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Nine new AvonLink trains

Michael Sinclair-Jones

TOODYAY will get nine new weekly AvonLink rail services – including a new weekend service – starting from December 1 under new \$6.6 million Royalties for Regions funding.

The expanded passenger rail service spells victory for local community activists who have fought hard to save the AvonLink from shock closure announced by former WA Treasurer Troy Buswell last year.

WA Nationals Leader Terry Redman announced the new funding at Toodyay Railway Station earlier this month after State Cabinet endorsed a detailed rescue plan prepared by the Wheatbelt Development Commission and Transwa.

Two extra daily AvonLink passenger return services on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays will aim to meet local residents' concerns that the current 7am-6.45pm weekday-only return service is too restrictive.

A new AvonLink return service will start on weekends, although Transwa has yet to decide if it will run on Saturdays or Sundays, or on a mix of both – possibly over six-month trial periods for each.

In addition, the AvonLink will provide 10 extra return services per year for special events, such as Toodyay's annual Moondyne Festival and Avon Descent white water event that draw thousands of visitors to town.

Mr Redman, who is also State Minister for Regional Development, said the extra funding would cover a three-year trial. He will report back to Cabinet on progress midway through and at the end.

"It is now up to the community to make this work," Mr Redman said.

"The true cost of an AvonLink fare is \$123.50 but passengers pay only \$19.75 (a WA Government subsidy of 84 per cent).

"Patronage needs to grow.

"An important part of that is marketing, which will occur in the next few months."

Mr Redman said 80 per cent of Avon Valley visitors were day-trippers, an obvious market for an expanded service.

"This funding will provide local communities with reliable public transport to access employment, higher education and other metropolitan-based services," Mr Redman said.

Toodyay Shire Cr Paula Greenway, of the local AvonLink Supports Group, said the Shire had allocated \$5000 in its recent 2014-15 budget to promote new AvonLink rail services to the community.

"This announcement is a victory for Toodyay people and all those who supported our campaign to save the AvonLink from closure," she said.

The successful Cabinet submission followed intensive lobbying by the Shires of Toodyay and Northam, and local community activist groups.

WA Transport Minister Dean Nalder said the State Government had listened to local people's concerns.

"We are prepared to support the service if enough people use it to justify our investment," he said.

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Local residents vote 'no' to bauxite mining at Morangup

Morangup unites to fight bauxite mine

MORANGUP residents have vowed to stop two planned new open-cut bauxite mines that will extend 20km across the Avon Valley and under Toodyay Road from near Wundowie almost to the Avon River.

An overwhelming 'no' vote last month has launched an anti-mining campaign led by the Morangup Progress Association and Avon and Hills Mining Awareness Group.

"If Margaret River can stop coal mining, we can stop bauxite," more than 120 local residents packed into Morangup Community Hall were told last month.

Two bauxite mining companies plan over the next 25 years to extract 260 million tonnes of ore from a series of open-cut pits on 60sq/km of private land near Morangup.

Waterways concern

The bauxite lies less than a kilometre east of the nearest local rural residential subdivision and covers headwaters for Morangup Brook and Jingaling Brook which flow into the Avon River, and both sides of Black Swamp and Red Swamp south of Toodyay Road.

It also lies near groundwater that is the sole water supply for many of Morangup's 900 local residents, who form about a quarter of the Shire of Toodyay's population.

Council representatives were asked not to attend last month's public meeting amid claims Shire leaders had known about potential mining since 2011 but didn't tell local ratepayers, who say they first read about it in the July Herald.

One speaker compared this with the Shire of Swan, who they said wrote to all affected ratepayers within a few months of being told about potential new mining in that shire.

Speakers also attacked the Shire's draft Economic Development Plan, which they said favoured bauxite mining without first consulting Morangup residents.

"They're more interested in a new swimming pool than Morangup," one resident told *The Herald*.

A total of 75 Morangup submissions against mining caused last month's Council meeting to send its draft Economic Development Plan back to the drawing board.

"They are starting at last to pay attention to us," Morangup Progress Association President Dave Mustchin said.

Mr Mustchin said more information would be sought before seeking a meeting with Shire and mining company representatives.

Toodyay Shire CEO Stan Scott said the Council's draft Economic Development Plan had been deferred for another a month to consider Morangup residents' concerns.

"They include nearness to homes, dust suppression and affect on water," he said.

"We don't know enough yet to know if they are serious issues or manageable.

"Council doesn't have a view on bauxite mining because it doesn't have a specific role to play in the mining approval process.

"However, I expect it will make a submission to the Environmental Protection Authority when the mining company lodges an EPA application."

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Local cops crack major organised crime racket

TOODYAY police have cracked a major organised crime racket involving hundreds of thousands of dollars of local stolen property and an illegal car 're-birthing' operation

linked to a Perth bikie gang.

Two men have been arrested and police inquiries are continuing.

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Stirling Hamilton

SPRING has sprung, the hills are alive and it seems that Paterson's Curse has been lifted.

But there's a pot of gold in the paddock with an Elephant sitting on it and none dare speak its name.

Hemp, the herb superb.

Not the pot that you smoke to get high but industrial hemp that has bugger-all THC in it, which is the mind altering bit.

Shoot, you could stand in a burning paddock of that hemp stuff and get no higher than a dung beetle.

Hemp has always been such a vital community resource that laws dating back to England's King Henry VIII (1535) required farmers to grow hemp or be fined.

Back in the 1930s a bunch of industrialists who didn't want that nasty hemp competing with their petrochemical products went to a lot of trouble and expense to get hemp run outta town by linking it to that marijuana stuff and tricked the US Congress into passing a crippling hemp tax.

They also got the League of Nations to pass the Geneva International Convention on Narcotics Control, and the British passed a law outlawing marijuana and hemp cultivation the same year.

During World War 2 the importance of hemp was recognised by governments and hemp farmers were deemed too vital to the war effort for military service.

After the war they got marijuana and hemp outlawed again, got the whole world spooked, the United Nations jumped onto that frightened horse and they've kept that Elephant sitting on it ever since.

Some facts

Hemp's long fibres make its products stronger and lighter than those made from wood for construction materials such as medium-density fibre-board – beams, studs and posts can be made out of hemp.

Hempcrete is a hemp-lime compound that provides a lightweight cement-like material that is a seventh the weight of concrete and up to 70 per cent more energy efficient. It can be made into blocks for building or used as a carbon-neutral thermal insulator, and is waterproof, fireproof, termite and mould-resistant and non-toxic.

Hemp has been used for textiles since time immemorial – samples of hemp fabric in China date back to 8000BC.

Hemp fibres are longer, stronger, more absorbent and more mildew-resistant than cotton, and fabrics made of at least 50 per cent hemp block the sun's damaging ultra violet rays more effectively than any other.

More than half the world's production of

fibre is petrochemical-based synthetics – mostly polyester – and most of the rest is cotton which gets drenched in half of the world's pesticide use.

Industrial hemp is a low-risk agronomic crop because it requires low chemical input and is an excellent rotation crop.

The question is whether or not the industry will be profitable for growers.

China's cheap labour and concentration of spinning facilities and extraction technology gives them the drop on us.

In 1916 the US Department of Agriculture predicted that by the 1940s all paper would come from hemp and no more trees would need to be cut down.

Hemp has been used for paper for 2000 years and despite being a quickly renewable and sustainable source of paper pulp, it is currently more expensive to use due to the small number and age of hemp processing equipment.

Specialty hemp pulp products, including cigarette paper, bank notes, hygiene products and art paper, offer a stable, highly-priced niche market in Europe, where it has an 87 per cent market share.

Hemp produces more than five times the biomass of other crops and is a fast-growing and environmentally-friendly renewable resource.

Henry Ford, one of the first modern conservationists, was a strong hemp advocate and had his own hemp plantation and in 1917 with a new machine called the hemp decorticator, Ford set up the world's first biomass fuel production plant.

One of Henry's first cars ran entirely on hemp ethanol and the body was made from hemp/soy plastic which was 10 times stronger than steel.

Markets for existing hemp products are worth tens of millions of dollars and consist mainly of hemp seed for oil which is the richest known source of essential fatty acids ('good' fats), and high-quality digestible protein (33 per cent) for use in foodstuffs and body products.

Hemp Food Australia has \$100 million it wants to invest in a new rural hemp industry but Australia and New Zealand are the only two countries in the world where you can't sell hemp seed products.

Despite Food Standards Australia and New Zealand giving its approval in 2002, our government still denies farmers access to this potentially lucrative market.

It's that damn Elephant.

"Why use up the forests which were centuries in the making and the mines which required ages to lay down if we can get the equivalent of forest and mineral products in the annual growth of the hemp fields?"
 – Henry Ford

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New patron backs winner for Toodyay Picnic Races

NATIONALS WA Deputy Leader Mia Davies has backed a local winner to be official patron of this year's 149th Toodyay Picnic Race Day on Sunday September 28.

Ms Davies, who is also State Minister for Water and Forestry, and Central Wheatbelt MP, joins long-time Toodyay races supporter and Channel Ten Sports presenter Tim Gossage who will again be Master of Ceremonies.

This year's line-up for WA's favourite picnic race promises a fun-filled local community event with more excitement and something for everyone of all ages.

An annual highlight is the Beaumonde Fashions of the Field contest in the home straight, which organisers describe as "giving the region's finest fillies a chance to show off their unique racing style".

This year's all-star judging panel will be Northam beauty queen and real estate agent Nikki Gogan, Miss NAIDOC 2014 Ashlea Walley and former Miss Universe contestant and Ruth Tarvydas stylist Kaitlyn Gregory.

The categories are Best-Dressed Female, Best-Dressed Male, Best-Dressed Junior and Best Racing Accessory.

Anyone can enter, and winners will take home a fabulous prize from Beaumonde Catering.

A first for the event will be the opening of the Toodyay Picnic Race Day Pamper Tent where race goers can have their hair and make-up touched up free of charge throughout the day to help everyone look their best from start to finish.

The pamper tent will be run by Ayolani Hill, owner of Toodyay's Natural Beauty Day Spa and The Hidden Gem.

This year's annual Dash for Cash men's footrace will hold special significance for the Toodyay community, being sponsored by the Wilson family in memory of their son Myles Wilson, who was tragically taken from his family last year.

WA amateur football club members will compete in a 100m sprint to the finishing post to win a \$1000 cash prize.

Popular WA party band Peace Love & All That with energetic front man Tod Johnston will have everyone on their feet when they hit the stage after the last race.

They play '60s to '90s hits and are guaranteed to entertain well into the night.

So get your frocks ready to be a winner at this year's Toodyay Picnic Race Day from 10am-9pm on Sunday September 28.

Visit www.toodyayraceclub.com.au for more details.



Sprint to the post in the 2006 Toodyay Cup

Upmarket wine and tapas bar gets nod

TOODYAY is on track to get a new boutique wine and tapas bar in the centre of town, following Shire approval last month.

The upmarket venue in Stirling House next to Vince's Restaurant and Pizza Bar will open 6pm to midnight Monday to Saturday, and 10am to 10pm on long weekend Sundays.

"This is just what Toodyay needs, a vibrant place to eat and socialise - we should welcome it with open arms," Cr Therese Chitty told last month's Shire Council meeting.

The application, by Stirling House local owners Rory and Fiona Davin, will cater for up to 50 wine bar patrons in a space formerly occupied by the Alpaca Shop, including a small alfresco area at the front.

Mr Davin said he would now lodge a liquor licence application and hoped to start trading by mid next year.

"The wine bar will offer a range of boutique beers, ciders, spirits, tea, coffee, desserts and ports, with the main focus on Australian, local and international wine," his application to the Shire said.

"A selection of cheese and tapas (Spanish cuisine snacks and appetisers) will be available.

"All alcohol served at the wine bar will be accompanied by a glass of water and a bread selection to dilute the effect of alcohol and allow patrons to drink in a safe manner."

The new wine bar will not sell take-away liquor.

Councillors approved the new use subject to any structural changes to the heritage-listed building being required to go back to the Shire for further consideration.

Agency yet to rule on new liquor store

PLANS FOR a new liquor store at Toodyay IGA will take a few more weeks to be decided.

IGA and four objectors have been sent each other's documents and invited to respond to the State Director of Liquor Licensing.

A spokesman for the WA Department of Racing, Gaming and Liquor said the process was expected to take 'a few weeks'.

IGA owner Dean Carter plans to open a new liquor store in an empty shop next to the supermarket.

A 28-day public notice period closed on June 26.

Formal objections have been lodged by another local liquor outlet, a local medical practitioner, a Toodyay resident and Perth police, the latter a standard query for all new WA liquor licence applications.

Targa West critics query value to local residents



Driveway taped off

NEXT YEAR'S Targa West rally through Toodyay may move pit stops from Stirling Terrace to a Charcoal Lane carpark that is due to be sealed by the Shire over summer.

Although the Shire had no complaints after last month's annual rally, local residents and traders told *The Herald* they resented being shut in their homes and the town's main street being closed on what would normally have been a busy Saturday for locals and tourists (see Letters, Page 8).

A frequent complaint was that rally participants seemed to bring much of their own catering supplies from Perth and returned to the city each night without spending any money on overnight accommodation or other local services.

Some traders, other than local food outlets, reported an abnormally quiet day.

There were also noticeably fewer visitors to town than for the annual Moondyne Festival, Avon Descent, Toodyay Picnic Race Day or Toodyay Show.

Some residents objected to being trapped in their homes for seven hours from 8am to 3pm while high-powered rally cars roared past their front gates, drowning out any enjoyment of what might otherwise have been a peaceful Saturday afternoon.

Their driveways were sealed off with plastic tape and sign that read: "Warning, do not remove this notice or proceed beyond this barrier. Unauthorised removal could lead to serious consequences and/or the instigation of legal action."

Shire CEO Stan Scott said the Shire earlier this year signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Targa West organisers to stage the event in Toodyay for five years, including this year.

However, it was not a binding contract. Mr Scott said more money was spent in Toodyay than just on the day of the rally because crews spent the previous few weeks visiting locally to check the course.

"The event also attracts substantial media and online publicity that promotes Toodyay," he said.

The Shire conducted a recent cost-benefit

analysis and found a commercial advantage in allowing the event to be held in Toodyay.

"It won't make everyone happy," Mr Scott said.

"We try to make it so that those who can benefit have a chance to do so, and those who may be inconvenienced are inconvenienced as little as possible."

Mr Scott said pit stops may be moved to a new sealed car park opposite Toodyay IGA next year, which would enable Stirling Terrace to remain open to local traffic and parking throughout the day.

When pit stops moved to the Toodyay Showground previously, local food shops complained there was no benefit to them.

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The Toodyay Herald

NEWS that the AvonLink passenger rail service will be improved and extended over the next three years could signify an important turning point for Toodyay.

The State Government has heeded the community's call to invest in the town's future with a cash injection of \$6.6 million to meet local passenger rail transport needs.

Though a more frequent AvonLink service will also benefit Northam, it was the combination of Toodyay people power and sympathetic WA Nationals MPs, led by local member Shane Love, that got the wheels turning.

That's why the announcement was made in Toodyay instead of Northam, with four rural MPs – including Party Leader and Regional Development Minister Terry Redman – in town for a full day of talks and an evening public meeting attended by about 60 people at the Victoria Hotel.

Overtuning last year's shock decision to close Toodyay's passenger rail service represents a remarkable turn-around by a State Government still reeling from the recent loss of its prized AAA credit rating.

But the decision comes with a warning: 'Use it or lose it'.

Mr Redman revealed at his early morning Toodyay Railway Station press conference that the actual cost of every AvonLink ticket is \$123.50 – representing a WA Government subsidy of 84 per cent for every \$19.75 full fare sold.

WA Transport Minister Dean Nalder – who from Perth shared the new Royalties for Regions AvonLink funding announcement with Mr Redman, cautioned that the Government was prepared to support continuing the service "if enough people use it to justify our investment".

It's a perfect opportunity for Toodyay's newly revitalised Chamber of Commerce and Industry to start looking at how the new daily, weekend and special event passenger trains can be used to harness the full extent of the town's tourist potential – much of which is still untapped.

Local rail package tours could be marketed in Perth and elsewhere to offer Avon Valley nature excursions, picnics in national parks, visits to historical sites, museums, art and craft galleries, shopping at organic producers and wineries and a host of other Toodyay-based tourist attractions.

Weekend rail packages could include meals and overnight accommodation at Toodyay's many fine bed-and-breakfast guest houses and perhaps even a sip of fine wine or boutique ale at a new wine and tapas bar due to open in town next year.

Over to you, Toodyay.



The way we were: Newcastle Railway Station located where Toodyay's Community Resource and Medical Centres now stand in Stirling Terrace. From a photograph dated 1897 in Toodyay's Newcastle Gaol Museum collection.

letters

Thank you Herald

WE THANK THE Editor and staff of *The Toodyay Herald* for bringing the issue of bauxite mining to the attention of residents in the Shire – and especially in Morangup – as first revealed in the paper's July front page story about the Toodyay Council's draft Economic Development Plan (EDP).

Last month's page one report on the full extent of proposed open-cut mining at Morangup and local reaction, and the editorial on page 4 brought this issue out into the open after being hidden for at least four years.

This information – and investigations by concerned community members into the proposed mine – raises several important questions that have not been answered.

In the Toodyay EDP and map released by Bauxite Alumina Joint Ventures (BAJV), residents may have noticed that all the brooks, soaks, streams and even the lifeblood of the hills – the Avon River – are not named or shown, which we find most interesting.

Was this an oversight by BAJV and local joint-venture partner Bauxite Resources Ltd or just a sleight of hand?

In the consultative phase, why wasn't Morangup included in the points for community consultation?

BRL/BAJV describes the proposed bauxite mine site as "1.5km south of the railway line, extending 20km south across Morangup Road and Toodyay Road to a point 5km North West of Wundowie".

Isn't it more accurate to say "one kilometre east of Morangup" given its closer proximity to our community – a vital point missing in all BAJV/BRL public statements, including to the ASX.

There is no mention in BRL/BAJV information about potential locations for settling ponds or tailings dams, or anything about mine operating hours which – given the potential noise pollution created by ore crushers – is of major community concern.

A recent BAJV update said: "BAJV will consult with the Department of Water to ensure there is no contamination of local water reserves. Most of the water required for the Project will be used for dust suppression. Although final water volumes are still to be confirmed we anticipate volumes will be similar to that used in a small citrus orchard per annum."

This raises important questions such as what size orchard and how many litres per annum?

BAJV also says the mine could create up to 120 jobs for mostly local residents.

The last ABS Census shows the median age of residents in Morangup and nearby communities to be 44, which would exclude most from being retrained for mine work.

Miners out of work after recent layoffs are likely to find new jobs before any bauxite mining starts at Morangup, but if there

was another downturn or finished project, would BAJV take time to train and employ inexperienced locals, or hire already-skilled workers for a much smaller investment?

Whilst BAJV repeatedly mentions the tonnage of bauxite in its 'Felicitas' reserve, there is no mention of how many tonnes of ore it plans to crush at the site and ship out.

Water quality is also greatly important to local residents because we have no access to scheme or 'town' water, and rely entirely on rainfall and groundwater to maintain our properties and livestock.

Information provided by BAJV says that "Bauxite mining involves a simple shallow extraction process with groundwater resources unlikely to be intersected. The resource averages 3.7m in thickness with approximately 1m of overlying topsoil and overburden. Rehabilitation follows very quickly and no open pits are left behind after mining."

This statement leaves many community members nervous because local aquifers are extremely shallow at 3-6m.

We understand the project is still in its early planning stages.

However, too many questions have been left unanswered by BRL/BAJV and the Shire of Toodyay for local residents to be satisfied that the project should occur in the near future.

Dave and Cheryl Mustchin, Kathie and John Pearson, Debbie Larkin, Brian Allen, Len and Sam Earle, Sandra and Peter Harms, and Graeme Stephens.
Morangup

Ratepayers frightened

ON BEHALF OF Morangup ratepayers, I would like to thank editor Michael Sinclair-Jones for his observations in last month's page 4 *Herald* editorial about the proposed bauxite mine in Morangup.

The breakdown of communication between Shire and its ratepayers has annoyed and frightened many ratepayers.

However, one important thing has happened – people are becoming more aware and are asking questions that will have to be answered properly, and not only to do with bauxite mining but many important issues such as rising rates, lack of Telstra mobile services, condition of roads and services.

No longer will Morangup residents and landowners be considered the furthest from Toodyay township and therefore not to be counted (except for paying their rates, that is).

People in Toodyay town may not be aware that we rely on rain water here and the infrastructure required to build and live in Morangup is considerably more than for a house in town.

Telecommunications are vital to us for emergency services.

We are surrounded by national forest. The fire risk is always high and a large proportion of residents do not get mobile service in their homes.

In fact, there is no service even at the Community Hall which, in a fire emergency, would become our Evacuation Centre.

Once again, when the building of five new towers was being spoken about in the Shire of Toodyay, it was decided that Morangup did not need one.

The most positive result of your article is that local people are no longer apathetic about these issues; rather they have become very vigilant indeed.

We appeal to you to continue the good work with *The Toodyay Herald*, and to remain impartial – community readership will then and only then flourish.

Jeanette Appleby
Morangup

What Are We Going to Eat?

NO STATE GOVERNMENT seems to have any regard for the food bowl of Western Australia – our fertile agricultural areas.

Good farming or future farming land has been or is being carved up for lifestyle blocks – now it seems what's left of it will be sacrificed to yet another mining giant.

When will governments take our agricultural resources into consideration rather than simply profit margins?

I wonder what future generations will eat?
Maree Lewis

Mining threat

IN LAST MONTH'S *Herald*, we commended Greg Warburton's re-enactment of an 1861 expedition by Toodyay settlers to the Helena and Aurora Range, 100km north of Southern Cross.

Greg is raising public awareness of the need to protect this magnificent area.

Although the Environmental Protection Authority – like many reports over the past 50 years – has recommended the area be protected, the WA Environment Minister can override the EPA and allow iron ore mining to dig up entire hills and reduce peaks to pits.

We understand this is currently being considered. This message was omitted from last month's letter because of space.

Rebecca Meegan-Lowe and Ric Lowe

More Letters, Page 8

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Three-second clip busts crime racket

A THREE-SECOND video capturing a white ute 'casing out' a Toodyay business last month has uncovered a major organised crime racket involving the "re-birthing" of dozens of stolen vehicles and led to the recovery of hundreds of thousands of dollars' worth of stolen local property.

Two men have been arrested and inquiries are continuing into what local police call a large-scale car re-birthing racket associated with an outlaw bikie gang operating in Perth with links to Toodyay and nearby districts.

Re-birthing is the illegal switching of engines and other vehicle parts in stolen vehicles, falsifying official Vehicle Identification Numbers and reselling the rebuilt vehicles to unsuspecting buyers.

In one raid, local police and Midland detectives used a search warrant on a property near Toodyay to discover a stolen original 1970s 351 Ford GT 'Shaker' in a



Elusive white ute caught on camera

shed with its engine 'hacked'.

"In mint condition, that car could be worth up to \$250,000," Toodyay Police chief Sgt Warren Conder said.

Other local stolen goods recovered as a result of the Toodyay local business video include ride-on motor mowers, pressure cleaners, water tanks, tools, electrical gear and farm spray kits – "virtually anything moveable, they stole," Sgt Conder said.

The arrests follow a string of Toodyay burglaries and an appeal by local police in *The Herald* last June for people to report any sightings of a white ute seen entering properties to 'case out' houses and sheds.

Avon Skip Bins operator Rob Broderick was at his Stirling Terrace premises near the 90km/h sign when he noticed a white ute slow down instead of increasing speed and the driver look into his yard.

He went next door to tell neighbour Art Van Logstenstein, from Rustic Decor.

They found that Art's \$120 motion-sensor video surveillance camera and \$30 'Vitamen D' software had captured three seconds of a white ute with spotlights, deep mud tyres and a flat tray going past.

Bob called Toodyay police, who used Art's video to check the Shire's street surveillance records and identify the same vehicle in slowed-down video footage.

It was the breakthrough local police had been looking for.

"The ute was being used to case out properties for thefts – sometimes to fund suspected drug habits – and the same vehicle was connected to a 'chop shop' (car rebirthing centre) in Midland," Sgt Conder said.

"We believe it to be part of a large crime ring operating locally and in nearby districts.

"Other stolen items found locally include a truck on a trailer, a red mower and a large trailer found upside down in a creek.

"Midland detectives have asked us to advertise that a large amount of stolen property has been recovered."

Owners can contact Toodyay police on 9574 9555.



'Chopped' 351 Ford GT 'Shaker' engine bay

More pictures, *Police Beat*, page 10

No word on landfill fate as WA Nationals talk tough

POLITICAL opposition by local WA Nationals MPs may ultimately be the force that stops the State Government allowing a three-million-tonne Perth garbage tip to be built 14km south of Toodyay.

The WA Department of Environment Regulation is still considering more than 500 objections, mostly from Toodyay.

After four months, there is still no sign whether Perth firm Opal Vale Pty Ltd will be allowed to dump millions of tonnes of rotting Perth garbage in a 30ha former Chitty Road claypit over the next 25 years.

Opponents fear it risks contaminating the Avon River water catchment and will put hundreds more heavy trucks on Toodyay Road between Fernie Road and Midland.

Local submissions to the DER include costly community-funded experts' reports on water risk, seismology and other critical environmental factors.

Local WA Nationals MP Paul Brown (MLC, Agricultural Region) said that even if the DER approved the putrescible landfill licence, State Environment Minister Albert Jacob can still overrule it.

Mr Jacob is also State Minister for Heritage and says on his Cabinet web page that he is "committed to the conservation and protection of Western Australia's unique natural environment".

Mr Brown and fellow WA Nationals MP Shane Love (MLA, Moore) have repeatedly stated publicly that they oppose landfill dumps in the historic Avon Valley.

"The DER has limited powers only to look at the facts and figures provided to it, and make a decision based on that," Mr Brown said.

"However, the Minister can take into account wider political and social ramifications that the DER can't," he continued.

"These include the overall future development of the Toodyay area and associated risks, such as increased heavy truck traffic and other local factors.

"When it comes to a final decision, the Minister may ultimately agree with Shane and me that it's a bridge too far."

A DER spokesperson said the time taken to assess a works approval or licence application varied, depending on factors such as complexity, amount of supporting information to be assessed, and whether more information had to be sought from the applicant.

The application was still being assessed.

Opponents hope the DER will either refuse a landfill licence or set such high environmental standards that the applicant will abandon the proposal.



First Class Const. Lea Arnold inspects stripped out interior of stolen 4WD vehicle

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Toodyay pit stop

Targa West pictures by Michael Sinclair-Jones



2nd new mine to create more jobs

A SECOND new open-cut bauxite mine near Morangup is expected to create a further 100 new jobs in three years if development proceeds according to plan.

This follows last month's news of plans for 120 new jobs – and possibly at least five times more in indirect employment – under plans to open a major new bauxite mine covering 55sq/km east of Morangup.

The smaller new 'Fortuna' mine covers 6.5sq/km of private land north of Wundowie and contains at least 40.2 million tonnes of ore, according to Perth-based miner Bauxite Resources Ltd (BRL).

BRL has a 30 per cent stake in the adjacent 'Felicitas' bauxite resource which contains 220 million tonnes of ore that it shares with Chinese State-owned mining giant Yankuang Group in a separate company called Bauxite Alumina Joint Venture (BAJV).

BRL Chief Executive Officer Peter Canterbury said Fortuna would have a 10-15 year lifespan, ideally operated in parallel with Felicitas and share ore transport

infrastructure – possibly by conveyor belt under Toodyay Road to the east-west rail link – although this had yet to be finalised.

He said talks had been held with local Shires, including Toodyay, but there had been no community consultation with local residents because "we don't yet have expert answers on issues such as dust, water, etc."

Mr Canterbury said about 60 per cent of Fortuna was cleared land, and that "agriculture and mining will be able to co-exist perfectly well".

He said BAJV was looking at building a new alumina refinery to process bauxite locally but it was "unlikely" to be in the Shire of Toodyay because of the need for access to gas and water.

Unrefined bauxite from Fortuna would most likely be shipped via rail directly to China.

Meanwhile, BAJV staff visited Toodyay last month to inquire about leasing local premises to set up a "shopfront" in town.

Shire CEO Stan Scott said the company



Jimperding Brook flows over Lovers Lane. Jingaling Brook flows into it from area to be mined

had asked if Connor's Cottage in Piesse Street was available.

"But this would require Council approval and it hasn't gone any further," he said.

BAJV staff were seen inspecting an empty former real estate office next to Bendigo Bank, which is also owned by the Shire and leased to the bank.

BAJV External and Public Affairs Manager Chantelle O'Sullivan said the company was looking at a couple of sites close to the middle of town for an office and noticeboard to provide community information.

"Hopefully it can open by the end of the year and probably operate two days a week," she said.

Council drowning in huge paper overload

Fly on the wall

Peter Robinson

IT'S BEEN a Hard Day's Night. Well it was a hard late afternoon and evening at last month's ordinary meeting of Council.

Before dealing with agenda items, I will mention the agenda itself – two volumes totalling 640 pages.

We have the unfortunate situation where there is friction between councillors and the administration. Each side blames the other, of course, and the truth in these situations is usually found somewhere in the middle.

Because of some mistakes or omissions in previous agendas, councillors now demand proof of every claim or statement.

This has led to the ridiculous situation where the current agenda contains pages of colour scans of pages from several newspapers, just to prove shire advertisements were actually placed. However, an A3 sheet reduced to A4 size means the text can't be read, only the Shire logo can.

Another example was the inclusion of all material from a few years ago for a debate about the placement of a new Skate Park.

This was because Stage 2 of that development was on the agenda. Stage 2 was part of the original plan. It was always going to be an extension along Harper Street towards Railway Road – the issue was only when, not where.

I would suggest that overloading staff like this is more likely to produce mistakes than prevent them.

If every agenda for the next 12 months was this size, then a total of 107,520 A4 sheets, weighing over 1/2 tonne will have been used.

The first item on the agenda was the Recreation Strategy. It was resolved to have a steering committee for the project.

Cr Craddock wanted all councillors on the committee because the project is so important for the community and is the largest and most expensive commitment the Shire has ever undertaken.

Yet for the very same reasons, it is important that the community is also well represented on that committee, without seeming to be swamped by councillors or being there as a token. The more the community is genuinely included, the more the community will donate in time and expertise.

Cr Craddock's amendment was lost.

Stage 2 of the skate park will go ahead as a result of a 9-0 vote.

A new wine and tapas bar in Stirling Terrace where the Alpaca Shop was, also got the green light. All councillors were in favour of the 'change of use' application but it took an hour of sometimes trivial discussion to get to the vote.

The revamp of the Environment Strategy also passed after some discussion. The Economic Development Plan was deferred for more consultation. There were a great

many submissions, mainly from Morangup residents, including one particular submission that was very well researched and presented.

The proposed bauxite mine has muddied the water somewhat, or could I say 'stripped the surface' (Ohhhh).

The Community Resource Centre has Cr Madacsi as its Shire representative, and Cr Firns is the new chairman of the Shire's Audit Committee, taking over from former Cr Frank Panizza – big shoes to fill.

When Flirt mustered sheep and steam trains stopped at Medical Centre

Toodyay Historical Society

Jenny Edgecombe

WERE THERE really trains running through the Showgrounds?

Did someone actually live in the Gaol?

Remember that fabulous 2011 exhibition of historical photographs and memorabilia held in the Memorial Hall for Toodyay's 175th celebrations?

Historical Society volunteers and the Gaol Museum Curator have picked the best images from the original exhibition and added some new ones.

They will be on display in the Newcastle Gaol Museum in Clinton Street throughout September and October.

Find out about:

- The flood as high as the Showgrounds
- Railway station at the Medical Centre
- The teacher living at the Showgrounds
- Flirt, the prize-winning sheepdog

This is a very exciting way to absorb Toodyay's past.

There are special activities at the Exhibition on Sunday 28 September, 10am – 3pm.

Historical Toodyay movies will be shown and free guided walking tours of the Convict Precinct will be conducted by Historical Society members.

Watch the noticeboards around town.



From Newcastle Gaol Museum display



Farmland in area to be mined

Felicitas Bauxite Mining Proposal



Community Update

By now many residents will have heard something about us and our bauxite mining project we call Felicitas. In order to support an informed community discussion about our project, we will be putting in place a number of ways of providing you with information and to hear your comments, including a regular spot here in the Herald.

Our presence in the area began 3 and half years ago when we sent out letters inviting landowners to discuss the possibility of us exploring for bauxite on their land. This is when we commenced exploration drilling in the area - hopeful that we might find some significant bauxite deposits with potential for development. 3 years later we have been able to identify the Felicitas resource. The name Felicitas derives from ancient Roman culture and means "fruitful, blessed, happy, lucky

The resource is approximately 220 Million tonnes (Mt) of bauxite with a mine life of at least 25 years depending on the rate of production. This is sufficient size and quality to support a refinery, but we do not believe a suitable site with suitable infrastructure and buffer zones exists nearby for a refinery – so we are focussed on the development of a mine.

There is an extensive process required before a mine can be developed and we are in the early stages, so there is still a lot of work to do. As we progress, the project will be subject to formal assessment by the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) and approval by the Department of Mines and Petroleum (DMP). This process will include requirements for formal community consultation, but in the meantime we want to keep you informed and welcome an opportunity to discuss development, opportunities and issues with you at any time.

There is a timeline of about 3 years to develop the project. These steps are outlined along with some information sheets and frequently asked questions at: www.bajv.com.au/Projects/FelicitasToodyay.aspx

We are looking to establish a shop front in Toodyay, some form of Community Consultative Committee and opportunities to talk to the community. Following articles will outline some of the early pieces of information and concepts. At any time you can visit our Website, our Facebook page or contact Chantelle O'Sullivan on 9200 6309 or 0437 701 155 or email: chantelle.osullivan@bajv.com.au



New Australians Marion Pathey-Johns (left) and Lesley Gleeson with Toodyay Shire President David Dow at a citizenship ceremony in the Council Chambers last month.

Curry, casserole and exploding weeds

Bejoording Community Group News

From the desk of the Badger

WHAT a surprisingly warm and refreshingly wet month it's been. Our tanks have had a good recharge up here beyond the white line, there haven't been any frosts and our gardens (and weeds) are all exploding because they think it's already spring.

No doubt there are a few of the Bejoording mob who would prefer less mud, especially on the easements to their properties, but on the whole spirits have been high this month.

This reflected in surprisingly good attendances up at 'the Shed' on Wednesday nights, even quite a few new faces. No names this month; I'll wait until next month when I can include a photo.

Our feast night last month was the annual Curry and Casserole night and once again there was quite a contest for the tastiest dish. Seven members each brought a completely

different dish and many members returned for second helpings. There was little left at the end.

Next month's feast is our annual Seafood Extravaganza. It's on Wednesday September 3 so, by the time you read this, I hope you didn't miss out. This is one of our most popular events.

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 'come as you are' casual, kids are welcome, and there are fun events every month.

Even if you aren't yet a member, come along, we'd love to get to know you.

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

Hope to see you soon.

letters (cont.)

Trapped by rally

HAVING JUST TOLERATED the inconvenience of yet another Targa West Rally, I wonder if this annual local event actually has any benefit for Toodyay.

Crews seem to be self-catering, spectators appear to be few and the town's normal weekend commerce is disrupted by road closures.

I have spoken to many people and none appear to want the event in Toodyay.

As we can't get out of our house but can see a fair bit of the course, we are unsure about the number of spectators. Certainly there are none along our stretch of road.

While I have never been able to see the attraction of watching motor cars driving

around in circles or burping, squealing and farting their way past my driveway, I appreciate that some may.

However, I doubt those people are confined to their house for seven hours on a Saturday from 8am to 3pm.

This year's road closures had an even greater impact on us than previously.

Before, we suffered only the annoyance of getting up early to go into town for the paper, shopping and cancelling any plans we may have had for the day.

The year saw an added inconvenience.

A few months ago, elderly friends in the UK booked flights to visit Australia and stay a few days with us before flying on to the Eastern States and doing a grand tour.

We didn't know at the time that they would

arrive the day our road would be closed.

They were due to touch down at 6am and, when we realised that it was the day of the Targa West Rally, we contacted the organisers and explained that we needed access to our house during the morning.

After a 22-hour flight, our friends – both in their 80s – could not be expected to start gallivanting around or sit in a car all day.

Targa West Rally could not be bothered to even discuss ways to allow us access and were very unhelpful. They suggested that our friends change their flights.

However, at that late stage, our friends were unable to re-book and flew instead directly to Sydney.

We've not seen these very good friends for several years and doubt we ever will again, thanks to the Targa West Rally.

Another incident that could have had graver consequences was the inability of our neighbours – expecting their first baby – to leave their house during the day.

Luckily, though four weeks early, labour started soon after our road was reopened and they were able to get to hospital.

A few hours earlier could have caused problems, though I like to think that even the rally organisers would have stopped the event temporarily for such an emergency.

By the way, it's a boy.

*Geoff McDonald-Appleby,
Drummond Drive, Toodyay*

Fire escape blocked

WE BECAME AWARE today that boom gates are being installed along the access road that runs between West Toodyay rail yards and the Shire of Toodyay Shire yard, Railway Road, Toodyay.

This access road is the only exit available for residents of Railway Road West, to Julimar Road West.

We were lead to believe that this access road is an escape route that could be used in the case of a fire at the eastern end of Railway Road for residents living in Railway Road West to escape.

Closing this track/access road would mean tenants who reside in Railway Rd, west of the Julimar Railway Rd crossing, would have no possibility of escape in the case of a fire or emergency closing the eastern end of Railway Road.

This is a real possibility due to the fact the railway line runs parallel with Railway Road and no yearly maintenance is done to reduce fire fuel, especially west of the Julimar - Railway Rd crossing and close to the Miling railway road crossing, where there is a large area of grass that is never controlled.

As construction has started, we ask that work is stopped immediately until this can be investigated and residents informed fully of what effect these boom gates are to have regarding our access/escape.

Yours sincerely

Doug and Lyn Gray, Maurie and Sue Jackson, Jack Cheetham

CLEARING SALE

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Thursday 18th September 2014

Commencing at 10am

Landmark has received instructions from Christina Downie to offer by public auction, Vintage Cars, Trucks and numerous historic items (the collection of her late husband Rex Downie), on her property "Katrine" situated on Katrine Road, 16km East of Toodyay (off the main Toodyay Northam Road) - signs will be displayed.

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Please note that no items will be able to leave the property until proof of payment by way of "office receipt" is able to be shown to ground staff.

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Please call to check availability of items prior to the sale.

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What's in it for us?

I HAVE NEVER written a letter before as I have always tried to maintain a neutral ground but I would like to question the importance and relevance to Toodyay regarding the Targa West Rally.

On Saturday August 16 I attempted to go into town to collect a few items en route to a job. I couldn't get into the main street so I parked out the back and walked through, which for my legs is hard work. I glanced up and down the street and tried to glean the type of stalls that were set up on Stirling Terrace.

From what I could see, they were pit stops for the rally cars and brought no significance to anyone passing by.

Several 'helpers' sat around in arm chairs waiting for the cars and had all sorts of self-catering equipment around them – thermos, bbq, eskies with food and the like. Therefore they were not appearing to be purchasing food from any vendors in the street.

The blockage of Stirling Terrace caused many businesses to be unusually quiet for a Saturday morning.

Now, don't get me wrong. I support anything, and I mean anything, that brings people to Toodyay and anything that creates an interest and a point of difference to the town but I ask myself if this pit stop set up would not have been better organised at the Showgrounds where it bears no disruption to the normal flow of traffic in the main street of town.

Good suggestion or am I being way too sensible?

Lynda Burke

Shire bouquet

A HUGE BOUQUET to our Shire of Toodyay CEO, Councillors and administration staff for the work they have put into bringing the final rates for the people of Toodyay – a very daunting task which must have taxed each and everyone to find a fair and comfortable result for all.

Now rest comfortably, we of the rural areas of Toodyay congratulate you all with a little tiny increase in our rates, but one that can be manageable even though we may be pensioners.

You at the Shire give so much that a lot of people in the community do not appreciate but we can proudly thank you for your time and very late nights to deliver a budget that will bring progress to our town of Toodyay.

If we did not want to live here, then we would go away to another place but remember – most of the people who are of seniors age would not want to go because the community means so much to them, as does the Shire.

Again, thanks Shire – you do us proud as do your staff. Go sleep quietly and enjoy the peace.

Di and Jeff Roberts

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emergency services

Broadacre brigade plans to brief local farmers at get-to-know-you meeting

Bejoording Volunteer Bushfire Brigade

From the desk of The Badger

AN IMPORTANT date for your diaries is 6pm Tuesday September 23. This will be our annual broadacre farmers briefing and get together.

It is a part-formal and part-social event giving us all a chance to get to know each other, discuss mutual issues, and have some interesting presentations.

The Bejoording Brigade has been reclassified as a broadacre brigade which will have an impact on future operations and fire units.

All broadacre farmers in the Toodyay District are welcome, not just those in the immediate vicinity of Bejoording.

It's been a busy month up at Bejoording with housekeeping and training taking over from operational activities.

Since our last news column our faithful fire engine Big Kev is now shiny like a new vehicle, having been spring cleaned, pressure cleaned, and generally scrubbed up ready for action. Thanks to all those who turned up, got wet and dirty, and really worked hard.

Since then, with big thanks to Barry Grey and Ben Den Boer, a glass sliding door has been installed between our operations/communications room and the main shed which will enhance communication and performance during a significant event.

Barry has also installed a tall antenna and booster giving our shed excellent mobile phone and internet coverage for the first time.

Great news. We have gained four new members recently and I will include details next month with a photo, once the paperwork has gone through and they are official.

At our August monthly meeting Captain Lawrence Hayward noted an increase in small fire incidents and said some of these were related to an increased use of accelerants as we get towards the end of the burning season.

Chairman Richard Hazlewood mentioned that our fundraising drive based on the sale of a range of chocolate products had now covered its costs and any further chocolate sales would be profit, so all members are asked to get more product from Barry Grey

to sell to friends and colleagues. It was noted that some waist lines in the brigade had increased, suggesting that some members found consumption an easier path than selling.

The Bejoording Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade asks you to remember to always plan and prepare before lighting any fire for any reason, and have a clear contingency strategy in place should things get out of control.

Even at the safest times of the year fires can pose a risk to people and property, whether it's burning off on your acreage or a backyard bonfire, so take care.

Advice is free, but getting it wrong can be expensive. If you have any questions you can contact Captain Lawrence Hayward on 9574 5106, or the Badger on 9574 4834. Please leave a message if we're not there.

Brigade members to help at races

Toodyay Central Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade

Desraé Clarke

WITH Chairman Paul Thompson back in position after extended holidays around Australia, the August General Meeting was run with the usual aplomb that only Paul can extend.

Congratulations were given to members, Renee and Rob, on the safe arrival, albeit a tad early, of their little boy.

It was suggested he already has a helmet stored for later on. Congratulations to Rob and Renee.

The past few months have continued to be relatively quiet with several controlled burns taking place and more to come as fire ground training for the newer members.

Updates in radio training are continuing on a 'needs' basis with members requesting a brush-up prior to the forthcoming fire season. Please phone the Captain, Mick, on 9574 2132, for the next radio training session if you wish to be involved.

A date will be organised for follow-up instruction in the use of the special fire blankets in 'Burnover Blanket Use and Drill' prior to the commencement of the fire season.

It is imperative for members to attend as this drill is essential to the safety of our crews and supporters on the fire ground.

The Brigade members will be assisting with the parking at the Toodyay Races in late September and would appreciate help with setting up on the Saturday, followed by parking assistance on the Sunday.

The next general meeting is to be held Tuesday September 23 at the Fire and Emergency Services Centre, Stirling Terrace, Toodyay commencing 7.30pm with new members most welcome.

For further information, please phone the Toodyay Central Captain, Mick McKeown, on 9574 2132 or email 2jcentralvbfb@westnet.com.au.

Coondle on its toes as dry spell leads to burn-off problems

Coondle-Nunile Bush Fire Brigade

Max Heath

HI THERE from Coondle-Nunile Brigade.

Things have as usual been fairly hectic at Coondle. There have been a few call outs. Most have resulted in stand downs but, with

the dry spell, a few people have been carried away with doing a bit of burning and got caught out it seems.

Also we had the Avon Descent and that kept our members occupied for the weekend. It was reported to be a great weekend with only a couple of incidents to be taken care of. You certainly do get them at these events.

One particular person thought it was his right to park on the access road and couldn't understand that emergency vehicles might need access. Another group were getting carried away and when the brigade attended the people from the Avon Descent executive arrived on the scene and gave the brigade complete backup. Great to see, people.

It is also stated that one does not play Scrabble with Colin Stevens.

Also, we have been involved with the Targa West Rally to be on duty at both stages in our area and also carry out Tape and Tag duties.

By the way, have you thought about your firebreaks yet for this year? If you are going to spray it should really have been done by now but will still help.

I have just recently come back from Victoria where we visited our friends in Flowerdale. They took us to Marysville which was wiped out in 2009 and the town is now just about completely rebuilt. The forest area is coming back really well.

We also visited the Melbourne Metropolitan fire museum which was very interesting. We were informed that in the early days one had a plaque on the front of your house from your insurance company and each company had its own fire brigade. When there was a fire, all brigades turned out but if you got there first and it was not insured by your Company you went home and left the place burning.

Well that's about all from us for this month. Remember, now is the time to prepare for this fire season.



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & SUNDOWNER
6-8PM THURSDAY 16 OCTOBER 2014
TOODYAY BOWLS CLUB
4 ODDFELLOW STREET, TOODYAY

Guest Speakers – Dean Carter, IGA Toodyay & Hon Shane Love MLA, Member for Moore.

Please be advised that the Annual General Meeting of the Toodyay Chamber of Commerce & Industry Inc. will be held on Thursday 16 October, 2014 at the Toodyay Bowls Club, 4 Oddfellow Street, Toodyay at 6pm.

Anyone is welcome to attend. A quick AGM will be held followed by a fun networking sundowner with FREE nibbles and a cash bar.

RSVP by 10 October 2014 to:
2jchamber@gmail.com or 0437 701 155.

Fire season busy bee to get ready for summer

Julimar Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade

Tim Walker

AS WOULD be expected August was another quiet month for the fires. However, business as usual at the fire shed with good attendances at our weekly get-together on Friday nights around the fire pit, with some superb suppers provided by those rostered on catering duty.

Tuesday morning busy bees have seen Jeff and Graham complete the paving of another significant area around the fire pit, and while on this subject, members please note that Sunday September 14 has been set aside for a busy bee to get everything ready for the coming fire season.

At our last meeting it was suggested that our brigade make a concerted effort to attract more members. Many ideas were put forth including another open day, which in previous years has resulted in more new members. In the meantime, members in the brigade have been asked to look out for people newly arrived in the area as possible new members. It was also suggested that anyone who is interested could simply turn up on Friday nights at around 5.30pm, which can also provide an opportunity to meet

neighbours in the area and provide another link in ensuring friends and neighbours are aware of fire danger.

Firebreaks are becoming a greater issue each year with record numbers of landowners receiving infringement notices last year. It has been generally agreed that an education program on this topic would be very helpful as some landowners, particularly absentee landowners, forget to have them done. Others are not fully aware of the compliance issues and further, some are aware of the issues but simply just don't get around to having their breaks done in time.

But, very briefly, firebreaks are not simply a one off operation unless you are prepared to engage a contract grader late in the season. Planning is required and, if prepared to use glyphosate, a spray application, usually in June to knock down the first germination of weeds with perhaps a second application later on to clean up any secondary germination. Then follow up by scraping the break clean of any inflammable material to a width of three metres and clear overhead to a height of three metres. For those who prefer not to use glyphosate, ploughing or grading are other available options.

The Shire has a list of contractors who specialise in this work if the landowner does not have the necessary equipment.

Our next meeting is on September 20.

Seniors get the good oil on how to watch out for scams

Toodyay Community Safety and Crime Prevention Association

Desraé Clarke

THE Department of Commerce has a website that incorporates education and security ideas for seniors who use computers for everyday living, communication and business.

The website can be found at www.scamnet.wa.gov.au and contains a wealth of valuable information.

By subscribing to the website it will alert you and keep you informed about current

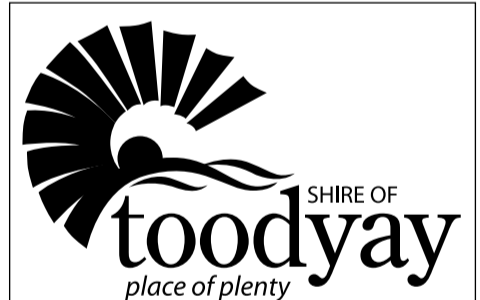
scams and protecting yourself against scammers.

There is a Seniors Online Security page to get started on protecting yourself when using your computer which demonstrates computer security, internet banking, protection of your identity and learning to protect yourself from fraudulent emails.

Each topic is available by clicking on the image for a PDF download.

To subscribe to this Government website the following link can be utilised.
www.scamnet.wa.gov.au/scamnet/ScamAlertMe.htm

CRIMESTOPPERS 1800 333 000
Toodyay Police 9574 9555



NOTICE OF PROPOSED DRAFT LOCAL PLANNING POLICY

Local Planning Policy No. 26 Subdivisional Development Guidelines

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Clause 2.4.3 of Local Planning Scheme No 4 that Council resolved on 24 June 2014 to adopt the proposed draft Local Planning Policy: LPP.26 Subdivisional Development Guidelines

This new draft policy has been prepared as a result of amendments being made to an existing Shire Engineering Policy (E.1) which it will replace if adopted.

Copies of this proposed draft Local Planning Policy are available for inspection at the Shire of Toodyay's Administration Centre, 15 Fiennes Street, Toodyay and are also available for viewing on Council's website www.toodyay.wa.gov.au

Submissions should be addressed to the Chief Executive Officer, Shire of Toodyay, via any of the preferred methods:

- By mail to Shire of Toodyay PO Box 96, Toodyay WA 6566
- In person to Shire of Toodyay Administration Centre 15 Fiennes Street, Toodyay
- Via Email to records@toodyay.wa.gov.au

Submissions close 4.00pm 22 September 2014.

Stan Scott
Chief Executive Officer

Once round the block – and off to court

Police Beat

With Sgt Warren Conder

A POLICE pursuit lasting a full circuit of Toodyay's busy business district ended in a minor collision with a parked vehicle and a young man to face Northam Court this month.

Police spotted an unlicensed male rider on an unregistered trail bike near Newcastle Bridge and chased him down Stirling Terrace into Oddfellow Street, Charcoal Lane, Piesse Street and back around into Harper Road at alleged speeds of up to 70km/h in a 40km/h zone.

The chase ended when the rider lost control of his motorcycle in Harper Road and collided with a parked van, causing minor damage to the front.

The rider escaped with cuts and bruises to one arm but was not seriously injured.

Gumtree gumption

AN ONLINE advertisement on Gumtree has led to the recovery of one of four kayaks worth a total of about \$4000 stolen from a Drummond Road house around the time of last month's annual Avon Descent through Toodyay.

Local police advised the owner to check on Gumtree, where they saw one of the stolen kayaks advertised at a Perth hock shop.

As a result, police now have a lead on the offender and the whereabouts of two of the other three stolen kayaks.



Above: Stolen trailer found submerged in Toodyay creek; Below left: Digger recovered after reported stolen last month; Below right: Some of the haul recovered from crime gang bust.

Warning on farm gates

POLICE are investigating reports that offenders have been opening local farm gates and deliberately releasing livestock on to public roads.

Apart from being extremely dangerous to

motorists, it is also illegal and can attract a \$50 fine under the Road Traffic Code.

Toodyay police chief Sgt Warren Conder said stock sometimes entered roads accidentally but he urged farmers to be at all times vigilant about maintaining the security of fences and gates.

"Most farmers are pretty good but some are a bit lax," he said.

"The Shire has asked us to look into reports that some gates have been deliberately opened and stock released.

"This can lead to charges of trespass and other offences.

"If stock on the road causes a fatality or other road accident, whoever is responsible could be liable for civil and criminal action."

Sgt Conder said he was rounding a bend

on Clackline Road earlier this year when suddenly confronted by about 50 stray sheep just 50-60m ahead, forcing an emergency stop at 100km/h.

"The sheep were being shifted between paddocks and the farmer was very apologetic," Sgt Conder said.

"However, it illustrates the danger that can occur unless proper care is taken."

Camera proves its worth

LOCAL police are again urging local residents and businesses to protect their property with video security cameras following the successful cracking of a Perth organised crime gang operating in Toodyay (see story page 5).

The breakthrough came with a three-second clip of a suspicious-looking white ute captured on a low-budget security camera linked to free software downloaded by a Stirling Terrace business owner.

It led police to uncover a large-scale car "re-birthing racket" and the return of stolen vehicles, farming equipment and other local property worth hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Farmers as well as town business owners could benefit from installing video security cameras, Sgt Conder said.



Battle of Long Tan remembered on Vietnam Veterans' Day

Toodyay RSL

Lou Kidd

AUGUST 18 was Vietnam Veterans' Day. Originally it was a day to commemorate the Battle of Long Tan in 1966, but it has since been adopted by all veterans from Vietnam. With the aid of a few Vietnam Veterans and their supporters the Toodyay RSL Sub Branch commemorated Vietnam Veterans' Day.

It is strange that the Vietnam Veterans have a day of commemoration all to themselves. Other conflicts have no such day. There is no special day for those who served in the First or Second World Wars, Korea, Malaysian Emergency, Malaysian Confrontation, Iraq and Afghanistan, just to name a few.

It must be said in acknowledging Vietnam Veterans' Day, communities throughout Australia remember the sacrifices made by our young men and women in a conflict that spanned a ten year period, thus making it the longest war in which Australians have ever participated.

"The battle of Long Tan was the largest single unit battle fought in Vietnam by Australian troops. It began on the afternoon of August 18 and went right through the night

until the morning of the 19th.

The reason why it is regarded as decisive and significant is because the Australians had been there only a few months. It was the first major conflict involving Australian troops in Vietnam.

The Viet Cong and the North Vietnamese Army were aware that the Australians were there to secure the province and decided that they would take them on. This was the fate that befell a company of men – Delta Company, from the 6th Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment – who were on patrol that particular day.

The enemy lay in wait for them - a huge ambush in a rubber plantation called Long Tan. The Australians had to hold off thousands of enemy troops for the duration of that battle. Eighteen Australian troops were killed and up to a thousand of the enemy.

The skills of artillery men and arrival of armoured carriers with more men saved the day. The 6th Battalion was called the "Baby Battalion" as it was made up largely of national servicemen - and they certainly underwent a baptism of fire."

Just a reminder to all RSL members, our Annual General Meeting will be held at the Toodyay Club at 2pm on Saturday September 6. We look forward to seeing you all.



Big local turnout for Vietnam Veterans' Day

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Toodyay father's impassioned call to arms



Sgt Bill Strahan – killed on the first day of action at Gallipoli

Massed poppies to honour our fallen

Toodyay's Poppy Project 2014

WE ARE making 'Poppies for Toodyay' as part of the Remembrance Centenary ceremonies being held for all those who fought for and gave their lives during the First World War, (and also all those in following wars), in recognition of their many sacrifices. You are invited to join in and make your poppy or poppies too.

They will be assembled onto netting (echoing the camouflage netting used in the soldiers' desert camps) and draped over part of Toodyay's War Memorial on this Remembrance Day, and thereafter on other appropriate occasions.

In this way we hope to remember and honour all those who lost their lives, and all who contributed in endless other ways, with courage and sacrifice, at home and abroad.

There are similar projects happening nationwide (and overseas) and people all over Australia are knitting, crocheting and sewing thousands of poppies.

There are quite a number of patterns available.

See 5000poppies.wordpress.com if you wish to look at those – go to the Poppy Patterns section. Here we have created or adapted two simple ones to knit or crochet so anyone with basic skills may participate.

If sewn or felted poppies are what you would like to do this would also be welcomed. Variations will make the overall effect more realistic. They do look amazing when massed together.

The poppies should ideally be no more than 15cm in diameter but can be a bit smaller and any shade of red. The centres may be black buttons, or crocheted separately and attached, or whatever creative solution you can think of. Check the above website for different approaches.



Crocheted poppies

To get things started there will be a "Poppy-In" afternoon tea at the CWA Hall Stirling Terrace, Toodyay starting at 2pm Tuesday September 9. Please come along.

Wool will be available (donated by the Toodyay Op Shop) and the patterns outlined here. Please bring needles (size 9 and/or hooks size 4) and small scissors.

Alternatively, bring your own materials if using other methods, or your preferred pattern if you have one.

Beginners are welcome. There will be someone to guide you if needed.

Completed poppies will need to be ready from about mid-October to give us time to attach them to the netting. And, do tell your friends. The more we have the better it will be.

Inquiries to Margot on 9574 2823 or 0405 067 591, or email: magart2j@westnet.com.au.

Phone coordinator sought

St John Ambulance – Toodyay & Districts Sub Centre

SPRING is here at last. With spring comes a flurry of activity – everyone seems to emerge from their cozy homes and out into gardens, outdoor activities and travelling. For the ambulance spring usually means an increase in calls, all of which our local volunteers are happy to attend – any time, any day.

We are still seeking a phone coordinator. Phone coordinators receive incoming calls from our State Operations Centre (where a 000 call is received), obtain callout details and dispatch the rostered crew.

You only need a confident phone manner – no special training. You can coordinate from anywhere there is a phone signal or home line and can choose your times to coordinate.

Please don't hesitate to call the sub-centre office if you think you may be able to help out. Without phone coordinators we can't dispatch the crew.

Do you have adequate ambulance transport cover? A local annual Ambulance Benefit Fund membership will only cost you \$49 for

a single membership or \$81 for a family.

This membership ensures you are fully covered for any ambulance transport costs in WA and is a very small price to pay when the minimum ambulance call out fee in our area is around \$390. If you require an ambulance in an area where paramedics attend, you will be charged much more! Local memberships help support our service in Toodyay and Districts. Feel free to phone or visit the sub centre for more information.

Raffle tickets for our annual "Monster Raffle" are on sale in Toodyay Hair Studio. Go in and have a look at what is in the hamper. Thank you to everyone who has kindly donated the splendid array of items.

St John Ambulance Toodyay & Districts Sub Centre
Rear 120 Stirling Tce (behind Toodyay Hair Studio)
PO Box 364
TOODYAY WA 6566
Contact: Phone 9574 2390 or email sjatoodyay@bigpond.com
Office Hours: 9 am to 2 pm, Monday - Thursday

Margie Eberle
Museum Curator / Heritage Officer

A CENTURY ago Australia found itself at war.

Toodyay was heading towards a devastating drought, and a European conflict was far away for most local people who had more pressing matters at hand.

Not so for Toodyay orchardist William Henry Strahan, 44, and the father of 10 children.

Bill Strahan had served on the Toodyay Road Board and was a member of the Deepdale Fruitgrowers' Association.

He saw it the duty of every able-bodied man to defend the British Empire, of which he felt very much a part.

Before joining the Australian Imperial Force he wrote 'The Bugle Call' which was published exactly 100 years ago in *The Toodyay Herald* on 12 September 1914:

*Do you hear the Bugle calling, or are you deaf or blind or dumb?
Will you fight for Flag and Freedom, will you let the foeman come?
Will you halt and look and linger, will you fail your brothers now?
Or stand and fight and conquer 'neath Australia's wattle bough.*

*Do you hear the Bugle calling, call all men worth the name?
Will you share your Country's conflict, or hide your face in shame?
Do you hear the millions marching, 'gainst Belgium's glorious stand?
Will you lend a hand to conquer the spoilers of the land?*

*Do you hear the Bugle calling, calling loud and long and shrill?
Help to stay the marching millions – there's a place that you can fill,
Shall we when History's written, like Belshazzar weighed of old,
Be in the scales found wanting, our Empire to uphold.*

*Do you hear the Bugle calling, Come from your Farms afar;
If it's British blood that's in you, uphold our Nation's star,
For tradition proudly tells us, while Britannia rules the waves
We're the British race of people – they can never make us slaves.*

Do you hear the Bugle calling, don't let it call in vain?

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*Let your answer be 'we're coming', to our friends across the foam,
For wife and child, and sweetheart,
and our sunny Austral home.*

*Do you hear the Bugle calling, do you see the foeman reel?
'Gainst a line of gleaming bayonets, like a glistening wall of steel
Hold the Forts, brave lads, 'We're coming' Australia's sons are true,
We'll stand or fall together, 'neath the Red, White and the Blue.*

*Do you hear the Bugle calling, we expect you to reply!
You will stake your life for freedom, you will do your best or die,
And if perchance in action, for your Country you should Fall,
We will not forget your answer to that thrilling Bugle call.*

Chorus

*Australia's sons are coming, Britain never calls in vain.
Like our proud Canadian brothers,
We are sons of British mothers –
That's our answer to our Foes across the Main.*

Bill Strahan was Toodyay's first casualty of the war, killed in action by a sniper on the first day of the Gallipoli Campaign on 25 April 1915 and memorialised at Lone Pine Cemetery, in Turkey.

He was posthumously awarded the 1914-15 Star, the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

More information about him can be found online in Wikipedia and his story will be featured in next year's World War 1 'Remembering Them' exhibition at Toodyay's Newcastle Gaol Museum, in Clinton Street near the Shire office.

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Fire hoses and choppers enthrall student muster

Toodyay Country Muster

Toodyay Emergency Services Cadets

TOODYAY Emergency Services Cadets hosted a camp last month for students from Catholic Agricultural College Bindoon, Kingsway Christian College, Lake Joondalup Baptist College, Woodvale Secondary College and Toodyay District High School.

Emergency Services Cadet Muster is an annual overnight camp, which is held alternatively by city and country schools.

The very first DFES Cadet Muster was organised by Lake Joondalup BC in 2011.

Following years saw cadets meet at Bindoon, Kingsway and this year in Toodyay.

This camp is very popular among students, and its reputation is growing every year.

We are very fortunate to have the support of local emergency brigades, as their presence gives a lot more realistic experience to cadets.

This year Country Muster had a Moondyne Joe theme, accenting Toodyay's past.

Friday night activities utilised Toodyay historical buildings where cadets learnt about history and local customs, as well as

participating in emergency services tasks. First Aid scenarios took place at the Memorial Hall and Toodyay St John Ambulance sub-centre.

Two-way radios were used to learn about Connor's Mill.

The Gaol hosted a search and rescue drill, followed by some acting in the court room.

The night was concluded with a bush dance at the Memorial Hall.

On Saturday, cadets worked with local volunteers and practised basic drills on their equipment.

The local organisations were from Bush Fire, St John Ambulance, DFES and the Police.

Students also participated in bush craft activities, learning how to make damper, build shelters and navigate using maps and compasses.

The main attraction was to watch the RAC helicopter landing on the school oval.

Cadets had an opportunity to talk to the crew and look inside the aircraft.

The main purpose of this camp was to raise awareness and attract young people to join local volunteer brigades when they leave school.

Cadets also worked on their leadership and problem solving skills.

Working in mixed groups improved their social and interpersonal skills.

Organisers received a very positive feedback about cadets and were very pleased with the support of the local brigades' staff and volunteers, as well as the help received from the Toodyay Shire.

Special thanks to: Margaret Eberle, Kristee Jolly and Corry Munson from the Shire; Toodyay Bush Fire and DFES volunteers; Kerry Fletcher and St John Ambulance volunteers; Mark Bowen from DFES Northam; the Toodyay Police staff; parent helpers, especially Geoff Dickson and Jodi Johnston; TDHS staff and students.

Above left: Students learn to use a high-pressure fire hose; Below: Getting a taste for night-time fire fighting; Left: Group members with their favourite piece of equipment, the RAC Rescue Helicopter



REQUEST FOR PROPOSED EXCISION AND SEPARATE RESERVATION OF PORTION OF THE RESERVE

RESERVE NO. 37786, STIRLINGIA DRIVE, TOODYAY
RESERVE NO. 43412, FERGUSON ROAD, COONDLE

Notice is hereby given that the local government of the Shire of Toodyay, is in receipt of a proposal to excise a portion of the reserves for the purposes of providing telecommunications facility infrastructure.

The lands referred to as Reserve No. 37786 & 43412 are type '20A' reserves and are set aside for Public Recreation. The Shire of Toodyay proposes to lease the excised portion of the reserve.

Plans and documents setting out and explaining the proposed reserve disposal have been deposited at Council Offices, Old Court House Building 15 Fiennes Street, Toodyay and will be available for inspection during office hours up to and including 30 September 2014.

Comments that you wish to make on the proposed reserve disposal should be submitted in writing on or before the 30 September 2014. Submissions should be addressed to the Chief Executive Officer, Shire of Toodyay, via any of the preferred methods:

- By mail to Shire of Toodyay PO Box 96, Toodyay WA 6566
- In person to Shire of Toodyay Administration Centre 15 Fiennes Street, Toodyay
- Via Email to records@toodyay.wa.gov.au

Stan Scott
Chief Executive Officer



Card and bingo players wanted for Saturday afternoons

Idas Hideaway

Greasy Sleeve

TIME flies if you are having fun. We had a very busy and successful month behind us.

Our AGM was held on July 19. The committee members are President: Marilyn Smith; Vice President: Syd Sinclair; Secretary: Ann Rowles; Treasurer: Rae Vigar.

We are sorry to have lost Glenyce and Michael Cox as committee members.

Thanks so much for all the good work you have both done over the years.

On July 25 and 26 we had a very successful street stall. We would like to thank all of our helpers.

The lucky winners were: Wood: Black 48, Purple B86, Hamper: Orange B28; Cover: Red C50; Wendourie: Blue C23; Shawl: Red C35; Pampering Set: Blue C34.

On behalf of IDA's hideaway we would like to thank our community for their support.

And a very special thanks to our wood donors, Charlie and Rob.

There is not much other news. We are still looking forward to see some card or bingo players. Please contact Ida on 9574 2858.

Happy Birthday to : Glynce Bosnjak 5/9, Marilyn Smith 12/9, Peg Nelligan 13/9, Michael Cox 23/9 and Veya Due 27/9.

I was talking to a lady the other day. I asked her, "What do you do when your arthritis plays up?" "I drink lots of whiskey," she said. "What about when depressed?" "Lots of gin," she said. I asked her, "What about water?" "I am never that sick," she said.



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Gateway Toodyay a soft target for crime

Richard Hazlewood

YOU DON'T hear much about 'duffing' or the fine art of stealing livestock nowadays, and the era of bushrangers is long past, but there has always been crime in the bush and country towns.

The idyllic rural life portrayed in old soap operas, paintings and novels never really existed, but types of crime and levels of crime have evolved with the changes in our social, geographic and economic structures.

From the very beginning Newcastle/Toodyay had some form of policing, and it had a lock-up or gaol.

Common crimes were petty thieving, some livestock duffing, and drunk and disorderly conduct, but it was hardly a hotbed of criminality.

Even Moondyne Joe, WA's only bushranger, was hardly a big-time criminal or romantic anti-hero.

He was a rather pathetic character, a repeat offender of low-level thieving and petty crimes, more notorious for his frequent escapes from custody than his actual crimes.

He lived to a ripe old age for the life he lead, 74 or 75 according to his disputed birth date, and his 'era' was over by 1900.

The more serious crimes such as murder were most frequently crimes against Aboriginal people, or revenge attacks on white settlers.

I recently spent an enjoyable hour or so with Toodyay's Sgt Warren Conder who gave me some interesting insights into policing in a country town and rural district.

It's true to say that we are not immune from most of the crimes that beset modern cities but the ratios and emphasis are very different. Look at drug related crime for example.

We are far more likely to find growers than illicit laboratories.

For sure there is a degree of drug consumption but we don't have dealers hiding in every shady corner, and turf wars between dealers.

Consequently, while we do have a degree of burglary and it may even be on the rise, we don't have drug fuelled violence and home invasions like the big cities.

Livestock 'duffing' was a declining crime until the demise of the 'Stock Squad' but now seems to be slowly increasing, and this is a uniquely rural crime.

Also more common in rural areas is truck or trailer hijacking and police are specially trained to recognise suspicious vehicle movements and check consignment notes.

While it exists, domestic violence and anti-social behaviour is proportionately lower

than in our cities.

Perhaps this relates to a less pressured lifestyle and a generally better quality of life.

Operationally, policing in the country is quite different.

Police move around quite frequently with four years being a typical posting.

Consequently, serving officers tend to integrate into the community more slowly and unlike our volunteer ambulance drivers who are mostly long term residents, they are less likely to deal, when performing their duties, with people or families they know personally.

The main challenge in a location like Toodyay is providing seven-day 24-hour rotating shift coverage with limited resources.

Rostering works well much of the time, but special events such as our Picnic Races, the Agricultural Show, and the Moondyne Festival require radical rescheduling of resources.

Another challenge is to avoid the appearance of regular routines, especially with patrolling because, in a small environment like the bush, the bad guys get to know the routines very easily.

In a country environment community information is vital.

If you notice something out of the ordinary such as strange vehicles in strange places, or people randomly visiting properties, you must tell your local police.

It may be nothing, but it may also be someone planning or casing an opportunity for a crime.

Toodyay is a 'first stop' gateway to regional WA and consequently is a first and soft target for city-based criminals who know that many homes are not only unattended for lengthy periods but are often 'out of sight'.

Work with your neighbours, let each other know if you are going to be away, make sure you can recognise each other's cars, know who lives around you.

Finally, spare a thought for our regional police forces and their facilities.

If the front door is locked and you have to ring a bell, they aren't being unwelcoming.

Most of them don't have security screens between themselves and the public, so if there's only one person in the station it's precautionary to have a locked door and bell.

Unfortunately, as with so many publically funded institutions, facilities are upgraded and improved much more slowly than in the cities.

When all is said and done, I feel a lot safer here in Toodyay Shire than I did in the big city, and I think our local boys and girls in blue do an excellent job.

Art exhibitors get ready for VINO at Coorinja

Arts Toodyay

Clive Eger

IT IS September and that means only one thing for Arts Toodyay and the Toodyay community – VINO is coming.

The annual VINO art exhibition will be held at Coorinja Winery on Toodyay Road over the September 27-29 long weekend.

This will be the sixth year that the exhibition has been held in this wonderful venue and each year there has been a steady increase in the number and quality of the works on display.

The exhibition has traditionally drawn entries from the Toodyay and Avon Valley area and this year there will be entries from further afield and in greater variety than ever before. VINO is open between 10-5 daily and entry is free.

The Toodyay Races are on the same weekend and we are hoping that the punters will drop in and maybe turn their winnings into a work of art to take home with them.

It is not too late to enter artworks in the exhibition – entries close on September 19 and entry forms are available from LJHooker in Toodyay, the Toodyay Library or from drumree99@gmail.com.

Meanwhile, Arts Toodyay member Margot Watkins is coordinating Toodyay's response to the national Poppy Project to commemorate the onset of World War 1.

The project aims to create many thousands of red poppies which will be knitted, crocheted or created from fabric and featured in commemorative events.

In collaboration with the Toodyay RSL, the Toodyay poppies will be part of this year's Remembrance Ceremonies at the war memorial.

Margo will conduct a poppy-making 'Pop-In' workshop at the CWA Hall at 2pm on Tuesday September 9.



VINO preparations at Coorinja Winery

For more details about the poppy project visit 5000poppies.wordpress.com.

Arts Toodyay Inc. is a group of arts enthusiasts from the Toodyay area who meet to share their expertise and promote their work in the Toodyay area.

Members have diverse interests ranging from painting, creative textiles, jewellery and contemporary embroidery to creative writing, pottery, printmaking and sculpture.

New members are always welcome. To find out more, contact Clive on 0401 966 153 or email drumree99@gmail.com.



Mother's breakfast on the cards

Toodyay YouthCARE Council (Chaplaincy)

Vivienne Freeman
Secretary

OUR school chaplain (Robyn Sinclair) organised a Dads' Breakfast on June 27 at the school.

Following this very successful event where 120 students, dads and grandparents attended, she then organised a morning tea for mothers.

There was a resounding request for a Mothers' Breakfast. We'll keep you posted.

Our next fundraising event is a raffle on September 19 and 20. One of the prizes will be a money tree with 30 scratchies. I know we will again have great support from our community.

An early notice is that there will be a

morning tea for "Friends of Chaplaincy" on the October 22 at the school. Catering will again be provided by the school Yummy Chummies. Invitations will be sent shortly.

There is a belief by some in the community that Christian Religious Education (CRE) teachers in our schools are not trained.

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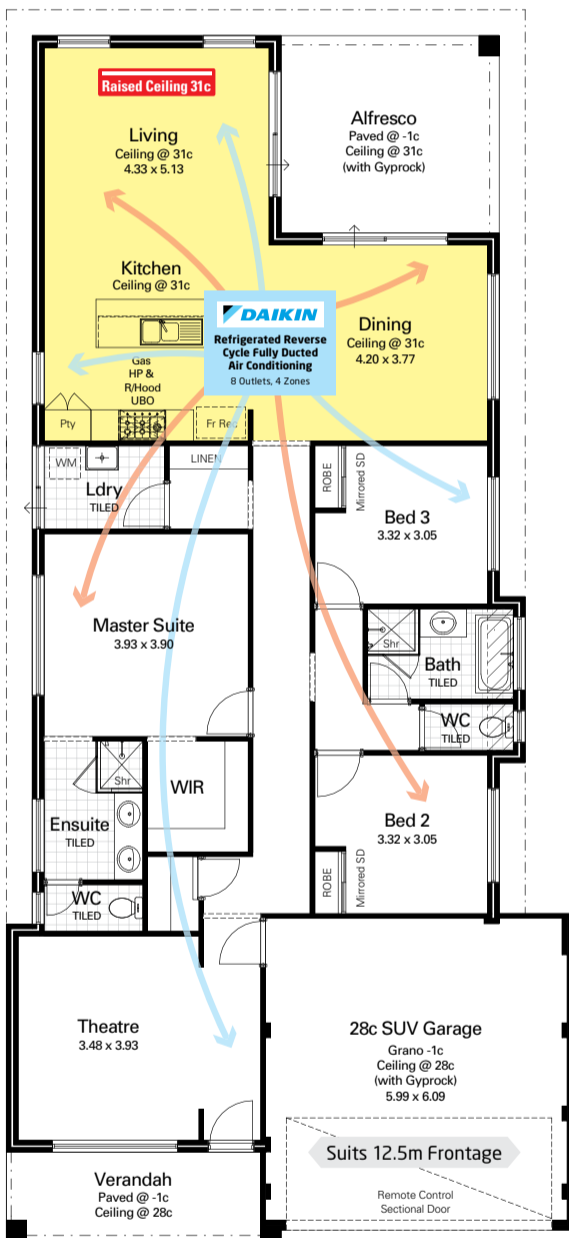
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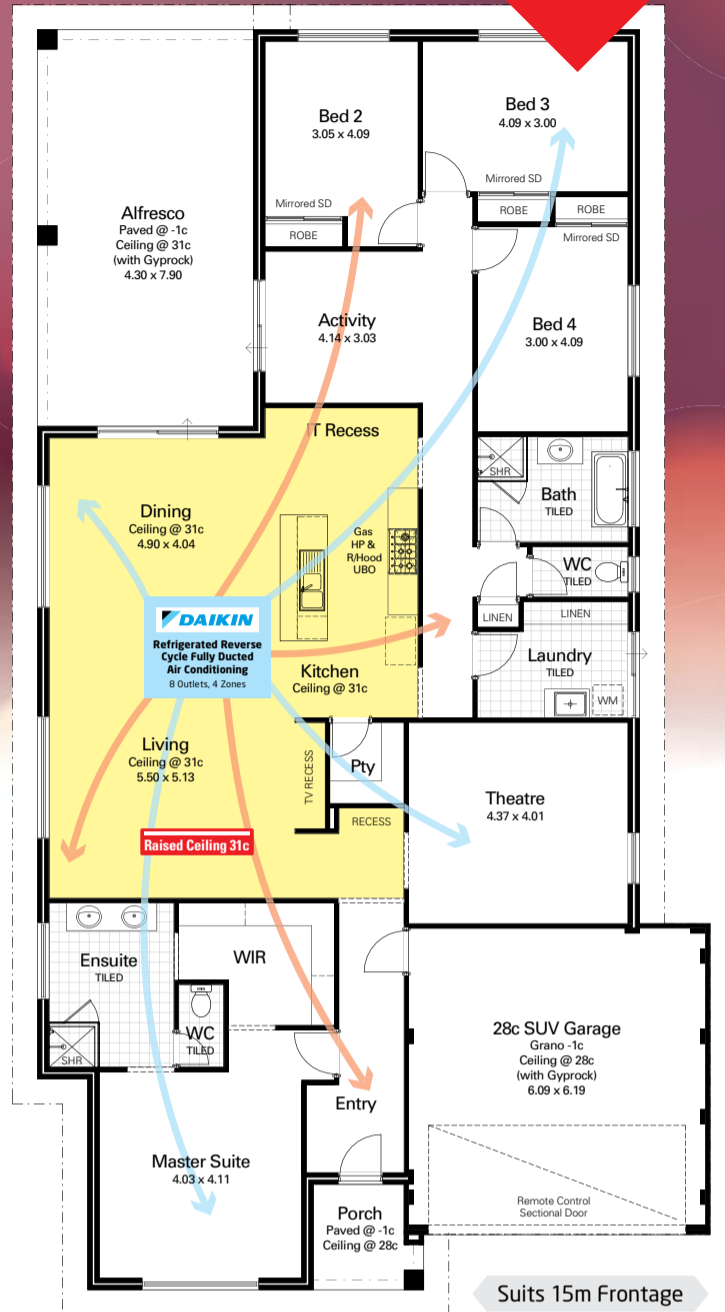
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Feel the love as Cheeky Bus faces busy month

Toodyay Community Bus

Di Roberts

WELCOME to the September column.

Have you ever thought what it is like to write a column for the local paper?

Well let me tell you it is like building a house. First the plans, then the discussions, then the plans again and finally the decision for what is wanted.

The column is no different. Our very wonderful committee each month try to come up with something that will give the community of our town a glimmer of hope, what our Cheeky Bus is doing and doing well.

OK, enough said but we have news for you all. Think about the next two months. There is the Toodyay Agricultural Show on the October 11 and we hope that we can use the Bus as a Shuttle Bus to and fro from the Show. We think it's a good idea to help those who cannot walk too far and may be in need of assistance. Our thoughts are that a gold coin donation could help this Bus to keep going with a "feeling of love". We await the decision of the Toodyay Agricultural Society.

Then, with love in our hearts and wanting to share with our Seniors, there is the Seniors Week in November. Who would not want to go to Hillary's Boat Harbour, have a lunch of fish and chips and look at the boats that share such fishing adventures?

Another day that will be planned is to go to the Swan Valley for a tour of a lifetime. Come on our seniors. This is not only a trip to taste so many varieties of food, but the chance to have chocolate made before your eyes. What luxury.

This will be followed by a lunch to share with your fellow passengers. What else could one ask for?

We hope that we will be favourably received to receive a grant to take our Seniors on these excursions. Only time will tell if the people at COTA will agree with our thoughts. So wait for the next *Toodyay Herald* to give you the answers.

Have you ever thought of becoming a member of the Toodyay Community Bus Inc? We have a special subscription for you: a single person \$2, family \$5 and corporate \$10, and there are advantages to being a member as your price per kilometre is reduced. So, think about a single, family or corporate membership.

Our Bus is available for any function and we will endeavour to find a driver if you do not have one.

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Cookbook a hit at CWA conference

SO MUCH to report – so little space.

July saw CWA members from all over Western Australia gather in York for the 90th State Conference.

Of 138 branches, 122 were represented. Visitors included the presidents of the Associated Country Women of the World, the South Pacific Area of the ACWW and CWA of Victoria.

Much to the surprise of the CWA Vic president, the Melbourne Cup made an appearance – it was passing through York on its way across Australia to arrive in Melbourne in November.

The hard work of the conference was centred around 31 motions submitted by state management and branches, the former to ensure the efficient running of the organisation in the coming year, the latter to ensure government is aware of concerns regarding such things as Tier 3 railways, sale of land to overseas countries and advertising of alcohol.

To lighten proceedings, guest speakers and entertainers gave generously of their time and expertise.

The Ultimate Scone Cookbook was launched – sold out on the first day.

The sellers were as surprised as would-be buyers. They thought 600 copies would be plenty

Liz Davenport talked about "The Uncrushable Woman" both literally (she got 22 items of clothing in a piece of carry-on luggage) and figuratively (describing her career to date), and generously left nine pieces of material and copies of her book to be auctioned.

Kath Mazella OAM spoke of her 20-year struggle to raise awareness of gynaecological health. We highly recommend you look at GAIN.org.au.

Rural Community Achiever Mary Nenke described her family's successful move from traditional wheat and sheep farming to producing yabbies.

Local lass Dee Robinson told of her delight at receiving a plasma cutter as a present and about subsequent development of a small business making garden ornaments with her favourite toy.

The choir from York school and Cantara sang for us.

In previous editions we appealed for scarves, spectacles and stamps.

The response was overwhelming and \$750 will go to the Northam Women's Refuge.

Last month we reported that the amount collected up to that date for the 90th anniversary fund-raising for the Royal Flying Doctor Service was \$60,000.

A final cheque for \$75,000 was presented to the RFDS at the conference – a magnificent response from 138 branches, some of which have less than 10 members.

The 90th anniversary dinner was held last month, accompanied by Fiddlestix.

Back home, we held a White Elephant Stall last month to aid Wheelchairs for Kids and raised \$580.90.

The leftovers were put out again the following Saturday when the annual Targa West passed through town and a further \$313.20 was added – thank you, Toodyay.

A week later, four members drove down to Bayswater for lunch with our sister branch Judith and Maxine represent Toodyay at the 85th birthday of Goomalling-Konongorong Branch on August 18.

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

The CWA Hall is next to the Garden Centre in Stirling Terrace.

There is plenty of parking in Charcoal Lane and if steps and slopes are a challenge we have a new entrance off Charcoal Lane.

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

Diary date: Fashion parade, Thursday September 11. Look for posters around town

Tuning into music in the face of war

Toodyay Music Club

Jenny Edgecombe

FOLK have always turned to music in the face of the unspeakable horror of war, giving our August club performers plenty of scope for songs ranging from serious to satirical on this theme.

Australians have a leaning towards humour for dealing with adversity, so one performer chose to amuse the audience with 'Songs the Diggers Really Sang'.

The Americans produced their share of black humour and we raised the roof just before the supper break with the raucous 'Fixin' to Die Rag', Country Joe's caustic anti-Vietnam War song.

Peter showed his usual versatility, ranging from a sombre solo, 'My Youngest Son Came Home Today' to a comical 'Battle of New Orleans' with the Kalamunda Four in delightful four part harmony.

Maurice reminded us that music was used

is put before it. We need you as a community to use the Bus. But we also need our young folk to recognise that further down the track they may want to share for reasons of their own. We ask our young folk to look towards where you are in our Town and come forward and ask the Cheeky Bus to help with your adventures. She will be there for you.

Bye for now.

to stir the spirits of fighting men, as he gave us 'March of the British Grenadiers' while Spencer's beautiful tenor excelled in an unaccompanied 'White Cliffs of Dover'.

You cannot have war songs without plenty of Eric Bogle, and not only for his bitter-sweet lyrics. Peter commented that the tune of 'No Man's Land' was very moving when Leila played it on the violin.

Jeanette took us to another place with Isla Grant's 'If Only This Old World Could be at Peace', written after visiting the Congo. Eileen joined her for a hilarious impromptu 'Quartermaster's Store', accompanied by their ukuleles.

A war movie inspired Moya to perform a perennial favourite, 'As Time Goes By', so

we ranged far and wide for our items.

The theme nights do encourage members to try something different and November's will be 'a doozy': 'Songs with question words starting with W, such as Who, What, When, Where and Why'.

The AGM was also held in August. Joe Edgecombe continues as President, with Spencer James as Vice-President, Jeanette Jones as Treasurer, and Peter Watson coming in as Secretary.

Next meeting: 7pm Friday 12 September. Any style of singing or instrumental performance is welcome so long as it is acoustic. Further Information: Teddy or Spencer on 9574 4492.

Loss of arm, leg and fingers highlights rail-risk folly

A TEENAGER who lost an arm, leg and several fingers has spearheaded a rail safety campaign by WA rail operator Brookfield Rail.

It followed a near-hit in Toodyay, when a youth narrowly missed being struck by a passing train.

Brookfield Rail safety ambassador Jonathan Beninca, who was 19 at the time of his life-changing accident, said it was important that people understood the risks involved in taking short cuts across railway lines or throwing rocks at trains.

"All too easily, someone could make a wrong choice that will haunt them for the rest of their life," Mr Beninca said.

According to Brookfield Rail, six rail trespass incidents were reported in Toodyay during the last financial year.

"Some of these incidents were near-hits," a spokesperson said.

"In one case, a youth narrowly missed being hit by a train, and there were a number of incidents of people riding trail bikes illegally in the rail corridor.

"The rail corridor is more than just the track – it includes access roads and land either side of the track.

"Trespass in the rail corridor – for any reason – is illegal."

Vandalism was also a common issue, the

spokesperson said.

This included obstructions such as rocks and bricks being placed on the track and, more recently, road signs (see June *Herald*).

"This is incredibly dangerous," the spokesperson said.

"People need to understand they are not only breaking the law but putting their own lives and the lives of others at risk by this dangerous behaviour."

Brookfield Rail said about 70 level crossing-related incidents involving pedestrians or vehicles hitting or narrowly missing trains occurred on WA's rail freight network each year.

Most were caused by inattention by motorists and pedestrians.

In addition, more than 160 incidents of trespass or vandalism were reported statewide each year, with many more going unreported.

Trains could weigh more than 14,000 tonnes and took a long time to stop when travelling at 90km/h.

"When accidents occur, the repercussions for families, communities and locomotive drivers can be devastating," the spokesperson said.

Brookfield Rail urged anyone who saw suspicious activity around the rail network to report it immediately to police.



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Toodyay Spinners

Ange Sturman

THIS month we have seen some lovely items of felting from some of our members who have been going to the felting group.

Elaine made a lovely rose and Robyn made a very decorative purse.

Also, Tess spun some great yarn from an Ashford wool bump.

Alice spun the yarn used in two short sleeved vests.

She knitted one and Margaret knitted the other.

Our spinning group meets every Wednesday from 9am to noon, and every 3rd Saturday of the month at Parkers' Cottage in the Showgrounds.

The felting group has changed its meeting time to the second Monday of each month from noon to 3pm, also at Parkers' Cottage.

Felting group contacts are: Jan Manning



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Rise and shine for car and motorcycle show

Michelle Haycock

ATTENTION all you petrol heads – it's that time of the year again.

The 2nd Annual Toodyay Car and Motorcycle Show will be held on the first Sunday in November at the Toodyay Showground, and this year we have even bigger plans to keep you and your family entertained all day long.

There will be no charge to exhibitors, with the entry fee being a donation from everyone coming through the exhibitor and spectator gates.

We want all the beautiful vehicles to be the main attraction and as many vehicles as possible on the day for the crowd to view and enjoy.

So please start polishing and cleaning those cars and bikes because we want to see all the local number plates we can find on the day.

The fantastic junior football club canteen will be working, selling their famous hot chips and other goodies.

There will be sit-down facilities for lunch in the Showgrounds pavilion.

And we have decided to continue with the children's corner and have an area for kids with entertainment.

Bouncy castles, train rides and face painting have been discussed, so bring your kiddies

and family along on the day.

A fantastic T-shirt featuring a Car Show logo was designed at the inaugural 2013 event, and we still have some sizes left.

If you are interested in purchasing one of these shirts for \$30 please email your details and your requested size to toodyaycarandbikeshow@live.com.au.

The Shire of Toodyay has assisted the club by waiving the fee for all stall-holders at the event on the day.

However, stall-holder application paperwork is required – please contact Secretary Michelle Haycock 0439 754 144 for more information.

We are also still looking for donated prizes for the raffle on the day.

The whole idea of the event is as a major fundraiser for the Toodyay Junior Football Club, as well as giving the community a fantastic day to enjoy.

If you or your business would like to assist with a donated prize for our major raffle or if you would like to donate financially to our event, please contact Car and Motorcycle Committee event organiser Wayne Outen on 0408 943 906

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Trial leads Bolgart boy to State Hockey Team

All smiles over AvonLink

New from Bolgart & Surrounding Areas

Doris M Martin

REGAN Clarke has made the State 13 Boys' Hockey team due to play from October 4 to 11 in Adelaide. Regan is part of a group of boys, 32 in total, who will field two teams - Gold and Black - in the National competition.

There are six country boys selected across the two teams with the remaining from metropolitan regions. Regan was initially nominated by his Calingiri Junior Hockey Club through the Mortlock association to compete in the country regionals.

He then entered an open state trial with Hockey WA and has been successful in gaining a spot in the state team through that avenue.

Regan began playing hockey in 2011 for the Calingiri Junior Hockey Club and has played in the past three years' State Country Week Championships held in July at the Perth Hockey Stadium.

He was Runner Up Fairest and Best in 2012, Fairest and Best in 2013 and was also one of the highest goal scorers in the association for those two years.

Regan now plays in the 8A Team for Aquinas College.

Overseas experience

Tristan Clarke was selected to represent his school playing hockey in Malaysia in the first term holiday break in May 2014. The team included Year 10, 11 and 12 boys from Aquinas College.

Tristan spent ten days playing hockey in both Penang and Kuala Lumpur. It was a great experience for him, especially the rigour of the games against the people of Malaysia, but also the various cultural activities they became involved in, such as the Water Festival and visiting a snake temple in Penang.

Tristan has also been chosen to participate in a Philippines immersion in the October school holidays this year for two weeks.

He will live with a Filipino family in Negros for a week attending the local school, and working in the local rural community planting rice and cutting sugar cane.

He will then travel to Manila where he will visit an orphanage, participate in a school feeding program for children, visit disabled, deaf and blind people and work with street kids.

Tristan is really looking forward to this experience as it will be invaluable in appreciating disadvantaged communities and just how fortunate his own life in Australia is.

Birthdays For The Month:

Ben Clarke - July 28, Danika Rijpstra - August 3rd, Bonnie Edmonds - August 7th, Cheralee Wallis - August 20 and Alyssa Farrell - August 21.

We hope you all had a good one and many happy returns of the day to you all.

On A Sadder Note:

Sympathy is extended to Helen Doley and family on the sad loss of husband and father Donald William Doley of Calingiri who passed peacefully away on July 15, 2014.

Donald had been an employee of the Victoria Plains Shire for some 20 years to the late 1990s and was highly respected in the Victoria Plains area.

It has been a very sad month for Calingiri with the death of Valerie Gladys Burt, wife of Hugh Burt (deceased), and mother of Cyndi, Julia and Robert, grandmother of eight and great grandmother of two.

Val passed peacefully away at Wongan Hills Hospital on July 27 and a funeral was held at the Crematorium Chapel, Pinnaroo on August 8th.

I'm sure we will all remember Val as a very hard working lady as both a nursing sister and a farming wife and the sympathy of the district is extended to her loved ones.

A memorial service for the late Hazel Frances Edmonds (Nee - Millington), formerly of Calingiri and Rockingham was held at the Bullcreek Church of Christ on August 11 and a private cremation was held later.



Regan Clarke from Bolgart, member of the State 13 Boys' Hockey team

Hazel was the wife of the late Cyril Edmonds and condolences are extended to their daughter Loris and family.

It is with sadness that we also report on the death of Barry Weston Baker of Toodyay who passed peacefully away at the Avon Valley Residency, Northam on August 15 at the age of 74 years and eight months.

Barry was the son of Robert John (Jack) Baker and Joyce Baker (Nee - Smith) - (both deceased) and brother of June Eddy, Noel Baker and Colleen Cook. He was also the Uncle of 16 and Great Uncle of many. He will be sadly missed.

A graveside service was held at the Toodyay Cemetery on August 21.

Condolences to all of his loved ones.

THIS month's announcement in Toodyay of the new AvonLink expanded rail service was attended by (above, from left) WA Nationals MP Martin Aldridge (MLC, Agricultural Region), Toodyay Shire Councillor Paula Greenway, WA Nationals MP Shane Love (MLA, Moore), WA Nationals Leader and Regional Development Minister Terry Redman (MLA, Warren-Blackwood), and WA Nationals Deputy Leader Mia Davies (MLA, Central Wheatbelt).

Toodyay was chosen for the announcement

because local support groups, councillors and MPs led the fight to overturn last year's shock State Government decision to scrap the weekday passenger rail service.

The new service, from December 1, will include two extra trains a day on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays and a regular weekend service plus 10 extra return services per year for special events such as the annual Moondyne Festival and Avon Descent.

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A day in the life of Toodyay 1979

Doris M Martin

In a little sleepy hollow lies good old Toodyay Town,
For many years it never moved, but now it's off the ground,
For people come from near and far its treasures to survey,
From old historical times – the things of yesterday.

The old-time Toodyay Gaol is now a museum bold,
And Connor's Mill stands silently, its history to be told,
Whilst the Avon River close nearby just trickles silently,
There's nowhere near the water now as what there used to be.

I've seen the water overflow the decking and top rail,
Of that bridge near St Stephen's Church, and in that lies a tale,
The water used to lap its steps and flow to Connor's Mill,
It used to be the Power House, old Norm's ghost haunts it still.

The friendly service in this town – some beating it would take,

We're still treated humanly, individuality is not at stake,
As we have found in other towns where by a number you are known,
On computer files in larger stores, where credit you do own.

Now take for one the top garage, Leo's the owner's name,
To people from near and far he always acts the same,
If his charges do seem high there's one thing in his favour,
He'll never see you stuck at all if he has the power to save ya'.

Now Fred and Maureen run the grocery shop once known as Jager's store,
And before that it was James's back a few decades or more,
In there one's greeted with a smile and inquiries on one's health,
Regardless of one's station in life or regardless of one's wealth.

Now Tom's taken over the butcher shop – the Toodyay Meat Supply,
Where once he was the slaughterman and watched the livestock die,
He carried out his gory task with confidence

and style,
Who would have thought he'd be running the place in such a little while.

Whilst down at Betty's knick knack store you're invited to browse around,
And purchase souvenirs and things that compliment the town.
There's things in there that one can send to countries far away,
And have them suitably inscribed 'From Toodyay WA'.

Across the way a surgery, it used to be the Club,
Where one could have a quiet drink, 'twas quieter than the pub,
For many years Doc O'Reilly was the medical man until he did retire,
Now all the medical care for health is run by Doctor Dyer.

As well as three pubs in the town, a new club does it boast,
Where one can have a night out and maybe drink a toast,
To expansion, to upgrading and the betterment of life all 'round,
To a town that's getting on the map – 'Good old Toodyay Town'.

Who would be an Editor?

*Getting out this paper is no picnic.
If we print jokes people say we are silly,
If we don't they say we are too serious,
If we clip things from other papers,
We are too lazy to write them ourselves,
If we are stuck on our own stuff,
If we stick close to the job all day,
We ought to be out hunting up news,
If we do get out and try to hustle,
We ought to be on the job in the office,
If we don't print contributions,
We don't appreciate true genius,
And if we do print them the paper's filled with junk,
If we make a change in the other fellow's write-ups we are too critical,
If we don't, we are asleep.
Now, like as not, someone will say,
We swiped this from some other paper.
We DID!*

Beth Frayne, from Toodyay Historical Society sourced this poem from Trove and Society archives (1990). The author is unknown. The poem first appeared in *The Toodyay Herald* on 15 October 1937 and was reprinted several times a year until October 1941, mainly when Robert W Crosbie was editor and proprietor. The poem reappeared in *The Herald* in December 1990 when Jocelyn Ballard was editor. The author is unknown.

Turning from garden dibblers to spinning wheels

Avon Valley Woodturners

Max J Heath

THERE has been activity aplenty at the pavilion. Our show raffle project is well under way.

We have also been busy with making garden dibblers for a garden centre for sale.

I don't know if any one in Toodyay was lucky enough to attend the Wood and Craft Show at Claremont Showground recently.

If you did and stopped at the WAWA stand you would have seen, as part of the display, items turned by different clubs. Toodyay had considerable input to this stand and apparently there was a lot of comment on our spinning wheel that was on display.

We recently decided to purchase shirts with Avon Woodturners and our names on them.

These have now arrived and look quite smart. Now, when we attend weekend workshops we will at last look like a club.

I have mentioned before that we were having trouble with one of our lathes. Now, after getting onto the right person, it is going to be repaired once again under warranty by Carba-Tec.

There is a lot of thinking going on about our shift to the new depot area. There is a lot to consider with dust extraction being a main one. This is an expensive outlay and has to be done properly for health reasons. This is another reason we are having an extra raffle or two this year.

Recently my wife and I visited Victoria. We went to a few tourist areas and I was disappointed at how little woodturning we saw in our travels. They have some beautiful

timbers there to work with.

Well, that's about all from the Pavilion for now and remember, you are welcome to call in any Sunday morning and have a look see.

In closing I would like to remind you as Roadwise say SEAT BELTS SAVE LIVES.

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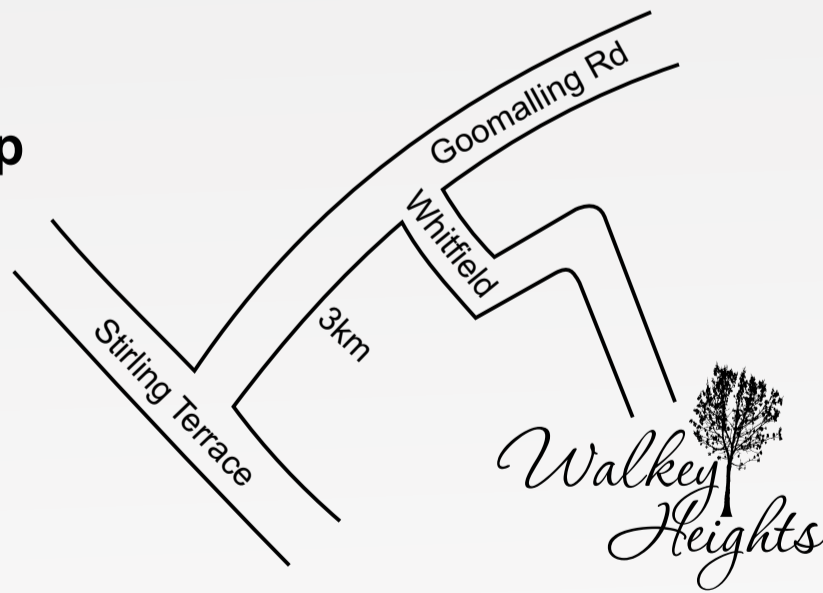


This spectacular piece of land will be named after our much loved and remembered Dr Richard Walkey at a simple naming and remembrance moment on Saturday 13/9/14 11am at the stone which will bear his name.

All Welcome

Come and enjoy a cup of tea to a backdrop of music especially composed by local musician Bettina Scobie.

Country Realty take this opportunity to invite Toodyay folk to pay their respects and remember the man who bought his own special brand of medicine and friendship to the Avon Valley.



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