



Our Shire News

March 2014

President's Report



Even though it has been a very busy month, this month's report will be very brief.

Earlier this month I attended a Tourism function at Parliament House and had the opportunity to discuss Toodyay and tourism with Tourism Minister Lisa Harvey. One of the significant areas of discussion was the potential opportunity to attract groups to Toodyay. There was also some discussion about better interpretation of the aboriginal cultural heritage, of the area, and how that may present tourism opportunities.

Thanks to local members of parliament Paul Brown and Martin Aldridge I was introduced to Terry Waldron, Minister for Sport and Recreation. He has indicated a strong interest in coming to Toodyay in the company of local members and

departmental representatives to discuss concept plans for the sport and recreation precinct. This will be important for securing funding for the development of the precinct in coming years. The Shire has engaged Peter Hunt Architects to work on master planning for the precinct and first drafts will be available for community input and consideration in the next few weeks.

Two of the significant documents set out in the strategic plan are nearing the point where they will be considered by Council and released for community input. The Economic Development Plan has been prepared by a consultant and the Environment Strategy has been developed in house. I encourage everyone to read and comment on these plans as they will help guide much of our activity in the next few years.

There have been two significant events in Toodyay over the last month. Avon Valley

Woodturners hosted the Western Australian Woodturners Association in the Memorial Hall and members visited from other clubs around WA. Last weekend the Black Dog Charity Ride to raise to awareness of depression and suicide prevention occurred around the state. The Avon leg arrived in Toodyay for lunch and the town was overflowing the motorcycles and riders of all shapes and sizes in what was quite a spectacle. Congratulations to all involved on both events.

In another outstanding achievement Toodyay Cricket Club has been announced the 'Club of the Year' by the WA Cricket Association. Congratulations to John Lucas and everyone involved in the Toodyay Cricket Club. They will be presented with a signed bat by the Australian Cricket Team in the near future.

Conversations with an Author

We were totally thrilled to have renowned W.A. author Denise M Cull join our combined Many Minds Discussion and Creative Writing Groups for the first in a series of "Conversations with an Author" at Toodyay Library on 6th March 2014. Denise, a retired forensic psychologist provided us with intriguing insights into her life and method of writing biographical books. Her words of wisdom and encouragement were truly inspiring to us all.

The following week on the 13th March the inspirations kept on coming, local York author Karina McRoberts accepted our invitation to present an informal and innovative workshop continuing the "Conversations with an Author" theme. Karina's latest book – the first in a trilogy entitled "Chelendra" is an engrossing fiction fantasy especially appealing to those who enjoy the captivating styles of JRR Tolkien and JK Rowling. Ideas ran hot as Karina and the group explored and developed a storyboard.

Karina's words of encouragement for all prospective writers should echo eternally in our minds "Believe in yourself and ignore those who don't".

Wikimedia

Wikimedia comes to Toodyay Library - Many thanks to Gideon and the Wikimedia crew for visiting Toodyay recently and sharing their knowledge with us. Members of the public were invited along to the Library for an interactive afternoon showcasing the accessibility and ease of celebrating our historical town through the Wikimedia portal. Should you wish to know more on this fantastic facility or wonder how to feature your focus group via Wikimedia, please contact Margie Eberle the Museum Curator. Margie is busily collating and recording much of the town's history and artefacts on the Toodyay site.

Responsible Cat Ownership Workshop – Saturday 5th April 2014 @ 10:00am

Do you have a cat, or may be considering giving one of these fantastic furry felines a

Library Ch@t

friendly home? Are you aware of the new Cat Laws and their implications or would like to learn more? If so, you are cordially invited to attend an informal information session at the Library on Saturday 5th April 2014, kindly provided by the founder of the Toodyay Cat Appeal – Jenny Ferguson.

Jenny promises to share with us her wealth of knowledge plus hot coffee, tasty nibbles and a kitty or two to cuddle and possibly adopt.

Statistics show there are a record number of cats and kittens being surrendered to rescue groups across the state daily and it is duly recognised the only way to combat this is by promoting and educating responsible ownership.

Jenny's own Cat Haven is bursting at the seams with an abundance of cats and kittens most of which are neutered, micro chipped and vaccinated, just crying out for good loving homes.

Regular Events for April 2014

Morangup Library
8th & 22nd April
2.30pm – 5.30pm

Many Minds Discussion
10th & 24th April
10.00am – 12.00pm

Creative Writing Group
3rd & 17th April
10.00am – 12.00pm

Baby Rhyme / Story Time
Every Wednesday
10.30am – 11.30am

Pause for Clause

A cat has absolute emotional honesty, human beings, for one reason or another may hide their feelings, but a cat does not!

- Ernest Hemingway



Guess who at TAVD Celebrations!
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NEWS FLASH!!

NEW WEBSITE LAUNCHED

NEW SHIRE OF TOODYAY WEBSITE LAUNCHED

Shire of Toodyay is pleased to announce the release of our new website;
<http://www.toodyay.wa.gov.au>

The website has a fresh new look and has been upgraded for a more user friendly navigation.

Although this is still a work in progress, we would like to remind residents that updates are ongoing and we would appreciate if you could notify us of any information that is incorrect.

If you have questions, comments or suggestions, please contact
Kristee on 9574 2133
or email eso@toodyay.wa.gov.au

Environment Matters

Property Planning Course

Would you like help and direction on how to effectively manage your property? On the 17th May Chris Ferreira and Peter Coppin will be teaming up to provide a 1 day Property Planning Course where you will be able to sit down with a plan of your property and map it out in a fun, informational and strategic way. The two presenters have a wealth of information under their belt and you can expect to address topics such as erosion, drainage lines, dams, fencing, weeds, stock and fire management – and the list goes on! This event is perfectly suited to property owners and is highly recommended.

Details: Saturday 17th May, 9.30-4.00pm, Lesser Hall Northam, Cost per property = \$66 for 1 person and \$33 for 2nd

person (costs cover manual, stationary and catering), RSVP to Rosanne Scott: avongrowa@gmail.com or 0458 015 361. More information, including flyer, can be obtained from Rosanne or Karla Hooper – eo@toodyay.wa.gov.au or 9574 2258.

Toodyay Farmers Market & Toodyay Community Garden

These 2 projects are coming along nicely, with great community input, enthusiasm and expected success.

The Community Garden has had a wonderful response with great turn outs to the meetings. If you would like to know more, please come along to the next meeting 28th April 14, 5pm at the Youth Park, 13 Clinton Street, opposite the Old Gaol Museum.

It is hoped the Toodyay Farmers Markets will be ready to go sometime after

July. There is still a lot to organise but progressive steps in the right direction are being achieved. It is hoped the Farmers Markets will be held on the same day as the P&C Car Boot Sale and a Craft Market, all in different locations around town to encourage people to engage with local businesses also. It is hoped to create a festival type environment that can be enjoyed by the whole family.

If you would like more information on either of the above please contact the Shire's Environmental Officer, Karla Hooper, on eo@toodyay.wa.gov.au or 9574 2258

Planning & Development

SHIRE OF TOODYAY INTERNATIONAL FOOD FESTIVAL & FAMILY FUN DAY AVON DESCENT 2 AUGUST 2014

The Shire of Toodyay would like to partner with local businesses to deliver this event, offering promotional opportunities in the lead up and on the day.

Toodyay's International Food Festival and Family Fun day is held in conjunction with the Avon Descent attracting over 5000 festival goers each year for food & entertainment and to watch the thrills and spills of the Avon Descent white water race. The festival features fine international cuisine stalls and is complimented by a variety of acts, entertainment, roving performers and children's activities for a unique family experience.

PROMOTIONAL OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUR BUSINESS

To ensure the success of the day funding is an essential part of the process. You are invited to be part of this annual event by way of sponsorship. There are a number of promotional packages available



EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST FOR STALLHOLDERS AND ENTERTAINERS

Applications are now open for stall holders who can deliver international cuisine or professional entertainment for Toodyay's 10th year of the International Food Festival & Family Fun Day.

For more information on sponsorship packages, stallholders or entertainment proposals please contact Events Coordinator, Debra Andrijich on 9574 2258 or email: abs@toodyay.wa.gov.au



Events

SKATE BOARDING CLINIC

Saturday 5 April 2014

10am - 5.30pm

The Shire of Toodyay has been successful in obtaining grant funding for National Youth Week 2014. Thanks to the Department of Local Government and Communities, a grant for \$1000 has been successful to help run skate boarding clinics for the youth of Toodyay on Saturday 5th April 2014 from 10am – 5.30pm at the Toodyay Skate Park!

Clinics	10.00am - 12.00pm
FREE BBQ Lunch	12.00pm - 1.00pm
Clinics	1.00pm - 3.00pm
SKATE/Best Tricks	3.30pm - 5.30pm

Skate Boarding Australia will be running the clinics with LOADS of give aways and prizes to be won! For more information please contact Jo Buegge, Avon Be Active Coordinator on 9574 2311



LIONS JUMBO AUCTION

Saturday 5 April 2014

10am - 5.30pm

The Lions Jumbo Auction encourages members of the public to submit lots for sale to raise funds for the community. Funds raised from the auction are directed back to the community or to specifically nominated projects or appeals.

TOODYAY MOONDYNE FESTIVAL & BUSH POETS AT THE GAOL

Sunday 4 May 2014

9am - 3.30pm

Visit WA's first colonial festival celebrating the life of the infamous bushranger, Moondyne Joe. The local Toodyay people go out of their way to ensure that the Moondyne Festival is a great success. Join in the fun and festivities as Moondyne Joe and his gang plus the Swaggies, "Flooziess" Temperance Ladies, and the Undertaker wreak havoc in the town's main street. If you get lost, the Toodyay Crier will direct you to all the attractions. Don't forget to pay The Old Gaol a visit and enjoy the authentic surroundings and original artefacts. Programme will be available at Toodyay Visitor Centre and Moondyne Information Booth on Stirling Tce.



Be Active

BE ACTIVE RELOCATION!

Please be advised that Jo Buegge the Avon Be Active Coordinator is now based at the Toodyay Visitors Centre, 7 Piesse Street.

To contact Jo, please do so by calling 9574 2311 on a Monday or Tuesday. Alternatively, you can also contact Jo via email at BeActive@toodyay.wa.gov.au

Newcastle Gaol

Moondyne Festival

The Moondyne Festival is coming and this year the Newcastle Gaol will be joining in on the fun.

The Clydesdales are returning and will pull a "people-wagon" up and back to the Gaol throughout the day. Upon arrival visitors will be treated to bush poetry as they explore the cells that Moondyne Joe did not escape from....that happened from the convict depot nearby!!

But don't worry, there's still lots to find out about Moondyne Joe in our special exhibition. Even his very own (we believe) walking stick is there.

The horses will be leaving from Duidgee Park on the hour beginning after the 10.30am parade with the last trip happening at 3.00pm. And our wonderful bush poet in residence, Bill Gordon, will ensure your visit is especially enjoyablle

Ranger Services

RANGER RELOCATION!

Please be advised that the Shire of Toodyay Ranger Services are now based at the Shire of Toodyay Works Depot, Lot 301 Railway Road.

If you need to contact the Rangers, please do so by calling 9574 4555. Payments for Ranger related items still need to be made at the Shire of Toodyay Administration Office.



when and where they meet

AAFC 708 SQUADRON

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

AFRICAN DRUMMING

Thursdays (adults) 6-7.30pm at The Factory Baptist Church All instruments provided. Enquiries: Heather 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 1-4pm Toodyay Sports Pavilion Contact Glenyce Bosnjak 9574 4587

AVONGROVE TAI CHI

Promoting Health Fitness & Relaxation Classes at CWA Hall Mondays 6:30-7:30pm & Saturdays 9:30-11:00am. 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

BUTTERLY COTTAGES 1st Monday of every 2nd month. Contact Secretary on 9574 2698.

BEJOORDING VOLUNTEER BUSH FIRE BRIGADE

Meet at Bejoording Fire Shed, 3rd Tuesday 6pm

CATHOLIC CHURCH

St. John the Baptist, Toodyay Mass times: Saturday Vigil 6pm and weekday Mass 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. Hall bookings and enquiries contact Viv 9574 4871

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 on 9574 5681

ST STEPHEN'S MOTHERS' UNION/GUILD

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

SHIRE OF TOODYAY COUNCIL MEETING

3rd Tuesday Council Chambers 9am

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, location & time - Dave Isbill 95744035

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-3pm (except school holidays)

TOODYAY CENTRAL VOLUNTEER BUSH FIRE BRIGADE

4th Tuesday 7.30pm at the Toodyay Fire & Emergency Services Centre. Training 3rd Sunday

TOODYAY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY INC

Meets 3rd Monday Toodyay Club, 5.30pm. 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. Contact Margaret O'Sullivan 9574 2183

TOODYAY COURTYARD MARKETS

Last Sunday of month. 9am - 3pm. Enquiries phone Trish 0466 285 164

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 Peggy 9574 4534 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 MEN'S SHED (Inc)

Meets 6176 Toodyay Road Monday and Thursday mornings 8.30am - 12 Phone Fred 9574 5795

TOODYAY MINIATURE RAILWAY (Inc)

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

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 Gina Large 0423 607 267

TOODYAY RATEPAYERS & RESIDENTS ASSOC (INC.)

General Meetings: venues and times, please contact Chris Ballam (Chairperson) 9594 3167 email ttrainc@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 3rd Saturdays from 9am in Parkers Cottage, Showgrounds. 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

TOODYAY RAINFALL

Recordings are taken at The Toodyay Club on behalf of Bureau of Meteorology (in mm).

YEAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
2004	2.2	2.4	3.4	4.2	73.6	93.2	63.8	82.8	28.6	21.2	35.0	0.8	411.2
2005	0.0	2.2	25.2	10.6	86.0	135.6	43.6	71.6	51.0	22.6	9.6	4.6	462.6
2006	119.5	16.6	3.0	21.2	19.0	29.8	54.8	88.8	73.2	15.6	13.8	9.4	464.7
2007	16.4	26.6	10.2	34.0	58.2	43.2	121.0	74.0	70.4	39.2	0.0	57.6	550.8
2008	0.0	10.8	9.8	76.8	38.2	62.8	146.2	8.4	50.6	43.0	31.0	3.4	481.0
2009	8.0	8.0	9.0	32.6	39.2	83.6	115.0	76.2	56.2	17.2	30.2	2.6	478.2
2010			(No recordings taken)				69.4	36.2	12.0	3.4	7.2	21.4	149.6
2011	24.2	15.4	14.2	10.4	36.6	52.6	92.0	70.2	65.0	57.4	18.8	29.2	486.0
2012	0.0	42.3	0.0	11.8	23.6	106.2	13.8	51.9	59.7	3.6	52.1	29.0	394.0
2013	30.4	0.0	66.7	10.4	79.4	11.2	70.4	90.9	100.3	19.4	2.0	3.4	484.5
2014	0.0	2.0											2.0

AVERAGE ALL YEARS: (RECORDING COMMENCED IN TOODYAY 1/1/1877)

10.9 12.5 19.6 25.6 66.7 98.9 101.7 80.0 48.4 31.3 15.0 9.4 520.0

Football partnership to help blokes come out of the cave to “Talk to a Mate”

Men's Wellbeing Round

Wheatbelt Men's Health
Owen and the Team

THE REGIONAL Men's Health Initiative has formed a partnership with the West Australian Country Football League (WACFL) to sponsor a round of football.

This partnership brings us into contact with 25 football associations and 128 different football teams. This will help deliver our key message to a younger demographic of men throughout regional WA.

The “Talk to a Mate” Men's Wellbeing Round will be on the 28 & 29 June 2014.

The message *The Regional Men's Health Initiative* gives in everything it does is

“before it all gets too much talk to a Mate, or talk it over”.

It is important for us to talk about issues in our life or tell our story so we can realise we are not alone and that it is safe to do so.

As blokes we quite often isolate ourselves and we go into our cave and don't talk to anyone about our stuff.

Now that's all right, as long as we remember to come out of the cave. One of the problems is we don't identify who our true mates are in the good times, this then leads to isolation and loneliness which are often precursors for other wellbeing issues.

Who are our mates? We say as blokes we have three broad categories of mates to talk to about our stuff or tell our story.

These usually come under the categories of a mentor, a partner and a peer, and these

mates are quite often different from the associates or the mates that we play sport with and/or socialise with.

Think about the blokes you know that have no one to talk to.

What is the benefit of talking to a mate? It's about sharing our story and the value in realising that there are other men out there experiencing similar things.

I have never met a bloke yet that hasn't wanted to tell his story. We just need the right environment.

Men are hardwired to be “problem solvers” and we like to work alone in our own cave.

We often have an attitude that if we disclose we have a few problems, someone may exploit our weakness.

It is well known that problems shared are often problems halved and helping a

mate overcome isolation by simply having a chat can help our resilience when we are overwhelmed in difficult times.

As men we need to encourage seeking help when needed and be prepared to “Talk to a mate” when we know he is down or experiencing difficulties. It isn't rocket science and it does work.

“Talk to a Mate” Men's Wellbeing Round is on 28 and 29 June 2014 and “before it all gets too much Talk to a Mate!! or talk it over” is an important message that is being promoted.

So why not get down to the footy and support your local team, become involved and Talk to a Mate.

Wheatbelt Men's Health (Inc.), PO Box 768, Northam WA 640; Phone: 08 9690 2277
Email: menshealth@4blokes.com.au
www.regionalmenshealth.com.au

My View

Anne Skinner

IT WAS with a mixture of bemusement and indignation that I opened my mail from Centrelink.

Well there we have it I am now an official Pensioner.

How did this happen, I don't feel like a pensioner, but I have noticed a few things have changed – subtle but nonetheless there.

This letter, from some unknown person knows that I am old.

If it were just between them and me, well that may be acceptable, but no. The whole of Australia knows.

If I go into a bank in Bendigo on the other side of Australia, they will know.

If I go to a doctor in Adelaide they will know.

Is there nothing sacred left to women any more?

I jest. I am not in the least worried about my new found title especially with the few fringe benefits available to me.

Although I am fairly independent, the last few months have become just a little difficult for me.

Although I will not bore you with the details, it seems I will need some home help for a while.

I found out about the services available – and Rural Home Care was made known to me.

After looking for help for my aged mother, I realised that I may be in that category albeit only for a few weeks.

I have joked on occasion that growing old is not a thing of joy: bones ache, sight declines, hearing fails, and the mirror is a thing best left for Alice and what she found, because I think it lies all the time.

The idea that clothing shrinks while hanging in the wardrobe is not a joke however, and although my mind says short skirts look cute, my body says forget it.

I have been told there is an art to growing old, and I have only just begun to go find that rocky road.

I would like to be the kind of lady who shines at all she strives for, but I have this funny feeling that way down inside, there may just be a teenager waiting to decline all

rules of rationality, sobriety and pride.

Let my voice be heard not just in whispers low, but with a roar – I am woman after all.

I can do anything, just give me half a try, but not just now I've this pain you see and, well you understand.

The Red Hat Ladies have the right answer to it all I feel, and I quote “When I am an old woman I shall wear purple, with a red hat that doesn't go and doesn't suit me”

Will I now be better at speaking my mind I wonder? Will I fear the condescension and well meaning looks of wiser folk who know the difference between sms and a rom.

Will I care? No siree Bob, I will not. Do you know why? Because I know who I am and that's what comes with age.

It's not a number on a Government file sheet nor a title on an official form, but I am me, Woman, Wife, Mother, Grandmother, Sister, Daughter and Friend. I am Anne and I will love every minute I have left to fill it as much as possible to the best of my abilities.

Don't pass me by as if I weren't there or tut with patience thinning. Just think, with time and an ounce of luck my wheel chair could be winning.

Only joking.

**Trees Cafe
Bolgart**

28 George St Bolgart
Phone Kathleen
Ph: 96275187

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will be opening from
Friday 2 May

Fridays and Saturdays
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health matters

New local face for Cancer Council WA



CANCER Council WA is pleased to advise they have recently established a new position in the Wheatbelt to help raise awareness of the importance of cancer prevention and early detection.

Karen Hansen is Cancer Council WA's new Wheatbelt Regional Education Officer, based in Northam. Some of you may be familiar with Karen from her previous role as the Find Cancer Early Project Officer.

Dr Emma Croager, Manager Education and Research Services, said this new regional role will help raise awareness of what people in the Wheatbelt can do to help prevent cancer and ensure Cancer Council WA's cancer prevention and early detection

programs are delivered to the region.

"Research tells us that at least half of all cancers can be prevented with a healthy lifestyle.

"Our team of Regional Education Officers based across WA means we are able to reach regional communities with these important cancer prevention messages.

"And the position in the Wheatbelt means we can now reach communities that haven't been targeted before." Dr Croager said.

Karen's new role is quite diverse and includes community education in a range of settings including schools and workplaces.

Topics include skin cancer prevention, healthy eating and drinking, maintaining

a healthy body weight, physical activity, quitting smoking and early detection of cancer.

Karen can provide a range of information and educational resources for the general community, schools, workplaces and local government on these topics, including educational posters and DVDs. She can also deliver the FreshStart quit smoking course and the FOODcents healthy eating on a budget course.

The Regional Education Officers also work with local organisations to promote healthy lifestyle choices and improve cancer prevention through changes in policy and practice, and can help facilitate the delivery

of health professional education sessions on cancer related issues.

If you are interested to know more about the programs the Cancer Council can now offer in the Wheatbelt please contact Karen on ph: 9690 1746, email: khansen@cancerwa.asn.au

As a non-government, community funded organisation Cancer Council WA relies on the generous support of the WA community to fund many of its programs and services.

Funds are raised through donations, bequests, volunteer fundraising committees and our events including Daffodil Day, Relay for Life, Girls' Night In and Australia's Biggest Morning Tea.

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health matters

Yet another mental health review ahead of 'horror' Budget

Richard Taylor
Clinical Psychologist

THE NATIONAL Mental Health Commission is currently undertaking yet another review of mental health services and will report to the government at the end of November. It has just been announced that individual submissions can be made up to April 14.

As the time frame is incredibly short it makes you wonder what the hidden agenda is as the anticipated horror Federal Budget is being prepared for May.

Below are some extracts from the announcement and details can be accessed at the website of the National Mental Health Commission.

Anyone with personal experience of mental health services has been particularly invited to make a submission.

"The National Mental Health Commission is undertaking, on behalf of the Australian Government, a wide-ranging review of mental health programmes and services.

"We will provide independent, useful advice to the Minister for Health, the Hon Peter Dutton MP, in a final report due by 30 November 2014.

"The review will assess the efficiency and effectiveness of programs and services in supporting people experiencing mental ill-health, and their families and other supporters, to lead a contributing life.

"It will examine existing mental health programs and services across the government (both Commonwealth and state/territory), private and non-government sectors.

"The attached Terms of Reference sets out our task and the scope of the review, and these are also available on our website www.mentalhealthcommission.gov.au.

"I encourage you to make a secure and confidential submission online at www.consultations.health.gov.au/national-mental-health-commission/2014-mh-review on the day-to-day realities of the issues that are being addressed by the review.

"The submission link can also be accessed via our website. Submissions close at 9.59pm on Monday 14 April 2014.

"We are particularly interested in your first hand advice on experiences of the system, and real examples and practical solutions to the challenges and opportunities we all know exist.

"We are also keen to hear your views on how to address the needs of rural and remote communities and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

"I encourage you to gather and reflect in your submission the views, ideas and experiences of your members and other constituents.

"You may also want to forward this invitation to members and others who may want to provide separate submissions.

"I look forward to your submission.

"This message was signed by David Butt, Chief Executive Officer, and dated 24 March 2014.



Spinners' spin

IT WAS another very busy month at Toodyay Spinners. Margaret knitted a scarf to be given to Edna as thanks for the donation of Alpaca fleece.

She also knitted two pairs of socks in Bendigo wool and a green short-sleeved cardigan from wool spun by Audrey.

Lois made a vest of grannie squares, while Ange spun a skein of black and beige alpaca wool.

Heather crocheted a scarf in Merino and silk she had spun in colours of "Pomegranate" and "Vanilla" plied together.

Carol B. crocheted a shawl in rose colours.

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

For further information about our Group please contact Secretary Ange Sturman on 9574 2507 or President Gretta Sauta on 9574 2868.

New members are always most welcome – no experience necessary.

Bolgart Primary School gets funding for new admin block

Doris Martin

BIRTHDAY greetings this month to Jack McGill of Bolgart who celebrated his 10th birthday with some of his mates by having a laser party (something new no doubt).

I believe also that his nanna Barbara also had a birthday. Other birthday greetings go to Elise Edmonds - March 12, Ebony Quadrio - March 16 and Brock Potter - March 24.

Hope you all had a lovely day. Also Mrs Kath Travers, you cannot escape a mention, so we hope you had a good one.

It is pleasing to note that funding has been approved for a new Administration Block for the Bolgart Primary School.

This should certainly improve the comfort of the clerical staff, etc..

Victoria Plains Shire Council has resolved that their Chief Executive Officer write to Main Roads WA to change the speed limit on Bolgart East Road to 80km/h when leaving the town commencing at the Bolgart Rubbish Tip area, and to a 60km/h limit commencing at the Bolgart Rubbish Tip area when entering the town.

We bid farewell to John and June Higginson of Smith Street, Bolgart, who have sold their property and will be moving to the metropolitan area.

Undoubtedly they will be missed but I am sure they will soon become involved one way or another in sing-a-longs as during their time at Bolgart they conducted sing-a-longs for an aged care facility at Goomalling.

Well done to all the folk nominated for State Heritage Awards in the Avon Valley.

Also congratulations to Jan James (a former Toodyay girl) of Northam for once again producing an interesting part of history with her recent book entitled, 'Racing - Over the Scarp and Beyond', which dealt with horse racing in the Avon Valley over the years.

Jan has provided books on a wide range of historical subjects.

She is one of five from the Avon Valley

nominated for an Heritage Award and is to be a State finalist at the Awards presentation at His Majesty's Theatre in Perth on April 3 which of course will already have been held by the time this goes to print.

Sympathy is extended to the family of Mrs Beryl Batger of Toodyay who was born on 5 August 1923 and passed away on 6 March 2014 at the age of 90 years at the Northam Hospital.

Beryl's late husband Don pre-deceased her by a number of years.

Her funeral service was held at the Chapel of Bowra & O'Dea of Hilton on 12 March 2014. A private cremation was to take place at a later time.

Heartfelt sympathy is also extended to Mrs Lynn Cook of Coondle area and family members on the sad loss of her husband Harry who I believe passed away at Goomalling Hospital.

Harry was one of a family of apiarists from the Coondle area.

In 1903, Samuel Cook (later to be the father of the above), left his home in Smithfield in New South Wales to come to WA.

He selected 1200 acres (approximately 485 hectares) of virgin land three miles (4.8kms) west of the old Coondle Siding which would have been in the vicinity of where the grain bins now stand.

Samuel married Miss Margaret Britt who was the daughter of a pioneering family in the Toodyay District. He established a very successful apiary.

He died in 1942 at the age of 60 years, leaving his eldest son Samuel Charles Cook to carry on the business.

In 1946 a successful partnership was formed which included the five brothers - Samuel, William, Harry, Sydney and Geoffrey. (all now deceased).

Harry married Lynn Wood the daughter of the late Doug and Phylis Wood of Corinja Winery and they had two children, Clair and Alison.

Harry was born on 1 April 1923 and passed away on 7 March 2014 just short of his 91st

birthday at Goomalling.

A celebration of his life was held at the Toodyay Golf Club House off Race Course Road, Toodyay on 13 March 2014 and was to be followed by a private cremation.

We have had some folk experiencing various serious illnesses in both the Bolgart and Calingiri areas and we wish them all the very best and want them to know that our thoughts and prayers are with them.

Free street art program for young people

EVIE TOMKINS (Toodyay CRC), Kristee Jolly (Shire of Toodyay) and The Toodyay Community Resource Centre are excited to announce Drug Aware Rural Street Art Toodyay.

This exciting project is being held on Saturday 12 April 2014 from 10.30am until 3.30pm, at the Toodyay Community Youth Hall (18 Stirling Terrace, Toodyay).

The event is free for young people aged 12-26 years and is a smoke, alcohol and drug free event.

The Drug Aware Rural Street Art Toodyay is a full day workshop designed to develop a variety of professional Street Art skills amongst the youth of Toodyay and promote a positive youth image within our community.

Featured artists *The Graphite Crew* will teach a youth group aged 12-26 years an array of professional street art skills. Skills

such as draft designs, sketching, working within a team, aerosol skills, different techniques to create a finished piece as well as provide information on free art spaces and workshops available.

Food and drinks are provided on the day. Bookings are essential as numbers are limited.

If you would like to volunteer or you are a young person living in Toodyay aged 12 to 26 years and would like to attend this project please contact Evie Tomkins on (08) 9574 5357.

This project has been proudly sponsored by Country Arts WA and by Healthway to promote the Drug Aware message.

Further inquiries or further information please contact Evie Tomkins, Co-ordinator on 9574 5357 or email Toodyaycrc@westnet.com.au

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environmental matters



Jan's Banded Snake

Red Banks Pool thriving

Greg Warburton, Project Officer

Apologies Herald readers for the lack of a report last month. It was due to a technical hitch and not any slackness on the part of the scribe.

The Friends of the River 'Adopt a Spot' is a long section of the Bilya Walk Track so it was good having a sizable crew to spread out along the track last meeting.

Even though there was a haul of rubbish it was heartening to see that the track is being respected.

The area behind the light industrial area and the often overflowing bin at the picnic shelter will always be a problem for us.

A recent storm has brought down a number of heavy branches across the track that is being progressively removed.

Despite the lack of rain Red Banks Pool looks good with a huge variety of water birds congregating there.

At the meeting member Nina Paterson presented her latest sculpture of two kayakers carrying their craft.

This was very poignant given current river water levels.

A possible name for the artwork could be 'High and Dry'. Let us hope it's not symbolic of what is to come next Avon Descent!

On the way home from the meeting member Sarah was called to rescue an injured joey that had retreated up a culvert.

With the aid of equipment from the Friends' work trailer we were able to extract the unfortunate animal which Sarah whisked away for expert treatment.

Landfill submissions to Department of Environment Regulation are now in with us emphasizing the threat to the Jimperding Brook sub-catchment's surface and ground water, and the effects of a toxic landfill site at the headwaters of this important tributary to the Avon.

Thank you to all those amazing community members both here and in York who campaigned so hard to oppose this proposal and protect our precious Toodyay environment and special lifestyle.

Avon Valley Environment Society (AVES) contributed \$500 to the fighting fund along

with an extensive and detailed submission to the department.

AVES is our Walking Track partner, and they have recently installed a spur track to the confluence of the Avon and Mortlock Rivers in Northam.

This will provide an opportunity for interpretation of this important location and a great viewing point for the start of the Avon Descent.

There are other references to the Cleanup Australia Day in this issue but suffice to say well done to the Toodyay Friends of the river and the Toodyay Naturalists Club and other volunteers and thank you to the Shire on a sterling effort.

Perhaps one day we will not have the need for litter pickups in Toodyay.

Our next scheduled meeting on Sunday April 20 happens to land smack bang in the middle of Easter so it remains to be seen what will eventuate.

We will meet 8am at the Millards Pool picnic shelter for a river survey and weed control.

This will be the last of our 8am meetings before the winter starting time of 9am commencing in May. Enquiries Robyn 9574-2578 or Greg 9574 5445.

2014 program kicks off for the Toodyay show

OUR first committee meeting was held on March 10, a great night back into another year of planning for the Toodyay 161st Show!

All sub committees were delegated and we are all looking forward to starting on the Toodyay Show preparations.

Any ideas or suggestions are welcome. Please feel free to like us on Facebook too - to be kept up to date with the latest news.

Next committee meeting will be Monday April 14, at the Youth Hall commencing at 7.30pm.

Don't worry, it's not a deadly tiger snake

Jan's Banded Snake
Desraé Clarke

THREE sightings of the Jan's Banded Snake have been reported in about 10 days, and a photo provided by Julie Jenkinson who found a 30cm creature struggling across a tiled floor at 10pm.

This small nocturnal reptile which grows to 30cm long is harmless but unfortunately it is often killed because it is mistakenly 'thought to be a tiger snake'.

The tiger snake is a large reptile with a yellow belly and either black with fine yellow stripes or no stripes at all.

It does not have the wide, equal bands of colour as does the smaller Jan's Banded Snake, which may be coloured yellow or reddish orange with bands of black, practically equal in width, to the tip of the tail.

The head may be white or grey with dark flecks which merge into a dark blotch on its neck.

Jan's Banded Snake is found in leaf litter, rubbish or beneath rocks or logs, and feeds on small lizards which it restrains with constriction.

It lays up to eight eggs with the hatching

of the tiny creatures early in the year.

Bobtail Flu

Reports have been received over the past weeks of finding emaciated Bobtails suffering from Bobtail Flu which, if treated as soon as detected, is reversible.

If an animal appears lethargic and/or thin, please call the Wildlife Assistance Contact numbers urgently on 9474 9055.

A sad observance was that of two road kill Carpet Pythons which, like so many reptiles, were taking advantage of the warmth of the road and became casualties.

Naturalists' Club members are grateful to receive observation data and, if accompanied by a photograph, the record is even more special as a correct identification can usually be made with experts available for all flora and fauna queries.

The information will be added to the Naturalists' Club database. The Club's email is: info@toodyaynats.org.au and the website is: www.toodyaynats.org.au.

For the diary: A wonderful evening of wildlife photography presented by cinematographer Leighton DeBarros at the CWA Hall, 7pm Saturday April 26.

For more information, please call 6364 3609.



Corella swarms digging up lawns

Western Corella

Desraé Clarke

AUSTRALIAN Corellas are a much discussed bird species with naming and distribution. However, the New Atlas of Australian Birds states that the Western Corella (*Cacatua pastinator*) is that found around the Shire of Toodyay.

The Little Corella (*Cacatua sanguinea*) is found in more northern areas of Australia and the noticeably Long-billed Corella (*Cacatua tenuirostris*) is found in the eastern states.

However, there are sightings of the Little Corella flying with the Western Corella and some cage escapees of the Long-billed Corella are noted around suburban Perth at Mongers Lake, Lake Joondalup and Bold Park.

The Western Corella, of 40-45cm, has a high, erect crest and, when displaying or agitated, raises the crest forward.

It is white with crimson-pink lores and a small area of crimson-pink semi-concealed at the base of the feathers on the throat. It has

a grey eye ring, slightly wider at the lower aspect of the eye, long rounded wings a long tail with the underwing noted, when in flight, to be of pale yellow.

Currently, the birds are digging out Guildford Grass corms with long upper mandibles (not as long as the eastern states species!) causing severe surface damage to the school oval. Roots and bulbs especially that of the significant feral plant, Double-gee, are also dug up.

Eucalypts surrounding the school are receiving extensive damage from the stripping of the over-storey of the River Gums (*Eucalyptus rudis*) and in the vicinity of the Shire Office there is attack on the large Lemon Scented Gums (*Eucalyptus citriodora*).

The Western Corella nests in hollows of large, old trees laying a clutch of one to three eggs August to October. Incubation is for a period of 24 to 29 days, by both parents, with fledging at seven to eight weeks; the youngster is independent by four months.

Because of large scale clearing for agriculture and cropping, this species has exploded over the last few decades into flocks of thousands as is currently experienced.

A Western Corella can live to approximately fifty years of age.

The clearing has also impacted on a formerly 'vulnerable' forest subspecies, the Muirs Corella, moving it still further south in the heavily forested areas of the lower south west corner of the State.

The Little Corella, of 36 and 39cm, has a short stocky bill, an insignificant crest and a paler yellow wash on the underwing.

The call of both the Western and Little Corella is the same noisy, harsh, resonant call with a periodic loud screech both when perching and in flight.

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Toodyay again in WA heritage finals

Beth Frayne
Toodyay Historical Society

ONCE again, Toodyay Historical Society has a finalist in the State Heritage Awards.

Several Toodyay Historical Society members have been finalists and winners in recent years and the town of Toodyay had a stunning success last year, winning three categories overall.

This year, our very own Beth Frayne from Toodyay Historical Society is a finalist. She was nominated by the Shire of Toodyay.

Congratulations to all the finalists – there are several from the Avon Valley in the category of ‘Outstanding voluntary contribution to heritage by an individual’.

Samantha Good, York Residency Museum; Jan James, Avon Valley and Northam; and Joan Williams, Northam and Districts Historical Society are other local finalists in this category.

Winners will be announced at the Awards Night on April 3 in Perth.

Toodyaypedia

THE Historical Society is a collaborator in this exciting new venture. Beth Frayne, our speaker for the Society’s March meeting presented an overview of the project.

This undertaking offers a confusing array of new words for our members to get their heads around, and all of those present were particularly interested in Beth’s talk.

This was followed by an enthusiastic discussion and general meeting, with the usual convivial supper break. Society Vice-President Wayne Clarke proposed a special vote of thanks to Beth for stepping in at short notice when the scheduled speaker was unable to attend.

Toodyaypedia is a local collaborative project between the Shire of Toodyay, the Toodyay Historical Society and Wikimedia Australia.

Toodyay is the second WikiTown in Western Australia. The first was Fremantle. ‘Freopedia’, also a local collaborative project launched last year.

The project will promote participation in developing content about Toodyay that will be accessed via Wikipedia and in other ways.

One of the purposes of Toodyaypedia is to present articles about Toodyay’s heritage sites.

In addition to being available online, these may also be accessed by smart phones using QR (Quick Response) code markers, which the Shire will soon be installing at a variety of local sites.

A busload of Wikimedians, led by Wikimedia Australia Vice-President Gideon Digby came to town on March 8, when the Shire hosted a one-day Wikimedia Workshop at the Toodyay Public Library.

The aim was to allow Wikimedians to become more familiar with Toodyay and to help Toodyay Historical Society members learn to edit Wikipedia articles for Toodyaypedia.

The workshop was very successful, with Alison Cromb and Marg Pember joining as new members.

The very keen volunteers who arrived on the bus assisted the ‘newbies’ and existing Toodyay contributors. Soon they were all editing enthusiastically.

Additional volunteers would be most welcome to join the group.

Margie Eberle from the Shire of Toodyay organised morning tea in the Toodyay Visitors Centre, with prize-winning sausage rolls from the Toodyay Bakery.

The group had an extensive tour of Connor’s Mill, then Margie and Beth Frayne led a guided bus tour to familiarise the group with the layout of the town and locations of significant sites.

Beth presented Gideon with a set of ‘The Long Toodyay Chronologies’, as a gift from the Historical Society.

These are ‘must-have’ reference books for the widely varied historical writing on Toodyay that will form part of Toodyaypedia.

Wikimedia is promoting careful research and documentation of sources used, so these will be extremely useful.

Entering into the spirit of the day, Librarian

Angie used the wonders of technology to place a workshop photo straight onto the Library’s Facebook page.

Historical Society Activities

MEMBERSHIP subscriptions are due, and should have received their renewal notices by email and post.

Please make good use of the new EFT payment option, which has proved very popular and efficient.

We are pleased to announce that the Society has appointed a new website designer. Planning is under way, but the launch will be some time away, as we want to present a beautiful, amazing and useful website.

Society members were present on March 2 at the well-supported Toodyay Naturalists’ Club’s registered Morangup Nature Reserve site. Volunteers enjoyed morning tea at Club members Desrae and Wayne Clarke’s home afterwards.

Future Activities

SUNDAY 30 March Excursion: We will visit two fascinating local sites. Peter Robinson will lead this excursion to examine the small mud-brick cottage with that lovely avenue of almond trees alongside the Bindi Bindi road, as well as the nearby ruins of the ‘Barn Elms’ house.

The Toodyay Historical Society will hold its AGM at 2pm Sunday April 6 at the CWA Hall. Guest Speaker will be Society member Professor Jenny Gregory speaking on ‘Toodyay on the international stage’. This will be followed by afternoon tea.

A special quilt, donated by Society member Anne Jefferys will be raffled. Members please bring a plate.

Next general meeting: 7pm Wednesday April 16 at Donegan’s Cottage. Feature Speaker: Society President Peter Robinson speaking on ‘Toodyay people included in the WA Bicentennial Dictionaries’. All welcome.

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: email: desraec@westnet.com.au or phone 6364 3609; President Peter Robinson on 0417 957 378; or committee member Beth Frayne on 9574 5971.

Our headquarters are at Donegan’s Cottage (in the Toodyay Showground complex) which is open to the public 1-3pm every Thursday. Membership is \$10.

Postal address: PO Box 32, Toodyay WA 6566.



Volunteer Vicki with just one of the rubbish piles

More join Tidy Town group

ONCE AGAIN Toodyay has registered for the State Tidy Towns Competition and we are ready to go with a raft of new projects and ideas.

These include the community garden, anti-litter signage, entry statement, sustainability audit and The Friends of the River’s Millards Pool projects to name but a few.

Much has been happening during the last Tidy Towns month.

Highlights include the amazing effort by the Toodyay Naturalists’ Club and Friends of the River and other volunteers to clean a four kilometre section of the main road in Morangup for Clean up Australia Day and Adopt-a-Spot.

Thank you to all the willing workers who turned up at 6.30am on a Sunday morning.

Toodyay School students led by the irrepressible re-cycler and Adopt-a-Spotter, Bev Ellis, did a big litter pick up around the school and river.

Talking about Adopt-a-Spot, our own Kristee Jolly spoke to an attentive audience of over 200 people at the recent Bendigo Bank State Conference on Toodyay’s Adopt-a-Spot program. The Power Point presentation is a wonderful representation of this unique community collaborative initiative.

At our last meeting on March 19 Karla, our Shire Environment Officer, informed us about the Keep Australia Beautiful WA ‘Bin it’ Campaign.

Beth, our indefatigable and very mobile secretary, announced that another issue of

the ‘Toodyay Tidy Talk’ newsletter is due out this month.

Beth also told the committee that yet another group has signed up as a supporter.

That is ‘Avon Valley Railway’ and we welcome them to our every growing Tidy Towns family.

Chairperson Greg unveiled a model of an Toodyay Entry Statement concept that he hopes will be a ‘conversation starter’ that will lead to our town getting one.

The design is simple and features a stylised representation of the distinctive course of the Avon River from the eastern to the western Shire boundary. Prominent, is the dramatic bend at West Toodyay, the site of the original settlement.

The Avon River is central to Toodyay’s history both Noongar and European.

The plinth would be made from our unique and famous Toodyay Stone and the ‘river’ formed from a metal inlay.

Dimensions are approximately 5 metres long by 2.5 metres high. It has been suggested that the structure be installed at the new information bay site to maximise its exposure to travellers, residents and visitors alike.

The model is currently on display at the Bendigo Bank with a suggestion box for community input. Thank you Margaret and our Community Bank for hosting the display.

The Committee meets again on May 7 at 5pm in the Shire Chambers.

Enquiries to the Shire or Chairperson Greg on 9574-5445

Early start reaps 56 bags of litter

Desrae Clarke
Toodyay Naturalist Club

AN EARLY start by 17 friends and members for the March 2 ‘Clean Up Australia Day’ took place along the road verges of Morangup Reserve resulting in a collection of a blown truck tyre, TV set, DVD player and 56 bags of trash.

The Club is very grateful for the assistance given by the Shire for the available road signage and the prompt collection of the collection bags.

The reserve has an interesting history as a ‘resting place and watering point’ for teamsters travelling to the goldfields in the early 1920s.

Bobtail Flu

Reports have been received over the past weeks of finding emaciated Bobtails suffering from Bobtail Flu which, if treated as soon as detected, is reversible.

If an animal appears lethargic and/or thin call the Wildlife Assistance Contact numbers urgently.

Ratsak Poisoning

A recent rat infestation within the Shire has resulted in the laying of Ratsak baits.

Unfortunately, Brushtail Possums have been known to take the baits causing them to bleed internally demonstrated by nose bleeding, plus the nose flesh bleeds.

Call the Wildlife Assistance Contact numbers urgently.

Professor Stephen Davies, one of the three patrons of the Club, gave an enlightening presentation on Magpie Geese at the General Meeting on March 15.

He has studied these birds since the 1960s when asked for information by CSIRO at the time of attempts at rice farming at Humpty Doo in the Northern Territory.

The Saturday April 15 meeting at the CWA Hall, commencing 7pm, will have guest speaker, Dr Michalie Foley, give her presentation on ‘Urbanisation and Pollinisation: Using Genetics in Conservation’.

For the diary

For the diary: presentation by Leighton DeBarros, cinematographer, CWA Hall Saturday April 26 commencing 7pm to enjoy a wonderful evening of wildlife photography.

Please phone secretary Wayne Clarke 6364 3609 if you have any queries. Everyone is welcome.

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WITH the weather neither conducive to track work or running there has at least been time to catch up on a little reading of early times in the railways.

In 1830 an interested crowd gathered to celebrate the opening of Britain's Liverpool to Manchester line.

A VIP guest was the Head of the Board of Trade and was so keen to get a good look at one of the world's first steam locomotives – the Rocket – as she puffed up the track that he forgot to get out of the way.

Whether he thought his special status would stop the train in its tracks or plain forgot he was standing in the middle of the track, the end result was that the Rocket steamed on and ran him over, and he died of his injuries that night.

Nevertheless, many people were eager to become involved with this revolutionary new transport system and create various inventions for a better engine or assist it run.

One such project surfaced in 1840. Having to stop frequently to take on water for the steam engines meant a huge delay, making it quicker to travel by coach than catch a train.

While this kept coach builders happy, supporters of a new rail system were not.

Water trough idea

One clever individual figured if he laid a water trough between the rails, an engine could suck up water en route.

In fact the faster the engine went the more water it could scoop up.

The downside to this ingenious contraption was the exact timing needed to retract the scoop or the whole train would be derailed when it hit the concrete end section.

Later engines were designed to travel up to 100 miles (160km) before needing to stop

for water and coal.

In this day and age, trains power along with just a single driver.

Some, in fact, are driverless and controlled from a remote air-conditioned office hundreds of kilometres away

However when a move was made to have just a single driver on small shunting engines in 1939, the unions forbade it.

On the other end of the scale, Britain's record-breaking Flying Scotsman locomotive had two complete crews which alternated.

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When diesels began to emerge, their one big drawback was lack of power at low speed.

To counteract this, a firm designed a steam diesel engine.

Beginning with steam to obtain necessary grunt, the switch was then set to diesel motor power.

Evidently the first prototypes were successful but unfortunately the company that built these engines went broke so no actual working models were ever produced.

Two teams needed

While modern drivers simply climb aboard and turn a key, it took two teams of men several hours to ready a large steam engine for running.

Those later charged with cleaning and shutting down the engine would be covered from head to toe in black soot.

Even back in those days there were hoons.

In 1938, the big steamer Mallard reached the unbelievable speed of 126 mph, but in order to reach this speed the driver thrashed the engine to such an extent it needed considerable repairs.

A year earlier, the "Coronation" engine when attempting a speed record, reached 116 mph.

It was always thought the Coronation if driven to the same extremes could have reached even higher speeds but the company were not about to destroy their fine engine.

1960 saw the last steam engine built in Britain roll onto the tracks. It was aptly named "The Evening Star".

Pete Seeger classic creates folk flavour

Toodyay Music Club
Jenny Edgecombe

THE MARCH meeting had quite a 'folkie' feel. A number of performers had chosen old and new songs with a folk flavour, starting with the recently deceased Pete Seeger's classic, 'Turn, Turn, Turn', incorporating lovely harmonies by Peter, Eileen, Maurice and Moya.

Jeanette added 'Isle of Hope, Isle of Tears', the moving story of 15 year old Irish girl, Annie Moore, the first immigrant through Ellis Island, New York.

Karen favours mediaeval music, but this month she turned her considerable talent on the mandolin to more recent times, playing, 'Peace Train' and a John Lennon tune.

Leila's double bass was in great demand. My pick, however, was the sombre bowing that provided an eerie accompaniment to Spencer for 'The Great Pretender'.

Poetry and story-telling are essential elements of the folk scene, and newcomer Gemma's insightful poems added an extra dimension to our evening.

Tom, another new face, provided some quite stunning guitar pieces.

Quadruple this list, as most people perform three or four items, and add some entertaining piano pieces by Lyn and an eclectic mix of songs from Joe and myself. It added up to a great night's entertainment and friendship.

Oh, and Maurice was pleased to be able to use the real maracas this month to accompany Eileen in 'South of the Border'.
Next club night: 7pm Friday April 11.

Any style of singing or instrumental performance welcome so long as it is acoustic. Further Information: Teddy or Spencer on 9574 4492.

Jamming at the Vic

MUSIC jam sessions at the Victoria Hotel in Toodyay start again on Saturday April 5, followed by April 19 and then every third Saturday thereafter. April 5 features Wheels, The Skitters, Andre Alexander, Dave D'Angelo, Marie Young, Lachlan Lyon and Talia. More to come, 3pm til late.

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Ingredients:

1kg chicken breasts, trimmed and cut into bite-sized pieces
2 large onions, chopped finely
60gm butter or margarine
2 tablespoons paprika
2-3 tablespoons honey
Juice of ½ lemon
¼ cup sherry
Freshly ground black pepper
Extra lemon juice
1 x 440gm Cream of Chicken soup

Method:

Melt the butter (or margarine) in a heavy based pan and add the onion, honey, paprika and lemon juice and cook till the onion is clear.

Reduce the heat and cook for a further 10 minutes stirring frequently.

Increase the heat and add the chicken pieces basting in the honey-paprika sauce.

Cover and simmer for a further 10 minutes stirring frequently until the chicken is tender.

Add the sherry, increase the heat to allow the mixture to bubble.

Reduce the heat and add the soup, freshly ground pepper and the extra lemon juice.

Cool and store either in the fridge or freeze as this recipe freezes very well.

Serve with vegetables of your choice following sprinkling the meal with chopped parsley.

Getting ready for Moondyne

Arts Toodyay

THE Moondyne Festival is approaching fast and Arts Toodyay is staging its annual art exhibition on Sunday May 4 in the CWA hall on Stirling Terrace.

The theme of this year's exhibition is 'Moondyne Allsorts' reflecting the diversity of the exhibits in the exhibition each year – it's not just about paintings.

All artists in the Avon Valley are invited to exhibit at the exhibition.

The entry fee remains \$10 per exhibit for non-members of Arts Toodyay but this year there will be no commission charged on sales.

Entry forms are now available from LJ Hooker, the Toodyay Library or via email clivesmail@hotmail.com. Entries close at 5pm on Thursday April 24.

Ruth Lawford and Chris Lentz-Reid will be conducting a workshop on Ribbon Bookbinding in May.

This fascinating craft recalls the days of handcrafted books with individually stitched pages and the products are beautiful keepsakes.

The workshop will be on Saturday May

17 starting at 9.00am at Ruth's place with morning tea provided and byo lunch. Contact Ruth for more details 9574 4695.

Meanwhile several of the members of Arts Toodyay Inc are staging an exhibition at the Riseborough Winery and Art Gallery near Gingin.

It will be a mixed exhibition with leadlighting, pottery, paintings and sculpture.

Riseborough Winery and Art Gallery is in Peterson Rise off Mooliabeenee Road Gingin.

Opening times are from April 27 to June 15, 10am till 4pm, Wednesday to Sunday, with the official opening on Sunday April 27 at 1pm. All welcome.

As readers can tell, Arts Toodyay is a very busy and active organisation and we encourage all artists in the Toodyay area to join us – no need for expertise, just enthusiasm for what you create.

Everyone is welcome to join Arts Toodyay - there is bound to be something to interest you amongst our activities.

We meet on the first Tuesday of each month in the old Police Station on Duke Street at 8.00pm. Come along and join us there.

Running late for a cafe lunch appointment

Di Roberts

The Ladies of Toodyay

HAVE YOU ever wondered what our Ladies of Toodyay do every day? Well have I a story for you.

There is a special group of Ladies within our town who meet every day.

Not really to gossip, but just to meet as friends and converse among themselves about the news of the world and their families, and what is happening in our beautiful town.

Let me tell you that recently when these beautiful and talented ladies got together, they had a special "12pm Reserved" table set aside just for them.

Well, everyone had arrived, but one was missing, so thoughts of this grand lady came to mind, "where is that little Tyke, she usually is the first to be here".

Time went on, other people had seen her at the service station, just quietly filling her car with petrol and talking jovially to the local cafe owner.

She decided it was time for her to make her entrance at the usual time and lunch with her

crowd of wonderful friends.

But she was late.

There were many other patrons inside the cafe.

When our illustrious adventurer decided to be present, there were whoops of joy.

One of the Ladies said: "We thought you had passed on, you are so late."

To this she replied, "When I pass on, there will be loads of whoops."

A good and nice story for all who have their friendship within this group and the love and concern of a "little" Lady called Di.

Di is really a happy and loving friend who gives so much laughter, not only to her friends but to all who venture into the cafe, who hug and kiss her.

She knows that there are many people in Toodyay who need to venture forth and have a morning tea, lunch and even a quiet dinner to share with others who are in need.

Thank you Di, you are so constant, you are such a breath of fresh air, and your laughter is so full of love and happiness.

May our other Ladies of Toodyay share such happy times together, meet, greet and perhaps spend time when it is needed.

Seven new faces at CWA AGM

Country Women's Association

CWA TOODYAY Branch got off to a tremendous 2014 with seven new faces present at our AGM and first general meeting of the year.

All of these ladies have become members and we warmly welcome them to the CWA family.

It was also a pleasure to have Toodyay Shire Cr Andrew McCann attend.

Margaret O'Sullivan, from the Bendigo Bank, kindly chaired our AGM at which office bearers for 2014 were elected.

Maxine Walker and Elizabeth Mansom accepted the positions of President and Vice-President respectively for a second year.

Kathy Haine stepped down after serving three years as Secretary and Vivian Street took her place.

There being no one brave enough to take on the Treasurer's position, CWA State Office will be approached for special permission for Glenys Clabaugh to serve a fifth year (our Constitution requires office bearers to step down after three years).

However, new member Jenny Clarke has indicated she will be willing to step into the position next year, for which we are all very grateful.

Jenny and Glenys will attend the Treasurer's Workshop run by the CWA State Office later this year.

We are very grateful to Shelley Kingston from the Bendigo Bank who signed off our books for 2013 as required by State Office.

Last month we enjoyed a visit to Bayswater, our Sister Branch in the city, for their 61st birthday.

During March we travelled to Tammin for the Gathering of the Birds, at which the assembled branches decide who will host various functions during the coming year, and also enjoyed food, fellowship, and a very informative guest speaker.

Arrangements continue for the 2014 State

Conference to be held in York in July.

This will celebrate the 90th year of CWA of WA and is eagerly anticipated by members across the state.

A date for you and your friends to place in your calendar is Saturday August 9 when we will have our Monster White Elephant Stall.

Last year you helped us achieve \$500, \$100 of which we immediately sent to the victims of the Hills fire, and the remainder going to State Office for inclusion in the state-wide donation to the Flying Doctor.

We are sure between us we can better that figure this year, and will let you know the chosen charity for the coming year after State Conference.

Our hall, which has served us well for 87 years, continues to receive love and attention, the latest plans being for improved access from the rear.

Work on the gazebo at the cemetery continues, with a plaque soon to be installed, and there are plans for a rail for each path leading to it.

As part of CWA's 90th birthday celebrations there is a state-wide competition for schoolchildren, with a monetary prize for the winner.

Flyers have been forwarded to schools in Toodyay and Bolgart.

The Young Leaders Weekend will be held on May 24 and 25 at the Manjedal Scout Activity Centre in Byford.

This is open to young people aged 17-30 and if any young person would like to go, CWA is keen to sponsor the \$180 cost.

Contact Vivian Street on 9574 4871 for further details.

CWA Toodyay meetings are held at 1.30pm on the fourth Thursday of the month, unless otherwise advertised.

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Bookings for the hall this year will be taken by Vivian Street on 9574 4871.

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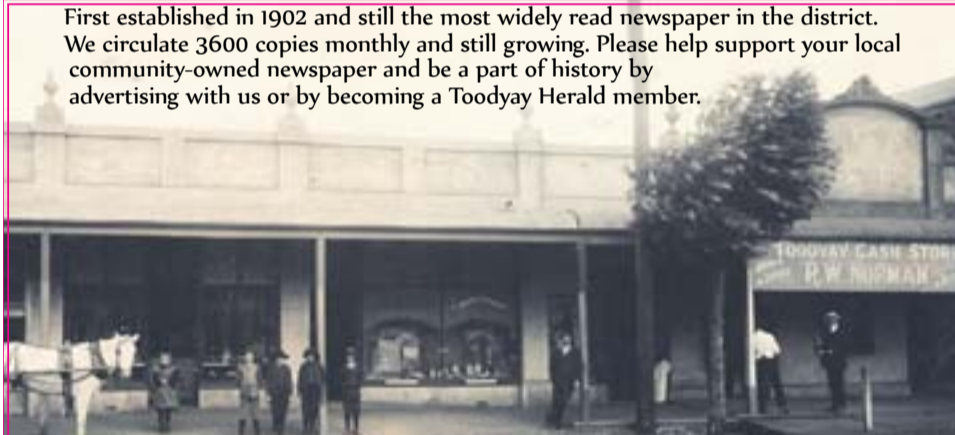
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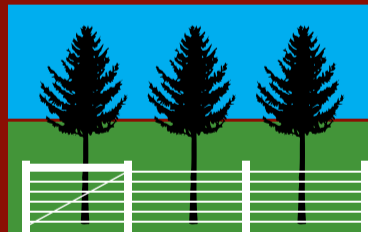
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Public Notices

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS

Coondle-Nunile Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade will be holding their Annual General Meeting at the Fire shed, Coondle West Road on Saturday 12 April 2014 at 6:00pm

Toodyay YouthCARE Council will be holding their AGM on Wednesday 9 April 2014 at 2.00pm at the Toodyay District High School, Drummond Street East. Positions up for nomination are: Chairperson, Deputy Chairperson, Treasurer and Secretary. For further enquiries contact Vivienne Freeman, Secretary on 9574 4915 or freos@inet.net.au

The AGM of the Toodyay Golf Club will be held on Tuesday October 15 at 7.30pm in the clubrooms.

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DEATHS

Harry Cook 1/4/1923 - 7/3/2014 Harry Cook passed away peacefully and was farewelled on 13/3/2014. We would like to send a special thanks to all the members of the Toodyay Golf Club for providing a wonderful setting for Harry's farewell and their continual support throughout the day. Many thanks go to the staff of Purslowe and Tinetti and also Sally's catering who helped make the day become a part of our treasured memories. Lynn, Claire, Alison and families.

Deepest sympathy to the family on the passing of Harry, who was a life member of the Toodyay Golf Club. In past years Harry was a very valued member of our Club. Thank you Harry for all the work you did at the course, you will be missed. From members of the Toodyay Golf Club and its Committee.

OPEN DAY

The Toodyay Golf Club is holding an open day on April 30. We welcome existing friends and new friends. Come along and have some fun with the club.

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Bejoording Community Group News

From the desk of the Badger

IT SEEMS that my opening comment in last month's column about living "beyond the white line" struck a chord with many of my friends and neighbours up here. I think they liked the differential it gave us, and that clarification that we really were in the heart of real farming country.

So my fellow Bejoording buddies, it's yours to use whenever and wherever you like, whether it's signing off a letter, adding something extra to a Christmas greeting, or simply telling people where you live.

On March 5 we had our annual Taco Feast and our thanks must go out to Darb Leonhardt who cooked up not one, but two delicious Taco sauces, one for the heat freaks and one for the mild mannered among us.

All the usual accompaniments were there but it was the sauces that took cooking skills and the proof was in the empty stock pots at the end of the night.

We have two new members to welcome: Barbara and Tony Jamieson. Welcome to the group both of you, and here's hoping you'll be regulars at the shed.

March 26 was a special day, a triple birthday. Taylor Croymans has the big one, her 21st, but it's also her dad Jeff's birthday, and a birthday for Lawrence Hayward's wife Margaret.

Happy birthday to you all from the Badger, and everyone else I'm sure. Taylor celebrated

in style at the fire shed on March 22.

Our next big event is at the Shed on Wednesday April 2 when we hold our AGM to be followed by a T-bone Feast.

Also on April 22, we have our annual Air-Hockey Competition. Will anyone knock off last year's winner, Vicky Mathews?

Talking of winners, congratulations are also due to Carol Croymans and Linda Veldtman who were the Bejoording members of the winning Bolgart team.

Congratulations to the rest of the team too at the Avon Valley Pennants Lawn Bowls competition recently.

Your monthly reminder. We meet every Wednesday evening (except in January) 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 casual 'come as you are'. Kids are welcome and there are fun events every month.

If you aren't yet a member, come along. We would love to get to know you.

If you want to know more, please contact President Barry Grey on 9574 2149, or call The Badger on 0414 250 484.

Hope to see you soon!

Autumn Club

Autumn Leaf

THE YEARS are going too quickly and it is hard to keep up, however, we are still having fun.

March 17 was our clean-up day. Thanks to all who helped.

Wanneroo Seniors Club visit was on March 27 and will be reported in the next *Herald*.

April is our monthly lunch party at the Freemasons at noon. See you there.

The COCOA Club will be visiting on May 4 at the Moondyne Festival. You are invited to join them at the Victoria Hotel for lunch at noon.

Don't forget to put your name down for the trip to Lake Leschenaultia on Monday after the Festival.

We have a birthday to celebrate for Helen Smith. We all wish her a very happy birthday.

Ida's Hideaway

ANOTHER wonderful month has passed us by and we are still looking for new card players to join with us.

You may know someone who enjoys playing cards, and if so, why not bring them along to our next meeting, or let us know.

We don't have a birthday to celebrate this month, but that won't stop us from having a lot of fun.

The door is always open and we would welcome new members.

For any inquiries or questions you may have, call Ida Edwards 9574 2858

Ida's Hideaway meet every Saturday from 1-4pm at Butterfly House.

Have a great, safe and happy Easter
See you next month.

Bolgart wins bowls pennants competition



Bolgart's winning team: (from left) Pam McGill, Linda Veltman, Jenni Knowles, Merle Manuel, Vicki Ellis, Dianne Edmonds, Lyn Somers, Pam Meston, Carolyn Croymans, Heather Jones and Dale McGill.

Toodyay Bowling Club
Maureen Adams (Secretary)

Ladies' news

BOLGART defeated Northam in the finals of the Ladies' Club Pennants competition in Northam on February 27.

Congratulations to both teams, with celebrations in the Bolgart camp.

The Avon Valley League Champion of Champion Singles competition held in Toodyay over two days on March 4 and 11 was won by Shaun Smith from York.

The major was won by Margaret Bird of Goomalling and runner-up was Mary Fleah from York.

Congratulations to these Ladies.

Toodyay Club held the Champion of Champions Handicap Singles over two days on March 5 and 12.

Renarta Grey was the winner and Maureen Adams runner-up – congratulations to both.

The John Smart Trophy Day is always an enjoyable social mixed day, held this year on March 9

After lots of fun, the winning pair was Mickey Spence and Kaye Adams, and runners-up Jimmy Short and Maureen Adams.

Two teams went to the Bindoon and Goomalling Gala Days on March 6.

Two ladies from Toodyay together with two ladies from Bolgart made a team and came third in Goomalling.

Three ladies from Toodyay were joined by Jenny to make a fourth from Bindoon at Bindoon.

They didn't get a place but had a good time, good fellowship and won some raffles.

A Toodyay team entered the Country Week competition and – after two of the four players had to drop out because of illness – we still managed to field a team.

A good time was had by all, and thanks to Sadie Gilpin and Kaye Adams.

Men's news

MARCH started with four teams entering the Country Week competition.

Congratulations to Barrie Bywater, Murray Hasson, Ashley Grundy and James Jaworski for getting through to the finals in the fours

and for coming runners-up to Geraldton.

Ashley Grundy and James Jaworski also finished runners-up in the pairs – congratulations for a great effort.

Toodyay Bowling Club held the Champion Men Club Singles on March 16.

Our 2014 champion is Ashley Grundy, with runner-up Tim Watson, congratulations both.

The Toodyay First Division team stood second on the ladder after the Round 14.

The finals were held in York over the weekend of March 22 and 23.

York won the 2014 Pennant Finals, and Beverley was First Division runner-up.

York also won the Second Division competition.

Congratulations to York and also to all teams involved with the finals.

Winter bowls

TOODYAY Bowling Club will hold its 2014 Winter Bowls competition from Thursday June 5 until Thursday September 25.

Names are required to be in by 12.30pm for a 1pm start.

Drawn Pairs: Dress – Mufti.

New members are always welcome. For more information, please call Ken Adams on 9574 4752 or Kaye Rewell on 9574 2056.

Irish Dancers return to full swing

WELL its back to business as usual for the Toodyay Irish Dancing group.

Classes are in full swing with children of all ages taking part in the Friday after school lessons.

We have many events this year and the dancers have been working very hard in preparation for the upcoming events.

The dancers recently performed at the Vintage festival in Northam.

It was held at the Northam Recreation centre and was a great day despite being very hot at nearly 40 degrees. The girls still did a fantastic job.

Unfortunately, by the time everyone settled in at the beginning of term we did not have many classes leading up to the event so the dancers did an exceptional job with such little preparation.

Photographed are the girls who danced at the vintage festival.

We are now preparing for the Moondyne

festival being held in Toodyay on May 4.

The dancers are getting quite excited.

We hold classes Fridays after school at the Anglican Church Hall and do accept new members mid-term.



Toodyay Golfers to hold open day on April 30

THE TOODYAY Golf Club is holding an open day on April 30. Everyone is most welcome to attend and we look forward to seeing our old friends and meeting new friends.

Come along and have some fun with the club.

The new golf season at Toodyay Golf Course will start on Sunday April 27 at noon, and is a mixed competition.

Men play on Sundays and inquiries be directed to Dave Gordon 9754 4152 or Bruce Shaw 9754 5243.

Ladies play on Wednesdays starting at 9am. Inquiries for ladies golf, please call Roma Heath on 9574 5534.

New comers both ladies and men are most welcome.



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Toodyay Showgrounds

Saturday 5th April 2014 - 9.00am

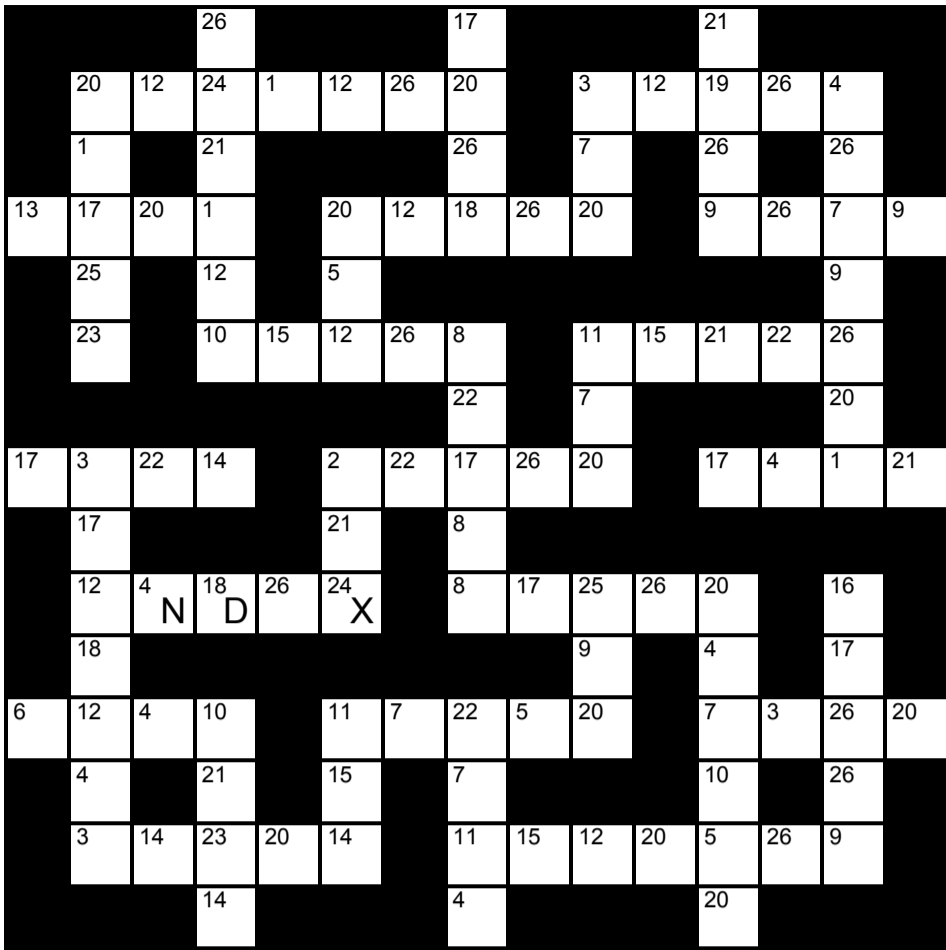
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5. Lots not sold must be removed by 5pm on the day of the auction;
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8. NO DOGS are permitted on the oval during the two day event.

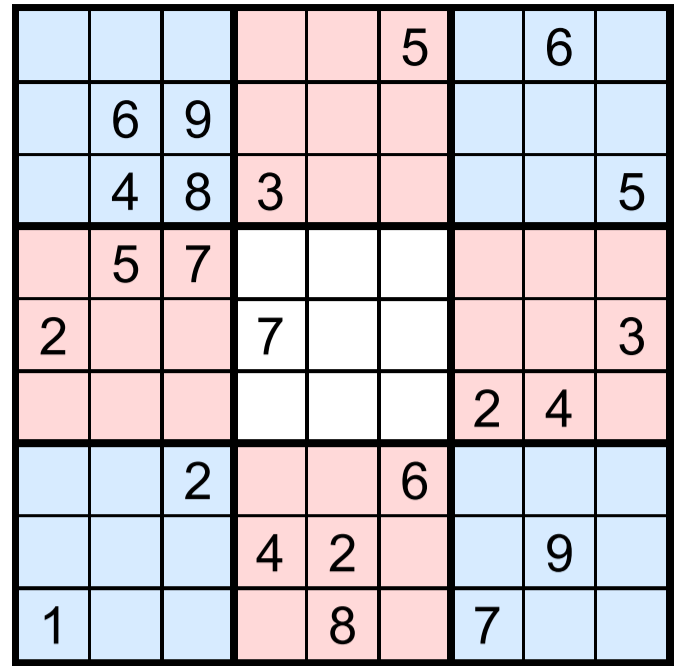
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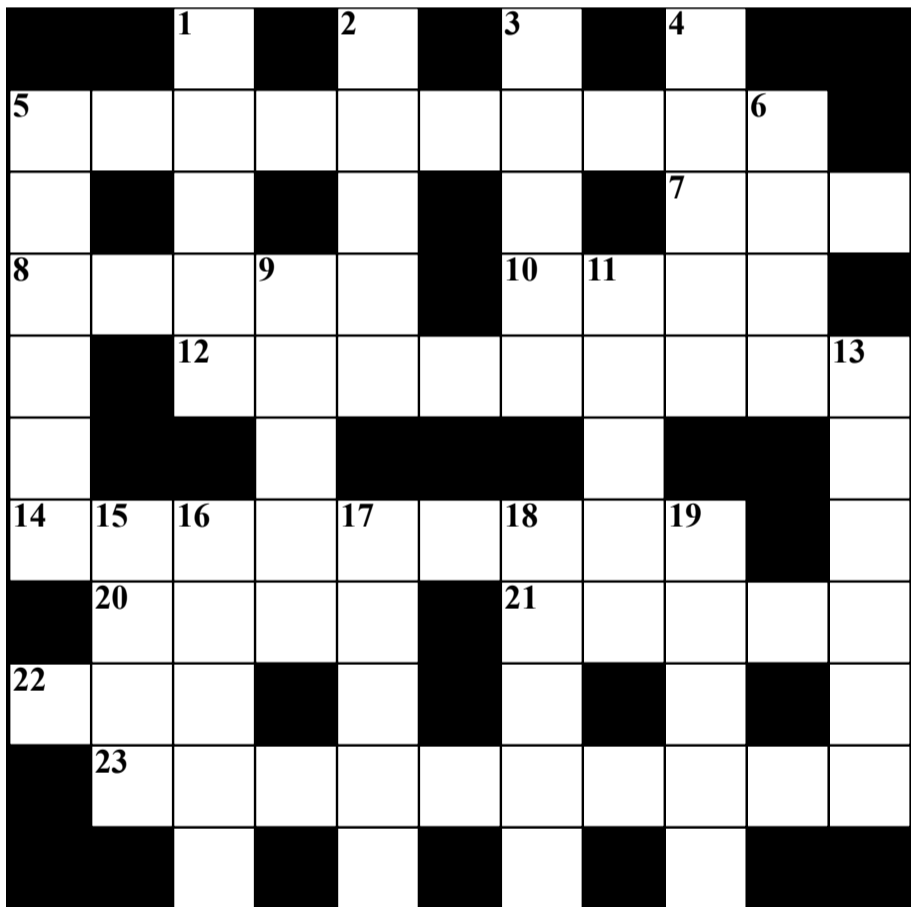
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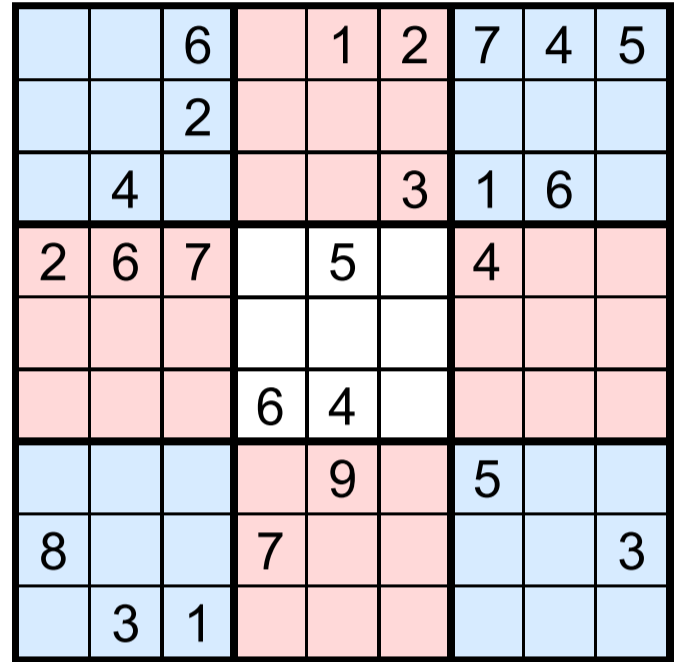


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Cryptic Clues No. 3779

- ACROSS**
- 5 Worked busily after many grew in number
 - 7 Material for a small salesman
 - 8 Common chap first notices group of uncommon women
 - 10 Carry on with payment for work
 - 12 Puts at risk finishes holding vexed feelings
 - 14 Took the place of another when set-up died out
 - 20 A couple put aid into rebel leaders
 - 21 Each one I left in danger . . .
 - 22 . . . has irritated schoolmaster inside
 - 23 Formal celebrations seem nicer with nothing changed
- DOWN**
- 1 Many adore such a dried flower bud
 - 2 If reversed, finish off the evil spirit
 - 3 Left replacing right in garland for the head of a buffoon
 - 4 Margin of something in river getting bigger
 - 5 Derided imitation reporter
 - 6 Animal sounds quite expensive
 - 9 Lack of interest in women, nuisance really
 - 11 Feel the same from peagreen soup
 - 13 Skinheads reverse syllables for tokens of victory
 - 15 Some depicted in tale of adventure
 - 16 Removed outer covering people first read about
 - 17 Had a go when tired out
 - 18 Use kitchen utensil to hit the ball in the air
 - 19 Gradually draw off continual outflow



Combo Crossword No. 3779

- ACROSS**
- 5 Increased
 - 7 Salesman (abb)
 - 8 Witches' group
 - 10 Money earned
 - 12 Imperils
 - 14 Acted in place of
 - 20 A couple
 - 21 Extreme risk
 - 22 Form of address
 - 23 Rites
- DOWN**
- 1 Plant bulb
 - 2 A devil
 - 3 Funnyman
 - 4 Margin
 - 5 Satirised
 - 6 An animal
 - 9 Boredom
 - 11 Concur
 - 13 Head parts
 - 15 Long story
 - 16 Removed skin
 - 17 Attempted
 - 18 Eating tool
 - 19 Gutter



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Six students make it to state training

Avon Valley Shotokan Club

SIX students from the club are attending state training this year, which is a great opportunity but also a big commitment from both students and parents.

We wish them well and hope to see one or two (or all) at the National Championships.

Once again we have a group of students attending the 2014 Tournament of Champions in Morley on March 23.

We hope they try their hardest and have fun.

Remember to donate to our Easter raffle which will be drawn on April 11. Also please pick up some tickets to sell.

The more money the club can fundraise, the more equipment and other expenses can be paid for by the club to try and help reduce costs to the students.

The first Club Challenge of the year is on Friday April 11 at the Toodyay Dojo.

These events are a great way for the students (and parents) to learn tournament protocol and it is quite evident when you see students from our club at the tournaments in Perth that they already have a good idea of what to do.

This reduces their stress level so they can focus on their kata or kumite.

The next committee meeting is at 10am on Sunday May 18 at the Hombu Dojo. Please come along and have your say.

If you are not happy with something or have some new ideas, come and talk to the committee so that the club can continue to develop in a positive way for the benefit of our students.

Remember that private lessons are available by appointment on Thursdays at the Hombu Dojo.

It costs \$30 for a private lesson, \$40 for two students and \$45 for three.

Please see Helen to book a time.

Toodyay classes are held in the Youth Hall;

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Fridays

3:45-4:15pm: 4-8yr olds

4:30-5:30pm: 9-13yr olds

6:00-7:30pm: Seniors

Classes are also held at the Hombu Dojo:

Mondays

3:45-4:15pm: 4-8yr olds

4:30-5:30pm: 9-13yr olds

6:00-7:00pm: Seniors

All classes are held only during school terms.

If you would like to keep up-to-date with all that is going on at the club, email Helen at helenbain@optusnet.com.au and ask her to link you into the Avon Valley Shotokan facebook site.

Big rise in numbers

Taylor Ferguson Toodyay Basketball Association

THE end of the basketball season has arrived and our teams have performed amazingly well and done Toodyay proud.

The numbers of players have skyrocketed since the previous season and teams were quickly filled with enthusiastic kids.

Some were experienced and others newcomers.

The Toodyay Basketball Association welcomes boys and girls of all ages and with different ability levels.

Coaches for the 2013/14 season were:

- Lea Arnold, Toodyay Lions U13 girls;
- Lee Street, Toodyay Lions U13 boys;
- Don Bates, Toodyay Lions U16 girls;
- Brock Neeling, Toodyay U16 B 16 boys;
- Rod Chitty, Lions U16 boys;
- Brock Neeling, Toodyay Lions senior men.

Over the season the club has been involved in many community events such as Adopt-A-Spot litter clean-up.

Toodyay Basketball was allocated Pelham Reserve (Toodyay lookout), and goes there three times a year to clean up rubbish in the area.

The club is also involved in the annual

Toodyay Agricultural Society Show and for the past three years has helped sell popular show bags all day from the two big vans.

Many thanks to Grove Wesley for the signage, and the Toodyay Bendigo Bank and Toodyay Op-Shop for their generous donations.

I would also like to thank the basketball committee:

- President: Stephen Ferguson;
- Vice President: Rod Evans;
- Secretary: Liz Ferguson;
- Treasurer: Bronwyn King;
- Uniforms: Cheryl Prater;
- Equipment: Dave Flaherty;
- Events/Sponsorship: Taylor Ferguson, Don Bates and Dave Flaherty;
- First Aid: Kerry Skinner;
- Team Manager Coordinator: Pamela Barwood; and
- Northam Delegate: Don Bates

Thanks also to everyone else who helped out in any way – the association wouldn't survive without everyone's two cents' worth.

On a final note, congratulations to the U13 Girls and U16 Boys (Lions) who made it to the finals and also to the Senior Men's B Grade who made it to the grand final and were runner-up for the season.

Well done everyone.

Cooler conditions result in two wins from three games

Wheatbelt Flames

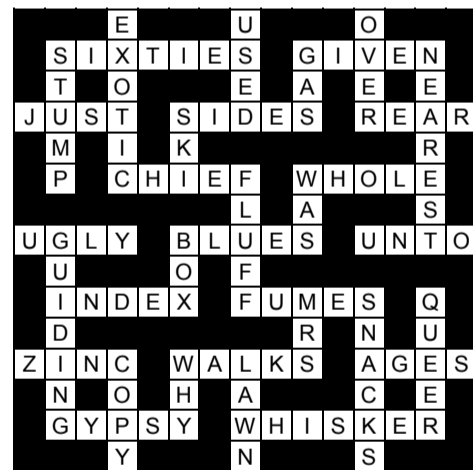
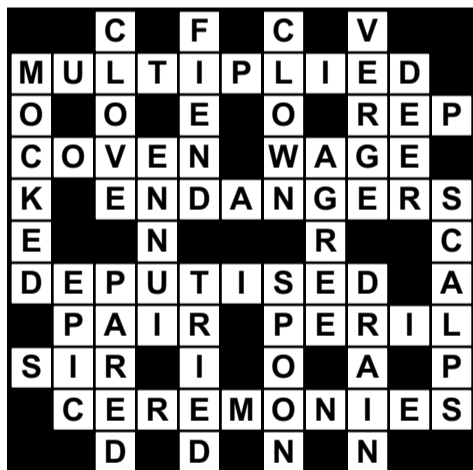
THE Wheatbelt Flames hosted the Perth Lions at the Northam Recreation Centre on Saturday March 8 in cooler conditions compared to their previous home game played in early February at Northam.

All games were exciting resulting in two wins from three games. Results: League Flames 63 defeated Lions 48, Reserves Flames 49 defeated Lions 47 and in the 18's

and under, Lions 50 defeated Flames 41.

This week sees the Flames with a week off. Wednesday March 19 they head to Challenge Stadium to take on Rangers, the 18's play at 5.45pm, Reserves 7.20pm and the League at 8.55pm.

The Flames next home game is a double header for the 18s and under only. They will welcome the Mid West Tigers to Northam. Times are Saturday 26 April 3.30pm and Sunday 27 April at 9.30am.



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The Toodyay Community Resource Centre is a not-for-profit incorporated group, predominantly funded by the Department of Regional Development. We offer the Toodyay community a government access portal linking you to Centrelink/Medicare/Child Support Agency. Through us, you have access to public computers, photocopying, printing, laminating, secretarial and design services and individual support to enhance your computer skills. Our members enjoy a discounted rate and 10 hours free computer usage per annum. We work alongside the community to source funding for desired events and activities for the benefit of our town. Here is a sample of what we are offering this month:

RAC Driver Enhancement Course

We all know how a road tragedy affects us in this community and, sadly, the stats are high in Toodyay and the Wheatbelt generally.

In an attempt to reduce future road traffic accidents and due to a successful grant application, the TCRC is able to

offer up to 10 spaces for community members to attend a Driver Enhancement Course (delivered by the RAC in

Toodyay) on Saturday 26th April. Young people on 'P' plates will be given priority and it will only cost \$30 for registration.

The course is tailored to suit country driving hazards (gravel roads, overtaking trucks, etc.) and is ordinarily \$195 and delivered in Perth.

Places are limited – first in best dressed. Call us on 9574 5357 to book or get more info.

Drug Aware Rural Street Art TOODYAY
Evie from the Toodyay Community Resource Centre and Kristee from the Shire of Toodyay are excited to announce Drug Aware Rural Street Art Toodyay.

This exciting project is being held on Saturday 12th April 2014 from 10.30am until 3.30pm at the Toodyay Community Youth Hall (18 Stirling Terrace, Toodyay) and is FREE for young people aged 12-26 years. Featured artists 'The Graphite Crew' will teach an array of professional street art skills such as draft designs, sketching, working within a team, aerosol skills, different techniques to create a finished piece as well as provide information on free

art spaces and workshops available.

This is a smoke, alcohol and drug free event. Food and drinks are provided on the day. Bookings are essential as spaces are limited.

This project has been proudly sponsored by Country Arts WA and by Healthway to promote the Drug Aware message.

One-on-One Computer Tutoring

We would like to welcome the lovely Gemma Lucas to the team. Gemma is now taking bookings for one-on-one computer tutoring in the areas of internet (including Facebook, eBay and Skype), Word, Excel and email.

School Holiday Program

Term 1 is nearly at an end, if you can believe it! The TCRC is again offering a fun program for children aged 5-13. The program will run from 9.30am – 1.30pm on Thursday 17th and Thursday 24th April and will offer cooking, craft and games centred on an Easter theme and an ANZAC theme. The cost is \$7 per child and bookings are essential.

Probus

Thanks to all the interested people who attended the Probus meeting last month. Please stay tuned for details of the next meeting.

Multifarious Mondays 10am – 12.30pm

\$4pp (plus cost of materials used)
Come in and enjoy a relaxed morning of art and craft over a cuppa. Sessions are run by the group and include a varying range of techniques and creations.

3C'S (Coffee, Crochet and Chat)

Tuesdays 9.30am – 12pm

\$3pp

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

Westlink Broadcasts – April 2014

FREE

Screening at the TCRC this month: WA No Interest Loans Scheme (NILS), Interest Basics, Food Sensations and Women's Health and Family Services.

Contact the TCRC to find out session times.

If you would like to attend any of these events, please book on 9574 5357 or call in and see Tenneille, Alison or Evie at the Toodyay Community Resource Centre (TCRC), 79 Stirling Tce, open Monday to Friday 9am – 4.30pm. You can email us at toodyay@crc.net.au.

Please note we will be closed for business on 18th, 21st and 25th April for public holidays.

Cricketers triumph



A Grade

February 22

WON on a forfeit from Yongah Hill

March 1

All teams a bye.

March 8

Toodyay 143 lost to Federals 188.

Toodyay Batting: Damon Geary 56, Peter Dasborough 30, Damien Higgins 16 and Shaun Bazley 12.

Toodyay Bowling: Damon Geary 4/43, Damien Higgins 3/28 and Shaun Bazley 2/47.

March 16

Preliminary Final: Toodyay 8 for 145 lost to Federals 6 for 146

Toodyay Batting: Rob Glover 50, Peter Dasborough 29, Mick Geary 13 and Adam Lovegrove 12.

Toodyay Bowling: Adam Lovegrove 4/35 and Jack Dasborough 2/49

B Grade

February 23

Pink Stumps Day. Toodyay 9 for 145 defeated Federals 96.

Toodyay Batting: Damien Higgins 41, Damon Geary 20, Clint Lobb 19 and Steve Gorbig 19.

Toodyay Bowling: Scott Romasz 3/6, Damien Higgins 3 for 11, Damon Geary 2

for 16 and Steve Gorbig 1/6.

March 2

All teams bye

March 9

Won on a forfeit from Railways/Avon West

March 15 Semi-Final

Toodyay 4 for 172 defeated Grass Valley 168.

Toodyay Batting: Paul Morgan 91, Steve Gorbig 32 and Damien Higgins 20 not out.

Toodyay Bowling: Jarrod Higgins 3/37, Jack Morgan 2/20 and Damien Higgins 2/26.

March 22 Grand Final

(Day 1) Toodyay 7 for 160, Federals 151.

Toodyay Batting: Alan Sibley 48, Scott Romasz 31, Paul Morgan 17, Mick Carter 15 not out, Clint Lobb 13 and Jarrod Higgins 11.

Toodyay Bowling: Steve Gorbig 4/15, Alan Sibley 2/20 and Jarrod Higgins 2/28. Sunday 23rd March (Day 2) - Toodyay 167, Federals 160.

Toodyay Batting: Geoff Deacon 57, Scott Romasz 52 and Alan Sibley 32

Toodyay Bowling: Jarrod Higgins 3/27, Alan Sibley 2/32, Clint Lobb 1/7 and Scott Romasz 1/11.

Game totals: Toodyay 327 defeated Federals 311, a Toodyay Premiership win by 16 runs.

Well done and congratulations to all.



Juniors

February 1

TOODYAY 5/182(cc). Kevin Wakefield 57 not out, Jack Morgan 52 not out, Fletcher Page 2/26 defeated Northam Senior High School 120 Louis Page 29 not out, Beau Brammall 27 Jack Morgan 2/8, Allan Robertson 2/16, Paul Eldridge 2/16, and Ryan Mawer 2/28

Toodyay Feb 15

TOODYAY 9/146(cc). K Wakefield 61 not out, Tommy Towers 26, Matt Shepherd 2/8, Kayden Beazley 2/23. Tied St Joseph's School 5/146(cc) Kayden Beazley 43 not out, Kyle Van Beek 26. Jack Morgan 1/11, Tommy Towers 1/15

Toodyay Feb 22

NORTHAM Senior High School. 101 Declan Page 56 not out Ryan Mawer 4/1, Jack Morgan 2/13 defeated Toodyay 80 Jack Morgan 29, Nat Mudgway 3/19.

Grand final

SATURDAY saw the double-header grand final showdown at Bert Hawke for the Under 13s and Under 16s.

In the Under 13s, Avon West Blue coached by Andrew Vallance successfully defended their title against Ross Hall's Northam Primary School team, winning the premiership in the 17th over.

The game was played with good spirit and talent with the contest proving tight early on.

Thanks to John Lucas for umpiring the match and to Ian Truscott and Kerry Vallance for scoring.

Under 16s

NORTHAM Senior High School coached by Tim Withnell were defending their title from last year's whitewash against Toodyay. Coached by Paul Morgan, Toodyay had

other ideas by bowling well and restricting NSHS to 65 with good bowling performances all round.

Justin Pittaway provided resistance and batted well to make 26. Bodhi Tauder's leg spin continued to prove problematic for the lower order netting him 4/11 off 3 overs and Lucas Nichol bowled with pace to snaffle 3/13 off four overs.

Toodyay faulted early in their run chase being 2/10 with Kevin Wakefield and Jayden Mawer falling in quick succession.

Lucas Nichol and Jack Morgan steadied the ship before Nichol took the game away from NSHS with a man of the match performance scoring an impressive 54 not out off 35 balls.

Toodyay won by seven wickets. Thanks to Kaz Morgan and Cheryl Mathie for scoring and to Bruce Devereux and Gavin Hislop for umpiring.

The end of season wind-up followed with the Watson family presenting the Kevin Watson Shield and John Lucas presenting his shield.

Congratulations to all players, committee members, parents and supporters for a great season of cricket and good luck to all junior cricketers taking part in the senior's finals over the next two weeks.

Under 16 trophies

Champion Player: Kevin Wakefield 267 runs and 7 wickets Runner up Champion Player: Jack Morgan 146 runs and 9 wickets

Bowling: Will Gentle 10 wickets at 10.2 and Declan Page 10 wickets at 6.7

Batting: Kevin Wakefield 267 runs at 89

Under 13s trophies

Player: Harrison Sargeant 163 runs and 5 wickets Runner up Champion Player: Jordan Kickett 123 runs and 11 wickets

Bowling: Elijah Truscott 12 wickets at 3.58 Batting: Trevor Derschow 166 runs at 55.3

Big changes to junior football

New age groups

THE Toodyay Junior Football Club 2014 Season has officially started with a sausage sizzle at training on 25 March 2014. The oval was full of activity as the kids from all age groups trained and met the coaches.

The fixtures show the first game will be played in Toodyay on 3 May 2014 with a 9am start for the 9s and 11s age groups. Fixtures will be given to all age groups at training.

Big changes have been brought into the Avon Junior Football Competition with the WAFC creating a new ruling and a change to all age groups to bring junior football in line the school years and school football.

It has been a confusing season start with players and parents not sure on what age group their child should be playing in, creating confusion for everyone involved.

The new age groups have been difficult with the registrations but we are building teams lists and it should sort itself out.

Tina Lawrence is our new registrar and she is available on Tuesday at training for registrations until the season start.

Players must be registered and fully paid prior to playing any games. If you haven't yet registered and want to play you need to register now.

The Avon Association has also discussed a new system for the umpires for reporting and also the points system for the competition.

They are considering a demerit system for poor behaviour of players, officials and spectators and the team will be penalised by team points for any infringements/yellow cards etc.

Training schedules at this stage may change but currently are as follows:

Auskick Tuesday 4 – 5pm

9s Thursday 4 – 5pm

11s Tuesday 4 – 5pm

13s Tuesday and Thursday 4.30 – 5.30pm

16s Tuesday and Thursday 4.30 – 5.30pm

If you want to help the club please contact any committee member. Email is toodyayjuniorfootball@hotmail.com

Any questions at all please feel free to contact the President Greg Blankendaal 9574 4267, Treasurer Sharon Ferguson 9574 4402 or Secretary Michelle Haycock 0439 754144

Regan wins for Bolgart

CONGRATULATIONS to the Calingiri Nippers (under 13's) on taking out the Football Premiership for 2013 against Goomalling.

Final score Calingiri 15.10 (100) Goomalling 5.4 (34). It was an all-round good performance by the team who have done well all year.

The umpires award for best on ground went to Regan Clarke for Calingiri and Anthony Ryder for Goomalling.

The shield was awarded to the Coach and Captain for the day (Regan Clarke). The Calingiri players were handed a medal each and the Goomalling players were given caps supplied from Perth Football Club.

After the football awards, five of the boys joined with the other boys and girls for the hockey grand final against Wongan Hills.

Calingiri also won this game 3:1. This was also a huge effort from every player in a very exciting game.

Goal scorers for Calingiri were Blake Derbyshire, Scott Smith and Isaac Woods.

Winners were awarded medals. Calingiri will have their name on the shield for the first time after several grand final appearances in recent years.

Also congratulations to Regan Clarke for being Open Championship boy at the Interschool sports carnival on Friday 20.

He was the only athlete to win an award for Bolgart School.

\$20,000 sought for Community Garden

ANOTHER successful meeting was held at the last Community Garden gathering.

It was wonderful to see new faces and generally share in the enthusiasm of the project.

A grant was submitted for \$20,000, which if successful, will be used to have Josh Byrne and Associates come up and design the garden.

Engaging this professional designer from Gardening Australia, along with reticulation, more or less consumed the \$20,000, but it will be a huge bonus if we're successful and will see us on our way to creating a very successful community space.

The March meeting predominantly discussed applying for other grants, deciding what we could spend money on, and determining who would obtain quotes as a contribution.

It was thought designing a logo for the project could be put out to the children of the Toodyay community by way of a competition – stay tuned for more information on this one.

The next meeting will be held at 5pm on Monday April 28 (to allow for Easter Holidays) at 13 Clinton Street (the Youth Park, Opposite the Old Gaol Museum). Please bring your own chair.

If you would like more information about this project please contact Karla Hooper eo@toodyay.wa.gov.au or 9574 2258.

YouthCARE gears up for year ahead

Vivienne Freeman

Secretary

I WOULD firstly like to say a big "thank you" to the Editors and volunteers who so ably each month presented us with a local newspaper which was not only informative but kept us in touch with the comings and goings of our community. As a relative newcomer, it was most helpful in informing me about local issues.

Our YouthCARE Council met on February 12 for our first meeting of 2014. Matters discussed were: CRE teaching in our school, the Breakfast Club for students held Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings, coming fundraising events for the year eg: a Quiz Night on June 28, food parcels which were distributed to needy families and the Chaplain's report with her hopes and ideas for the coming year.


At this point, we would like to publically thank Tim Martin (Principal) and his staff for their continued support.

We would also like to acknowledge the following businesses/organisations who have supported Chaplaincy over the last 12 months: Allways Foods Merredin, Bendigo Bank Toodyay, Brewbakers, Churches – Anglican, Baptist, Catholic, Uniting and Toodyay Christian Fellowship, Cola Café, Courtyard Antiques, CWA, DVG Auto, Foodbank Perth, Freemasons Hotel, Lions, Makit Hardware, Op Shop Toodyay, Stable Liquor Store, Toodyay Shire, Toodyay Taxis, The Christmas Shop, Victoria Hotel, Wendouree Tea Rooms and also our "Friends of Chaplaincy".

At our raffle in February for CRE in the school, we raised \$815.50. Winners were – 1st prize Blue E 22, Maggie Parsons, 2nd prize Green D51 Judy Gordon. Thank you again for your support.

Our first street stall and raffle for the Chaplaincy will be on Friday April 4 and Saturday April 5.

We hope to have jams, cakes, plants, second-hand goods and books, so on with the gardening gloves and out with the cook books. We would love to taste and see your wares.



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TOODYAY MARKET FACTS

New Home Approvals
Shire of Toodyay
2012-13 Year

13

YEAR to DATE

16

Average Annual Growth Rate
Source: Landgate/REIWA
10 year AAGR:

9.3%

Properties listed for sale
Realestate.com (20 Mar 2014)

225

Properties Transferred

Shire of Toodyay
2012-13 year
2013-14 Financial Year-To-Date

168
142

Special Announcement: The team at LJ Hooker Toodyay would like to congratulate Tony Maddox and staff on the opening of their new office!

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