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Avon Valley Black Dog Ride to Toodyay raises \$6800



Some of more than 200 Black Dog Riders who rode from Northam to Toodyay via Beverley on Sunday March 22. More pictures Page 18.

HUNDREDS of leather-clad motorcyclists descended on Toodyay last month for the second annual Avon Valley Black Dog 1-Dayer Ride which raised \$6800 for Lifeline WA crisis and suicide support.

More than 200 riders set off from Northam and arrived at Stirling Park via Beverley to be greeted by Toodyay Shire President David Dow, who was presented with a 'Winston' Black Dog mascot.

It was one of 32 Black Dog Rides on March

22 involving more than 6000 riders across Australia.

Black Dog Rides began in 2009 to promote awareness of depression and have become a national event, raising more than \$1.7 million for mental health services.

Cr Dow said his generation didn't talk a lot about depression but it was good that many more people were now more aware.

"Someone once said they had the Black Dog and I said 'what are you talking about,

you already have a black cat'," he said.

"I didn't know anything about Black Dog Rides before but I have learnt a lot today and it's great to see you all here."

Toodyay Lions helped organise the ride's Toodyay reception and many participants stayed on to provide local traders with a welcome Sunday lunchtime cash boost.

Money raised on the day was provided by sponsors and donors and will be spent on depression and suicide counselling.

How we'll pay for new pool

Michael Sinclair-Jones

THE SHIRE of Toodyay has revealed how it plans to use a mix of grants and borrowings to pay for a new \$27.6 million sports and recreation centre, including a long-awaited 25-metre swimming pool.

It follows a call last month by West Ward Cr Sally Craddock for a ratepayer survey to find out if residents wanted to pay higher rates to fund it.

She also asked whether Morangup residents should pay as much for it as ratepayers elsewhere.

The shire plans to build a six-lane swimming pool next to the Toodyay District High School, along with new playing fields, courts and change rooms for football, cricket, soccer, hockey, rugby, basketball and netball, and a new 180-seat multi-purpose function centre with a 24-hour gym, creche and commercial kitchen.

However, the shire has set aside only \$1.5

million for the project and will seek the rest in Federal and State grants, and Lotterywest funds.

The last community survey was in November 2007 when ratepayers were asked if they were willing to pay an extra \$150 a year for five years to build an aquatic centre.

The move was defeated 751 votes to 618. Shire CEO Stan Scott told last month's council meeting that the 2007 survey lacked credibility because it asked a single "very loaded" question.

Since then, the shire had consulted broadly in the community and feedback had been "very positive".

Toodyay rates had risen 10 per cent a year for the past two years under a community-backed 10-year plan to raise more money for community services and facilities.

There was no reason why ratepayers in different areas should pay different rates.

"This will be a single set of recreational facilities to meet the sporting needs of the

wider Toodyay community," Mr Scott said.

"Some residents may choose not to use the facilities, or use facilities elsewhere.

"Equally, some people from other shires may choose to use the Toodyay facilities."

The shire plans to pay for the new centre with a mix of federal and state grants, Lotterywest funds and borrowings.

Cr Craddock withdrew her call for a community survey after hearing details of how this would occur.

Mr Scott said that up to \$10 million would be sought from the Federal Government's Stronger Regional Communities Program.

Local Federal Liberal MP Christian Porter had visited the project site last year and offered to help the shire seek funding.

He had agreed to help Shire President David Dow meet Federal Infrastructure and Regional Development Minister Warren Truss during a national local government conference in Canberra in June.

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OI' Blind Joe

Heroes and villains

Stirling Hamilton

MANY OF our parents survived terrible wars and the Great Depression to become passionate about the role government should play in alleviating poverty by regulating the market economy to tame its greedy heart.

Two shining examples of this compassion for others – inspired by a belief in justice, integrity and a sense of a fair go – were former Australian prime ministers Malcolm Fraser and Gough Whitlam who recently passed away within a few months of each other.

Both men dedicated their lives to the service of the common good of all people.

Fare thee well, ye pair of mighty warriors, may the rivers of tears that witness your passing nourish the souls of the next generation.

Calamity Castle

SADLY for us peasants still kicking around in the dust, the profiteers still rule with an iron fist.

Parliament, which is supposed to be our velvet glove and is charged with defending us from the worst depredations of big business, is tattered and torn.

For years our politicians have just been sitting on the benches in Calamity Castle, squabbling and screeching like a flock of corellas.

The only time they stop arguing and get together is when they're sending our young people off to some disastrous war on the other side of the planet or giving Australia's domestic spy agency the same powers once enjoyed by the Spanish Inquisition.

It was a charming evening recently when Liberal, National and Labor politicians all jumped into bed together to pass new mass surveillance data retention laws.

Afterwards, they canoodled in the spa while gazing at the stars, drinking champagne and smoking cigars, and in the morning resumed mock hostilities.

Basically this new law compels telecommunication companies to retain for two years the who, when and where of everything you say, write, or look at by electronic means, including medical and bank transactions, what sites you visit and even your personal and private communications.

They say "don't worry, sure we're grabbing all your mail but we promise we'll read only the envelope".

But aren't the guys painting these pretty pictures politicians?

They're saying the little white picket fence they're building for us will protect our modesty and privacy, and is impenetrable by anyone forever.

Pig's arse – apparently there's a taxpayer-funded course at the Canberra University for lords and ladies of politics from which you

can graduate only if you never answer any questions in a straight and truthful manner.

High distinctions can be earned by the plotting of devious and nefarious activities which result in the other innocent members of the student body being either suspended, impoverished or arrested.

Among the remnants of our precious velvet glove, the only skerrick still standing is the middle finger.

But enough of nincompoops.

Breeze of kindness

I DIPS me lid to the fine men and women of Toodyay and surrounds who volunteer for the myriad services that we are blessed with in this lovely little town.

To quote some great unknown gentleman, "Gratitude is the music of the heart, when its chords are swept by the breeze of kindness".

A couple days back we headed off for the flatlands and we just got outta town when we saw this white-bearded gentleman picking up rubbish by the side of road and realised it was local legend Peter Robinson.

The guy's always doing charitable stuff, helping people, manning the barricades and writing seditious columns for that local rag, *The Toodyay Herald*.

I heard that he was once a judge that had Moondyne Joe locked up next to the squatters' camp outside the Vic Hotel for doing bugger all.

Mostly he's a respectable gent, always smiling and a man who wears many hats.

He's been on heaps of committees and I'm telling ya, he's connected with some seriously important people.

Historians, librarians, festival performers, councillors – he's been mixed up with all of them.

He's also known to be seen at the Moondyne Festival's annual Cleavage Competition.

Of course, being OI' Blind Joe, I happen to know this for a fact because I'm the judge of the competition which starts this year at 3pm on Sunday May 3 at the Victoria Hotel.

As you can imagine for a blind man, the judging presents challenges that need to be delicately handled.

Just watch out for those haggard and vinegar-soaked Temperance Ladies – they even chased me, an old blind man, down Stirling Terrace one year.

Begorrah, what I'd give for my old musket and one good eye, I'd teach them old crones a thing or two about respect and minding your own business.

I am of the opinion that my life belongs to the whole community and as long as I live, it is my privilege to do for it whatever I can. I want to be thoroughly used up when I die, for the harder I work the more I live – Irish playwright George Bernard Shaw (1856-1950).

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Sailor Gemma conquers high seas

Gemma Lucas

I'M GEMMA LUCAS. I've lived in Toodyay my whole life and I'm a business administration trainee at the Toodyay Community Resource Centre.

The amazing staff and committee there offered me the opportunity of a lifetime – going on a Leeuwin Trainee Voyage provided by the Boddington Community Resource Centre.

The months before we were due to sail last October went by so quickly - I couldn't wait to go on this trip.

Everything was organised. I'd been provided by the Community Resource Centre with a sailing kit and other essentials I needed.

We trainees were due to meet up at a Bunbury hotel the day before to get acquainted before our departure bright and early on the Leeuwin next day.

It was great meeting trainees from other Community Resource Centres, getting to know them and finding out what they do at their Community Resource Centres.

The following morning we met other trainees that were going and the Leeuwin boat staff and were split into our 'Watch Groups'.

These were people we would share duty our watch shifts with, and dine and do activities with.

Red Watch, Blue Watch and Green Watch were introduced to their watch leaders and then we boarded the boat.

We had a tour of the boat, got shown our sleeping quarters, the galley, the charthouse, the deck, main saloon and the forward accommodations.

My cabin slept five other people. It was small and the bunks were close together.

It was hard to get used to at first but I ultimately found sleeping on the boat calming with the rocking and swaying back and forth.

For most of the day before we set sail, the Leeuwin staff went through safety drills,



The Leeuwin under full sail

what we would be doing for the week and what's called S.M.A.R.T goals.

For this we had to think of five goals that we wanted to achieve during our journey.

Most people's goals were to "not get seasick" or to "climb the mast".

Not getting seasick was one of my goals too. My main ones were to get over my fear of heights and my fear of sharks.

My watch group leader laughed and said "I don't think we can cure a fear of sharks on this trip but I'm sure we can help with the fear of heights."

We set sail on October 19.

Sleeping, eating and walking on a boat, sailing and learning how to sail and how to tie the specific knots needed were all new to most of us.

Each day was a surprise, learning new things or not knowing what we were going to be doing.

Another thing that was hard to get used to was sailing terminology.

We all learnt sailing skills and the appropriate name for each task.

Friends never understood what "furling the headsails on the bowsprit" meant when relaying my story later.

Duty watches involved one person at the helm (the wheel for steering the boat) and two people - one on port side and one on the starboard side - to keep an eye out for anything that may be in our path, such as other ships.

The first time I was told to go on the helm, I was like "What? Me, really? You trust me or any of us to actually steer the ship?"

Midnight watch

Day shift duty watches happened in the course of our daily activities and during lessons on sailing skills.

Night time duty watches were harsh, depending on what time slot your group was given.

Night time duty watches were 6-8pm, 8pm-12am, 12-4am and 4-8am.

The 12-4am duty watch was the worst.

The watch group on duty wakes you to start your shift, and we were woken at midnight when we were happily asleep.

We dressed in fluoro gear and put on a harness, still half asleep, then went up on deck into the dark and freezing cold.

On the Tuesday night, it was crazy stormy weather.

My group was on the midnight to 4am shift and waves were crashing onto the deck.

The boat was rocking and tipping side to side - it was quite scary.

Some of us thought we were going to fall overboard, especially those of us who didn't have sea legs.

It was weird when it finally got to be the last day on board. We'd all become so close especially in our watch groups.

The organisers asked us to write letters to thank our sponsors and the people that funded us to go on the trip.

They also asked us to write a letter to our future selves that they'll post to us in a year.

We put all of our sailing skills into practice on our return trip to Fremantle.



Gemma Lucas confronts her fear of heights at sea

I was on the bowsprit when we arrived back in port.

I could see my mum, brother and his girlfriend waving at me.

Going on the Leeuwin Trainee Voyage was a challenging, worthwhile and fulfilling experience.

I met so many new people, tried new things, faced fears, and made memories I'm

sure I'll never forget.

The Leeuwin Voyage tests you in a good way and whilst I was nervous, I enjoyed every minute.

I'd like to thank the Toodyay Community Resource Centre for giving me this amazing opportunity to go on this voyage.

I'd recommend this experience to everyone and anyone.

Shire explains swimming pool funds plan

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A FURTHER \$4.5 million would be sought from the WA Department of Sport and Recreation via its new minister and Wheatbelt MP Mia Davies, who is also Deputy Leader of the WA Nationals.

Former minister Tuck Waldron had visited the site last year, as had WA Nationals Leader and Regional Development Minister Terry Redman.

Local WA Nationals MP Shane Love was facilitating meetings with State leaders to help the funding bid.

The Wheabelt Development Commission had agreed to support a shire bid for \$2 million to fund electricity and recycled water from the WA Government Royalties for Regions Growing Our South' program.

Mr Scott said the shire was seeking Lotterywest funds to help build the planned multi-purpose function centre for community activities such as an autumn centre, kinder gym, weddings, 21st birthdays and other similar functions.

"We'll also talk to the Education Department about sharing the cost of facilities with the nearby school," Mr Scott said.

"The Shire has set aside about \$1.5 million of local funds for the project.

"A significant loan of about \$6.5 million will be needed to make up the rest.

"However, that shouldn't be a problem with interest rates at historically low rates –

we could easily borrow up to \$10 million if needed."

Mr Scott said a public swimming pool would cost about \$120,000 a year to run.

"Every other shire in the Wheatbelt seems to manage, so I don't see why we can't," he said.

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In the swim

SOME people think Toodyay's planned new public swimming pool is pie in the sky.

After many years of waiting, last year's announcement of a 25-metre pool in a new \$28 million sports precinct seemed too good to be true.

It wasn't long before sceptics starting saying they'd seen it all before.

Others talked about forming community action groups to search for supposedly lost funds and hold public officials to account.

In a more recent twist, some residents said the shire might do deals with mining companies to help pay for a new pool.

Others objected to paying higher rates for something they may not want or use.

But there are plenty more who bemoan that Toodyay lacks what other smaller Wheatbelt towns such as Cunderdin and Goomalling take for granted – a local public pool for kids and adults alike.

The Toodyay Shire Council Shire last month took belated steps to say where the money will come from.

It's a strategic mix of Federal and Government grant applications, a Lotterywest bid and a loan of less than \$10 million at historically low interest rates if the Shire's plan succeeds.

It's backed by local State and Federal MPs and includes a Canberra meeting in June between Shire President David Dow and Federal Infrastructure and Regional Development Minister Warren Truss.

This is big ticket stuff.

It doesn't happen by accident, and the shire should get credit for devising a plan that can work if things go well.

The only concern is that some in council headquarters seem to think a new pool can wait until after other parts of a new sports and recreation complex are built.

If you're a mum with small kids sweltering on a hot summer day or an oldie wanting to do slow laps to stay fit without having to drive to Northam or Wundowie, you might have a different view.

A new pool would truly make Toodyay a place of plenty.

Honour parade

THE FIRE season lingers as a dangerous and frightening time for many local residents.

That's why it is important to honour those volunteers who risk their lives with every call-out to keep us safe and protect our homes and property.

They include ambulance and other emergency services volunteers who offer to face confronting human trauma.

The Shire's Freedom of Entry Parade at 9am on Saturday May 2 is a fitting tribute to those brave and worthy citizens.

They represent all that is good about our community and deserve our thanks.

Michael Sinclair-Jones
Editor

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The way we were – Anzac Day at Toodyay War Memorial circa 1920s with Mt Anderson in the background. Toodyay Historical Society's Beth Frayne (9574 5971) is keen to hear from anyone who can identify any of the people pictured. Photo: Newcastle Gaol Museum.

Letters

Anti-landfill thanks

I WOULD like to say a big thank you to Rosemary Madacsi and the technical team for their dedication and tireless efforts in compiling the Toodyay community's second submission opposing Perth firm Opal Vale's revised landfill application to the WA Department of Environment Regulation.

The team spent weeks assessing the company's latest bid and associated reports on plans to build a major new Perth rubbish tip in Chitty Road, Toodyay.

Water remained the number one environmental concern – a concern also recognised by the regulatory authority – and the primary reason why it issued an 'intent to refuse' the firm's initial application late last year.

There has been huge community support, with 1141 signatures accompanying the latest submission.

To everyone who signed, a big thank you.
H. Evans
Coondle

Neanderthal thinking

THE WARRIORS' Wellbeing team report in last month's *Herald* proposes that stereotypical beliefs, attitudes and values from the past need to be reinstated.

It argues a return to the idea of the inarticulate male warrior who beats his chest when presented with the opportunity to display his skills and take a risk.

It would have us believe that men are driven to win and conversely women are not and – to quote the writer – that men speak in "dot points and even just grunts" and (thankfully) women do not.

As a result, men are incapable of self-understanding and of expressing emotions.

The author, with every good intention I'm sure, establishes these behaviours as the norm but to my mind depicts males as very little distanced from Neanderthals.

Long-term and ongoing research and debate into 'nurture versus nature' have moved thinking away from these exaggerated beliefs about men.

Fortunately for me, the men I know are fantastic networkers, good conversationalists, can express emotions, are sensible about accepting a challenge and are healthily competitive.

And so I'm concerned that the Warriors' Wellbeing team's package of gender descriptors of what it is to be male could alienate many men who would otherwise benefit from the good things that Regional Men's Health Initiative has to offer.

M. Lewis
Coondle

Grunting cave-dwellers

LAST Month's Warrior's Wellbeing article "Let blokes be blokes – we're not like girls" is true and good for men, and conversely also true and good for women.

However, I believe the author's words and the picture they paint is not good.

The one I formed was one of grunting cave-dwellers dragging women by the hair, blokes with no feminine side and of not much intelligence.

The author said men getting in touch with

their feminine side was "an affront and insult to our intelligence".

I believe this not to be true of the majority and believe also that the feminine side of blokes has evolved over generations and has been taken up by the majority.

The examples are too many to list but include weeping at the birth of their children, being equally involved in the raising and development of their children and crying with laughter with their mates.

I don't believe that the feminine side of blokes is a language barrier that reverses their positive approaches.

Women are from Venus and men are from Mars – this has been known for many generations and I can see only positives in it.

"Hardwired to take risks?" What is the picture you paint for our teenagers' development and perceptions of normal behaviours?

"Winning?" Women like to win too – probably a trait traced back to surviving the grunting cave-dwelling blokes.

These comments are my opinions, my feelings and my perceptions – not backed by any reputable research but by experience, observations and perceptions.

M. Neilsen
West Coondle

Tidy ghost town

THE CITIZENS of Toodyay should be very proud of their efforts in achieving the state and national Tidy Town Awards.

Toodyay is certainly now a wonderful destination for tourists, weekend getaways and day trippers from the city, but I wonder if the town will be worth visiting in future if the bauxite mines go ahead.

How many people will take their chances on Toodyay Road – one of Australia's most dangerous – to get to Toodyay?

The countryside will not be worth looking at if most of the scenery has been turned into 24/7 working mine sites.

People will prefer to go to York instead. Of course you say: "That's in the future – it's not my problem."

Let us think of our children's future now. If the miners are here for only 15 or 25 years what real, long-term future prospects will there be for them?

It won't matter much then how tidy the town is.

Peter Harms
Morangup

Reckless act

THIS WILL GIVE a few of you a good laugh but I dare say it will horrify most people.

Around 2pm on Thursday March 19 a couple of blokes in a blue dual-cab ute cut a large section of our boundary fence at the corner of Toodyay and Jingaling Brook Roads.

They were trying to steal the mobile *No Bauxite* sign which is mounted on a large trailer.

If you still think this is funny, please consider what could have happened if the 70 sheep that were in that paddock had escaped onto Toodyay Road.

It was the quick-thinking by two Main

Roads workers that not only saved the trailer but averted a potential catastrophe on our busy main road – we are all in debt to them.

There is room for all in a rational debate about mining but not reckless actions that could impact innocent members of our community.

Brian Dale
Morangup

Dubious jobs

CHANNEL Seven's *Today Tonight* program last month screened a story in which mining company Bauxite Alumina Joint Ventures said its proposed Morangup project had not progressed far enough to make a public comment.

If they have not advanced far enough into the development of the open-cut bauxite mine, why are they collecting CVs from hopeful job-seekers?

As a third-generation electrical contractor who has assessed countless job applicants, I find it ridiculous that they are taking CVs for a project that is years away from starting.

At a time when mining sector retrenchments are on the increase, spruiking dubious job opportunities is creating false hopes for many locals.

Accepting applications at a time so far in advance of an actual start-up date is unethical and plain wrong.

Brian Allen

Love the pictures

I'D LIKE to extend my congratulations to your paper for its commentary and coverage of so many 'goings on' of a quite busy and active community.

In particular, I liked last month's spectacular pictures of the Black-Shouldered Kite and Gould's Monitor.

I remember when I was young that we had a Gould League at school.

On reflection, we had a lot more bush and wildlife, as orchids and wildflowers were always 'just there'.

How lucky we were.

Jay Lee
Northam

Fine-tuning with Roger

EVERYONE likes the idea of doing a task well.

I'd like to thank *Herald* editor Michael Sinclair-Jones for arranging for Roger Simms – an accomplished journalist – to give two informative free workshops to the community to fine-tune our writing and proof-reading skills.

I, for one, have greatly benefited and look forward to incorporating Roger's suggestions into my contributions to *The Herald*.

Jan Manning
Toodyay

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.

Shire writs finally served on former civic leaders

WRITS have been served on former Toodyay Shire CEO Graham Merrick and former Shire President Charlie Wroth – almost a year after claims against them were first filed in the WA Supreme Court.

However, the shire is yet to finalise its full statement of claim, understood to involve sums totalling several thousands of dollars.

The shire alleges that Mr Merrick – who was CEO for six years until March 2010 – breached his contract of employment and fiduciary duties, and was “unjustly enriched by reason of his conduct” while employed by the shire.

The writ claims restitution, compensation and damages.

Mr Wroth is named as the second defendant and it is alleged he breached his fiduciary duties owed to the Shire as an elected Councillor between 2003 and 2011, and as Shire President 2005-09.

The writ states that the defendants have 14 days from the date of service to respond either personally or by solicitor to the WA Supreme Court.

Had the writs not been served before a March 24 deadline, the legal action would have lapsed unless renewed by a court order, which could have been contested.

The timing of the writs and service on the defendants is understood to be linked to a six-year legal time limit on claims.

However, the shire has provided no details of why it is taking so long to finalise its statement of claim.

All council discussions about the legal action against the two former shire leaders have been behind closed doors, and all parties have declined to comment.

Legal costs have not been revealed but the shire is understood to have spent several thousand dollars on lawyers' fees.

Toodyay Shire President David Dow said last year that details of the claim may never be public if the case was settled out of court.

The shire's decision to sue Mr Merrick and Mr Wroth was first published state-wide in *The Sunday Times* newspaper in March last year and in last April's edition of *The Toodyay Herald*.

A night of inspiration and passion for the Toodyay 'tribe'

Toodyay Chamber of Commerce and Industry
Barb Dadd

TOODYAY Chamber of Commerce and Industry invites you to a night of inspiration to discuss the 'Toodyay Brand' with the co-founding partner and director of Brand Expression of Meerkats, Mike Edmonds, and Richard Anderson from Solutions4business.

The event runs from 6.30-8.30pm on Thursday April 16 at the Toodyay Community Resource Centre, 79 Stirling Terrace, and is free for chamber members and representatives (\$20 for non-members) with food and refreshments provided.

Meerkats were three times Perth Agency of the Year and specialise in rejuvenating tired or misperceived WA market brands.

Clients include iiNet, BankWest, WA Tourism, Brownes Dairy, Lotterywest, RAC, Synergy, IKEA, Southern Forests Food Group, Town of Albany and Harvey Beef.

Mr Edmonds returns to Toodyay not just for the annual TargaWest rally but to discuss how passion can be the key to grow Toodyay and its mix of offerings for the community, employment and tourism with:

- A snapshot of the world we live in today – why businesses and organisations need more than just clever marketing and a consistent brand image;
- Why finding your organisation's true purpose is critical to binding management and staff to a singular motivating idea to attract customers and keep them coming back for more; and
- Case studies, video and storytelling to illustrate how you can harness the passion and skill of your "tribe" to achieve genuine success.

Come and share your thoughts on growing Toodyay and be inspired. Please RSVP to 2jchamber@gmail.com or call 0437 701 155.

Going, going, gone - auction raises \$4000



Auctioneer Tony Maddox calls for last bids for one of 494 lots that went under the hammer at last month's successful Toodyay Lions Jumbo Auction which raised a total of about \$4000. Tony and fellow volunteer auctioneer Rob Davey encouraged 170 buyers to bid for a big range of trash and treasures, including a tractor that sold for \$3000. Buyers paid \$2 each to bid and the Lions charged a 10 per cent sales commission. Organisers thanked the school P and C for catering and all those who helped and attended the annual fund-raising event.

Fiery visitor from outer space brings city media to Gidge

leva Tomsons

ANGIE Whife has seen and done plenty in her 81 years on this planet but what happened on March 9 catapulted her into the media stratosphere.

The Gidgegannup farmer's morning routine of checking calving cows was shattered when a meteor fragment landed in her back paddock.

"It came from the north," said Angie, "and was a dinner-plate-size white light with a metre or so tail."

What is now believed to be a piece of a disintegrating meteor seemed to burn out a half a metre from the ground, about 20 metres away.

Angie was none-the-wiser as to what she had witnessed until she returned home to hear ABC Radio host Geoff Hutchison talking to planetary scientist Phil Bland.

Catching the 'tail-end' of their conversation about the scientific importance of the bright light, Angie rang the program.

It was the beginning of a two-day media blitz that turned Angie and her husband Brian's lives upside down.

The first cab off the rank, after ABC Radio, was local vet John Tyrrell's daughter Claire Tyrrell who reports for *The West Australian* newspaper.

Claire advised Angie to batten down the hatches and corral the media into a joint 1pm timeslot.

"Too late," said Angie as she spotted Channel 7 pulling up, then Channel 9, with *The West Australian* and *Sunday Times* in the rear.

"This all happened about half an hour after I was on the radio and it's curious how they found out where we lived, without a surname being mentioned on air.

"We spent two hours in the paddock walking up and down, doing interviews, looking here and there but we found nothing."



Gidgegannup farmer Angie Whife near where she saw a meteorite fall to Earth.

Angie now says she can empathise with her model granddaughter Stephanie Whife.

All that posing and positioning, not to mention a costume change into a presentable old shirt, can be quite hard work.

The next day the octogenarians were up at 3am ready to receive Channel 7's *Sunrise* crew for a 4am on-camera start.

For this couple, the 4am tea/toast and TV crew were a mere doddle after decades of calving cows in the middle of the night.

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Wheatbelt lockdown hits drink, drug drivers



Police roadblock in Stirling Terrace, Toodyay



Roadside drug breath test kit used by WA police

motorists were drink drivers with a blood alcohol content of more than 0.08 per cent. Driver fatigue could also have caused up to 30 per cent of deaths overall and a bigger percentage of serious injury crashes.

School bullies

PARENTS are being urged to be watchful and report minor assaults among school children.

"It's mostly bullying in the form of hair pulling, name calling, pushing and punching on the way home from school," Sgt Conder said.

"We've spoken to Toodyay District High School Principal Tim Martin about it and we also urge parents to be watchful.

"It involves girls and boys of all ages.

"Local police give regular talks at the school about bullying and 'sexting'—sending offensive comments, images and videos via SMS phone messages.

"It happens a lot—either the school lets us know or parents tell us."

Sgt Conder also warned that parents who abused staff at the school's front office or used foul language on school property would be charged with disorderly conduct.

"There's only a few that do it. Local police know who they are and it's totally unacceptable—we won't allow it," Sgt Conder said.

Runaway driver

A DRINK driver with serious head injuries fled from police after a car crash and ran three kilometres into the bush before capture.

The crash occurred about 8pm on a recent weekend when a male driver swerved off Toodyay Road, hit the verge and rolled the vehicle onto its roof.

The injured driver ran off into the bush when police arrived soon after.

Const. Chris Milonas began a search, assisted by local people concerned about the driver's serious head injuries.

The officer quickly picked up the driver's trail and spotted him about 500m ahead.

He called out to the driver to stop for

treatment but the man continued to flee.

Const. Milonas was zapped three times a short time later when he had to climb an electric fence to keep up the pursuit.

The chase continued another three kilometres before Const. Milonas was able to catch the driver and return him to waiting St John Ambulance staff who took him to Northam Hospital for medical treatment.

"The driver was intoxicated and could have killed himself and others in the crash," Sgt Conder said.

"He then fled the scene with serious head injuries which could have also been fatal for him.

"The officer's instinct and dedication to help this man most likely saved his life—he could have passed out and died alone in the bush.

"My advice is don't drink and drive, and don't flee a crash scene—it's just not worth it."

Shed burgled

A SHED was broken into and jewellery and other goods stolen during a burglary last month in Wandoo Circle, south of the town.

The jewellery appeared to have been dropped in the street and was later recovered, though other items remain missing.

The property was unoccupied at the time of the theft, prompting police to again urge residents to install security cameras to protect their property, particularly in rural and semi-rural areas.

Easter message

POLICE are urging local residents to lock their homes securely, let their neighbours know and leave some lights on if they are going away over the Easter break.

"Don't leave your house looking empty and please consider installing security cameras," Sgt Conder said.

"If you're staying home for Easter, please don't drink and drive.

"All our officers will be on duty over the holiday break and we want you to stay safe on our roads."

Police Beat With Warren Conder

LOCAL police have launched a major crackdown on drink and drug driving to combat the region's poor record as WA's worst for road deaths and serious injuries.

Last month saw 3000 motorists stopped and breath-tested in Operation Aginar which locked down 13 Wheatbelt towns—including Toodyay—for 10 hours from 4pm on Friday March 6.

A total of 241 motorists were stopped in Toodyay, resulting in two charges of possessing methamphetamines (crystal meth), two of possessing drug paraphernalia and one of driving with a blood alcohol content of more than 0.08 per cent.

A further 400 motorists were stopped in Toodyay on Friday March 20 when police blocked the town's main street for seven hours in both directions from 1pm near the bowling club and stopped cars on back roads out of town.

It resulted in one charge of driving under the influence of methamphetamines, one unlicensed driver's car seized and more than 20 police yellow sticker work orders.

"We also issued a number of cautions for minor vehicle defects such as broken lights," Sgt Conder said.

"Everyone should know that the high number of road deaths and serious injuries on Wheatbelt roads is unacceptable," Sgt Conder said.

"This was the first of several operations we will conduct in coming weeks—there will be more."

According to the WA Office of Road Safety, 2155 people were killed or seriously injured on Wheatbelt roads between 2004 and 2013, including 180 deaths and serious injuries in 2013.

The most common type of crash was a single vehicle hitting an object (53 per cent). Most serious crashes were in 110km/h speed zones (61 per cent) and 10 per cent of those killed or seriously injured were not wearing seat belts.

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Application packages are available at www.toodyay.wa.gov.au or by contacting Merridith Lamb on 9574 9304.

Applications, which must address the selection criteria, should be forwarded to the Chief Executive Officer, Shire of Toodyay, PO Box 96, TOODYAY WA 6566 marked "CONFIDENTIAL – IT SUPPORT OFFICER" or emailed to records@toodyay.wa.gov.au

Applications close at 4:00pm on Thursday 30 April 2015.

Stan Scott
Chief Executive Officer



Police stop traffic in both directions during last month's Stirling Terrace lockdown



Vehicle compliance officers check under a car stopped in Stirling Terrace

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Africa trip inspires and impresses members

Probus Club of Toodyay

LAST MONTH'S guest speaker was Dr Greg White, from Help Link Australia, introduced by John Smart who has accompanied him on several trips to Botswana and Zambia.

Members were impressed and inspired by Greg's vision and ability to organise the building of schools in remote communities.

The talk was attended by other Toodyay residents who have spent time helping the projects. Their next trip is to Sri Lanka.

The general meeting ended quickly with a reminder that our AGM will be held at 7pm on Tuesday April 14 in the Community Resource Centre.

All positions are open but some occupants are willing to continue – don't be bashful or fearful you may end up with a position.

All prospective members welcome. For further information about Probus and how to join, please contact John Smart on 9574 2339 or Jan Ackroyd, 9574 5315

Council needs to be more in the swim

Fly on the Wall
Peter Robinson

OUR RECREATION Centre is slowly moving closer.

At last month's Toodyay Shire Council meeting, CEO Stan Scott gave a verbal report outlining progress being made towards achieving the planned rec centre.

A great deal of detailed information is needed to support grant applications.

Shire President David Dow will be in Canberra in a few weeks' time for an important meeting.

He will take the opportunity to present our case to several senior politicians.

The Toodyay community has waited a long time for a recreation centre and swimming pool.

I was a little concerned at the council meeting over the lack of enthusiasm and animation from our councillors.

I know it is a very big project for Toodyay but we employ experts to help with all the various aspects of planning and development.



We don't expect our councillors to know everything about everything.

They are there to represent us and see that development is done practically and economically.

As for the rec centre, stakeholders need to be constantly kept up to date with plans and consulted about their specific needs.

This is a very expensive project but it will never be cheaper than now.

If we can achieve the entire grant funding that is being sought, then the amount to be taken out as a loan is very manageable.

Most communities, including many smaller than Toodyay, have a rec centre and swimming pool.

The benefits to a modern Australian

community are many, none more so than a facility for low-impact exercise and rehabilitation from surgery for all ages.

When you take into account the fact that Toodyay has one of the oldest average age populations in Australia, then a rec centre and pool are very important.

It will make Toodyay a much more attractive place to live.

A bigger population will help pay for ongoing costs as well as lead to increased retail choice and competition.

More volunteers, more events and more clubs all lead to an even more vibrant community.

Let us all be enthused and excited about this project.

Spirit of Anzac grevillea for centenary



Toodyay Returned and Services League
Bruce Guthrie

AN IDEA from an RSL member in February has resulted in an avenue of shrubs being planted to commemorate this year's 100th anniversary of the World War 1 Gallipoli landing by Anzac troops.

The Toodyay RSL sub branch put the idea to the Shire of Toodyay and – with support from Toodyay Op Shop – a plan was hatched.

The result is a row of red Spirit of Anzac grevillea shrubs planted along Anzac Avenue near Toodyay Railway Station.

This special plant was developed by botanists at Kings Park and Botanic Gardens to help Western Australians commemorate this year's special Anzac Day on Saturday April 25.

RSL headquarters in Perth asked that the grevillea be named Spirit of Anzac, and the league benefits from each plant sold.

The shrub can grow in most Australian conditions to about 1.5m high and 1.2m wide, and flowers for long periods.

Toodyay RSL thanks the Shire for supporting the Spirit of Anzac project, coordinating planting and mulching, and for building new kerbs and footpaths in time for Anzac Day 2015 – Shire and gardens staff did a wonderful job.

Thanks also to Toodyay Op Shop for its valued support and \$1365 donation towards buying the plants.

RSL Toodyay invites everyone to join the community at the various functions planned for Anzac Day 2015 on Saturday April 25.

Toodyay commemorations start with a 6am Dawn Service at the War Memorial in Anzac

Avenue opposite Toodyay Railway Station.

A Gunfire Breakfast will be served immediately from about 6.30am at the nearby Youth Park in Clinton Street, opposite the Newcastle Gaol Museum.

The main Anzac Day March starts at 10.45am from the town's Memorial Hall in Stirling Terrace.

It will be followed at the War Memorial by the main service at 11am addressed by Rev. Peter Bourne.

Shade and chairs will be provided for elderly and infirm visitors.

The next RSL general meeting will be at 2pm on Saturday April 11 at the Toodyay Club.

It will be followed by another meeting on Saturday May 2 at the same time and venue.

We wish a speedy recovery to all RSL unwell members and veterans.

New grevillea marks Anzac Day 2015

Felicitas Bauxite Mining Project



Felicitas Bauxite Mining Project

The Felicitas Bauxite Mine will see approximately 8 million tonnes per year of bauxite mined from the Felicitas resource and railed for alumina production for at least 25 years. We are at the start of feasibility studies, meaning we are undertaking a range of studies that cover environmental and social impacts, economics, engineering, logistics and infrastructure options. Based on these results, we will undertake a formal approval process with the State Government. This will include a comprehensive environmental review with an assessment by the WA Environmental Protection Authority (EPA). The development and construction timeframe for the project is about 3 years before we are likely to be operational.

The BAJV team are committed to working towards positive outcomes for the community, environment and local economy by:

Providing jobs for locals

The mine operation will create approximately 120 full time jobs. We hope to source much of our mining workforce from individuals who are already living and raising their families here.

Boosting business for local suppliers

During the development of the project, we will work with local suppliers to help them build their capability to provide materials and services on competitive terms to the mine.

Building community capability

We will look for opportunities where there are synergies between services required for the mine and those in the community. Some examples include how we best work with local fire and emergency services in sharing BAJV's skilled personnel and equipment in an emergency.

Benefit to WA community

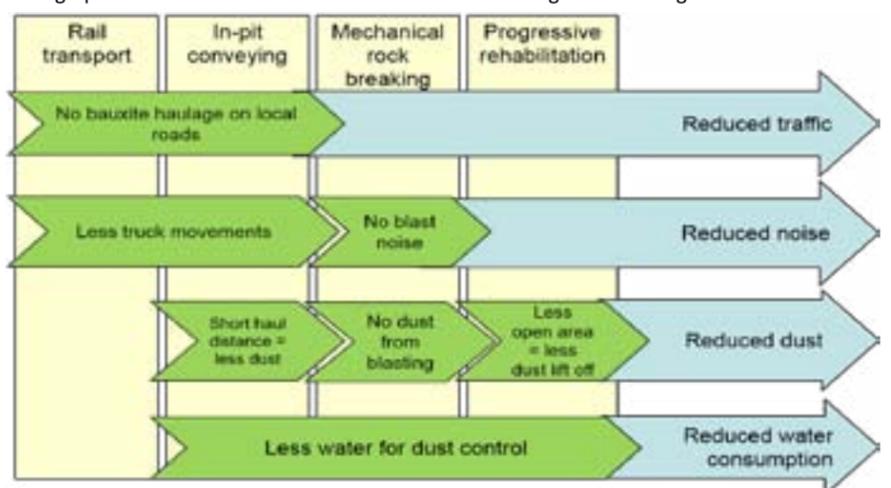
Injecting over \$3 billion into the WA economy over the life of the mine.



Designing the mining operation to manage potential impacts

Noise, dust, potential impact on local water supply and increased traffic on Toodyay Road have been identified as the main concerns so far during our conversations with community members. These concerns are being fed into the design process for the mine and are driving the selection of mining methods and equipment. Our current mining concept is to use surface miners to break up the caprock, the rock & friable material are then loaded into trucks by loaders/excavators, trucks haul to regional feeders which load onto fixed conveyor which transports ore to a crusher located in a non-noise sensitive location at the north of the mine, where it is crushed and stockpiled. Ore is then conveyed to rail siding and loaded onto trains.

This graphic shows how selection of these methods is designed to manage sensitivities.



Are you building a local refinery near the mine?

There are NO plans to build a refinery next to the Felicitas mine. The reason is that it would be very difficult to establish the proper buffer zones between the refinery and nearby population centres. The work to select an appropriate site will be part of a refinery feasibility study later.

What depth will you mine to and how will you rehabilitate?

The Felicitas bauxite is typically covered by a thin layer of topsoil and approximately 1m of gravelly overburden. Beneath this, the bauxite layer averages about 3.5m thick. Rehabilitation is done progressively after mining. Mined pits are ripped to improve drainage and the surface is re-formed to blend in with the surrounding landform. Overburden and topsoil are returned and the area is seeded with species appropriate to the original land use.



Progression of rehabilitation over a couple of years. The second season's crop on the rehabilitated trial mining at North Bindoon produced yields as good as the adjoining unmined areas.

Whoo hoo – start your engines for a Friday buying spree with the girls

Toodyay Community Bus
Di Roberts

“WHOA” – start your engines. Have we a story to tell you – but let the Bus give you the insight as to the day the Friday craft girls took the Bus on an adventure. Not only an excursion, but it was a buying spree that many of us could not imagine. Imagine is the word – the wonderful driver Lee (who has been associated with the Bus over the years) decided it was “die or just help out”. For this we thank Lee for his participation, patience and enjoyment of the day. Why am I writing this column about the Friday craft girls? I have to – they are the most wonderful girls one could imagine, so dedicated to their craft and always willing to share with newcomers and of course facilitate new friendships in the community. But back to the day of the Friday craft group. One could imagine with a group of gals that one or two could be lost. Did I tell you where they went? IKEA of course. From the social media, the girls felt that they were part of IKEA’s advertisement. But there is more – one lovely lady who we adore bought a huge plant and could not find a place to put it in the Bus. With her usual fortitude she found the rubbish bin a perfect spot. Not only was there Whoo hoo, but get the bargains back to the Bus so no one can see what we have bought. Wish we had a trailer that day for the bargains – everyone got squashed on the way home, but with enormous smiles on their faces. It was a huge day of reflection and great friendship, and our beautiful Bus was so gladdened to have these gals in it. Each and every time we share with these girls, they bring sunshine and love and so

much excitement to where they are going and what they can share with others in our community.

This may be an example of what our Bus can do, but we feel that there may be many people in our community who might like to be part of an event that the Bus is able to cater for.

So how about when the weather is a little cooler, let’s take an adventure to the suburbs of Perth (you know the place down south, tongue in cheek) – Hillarys Boat Harbour for a day of enjoyment and just downright fun.

If you want to be in it, what about May/June?

Watch this space and other posters to let you know when this will happen, and we hope that you are available.

It will be a great day to enjoy good friendship, great stories, but above all Toodyay friendship.

It will cost approximately \$15 return each, and you can choose and pay for the

lunch yourselves. Of course on the return journey to Toodyay, there will be home-made chokkies and lots of conversation.

Gosh I have enjoyed writing this column this month.

I believe that each and every not-for-profit organisation in our town could have the greatest fun like the Friday craft girls did.

Put your thoughts together for future trips because the Bus – our Cheeky one – is available to all of you.

Finally how lucky are we in Toodyay to be awarded the National Tidy Towns Award, and on behalf of the Toodyay Community Bus please accept our grateful thanks to those who give of themselves and for their commitment to the betterment of our town of Toodyay.

Look around and see the glistening of life in our community, our businesses and the glorious people we meet every day in the street.

Are we blessed – we certainly are.

Bingo whingers give caller Syd the big hurry up

Ida’s hideaway

HERE we are again having enjoyed our Saturday bingo and afternoon teas.

Syd, our bingo caller, always has a merry quip or a funny joke to make us laugh.

He has to put up with the banter he gets, from our players, who think he isn’t calling out their numbers quickly enough.

During our “Whingers” game it can get quite heated with everyone ‘whinging’ that their numbers have disappeared from his bingo box.

Butterly House is small and cosy but we still have room to welcome more friends to play bingo or come with friends to play cards.

We enjoy afternoon tea and a chat, catching up with local gossip and news.

Please come and join us. We hope Ida and Christina had happy birthdays last month.

We wish everyone a happy Easter – and don’t eat too many chocolate eggs.

Our contact is Ida 9574 2858.

Special Anzac biscuits and poppies to honour the names of Toodyay’s fallen world war heroes

Country Women’s Association
Elizabeth Mansom

TOODYAY CWA held its first meeting for 2015 on February 26.

Prior to the branch meeting we held the annual general meeting at which we reviewed the past year and elected office bearers for the coming year.

Last year’s office bearers were re-elected: President, Maxine Walker; Vice-President, Elizabeth Mansom; Secretary, Vivien Street; Treasurer, Jenny Clarke.

We are very grateful to Margaret O’Sullivan from the Bendigo Bank for chairing the AGM.



The CWA Hall in Stirling Terrace is available for hire for any occasion

Arrangements continue for the visit on Thursday April 30 by Kath Mazella.

Kath is CEO of the Gynaecological Awareness Information Network and her talk will be on gynaecological cancers, one of which she has experienced.

If you haven’t already, have a look at <http://gain.com.au>.

Look out for flyers around town or ask a CWA member.

CWA members will be represented at the Anzac Day centenary commemoration and arrangements are in place to distribute Anzac biscuits.

Each packet of two contains a card remembering a member of the Toodyay community who fell in either the 1914-18 or 1939-45 war.

Each card features a poppy hand-painted by our own Margot.

Our very efficient and much-appreciated catering officer, Trish Chitty, has moved to Perth but to our delight will return for meetings and is willing to still be involved in catering although not in charge.

Trish’s former role will be taken over by a committee.

Glenys Clabaugh has devoted a huge amount of time and energy in the past month to planning our new kitchen.

It will have fresh paint, pecan floor covering, cookie cream bench tops and drawers instead of cupboards.

We’re looking forward to our March 26 meeting when Glenys plans to bring a story-board to augment her progress report.

Story-board, we hear you say, this is the 21st century – haven’t you heard of PowerPoint presentations?

Well, we’ve heard of them – it’s just that we like technology we can rely on.

Just after our last meeting, four of us drove to Mt Helena for the annual Gathering of the Birds.

‘Birds’ from surrounding branches gathered

to decide who would hold the regular annual functions during the year and be advised of any other functions individual branches may have planned.

Toodyay members distributed flyers on the Gynaecological Awareness Information Network evening mentioned above, and York members advised they are also planning an evening with Kath.

There are quite a few milestone birthdays this year.

Birthdays for our neighbouring branches are: Beverley, York and Quairading all celebrate 90 years; Kellerberrin will be 85, Chittering/Bindoon 70 and Badgingarra 50.

Added up and multiplied by the membership, that’s a lot of individual and community support – and a lot of scones.

Our meetings are held at 1.30pm on the fourth Thursday of the month.

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

There is plenty of parking in Charcoal Lane and disabled access from Charcoal Lane down the side of the hall.

Hall bookings are being taken by Glenys Clabaugh on 9574 5110 or 0427 478 325.

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Town parade to honour volunteers

EMERGENCY service volunteers will be honoured in a Freedom of Entry Parade through Toodyay at 9am on Saturday May 2.

This year has been one of the busiest fire seasons in history for volunteer bushfire brigades as well as for those who support fire fighters behind the scenes.

The Stirling Terrace parade will cross Newcastle Bridge and end at the town oval for a morning of celebrations organised by the Shire of Toodyay.

The parade is held every two years to enable Toodyay people to show their appreciation to local emergency service volunteers who help to keep the community safe and maintain essential life services.

This year's event will be bigger than in previous years in a bid to attract more people from out of town – as well as more local residents – to say thanks and provide recognition to deserving volunteers.

The event will include displays of what fire trucks will look like in the future, fire and rescue and hot fire demonstrations, emergency services displays, a wheelie bin race, children's entertainment, a Fire and Rescue ladder appliance from Perth, a free sausage sizzle and awards ceremony.

Toodyay Road closed as arson suspected in Morangup fire

A SMALL fire that spread and closed Toodyay Road for several hours last month is being treated as arson.

The fire started on a verge in Black Swam about 11.30am and grew quickly into a major alert.

It was upgraded when it entered heavy forest and ignited swamp fuels inside a Department of Parks and Wildlife reserve.

Toodyay Road was closed due to erratic wind and fire direction, which caused the blaze to cross the road into farm land, threatening two properties over the next few hours.

Luckily, the fire in the government reserve ran into an old fire scar from 2010 which pulled the head fire up.

It gave fire fighters the opportunity to save the private property that had been threatened.

Toodyay Road was closed for several hours before being re-opened at 7pm.

A total of 50 fire fighters fought the blaze assisted by two bulldozers, one grader, one loader and air support from Perth.

If you have any information please contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.



Morangup Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade Captain Jeff Venn and other fire fighters return from the Toodyay Road fire to reload water

False alarms waste time as DFES over-reacts to stubble burn-offs

Julimar Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade
From the fire shed
Tim Walker

JUDGING by recent cool weather and some rain we could almost say the worst of the fire season is over – let's hope so.

It is a long time since we have had such an environmentally friendly March.

All 14 members who attended a first-aid course run by the St John Ambulance last month said they enjoyed a very valuable and worthwhile event.

Part of the course is how to use a defibrillator, and it wasn't surprising that this topic was high on the agenda at last month's brigade meeting.

After much discussion it was decided that Karen was to investigate important issues about buying one, such as location – ie: inside or outside – and cost, and report back to the next meeting.

It was agreed unanimously that the device would be available for the whole community, not just brigade members.

It was also reported that a cel-fi mobile repeater had been ordered and was on its way.

The item has now arrived and was installed on March 30.

We still needed a mobile phone for brigade use and thank Bruce for the donation of a good working unit.

Peggy reported that our new café blinds have been ordered and will be installed in the next few weeks.

Christmas in July was another topic on the agenda with various ideas being put forward.

Members are asked to put forward any other ideas before this month's meeting for a final decision.

The issue of recruiting new members was again raised and many suggestions were discussed.

However the general consensus was to spread the word and informally invite any new or old neighbours, friends, etc. to the shed if they felt comfortable in doing so.

At Lou's suggestion, annual brigade photos were also discussed, with best time agreed at the beginning of the season.

Captain Grant gave his usual comprehensive report on brigade activities for the past month, including a report of smoke and a subsequent callout to all brigades near the Bindoon Army Camp.

However, units were stood down on arrival when the smoke turned out to be from a legitimate stubble burn in an adjacent shire.

Based on my experience as a farmer and fire brigade officer in the '70s, I could safely

say this would not have happened when I was involved.

That was because we had a very comprehensive inter-shire and inter-brigade radio network which – with a simple call – would have verified the reason for the smoke.

The WA Department of Fire and Emergency Services model of communication still has a long way to go to avoid so many false alarms, as has so often been the case this fire season.

Finally, a friendly reminder to all people living in the West Toodyay, Julimar and Timberden area.

There is always a very warm welcome to you to join our brigade as auxiliary members or firefighters.

Our 5.30pm Friday sundowners every week in the Julimar Road fire shed opposite Blue Gum Way are a great opportunity to meet your neighbours and perhaps make long-lasting friendships.

For more information, please ring our friendly Captain Grant on 0488 021 365.

The next Julimar brigade meeting is at 6.30pm on Saturday April 18.

Restructured training keeps officers on their toes

St John Ambulance
Toodyay & Districts Sub Centre

RESTRUCTURED training has kept volunteer ambulance officers on their toes with more rigorous skills maintenance and assessment.

All is going very smoothly thanks to the enormous effort of our Volunteer Development Officers.

Thank you for your dedication to the service in getting the system working for our sub centre.

And thanks also to the crew who extended their time commitment to ensure their skills are nothing short of professional.

This is thrown in with a seasonal increase in local ambulance call-outs and backing up neighbouring sub centres as well as an increase in hospital-to-hospital transfers.

We welcome on board three new volunteers in Sarah Dudley, Dave Benz and Steve Reid – their arrival is very much appreciated by the regular crew.

It's that time of year where Sandy starts to gather items for our annual Monster Raffle.

If you would like to donate an item, please feel free to bring it to the sub centre or Toodyay Hair Studio at 120A Stirling Terrace.

Also please keep an eye out for the Easter and Mother's Day raffles.

Do you have Ambulance cover?

Do you know that if an ambulance is called for you – whether you request it or not – you are liable to pay the cost?

A local ambulance trip from Toodyay to Northam Hospital costs about \$380.

The bill is higher if you are in the metro area or the country where paramedics attend.

If you have private health insurance that includes ambulance, please check the fine print – you may be covered only for emergency transport.

Ambulance Benefit Fund membership is available for country residents and covers all ambulance transport in WA.

Family membership is \$80, single \$41, and annual fees go directly to the sub centre to help us to keep this vital service in our area.

You can join at the sub centre office at the rear of 120 Stirling Terrace or at Toodyay Pharmacy, 127 Stirling Terrace.

More information is available at the sub centre office.

St John Ambulance Toodyay & Districts Sub Centre, Rear 120 Stirling Terrace; PO Box 364, TOODYAY WA 6566; Ph: 9574 2390; email sjatooday@bigpond.com; office hours: Mon-Thurs 9:30am to 2pm.

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emergency services

D.I.Y. tower helps put brigade online

Bejoording Volunteer Bushfire Brigade

From the desk of The Badger

BEJOORDING is in an area with poor internet and mobile telephone reception.

It's one of those frustrating places where one person gets perfect reception and their neighbour gets zero.

Australia's new National Broadband Network towers won't help us when they come online elsewhere so we'll have to wait patiently for an NBN satellite service.

Up at the fire shed, we were so concerned about our ability to manage the communication needs of a major event that we drained our limited financial resources to pay for a tall new mast and technology to boost available signal.

As a result, we now get an excellent Telstra signal and can use the internet.

We also pay for an annual broadacre farmers' meeting and briefing.

It allows us to share important up-to-date knowledge with local major stakeholders about emergency service structures, protocols, key people, fire management techniques and other related matters.

Finally, we have improved the layout of the Shed's internal brigade office and communications room with the installation of glass sliding doors and air conditioning.

Now when there's an event everyone can see everyone else and readily communicate with each other.

We know the core expenses of a brigade are met by the Shire of Toodyay and Department of Fire and Emergency Services.

However, extras aren't covered by public sector funding though they make a big difference to our ability to function effectively and efficiently.

Our next investment will be to improve fire shed security.

The Bejoording brigade appreciates the generosity of organisations and individuals who have donated money to cover these

costs. We particularly want to thank Toodyay and Districts Bendigo Community Bank – which has agreed to partner us in our annual broadacre farmer's event – and the St Vincent de Paul Op Shop whose generosity to all the local volunteer bush fire brigades grows each year.

We also thank the Bejoording Community Group with whom we share premises and who are always willing to pay their fair share of costs.

Our brigade sees no point in accumulating funds for the sake of it.

Everything we raise is with a specific expenditure in mind.

Generous benefactors should know that every cent is well spent.

Don't forget fire bans are still in effect.

They will be lifted soon but the Bejoording Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade asks you to remember to always plan and prepare before lighting any fire for any reason.

Have a clear contingency strategy in place should things get out of control.

Fires can pose a risk to people and property even at the safest times of the year, whether it's burning off on your acreage or a back yard bonfire.

Always take care – advice is free but getting it wrong can be costly.

If you have any questions, please remember you can contact Captain Lawrence Hayward on 9574 5106 or the Badger on 9574 4834 or leave a message if we're not there.

Our next meeting is at 6pm on Tuesday April at the shed.

Gallant Mick's Be Brave and Shave raises \$3000

Coondle Nunile Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade

AFTER such a hot summer finally the cooler weather is upon us.

That doesn't mean we can be complacent as the ground is still relatively dry and a fire can still be easily started.

Department of Fire and Emergency Services has plenty of courses on offer, some of which our members have attended.

Any new skills learnt are a valuable asset to the fire shed, as well as on a personal level.

Congratulations to Mick Rogers on his gallant effort in the Be Brave and Shave fundraiser which raised about \$3000.

Thank you to all who donated and went along to give Mick support.

The end of this fire season sees us saying goodbye to Colin and Jenny Blanchett, two extremely valuable members.

Colin was a lieutenant and Jenny was a fire fighter with us.

Thank you both for the time and effort that you have put into the fire shed.

Colin and Jenny will be travelling around Australia for the next couple of years.

We all wish you safe and happy travelling – you will be sadly missed.

The Coondle Nunile fire shed wishes everyone a Happy Easter.

If you wish to become a member please come to the fire shed on any Friday night from 5pm.

Faulty solar panels spark bush fire

Toodyay Central Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade

Mick McKeown

WE HAVE now entered the restricted burning period.

This means that you can only carry out a burn on your property if you have a permit from the Shire of Toodyay and abide by the conditions of the permit.

Entering the prescribed burning period does not mean the bush fire threat is now over.

We have had call-outs in recent weeks to two fires in Toodyay: one started by a couple of small solar panels which failed and gave off a spark, and a second which was started by farm machinery.

Also, last Saturday fire fighting units from Toodyay Central Brigade and the new Toodyay High Season Brigade, together with others from the Shire of Northam, attended a large fire at Meckering which started from a controlled burn late last week.

We all need to remember that the bushfire

risk remains until the winter rains start in earnest.

Please be vigilant and cautious.

I would like to thank all members of Central for their work over what has been a busy period since November.

We have turned out on over 50 occasions which is a remarkable effort.

The other brigades in the Shire have done the same and also deserve thanks.

We're always looking for new members.

The training that is provided will not only help you to help others but it will also give you the skills and confidence to help yourself when the need arises.

If you are interested in finding out more about our brigade, please come along to our next meeting which will be held on Tuesday May 22 commencing at 7.30pm at the Fire and Emergency Centre, Stirling Terrace, Toodyay.

If you would like to join our brigade, please get in touch with our Secretary, Wayne Clarke on 6364 3609 or email 2jcentralvbf@westnet.com.au.

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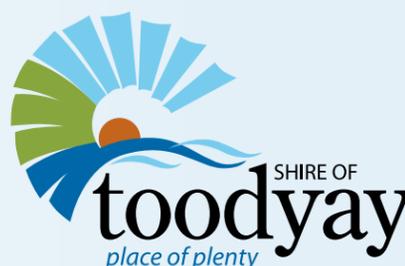
The Shire of Toodyay advises that a trial for issuing permits for burning will be undertaken this Autumn burning period for 2015.

This Autumn 2015 all permits to burn will be issued by Shire of Toodyay staff and not the Fire Control Officers, this trial was recommended by the Shire of Toodyay Fire Control Officers during a recent review.

Permits to burn will be available from the Shire three days a week and available to suitable applicants for up to 6 days, not including Sundays. Permits may be issued to farmers for this 6 day block for multiple lots or as required.

As per normal, permit conditions shall apply depending on weather conditions and land preparation. Property inspections by the issuing officer may apply.

All permits issued to applicants will also come with a notice from the Bush Fires Act 1954 which includes harsh penalties if the permit is breached. This year due to several serious permit breaches in the past the Shire of Toodyay will prosecute permit holders if a serious breach occurs.



Penalties may be up to \$10,000 or full reimbursement for the cost of fire suppression activities by the Shire of Toodyay and the Bushfire Brigades.

Ruth's studio an Aladdin's Cave of colour and life

Arts Toodyay
Clive Eger

TO SAY that Ruth Silvester is a colourful person is telling only half of the story.

For this energetic artist, colour is everything and when pressed for a description, she calls herself a 'colourist'.

She gives credit for this passion to an inspirational art teacher at primary school and it wasn't long before she had moved on to formal studies at Fremantle TAFE and Fremantle Arts Centre.

Her first class at Fremantle TAFE was on the subject of colour mixing and Ruth recalls saying to herself, "This is where I was meant to be".

The result is a true artistic polymath – someone who has so many talents and interests that she is sometimes hard to keep up with.

But, whether it is painting, jewellery, textile art or journals, the common theme is colour and a visit to her studio on the outskirts of Toodyay is like entering an Aladdin's Cave of colourful artworks, fabrics, art materials and boxes of brightly coloured beads.

Ruth is perhaps best known around Toodyay for her wonderful jewellery created from vintage beads, buttons and decorative objects.

She shops the globe for these 'raw materials' and has found them in the flea markets of Paris, Portobello Road in London, the clothing district of New York City and a very special little shop in rural New Zealand.

Each bracelet and necklace that Ruth creates from these treasures has a uniquely colourful and nostalgic story to tell.

This highlights the other theme that runs through Ruth's work – call it recycling or upcycling – the rediscovery of old and forgotten objects and reworking them into works of art.

As Ruth says, "Giving life to forgotten and neglected things."

Each of her creations has a story to tell and it is their uniqueness that makes them especially appealing.

The journals are delightful creations using old magazines and specially chosen paper and ribbons for the covers and bindings.

At the moment Ruth is having a hard time keeping up with the orders for her journals so the jewellery is 'on the back burner' for a while.

Ruth's other interests are painting, creating memoir journals, collecting and selling Japanese kimono and silk fabrics and, above all, sharing with others what she has learned and discovered in her artistic journey.

A long-time member of Arts Toodyay Inc., Ruth has conducted many workshops and she also regularly hosts a 'market day' at her home at which she and local artists offer their work for sale.

"The stall holders don't pay a fee and I even give them lunch" says Ruth with a twinkle in her eye.

But she obviously derives great pleasure from sharing and providing an outlet for other artists.

Later this year Ruth will be back in New York to fossick amongst the treasures in the little shops of the garment district along Sixth Avenue.

You can bet that the most colourful beads and buttons will find their way to her studio in the next creations by this prolific artist.

Moondyne preparations

ARTS TOODYAY members are busily planning activities for the year ahead with several workshops and demonstrations scheduled.

Preparations for the annual Moondyne art exhibition are also well underway and entries from all local artists are invited.

Entry forms will be available from the Toodyay Library and LJ Hookers' office very soon. Contact Monika for more information – akinom@inet.net.au.



Local artist Ruth Silvester's home is an Aladdin's Cave of colour

Here's a traffic infringement notice you should never try to pay

Toodyay Community Safety and Crime Prevention Association
Desraé Clarke

TAKING advantage of WAScamNet is easy at www.scamnet.gov.wa.au.

Australians have been targeted with a wave of bogus emails claiming to be traffic infringement notices.

They include links that direct people to a website that tries to rob the recipient and infect their computer with malware.

If you receive such an email, don't repond or click the link – delete it.

Genuine traffic infringement notices are always sent via the post.

Sone spam emails also claim to be from Australia Post and Australian banking institutions.

Malware is an abbreviation for malicious software used to disrupt computer operations, gather sensitive information or gain access to private computer systems.

If a scam has affected you, contact the Consumer Protection service on 1300 30 40 54 and ask for WAScamNet to discuss your case.

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THANK YOU!



THE SHIRE OF TOODYAY WISHES TO THANK ALL FIREFIGHTERS, FARMERS AND OTHER VOLUNTEERS FOR THEIR HELP AND EFFORTS FROM THIS 2014-2015 BUSHFIRE SEASON.

FROM THE SHIRE OF TOODYAY, THANK YOU!!



Human stories to tell Toodyay history

Toodyay Historical Society
Beth Frayne, Events Co-ordinator

AT OUR MARCH meeting, member Dr Robyn Taylor presented a fascinating talk about her research for the second stage of the WikiTown Toodyaypedia project, which is based on 'Toodyay Identities'.

Robyn has been commissioned by the Shire to write draft profiles on individuals with an historical association with Toodyay, but particularly with the buildings included in Stage 1, and also the Toodyay Convict Depot site.

The idea is to provide the human stories associated with these places and Toodyay generally.

Waylen Farm visit (formerly Britts' Blewbury Farm)

Our March excursion was a morning tea and tour of Dave and Barbara Gardiner's olive farm on Bindoon Dewars Pool Road.

The Gardiners and other visiting descendants will have shared their stories of this 1850s property, with associations with the Lee, Cook and Hamersley families.

Toodyay Historical Society will have shared its archival research on these families especially the contribution of two Britt World War 1 soldiers.

Condolences

The Society sends its condolences to Museum Curator Margie Eberle and family on the death of their son and brother Kivaan on March 13.

Congratulations

The society was thrilled with heritage town Toodyay's win at the National Tidy Towns Awards in Sheffield, Tasmania, on February 27.

Members who attended took notes on how Sheffield showcases its history to locals and visitors, especially its marvellous murals.

Coming up

Angels in the Studio at our AGM, April 12. All are welcome to attend our Annual General Meeting at 2pm, Sunday April 12 at the CWA Hall, Stirling Terrace, Toodyay.

Our Guest Speaker will be the renowned jewellery-maker Dr Dorothy Erickson



At Donegan's Cottage (from left) Don Carter, Dr Robyn Taylor, Peter Robinson and Desrae Clarke

(daughter of our late Patron Dr Rica Erickson), who will present a lecture entitled: Angels in the Studio: some professional women artists in Western Australia, c1890-c1920.

Our next general meeting is at 7pm on Wednesday April 15 in Donegan's Cottage at the Showgrounds.

ANZAC Exhibition Opening, 25 April

We are looking forward to being part of

the Remembering Them exhibition opening on Saturday, April 25, at the Old Newcastle Gaol; Beth has been helping Margie with Exhibition materials.

Society members who wish to attend should RSVP to Margie Eberle on 9574 2008 or email tmuseum@toodyay.wa.gov.au by Friday April 10.

For information or assistance related to

the Toodyay Historical Society, contact Secretary Desrae Clarke, email: desraec@westnet.com.au; President Peter Robinson, MOB 0407 928 500 or Committee member Beth Frayne, ph: 9574 5971.

Visit us at Donegan's Cottage (in the Showgrounds); open every Thursday, 1pm-3pm. Postal address: PO Box 32, Toodyay WA 6566.

Armflapper bursting with great ideas

Toodyay Community Singers
Margaret O'Sullivan

AFTER A much relaxed holiday The Armflapper has returned to the fold bursting with great ideas and wanting to provide our town with colourful bursts of entertainment throughout this coming year.

In this the centenary year of ANZAC we all reflect on where we are today as a nation, as free spirited people, aware of the many whose lives were lost through the wars enabling us to enjoy our freedom.

With this in mind our first public airing will be at our own Anzac service where we are very privileged to have been asked to join our community whilst sharing music of significant relevance and history.

We aim to continue to reflect on these times and efforts through our music and sing-a-longs in two musical evenings throughout the coming year.

We will reflect on the Pommie ballads and songs bringing a particular British flavour to our entertainment, then returning to the Aussie homeland with music synonymous to these shores.

They are indeed old classics and no matter where we are when we all hear them our feet start to tap and we hum along, with joyous abandonment.

To share our joy in singing publicly takes our group to another level whilst continuing to enforce that many voices united in song can indeed make a joyous sound.

We welcome new people along on a Thursday night at the CWA hall at 7pm. You may not feel you can sing (we know you really can).

You may like to be involved in some other way, or just to listen and come along.

\$ REWARD \$



LOST DOG

Ash is our much loved short haired 10 year old border collie. Missing from Clarke Street, West Toodyay on Wed 25/02/15. Ash has full tags and a pink collar. Please Call Robyn with ANY information **9574 2309 or 0400 765 162** or try Peta on **0409 842 309**

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Spin-in day of yarns, spinning and old friends

Toodyay Spinners
Ange Sturman

LAST MONTH I told you that our Spin-in is on Saturday May 23.

It occurs to me that some of you may wonder what a Spin-in is.

Once every few years the various groups of Spinners around WA invite the other groups of spinners to come and meet with them on their home turf.

We have a day of spinning, yarning and enjoying meeting with old friends.

We have our Spin-ins every three years, while other groups have their Spin-ins more often or less.

We bring the items we have made to show others – we may even sell some of our items.

We have morning tea and lunch together, have a raffle with lots of prizes, a quiz and a jumble stall.

Some traders who supply us with wool and yarns are invited to come and sell their wares to the participants.

It is a great day for sharing ideas, products

and friendship.

Carol Worrall has just come back from holidays.

She has been very busy, weaving and knitting a great variety of scarves.

I imagine many of them will be for sale at the spin-in.

Heather Jones crocheted another stylish beanie.

Our Spinning Group meets every Wednesday from 9am to noon, and every third Saturday of the month (also from 9am to noon) at Parkers' Cottage in the Showgrounds.

The Felting group meeting time is now on the second 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 about our group please contact Ange Sturman, Secretary on 9574 2507 or Gretta Sauta, President on 9574 2868.

New members welcome – no experience necessary.



Below left: Carol and her scarf; above: Heather and crocheted beanie.



'Famous Sharron' for Moodyne

Moodyne Festival 2015

THE MOODYNE FESTIVAL will once again hit the streets of Toodyay with an array of action and colour.

This year we are thrilled to have the "Famous Sharron" aka Bonnie Davis presiding as our Master of Ceremonies.

After her first solo show in Edinburgh 2011, Bonnie was nominated for 'Best of the Fest' in Perth in the same year.

In 2012 she won 'Best Local Comedy' with a sold-out season at Fringe World Festival and is currently touring Australia, New Zealand and regional Australia.

She now manages her alter ego 'Famous Sharron' who is very famous for absolutely nothing (classic celebrity) and is rapidly gaining a loyal fan base.

After sold out seasons and over 80 appearances at Fringe World, Famous Sharron won 'Spirit of the Fringe' for Fringe World and 'Best Marketing' at New Zealand Fringe Festival 2014.

The Famous Sharron will be getting to grips with Moodyne Joe (Nathan Martin)

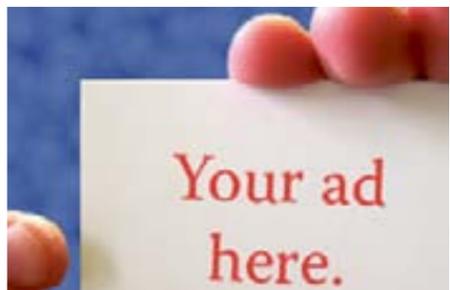
and his gang throughout the day with an exciting new and innovative script engaging members of the audience to participate in Joe's trial and ongoing tribulations.

As a first, Moodyne Festival 2015 will also feature a pioneer "Pop-up Village" complete with colonial crafts, including a blacksmith, old style hand tools display, swaggie hut, folk band and baby animal petting zoo.

Entertainment this year includes local musicians Bonny & Alan Axon, Greg Hastings and his didgeridoo, Jarrah Celtic Band, Enchanted Character Stilt Walkers, Kalamunda Pipe Band, 1860 Regiment, Sherlock Holmes Society, Perth Morris Men and the Irish & Highland Dancers.

The day would not be complete without the infamous Moodyne Joe, his dastardly notorious gang of bushrangers, the tedious Temperance Ladies, the flaunting Floozies, the swigging Swaggies, the conniving copper and the sensational street theatre performed by local talented volunteers.

Come along and celebrate Moodyne Festival 2015 on Sunday May 3 from 9am..



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Bolgart's Doris bows out and leaves giant shoes to fill

News from Bolgart and surrounds
Doris Martin

MY FOLLOWING news article will be slightly different to the usual ones I write, and I'm sure that you will not find it too unexpected.

In fact I am pretty sure you will possibly even welcome it.

It has been my experience that life has been a series of stages each having its own purpose.

In my case it has been an interest in everything from sewing, genealogy, writing poetry, building a belltower, giving talks to tourists and writing articles for *The Toodyay Herald*.

Each stage has fulfilled a need in me at the time of doing it.

My purpose in writing for *The Toodyay Herald* has been to provide information to its readers not just locally but also to those folk who have left the area but still have papers forwarded to keep up with local news.

The late Dr Rica Erickson was one such person who approached me in the hall at Calingiri one day when she had been invited to Calingiri to take part in one of the wildflower displays at the nature reserve that had been named in her honour.

She told me how much my column had meant to her in keeping her abreast of happenings in the area.

Many times in the last 10 months or so I have carefully been weighing up how important it is to me to go on writing for *The Toodyay Herald*, a paper I have contributed to for somewhere in the vicinity of 16 years but now feel that I have done so for long enough.

I hope that *The Toodyay Herald* will go on covering the warm and human side of life such as the article last month on the Bejoording community or other articles such as Ida's Hideaway or what the Toodyay Op Shop is doing.

Not everybody who reads the paper is a university graduate and many folk like myself enjoy reading the warm little community articles and don't worry too much about the type of thing that one can pick up any day of the week from the internet.

With the writing workshops that have taken place recently for contributors to *The Herald*, I hope that they have served a purpose in educating up and coming journalists of the future but as I don't intend at this late stage of my life to want to seek a career in journalism, I feel it is time for me to depart the scene.

I would like to thank all of the readers who have read my column in the past and retire

with the final words:

I'll no longer have to meet deadlines,
Having articles hid beneath headlines,
Sometimes devoid of my name,
Which I think is a shame,
Because then they may never be read lines.

We thank Doris Martin for her many years of service to The Toodyay Herald and offer her our very best wishes for the future.

Doris leaves giant shoes to fill but we hope a new local volunteer can step forward to help ensure Bolgart and surrounds stays in the news.

Please call 9574 2106 or email news@toodyayherald.com.au for more details.

Chainsaw chorus heralds autumn

Bejoording Community Group News
From the desk of the Badger

SOME welcome rain in March heralded the onset of autumn.

Green shoots are showing through the brown stubble and wild oats; gardens are starting to freshen up as anyone with roses and geraniums would know, and days are becoming more comfortable.

All around us land is being readied for seeding, dead trees are being cut down and piled up for the first burn-offs, fences are being fixed up, and home improvement projects are getting underway with the tell-tale Sunday morning chorus of power saws and drills.

Our community group like many others is getting its footy tipping competition organised and soon we'll be gathering around someone's TV on a Friday night for the weekly footy.

Social activity is all year round in Bejoording but you can feel the extra energy in the air.

Attendance is building at the shed and

other events, and everyone just feels more energetic when they're not recovering from 40c+ days.

A big thank you to Darb Leonhardt who served up a delicious Taco Feast early last month.

Our next event is an Air Hockey Competition at the shed on Wednesday April 15.

Put Sunday May 3 in your diaries for our Clean-Up Bejoording and Firewood Collection Day – we need lots of volunteers, and hi-Vis vests and bags will be provided.

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.

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.

Saturday arvo switch to attract more musos

Toodyay Music Club
Jo Edgecombe

OUR MARCH meeting featured a small but enthusiastic contingent of performers.

Before the music, we discussed possible changes to increase participation and reach a wider audience.

The decision was unanimous – meetings will move to Saturday afternoons.

From this month onwards, the club will meet at the CWA Hall on the second Saturday of each month at 1pm, with the usual recess in January.

With business out of the way it was time to move on to the music.

Maurice and Eileen regaled us with some lovely harmonies in 'Spanish Lace' and 'Spinning Wheel'. Their ukulele playing has really stepped up a notch.

Eileen's pretty 'Forty Shades of Green' (as Irish as they get) was written by country rocker Johnny Cash.

Their later selection included songs from Bob Dylan and The Carpenters, and Maurice's immaculate delivery of Benny Hill classic 'Ernie', complete with accent and all.

We were treated to the wonderful deep penetrating voice of Brian with another Irish song, 'Fields of Athenry'.

Then followed a change of pace, with the hymn 'Abide with Me', and from Handel, 'Where You Walk'.

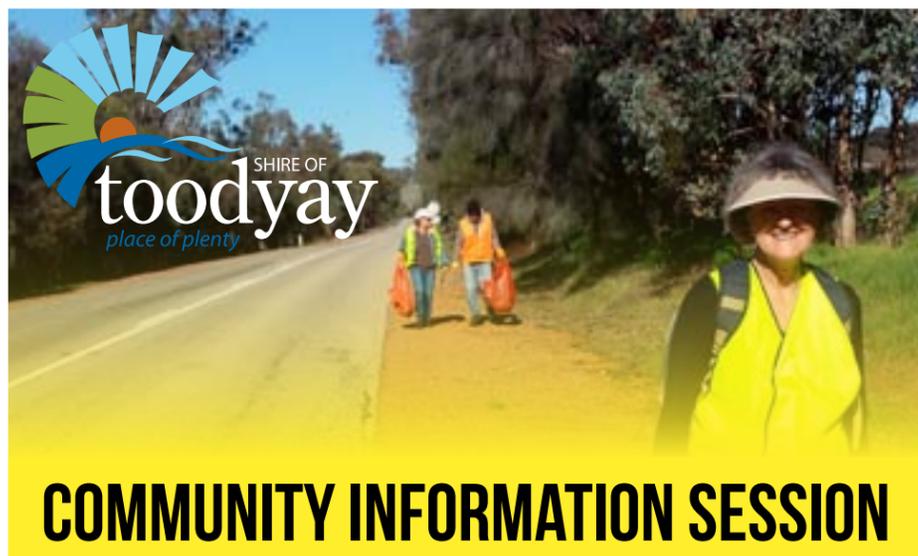
Jeanette, in keeping with the Irish flavour, sang the beautiful 'Rose of Allendale', followed by 'Red Is the Rose' a tune borrowed from a Scottish air.

Spencer presented his own Roy Orbison theme night, and what a sterling performance it was too, the climax at the end of the night in an awesome rendition of 'In Dreams'.

Our next theme session will be 'Mothers' next month.

Next club meeting: 1pm Saturday April 11. Any style of singing or instrumental performance is welcome so long as it is acoustic.

For more details call Joe on 0400 862 694.



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COMMUNITY INFORMATION SESSION

The Shire of Toodyay is holding a Community Information Session to provide information to the community on a number of topics such as National Tidy Towns, Adopt-a-Spot Program and an update on the SES Brigade.

SATURDAY 18 APRIL 2015
10.00AM - 12.00PM

MORANGUP COMMUNITY CENTRE
48 WALLABY WAY, MORANGUP WA 6083

Morning tea will be provided. To register your interest, please call Maria Rebane, Executive Assistant on Phone (08) 9574 9307 or email pqr@toodyay.wa.gov.au

We would like to hear from you! If you have questions or suggestions for further topics you want to have more information on please contact us before the day.

Versatile dish is delicious and easy to make with left-overs

Mushroom and Garlic Risotto
Scrumptious Tucker
Desraé Clarke

THIS RISOTTO is an economical, delicious and easy to make vegetarian or non-vegetarian meal.

Arborio rice is a special rice used for risotto recipes.

If a non-vegetarian dish is to be made chopped ham can be used in lieu of bacon.

I had a lot of ham left at Christmas so chopped it and stored it in the freezer.

Ingredients:

420gm can condensed mushroom soup
2 cups chicken stock, or vegetable stock or water

25gm margarine or butter

1 small onion, chopped

1 clove garlic, crushed



100gm bacon or ham, chopped (optional)
100gm mushroom, sliced
1½ cups Arborio rice
1 cup frozen peas

Method:

Stir the mushroom soup and stock, or water, together.

Melt the margarine or butter in a saucepan and gently sauté the onion, bacon, garlic and mushrooms till the onion is clear.

Add the rice and cook for a minute stirring constantly to prevent it sticking.

Add the prepared liquid and transfer all the ingredients to an ovenproof container.

Cover it with a tight-fitting lid and cook in the oven for approximately 45 minutes at 190°C or until the rice is soft to the bite.

Stir the risotto once or twice during the cooking.

Five minutes before the cooking is completed add the cup of frozen peas.

This recipe freezes well.

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Greg reprises epic walk to raise awareness of mining threat

Toodyay Naturalists' Club
Michalie Foley

LAST month kicked off with the Keep Australia Beautiful litter pick up on the Labour Day long weekend.

Club members gathered at our Adopt a Spot location along Toodyay Road at Morangup Reserve at the crack of dawn eager to pick up other people's rubbish.

They collected 56 bags of rubbish and finished off with a fantastic morning tea at member Sharon's house.

Thanks to all those who participated.

Last month's meeting saw Toodyay local Greg Warburton talk about his epic trek emulating the Dempster expedition from Buckland homestead near Northam to Bungalbin (Helena Aurora Range) north-east of Southern Cross.

Greg showed us photos of Toodyay at the time that the expedition set off in 1861 and photos of his great journey.

Not only did he endure the miles in his legs but also freezing cold night temperatures.

It was great to hear what a fantastic place the Helena and Aurora Ranges are, with multiple rare and threatened flora and fauna occurring on the banded ironstone range.

Not only did Greg conduct the walk to emulate the original expedition but also to raise awareness of the magical Bungalbin Range which is under threat from mining.

The next meeting is members' night.

Members are encouraged to bring photos and stories of their own recent adventures.

I will share photos of my recent trip to the Northern Territory and its wonderful birdlife.

We encourage new people to share their own amazing photos or stories.

The next meeting is on Saturday April 18 at the CWA Hall.

For more information please phone club president Michalie 0418 952 707

Wildlife Assistance Contacts

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All animals 9574 2118 or 0428 129 477

Robyn and Brian Foley: Toodyay

All animals 9574 5448 or 0417 173 283

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After hours Monday to Thursday and all day Friday to Sunday

John Hansen 0409 880 909.

Mothers' morning tea hears talk about school behaviour program

Toodyay Youthcare Council
(Chaplaincy)

Vivienne Freeman, Secretary

ABOUT 120 fathers and students attended another successful Dads' Breakfast at the Toodyay District High School last month.

They ate 15kg of bacon, 12 dozen eggs, 200 sausages, seven loaves of bread and a lot of onions.

Speakers were Colin West of the Fathering Project and Owen Catto representing men hoping to pursue the project's aims.

Also last month was a Mums' Morning Tea attended by 16 ladies, with Deputy Principal Wendy Camenzuli as guest speaker on the school's behaviour program.

Meanwhile, Chaplain Robyn Sinclair has formed a committee to organise a Showcase

Breakfast sausages, bacon and eggs for 120 dads and kids at school

Chaplain's Corner

Robyn Sinclair, Chaplain

THIS LAST month has been quite busy and the school term is flying by.

On Friday March 6 Youthcare hosted a Dads' and Children's Breakfast which was enjoyed by about 120 dads and their children.

Sausages, bacon and eggs, tea and coffee were served and the children enjoyed Milo and orange juice.

It was great to see dads come and enjoy quality time with their children.

Toodyay District High School Principal Tim Martin warmly welcomed the happy crowd to the school and then introduced Colin West from the Fathering Project who give a brief talk on the aims and ideals of this project.

Mr West also outlined some of the activities that the dads in other schools have successfully implemented.

Mr Owen Catto from Men's Regional Health further re-iterated the importance of the positive role dads play in the development of their children's lives.

He explained the importance of men supporting each other in these roles.

Mr Brad Middleton, the Youthcare Area Chaplain, also spoke, affirming the importance of family values and the role fathers play in making quality time with their children.

A small group of men has been meeting in the school to implement future activities for dads and children as well as arranging occasions devoted solely to dads.

I am sure these times will be of great support for the fathers in our school as well as being a time where men can come together and learn new and exciting ways to help each other become better dads.

A successful raffle was initially started at the breakfast and then continued at the local IGA and on Saturday outside the Christmas Shop.

The prizes were two family tickets to the Perth Zoo.

The winner was Carries Mitchell who kindly donated the prize back.

It was drawn a second time and won by Mrs Jenny Perkins.

The second ticket drawn was won by Pippa.

The money raised will go towards the cost of funding activities such as breakfasts, morning teas and programs and activities done within the role of the Youthcare Chaplaincy in the school and the broader community.

A morning tea was held on Wednesday March 11 in the chaplain's room for mothers and carers of the school.

Mrs Wendy Camenzuli was the guest speaker and she briefly outlined the behaviour policy that is in place in the school.

It was great to see the mothers showing interest in what is happening in the school as well as asking questions around this topic.

This is important so that parents and the school are on "the same page" so to speak regarding the welfare of their children.

Next term there will be another meeting with a guest speaker.

Keep a watch out and make a note on the calendar for the local 'Showcase Extravaganza' of talent to be held in the Memorial Hall on Saturday August 22.

All-new committee off to a great start

Toodyay District High School
Parents and Citizen

Karen Gale

What an amazing start.

Toodyay District High School P&C is now up and running with an all new and full committee.

It was fantastic to see all the parents supporting their children and giving them a voice.

We are very lucky to have such a great, enthusiastic team.

Our executive committee consists of Debbie Nichols as Vice President, Stacey Williams as Secretary and Zeta Fitzgerald as Treasurer.

We have a full committee with several sub-committees members as well.

Thank you to all of you and to everyone who attended our first meeting.

Our next meeting will at 5.30pm on Tuesday May 5 in the school staff room.

Feel free to come and chat, give suggestions and ideas towards improving our children's future through the school.

School staff are all very supportive, friendly, approachable and are interested in

what we all have to say.

When you pay your school fees, there is a one dollar donation to the P&C – your P&C.

This entitles you to know what the P&C is doing, have your say and enables you to vote on what is important to you and your family.

The P&C is not restricted to just parents, but grandparents and anyone in the wider community over 18 who cares about our kids.

Our children make up the future of our community so let's guide and help them the best we can and support your local P&C.

Unfortunately our canteen is struggling.

We need volunteers, so if you could spare some time to give our children recess food or lunches, please give the canteen a call on 9575 4047, or pop in and see Andrea at the canteen.

We have hit the ground running and started on the fundraising campaign – the Lions auction – the first of many to come, thank you Lions.

We will also be running a Mother's Day raffle and stall, giving all Toodyay District High School students an opportunity to purchase a gift for their mothers in a safe and independent environment.

This will empower them with confidence and a sense of pride, not to mention the secret of being able to give a surprise present.

So, go through your cupboard and find those small things kept but never used and donate them to the school canteen for Mother's Day presents.

Hope to see you soon, Karen Gale, P&C President.



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Peel Terrace, Northam

Open Monday - Friday
8.30am - 12:45pm
1.15pm - 4.00pm

Northam Visitor Centre
2 Grey Street, Northam
Open 9am - 4pm daily

Northam/Toodyay - Midland Timetable

	Mon - Fri	Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri	Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri	Sat		Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri	Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri	Mon - Fri	Sat
	AVM2	AVM4	AVM6	AMW2		MAV1	MAV3	MAV5	MAW1
Northam	6.30am	10.00am	4.00pm	4.10pm	Midland	8.15am	2.00pm	5.50pm	9.00am
Toodyay	6.50am	10.20am	4.20pm	4.32pm	Toodyay	9.10am	2.55pm	6.45pm	9.55am
Midland	7.50am	11.20am	5.20pm	5.28pm	Northam	9.35am	3.20pm	7.10pm	10.20am

Timetable effective from 2 May 2015 and is subject to change.



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Excitement at fever pitch as busload of crafty girls hit city

The Crooked Needle

WHAT A FABULOUS time the last month has been for the ladies.

We decided that a day trip to IKEA was in order as a reward for all our hard work – well maybe we really just decided to have an outing.

Ten ladies boarded the community bus with the intrepid and brave driver Lee.

He certainly was no thorn among these roses.

Lee negotiated the traffic with ease and out of the bus we rolled. Excitement was at fever pitch. "Where do we start?" asked one who had never been to IKEA. "How long have we got?" asked another.

It certainly did not take long for us to be out and about with trolleys making our way around that huge store.

Morning tea was a must for a couple who needed a coffee rush while others laughed and chatted their way around the store.

Lunch was taken (if not busy shopping) and 2.30pm was the allotted departure time.

All except one had had enough by 2 pm.

We sat and waited, knowing she wasn't late – but it was hot in the bus.

The next thing Lee decided enough was enough and off he went to find his wife.

It really was funny.

Only Megan would think of buying a tree to bring back – who even knew that IKEA had plants.

"Bay" was gently placed in the rubbish bin and had a very pleasant trip back in the bus.

The rest of us pulled our goodies out of the bags for a show and tell.

Some clever crafty girls, like Gail, even found some crafty things for us to do.

We can't thank Lee enough for doing such a sterling job driving us all.

Some girls who couldn't make the trip still met for lunch on the day.

You would have thought they would have met for craft and skipped lunch.

Oh I remember now, the hall was not available.

The following week saw a small number of us take something out of our craft bags and actually do something.

One poor woman had to undo her knitting three times, as the instructor said that practice does not make perfect, perfect practice makes perfect.

The next week we had 20 ladies attend.

The noise was a little over whelming and I noted six ladies put their effort into chatting instead of crafting.

Our last meeting for the month will involve our resident expert toy knitter explaining how to make toys from squares.

Ladies had to knit squares 24 stitches wide and 48 rows long to be able to partake in the exercise.

The only thing I missed was how many of the bloomin' things were required.

These toys will then be donated to where they are needed most.

Our current window display in the Wendouree window is Easter.

This will be followed by ANZAC and then Mothers' Day displays.

We wish three of our lovely girls – Gail, Lee and Glenda – a wonderful craft cruise to Singapore and can't wait to see what they achieve as they are all partaking in different courses.

We are hoping they bring back new ideas for us to try.

Our friend Margaret came out of hospital and was able to join us but unfortunately has found herself re-admitted.

Let's hope she is adding to our noise level and home soon.

We are glad to hear that Gail's husband escaped with no major injuries from his mishap.

The men's shed would surely miss him.

It was great to have the very talented Pat back in our fold even if it was only for a week.

Some of the ladies are off travelling again – travel safe.

Everyone's a winner with lively game of carpet bowls

Autumn Club Autumn Leaf

THIS month has been a quiet one with some members still away on holiday and some having treatment but we are nearly back to full numbers.

I understand Margaret is in hospital and we wish her well.

On March 18 we had our first visit from another club. The Northam Senior Club came by bus for a lively game of carpet bowls with a catch-up on local news during afternoon tea.

There was a table full of items for our raffle. Almost everyone won a gift.

Thursday April 2 is our clean-up day along Telegraph Road. We hope for a good turn up.

April 8 we have a visit from Goomalling Senior Club, followed by a visit from York Group.

On April 21 we plan to take a visit to Midland cinema and a look around the town.

There's just one birthday this month. We wish Helen Smith a very happy birthday.

Community bank celebrates 15th birthday

Bendigo Bank

ON MARCH 11 we celebrated two huge milestones in our Community Banking history.

Toodyay & Districts Community Bank branch celebrated its 15th birthday.

Our party was a wash out but the thought was certainly there.

Our planned family movie night in Dudgee Park was a non-event with the onset of Cyclone Olwen and the unpredictable path it was taking.

Our grateful thanks go to our Shire of Toodyay for the offer of the town hall and possibly moving everything indoors, and to Rowan and Tracey Hunter who were putting the movie on.

The decision to postpone the night was not made lightly.

We thank the community for its understanding and look forward to sharing our next social event with you.

Our Northam agency opened its doors on Tuesday March 17 after much hard work and collaboration.

Bob Davey Real Estate helped us to secure our premises in the main street.

Finding a suitable partner with both the space and staff willing to take on our agency has not been an easy path but we are delighted with the outcome.

Starting a new agency allows us the opportunity to strengthen our community involvement with our neighbouring township while building and strengthening our core business.

We understand the path ahead will involve lots of hard work and dedication as we share

our point of difference and take on new business deals.

This new milestone was reached thanks to you, our ever growing customer base here at Toodyay and Districts showing your unconditional and ongoing support.

What a wonderful way to celebrate 15 years of trading by being so actively involved with the team and our community who worked so hard to win the national Toodyay Tidy Town Award.

So where to from here?

Who knows – the sky is the limit.

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Venue: CWA Hall, Stirling Terrace, Toodyay

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Toodyay Shire President David Dow (above) receives a 'Winston' Black Dog Ride mascot from ride coordinator David Raine. See story Page 1

Black Dog ride to Toodyay raises \$6000



Hangers project turns out bigger than first thought

Avon Woodturners
Max J Heath

G'DAY from the Avon Woodturners group. It has been a quiet month at the woodturners. We are taking on a project for the Visitor Centre to make spoons to be used as hangers for products on display. This has turned out to be a bigger task than first thought but we have a few done and a lot to go. A few of our members have been turning items for the competitions at our monthly workshops. The West Australian Woodturners Association has started a new system so that smaller groups like us can achieve a better chance at the overall yearly points competition. Every entry gets a point and is rated on entries per number of members. This system put smaller clubs on to a more level playing field and encourages more members to take part in the competitions. It seems to be working so far as some of our members have taken up the challenge for

the Manjimup weekend workshop. The most recent workshop was held in Manjimup and as the WAWA president is our own Secretary Andrea McCandish, she and our Avon Convener David Doye, WAWA committee man, ventured down there. Andrea reported that one of the speakers was from the Department of Parks and Wildlife who spoke about animal rescue and recovery from the recent bush fires. This would have been a worthwhile talk to hear. On top of that Andrea won the raffle of a cast iron wok. We are having a wood raffle in April. The funds raised will enable us to set up our new headquarters with the equipment required to continue our activities. We look forward to your support. We are also making plans for our attendance at the Moondyne Festival and look forward to any of you stopping and saying hello on your way past. That's about all from the woodturners for this month and so as Roadwise says: Don't drink and drive.



FREEDOM OF ENTRY PARADE

Join us in celebrating & thanking the wonderful contributions and efforts of all emergency services volunteers with in the Shire of Toodyay!

SATURDAY 2 MAY 2015
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MONDAY 13 - FRIDAY 17 APRIL 2015



MONDAY 13 APRIL

SKATEBOARDING
Skate Park, Duidgee Park
9am - 11am

MAD HATTERS CRAFT WORKSHOP
Toodyay Community Centre
12pm - 2pm

TUESDAY 14 APRIL

TENNIS
Toodyay Tennis Club
9am - 11am

DANCE
Toodyay Memorial Hall
12pm - 2pm

WEDNESDAY 15 APRIL

NETBALL
Toodyay District High School
9am - 11am

MAD HATTERS CRAFT WORKSHOP
Toodyay Community Centre
12pm - 2pm

SUPER 8s CRICKET
Toodyay Showgrounds/Oval
6pm - 8pm

THURSDAY 16 APRIL

FOOTBALL
Toodyay Showgrounds/Oval
9am - 11am

ART 4 FUN
Inner Visions, Outer Expressions Studio
12pm - 2pm

FREE-UP CREATIVITY - ART 4 ADULTS
Inner Visions, Outer Expressions Studio
7pm - 9pm

FRIDAY 17 APRIL

SOCCER
Toodyay Showgrounds/Oval
9am - 11am

KARATE
Toodyay Youth Hall
12pm - 2pm

LAWN BOWLS
Toodyay Bowling Club
6pm - 8pm

Your local community groups are hosting **FREE** have-a-go sessions with a variety of activities, games and challenges these school holidays! **Everyone is welcome - all ages, all abilities!**
Remember to: Slip, Slop, Slap!

REGISTRATIONS ARE ESSENTIAL AS SOME ACTIVITIES HAVE LIMITED SPACES!

Registration forms are available from the following locations:

- Toodyay Visitors Centre
- Toodyay Public Library
- Toodyay Community Resource Centre
- Toodyay DHS

For further information contact Kristee Jolly at the Shire of Toodyay on 9574 2133 or email eso@toodyay.wa.gov.au

