where He Was Going

Bob Adair  
Toodyay Christian Community

IN 1990 Kerry Packer suffered a massive heart attack while playing polo; he was clinically dead for six minutes. He recovered and some weeks later at a press conference he famously made this statement:

"I've been to the other side and let me tell you, son, there's nothing - there's no one waiting there for you, there's no one to judge you so you can do what you bloody well like."

Rarely from such a materialist do you get such a profoundly true statement. Yes, as a Christian, I believe what Kerry Packer experienced is true for many: after death there is nothing but loneliness, and I believe this is the worst kind of hell. It may be OK for the first six minutes but how long could you put up with absolutely no human contact? Could you go on forever doing what you like if you are doing it alone? I doubt it. Kerry Packer was right. There is no one to judge you, only because you have already been judged and loneliness is the punishment. Jesus said the same kind of thing in a parable in Luke's Gospel.

'And it happened that the beggar died and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom. The rich one also died and was buried. And in hell he lifted up his eyes, being in torments, and saw Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me and send Lazarus so that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am tormented in this flame. But Abraham said, Son, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things. But now he is comforted and you are tormented. And besides all this, there is a great chasm fixed between you and us; so that they desiring to pass from here to you cannot, nor can they pass over to us from there.' Luke 16:22-26(MKJV)

Are the fires of hell the punishment or is it that there is no one there to give you any kind of comfort? I suspect this blows away the urban myth that we will have lots of friends in Hell.


Jesus also said this giving us an option 'God did not send his Son into the world to condemn its people. He sent him to save them! No one who has faith in God's Son will be condemned. But everyone who doesn't have faith in him has already been condemned for not having faith in God's only Son.' John 3:17-18(CEV)


Jesus message is simple: avoid the self-inflicted pain of loneliness. He is not the judge he is the solution.

# youth fusion

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TECHNOLOGY EDITION





### APPLE VS SAMSUNG

Thinking of buying a new iPhone or Galaxy but not sure which one to get! Look no further than this article on the pros and cons of the new Apple iPhone 5 versus the Samsung Galaxy S4

#### IPHONE 5

**PROS**

- Extremely thin, sleek, and very light weight
- Ultra high-resolution 4-Inch "Retina Display"
- 4G Networking (Great when you are in the city!)
- Significantly faster than all earlier iPhone models
- Long battery life
- Background noise cancelling microphones
- 8MP camera

**CONS**

- Back panel scratches and dents easily
- Camera lacks optical zoom
- Battery life is shorter than phone estimations
- New connector is not backwards compatible with earlier docks and accessories
- Screen size is a lot smaller than most smart phones

#### GALAXY S4

**PROS**

- Removable battery with long battery life
- Expandable storage option with MicroSD slot
- 4G Networking (Great when you are in the city!)
- Faster than all earlier Galaxy models
- Most diverse range of accessories
- Smaller and lighter but still manages a large high-resolution screen
- 13MP camera

#### CONS

- Plastic body means it doesn't look as good
- With a 5" screen it is considerably larger than most smart phones
- Battery may not last a full day
- Most expensive Android phone on the market
- It's not water and dust resistant like some Android phones

#### CANDY CRUSH SAGA

This is easily one of the most addictive games in the world right now! Switch and match your way through more than 100 levels in this delicious and addictive puzzle adventure. Ain't it the sweetest game ever?

#### VIBER

Viber allows you to text, call, and send photos and video messages worldwide for free to over 200 million users using 3G or Wifi. Viber is available for Android, iPhone, Blackberry, Windows Phone and many more devices and platforms.

#### CAN YOU ESCAPE

The purpose of this game is to break out of the rooms. Solve the puzzles and find all the hidden objects that you have to use in the rooms in order to advance to the next floor. Challenge yourself in this fun, addictive, free and popular puzzle game.

#### SNAPCHAT

Snapchat is the fastest way to share a photo or video with friends. You control how long your friends can view it for, and then it disappears! Be careful though, the app still allows viewers to take a screenshot!

#### SHAZAM

Ever heard a song on the radio but you didn't catch the name of it? Have no fear, Shazam has it covered! With a press of a button the app identifies a song in as little as 1 second, allows you to preview or buy the track, check out the lyrics, YouTube videos and more!

#### GUESS THE BRAND

We can see various company logos every day and everywhere. On TV, walking along the street, in magazines... simply everywhere! How many of them are we able to recognise?

#### DUMB WAYS TO DIE

You've seen the video - now the lives of those adorably dumb characters are in your hands! Download the FREE game now to protect private parts from piranhas, wipe up vomit, feed rattlesnakes, and most importantly - be safe around trains.

#### INSTAGRAM

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### TEXTING LINGO

Like it or not, many people today are using shortcuts to communicate with each other. Instead of plain English our writing is looking more like cryptic codes and it can get a bit confusing! Check out this commonly used acronyms..

- 2moro - Tomorrow
- 2nite - Tonight
- BRB - Be Right Back
- BTW - By The Way
- BFF - Best Friends Forever
- GR8 - Great
- IDC - I Don't Care
- IDK - I Don't Know
- ILY - I Love You
- LOL - Laughing out Loud
- OMG - Oh My God
- THX - Thanks
- TTYL - Talk To Your Later
- WBU - What About You?
- XOXO - Hugs and Kisses
- YOLO - You Only Live Once

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# emergency services

## Emergency Services Parade

Photos: Wayne Weaver



### Grant Scobie

TOODYAY residents and visitors were treated to flashing lights and sirens on Saturday morning 1 June as Toodyay's emergency services volunteers drove down Stirling Terrace as part of their 2013 Freedom of Entry celebrations.

Started many years ago as a thank you from the Shire to the bush fire brigades, the parade and following ceremony has grown to include St John Ambulance and Volunteer Fire and Rescue Services (VRFS). The parade, whilst down on some numbers of volunteers was well received by the public with applause and waves coming from all sides as it progressed down the main street to Duidgee Park.

At the park, there was no time for pause as speeches and presentations got under way.

Representatives from the Shire (Acting Community Emergency Services Manager, Corry Munson), the bush fire brigades (Chief Murray McBride), the VFRS (Captain Ian 'Macca' McGregor), St John Ambulance (Sue Eldridge) and the Department of Fire and Emergency Services (Torben Bendtsen) each said a few short words of thanks to the volunteers and also to the Shire for putting on the event. Then it was on to the presentations of medals for bush fire brigade volunteers.

Most of the medals were for five or ten year's service to the brigades but there were two very special medals presented. The first was the National Medal to Jeff Porter for his service as a volunteer in both Coondle Nunile and Julimar Brigades. The second was to Jeff's wife, Lynda, who sadly passed away in 2012 for the same service; her medal was proudly accepted on her and her family's behalf by her grandchildren.

Last but not least was another word of thanks and acknowledgement of 50 years of service to Max Heath. Although the presentation had already been made to Max earlier in the year at Coondle Nunile fire shed, it was considered worthy of an extra mention at the ceremony in front of all the emergency services.



Jeff Porter and grandchildren after receiving the medals

The Shire put on a marvellous spread of pizza, sausages and salad and a few cold drinks to finish off the celebrations.

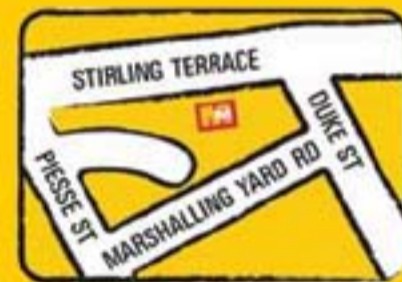


Max and Millie Heath



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## Bejoording Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade

From the desk of The Badger

AT the time of writing, June has been a quiet month for the brigade. The biggest activity was the 'Right of Entry' Parade which included our two units, the star being 'Big Kev' the fire engine! Spruced and polished, decked out with flags and its crew all in clean uniforms, the vehicles felt sure they were the stars of the parade. Apart from being a fun event, it gives our volunteers an opportunity to show off and to feel part of a much larger family of emergency services groups.

At this time of the year it's probably the right time to start planning for the next fire season and, while there are plenty of sources of information regarding fire preparation around our properties, I don't see too much about the documents we should protect. So this is going to be a bit of a memory jogger for you.

### Securing your documents:

Before I go into the 'what to protect', I'll offer some advice on the 'how to protect' aspects. First and foremost, all the important documents in their 'original' form are the ones to protect most carefully, not the copies. Nevertheless, copying can save a lot of frustration and time when organising replacements should the originals be destroyed.

So what's the best way of copying? The simplest and old fashioned way is to photocopy them, and it's still a good way. If you don't have access to scanners/copiers/computers at home, it's easy to take copies at a library, post office or even stores like OfficeWorks. It won't cost you much either.

The way most people do their copying nowadays, however, is to scan them using their computer printer and this of course costs virtually nothing. Scan them and save them as jpeg documents or a similarly common photo format, making sure each is clearly named. Once you've done this, store the file on a disc or thumb drive (data stick).

What do you do next? Once you have copied or scanned your documents, put copies or electronic file in a clearly labelled envelope and store them in a safe place, if possible away from your own home. This could be with a family member or close friend.

What to do with the original documents? These are the ones that really matter and there are a number of suggestions. Once again, away from your home is the best solution but, because they are so valuable, they should also be somewhere secure. I know people who rent a safe deposit box at their local bank or keep them in a locked cabinet in a family home. Most importantly, they should not be readily accessible to anyone other than you, or to someone you have appointed as an Executor or to whom you have given a Power of Attorney. If, on the other hand, you need to have ready access to these documents at home, then you should seriously consider a small fireproof document safe. They are not too expensive, they don't need to be built in to the house, and they have a secure lock on them. Where you keep it is up to you but I wouldn't keep it anywhere too obvious.

Finally, another suggestion someone made to me recently was to put your documents in a robust bag of some sort and store it in your slow combustion stove or oven during the fire season. Except for catastrophic fires these are pretty fire resistant places.

**What are your most important documents?** This list has been prepared for private individuals, not for companies or other business structures. These are the documents which prove your identity, prove your status or qualifications, allow you to transact property and investments, prove your ownership of property and investments, and determine the fate of your property and investments in the event of you becoming deceased. Here's a check-list to consider:

- Birth certificate
- Passport
- Citizenship Certificate
- Change of name or divorce papers
- Degrees or Certificates relating to academic and trade qualifications
- Property titles
- Investment certificates including pre-electronic share certificates
- Details of all bank accounts and credit

- cards
- Your most recent tax assessment from the ATO
- Insurance policies (car, home, health etc)
- Certified copy of your Last Will and Testament
- Australian or overseas Government Pension approvals

There may well be other documents of specific importance to you, but these are what come to mind as I write.

Last but not least, it's worth considering photographs. Every time there are house fires you hear stories of how people grabbed all their photograph albums. These are of course the memories of a lifetime. However, in this digital age many large collections of photographs are lost with computers, whether they be burned, stolen or simply thrown out when replaced. Take the time to review the photos in your computer, and copy those that are special, unique or important to a separate file. Similarly why not scan some of those historic family photos from albums. Make sure all scanned or digital photos are properly labelled, including a date if possible, and put a copy of that special file on to your 'important documents' thumb drive or disc.

On behalf of the Bejoording Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade, have fun securing your documents and photos and, if you have any questions, remember you can contact Captain Lawrence Hayward on 9574 5106, or the Badger on 9574 4834. Please leave a message if we're not there.

Be fire safe!

## Toodyay Central Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade

Desraé Clarke

THE Annual General Meeting saw a change in Captaincy with Kevin Hug stepping down after four years in the role. Kevin has given a HUGE contribution as captain to the Central Brigade and to the overall fire management in Toodyay over that period. As a married man with a young family, sincere gratitude is also given to Lesley and the children for their support and patience for the amount of time Kevin has given to the community through the Brigade. Thank you, Kevin, Leslie, Kieran, Aaron and Danni.

The Brigade is extremely grateful to Beth Milbury who, with husband, Barry, is leaving Toodyay. Beth has given much time in the past to ordering and organising the PPE and will be greatly missed. Thank you, Beth and Barry.

We are also saddened to receive a resignation from Sam Doust as her profession is extremely demanding, leaving little time to continue with the Brigade. Apart from being an active fire fighter, Sam has written the Brigade's monthly contribution to the *Herald*. Thank you, Sam.

The 2013 Annual General Meeting and General Meeting were preceded by a dinner provided by the Brigade and ably managed by Bobbie Jones and Irma Onderstal. Thank you, Bobbie and Irma.

The Executive Committee consists of: Captain: Mike McEwen, Chairperson: Paul Thompson and Secretary/Treasurer: Wayne Clarke.

Although winter is on the doorstep there hasn't been much rain to date. Take this time to clear up and cut overhanging and dead branches, clear debris from around dwellings, sheds, fences, and such like which is all preparation for next summer – we are in a High Risk Fire Zone – a time to get ahead!

When burning piles of debris, check that a Bobtail is not sleeping beneath the pile and, to protect any trees in the vicinity, feed the fire from a nearby pile – don't just make a bonfire which will damage nearby vegetation!

**NB THERE IS NO GENERAL MEETING TO BE HELD IN JULY.** The next General Meeting is to be held Tuesday 27 August commencing at 7.30pm at the Fire and Emergency Centre, Stirling Terrace, Toodyay.

If you would like to join our brigade enquiries may be made to Captain, Mike McEwen, 9574 2123, Secretary, Wayne Clarke 6364 3609 or email: 2jcentralvbf@westnet.com.au.

## Police Beat

Sgt Geoff Dickson  
OIC, Toodyay Police

### Help Catch a Burglar

SOMETIME between Sunday 16 June 2013 and Wednesday 19 June 2013, offenders have accessed a property on Jubilee Street, Toodyay.

Whilst inside the property, offenders have stolen a quantity of property, including cash.

Residents in the area are asked to consider movements of vehicles and people in the area, especially near Reserve Street, during the dates listed above and to contact police with any information.

**Toodyay Fatal Crash – Call for Witnesses**  
Major Crash Investigators are calling for witnesses to a fatal crash that occurred at about 3.15pm on Wednesday 26 June 2013 on Toodyay Road, near the intersection of Lover's Lane, Toodyay.

The crash occurred when a blue Hyundai Tucson travelling east, driven by a 65 year old woman, collided with a green Ford Telstar being driven west by a 32 year old man.

The driver of the Ford died at the scene and the driver of the Hyundai was evacuated by helicopter to RPH, where she died from her injuries.

Anyone with information is asked to call Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000

### eWatch

THE power of ewatch is the ability for police to keep the community informed of reported crime incidents. Your local police hope that by providing timely information about these incidents, members of the community may be able to share information that could help solve these crimes.

Remember, it's the small things that count. Car movements, people movements, strange comings and goings that are out of the norm – these are things that police are interested in. The power of local knowledge is that you, as a local resident, are in the best place to observe, record and make judgement about what is normal for your area.

Get into the habit of recording times, dates, registration numbers of vehicles, descriptions of people (what they are wearing, height, build, hair colour) and, even better, without placing yourself at risk, taking a photo. With the proliferation of modern mobile phones, nearly everyone has a camera on hand these days. If you see something, photograph it (remember not to do it whilst driving though!)

Arson has reared its ugly head at Pelham Reserve. Sometime over 6 and 7 June 2013, offenders have damaged a picnic table at the Pelham Reserve lookout, by setting a fire and using the table as firewood! It looks like they had a little party whilst they were at it!

Perhaps you can help with helping police work out who was there?

Police have seized some exhibits that we will assess for DNA – let's hope modern technology helps identify an offender, or two!

Sometime between 1 June and 3 June 2013, offenders have accessed a rural property on Chitty Road, Toodyay and, whilst on the property, have removed a compressor amongst other items.

Do you live in the area? Have you seen increased vehicle movement on Chitty Road? Residents in the area can help us by watching all vehicle movements and start jotting down registration numbers.

Sometime on 28 May 2013, offenders have gone to a property on Alan Twine Road, Coondle, and stolen a large quantity of tools and electronic items from the property and vehicles at the address.

There has been a fair amount of social media discussion about this burglary. Your local police are keen to identify persons of interest involved in this crime. You can help police by keeping a look out for the stolen equipment, power tools etc. Has anyone been trying to offload tools?

Sometime between 20 April 2013 and 8 June 2013, offenders accessed a property on Chitty Road, Toodyay and removed a Viscount caravan from the property.

The caravan, affectionately called 'Dot' by its owners, has now been recovered. This is as a result of information received and collaboration between Mundaring, Wundowie and Toodyay Police Stations.

A 33-year-old male from Wooroloo has been charged with possessing stolen or unlawfully obtained property and will appear at the Midland Magistrates Court in due course.

In transitioning from our old ewatch email

distribution group, I have asked our IT gurus to change our email address to be more aligned with our new system.

Please update your email programs to reflect toodyay.ewatch@police.wa.gov.au as the email address to use if you wish to contact Toodyay Police via email.

Remember, this email address is not monitored 24/7. Use it for information exchange only, not for reporting crimes or requesting urgent police assistance.

Avon Valley residents are only too aware of the foggy conditions that challenge drivers at this time of year.

It goes without saying that this is a significantly dangerous time for local drivers. Whilst locals on the whole drive responsibly and carefully, there are many drivers who don't, particularly if they are not from our Shire and don't know our local roads.

It's about slowing down and being prepared. Make sure your car is in good condition – that your demisters work and your windscreen is clean. Are all your lights working?

Here's a couple of tips to survive those foggy moments:

- Drive on low beam in heavy fog! High beam only reflects off the fog in front of your car and actually makes it harder to see the road ahead;
- Put your air conditioner on! If your windscreen is fogging up - turn your cars heater to 'hot' and then turn your air conditioner on. This helps take the humidity out of the air and you will find that your whole car will 'de-fog' very quickly! Try it – it works!

I would like to acknowledge some great work being undertaken by the Shire of Toodyay in making Toodyay a safer place to live in.

Those amongst us who are observant will notice that there has been quite some activity in recent weeks along Charcoal Lane in Toodyay - with the installation of solar powered lighting between Piesse Street and Oddfellow Street.

Given the presence of the IGA shopping precinct on Charcoal Lane, this area has become markedly busier. The installation of these lights will undoubtedly make this area much safer for road users and pedestrians.

Way to go Shire of Toodyay!

## Julimar Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade

Tim Walker

ONE of the most notable events, or lack of, is rain, with June recordings at only 10 mm as I write (18 June) with no strong winter frontal systems on the horizon. I certainly cannot remember a dry period in this month after such a good start to the season.

One could make the obvious statement for those doing a bit of hazard reduction burning close to bush that it will still burn fiercely and, given a bit of wind, could easily get out of control.

Main topic for the month is a report from our last meeting where Peter Sapwell took the chair for the first time and ran an excellent meeting. Peter reminded members that now is the time to have their say if required.

Grant gave his usual Captain's report at the meeting mentioning only two call outs to car fires. He then went on to present awards for 5 years' service to Jenny Cornwall, Graham Barber and Corrie Murcott Other equally deserving awards to Vickie Wesley, Peter Sapwell and himself for completion of The Crew Leader's Course. Grant also mentioned the sad passing of Ross Robinson several weeks ago.

A BBQ was held after the meeting followed by a movie, 'The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel', together with popcorn and other equally naughty chocolate morsels including the ever popular Jaffas and Maltesers. All enjoyed the night and expressed their thanks to Jan Walker for organising this. The lucky winner of the raffle donated by the Berry Farm (Margaret River) went to none other than Peggy Sapwell.

The most other recent event of worthy news was the monthly verge clean up for our designated length of road, headed up by Bettina Scobie and her team of volunteers and sponsored by the Bendigo Bank.

Lastly, thanks to Shelley from the bank for all her work going through our books. It's much appreciated.

# emergency services

## St John Ambulance Toodyay & Districts Sub Centre

Kerry Fletcher

WELCOME on board to Von Emmanuel. Von is out and about observing in the ambulances and will soon be starting the Volunteer Ambulance Officer (VAO) courses – a much needed volunteer to help out with the ambulance roster!

Toodyay & Districts Sub Centre VAO's commit many personal hours to ensure an ambulance is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week but our resources are slim and sometimes we don't have enough crew available to fill the rosters. We have two ambulances based in Toodyay, one in Bolgart and another in Morangup. Some days, all ambulances are out or do jobs back to back! Sometimes there is no need for the service for days on end. Toodyay & Districts covers a huge area and relies entirely on volunteers who often have other paid jobs to commit to. Whilst on a roster shift, the crew will go about their daily business but ensure they are within 'quick response' distance from the ambulance shed. Unfortunately, there are some days where we just don't have any crew available and that means redirecting the call to a different sub centre. For the unwell patient and anxious bystander that can mean a very stressful wait. So if you think you can give a bit of time to help us keep the ambulance service 100% available in Toodyay, Bolgart, Morangup and their surrounds please phone or drop in to the sub centre to find out more about being a Volunteer Ambulance Officer – your community needs you!

Did you know that if you are involved in a traffic accident, the Insurance Commission of WA generally covers ambulance transport costs to the nearest public hospital for any patients involved in the accident? But that doesn't mean you don't need ambulance cover! There are plenty of other reasons you may need to call an ambulance and, if you don't have adequate cover, ambulance transport can be a costly. Local Ambulance Benefit Fund memberships cover you for all ambulance transport costs anywhere in Western Australia. \$47 for singles or \$77 for family – why wouldn't you? (And the membership fees go directly back to your local sub centre!)

Another successful flexible learning First Aid course was conducted on 22 June for a class of 14. Due to changes in the delivery of First Aid courses through St John Ambulance and meeting National Accreditation standards, there is some uncertainty in course delivery in the short term in Toodyay. Please phone the sub centre office if you have any queries regarding First Aid course availability.

St John Ambulance Toodyay & Districts Sub Centre Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday 30 July 2013 commencing at 6.30pm. All members of the community are invited to attend.

## Toodyay Neighbourhood and Rural Watch 'Neighbours looking after Neighbours'

Desraé Clarke

'OUT of the ordinary' happenings occur regularly and it is imperative to report these happenings to the Toodyay Police on 9574 9555 or CRIMESTOPPERS on 1800 333 000 as soon as possible.

What are 'out of the ordinary' occurrences?

- An uninvited vehicle on your property;
- A vehicle that comes to your home and, as soon as you appear, it takes off;
- Someone visiting your neighbour's property sheds or machinery and you know the neighbour is not at home;
- Interference with stock that you find a little odd;
- An unknown vehicle driving back and forth along your road that may appear to be 'scouting' or 'sussing out' the area.

Any of these occurrences can be quite innocent but often they are not. If it does eventuate that the visit was innocent, time is

not wasted as it shows your neighbour that you were concerned and the Police that you were vigilant.

Over the years the reported goods stolen in the Shire of Toodyay have been unbelievable. Included have been truckloads of sheep, cattle, caravans, household goods including food from refrigerators and freezers, farm machinery, tools, water pumps and the list goes on and on. Living out of sight of the road is not a protection.

What can you do?  
Take as much detail as possible! Do not put yourself at risk!

- Note the colour and type of vehicle and, if possible, the registration (the registration may be difficult to decipher because of dust or mud). Note details such as a bull-bar, dents, the occupants and sound of the vehicle. If the occupants get out of the vehicle note how many are present, their approximate height, build and whether dark or fair haired or no-haired.

- Take note of the time and contact Police on 9574 9555 or CRIMESTOPPERS on 1800 333 000 AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

If the Toodyay Police are not at the station your call will go through to the Northam Regional Office that is manned 24 hours each day. Your call is extremely important so give your information to the Officer-on-Duty and he will contact the Toodyay Police. DO NOT HANG UP. Who knows, Toodyay Police could be in the next road to where the problem is occurring.

Toodyay Police 9574 9555  
CRIMESTOPPERS 1800 333 000

## Moto Trials Championships in Toodyay

THE 2013 Quit Western Australian Moto Trials Championships are coming to Toodyay in August.

The State's best trials riders will be displaying extraordinary skills in this demanding discipline of motorcycle sport on 11 August at the farm property of Mr Chris McKay on Woodendale Road. The action is on from 9.30am to 3.30pm and it is free entry to this exciting event which is proudly sponsored by Quit and Healthway.

Unlike most other forms of motorcycle sport, Moto Trials is not racing, it is simply a competitor and their bike pitted against the terrain.

Moto Trials is a sport of balance, skill and concentration. One at a time, competitors will ride over an obstacle course of boulders, streams, hill climbs, logs, drop offs, and nearly anything else. It is one of the world's most popular participatory motorcycle disciplines. In Australia about one thousand riders compete; in Europe many thousands compete regularly.

Riders compete in ALL weather conditions! From Juniors aged 7 years through to Veterans from 40 to 70 years plus, there are classes to cover all rider ability levels such as Expert, A, B and C Grade, Club Class and also Veterans (40 years plus).

Whilst it is spectacular and sometimes appears dangerous at the top level, speed and other competitors are not factors likely to cause incidents, so the sport remains very safe. Very few injuries are sustained due to the low speeds and 'one at a time' use of sections by competitors. Riders in the top classes attempt seemingly impossible obstacles, and in the process perform some of the most amazing skilled and trick riding - including air turns, bunny hops and bouncing the front and rear wheels during turns.

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They are usually single cylinder, liquid cooled engines, around 250cc capacity. They have lots of ground clearance and suspension travel with hydraulic disc brakes - front and rear. Tyres are super soft compound and run tyre pressures of about 4 to 6 psi. They are very similar to the bikes ridden by world champion riders such as Tony Bou.

Modern trials bikes are mostly manufactured in Europe by manufacturers such as Gas Gas, Beta, Scorpa, Montesa, Ossa and Sherco. Honda and Yamaha also manufacture engines for modern trials bikes. Although new models cost up to \$11,000, you don't need a new bike to start riding and enjoying yourself. Second-hand models with mono shock rear suspension and front disc brake can be bought for around \$1,400 to \$2,500.

The event will be made up of different sections to enable riders to test their skills.

A Moto Trials section is typically a taped area of natural terrain, incorporating obstacles such as rocks, creeks, mud, tree stumps, etc. Different colour markers within the section determine the passage through the section ('the line') a particular graded rider must take. For example an A-grade rider will ride between red markers, B-grade follow yellow markers, C-grade follow blue markers and Club Class riders follow white markers through the section.

The higher the grade, the more difficult the section and line.

A rider 'earns' one point each time they put a foot down (a 'dab'). After three points in any one section the rider may continue to dab or stop without incurring any more points. If the rider falls off or stalls the bike with their feet on the ground or if the bike moves backwards they are given five points (a 'five'). At the end of each lap the section scores are totalled to give a lap score, and when the rider completes the designated number of laps a total score is tallied. The rider with the lowest score is the winner. The course for the 2013 Quit State Championship will consist of 10 sections spread over an area of varied terrain, with riders completing 4 or 5 laps.

Pathfinders Trials Motorcycle Club is promoting the event, so if you're looking for excitement on Sunday 11 August, take a look at the 2013 Quit Western Australian Moto Trials Championships.

You won't believe what you see!

## Toodyay Miniature Railway

June Eastwood

FIRSTLY, congratulations to Isobel and Phil Roberts on their 45th Wedding Anniversary. A life which has been lived in many far flung places on the world map and amazingly, has survived countless months of renovating homes. We believe four days of plush accommodation, a river cruise and family dinner were among the highlights.

Back at the ranch meanwhile, a very attractive mock sandstone retaining wall has been completed at the new Loco shed, 8 metres of 750mm height and another 7 metres of 450mm have made a very pleasing and neat addition.



Each time long-suffering wives think this present project will wrap things up, another worthy idea for beautification pops up. Meanwhile, weeds high enough to hide a stalking tiger flourish happily at home. Well, perhaps not a tiger, but as I weeded round ferns on my winter creek bank I came face to face with a big fat fox, curled up and napping happily. I don't know which of us jumped the highest but at the rate he sped off there was no way the Flying Scotsman could have caught him!

During July term holidays, the railway will operate its Wednesday special runs in addition to the normal 1st and 3rd Sunday runs.



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# Bejoording Community Group News

## From the desk of The Badger

THE Badger is in big trouble! Last month I waxed enthusiastically about the annual clean-up but completely forgot to acknowledge the wood-cutters!

What's a community shed without an open-pit fire, and how can we have that without timber to burn? An annual event that coincides with clean-up day is a wood gathering mission. So a bunch of guys gathered up enough firewood to see us through the winter, even filling an old defunct freezer chest with dry kindling, and ensured our comfort for another year. Thanks guys sincerely, and sorry I forgot you last month!



The Woodcutters (L-R) Brendan Burgess, Ian Halse and Chris Wacura

I should also acknowledge Barry Grey, Mark Bodium and Kim Leonhardt who undertook a number of maintenance tasks at the shed including connecting up gutters to a new rainwater tank. Thanks to you, too. All in all, a very productive team effort on the day.

Hopefully I'm out of trouble now and everyone will talk to me again.

Recently, The Badger has been getting to know a bit more about Bejoording's history and the hidden special places in our locality. Lawrence Haywood, our Bush Fire Captain, took me for a four hour walk around the lanes and easements and across a couple of paddocks to show me how much heritage still survives and is accessible. He showed me the Jandakine Spring still bubbling

out crystal clear water. We saw old roads which have now been abandoned and where nature is reclaiming them. We saw the plot of land originally reserved for Bejoording's cemetery; a house built around the original telephone exchange; and other points of interest. What fascinated me most was an old well built in a traditional English style with dry stone walls – it's on someone's private property so I won't say where, but does anyone know of it and how old it is? There's a bit of junk in it but it still has water and is structurally sound.



On a previous walk, I had visited Syred Cottage and had a fascinating time looking closely at the cottage, other buildings and artefacts just lying around on this wonderful slice of history. Anyway, a big thank you to Lawrence for arranging this, including a welcome and much appreciated mid-point rest and coffee at the home of Mark and Marilyn d'Alton.

At our quarterly meeting on 5 June, there was little business of importance except confirmation that our finances were in good shape. However, the brevity of the formal meeting may have been influenced by the first round of Game of Origin showing on a borrowed TV in the fire shed! Following the game (GO BLUES!) the Curry and Casserole Feast that followed was a great success with sumptuous dishes provided by a number of members including yours truly. What does a Bejoording Community Group feast look like? Eight fabulous home cooked dishes bursting with flavour, and rice, pasta and potatoes in various scrumptious styles. If you join us this is the kind of thing you can look forward to:

On Wednesday 3 July we had an American Hot Dog Feast night, and those who came along experienced the real thing, not those puny dogs sold on charity stalls! Also coming in July, on Sunday 14, we have the annual



'Hoon and Horn-Blowers Car Rally'.

Your monthly reminder! We meet every Wednesday evening at the Bejoording Community Centre which shares premises with the local Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade in Bejoording Road. Come along from 6pm and leave when it suits you. It's strictly 'come as you are' casual, kids are welcome, and there are fun events every month. If you aren't yet a member, come along, we'd love to get to know you. If you want to know more you can contact President Barry Grey on 9574 2149, or call The Badger on 0414 250 484. Hope to see you soon!

## Arts Toodyay

Clive Eger  
Secretary

WHAT better way to fend off the winter chills than gathering around a nice warm fire? And it's even better when the fire is helping to produce some striking and individual items of pottery. What brings it all together is the Japanese technique known as Raku Firing where pots are rapidly fired in a small wood fuelled kiln.

Arts Toodyay is currently running its third annual Raku Pottery workshop series which will culminate in a firing of the pots on 6 July. The pots were made a couple of weeks ago at an all day workshop and a marvellous variety of pots was created. Once the pots had their preliminary firing and could be glazed, they were ready for the final firing. Stay tuned for some pictures of the firing next month.

As reported in last month's column, Arts Toodyay Inc is participating in the 'Adopt a Spot' clean-up initiative sponsored by the Bendigo Bank. Our allocated area is the central business district and we will be



having our first clean-up blitz on Sunday 14 July. All members are encouraged to come along and help. We will meet at 10am at Sharon's place and, if you are early, you may even get to wear one of the jazzy high-viz orange vests.



Arts Toodyay Inc will once again be sponsoring a prize at the Annual Toodyay Agricultural Show which is to be held on 12 October. This is just a couple of weeks after our annual 'VINO' Art Show at Coorinja Winery which runs from 28 – 30 September. It's sure to be a busy time of year with the Toodyay Races on the same weekend!

The Annual General Meeting of Arts Toodyay Inc. will be held on Tuesday 6 August at 8pm. Members are reminded that membership fees are now due and remain unaltered at \$15. Membership renewals can be made at the next meeting (AGM) or can be posted to The Treasurer, Arts Toodyay Inc., PO Box 801, Toodyay 6566. Remember that only current members are eligible to vote at the AGM.

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## Northam Art Prize

Naomi Millett

THE fields may be barren as the Wheatbelt awaits more rain, but the creativity is flowing torrentially in the Avon Valley.

Throughout June, another successful Northam Art Prize and exhibition, sponsored by the Avon Valley Arts Society and Northam Shire, attracted a record number of inspired entries across a range of traditional and contemporary categories – from oil and acrylic painting and drawing to mixed media works, collage, print making, photography and 3D sculpture.

This significant annual event has in recent years moved far from any suggestion of amateurism or hobby craft. Now, with a mix of almost one hundred artists, it represents a sophisticated cross section of some of the Avon's most prestigious and highly respected creative people and is attended by well respected art critics and judges from WA and interstate.

This year, there was a pleasing balance between more conventional approaches – a selection of exuberantly hued, beautifully wrought still lifes – and works that break away from the expected, taking us into the realms of daring experimentation.

Numerous intricate, thought-provoking gems (most for sale – and selling), were well placed for crowds to marvel at in the professionally lit and presented exhibition in Northam's Lesser Town Hall.

Graham Smith contributed a finely considered portrait of Malcolm McCusker, Terry Reilly's massive steel dinosaur drew a crowd, and Bev Bush from Toodyay displayed her *Gnarly Old Tree*, an intriguing



sculpture made of a tactile bark – or human skin-like – material. Also eye catching and quirky among many inspired items was a homage to Kandinsky by Graeme Butler, comprising a delicate 'playground' of interwoven red, yellow and blue ropes and flags, and Lyn Howieson's textile and fibre art piece featuring tree frogs cavorting in jewel bright eucalyptus leaves.

The strength, in particular, of these nature and landscape studies, lies in the fact that they have grown from the artists' deep immersion in, attachment to and knowledge of unique WA locations. There is a grounded honesty about much of this art, and the idea of recycling and reusing discarded items in different contexts – the country notion of 'making do' with limited resources, also comes through.

An artist to watch is Linda Depussey, who constructs collages in soothing, muted pastels using templates and even old recycled lace doilies. Her *Chantilly Gardens* is an



exquisite multilayered work with the feel of antique, pressed tin ceilings.

In the same vein, pushing the envelope by transforming junk and scrap materials into art, Tom de Munk-Kerkmeier (a Perth-based sculptor), displayed his colour rich, multicultural, abstract design, *Into the Imaginary Landscape* on recycled pieces of



corrugated roofing iron: the kind of 'canvas' you could pick up on wasteland, at the tip, or in the vicinity of a rural ruin.

There was some light relief with Ben Littleton's *Parking Ticket* – an unexpected nod towards surrealism and possibly even Andy Warhol's Pop Art movement. Littleton's characterless, multilevel carpark is filled with identical yellow box shaped



vehicles, among which nestles – as if trying to camouflage itself – a car-sized loaf of golden bread.

Though the themes were 'open', it was evident that the majority of artists have taken their ideas directly from the diverse rural environments they are immersed in with works entitled (among many others), *Wheatbelt Stream Bed*, *Avon Paperbark*, *Wetlands*, *White Gums*, *Abandoned Farmhouse*, *Tank and Mill*, and the evocative *Storm Coming over Meckering CBH*.

Major prize winners this year included Pearl Rogers for her water theme painting (this section was sponsored by the Water Corporation) of farm pumps: *Down to the Nuts and Bolts*, Brian Aylward for his oil/acrylic called *Country Road*, and Sharon Boxall for her print of a red-tailed black



cockatoo. Perhaps the most popular inclusion though – especially among the younger visitors – was the meticulously welded, recycled steel dinosaur, something of a loveable mutant, that almost seemed real enough to leap from its stand and take off across the fields.

## Recipe Corner

### Marnie's Apple Cake



Desraé Clarke

THIS tasty little cake can be used as a dessert as well as a cake to serve for afternoon tea or when the kids come home from school. It is very easy to make but I would suggest cooking the apples and allowing them to become cold before beginning to make the cake mixture. I usually cook the apples the day before and then there is no rush. This cake freezes very well.

#### Ingredients:

##### Apple Filling

500gms Granny Smith apples  
1½ tablespoon sultanas  
¼ cup water

##### Cake Mixture:

125gms Flora margarine or butter  
¾ cup caster sugar  
2 eggs  
¾ cup milk  
2 cups self raising flour

##### Topping:

1 tablespoon butter, melted  
1 teaspoon caster sugar combined with 1 teaspoon cinnamon

#### Method:

Peel, core and thinly slice the apples.

Gently, on very low heat, cook the apples together with the water and sultanas. (as there is very little water with the apples watch carefully that they don't burn - stir them frequently)

Drain the liquid from the apples and sultanas by placing them in a sieve. Allow the cooked apples to become cold.

Line the base of a 20cm square cake tin

with baking paper cut to size.

Cream margarine and sugar until light and fluffy.

Break the eggs into a cup, one at a time, then add to the creamed margarine and sugar. Mix well.

Sift in the flour and add the milk and beat the mixture till it is very smooth.

Spread 1/3 of the mixture on the base of prepared cake tin.

Layer the apple over the mixture.

Spread the remaining 2/3 of the mixture over the apple.

Cook the cake for 60 to 65 minutes in a moderate oven, 160°C, if fan-forced, and 180°C, if not fan-forced, until the cake is a light brown. Test with a skewer and if the skewer comes out clean the cake is cooked.

Remove the cake from the oven and paint the top of the hot cake with the melted butter; sprinkle the cake with the topping of sugar and cinnamon.

Leave the cake in the tin to cool.

As a dessert, serve with custard, cream or ice cream.



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## Toodyay Spinners

**Ange Sturman**  
Secretary

THE Back-to-back challenge was held on 1 June at Avalon Homestead. It is a worldwide, timed competition starting with an unshorn sheep and finishing with a wearable adult jumper to set specifications.

It was a great day enjoyed by all in spite of sore shoulders, elbows and thumbs. We finished the jumper in 9 hours 16 minutes and 58 seconds, coming 7<sup>th</sup> in the world. Glynne made certificates which were handed out to all participants. We raised approximately \$850 for Bowel Cancer research.

Our members have made lots of interesting things this month. Lois knitted a jumper in variegated blue and silver wool plied with silver wool, and a skein of silver yarn plied with light silver from our stores.

Phil crocheted a baby blanket in a variety of colours (commercial yarn). Val's latest mystery object was completed: a shawl in orange and black yarn she had spun. Jan brought a couple of very interesting items to show to our Saturday group. She had made a

information, please contact Ange Sturman, secretary, on 9574 2507 or Gretta Sauta, president, on 9574 2868.

New members are most welcome – no experience necessary.



*Krys' woven shawl*

## Toodyay Community Resource Centre

WE are very sorry to announce that our wonderful Manager, Megan Kelly, has resigned. She was such a terrific new broom to Toodyay Community Resource Centre. All the amazing innovations she introduced have enhanced the centre immeasurably. We will miss her a great deal and wish her all the best for the future.

### 3C's (Coffee, Crochet, Chat)

Every Tuesday 9.30am – noon \$3pp

Just as the name suggests! Everyone is welcome. A stress free morning with morning tea supplied

### Multifarious Monday

Every Monday 10am – 12.30pm \$4pp (plus cost of any materials)

In order to make the best of our 'Christmas in July' activities, all through the month of July, we will be making Christmas themed cards and decorations. Too early, you say? It is never too early to get that Christmas feeling.

### School Holiday Programme

#### Decorators Craft

Wednesday 10 July 9.30am – 1pm \$5pp

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#### Bakeless cooking

Wednesday 17 July 9.30am – 1pm \$5pp

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#### Seniors Card Information Service

Thursday 18 July 1pm – 3pm FREE EVENT

A guest speaker from the WA Seniors Card Centre will be holding an information session for seniors in the Toodyay Region.



*Jan's vest and scarf*

vest and scarf in muslin dyed with wandoo bark and felted with brown alpaca. She had also made some cushions in silk and merino.

Krys wove a shawl from wool which Carol Davidson had spun. Margaret knitted a jumper from Bendigo Merino plied with a commercial yarn bobbin from our stores.

Many thanks to Terry and Phil who kindly donated a couple of fleeces to our Spinners' group.

Our 2013 AGM will be held at Parker's Cottage on 31 July at 9.30am.

Our Spinning Group meets every Wednesday from 9am to 12noon, and every second Saturday of the month at Parker's Cottage in the Showgrounds. For further



*Lois' skein*

## Toodyay & Districts Community Bank®



### Margaret O'Sullivan

THANK you to all who participated in our community engagement 'U Like Campaign' by voting for your favourite project.

Three local groups, Toodyay Kindergym, Toodyay Scouts and Toodyay Friends of the River, who were looking for funds were invited to participate. The objective was to raise awareness of each individual group's profile by getting people to vote either on line or by coming into the branch.

The winning group was Toodyay Kindergym, who wanted to purchase new equipment. They meet on Friday mornings

at the sports pavilion and offer an organised programme for 0 to 5 year-olds. First prize of \$5,000 was very gratefully received and will go a long way to boost their aging equipment.

Second prize of \$1,500 went to the Toodyay Scouts with their 'Anti Bullying campaign', a concern close to all our hearts.

Third prize of \$500 went to the Toodyay Friends of the River towards their walking track along our local river out to Nardie Cemetery.

Three very worthwhile projects!

Congratulations to all three groups; we wish you all the best with your projects.

## Toodyay Community Singers

### Margaret O'Sullivan

HOW can another month have slipped by? And what an action packed month it continues to be!

Our group was very honoured to be invited to perform at the opening evening of Sean and Richard's Christmas shop. It was a moving evening. The shop is beautiful, filled with all manner of Christmas treats, trees and decorations. As word spreads, this will become another attraction for Toodyay, bringing many people here to experience this unique outlet. We truly wish Sean all the very best with his new venture.

Members, partners and friends of our group enjoyed a fun, action packed evening in the form of a musical quiz night. Nuala did an amazing job of putting the programme together, complete with 'guess who' baby photos of club members. Our judges and scorers (Trish and Barry) were kept busy tallying the many bonus points awarded throughout the evening. Amazing what a slipped note could do to a lagging tally! The main prize a 'trip to Ireland' was won by a delighted Eugene. Maybe it was not a conventional trip but nevertheless he was really proud of his achievement and was last seen practising his swimming strokes. A truly fun-filled evening was had by all.

We have taken a change of pace with our singing and have been pulling out many favourites from the fifties and sixties; what great songs came from these times. It's always good to have something new up our sleeve for our next project.

New members are always welcome and well received, Thursday nights at the CWA Hall at 7 o'clock. See you there.

Information includes updates on eligibility and services, new rebates and concessions, information and advice on getting the most from your WA Seniors Card. If you're a senior, this is a must not miss event!

### Computer Basics Classes

Monday 22 & 29 July 10am – noon \$40pp for 2 x 2hr sessions

Computer Guru Ken will be holding his Computer Basics Class again this month. For all those interested in taking on the computer monster this is the class for you. Bookings are limited so book your spot today for the July Classes

### Expressions of Interest

#### Book Club

We are seeking expressions of interest on whether anyone would like to be a part of a Book Club. If you want to know more or register your interest please call our office.

#### Art Colour, Art Sessions with Yvonne

Thursday 11 July 9am – noon

Thursday 18 July 9am – noon

Thursday 25 July 9am – noon

\$45pp includes materials and the three sessions

Local Artist Yvonne Westphal is hosting a series of Art Colour Classes in July to teach all aspects of art. You don't need to be an art professional, just a willing pupil. The course will run over three weeks and bookings are essential as numbers are limited.

#### Manager's Position

If you are interested in applying for our Manager's position, please make note of the advertisement in this newspaper

#### Bookings

If you would like to attend any of these events, please book on 9574 5357 or call in and see Alison or Evie.

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## News from Bolgart and Surrounding Areas

Doris M Martin

I WILL begin my column this month with a happy event and congratulate Jenni and Kent Harris on the birth of their son Jason Kent Harris, born 21 May 2013. He weighed in at 3,460gm (7lb 6oz) and was 50.5cm in length.

Jenni has been a familiar face in the area working in the Victoria Plains Shire Office at Calingiri for quite some time.

Something that was missed back in April was the death of John (Jack) MacPherson who lived at Bolgart as a child, moved to Perth and worked for many years and, when semi-retired, returned to live in Bolgart until faced with declining health when he returned to the city.

He was well known in the district and it is with much sadness that we learned of his death.

Sympathy is extended to Eileen and family on their loss.

Another person from a well known family that used to live within the Toodyay Shire area years ago and passed recently on 5 June was Elizabeth Muriel (Beth) Ferguson (nee - Miles), born on 17 November 1931. Beth was the daughter of the late couple, Edwin George Miles and Etta Elizabeth Miles (nee - Ryall). She was the widow of the late Oliver Robert Ferguson who hailed from an early pioneering family in the Toodyay area.

Oliver and Beth reared a family of six children (two daughters and four sons) and at the time I first remember them from, Oliver was an apiarist. Many years later, he and Beth lived at Clackline and he worked at Clackline Brick as a yard foreman.

Beth and Oliver retired to Albany in their later years where Oliver dabbled in writing memoirs of his life and outlining his family tree to leave for his family members.

Sadly, Beth experienced poor health in recent times from which she did not recover. She was aged 81 years and 6 months at the time of her death.

A cremation service was held at the Bethany Funeral Home at Albany on 8 June. Music during the ceremony was *Cootamundra Wattle* and *Somewhere Over the Rainbow*. Light refreshments were served in the condolence lounge with her family. I believe her ashes are to be brought back to Culham Graveyard to be buried with those of her late husband, Oliver.

Sympathy is extended to her family members.

Another local, an ex farmer who has passed on is Clifford James (Cliff) Clarke, aged 82 years and 8 months who was a member of a large family of fourteen. He was the son of the late couple, Robert James Clarke and Clara Evelyn Clarke (nee - Kelly). Cliff was born on 4 October 1930 and was married to Shirley Joy Cook who was the daughter of the late Phillip Frederick Augustus Cook and Vera Edna Cook (nee - Ferguson). Sadly Shirley pre-deceased Cliff in 2006.

Cliff and Shirley farmed west of Bolgart where they reared a family of six children - one daughter and five sons. I believe Cliff actually delivered one of these children on the side of the road whilst taking Shirley to the hospital.

In Cliff's declining years he lived at Goomalling Hospital in the aged care section. He passed away on 11 June and was buried at Culham Graveyard next to his wife Shirley in a graveside service conducted by celebrant Mrs Maxine Walker and attended by a large crowd of mourners. A wake followed at the Bolgart Sports Club House.

Not to make light of the situation, but Cliff, you would have to be the only person I have ever known to be able to get a special sign erected on the road near Culham Church warning that an 'event' was in progress.

Sympathy is extended to his family on their loss.

Congratulation to those from the Bolgart School who did well in the recent Cross Country run held at the Bolgart Golf Course on 18 June between such schools as Calingiri, Cadoux, Goomalling, Sacred Hearts and Bolgart.

Congratulations to Regan Clarke who came 1st and received a medallion in the boys open 2km event. Congratulations also to Bridget Farrell in the under 9 girls event, Ben Clarke in the under 9 boys event and Tristan Snooke in the under 7 boys event who all received certificates for finishing in the top ten runners in their respective events.

A birthday party for Dale McGill (who celebrated her 40th birthday) was held at the Calingiri Sporting Pavillion with approximately 150 guests in attendance. Folk travelled from as far afield as Perth and Geraldton

Meat dishes were provided by Monde's Catering and birthday girl herself provided potato bakes, etc. A beautiful mud cake came from Bindoon Bakery and a dance floor and lights were hired from Wongan Hills.

The party continued into the wee small hours with many staying on site overnight in caravans, awakening to a breakfast of bacon and eggs cooked by husband Julian.

Congratulations Dale, you are in the prime of your life.

Incidentally, to any children in the area whose birthdays I have missed this month, a big happy belated birthday to you all.

Finally, it is noted that the final section of Goomalling Road or Bolgart East Road, belonging to the Victoria Plains Shire area, will finally be sealed. I'm sure that will be a relief to those who use the road.

## Toodyay Agricultural Society

Kate Wood

THE Agricultural Show is sneaking up quickly! 12 October will be here before you know it so, if you're planning on being part of the 160th Celebration, now is the time to act!

There are so many categories for you to enter - too many to list here - but, if you're into the arts and crafts, cooking, wood working, growing fruit and vegetables or other farm produce such as livestock or fibre, there is a category for you. With the school holidays upon us and so too the wet weather, it's a perfect time to get your kids busy with show entries. While the cooking might have to wait until nearer the show, Lego models, sewing and fabric painting would be great activities to keep your 6 to 15 year olds occupied.

The 'Fashion on the Farm' competition will be hotly contested and this year the theme is 'Recycled Fashion'. If you have a child at the local day care centre you'd know they too have been learning about recycled fashion - perhaps you could elaborate on the outfit you made them for day care! Think grain bag frocks and bale twine bows!

The Spring Ball too isn't far away, on 31 August, and tickets are still available at Makit Hardware for \$70 a head. You'll be treated to a live band, supper, door prizes and great company. If you're not quite sure you're dance floor ready, the Agricultural Society will be holding dancing lessons at the Town Hall on Tuesday 13, Wednesday 14 and Thursday 15 August from 7 to 9pm. If you'd like to take part please phone 9574 4664 to book your spot.

The other big ticket item for any WA Agricultural Society is selecting a candidate for the Rural Ambassador Award. This year Toodyay has selected Kristee Jolly. Many of you will know Kristee from her work at the Shire, but her contribution to the Toodyay Community doesn't even come close to ending there! Kristee is a passionate advocate for Toodyay's young people and organises the Toodyay Youth Advisory Council. Kristee is a committee member of a long list of community organisations, Toodyay Road Wise Committee, Toodyay Theatre Group, Toodyay Football Club and the Agricultural Society. Kristee is also a keen and talented sportswoman; she teaches local fitness classes and plays both hockey and volleyball for Toodyay. If you see Kristee around town, please wish her well in her endeavour to become the WA Rural Ambassador of the Year!

Don't forget you can find us on Facebook: just search Toodyay Agricultural Society.

## Toodyay Music Club

Jenny Edgecombe

DO you love folk, blues and country music? Then the monthly get-together at Toodyay Music Club is for you! You enjoy singing but you couldn't possibly get up in front of everyone? Well, we have sing-along sessions every month: some easy, well-known tunes at the beginning of the evening and after supper.

In June, with some of the usual suspects

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occupied elsewhere, we were all expecting a quiet, early night. Wrong! Members who hadn't been able to attend for a while swelled the numbers and we had an evening full of delightful surprises.

I'm still smiling as I remember the special moment when Karen and Jeanette reached the chorus of the moving goldfields ballad they had chosen. Karen, who has always claimed to be a non-singer, slipped into the harmony effortlessly and I think the whole room forgot to breathe, hearing the two voices blend so beautifully. Later the audience also enjoyed Jeanette's 'I am Dreaming of the Mountains of my Home' as well as Karen's Renaissance piece on flute.

Phil, like most of us, likes to choose songs with lyrics that he finds particularly meaningful. This month he picked some Dylan and Neil Young then finished up with a foot-tapping 'Kansas City Blues' just for fun.

Kay had a 'Mamas and Papas' revival evening. Their songs are difficult to sing unaccompanied but Kay succeeded so well that we all wanted to join in with 'California Dreaming' and 'Dream a Little Dream of Me'.

My favourite amongst Spencer's items this month was 'Mist Over the Mersey' - it's in that lyrical style he sings so very well. It was good to have Will and Alan joining us again. Will favours country and western songs and I noticed he was experimenting with some bass runs in one of his numbers.

You can't say there isn't enough variety in our performances - Naomi accompanied Victor in showing us his progress on guitar for 'Home on the Range' and a little Spanish tune, then moved smoothly on to some 16th Century music for her own superb piece.

Joe presented the lovely 'Song of Bernadette' and we sang together our old favourite, 'The Dutchman'. For once I accompanied myself on guitar for 'My Grandfather's Clock'. I have decided that I must persist, even though what sounds reasonable in our lounge room seems appalling when I get into the space of the CWA hall. I'm always telling other people it's the only way to improve, so I must take my own medicine!

See you in July, and don't forget the 'Horses' theme for August.

Our next club evening: is on Friday 12 July at 7pm.

Any style of singing or instrumental performance welcome so long as it is acoustic. For further information, phone Teddy or Spencer on 9574 4492.

## Toodyay Community Bus

Di Roberts

WE have had many requests for the bus, not only for the month we are in, but further afield. Groups are wishing to take the bus away for a week or a few days and we are so very happy to accommodate this.

One of the happiest bus trips we had last month was to take the ladies of the Friday Craft Group to the Perth Convention Centre to visit the Craft Show. Can you imagine those very special, very experienced and wonderful ladies with fingers like steel who can produce such wonderful items out of very little fabric, but also enjoy each other's company on a Friday with loads of 'goss', laughter and smiles. Our bus was very privileged to be part of this day and to listen to the great banter to and from the venue, Jeff, the driver, has been sworn to secrecy as to the stories and comments made by the ladies. Many thanks ladies for a fun filled day; hope we can do it again and, of course, the chokkies and a sing

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along came out for the home run.

We also had a group of fun-loving people partake of a Chinese lunch in Northam, a change from the long drives to and from visits to other places. Our cup runneth over! The meal was outstanding, the company beyond reproach and the driver, Jeff, had us all in fits of laughter with his anecdotes (and of course sweets again on the return voyage.) It also gave each and every one the opportunity to meet new folks and take a wander around Northam.

The Dowerin Field Days are coming up on Wednesday 28 and Thursday 29 August. We will be using the bus for this venture, leaving the Visitors Centre, Toodyay at 9am and arriving in Dowerin at approximately 10am. We will then leave Dowerin at 3pm, returning to Toodyay by around 4pm. The cost will be \$15 per person for the trip to Dowerin and return.

This is an opportunity for you to leave your car at home, save fuel and mileage and enjoy your day at Dowerin without the stress of driving. Please contact Jeff or Di on 9574 2498 for early bookings.

We feel privileged to be asked again to celebrate a wedding in September for a very special family in Toodyay. The Bus will be adorned with the necessities to make this wedding enjoyable, fun-filled and one to remember.

Well here it comes and will again for the next few months. Our bus is again going to be a shuttle bus to and from the Toodyay Agricultural Show on 12 October. So just a gentle, no, a big heavy, hint: remember, if you are infirm or for any reason would like to go to the Show by the bus, there will be points for you to embark and we will take you to the entrance of the Show and then bring you back to where you wish to go. Of course a gold donation will be a huge help to keep our bus pristine. This is a gentle hint; no, again it is a heavy hint!

Perhaps it might be time to also ask the community if anyone would like to become members of the Toodyay Community bus, you are more than welcome. The fees are: singles \$2; family \$5; groups \$10. Of course, if you want to hire the bus for any occasion such as birthdays, weddings, holidays, wine tastings, picnics, lunches or, of course, the Avon Descent on 3-4 August (you may wish to hire the bus to take you from one viewing point to another), just let us know by contacting the Toodyay Visitors Centre on 9574 2435; the staff would love to hear from you.

We would also like to thank the Toodyay Op Shop for its generous donation, allowing us to have the bus logo printed and displayed on the bus. Many thanks to Grove Wesley, too, for their professional work on the logo.

We also have another surprise for the bus and this will happen for the wedding and Toodyay Show so just be aware and watch! Have I got you intrigued? Hope so.

OK, what else has been happening? Well, just keep looking at the river for more splendid rains to give our competitors in the Avon Descent more water this year. Admiration for the competitors? You betcha. We wish them well and to be safe at the end of their journey.

Until next time, take care, love each other, cuddle those children who are so very special, pat the pets, feed the chickens and the other animals, and remember life to us all everyday in every way is so special, especially in Toodyay.

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## Blast from the past in the Herald Archives Filling in Newcastle Park!



### Beth Frayne

WAS it only 17 years ago when Newcastle Park was bare of its native shrubbery and mosaic fountain bed? Here we see (L-R) Cr. Stan Eastwood, President Geoff Ludemann and CEO Robert Millar in the process of planting the first tree on Sunday, 19 August 1996, as part of a Toodyay Lions Club project to beautify the park. The Shire, community groups and individuals provided help and resources, but the bulk of the planting was done by TDHS students.

Did you know that back in 1948 the park was known as the RSL Memorial building block? Toodyay RSL planned to build a hall and a block of buildings as a memorial to the fallen and for all those who took part in World War II. But this was not to be, and the block was sold to the Shire in 1954, the year after the school bridge was built.

The name Newcastle Park was adopted in 1978, having been suggested by Doreen Watson and the late Anita Thurman.

(Photo published in the Toodyay Herald, Sept. 1996, p.17)

## In Days Gone By

### Ron E Waters

ONCE heard on the radio that they are building a new Children's Hospital in Perth. I have two medals that came out in 1909 that commemorate the opening of the first Children's hospital by the Hon Newton Moore, Premier of Western Australia. The medals have two swans on the top of the medal with a baby in the middle. Many years after when the Princess came out here they gave the building the name of Princess Margaret Hospital. I wonder what they will call the new hospital.

I also have many photos of the old Toodyay Hospital. One nice photo is of Dr Hussey holding twins and lots of the photos of the nurses. One photo is of the nurses feeding a little calf, whose mother had died and another photo is of the nurses feeding a little kitten. Also, another photo is of a nurse lying at the back of the hospital in the rocks near the morgue reading a book. I often wonder if the Council have records of the people buried above the morgue. I had to go to the hospital once when there was no doctor there and Sister Graham had to stitch up a cut in the back of my head.

We were lucky in the war years as we had an American doctor in Toodyay. His name was Doctor Frankly. I had to go to him once when I ruptured my stomach going over the high jumps at school. His surgery was near where the Police station is today. After he left Toodyay people were still lucky as there were always, when I was a young man, three doctors in Northam, then after a while a well loved Irish doctor came to Toodyay, Dr O'Rielly. I am not sure where his first surgery was but he ended up having a surgery up the main street near his house. He had a very nice wife and family. I used to like talking to the doctor, whom we called Paddy, when he came down to the first Toodyay Club for a drink.

I had to go to his surgery once. I had got bitten on the foot by a great big bush scorpion and had cut the spot with a razor blade. I got Rita to drive me to Toodyay as my right leg was cramped from the sting. Doctor got out his magnifying glass and had a look where I had got bitten and started to laugh and said, "You cut the wrong place." He gave me a needle and watched me for about an hour and said I would be OK.

I remember my cousin Bob got bitten on the ankle by a snake and he cut the place where he was bitten lots of times with a bread knife. This happened where the Malkup Brook goes under the Julimar Road. He rode his horse full gallop

all the way back to his home on Waters Road near Picnic Hill Road, where he changed horses there and rode full gallop to the old Toodyay Hospital. Doctor Hussey looked at the place he got bitten and saw all the cuts where he had cut with the bread knife and told him he did more damage than the snake and told him he would be OK, and to ride off home. In days gone by it was nice to have a doctor in town. Perhaps when we have a permanent doctor in town again we shall get back to normality and say thank you to the doctors we have at the moment that are helping our community. Now the old methods of cutting places where you get bitten are over.

I miss Doctor O'Rielly He used to go fishing down the Avon River and when duck shooting season was on he used to have a shot at some ducks with his friends on the Red Hill Road. When the doctor shot at some ducks, if you asked him did he shoot some, his answer was did you ever see a dead duck flying as the ducks flew over head.

Toodyay people really missed him. He mixed so well with all the people.

## Toodyay Historical Society

### Beth Frayne Events Co-ordinator

A BIG thank you to all those members and friends who helped at our Street Raffle on 14-15 June and a special thanks to Nina for donating the drawcard railway clock and those extra books. The winners were: Lotto Scratchies: 1st Prize (\$50 worth): Ticket B29 Red – Di Andrich; 2nd Prize (\$30): Ticket B14 Blue – Naomi; 3rd Prize (\$20): B06 Orange – David; Clock prize: Ticket Green C87 – Kerry.

With Jenny and Peter guiding us on our excursion to Mill Farm (Groves' Dairy), Old Miling Railway Bridges and Drummond's Mill site on 30 June, we will have learnt about the Drummonds of Hawthornden and their large flour mill, the old line of the railway (with bridges) and the later Melville Dairy of the Groves family. After wandering over pasture and along the Toodyay Brook, we will have enjoyed a BBQ lunch at Donegan's Cottage.



Historical Society members around St Ronan's Well (c.1832).  
Photo: Jenny Edgecombe, 2013

Hope you were there!

Duidegeana No. 31 (Winter edition) is out. Check out Milton's story about a Toodyay bottle!

Jeff Roberts, Toodyay Men's Shed, gave

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## 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 at 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 Northam. Contact Tina 0499 030 177

## AVON VALLEY ENVIRONMENTAL SOC.

3rd Friday at Wheatbelt Natural Resource Management (WNRM) transportable, Dept of Agriculture and Food, York Road, approx 500m past Cunderdin turnoff, 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 5.30pm Julimar Fire Shed followed by BYO BBQ. Training Sunday following meeting 9am Julimar Fire Shed.

## MOERLINA

Every Tuesday and Thursday Toodyay Sports Pavilion

## MORANGUP PLAYGROUP

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

## MORANGUP VOLUNTEER BUSH FIRE BRIGADE

Meets 3rd Wednesday 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

## SIMPLY MUSIC

Piano lessons for all ages Anglican Church Hall (next to Cola Cafe), Thursday afternoons and Friday mornings. Phone 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 3rd Tuesday, 3rd Sunday

## TOODYAY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY INC

Meets 3rd Monday Toodyay Club, 5.30pm. Contact Contact Phil Perkins 9574 4810

## 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

Meet at CWA Hall, Stirling Terr at 7pm each Thursday night

## TOODYAY DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL P & C

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

## TOODYAY DISTRICTS HORSE & PONY CLUB

1st Sunday Feb-Nov Northam Equestrian Centre 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 KINDERGYM

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. Enquiries 9574 4462

## TOODYAY MEN'S SHED

Meets 6176 Toodyay Road Thursday mornings Phone Geoff Ebdon 9574 4568

## TOODYAY MOONDYNE 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 info@toodyaynats.org.au. New members and visitors are made very welcome.

## TOODYAY NEIGHBOURHOOD/RURAL WATCH

Enq 9574 9555 or Desrae 6364 3609

## TOODYAY PLAYGROUP

Tuesdays & Thursdays 9.30-11.30am Playgroup Hall Community Centre contact Jane Arnold 0477 145 706

## 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 ROADWISE COMMITTEE

3rd Tuesday, Shire of Toodyay Works Depot, 10am. Further details: Max Heath 9574 2069

## TOODYAY SPINNERS

Wednesdays and 2nd Saturday and the Felting subgroup on 2nd Mondays from 9am Parkers Cottage. President: Gretta Sauta 9574 2868; Secretary: Ange Sturman 9574 2507

## TOODYAY SWIMMING POOL ACTION COMM

Please contact Bethan Lloyd on 9574 5882 for details of meetings.

## TOODYAY TOWN WALKS

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

## TOODYAY TOY LIBRARY

Tuesday 9.30-11.30am Toodyay Community Centre next to Toodyay Playgroup. Contact Moni Thornton 0437 655 901

## TOODYAY VOLUNTEER FIRE AND RESCUE

1st Monday Fire Station 7.30pm

## UNITING CHURCH

10am St Stephen's Church, Toodyay

## YOGA

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

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Our Julimar Excursion to Plunkett's Mill site and picnic is on 25 August; details to come.

A small group is travelling south for the annual State History Conference in Bunbury on 6-8 September, held at the Koombana Bay Sailing Club. The weekend promises to be very illuminating as well as entertaining.

For information about any matter related to the Toodyay Historical Society or how we may assist you or your group, please contact the Secretary Desrae Clarke via email: desraec@westnet.com.au or phone 6364 3609, President, Peter Robinson on 0417 957 378, or committee member Beth Frayne on 9574 5971.

As mentioned earlier, our next general meeting is on Wednesday, 17 July, 7pm, at Donegan's Cottage. The speaker will be Robyn Taylor on the 'Toodyay Bushfires Project'

Our headquarters are at Donegan's Cottage (within the Showground complex), which is open to the public every Thursday

from 1pm til 3pm. Membership is \$10 and our postal address is PO Box 32, Toodyay WA 6566.

## 2009 Toodyay Bushfire Project

**Robyn Taylor**  
Project Consultant

LAST month I received a DVD of news reportage from Network Ten News.

I wanted representative news coverage of events, and Ten did a great job providing four film clips that capture the day of the fire, inspection of the point of origin, recovery, to the anniversary in December 2010.

Three more interviews have been undertaken and sent for transcribing. All interviewees will receive a copy of their transcript to read through for accuracy before they are lodged as part this project.

Although the Lotterywest grant has now been acquitted, there is still much to do.

As always, there is still lots of administrative work to do such as copyright clearances, and report writing.

## Peter's Pitch

**Peter Robinson**  
President

PEOPLE from the Wikipedia organisation are keen to help Toodyay establish QR Coding on as many of our significant historic buildings and other sites as can be managed. The Shire is very supportive of this project as are other community organisations. QR Codes enable anyone with a 'smart phone' to read about the history of the particular site. The information can be delivered in other languages to suit our overseas tourists.

Wikipedia is a very large international organisation with a solid and trusted presence on the internet. At no cost to us they can assist with the digitisation and translation of the information for the 'smart phone' readers to view. This project is very much in line with the Historical Society's efforts to promote and disseminate the fascinating history of Toodyay. Our history is also an important part of WA's history.

I look forward to working with the Shire, Wikipedia and other local groups to have QR Coding throughout the district, which will greatly assist our tourist industry.

## Lights, Camera, Action!

### Toodyay Theatre Group

**Kristee Jolly**

WE'VE just flicked the calendar over to July and that only means one thing – performance night is less than one month away! But do not fear, the cast and crew of 'A Very Grungy Christmas' are working tirelessly at rehearsals and will be bringing you all a night to remember on Friday 26 July and Saturday 27 July.

Get into the Christmas in July spirit and come celebrate a Christmas comedy production at the Toodyay Memorial Hall. This performance is for two nights only so you need to get your tickets quickly or you will miss out! So, to help you all out, here are some key details so you don't forget:

- Performance nights are Friday 26 July and Saturday 27 July;
- Doors open at the Toodyay Memorial

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## public notices

**Anniversaries**

Margaret & Keith Gill  
Max & Mildred Heath  
Michael & Sandy Mijota

**Annual General Meetings****Toodyay Spinners Inc**

The 2013 AGM of the Toodyay Spinners will be held at Parker's Cottage on the 31 July at 9.30am.

**Arts Toodyay Inc**

The Annual General Meeting of Arts Toodyay Inc. will be held on Tuesday 6 August at 8pm in the Old Police Station, Duke St, Toodyay.

Members are reminded that membership fees are now due and remain unaltered at \$15. Membership renewals can be made at the next meeting (AGM) or can be posted to The Treasurer, Arts Toodyay Inc., PO Box 801, Toodyay 6566. Remember that only current members are eligible to vote at the AGM.

**Avon Valley Shotokan Karate Club**

The Annual General Meeting of the Avon Valley Shotokan Karate Club will be held at 1pm on Sunday 21 July in the Youth Hall. Nominations for committee positions are open.

**Toodyay Naturalists' Club Inc**

The Annual General Meeting of the Toodyay Naturalists' Club Inc is to be held on Saturday 20 July.

The day will commence at 10.30am with an excursion with noted botanist and patron of the Toodyay Naturalists' Club, Dr Neville Marchant. This will be followed by a 'bring and share' tea at a member's property which, in turn, will follow on with the Annual General Meeting and election of office bearers and a short general meeting.

**St John Ambulance – Toodyay & Districts Sub Centre**

St John Ambulance Toodyay & Districts Sub Centre Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday 30 July 2013 commencing at 6.30pm. All members of the community are invited to attend.

**Birthdays**

Margaret Sutton	Matthew Fleay
Joseph Fleay	Jenny Willgoss
Graham Mills	Lesley Sloper
Bill Myers	Rose Myers
Doreen Watson	Siobhan Orgles
Hannah Morrison	Jack Hide
Chelsea Phelps	Doris Martin
Ray Martin	Lauren Smart
Laurie Beech	Norm Smith

**In Memoriam****PEARCE Vern**

As a young town school kid, I first got to know Vern as a farmer who was on the adjoining farm to my grandparents. I remember him as a good football, tennis and badminton player.

He was well-known as a good farmer. In the 1960s, when I started a road transport service, I transported produce from his farm to markets in Midland and Fremantle. His farm has a good reputation for good working conditions and he was known as a great man to work for.

Vern was also very keen to help out at bushfires. After the fires were put out, there was always food and drinks for the firefighters and Vern would talk about some new farming practices and sheep breeds. His talks were very informative and he was very knowledgeable.

In later years, when John and Stella took over the Freemason's Hotel, we would meet up in the beer garden where we had talks about transport problems and he was always willing to give me helpful advice. At the time, this really made a difference to me.

I will always remember transporting a tractor to Lancelin for Vern and, after unloading it, he drove me all around the town, pointing out any proposed and new developments. It was very interesting; he was a very well-informed man. Thanks for that, Vern, I will never forget the time you spent with me.

I will miss Vern's help and advice and friendly talks. Sympathy to all the Pearce family on Vern's passing.

*Bruce Cleasby*

**Quiz Night****Toodyay YouthCARE Council (Chaplaincy)**

There is to be a Quiz Night held on Saturday 27 July 2013 at 7.30pm at the Toodyay Baptist Church, Stirling Terrace, Toodyay. BYO drinks (non alcoholic) and nibbles. Tables of 8 at \$10 per head.

Door prize, winning table prize, raffle tickets etc. All proceeds to the school Chaplaincy Fund.

Bookings essential. Contact Vivienne Freeman (Secretary), Toodyay YouthCARE on 9574 4915 or email [freeos@inet.net.au](mailto:freeos@inet.net.au).

**Thank You**

I would like to thank the Bendigo Bank Toodyay and all their wonderful staff for the great service that my business always receives. It is always great to have that personalised service.

And a BIG thank you to Wonder Woman, Margaret, who always has her cape on, solving all the hard problems!

*Julie from Down Under Cellars*

Thank you to my family, friends and the people in the community who have supported me through this challenging time in my life. With your help and donations of money, I have been able to start my intense Rehabilitation Physio programme with Spinal Cord Injuries Australia at Walk On in Joondalup ECU. I am on the way to achieving one of my many goals which is to



use a manual wheelchair with power assist wheels. It is on order and I should have it in four weeks.

Here are some other things I have been able to adapt to assist me in becoming more



independent:

- A custom built desk in my room built by Touchwood Furniture. I can now use my computer independently without having to get someone to set it up.
- A rehab arm bike trainer I use to strengthen my arms and for fitness.

Thanks to my physio, I can lift a stubby now and I contributed towards the custom built hospital bed.

Thanks to the Toodyay Lions and Lions Clubs International Foundation for donating me this car. This gives me the freedom to travel to physio, wheelchair rugby and many other day to day activities.

I would also like to sincerely thank Judy and Peter Reilly for giving me the use of a vehicle. Without this I truly would never have been able to take advantage of the many opportunities that I have been offered.

Thank you.

*Dale Gavlick*

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**Service & Parts Department**

The Service & Parts Department is managed by local Adam Foss along with his assistant April Jacobsen. Adam's background as a qualified mechanic gives him hands-on experience and this comes across when discussing your vehicle. April ensures the smooth running of the department, from scheduling bookings and tending to customer enquiries. The Service Department carries out full services and repairs on all makes and models and offers a modern, comfortable waiting area for all customers, plus we are in walking distance to the heart of the Northam Shopping area. All vehicles serviced with us receive a complimentary wash!

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