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Fortune shines on lucky Toodyay punters



OVERCAST skies and occasional drizzle failed to dampen the spirits of nearly 3000 happy punters who flocked to Toodyay racecourse last month for the 149th running of WA's favourite country picnic races and the \$9900 Toodyay Cup.

Organisers breathed a sigh of relief as intermittent sun showers held off for the ever-popular Fashions of the Field contest, \$1000 Dash for

Cash footrace won by Damien Higgins and the feature race won in a tight finish by 5YO bay gelding Raising Dubai, ridden by Peter Hall.

The 2014 Toodyay Cup was presented to Colin Pearce by WA Nationals Deputy Leader and Central Wheatbelt MP Mia Davies, who is also WA Minister for Water and Forestry, and this year's new Toodyay Race Club Patron.

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Shire defuses fire shed row

Michael Sinclair-Jones

THE LATEST in a series of internal rows at the Coondle-Nunile Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade has cost Toodyay ratepayers hundreds of dollars in commercial dispute resolution services and prompted a "please explain" to the Shire Council.

Last month's Shire accounts show an August 18 payment of \$630 to Barking Dog Consultancy for "conflict resolution" at the troubled brigade.

Coondle ratepayer and former Toodyay Shire President Allan Henshaw used public question time to seek details of the "specific conflict that required resolution" and asked the Shire what it had done about what he claimed was a "long history of conflict".

Shire President David Dow said he had seen the questions only that afternoon.

"There are some very sensitive issues – and perhaps some confidential issues – so I'll take the questions on notice," Cr Dow said, deferring his reply to the next Council meeting on October 28.

Mr Henshaw, who served as Shire President from 2001 to 2005, said the Council rejected a call by him and others two years ago for an independent inquiry into an earlier dispute at the brigade.

Shire CEO Stan Scott told *The Herald* that the most recent dispute involved "personality clashes" and that external mediation had left all parties satisfied with the outcome.

"It's acknowledged there have been disputes at Coondle but these have been resolved," Mr Scott said.

"Toodyay has very effective volunteer bushfire brigades.

"I'm very comfortable that our emergency response capability is very good."

His comments were echoed by Toodyay Chief Bush Fire Control Officer Murray McBride, whose resignation was due to take effect at

the end of September but the Shire has yet to appoint a replacement.

Mr McBride acknowledged that internal disagreements could impact on brigades but said all rosters had been filled for the coming fire season.

"If there are any disputes within brigades, they are never shown on the fire-ground," he said.

"Everyone joins a brigade to fight fires – not each other."

Mr McBride said he had served 28 years as a Toodyay fire-fighter and 10 years as local Chief Bushfire Control Officer.

"In any volunteer organisation, there will always be differences among people from different backgrounds," he said.

'Tightly-knit group'

"But fire-fighters are a tightly-knit group – these guys put their lives at risk.

"It doesn't affect their fire-fighting capabilities and competence."

Coondle-Nunile Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade Captain Mark Middleton said there had been a "big kerfuffle a couple of years ago" at the brigade.

As a result, the Coondle-Nunile fire shed had been closed to all auxiliary members and those issues were now resolved, he said.

Mr Scott said the Shire had adopted new draft Bushfire Operating Procedures in June but was awaiting new State bushfire legislation before it could adopt new local Shire laws to govern bush fire brigades.

The Shire currently had 350 active fire-fighters who Mr Scott said were all well-trained and well-prepared for the coming fire season.

He said Toodyay was currently being mapped by the State's new Office of Bushfire Risk Management.

"There are some fairly heavy fuel loads around, particularly grasses," Mr Scott said.

The Shire's Bush Fire Advisory Committee

had proposed that Morangup Fire Control Officer and farm manager Craig Stewart fill Mr McBride's job.

However the Council had yet to decide if the "very demanding" role of Chief Bush Fire Control Officer should change to a paid position, Mr Scott said.

The Shire is also yet to employ a new Community Emergency Services Manager for Toodyay and Goomalling following Corry Munson's resignation from acting in the post in August.

The \$90,000-\$124,000 post was advertised in July and interviews held but a new appointment has yet to be made.

One option being considered was that the two jobs be combined into one, Mr Scott said.

Restricted burning – for which Shire permits are required – began on October 1. A total fire ban starts on November 1.

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Toodyay teams take Tidy Towns title

Toodyay Tidy Towns

Beth Frayne, Toodyay Tidy Towns Committee

TOODYAY has won the Tidy Towns Sustainable Communities Central Wheatbelt regional title.

Keep Australia Beautiful WA Chairman Mel Hay made the announcement in Kellerberrin last month, describing Toodyay as a proactive community with an extremely well-organised Tidy Towns Committee.

"Toodyay has more than 40 groups and partnerships focused on litter prevention and conservation of the natural environment," Mr Hay said.

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Ol' Blind Joe

A Stately Entrance

Stirling Hamilton

OK, THAT'S it, I'm officially flabbergasted.

A couple of years back I wrote about this 'Entry Statement' design business and it appears that my comments failed to penetrate the thick walls of the castle and reach the corridors of power.

In last month's Toodyay Shire Council agenda it records that "a design contest took place some years ago, however in endeavouring to find details through both Shire records and community contact – no further details have been found."

So now they're running with the two most recent concept designs that have apparently been skulking around chambers for a bit, but which for some reason are classified as 'Confidential'.

I should mention that this matter will come up for comment down the track, so we will see them eventually – but I will proceed regardless.

The agenda goes on to say that the concept design by Danthonia Designs is one which incorporates the adopted Shire Logo/Brand and builds upon the boundary entry signs and a new event sign design.

OK – it's Top Secret and I haven't seen it so how can I put this?

Well, the Shire's corporate logo has about as much relevance as a symbol of Toodyay's harsh and rich pioneer heritage as a collection of Uncle Fester's toenail clippings.

People come to Toodyay to see the old school stuff, the scuff marks, the dents, the scarred lines of history written bold and proud across its bent and battered body.

Not more advertising and stale, boring gimmicks pretending to be 'the real thing'.

First impressions are as important for towns as they are for people.

We should be mindful that a Stately Entrance worth its salt will be around for many generations to come and should itself become a heritage asset.

And it's not just the Entrance as the traveller approaches the township where we can display our character – it's also a marvellous opportunity to do something special in the Rail Wagon Information Bay area.

It's a perfect place for visitors to pull up, stretch their legs and get a taste of the region's history before entering the township proper.

To their credit the 175th committee has made a reasonable fist of it and suggested several good ideas.

Such as, instead of painting some prissy-arse picture of a windmill on a sign, (which incidentally needs a caption to explain what it is), why not whack up an actual ridgy-

didge, rusty, old, creaking one that works and draw some water up from the river to nourish the landscaping there.

Ok, that's not exactly word for word, but they did mention a windmill.

However, then they suggest that the vacant reserve west of the information bay would be a good place for a history walk, using steel cut-outs to interpret some of the elements of Toodyay's history.

Instead of two-dimensional steel cut-outs that you can find in any suburban shopping centre, why not create a kind of open-air museum and skip this interpreting nonsense?

Let's talk materials, the kinds our forebears used – mudbrick, Toodyay stone, bushrock, bridge timbers, bush logs and roofing iron.

Stirling Terrace has fared quite well throughout the years and managed to retain much of her rural architectural charm.

However, a visitor to our township will find a richer trove of agricultural machinery and vehicles evocative of our history at the tip.

How about an old coach or dray, an ancient tractor, some rusty old farming implements, a knackered truck or maybe even – heaven forbid – a cunningly disguised composting dunny made from weathered slab timbers which speaks and smells of a former time and place.

At this point, I can just imagine the Nervous Nellies in their health and safety uniforms crossing their legs and nattering away while writing furious letters of outrage to whoever will listen.

It's funny though – most of the old blokes and ladies I've met and talked with aren't offended by such things, but these days it's some waste-of-space with some fancypants title wearing a fluoro jacket and clutching a clipboard who gets their knickers in a knot about folks doing things the old way.

Strangely, the old mud brick joints might be sliding imperceptibly down the hillside back into the river but a slap and tickle and a buttress here and there and she's good as gold.

As to our Stately Entrance, let's not drape her in tawdry advertising and shiny baubles but instead throw a simple shawl woven from our ancestors' works around her shoulders as she embraces the weary traveller seeking solace from the boredom of the flatlands.

History with its flickering lamp stumbles along the trail of the past, trying to reconstruct its scenes, to revive its echoes, and kindle with pale gleams the passion of former days – UK wartime Prime Minister Winston Churchill (1874-1965)

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Failing phone cover raises fire danger in Morangup

Michael Sinclair-Jones

A DANGEROUS lack of reliable mobile phone and landline services in high fire risk Morangup has prompted a community plea for help to local Federal Liberal MP Christian Porter.

Concerns were raised in July when 20 police and State Emergency Services volunteers searching three days for a lost local man could not communicate with each other for lack of mobile phone coverage.

Even the Morangup Community Centre – which doubles as an emergency evacuation centre for 900 local residents – has no mobile phone or wireless network coverage.

Local residents say Telstra landline services are often frustratingly unreliable – sometimes breaking down for weeks – or provide uselessly slow internet connections that frequently ‘time-out’.

Their major concern is if a bush fire destroys unprotected Telstra copper cables laid by installation technicians across large areas of open ground or if power supplies are disrupted.

This would leave local families and elderly residents with no access to emergency SMS alerts or the ability to use a landline telephone to call for help.



Phone cable tied by Telstra to tree in Morangup Road

Although the State Government has set aside a further \$45 million in stage two of WA Royalties for Regions funds for new country mobile phone towers, Morangup is not on the priority list.

The area, which was once jarrah forest but aerially re-seeded with dryandra (kerosene bush) after the timber was felled for the Wundowie foundry, now contains large areas of highly flammable vegetation.

Morangup Progress Association representatives met Mr Porter during his visit to Toodyay last month.

The former WA Attorney-General and State Treasurer was given a dossier of complaints from local residents, including from a serving WA police officer who said he had no home mobile reception and missed two overnight calls to duty because his Telstra landline was down, “placing the public and my colleagues in danger”.

“We cannot receive emergency SMS broadcasts, and landline communications (home phone/internet) in my area are extremely volatile and seem to fail regularly,” the police officer said.

“I suspect that during a catastrophic event, they would be the first thing to go.

“If Telstra continues to refuse to provide even a standard service, Morangup residents must qualify for the NBN satellite service in order to preserve life and property, and to provide the means to trade and communicate in a manner that others in WA have been used to for many years.”

Another Morangup resident who runs three businesses from home said he relied heavily on telephone, mobile, internet and email to exist.

“On numerous occasions we have completely lost our landline services for extended periods

or had to cope with very poor internet services – 1.56mbps download and 0.33mbps upload.

“On top of this we have poor or no mobile phone service.

“A neighbour who had two strokes was without a phone for more than six weeks.”

Another local business owner said it was a major frustration to have to stay home for half a day after reporting a fault only for a Telstra technician not to turn up.

“During the last outage, I was in the midst of a \$1600-a-month radio campaign that invited people to email or phone my landline,” he said.

“Westnet offered to divert my phone to mobile but that would have achieved nothing because we don’t have reception.”

Mr Porter told *The Herald* that the Federal Government could not tell Telstra what to do because it was an independent corporation.

However, he asked local residents to send information about their landline difficulties directly to his office and said he would add it to material from last month’s Morangup meeting and write to Telstra, following it up with a meeting.

Mr Porter said all communities would eventually have access to Australia’s new National Broadband Network for better internet services.

However for Morangup residents, “the exact nature of the solution is not presently known”, he said.

“That is a task that NBN Co will be making as part of its assessment process.

“Smaller populations will likely be part of the satellite NBN service to be rolled out next year.”

A Telstra spokesperson admitted Morangup had “limited” mobile phone and internet coverage.

“We understand community concerns about contact in emergency situations,” the spokesperson said.

“No wireless network should ever be relied on in emergency situations.

“We also reinforce the advice listed on the SES website that Emergency Alerts should not be relied on as the only form of communication or warning in the event of a life-threatening incident – local radio is often the best source of information.



This phone cable runs 500m along McKnoe Drive

“We encourage customers in at-risk areas to consider using a standard fixed phone line that may be more likely to continue to operate in the event of a power outage.

“Those in isolated areas can consider buying a satellite phone.”

The spokesman said Telstra would “look into” Morangup residents’ complaints of landlines laid across open ground and “see where improvements can be made”.

Existing mobile phone coverage could be boosted with a roof-mounted antenna or by buying particular brands of mobile phones recommended by Telstra for rural areas.

Telstra was keen to talk to customers with phone difficulties, the spokesperson said.

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Broken Telstra cable box at corner of Blackbutt Drive and McKnoe Drive has not been fixed for two years



Mario Letta on his last night at Toodyay’s popular Vince’s Restaurant and Pizza Bar

Mario’s last pizza ends 43-year era

A 43-YEAR era in Italian cuisine ended last month when local chef Mario Letta cooked his last pizza at Vince’s Restaurant and Pizza Bar in Toodyay.

It was a night of memories for the former doyen of Northbridge late-night eateries as Toodyay friends called by to farewell Mario, now 67, with a glass of vino or two – and plenty of friendly banter.

Mario arrived in Toodyay seven years ago to set up a new business among locals he now regards as family.

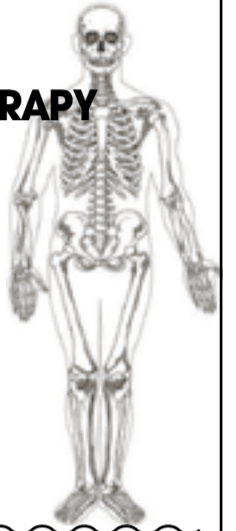
Others remember him fondly from earlier years as the genial host at Uncle Vincent’s in Lake Street, Northbridge.

Many an all-night party ended there with an early breakfast of beer and pizza with a fried egg cracked in the middle.

Life is much quieter now, and Mario is looking forward to going fishing at Fremantle this month with son Paul.

And the secret to making good pizza? “Keep it simple,” says Mario.

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Coondle conflict

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No other community organisation is more tightly knit than these brave men and women from everyday walks of local life.

Anyone who has ever faced a wall of fire raging high into the sky at close range will know the strength, courage and dedication that make these people so special.

They are on call day and night to do what many others would run from in panic.

That's why it's vital our volunteer bush fire brigades approach the coming season as a united team – not a divided house.

Some people did not want *The Herald* to publish this month's Page 1 story about troubles at the Coondle-Nunile Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade for fear it may deter new members from joining, or cause others to leave.

However, there is a broader public interest when ratepayer money – nearly half an average Toodyay Shire rates bill – is spent trying to fix internal divisions that appear to have festered for years.

Persistent rumours about ongoing troubles at Coondle have circulated for months but became public only after a \$630 payment for "conflict resolution" was questioned publicly by a former Shire President at last month's Council meeting.

This is a matter of concern not only for those brave souls facing what many predict will be a particularly dangerous fire season but also for all Shire residents who rely on locally funded fire fighting units to operate at maximum strength and cohesion.

The bottom line is that the community needs fire sheds that are united and strong.

This can best occur if past differences are set aside and members agree to look to the future for the common good and treat each other at all times with dignity and respect.

Telstra's Catch-22

LIKE DOOMED American flyers in Joseph Heller's anti-war novel 'Catch-22', Morangup residents face an absurd choice.

Telstra's response to the lack of local network coverage is that mobile phones should not be relied on for emergency bush fire alerts – people should use land lines.

If their landline fails, as local residents claim happens frequently, Telstra says people can spend hundreds of dollars on a roof antenna – if mobile coverage exists.

And if there is no phone reception of any kind, people should listen to their radios – presumably day and night, 24/7.

Even if you find a phone that does work, don't expect any quick fixes – despite years of complaints, Telstra acts publicly as if it doesn't know about any problems and says affected people can contact them.

Catch-22.

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The way we were: Starters in the Toodyay Cycle Club's first post-World War 1 race in 1919 outside the old Post Office in Stirling Terrace, from left: Norm Garvey (in Union Jack vest) L. Whitfield, F. Anderson, T. Lloyd, B. Geary, F. Geary, R. Anderson, E. Paterson, Valston Hancock, Frank 'Hookie' Doust, Harold Donegan, O. Leeder and F. Lloyd. According to Wally Chitty's book 'Toodyay, The Good Old Days' Doust was first to complete the eight-mile (13km) West Toodyay circuit, and second was Hancock, a boarder at Toodyay Convent and later Air Marshall Sir Valston Hancock DFC, Australia's Chief of the Air Staff (1961-65). The 1920-30s were golden years of cycle racing in Toodyay with the local club affiliated with the WA League of Wheelmen, enabling local riders to compete with professionals. Picture from Toodyay's Newcastle Gaol Museum collection.

letters

Absolutely splendid

HAVING READ *The Toodyay Herald* from front to back, our congratulations again to you and your helpers for an absolutely splendid issue.

You give us hope that the community will read the paper and enjoy the various stories, items and ads from all.

The most important aspect is to share with the community and inform them on what is happening in our town and what they can believe and share in.

The wit you share with the columns you receive and the headings are just fabulous, because you turn a somewhat droll column into one of amusement and recognition of what was needed to be said.

The bouquet above needs to be shared with all who help you to bring about every issue, but remember if we did not have you, life would never be the same.

Each and every month we look so forward to receiving the paper, and also to get the comments from the community who have read it, and it has been positive.

So from us to you, thank you for believing in our not-for-profit organisations.

We will continue to keep on and bring some focus to our community and perhaps a little more unity.

Di and Jeff Roberts

Get those names

THE COMMITTEE OF the Toodyay Historical Society would like to congratulate you and your team on an excellent newspaper.

It covers the news and opinions of the district. A newspaper does more than inform the reader of events of the day – it is a record of history.

Future generations will use the newspapers to research their ancestors, to see what they did, what they looked like and who they interacted with.

For these reasons we believe it is very important that all photos, particularly posed photos, have all names attributed where possible.

We understand that this may add more work – including for contributors – however it is an important part of what newspapers do.

We all look forward to *The Herald* each month.

Once again, well done.

Peter Robinson

President, Toodyay Historical Society Inc.

GM questions dodged

LAST MONTH I attended a talk in Toodyay by WA Nationals Party Leader Terry Redman regarding WA's Royalties for Regions Scheme.

I asked Mr Redman what money had been set aside to clean up genetically modified contaminations of non-GM farms.

He replied that WA had never been GM-free. Before I could say that we have had GM content in our food supply but not in growing crops, I was cut off and disappointed the question was not fully answered.

I do not think some farmers or consumers realise that GM content in their crops could result in (agrochemical company) Monsanto charging penalties or user fees for its technology regardless if that farmer went into an agreement with Monsanto or not.

This should be of great concern to all because of the potential for the costs to be passed on and would have enormous implications for the income of farmers.

I understand Mr Redman was Minister for Agriculture at the time when he regrettably pushed through exemptions to permit the growing of genetically engineered canola despite there being a moratorium in place.

I am concerned that my property may also be contaminated by GM crops if they are permitted to be grown around me and without adequate safeguards to protect me.

This would mean a costly exercise in my endeavour to remain GM-free.

Surely farmers who wish to capitalise on markets that do not want GM food should be looked after too.

I am not convinced GM crops are viable or even wanted as I often see GM canola prices much lower than conventionally grown canola.

Farmers are a practical bunch of people and seed saving is a very important.

Being locked up in an agreement with a biotech company and required to use its patented herbicide is not desirable at times

when trying to implement integrated farming practices.

It would have been good if Mr Redman had answered my question in full rather than trying to skirt around this important issue, particularly now the State Government wants to repeal WA's Genetically Modified Crops Free Areas Act.

This is a retrograde step, particularly when thousands of people signed a petition requesting that no exemptions be permitted while the moratorium was in place.

Helen Evans

The Toodyay Herald invites you to have your say in our letters page. Please email your correspondence to news@toodyayherald.com.au with your full name, address and phone number. Letters that are short, sharp and to the point about topical local issues are preferred. The Herald reserves the right to edit letters for length.

The Toodyay Herald

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

of

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We hereby extend an invitation to Members of The Toodyay Herald Inc to attend the Annual General Meeting to be held on

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Saddle-sore police chief raises \$3000 for kids

A "SORE ARSE" and the worst wet weather in 35 years of motorcycling didn't deter Toodyay Police Chief Warren Conder from riding 4675km in six days to help raise more than \$3000 towards the 'Bright Blue' Police Commissioners Fund for Sick Kids, dedicated to assisting child medical health research.

Sgt Conder joined WA Police Commissioner Karl O'Callaghan and 44 other WA riders in an annual national pilgrimage to Canberra by police from all States to honour fellow officers killed in the line of duty.

The Wall to Wall Ride For Remembrance ended with a motorcycle procession through Canberra and a special service at the National Police Memorial in Canberra attended by about 2000 police officers from all over Australia.



At the Canberra Wall of Remembrance – a plaque for Const. William McKernan who died after a horse fall in February 1869

"The WA group left the Maylands Police Academy in Perth at 7.30am on a Saturday last month and it rained all the way to Cunderdin," Sgt Conder said.

"We reached Norseman at 6.30pm on the first day and Border Village late afternoon the next day, riding 10 hours on each of the first 3 days.

"We were up at 6.30am, on the bikes at 7.30 and by the end of the sixth day my arse was so sore I could hardly sit down.

"The toughest day was after Port Augusta when we had the worst wet weather I've experienced in 35 years' riding.

By the end of day six, I didn't want to sit on a bike any more."

However, the discomfort was offset by the exhilaration of riding across the top of Victoria's Mt Hotham and seeing skiers on snow slopes all around, although Sgt Conder said heavily iced roads caused him to lose traction twice.

Sgt Conder personally raised \$3000 in sponsorships from his previous police posting at Geraldton, including \$500 from Wongan Hill business Jolly and Sons, with manager Brenton Read joining the ride, which he described as "brilliant".

WA Police Commissioner O'Callaghan said the annual WA pilgrimage to raise money for child health research was physically challenging but the rewards far outweighed the effort.

It was Sgt Conder's second national ride in three years, and he is now seeking Toodyay sponsors for next year's Canberra ride, with all donations tax deductible.



Sgt Warren Conder with his Yamaha Classic 1100

Writs yet to be served

WRITS have yet to be served on former Toodyay Shire CEO Grahame Merrick and former Shire President Charlie Wroth – more than six months after the Council first filed papers against them in the WA Supreme Court.

The Shire is suing its former civic leaders for various alleged breaches understood to involve sums totalling several thousand dollars.

Herald reporting of the legal action earlier this year prompted a series of questions by former Toodyay Shire President Bob Somers at the Council's August meeting.

Mr Somers – who was Shire President from 1988 to 1994 and is a Bejooring ratepayer – asked if the two defendants had been invoiced for the amounts allegedly owed.

He also asked that if the matter was settled out of court would the Shire have any way of hiding any income if it won, or expenses if it lost.

Shire President David Dow replied that the defendants had not been invoiced.

"If there is a confidential settlement, details of the alleged behaviour may never become

public," Cr Dow said, as reported in *The Herald* in June.

However, he added that "there was no suggestion that financial information would or should be hidden."

In response to another question from Mr Somers asking whether the Shire had set aside money to pay for a defamation case should it lose, Cr Dow said "taking legal action against a person does not give rise to a cause of action for defamation".

Cr Dow referred to legal advice to rule a further question from Mr Somers out of order and barred its content from being published in Council minutes.

Documents filed in the Supreme Court on March 24 give the Shire 12 months in which to serve writs on Mr Merrick and Mr Wroth.

Once served, the defendants will have 14 days in which to respond.

Full details of the Shire's claim have not been publicly disclosed.

The two defendants have previously declined to comment to *The Herald*.

Early bird winners

PROMPT Toodyay ratepayer Peter Sides has won \$1000 first prize in the Shire of Toodyay's early bird rates competition.

Twenty winning entries were drawn by *Herald* 'Fly on the Wall' columnist Peter Robinson (right), assisted by Rates/Finance Officer Narelle Rodger and supervised by Shire President David Dow at last month's Council meeting.

Other prizes included a chainsaw, gym membership, B&B accommodation, WA Symphony Orchestra tickets, gift vouchers and six family passes to the Toodyay Show on Saturday October 11.



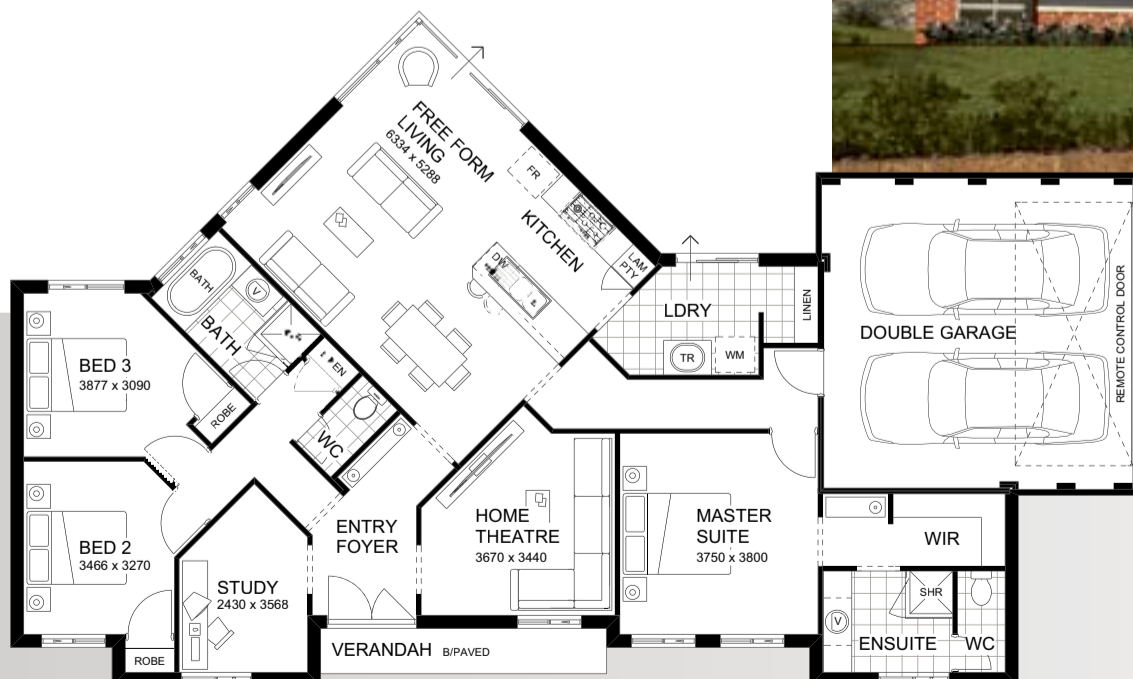
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Passport theft on the rise

Toodyay Community Safety and Crime Prevention Association
Desraé Clarke

IDENTITY fraud may be illicit use by another of personal data from credit cards, slips from the use of credit cards when attending an ATM or illicit phone calls requesting personal data purporting to be a banking institution, Australian Taxation Office, etc.

However, a very disturbing emergence is the stealing of passports which is another form of identity fraud.

A passport is an extremely valuable document containing personal data consisting of a unique passport number, date of birth, origin of birth,

a signature and an identifying photograph.

As an extra measure of security, colour copy the first page of your passport and keep it separate from the actual passport.

Take a colour copy of your passport when travelling, once again, keeping it separate from the original; the passport must be treated with utmost care and security when on holiday.

It is an offence not to report a stolen or lost passport as soon as the loss is discovered; notify the police and also 131 232 which is the Australian Passport Information Office.

CRIMESTOPPERS 1800 333 000
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Australian Passport Information Office on 131 232.

Prize missed but lottery loss not always bad news

Fly on the Wall
Peter Robinson

THE Rates Incentive Scheme prize draw took place at the commencement of the September ordinary meeting of Council.

There were 20 names drawn from the box, unfortunately mine was not one of them. At the time of the Vietnam War my birth date was not drawn for conscription either, so missing out is not always a bad thing.

Back to the council meeting. About a dozen Men's Shed blokes were in attendance to hear the fate of their request to use part of the old works depot site for their permanent home.

The recommendation was moved, with no questions or clarification and no objections. This means it was passed 7 to 0 (there were two councillors absent). The whole item took about 20 seconds.

At long last Entry Statement constructions are moving closer, I think. Strangely, that item and another concerning reroofing the Memorial Hall were moved to confidential business.

The gallery was left outside for an hour for those discussions. You will not believe it, but on returning we were told both items were deferred to next month's meeting. (I see Bolgart are building their entry statement now).

Quite a few years ago Envision Toodyay ran a competition for an entry statement, with the public voting on the entries. The Council of the time rejected the winning design but did nothing to initiate plan B.

The Wine and Tapas bar is a step closer with

the toilet facilities now passed by council.

It is interesting to note that the liquor licence restricts the number of patrons according to floor space and the Health Dept restricts the number according to the toilet facilities. The lower number is enforced.

At all levels of government spending a lot of money on consultants is often done when it would seem unnecessary, yet at other times saving money is the main criteria.

When it comes to our kids and school busses, their safety should be paramount. Main Roads proposed a cheap but unsafe solution to a problem with the bus turn-around at Toodyay Rd/Morangup Rd intersection.

Our council has agreed to an alternative solution which is safer but, unfortunately, not very practical. The situation will require some thought, design and probably money.

The museums advisory committee has been asked to consider uses for the Wicklow Shearing Shed and the Police Stables.

In general terms you would think display rather than storage, but we should leave the details to the committee.

A notice of motion to have two council meetings a year in Morangup was amended to two community consultation sessions.

It should be more constructive to have a less formal discussion than to ask residents to sit through several hours of a formal meeting. The amended motion was passed.

The meeting finished just after 7.30pm. Cr Brian Rayner nearly had his wish to be home by 7.30pm.

VINO exhibition reaps local rewards

Arts Toodyay
Clive Eger

PHEW – what a month it has been and what a great time was had by all at VINO 2014.

This was the sixth time that the annual Arts Toodyay VINO exhibition has been held at Coorinja Winery and once more the owner, Michael Wood, did us proud with new lighting to enhance the display and great wines to help with the Opening Night celebration.

Staging such an exhibition is a huge job but the response from exhibitors and viewers has been great.

It is obvious that VINO provides a great opportunity for local and regional artists to show their work.

The sales figures are testament to the high quality of the exhibits this year. The exhibition was officially opened by local art therapist, Despina Weston, whose entertaining address gave us all a further insight into the value of art in our lives.

Once again we would like to acknowledge the great assistance provided by LJ Hooker and the Toodyay Library in acting as distribution and receipt points for entry forms in the run up to the exhibition. Thanks to all the local traders who have allowed us to display our posters in their businesses.

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

Members have diverse interests ranging

from painting, creative textiles, jewellery and contemporary embroidery to creative writing, pottery, printmaking and sculpture. New members are very welcome. Contact Clive on 0401 966 153 or at drumree99@gmail.com.

New Pastor for Factory Church

Toodyay Baptist Church

THE Factory Church in Stirling Tce will hold an open day on Saturday November 8.

The church has been using The Factory as its home since March 2007.

The church caters for families, men, women, young people and children, holding a variety of activities throughout the year.

Services are held each Sunday at 10.30am.

Change is coming to the church in November when Pastor Keith Hall, a qualified Pastor and counsellor, will be coming to Toodyay.

He will take on the oversight of the church, initially for five months.

The open day on Saturday November 8 will give the community an opportunity to come and see the church building and to meet Pastor Keith. There will be displays to show the various activities held in the Church and a sausage sizzle will also be available on the day.

Everyone is invited to attend between 1pm and 4pm on the day to see who we are and what we do.

Toodyay a 'prime spot for illegal drug labs'

Police Beat
With Sgt Warren Conder

AN ALLEGED clandestine drug laboratory has been shut down in Toodyay following a raid by Organised Crime Squad detectives acting on information provided by local police.

Detectives used a search warrant to confiscate chemicals and alleged illegal drug-making equipment during a raid last month on a property on the town's outskirts.

A man was charged with attempting to manufacture a prohibited drug and is due to face court this month.

Local Police Chief Sgt Warren Conder said Toodyay was a prime spot for illegal drug labs because the town was relatively close to Perth for manufacturing and distribution networks.

"We don't get many clandestine drug labs here, but every once in a while we find one," he said.

"Toodyay is no different to any other country town in that there's a fair number of amphetamine users here and most get their supplies from Perth."

Sgt Conder said the illegal manufacture of amphetamines was a highly dangerous activity with a serious risk of explosion.

He urged Toodyay residents to be vigilant for any unusual activity such as shed lights on late at night, the smell of ammonia or other potent chemicals, and discarded chemical containers in places such as road verges.

"The odour can be quite strong," Sgt Conder said.

"We urge people not to approach suspects or their buildings but to contact police.

"We go after users but our focus is on dealers to target distribution networks."

Burglars busted

STOLEN goods worth more than half a million dollars have been recovered and eight men and a woman charged after raids by Perth police last month in Toodyay, Herne Hill, Swan View and Upper Swan.

Burglaries included homes cleaned out in the Majestic Heights area of Toodyay, as well as in Gidgegannup and Chittering.

The raids were part of police Operation Hotrod to target criminals stealing vehicles and farm machinery in the Toodyay area and

nearby, and selling or trading them for drugs.

Recovered items included vehicles, tools, machinery, a spa, TVs, computers, guns, wine food and other household goods.

Bolgart visit

ABOUT 20 local residents attended a crime prevention talk by Snr Const. Nicky Turner at the Bolgart Bowling Club last month.

Snr Const. Turner discussed the recent success of Toodyay Police in catching a major organised crime gang operating in the Shire after local residents had reported suspicious activities to police.

She urged Bolgart residents to be similarly vigilant and report any criminal or suspicious local activity.

Bauxite mine delays Shire economic plan

TOODYAY Shire's controversial draft Economic Development Plan is still back with consultants after the council deferred it in August following 75 submissions from Morangup residents opposed to bauxite mining in their locality.

Shire CEO Stan Scott said a detailed submission from Morangup resident Russell Simpson was being reviewed by consultants RPS Australia East Pty Ltd before a revised draft would be considered by Council, possibly next month.

The Shire's draft Economic Development Plan, released in June, created a storm of protest in Morangup when it appeared to favour a planned new 55 square kilometre bauxite mine next to the rural residential community, which accounts for about a quarter of the Shire's population.

Chinese-backed miner Bauxite Alumina Joint Ventures says it plans to open a Toodyay shopfront and wants to form a "Community Advisory Group" with local residents, businesses, environment groups, emergency services organisations, community bodies, the Shire and others.

Felicitas Bauxite Mining Proposal



We want to hear from you

Bauxite Alumina Joint Ventures (BAJV) is developing the Felicitas Bauxite Mining Project, located west of Toodyay. As we are at the beginning of the projects development we would like to understand the community's vision for Toodyay and the role our project may play in the region's future.

We have just sent out some community information letters to the Project's nearest neighbours and intend to get this information out to the broader Toodyay community and surrounding areas within the next week.

We are already receiving input from some community members, mostly through meetings with residents living close to the proposed development and by attending local community events.

How can we engage together?

We hope to increase opportunities to generate open discussions with interested members of the community. Soon we will be opening a community shopfront (information centre) in Toodyay, with a view to opening initially on Fridays between 10am and 4pm or by appointment.

We are keen to establish a Community Advisory Group (CAG) to facilitate formal discussion and provide an opportunity for community members to contribute. It is our intention for this forum to play an advisory role and input to key decisions as the Project moves forward.

We would really like to get a range of community group representatives involved with the CAG including for example: local residents, local businesses/workers, local environmental groups, fire and emergency services, community organisations, the Shire of Toodyay Council, Department of Parks and Wildlife and others. Please contact us directly by the 30 October if you are interested. A committee will be formed to review applications and get this group together before the end of the year.

How to Contact us

Register your interest in joining a Community Advisory Group by emailing me at chantelle.osullivan@bajv.com.au. Please include your contact details and a little of your background. You can also give your feedback on how you would like to communicate with us by completing the online survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/BAJVFC0012014>

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emergency services

Record fire hazard levels likely again

Julimar Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade
Tim Walker

ACTIVITY is ramping up to prepare for what promises to be another record year of substantial growth of fire hazard material.

A busy bee last month saw a good roll-out of enthusiastic members to spring clean the fire shed, truck depot and radio room.

Others helped clean up outside, including removing overhanging branches on fire breaks and grading them to compliance standard.

Wade got the go-ahead at our last meeting to buy two TVs, a new vacuum cleaner and a new

office chair for the radio room.

He also helped to commission two new drafting hoses and install them in the truck shed – many thanks Wade.

Captain Grant's report was a pre-season introduction to what we are all about and a comprehensive point-by-point talk about general protocols on and off the fire ground.

It included briefing and de-briefing, vehicle checks, timely responses, radio protocols, log books and use of pagers.

Many thanks Grant for an excellent report.

Members also discussed the probability that Volunteer Bush Fire Brigades may lose their

current autonomy but were relieved to hear this was highly unlikely to occur soon.

Last month's pre-season run-through on truck operations and radio procedure was well attended by five radio operators and about 20 registered fire fighters.

Julimar members will again provide light lunches, and morning and afternoon teas for the Toodyay Agricultural Show on Saturday October 11

Contributors should contact catering manager Peggy Sapwell.

Our next meeting will be at 6.30pm on Saturday October 18.

We're prepared for the fire season – are you?

Toodyay Central Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade
Mick McKeown

BY THE time you are reading this, the Shire will have entered a restricted burning period.

This means that you cannot light a fire without a permit. Nevertheless, you can still prepare for the bushfire season in other ways.

Making your property more fire-safe is a long term task and the best time to commence your ten year plan is now.

One way to make a start is to walk around your property and imagine a bushfire is coming.

Look for items which are likely to burn or where embers could start a fire. Taking action now to remove flammable materials close to buildings may make a critical difference if your property comes under attack.

For more information about how to prepare your property Google "prepare act survive wa" and click on the first link which comes up.

At Central, we have spent the winter smartening up the uniform rack at the fire station.

Recently, our three firefighting vehicles have been serviced and minor repairs made and all three units are now in good condition for the start of the fire-season.

If you are interested in joining our brigade, please come along to our next meeting which will be held on Tuesday 28th October commencing at 7.30pm at the Fire and Emergency Centre, Stirling Terrace, Toodyay. If you would like to join our brigade get in touch with our Captain, Mick McKeown, 9574 2132, Secretary, Wayne Clarke 6364 3609 or email: 2jcentralvbf@westnet.com.au

Candid MP backs Budget, but sees local needs

Richard Hazlewood

FOLLOWING in the footsteps of a much admired and popular predecessor was never going to be easy for The Hon Christian Porter MP, Federal Member for Pearce.

Christian was in town last month doing the rounds of the Shire's various communities to meet community leaders and other interested parties in his electorate.

I attended the meeting at Toodyay's Cola Cafe.

About 10 people turned up to discuss local and federal issues with Christian who happily discussed any point with a pleasing degree of candour.

The main topics of conversation included GST distribution, Centrelink service quality at a national level, and the NBN and road improvements at a more local level.

Farm animal welfare also got a mention, as did Christian's praise for his leader Tony Abbott, especially his amazing work ethic which usually started with calls before 5am and continued through until after midnight on most days.

Needless to say Christian toed the party line in support of Joe Hockey's controversial Federal Budget, but he was very sympathetic to Premier Colin Barnett's stance on our poor GST share.

He was also very sympathetic to our concerns re the NBN and internet and mobile phone services to the Shire.

While it wasn't in his sphere of responsibility Christian assured us that the NBN was performing well under its new model with Malcolm Turnbull's leadership.

Nevertheless he was speaking and lobbying for the whole Pearce electorate at every opportunity with both Telstra and NBN Co, and directly with the Minister when the opportunity arose.

He was of the opinion that the NBN deadlines missed when NBN Co came to Toodyay some months ago would be met.

Christian said his personal ambitions at a Federal level were still in the formative stage.

He said that compared with his experience in the much smaller arena of State Politics it took much longer as a new Federal backbencher to establish support networks, a strong profile, and work out where to be most effective.

There were more than three times the number of members in the party room and many had been there for decades.

Christian said he was enjoying every moment of his Federal political life.

The whole occasion was relaxed and informal and gave everyone present a great opportunity to get to know our member.

Asked about his relationship with Judy Moylan his predecessor who is so fondly remembered in our community, Christian said they are good friends.

He seeks her opinions regularly and makes his office available to her whenever she's in Canberra.

All credit to Christian for fronting up the way he did.

He's clearly a very bright, articulate and relatively young MP.

He is committed to his electorate long term and is a worthy successor for his Seat.



Federal Member for Pearce Christian Porter (centre) meets local residents

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Broadacre farmers receive valuable info about fire response

Bejoording Volunteer Bushfire Brigade
From the desk of The Badger

THE ANNUAL gathering of broad-acre farmers was held at the Bejoording Shed last month.

The meeting was a great success with more than 35 attendees, including most local broad-acre farmers as well as Bejoording Brigade members.

Speakers included Capt. Lawrence Hayward who gave a general presentation about fire communication protocols, including the importance of calling 000 for emergency fire support, not 'someone you know' in the local brigade.

He stressed the importance of field of command processes which were activated by '000' calls because farmers may not know if multiple fire events were being managed at the time of their call.

Lawrence also stressed the important of farmers thoroughly checking and testing their own fire-fighting equipment before the season gets under way.

Barry Grey, Fire Control Officer of the Bejoording Brigade, gave an excellent presentation on the status of the improved communications facilities at the Bejoording shed, and introduced new hand-held radios that can send and receive both UHF and VHF wave bands.

He recommended that farmers upgrade to these as soon as possible.

Thank you all three.

It's been another busy month at Bejoording with housekeeping and training, including three new members completing the Introduction To Bush Fire Fighting course at Central.

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.

Bans will soon be in place and your firebreaks should be in good condition.

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.

For more information, please call Capt. Hayward on 9574 5106, or the Badger on 9574 4834. Leave a message if we're not there.

Toodyay Show is coming – and you can go by bus

Toodyay Agricultural Society

THE 161st Toodyay Agricultural Show is almost upon us. I hope you all have your entries in and are looking forward to another great day on Saturday October 11.

A shuttle bus will take people to the showgrounds, with pick up and drop off points at the Visitors' Centre, the showground's main gate and the Bowling Club. Just a gold coin donation for the ride, and all money goes towards the maintenance of the Community Bus.

Gates open at 9.30am, and the official opening is around 10.30am. The show will finish around 9pm. Tickets are \$10 for adults, children (6-15yrs) \$5, and senior citizens \$5. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

The show schedule can be downloaded from www.toodyayagsociety.com.au.

The Toodyay Agricultural Society hopes to see you all for a great family day out.

Shed dream nearer

EVERY man needs a shed, and Toodyay Men's Shed Inc. is a step closer to its dream at the old Shire Depot off Harper Road, near Toodyay train station.

Toodyay Men's Sheddors in uniform turned out in force at last month's Shire Council meeting to see their project through – and it was all over in such a flash that some in the back row didn't even realise what had happened.

The Council agreed 7-0 without debate to ask the State Government to change the zoning to enable the Men's Shed to use the land with a 21-year lease.

Planning approval will be needed when a building design is completed.

The Old Depot is also being considered as one of several possible sites for a Toodyay Community Garden.

Although many see it as an ideal location, it is understood site testing has yet to confirm whether there is any residual chemical or other contamination from its previous use as a Shire depot.

The Old Depot site is similarly located to a highly successful Community Garden in Bridgetown, which is one block back from the main street, next to a disused railway line.

Dunkirk veteran invented ripple ice cream maker



Obituary

Victor John Taylor (John)
11.11.1918- 29.08.2014

JOHN Taylor was born in 1918 on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month, at the official end of World War 1.

He was born into a large family in the small village of Dunster in Somerset, England, and was always proud and sentimental of his roots.

He travelled at age 16 to London where – being interested in electricity – he chose to become an electrician.

He enlisted in the army at age 19, was posted overseas at the beginning of World War 2 during which he became a Dunkirk veteran after being one of thousands of allied troops evacuated from French beaches ahead of Germans advancing across Europe.

After two attempts on rescue boats that were bombed in enemy attacks, he made it on to a third to safety.

He served under Field Marshal Montgomery (Monty) in the 8th Army Royal Engineers and fought in Cairo, El Alamein, Tobruk, Berlin and France.

Working ahead of ground troops, his unit lifted land mines and built bridges.

While on leave, he met and married the

love of his life, Betty, and their three children followed soon after.

His love of hard work and work ethic were always to be admired.

John Taylor had many 'firsts' in England, including inventing and designing the first ripple machine for ice cream, building the first red sports car in his neighbourhood, building a caravan, extending a house and taking his pilot's licence at the age of 55.

He took delight in recollecting the time he had a malfunction in a plane he was flying so he landed in an American airfield in the UK and was surrounded by soldiers with weapons drawn.

All he would give them was his name, war-time rank and serial number.

When the decision was made to migrate to Australia, an English newspaper headlined that 'Mr Fix it' was leaving the UK.

He was a quiet and private man whose priority was always his wife and family, and anyone else who sought his help.

John Taylor embraced Australia to the fullest and had his own refrigeration and electrical business for many years.

His beloved wife died two months after their 60th wedding anniversary and he moved to Toodyay to be near his family.

From then on, John filled his time with work

to help ease the pain of his loss and most days of the week could be seen working outside his home in Telegraph Road or travelling to town in his space-age red gopher with his little dog "Anika".

He also made his own 'brew' and kept the family well supplied.

A very hard working, independent man and always 'The Gentleman' who died as he lived – working.

Words cannot express how greatly he will be missed. Here was a man who 'made a difference' and left a lasting impression on all who knew him.



October Feature Business

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This service is open to all, customers and non customers.

We feel this is a vital service to be able to provide and look forward to your enquiry.

Dowerin Field Day better than Perth Royal Show

Bejoording Community Group
From the desk of the Badger

THIS month the Bejoording mob went to Dowerin, about 20 of us in all, mostly on the second day.

What a tremendous 'country' experience. For adults Dowerin is in many ways much more satisfying than the Royal Show days in Perth.

There is all the interesting stuff without sideshow alley and thousands of children clamouring for show bags and rides.

As a parent the Perth Royal Show has its place, and I've had some terrific family days there. However, for people living and working in the country Dowerin is the place to see, touch, and even try so much of the new equipment, technology and tools that make farming and country life increasingly efficient.

Dowerin is also a chance to sample food produce, wines, and confectionary in a less frenetic space where you can get to talk to the producers about their products. As for leisure time there was so much camping and off-road gear to look at, and some amazing 'show bargains' to be had.

Many of our group commented on the efficiency of the parking arrangements, the wide laneways between rows of exhibits, and the sensible 'grouping' of displays in themes.



Linda Veldtman at Dowerin

This was the Badger's first Dowerin and it won't be the last.

If I have criticism, it was just a bit overwhelming, almost too much to see in one visit.

With the footy season all but over it's time to put on record our appreciation to Linda Veldtman for running our annual Footy Tipping Competition.

Compiling everyone's tips each week and keeping score is time consuming. We all get

lots of fun but Linda does all the work, and even though the Badger didn't win he had lots of fun and will certainly be in it next year. Well done Linda, and thanks from all of us.

This month's feast at 'The Shed' was our annual Seafood Extravaganza on Wednesday September 3. This is one of our most popular events and the member turnout and food were both excellent.

An enormous barramundi baked whole, a large pot of mussels, trays of prawns, seafood lasagne (a personal favourite) and salmon steaks, served with crispy potato chips and various sides.

A big thank you to all those members who helped to prepare and cook the food on the night.

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.

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.

Bolgart excels in Mortlock schools sports carnival

Doris M Martin

IT IS with much sadness we learned of the death of Josephine Anne Martin (Nee - Langford) of Dalkeith and formerly of Toodyay, wife of Ross, mother of Jeff, Clare and Jane and grandmother of Finn, Oliver and Noah.

Anne (as she was known), was the daughter of Joseph Langford and Rosa Langford (Nee - Roberts) both deceased who lived at Toodyay many years ago.

A service was held at the Norfolk Crematorium Chapel, Karrakatta, on Friday September 12.

Sympathy is extended to Ross and family and to Anne's siblings and their family and friends.

Birthday greetings this month go the way of Connor Wallis whose birthday was on Monday September 1 and Trentan Meston whose birthday was on Friday September 12.

We hope you both had a good one.

The Mortlock School Sports Carnival results between Goomalling Primary School, Goomalling Sacred Heart Primary School and Bolgart Primary School produced the following outstanding results for Bolgart:

Under 7 Champion Girl was Cassie Edmonds on 33 points;

Under 7 Runner up Champion Girl was Jenae Woodhams on 23 points;

Under 11 Champion Boy was Lee Quadrio on 40 points;

Open Champion Boy was Trentan Meston on 72 points.

I am very proud to note that Bolgart lad Kyle Martin, who plays football for the Avon Association, was chosen Best on Ground for his grand final performance and Fairest and Best Player for the Avon Association 2014 season.

This was Kyle's third year in a row to have been chosen Fairest and Best Player for the Avon Association.

He was also Runner/Up Fairest and Best in the Under 16s age Results for Toodyay Football Club.

This lad has a natural sporting ability and also won the 1,500 metre running race for Toodyay at the Interschool Carnival held at Gingin recently.

The Victoria Plains Shire is ready to start access for the Bolgart School to the local water supply which has been provided for its use.

Plumbing has been in place for a while and all is ready to fill the two large storage tanks.

This should make a huge difference as the water for reticulation purposes and toilets will come from this source and save on costs at the same time.

Adventurous month ahead for Toodyay Cheeky Bus

Toodyay Community Bus
Di Roberts

MAY we share with you this column of October, a very special month? Well I thought I would put this forward because every month that we have our Bus is special. Did I get your interest? I hope so.

During the next two months the Bus is going on so many adventures. Firstly, the Toodyay District High School is venturing forth for Country Week, a great time for all young people to enjoy and share with others.

Good luck to our Toodyay girls and guys and especially to Kerry, who is always there for them and brings their efforts to fruition.

Another thought of the Toodyay Agricultural Show. This is the consummate show that produces such a great time for all, whether the people are from our own or visitors who come to see what our 'patch' is about, and we are proud of this.

Our bus will be involved in taking people to and from the Show for a nominal fee of a gold coin, perhaps with a surprise or two on their entry onto the bus, and return.

In the ensuing months, the bus has been booked for several events, but there is one event that should be marked down for a special occasion. This is the 'Butterfly Ball' to be held at the Memorial Hall on December 20 in aid of SADS (Sudden Adult Death Syndrome). Having shared with the convenor, Wendy Sofoulis, recently, she is excited about this Ball and is in need of young people to be Waitresses (six) and Bar Staff (two or three) to be involved on the night.

If you are interested or know someone who would like to help out as a volunteer, please contact Wendy on 9574 2059. She would be so grateful for your help on the night.

Now to the reality of being a community organisation and a not for profit one as well. We recently heard back from the Council for the

Aging (COTA) that we were unsuccessful with Seniors Week for 2014, having been told there were more than 171 applicants for this Week. Having felt a little 'bluck' at the beginning, our Bus decided that perhaps we had had the best of times over the years and felt that some others may relish in their adventures. However, never let it be said that the Toodyay Community Bus will lose its dignity.

Watch *The Toodyay Herald* for the new adventures of the bus and where you can become a willing member and adventurer. Tell us where would you like to go and what you would like to do. We need your input so that our Cheeky Bus can be amused and loved like she is loved by those who venture forth.

It is important that we keep the bus in pristine condition, so please when returning the bus to its garage, make sure that it is left in a clean condition for the next customer.

As Spring has sprung, the birds are on the wing and are they ever, life is so cherished when you look outward to our every day with so much fresh air, so much friendship amongst others, but love is the look of what our day shares with others.

Sirens strut their stuff on the floor

Glitz, Glamour and Gloss

WHAT a title, and this occurred on Thursday September 11, when gals became "sirens". Yes they showed their stuff on the floor. Our girls from the Toodyay Op Shop provided a great and exciting fashion parade that even the Myers Group would have wondered about.

Maxine Walker, our great speaker of the word on clothes, brought our models out with aplomb. Many thanks, Maxine, and to the CWA girls who provided such a wonderful afternoon tea.

Talk about professionals, each and every one of the girls gave to the audience of adoring ones the shake of the head, the hippy hippy shake and the smile that would have melted a thousand hearts.

One must wonder where have these girls been. With the help of the wonderful CWA, several raffles and door prizes were presented to the adoring company.

To those who bought garments, you dear ladies got a bargain of the year and you always do when you venture forth to the Toodyay Op Shop.

With your new items, why not wear them down Stirling Terrace and you will receive the oohs and aahs for you as glamorous girls? Others will meet and greet you with "where did you buy" to which you reply "Toodyay Op Shop". Shop locally, share locally, and be involved with all that is so important locally.

Many thanks to the organisers of this Fashion Parade. Between the CWA and the Toodyay Op Shop we are sure there will be a bigger and better parade next year.

So all of you gals out there, do you have any items of clothing with the tags on, or not? I bet you do, so how about sharing and bringing funds to our Community by bringing them into the Toodyay Op Shop. What a great idea.

Congratulations to all who took part. You do us proud in our community of Toodyay.

Di Roberts, who shared and cared on this special day.

Stan gets a pay rise

TOODYAY Shire has rated CEO Stan Scott's performance as "satisfactory" over the past year and increased his total annual salary package to more than \$220,000.

The Council held a special meeting last month to consider an independent report on Mr Scott's performance by local government specialist JCP Consulting.

It resulted in a three per cent increase - based on wage movements endorsed by the State Salaries and Allowances Tribunal - taking Mr Scott's base pay to \$162,181 a year and total annual package to \$222,501.

It was Mr Scott's second annual performance review and pay rise since becoming Shire CEO in July 2012.

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New team to help Community Resource Centre move forward

Toodyay Community Resource Centre

Gale Anderson - Chairperson

THE Toodyay Community Resource Centre held their 4th AGM on September 1 and wish to thank Councillor Brian Raynor who took the chair to oversee the election.

The following office bearers were elected for the next 12 months:

Chairperson	Gale Anderson
Vice Chairperson	Sadie Gilpin
Secretary	Taia Sinclair
Treasurer	Kim Angus
Pubic Officer	Wayne Clarke

Committee members: Brian Cox, Judith Walton, Bel Rowe, Evie Tomkins, Maggie Parsons, Desrae Clarke and Rosemary Madasci – Shire Representative.

Congratulations to all and we look forward to working with each other as we progress to

assist the Toodyay CRC to continue to move forward.

Sincere thanks to Kaye Rewell and Pat Old of the outgoing committee.

Both of these wonderful ladies have contributed significant time and expertise during their reign on the committee and are valued members of the TCRC.

Thanks must also go to Tenneille Hughes, Alison Godfrey, Evie Tomkins and Gemma Lucas, a small team of staff who have managed to achieve so much in a mere twelve months. It is testament to their skills, drive and enthusiasm.

We also wish to thank all who took the time to attend our 2014 AGM.

Their attendance was most appreciated and, for those who were unable to come on the night, the Annual Report is available for interested parties along with the 2014-15 Business Plan on the TCRC website: www.toodyay.crc.au



L-r: Bel Rowe, Maggie Parsons, Kim Angus, Sadie Gilpin, Gale Anderson, Judith Walton, Taia Sinclair, Desrae Clarke, Wayne Clarke, Brian Cox

Actors get ready to cut loose

Toodyay Theatre Group

THE Toodyay Theatre Group has commenced rehearsals for its biggest performance of 2014.

An all singing, dancing and acting cast is preparing to cut loose with the musical we all know and love, Footloose!

Four performances of this fantastic show will be held on Friday November 28 and Saturday November 29, with a matinee and an evening show on Saturday December 6.

Tickets will be available by mid-October from Makit Hardware Toodyay and Northam Jewellery and Repairs for \$15.

Please be advised there is no reserved seating and no tables for this show.

There will be drinks available from the bar. However, please note this is NOT a BYO event.

Keep your eyes peeled for our posters and watch our Facebook page for updates and ticket sales. Many exciting things are coming soon.

Teddy Bears' Picnic with furry friends for Friendship Day in Duidgee Park

Country Womens' Association

WE MENTIONED towards the end of last month's notes that we were looking forward to a Craft and Friendship Day at Mundaring.

Vivien Street and Elizabeth Mansom went and learned to make the poppies the RSL is seeking to place on the beach at Albany next ANZAC Day, commemorating the troops who sailed from there 100 years ago.

They're quick and easy. They can be knitted or crocheted and the call is for 5000.

Facebook: 500 Poppies or the website is <http://5000poppies.wordpress.com>.

As advertised in previous issues and around town, September 11 saw us combine with the Toodyay Op Shop to hold a Fashion Parade.

Five dollars entrance gave those who

attended a very enjoyable afternoon, unlimited tea and coffee and a scrumptious afternoon tea. (Marlene makes the best sausage rolls.)

For an extra dollar a raffle ticket could be purchased and having seen the table laden with prizes most people spent more than a dollar.

CWA will put the entrance and prize money in the account which we have established to install a new kitchen in the hall.

The ladies from the Op Shop modelled about 20 outfits for us and the opinion of all was that we don't have to go out of town to dress stylishly.

Everyone seemed to find a bargain and the Op Shop left with over \$200 to add to the \$320,000 they have taken since their inception, all of it returned to Toodyay.

So come on Toodyay. Support your local Op Shop which supports Toodyay.

On Monday, 6 October, city and country CWA branch members will be joining us for a Friendship Day in Duidgee Park.

We've decided it will be a Teddy Bears' Picnic and they have been asked to bring a furry friend with them.

We'll tell you how it went next issue.

Look for us at the Pavilion at the Show on

Saturday, 11 October.

Trish Chitty will be supervising the CWA team in the provision of light refreshments.

Any profits will go into the account for the new hall kitchen mentioned above.

We have arranged with Wheelchairs for Kids to visit on October 24 when we will take soft toys and blankets we have been accumulating plus the money from the White Elephant Stall held last month.

You will remember we said that was the reason for holding the stall.

Special mention must be made of Judith Walton and Evelyn Oliver who catered for the Resource Centre recently and received 7 out of 7 on the Evaluation Form. Well done, Judith and Evelyn.

Meetings are held at 1.30pm on the 4th 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

Longest-serving member off to big smoke

Autumn Club

Mike Cox

WE started off September with a visit from the Wannamal Seniors Club and we had a lively game of carpet bowls between lunch and afternoon tea and a good time was had by all.

This time we picked a fine day for our cleanup for 'Tidy Town' the other week. With only four members, we managed to fill six orange rubbish bags, keeping our street clean. Our next cleanup will be after the Toodyay Show and hope we get more helpers.

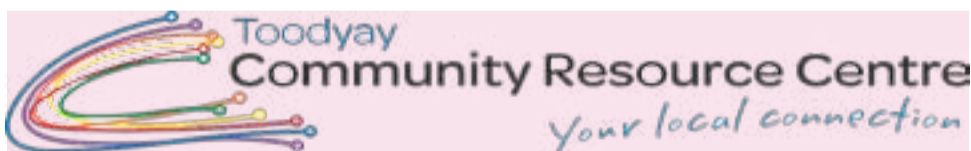
On the 24th we had a party for Peg Nelligan who will be leaving Toodyay for the big smoke.

She is our longest serving member of the Autumn Club and also a life member so we all wish her well for the future.

There are no birthdays this month. Everyone have a good time and see you at the Toodyay Show.



Mike Cox, Wes Smith and Freda Richardson



CONGRATULATIONS to Toodyay and the Toodyay Tidy Towns Committee on being announced the 2014 Central Wheatbelt winner for Keep Australia Beautiful Tidy Towns! To boot, Toodyay was also category winners of "Community Actions and Partnerships" and "Waste Management and Litter".

3C's (Coffee, Crochet, Chat)

Every Tuesday 9.30am-12pm \$3pp. Enjoy a cuppa and a chat over crochet. Everyone is welcome.

Toodyay Show –October 11

We're all looking forward to a fabulous day in the sun at the 161st Annual Toodyay Show. The TCRC will have information, giveaways and merchandise. Drop in and say "Hi".

The Grandeur Tour – Seniors Week 2014 – November 10

Toodyay Seniors, come along on the "Grandeur Tour" and be guided on a historic tour of Goomalling. Enjoy the sights, the activities, the food and the company. The bus departs at 9am from the TCRC on Monday November 10. Please phone us to book, as spaces are limited.

Jobs Board

Visit us at 79 Stirling Terrace or on Facebook to check out the latest jobs available in our local area. We offer free computer access and

free black and white printing from any state government website.

Provisional Probus –October 14

The next Provisional Probus meeting is at 7pm on Tuesday October 14 at the Toodyay Community Resource Centre. Probus is going from strength to strength, with great outings and excellent speakers. Come along and join us for a stimulating and interesting, social night out.

Room Hire & Equipment Hire

Got a meeting, presentation or event coming up? Let the TCRC help with the hire of equipment (laptops, projectors, video-conferencing) or meeting room facilities. Our price list is available at www.toodyay.crc.net.au.

Be Active Transform Your Town – Arts Dance Program

A huge thank you to the awesome young people and volunteers who assisted with our first Hip-Hop event. If you missed out or were unable to attend this time, please register your interest at the TCRC for future workshops. Thanks also to Tahlia at www.fyahempire.com, our funding partner, Healthway, Toodyay District High School and Toodyay Baptist Church.

If you would like more information on any of these events, please call Tenneille, Alison or Gemma on 9574 5357 or email toodyay@crc.net.au or visit us at 79 Stirling Tce. Open Monday to Friday 9.00am to 4.30pm

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Walks and talks for WA Memory House exhibition



Cr Andrew McCann in the witness box at the Old Gaol Museum. Photo: Beth Frayne

Toodyay Historical Society
Beth Frayne, Events Co-ordinator

Picture Show

THE Toodyay Pictures Revisited historical photograph exhibition is on at the Newcastle Gaol Museum until early November.

View dozens of photos of life in and around Toodyay in the 19th and 20th century.

Tidy Towns

CONGRATULATIONS to the Toodyay Tidy Towns Committee and Supporters for their success last month at the Regional Awards – Toodyaypedia and Toodyay Bendigo Bank’s heritage calendar got a judges’ mention.

Mechanics’ Institute

DID YOU know that the Toodyay Girls Gymnasium met there in 1924 at what is now the Toodyay Public Library?

And in 1937, the Toodyay Road Board banished to the back of the building a machine

gun that had been “for so long a doubtful adornment to the front of the Road Board Chambers” at that site.

This month, the Toodyay Public Library will present a special local exhibition and events to support the State Library of WA’s Memory House exhibition marking its 125-year history.

The historical society has devised Walks and Talks with pictures, so check out local library news.

50th State History Conference

SEVERAL members attended a fascinating Royal WA Historical Society 50th State History Conference in Perth last month at Council House, the State Library and Stirling House (Nedlands).

The lectures, which focused on Heritage Perth, were outlined by Beth at last month’s local historical society meeting.

Lost Perth

CHECK OUT www.lostperth.com.au for a trip

down memory lane.

Coming up

MEMBERS will open the society’s display at Donegan’s Cottage in the showground for this year’s Toodyay Agricultural Show on Saturday October 11.

Beth will present a “Mystery Show at the historical society’s October 15 meeting at 7pm at the CWA Hall in Stirling Terrace.

Our end of the month event on Sunday October 26 will be a visit and talk on the former Oddfellows’ Hall and supermarket; meet 9.30am outside SoZo Café.

For more information about the Toodyay Historical Society, please contact Secretary Desrae Clarke, desraec@westnet.com.au; President Peter Robinson, 0407 928 500 or Beth Frayne 9574 5971.

Donegan’s Cottage is open 1-3pm every Thursday. Postal address: PO Box 32, Toodyay WA 6566.

Spin one, knit two

Toodyay Spinners
Ange Sturman

OUR members have tried a few new items this month as well as what we normally make.

Margaret knitted a pullover and beanie from the rest of the wool from the Back-to-back fleece. Glynne had done the spinning of it.

Carol wove a scarf from wool she had spun. She also showed us some skeins of wool.

In the small skein, the wool was plied with itself. For the larger skein the coloured wool was plied with grey wool, which muted the colours.

Elaine knitted some coasters and flowers. Phil crocheted some mobile phone pouches and Robyn felted a hat.

Our spinning group meets every Wednesday from 9am to noon, and every 3rd Saturday of the month (also from 9am to noon) at Parkers’ Cottage in the showgrounds.

The felting group meeting time is now on the 2nd Monday each month from noon to 3pm, also at Parkers’ Cottage.

Felting group contacts are: Jenny Cornwall 9574 5978 or Jan Manning 9574 5619.

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

New members are most welcome – no experience necessary.

800 passengers for Avon Descent – and nearly half were adults

Toodyay Miniature Railway
June Eastwood

AVON Descent was our busiest ever with just over 800 passengers carried. Adults made up around 42 per cent of this number which proves you are never too old to enjoy a miniature train ride.

A sparkling blue day, action on the water and the lovely crop of yellow sour sob to travel through saw many comment it was the best fun ever.

In former times we have looked longingly up at the Food Festival but with no chance of walking up there to buy.

This year saw food stalls around us at Duidgee and we were anticipating a tasty lunch. It was all a fool’s dream.

Not only did we have no time to go across and buy, but the lucky ones only got to take a bite of their boring home made sandwiches occasionally.

Drivers had their lunch as they drove and some staff did not get even that opportunity. We did have our eyes set on the gaily painted ice cream van as we pushed away the last carriage just before 4pm. Alas, just as we set off, the van drove out.

However, the day was a big boost to our coffers.

On Sunday we imagined a quiet day, but we were wrong again. We ran solidly for the full four hours.

Parents who had paid a minimum of \$7 for children’s rides at other Avon Descent venues were overjoyed at our \$2 fare and sent their offspring on multiple rides.

“Eric”, Vern’s new locomotive is sporting a red livery with white striping. “Eric” is still awaiting headlights and front striping when we work out how best this should be achieved.

Stan and June journeyed down to Kentin Engineering with the blueprint for Shandy’s new boiler and were lucky enough to be shown the four magnificent million-dollar steam engines that Kentin had built.

Running on 12 inch gauge and approximately 5 metres long, two were like oversize Shandys being bright green. A third engine is fire box red and the fourth a sleek black. Originally these engines were meant to call Moora home but have now been sent to Margaret River.

Sadly, the man behind the dream passed away within days of the first test run at Moora but his family intend to honour his plans in a new location.

A night of variety

Toodyay Music Club
Jenny Edgecombe

VARIETY was the word for September’s club night.

Offerings ranged from Leila’s jaunty Scottish violin medley to the catchy calypso flavour of ‘Myra’ by Peter, Eileen and Moya.

This Hills trio followed up with an uplifting arrangement of ‘Come the Day’.

Jeanette gave us a truly moving version of Tom Paxton’s classic, ‘Last Thing on My Mind’.

We encourage everyone, especially visitors, to join in. There are sing-along sessions as well as the opportunity for individual items. This month, Brian sang several unaccompanied numbers on his first visit. What a lovely voice – we look forward to hearing more in the future.

Although he accompanies himself with the guitar these days, Spencer reminded us this month that he started out as a lyrical unaccompanied singer. ‘I Want to Live’ was inspiring.

Next meeting: CWA Hall, 7pm Friday 10 October.

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

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Poppies galore as Remembrance Day approaches

Poppy Project Update

WHAT a wonderful response there has been to the call for poppies.

There was a good turn up for the 'Popp-In' we had at the CWA hall early in September.

It was good to know that there are so many people in Toodyay who give so generously of their time and efforts to get this goal accomplished.

Already, there are many poppies accumulating. There are knitted, crocheted and fabric creations and they will look fabulous when they are all assembled onto the netting.

Last month I omitted to mention the groups who are sponsoring this endeavour, for which I apologise.

They are: the Toodyay Op Shop who donated all the wool and some needles (and the people providing their own), the CWA who allowed us to use their hall, and The Toodyay Community Resource Centre who provided such fantastic help with computer and all the printing of the posters that went up around town, and for the patterns for the poppies.

Also of course the RSL who are providing the netting and are supportive of the project.

A big thank you to all those who are just powering away with so many poppies. It is so much appreciated.

There is still time to be involved if you wish. Wool and poppy patterns are available from Margot 9574 2823 or 0405 067 591.

Completed poppies may be left at the Toodyay Op Shop. We are hoping to start assembling the poppies from around mid October in time for the Remembrance Day events in November.

They will look amazing when all massed together.



Dean Carter, Shane Love to address Chamber of Commerce sundowner

The Toodyay Chamber of Commerce and Industry

THE TOODYAY Chamber of Commerce and Industry will hold its Annual General Meeting at 6pm on Thursday October 16 at the Toodyay Club, in 4 Oddfellow Street.

A quick meeting will be followed by a fun networking sundowner with free nibbles and a cash bar.

Guest speakers will include Toodyay IGA store co-owner Dean Carter and local WA Nationals MP Shane Love.

Mr Carter will offer a snapshot of his experience in building an award-winning business and promises to share his insights and secrets to success in six minutes.

Mr Love, who has a bachelor of commerce

degree from The University of Western Australia, will offer his thoughts on how Toodyay can be involved in opportunities for regional growth.

He has a passion for Toodyay and the Avon, and a wealth of experience in community service, small business and agriculture.

The Chamber's mission is to promote a thriving and dynamic environment for Toodyay business and the community.

It sees itself as an extremely important part of the community and one that will succeed with businesses and community support in achieving a thriving Toodyay community.

A Chamber sub-committee with business and local people has been chosen to develop a short and long-term strategic plan to enable Toodyay to grow, attract more jobs and young families,

and service the needs of the Shire's ageing population

The plan will partly draw on community feedback from the Chamber's last function at Pecan Hill.

The Chamber sees an opportunity to embrace Toodyay's unique community and combine its skills to create a revived hub for new, innovative and knowledge-intensive industries and services.

A sub-committee has been formed to contact local businesses to discuss how they can help make this year's Christmas Street Party a fun event for everyone.

The Chamber looks forward to seeing everyone at the AGM.

RSVPs by Friday October 10 to 2jchamber@gmail.com.

'Lovely little lathe' is a pleasure to use

Woodturners

Max Heath

HI TOODYAY and other places that receive our *Toodyay Herald* from the Avon Woodturners.

Things have been ticking along quietly at the pavilion.

People have been tackling their own projects and work on the Show Raffle prize is nearly completed.

Some of us have been turning out our Christmas bowls and trying to get onto making

entries for the Show.

We now have our midi lathe back and all is going well with it at last.

Carba Tec came to the party and fitted a new switch and all is well.

This is a lovely little lathe to use.

Next on line is to see what everybody will be making for Christmas and that will be full on after the show.

We acquired a voucher for the club some time back and we have now cashed this in at T Square Industries and have purchased some

project material so new members coming on the scene are able to undertake turning with a better outcome.

Many of our members went to the Annual General Meeting of the West Australian Woodturners Association on Saturday 20 as our secretary had nominated for president of the association and so had another person from another club and so it appeared that there would be a vote.

The long and the short of it was that the other person pulled out and Andrea McCandish from Avon is now our State President.

Also on the committee is our convener, David Doye so we have a strong presence at WAWA from Avon

Just lately we have had quite a few people drop in from the Junior Soccer club to have a look at what is going on.

They have all been quite taken with what they have seen.

As we have mentioned in this article regularly, anybody will be most welcome to call in to say hello and have a look at what we are doing.

Well, that's about all from the Woodturners for this month so remember, as Roadwise says, Don't Drive Tired.

Probus feels tug of Gingin's gravity

Provisional Probus Club of Toodyay

SINCE our last article in *The Toodyay Herald* we have had two further meetings, our last being Tuesday September 9.

Numbers are gradually increasing and we shall attend the Show on Saturday October 11 to hand out information and answer questions about Probus.

We welcomed our guest speaker, Karen Hansen, who is the Wheatbelt Regional Education officer for the Cancer Council.

She spoke about the main types of cancer – lung, breast, prostate and bowel – and the importance of finding cancer early. Refer to www.findcancerearly.com.au.

Several outings have been organised, including a trip to Araluen.

A visit to the Gingin Gravitational Centre has been proposed for November, our last for the year.

We expect to resume in March 2015.

Meetings will continue to be held on the 2nd Tuesday each month at 7pm in the Community Resource Centre.

Official accreditation should be within the next month.

To find out more, please call John Smart on 9574 2339, or Jan Ackroyd, 9574 5315.

Put it in your calendar now!!

Rides Food Music Games Stalls



Friday December 5th

Stirling Terrace

6pm-9pm

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Office Phone: 9574 2917

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Saturday 11th October 2014



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Tony Maddox - Principal / Licensee - Members of REIWA

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- AAFC 708 SQUADRON**
Australian Air Force Cadets 12 ½ to 17yrs, male and female. Building J1, Northam Army Camp Grt Eastern Hwy. Friday 6:30-9:30pm during school term. 708squ@cadetnet.gov.au
- AFRICAN DRUMMING**
Thursdays (adults) 6-7.30pm at The Factory Baptist Church. All instruments provided. Enquiries: Heather 9574 5463
- ARTS TOODYAY INC**
Meets 1st Tuesday 8pm, The Old Police Station, Duke St Sth. Interested in arts/crafts workshops call Wendy 9574 4172
- AUSTRALIAN BREASTFEEDING ASSOCIATION**
Breastfeeding information & company of mums. 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, Salvation Army Support Centre, 3 Elizabeth Pl Northam 10am-noon. 3rd Tuesday at Toodyay Playgroup 12-2pm. Call Louise for details 9574 0229
- AUTUMN CLUB**
Wednesday 1-4pm Toodyay Sports Pavilion contact Glenyce Bosnjak 9574 4587
- AVONGROVE TAI CHI**
Promoting Health Fitness & Relaxation. Classes at CWA Hall Mondays 6:30-7:30pm & Saturdays 9:30-11:00am. Peter Millar 0408 364 917
- AVON VALLEY ADULT RIDING CLUB**
Meets 4th Saturday (Feb - Nov) at Northam. Contact Tina 0499 030 177
- AVON VALLEY ENVIRONMENTAL SOC.**
3rd Friday monthly, Noon Wheatbelt Natural Resource Management offices 269 Fitzgerald St, Northam (Old Ambulance Centre)
- AVON VALLEY SHOTOKAN KARATE CLUB**
Toodyay Wednesday and Friday at Youth Hall; peewees 3:45-4:15, juniors 4:30-5:30, seniors 6:00-7:00pm. Hombu Dojo Clackline Monday; peewees 3:45-4:15, Juniors 4:30-5:30, seniors 6:00-7:00pm. Helen Bainbridge on 95741357.
- AVON VALLEY VINTAGE VEHICLE ASSOCIATION**
3rd Thursday 8pm at the old engineers quarters next to Northam Railway Museum Fitzgerald Street Northam Ph 9622 1192
- AVON WOODTURNERS GROUP**
Meet every Sunday and Wednesday 9am-12, Wool Pavilion Toodyay Sports Ground
- BUTTERLY COTTAGES**
1st Monday of 2nd month. Call 9574 2698.
- BEJOORDING VOLUNTEER BUSH FIRE BRIGADE**
Meet at Bejoording Fire Shed, 3rd Tuesday 6pm
- CATHOLIC CHURCH**
St. John the Baptist, Toodyay Mass times: Saturday Vigil 6pm and weekday Mass Wednesdays 5pm.
- CHILD HEALTH IMMUNISATION CLINIC**
Next immunisation clinic call Sheree 9574 4577 for details and book an appointment.
- COONDLE NUNILE VOLUNTEER BUSH FIRE BRIGADE**
Meets 2nd Saturday from October to April, June and August, 5pm at Coondle Fire Shed.
- COUNTRY WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION**
General mtg - 4th Thursday 1.30pm CWA Hall. New Members welcome. Hall bookings and enquiries Viv 9574 4871
- CUBS, JOEYS & SCOUTS** (during school term) Youth Hall, Showgrounds, Cubs & Joeys 4.00pm - 5.30pm Scouts, Thursday 6pm - 8.00pm Ph: 9574 2363
- EARTH SOLUTIONS - AVON VALLEY**
3rd Tuesday 6pm at PB Kirby Centre, cnr Gordon & Wellington Sts, Northam. Contact Caroline Barr on 9622 8043 or Belle Moore on 9622 5203 .
- FAITH CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP**
Meet Sundays 9.30am Cnr Grey & Wellington Sts, Northam Contact: 9622 1324 or fcnortham@westnet.com.au
- FIRST STEPS PLAYGROUP INC - TOODYAY MONTESSORI**
Monday 9.30 - 11.30am Playgroup Room Community Resource Centre Enquiries call Felicity 9574 4254
- FITNESS AND FUN FOR THE OVER 55's**
Wednesday 9am, Sports Pavillion.
- IDA'S HIDEAWAY**
Every Saturday 1-4pm Butterfly House call Ida Edwards 9574 2858
- JULIMAR VOLUNTEER BUSH FIRE BRIGADE**
Meets 3rd Saturday 5.30pm Julimar Fire Shed followed by BYO BBQ. Training Sunday following meeting 9am Julimar Fire Shed.
- MOERLINA**
Senior day care. Every Tuesday and Thursday Toodyay Sports Pavilion Senior day care
- MORANGUP PLAYGROUP**
Morangup Community Hall, Lot 3 Wallaby Way, Morangup. Every Wednesday 9.30 to 11.30am (excl public and school holidays). Emma Whately 9572 9376, Julie Slater on 9572 9914 or Chere Rothwell 9572 9298
- MORANGUP VOLUNTEER BUSH FIRE BRIGADE**
Meets 3rd Saturday 5.30pm at 3 Wallaby Way, Morangup. Sec: Jess Hawes, secretarymvbfb@gmail.com. Capt: Jeff Venn, captainmvbfb@gmail.com. New members welcome.
- NATURAL HEALTH TALKS**
Tues 5.30pm at The Hidden Gem 111(C) Stirling Tce. Includes light vegan dinner Phone 0414 603 350 to book a place
- RAG BAGS QUILTING GROUP**
1st and 3rd Wednesdays, 10am CWA Hall
- RSL TOODYAY SUB -BRANCH**
1st Saturday February, April, May, July, September (AGM) & November 2pm at Bowling Club. Contact John 9574 5681
- ST STEPHEN'S MOTHERS' UNION/ GUILD**
3rd Tuesday Anglican Hall, 2pm from March to November
- SHIRE OF TOODYAY COUNCIL MEETING**
Ordinary meetings in Council Chambers 4th Tuesday each month at 4pm, except for December which is 3rd Tuesday at 4pm
- SIMPLY MUSIC**
Piano lessons for all ages Anglican Church Hall (next to Cola Cafe), Thursday afternoons and Friday mornings. Phone Jan 0416 054 942.
- SOCIAL TENNIS**
Tuesday 8.30am ladies and senior men
- TOODYAY BALLET SCHOOL**
Classes in Classical, Jazz & Tap held at 507 Julimar Rd. Ages 4 to adults, girls & boys 9574 4459 Saturdays 9am-3pm (except school holidays)
- TOODYAY CENTRAL VOLUNTEER BUSH FIRE BRIGADE**
4th Tuesday 7.30pm at the Toodyay Fire & Emergency Services Centre. Training 3rd Sunday
- TOODYAY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY INC**
2nd Monday each month at the Freemasons Hotel 7.15pm. Contact President Charles Chitty 0427 980 335 or email 2jchamber@gmail.com
- TOODYAY/CLACKLINE KARATE CLUB**
Wednesday 3.30-4pm under 8, 4-5pm under 11, 5-6pm under 14, 6-7.30pm seniors. Friday 3.30-4pm Peewees, 4-5pm juniors, 5-6pm intermediate, 6-7pm seniors at the Youth Hall
- TOODYAY COMMUNITY RADIO 105.3fm**
Meets 1st Tuesday 7-ish (or as soon as the coffee is ready) Phone 9574 4554 for this month's venue. New members and volunteers to help run the station welcome
- THE TOODYAY COMMUNITY SINGERS INC**
Meet at CWA Hall, Stirling Tce at 7pm each Thursday night. Contact Margaret O'Sullivan 9574 2183
- TOODYAY COURTYARD MARKETS**
Last Sunday of month. 9am - 3pm. Enquiries phone Trish 0466 285 164
- TOODYAY DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL P & C**
Every 3rd Wednesday (except school holidays) School Library 7pm
- TOODYAY DISTRICTS HORSE & PONY CLUB**
1st Sunday Feb-Nov Northam Equestrian Centre call Tanzi 0427 859 493
- TOODYAY FRIENDS OF THE RIVER**
3rd Sunday Duidgee Park (near Newcastle Bridge) 8am October to April, 9am May to September. Info 9574 2578
- TOODYAY GARDEN CLUB (Inc)**
1st Thursday 10am call Peggy 9574 4534 for next club venue.
- TOODYAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY**
3rd Wednesday 7pm Donegan's Cottage Contact Desrae Clarke 6364 3609
- TOODYAY IRISH DANCING (Inc)**
Fridays (except school holidays) 3.30-7pm Anglican Church Hall - Alison 0409 295 369
- TOODYAY KINDERGYM**
Kindergym Fridays (except school holidays) Toodyay Sports Pavilion call Claire Moore (President) 9574 4529
- TOODYAY LIONS CLUB**
1st & 3rd Tuesdays Hotel Freemasons
- TOODYAY MASONIC LODGE**
3rd Friday (except Jan) Masonic Hall Fiennes St 7.30pm
- TOODYAY MEN'S SHED (Inc)**
Monday and Thursday 8.30am - 12 at 6176 Toodyay Road, Phone Fred 9574 5795
- TOODYAY MINIATURE RAILWAY (Inc)**
1st and 3rd Sundays commencing Easter Sunday. Enquiries 9574 4462
- TOODYAY MOONDYNE FESTIVAL**
Contact: email moodynecommittee@gmail.com
- TOODYAY MUSIC CLUB INC**
2nd Friday 7pm CWA Hall call Teddy or Spencer 9574 4492
- TOODYAY NATURALISTS' CLUB**
Meets 3rd Saturday Venue in article under 'Environmental Matters. President 6364 3609, Vice President 9574 2578 or email info@toodyaynats.org.au. New members and visitors welcome.
- TOODYAY NEIGHBOURHOOD/RURAL WATCH**
Toodyay Community Safety and Crime Prevention Association - enquiries to Secretary, Wayne Clarke, Phone 6364 3609.
- TOODYAY PLAYGROUP**
Tuesdays & Thursdays 9.30-11.30am Playgroup Hall Community Centre contact Gina Large 0432 607 267 or 9574 4607
- TOODYAY RATEPAYERS & RESIDENTS ASSOC (INC.)**
General Mtgs: venues and times, contact Chris Ballam (Chair) 9594 3167 ttrainc@gmail.com
- TOODYAY RED CROSS**
2nd Monday February, May, August & November Anglican Hall 1.30pm
- TOODYAY ROADWISE COMMITTEE**
3rd Tuesday, Shire of Toodyay Works Depot, 10am. Further details: Max Heath 9574 2069
- TOODYAY SPINNERS**
Wednesdays and 3rd Saturdays 9am in Parkers Cottage, Showgrounds, felters on 2nd Monday at noon, same venue. President: Gretta Sauta 9574 2868; Secretary: Ange Sturman 9574 2507
- TOODYAY SWIMMING POOL ACTION COMM**
Please contact Bethan Lloyd on 9574 5882 for details of meetings.
- TOODYAY TOWN WALKS**
Walk around our beautiful town. Monday & Friday (varies). Contact Prim on 9574 2490
- TOODYAY TOY LIBRARY**
Tuesday 9.30-11.30am Toodyay Community Centre next to Toodyay Playgroup. Contact Moni Thornton 0437 655 901
- TOODYAY VOLUNTEER FIRE AND RESCUE**
1st Monday Fire Station 7.30pm
- UNITING CHURCH**
10am St Stephen's Church, Toodyay
- YOGA**
Friday 9am, Monday 6pm Toodyay Community Resource Centre 9574 4184

TOODYAY RAINFALL

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

YEAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
2004	2.2	2.4	3.4	4.2	73.6	93.2	63.8	82.8	28.6	21.2	35.0	0.8	411.2
2005	0.0	2.2	25.2	10.6	86.0	135.6	43.6	71.6	51.0	22.6	9.6	4.6	462.6
2006	119.5	16.6	3.0	21.2	19.0	29.8	54.8	88.8	73.2	15.6	13.8	9.4	464.7
2007	16.4	26.6	10.2	34.0	58.2	43.2	121.0	74.0	70.4	39.2	0.0	57.6	550.8
2008	0.0	10.8	9.8	76.8	38.2	62.8	146.2	8.4	50.6	43.0	31.0	3.4	481.0
2009	8.0	8.0	9.0	32.6	39.2	83.6	115.0	76.2	56.2	17.2	30.2	2.6	478.2
2010	(No recordings taken)						69.4	36.2	12.0	3.4	7.2	21.4	149.6
2011	24.2	15.4	14.2	10.4	36.6	52.6	92.0	70.2	65.0	57.4	18.8	29.2	486.0
2012	0.0	42.3	0.0	11.8	23.6	106.2	13.8	51.9	59.7	3.6	52.1	29.0	394.0
2013	30.4	0.0	66.7	10.4	79.4	11.2	70.4	90.9	100.3	19.4	2.0	3.4	484.5
2014	0.0	2.0	3.8	62.9	71.8	58.2	103.7	38.4	41.6				382.4
AVERAGE ALL YEARS: (RECORDING COMMENCED IN TOODYAY 1/1/1877)													
	10.9	12.5	19.5	25.8	66.7	98.6	101.7	80.0	48.4	31.3	15.0	9.4	520.1