

Happy gathering after Covid-19 down time

Country Women's Association
Elizabeth Mansom

MAY 28 was a red-letter day – our first meeting since February.

We know that those who use our hall are all very anxious to get back to their regular activities, but we have to follow government guidelines.

Also, CWA State Office has said we are not to open to public groups until they are confident all branches can meet these guidelines.

Members kept in contact during the downtime by telephone, email and snail mail but it was really good to meet physically even if a little distantly.

Margot, our International Officer, kept us supplied with notes on Japan, this year's country of study.

One instalment told us about sashiko, a form of Japanese embroidery and included outlines of a plum and a cherry blossom.

With the aid of a sheet supplied by our president Maxine, these two simple designs will become a patchwork tablecloth with each member stitching a patch.

Members have also kept busy making artificial flowers and fiddle rugs, the latter in high demand by aged-care facilities.

And have you seen Teddy standing under



CWA members have not been idle during the Covid-19 lockdown.

the CWA sign in front of the hall?

Luckily he had his wellies and raincoat to protect him in the wild weather at the end of last month.

Last year one of our members reported litter around the train station and asked if CWA could approach the council to suggest a recycling bin to encourage disembarking passengers to do the right thing.

A bin has now been placed at the station on a trial basis and it is to be hoped the lack of train travellers at this particular time will not result in it being removed.

This month is our 93rd birthday.

We'll be celebrating, and as CWA commenced in WA 95 years ago this July, Toodyay can be very proud of the strength and community spirit displayed by local women throughout the years.

Everyone has been asked to bring something and we are going to meet early and give ourselves a birthday lunch, observing social distancing, of course.

There's sure to be cake and lollies, silly hats and lots of laughs.

As soon as we can open again to the various groups which meet in our hall, we will let you know.

Singers Zoom in to celebrate germ-free solos

Toodyay Community Singers
Collette Healy

THE TOODYAY Community Singers are still Zooming in and it's working very well. Zoomers check in just before 7pm at the invitation of the evening's host, ready for getting down to business, which consists of a rotation of singers and their chosen songs and at 7pm the singing starts.

As mentioned in last month's *Herald* article, it is not possible for the members to sing along together as there is a delay when more than one person is singing, and it sounds hilarious, so each person gets to sing their own choice of song or songs individually.

Most of us are usually shy to start the singing but once the first one or two have sung then we get into it and it's almost like 'take a number' if you want to be called on to sing as members really loosen up and get keen.

Some of the themes over the past few weeks have been the weather (including *It's Raining in My Heart, Sunshine Came Softly Through My Window Today, They Call the Wind Mariah, Spring, Summer, Winter or Fall*), means of transport (including *I Got a Brand New Pair of Roller Skates, Folsom Prison Blues, Trains and Winter Rains*), favourite songs from musicals, and songs by Cliff Richard – to mention just a few.

It's not just singing that goes on at our Zoom singers' meetings.

One of our members celebrated his 80th birthday during the isolation period and was unable to have friends around to help celebrate, so all of those present on the night of his birthday each had a birthday candle on either a cup-cake or some other candle holder and at the signal all 'lit up' and sang *Happy Birthday* to him.

It was a lovely acknowledgement from his singing club friends on such a special occasion.

So, we are not too sure as to when we may be back in the CWA Hall.

Apparently singing groups are one of the fastest means of spreading germs because of the spittle that can come from the mouth when singing, particularly when the note 'fah' is sung.

So, it may be some time yet before we regroup or maybe, with good social-

distancing etiquette and everyone being mindful, it just might happen.

But until then we'll just keep Zooming in and singing.

Turner tackles rolling pin challenge

Avon Woodturners
Max J Heath

WELL, what an interesting time it has been in the last month.

Borders have re-opened and people have been out in force in Toodyay from surrounding areas.

First up we would like to wish David Eyres a speedy recovery as he has recently spent considerable time in hospital.

We look forward to seeing you home, David.

The club has been quite active at the 2J Junction with several projects going on.

One of our members has been busy with a display stand for pens, while another has been tackling a piece of Sassafras from Tasmania, and yet another making a very different potpourri container.

Another member has nearly finished a rolling pin which caused him some problems.

We are waiting for him to finish and try it out making some scones as he does sometimes present us with some tasty scones for morning tea.

We did chase up some York Gum for our parent organisation WA Woodturners Association but the contractors seem to have forgotten us.

Although our numbers have been down a little, they have been consistent.

We have recently acquired some different timbers for our workshop and were offered some old Jarrah verandah posts which appear to be in excellent condition.

Also, we were offered some Red Cedar. Although only a small amount and only being 50x50 square, we are sure we will find a use for this.

While visiting the Tip Shop we discovered a table made from Tasmanian Oak and this was purchased only to find the legs were hollow and not solid. Plans are already in progress for the use of this.

The club has received some enquiries from potential members. So if interested, contact me on 0400 206 929 or our convener David Doye on 0403 294 181.



CWA's Teddy is ready for any weather.

IN MOORE WITH LOVE

The **COVID lockdown** has had a catastrophic effect on many small businesses in Moore, particularly those that rely on visitors and tourists. Last week in Parliament The Nationals moved a motion calling on the Labor government to immediately address the shortfall and support WA small business and industries suffering because they are unable to access relief and recovery measures. While the Federal government put in place JobKeeper, there has been little to no assistance from the State government for many **tourism-related businesses**. Most have slipped through the cracks as they have been unable to access the state government's \$14.4 million Tourism Recovery Program - available only to Registered Tourism Organisation (RTO) members. Many small tourism-related businesses find RTO membership to be expensive and irrelevant and they have worked tirelessly over many years to build their business independently. The Nationals WA fully appreciate the effect of the lockdown on business in the tourism and hospitality sectors – there are fixed costs that have to be covered, whether you are open or closed and whether you have patrons or not. We have raised this issue in Parliament for several weeks now, only to be told the Tourism Recovery Program would not be extended to those operators who are registered with a local visitors centre or local tourism associations, but not an RTO. While WA's travel restrictions have been eased further, please remain mindful of the risk of COVID infection and continue to practice physical distancing (keep 1.5m apart) and practice good personal hygiene - continue to wash your hands.

Shane Love MLA
Member for Moore

THE NATIONALS



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Electoral enrolment forms are available from the Shire of Toodyay, all post offices, all Australian Electoral Commission offices (www.aec.gov.au) or the Western Australian Electoral Commission (www.elections.wa.gov.au) and must be completed and reach a Divisional Returning Officer in Western Australia by 5.00 pm on Thursday, 11 June 2020.

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Please contact your local government for details. Owners of land who were on the last Local Government roll continue to retain that status until they cease to own the rateable property to which the enrolment relates. Occupiers do not have continuous enrolment and should contact the Shire of Toodyay to confirm their enrolment status. To be eligible to enrol as an occupier, you will need to have a right of continuous occupation under a lease, tenancy agreement or other legal instrument for at least the next three months following the date of the application to enrol.

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Karen uses every inch of scrap

The Crooked Needle

Jean Melhuish-Hill

ANOTHER month has passed and we continue to observe our Covid-19 regulations as do our friends and neighbours.

It has become more obvious to us how important our mental health is, and maintaining a sense of involvement and community when we have been unable to visit with our friends and loved ones outside the Wheatbelt.

The recent relaxing of these restrictions has brought relief to many, with people taking all necessary precautions to ensure that we continue to minimise new cases.

In dealing with this pandemic we have encountered many restrictions; however, it has also made us more resourceful.

We have had time to take stock of what is really important and enjoy the time to catch up on things we have wanted or needed to do.

Our ladies have continued with projects for charity, family and friends.

Karen Lakeman has been utilising scrap material and when I say scrap, I really mean scrap.

If it is an inch square, it is worth keeping and can be turned into something.

Her most recent work has been on two scrap material quilts with one using rectangles and squares embedded into each other to give

shades of light and dark.

The second quilt uses half-inch strips, joining them together then cutting these into lengths and appliqueing with butterflies also made from scraps.

Karen definitely knows how to make something out of what others would say was nothing.

Did you know that quilting traditionally uses imperial measurements?

We have a number of knitters in the group; yes knitters, not nutters.

Lee King has been knitting beanies for both premature babies and Aboriginal children in the far north.

The beanies will keep some very precious heads warm.

Over the past couple of months, while gathering content for our newsletters, it has become very obvious that our ladies have a very wide range of interests and capabilities.

Gardening has given us some great pleasure along with cooking.

There have been some real treats as well as a few centimetres added to our waistlines.

We are eagerly waiting to hear when we can resume our weekly gatherings and start planning our Christmas projects now that the Show has been cancelled.

If you have an interest in craft and connecting with others, please contact Jan on 0407 083 079 or Annette on 9574 2332 for further information.



Karen Lakeman's strip scrap quilt.



Lee King's premature baby beanies.



Beanies for Aboriginal children.



Gabrielle Johnson's panel quilt (left) and Karen Lakeman's scrap quilt.



Members of the Malua Bay Rural Fire Service with the Ragbags' quilts. In the background, some of the bush is regenerating since the fires impacted the area.

Fire victims welcome Toodyay quilts

Ragbags Quilting Group
Kerry Gregory

WITH the easing of Covid-19 social distancing requirements, the Ragbags quilting gatherings will recommence on Wednesday June 3.

There will be a number of distancing and cleaning requirements to be met but with the size of our little group, I don't believe it will be a problem.

We can once again enjoy our quilting and crafting with the shared friendship and encouragement of our members.

I'm very pleased to report that the comfort quilts produced by our ladies have been received and distributed by the Malua Bay Rural Fire Service (RFS) to fire victims in the Malua Bay area of southern NSW.

Many of the fire victims had felt that, with the Covid-19 pandemic and all that entailed, their plight had been forgotten.

There has since been a real heartfelt response from those who received quilts.

I have been very moved by some of the notes of thanks and I quote from a couple of them.

"An article was also written up in the local paper, *The Bay Post* about the quilts being donated from Toodyay."

Bob wrote: "Susan and I were surprised and grateful that your friends in Toodyay were kind enough to make and donate quilts

to Malua Bay RFS for distribution to locals who have been affected by the fire.

"Please pass on our sincere thanks to the people of Toodyay."

Their home was not totally gutted by fire but their roof and deck need to be replaced and they lost their sheds and contents including a boat and vehicles.

This chap is a fire fighter and had been fighting fires for weeks protecting the homes of others when his home was burnt.

Since then he has been hospitalised twice and has severe on-going health problems from prolonged smoke in his lungs. He won't be able to fight fires again and his life and his family have been affected forever.

Another wrote: "Dave and Christine brought a quilt to our house unexpectedly on Tuesday.

"I'm a quilter but obviously lost my machine, fabric and cottons in the fire.

"I won't be going back to doing it (quilting) so having one as a gift is really nice.

"Please thank the ladies who made and donated it and for gifting it to us.

"Many thanks, Cheryl and Warren."

The Ragbags Quilting Group meets on the first and third Wednesday of each month in the St Stephen's Anglican Church Hall from 10am to 2pm.

New members are very welcome to come and join us; bring your hand sewing, machine and quilt pieces or your knitting and enjoy a cuppa and a laugh with us.

Creative bones discovered

Arts Toodyay
Eleanor Frith

WHILE restrictions have curbed many freedoms that most people take for granted, the door is never closed for creativity.

One of the more positive side-effects of the Covid-19 constraints is that they may have caused some people to reflect on their lives in a soulful way.

People who previously thought they didn't have a creative bone in their body have had to, in isolation, embark on new creative projects.

Art nourishes the soul, both for the artist and the people who see, hear, touch, and experience the art itself.

Soul – that important and integral part of existence itself – brings depth, richness, meaning and a sense of belonging to life; something often overlooked in this world of material focus and consumerism.

Here's hoping that during this pandemic, there has been a whole world of soul nourishing going on.

Food for the soul costs nothing. It's free.

Curiosity, invention, colour, form, nature, sound, texture, touch, building, making, drawing, painting, music... (the list is endless) are all food for the soul.

While artists often seek isolation in order to create, they also need people.

They need each other, family and community.

As the restrictions gradually begin to ease, Arts Toodyay members are beginning to venture out to visit each other and see what's been happening in others' iso-creative studios and workshops.

Still without any of the town's usual annual events, Arts Toodyay is looking forward to a time when this changes and we can share our arts and enjoy soul food with the wider

community once more.

Check out the Arts Toodyay Facebook page, carefully assembled and arranged by our very own Helen Shanks.

View artists' profiles and see some amazing art. Be inspired.

Spinners back on a roll

Toodyay Spinners
Glynne Bartlett

YAY, THE spinners are back.

After a couple of months away from our little cottage, we are now able to open our front door again and do what we all love to do.

The cottage has been wiped down and sanitised, we are washing our hands and keeping our distance and a small number of people are allowed in.

Our Saturday ladies will be back in June with the same conditions as the Wednesday ladies.

Unfortunately, we are still not sure about our Spin In which was due to be held in August.

We've all been busy as usual, but Sue Fricker our secretary has excelled herself.

Sue has taught herself to needle felt with the aid of a book and the result is fantastic for a first try. Well done Sue.

If you're near the lolly shop, pop in and have a look as I believe it will be on display there.

If you are interested in joining our group, we are at Parker's Cottage in the showgrounds on Wednesdays from 9am until noon.

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ENVIRONMENT

New riverside plantings behind café

Toodyay Friends of the River
Sarah Dudley

IN RECOVERY mode at last – so welcome back.

Groups of volunteers can now begin to tackle some June plantings alongside the Avon River and its tributaries.

More specifically, along the riparian area behind the Cola Café and alongside the Boyagerring Brook.

Toodyay Friends of the River members will be informed closer to Sunday June 14 and

Monday June 15 of the specifics.

A big thankyou to the hard-working Toodyay Seed Group which has prepared salt-tolerant seedlings, most of which are sedges and rushes, in preparation for the quarter acre (0.10ha) of riparian plantings.

These adaptable species have to be able to endure both dry and wet conditions, as well as tolerating oscillating salinity affecting the fringing vegetation.

A big thankyou also to Wheatbelt Natural Resource Management which is apparently supplying the plants for the Boyagerring Brook project.

This planting stretches from the Murray Walk pedestrian bridge close to the river to the upstream culvert, encompassing a linear hectare in all.

These seedlings may be sedges or rushes, all of which are common along the banks of the Avon and which may be confusing in relation to their identification.

The three groups of rush species we will be using are the Marsh Club Rush, Finger Rush and Loose Flower Rush.

The two sedges will be Spiny Flat Sedge and Saw Sedge.

There is a well-known botanical mnemonic; sedges have edges, rushes are round, and grasses have nodes from the top to the ground ('nodes' are the swollen sections of the stem).

Translated, this means if one cuts a sedge stem across, it is triangular; a rush stem is round and solid; a grass stem is roundish but hollow.

All three of these plant groups are particularly important in wetlands as they have shallow, spreading roots which bind the soil particles and reduce erosion.

Sedges and rushes are also pivotal to the improvement of water quality as not only do they slow down the rate of water flow, but they can extract and store significant quantities of nutrients in their stems and rhizomes.

Grasses have less use in nutrient stripping and soil binding capacity but are useful in revegetation in less waterlogged and saline conditions within the riparian zone.

Many of these fringing species not only provide invertebrate and vertebrate habitat refuges but they also oxygenate the water by leaking excess oxygen from their roots.

Yet for so many of us, we walk past these valuable, hard-working species with ne'er a second glance.

Prior to any successful planting there has to be the elimination of competing weeds.

The most prolific weed on site was Kikuyu grass.

This, plus some Couch grass and emerging Oat seedlings have already been sprayed.

Castor Oil plants and Black Nightshade were removed by hand.

So, if you'd like to join us at one of our working bees, you'd be very welcome.



Marsh Club Rush (Caldwellii).



Spiny Flat Sedge (Cyperus gymnocaulos).



Saw Sedge (Gahnia aspera).



One of the many interesting gardens the Toodyay Garden Club has visited.

Greenfingers crossed to get out and about next month

Toodyay Garden Club
Daphne Lee

HELLO happy gardeners.

After some lovely rain, everyone should be rejoicing, especially the farmers.

No good news about garden club resuming yet but fingers crossed for a July start (maybe, hopefully).

My spinach is going well; such lovely little plants and I am so happy so far with my first

attempt at growing it from seed.

Give it a go – I enjoyed the challenge.

Hope no one suffered any damage from the rain and the wind as there was a lot of damage elsewhere.

No doubt we are all keeping cosy and warm by the fire. I know I am.

We always welcome any new gardeners. Please contact me on 9574 2375 for further information.

Cheers till next time and happy gardening.

Wildlife rehabbers hop in to help

Marsupial Mammals and Pappas
Brian Foley

A NUMBER of like-minded people have formed a wildlife rehabilitation group, Marsupial Mammals and Pappas.

The first meeting was in early March and we now have more than 25 members.

The group was formed by long-time animal rehabbers Robyn and Brian Foley who realised that the knowledge they have gained must be passed onto others.

With so many wanting to take up the very fulfilling task of raising orphaned and injured wildlife, it was an easy decision to take.

Marsupial Mammals and Pappas is in the process of being incorporated, with a charitable licence and tax deductibility for donations.

The objectives of the association are:

- to protect native wildlife;
- to create a support network of carers by providing training in all aspects of the care and well-being of injured, sick and orphaned native animals which will give members the confidence to rehabilitate and release the animals back into their natural habitat;
- to provide medical treatment so that viable wildlife may be rehabilitated and returned to their natural habitats;
- to provide protection and care for wildlife which cannot be returned to their natural habitats and,

• to raise funds to be applied solely for the care of animals, including the provision of food, medical supplies and consumables, under the protection of the association.

The group is able to look after any native wildlife apart from venomous snakes but some of the members can catch and relocate venomous snakes.

A registered person is available 24/7 to euthanise any animals which have been injured by cars, caught in fences or had another accident.

Once the Toodyay Farmers Market starts up again you will see members there fundraising or selling raffle tickets around town.

They will be noticeable as an orphaned animal will be hanging over a shoulder or cuddled on a lap.

There are no regular funds available for wildlife and it is an expensive hobby if you could call it that, and all the carers bear their own costs so any funds raised are used to offset these costs where possible.

If you come across any injured native wildlife and you are unsure what to do, ring Brian 0419 933 721 or Robyn 0417 173 283 any time for advice.

For anybody that would like to become a wildlife rehabber but is not sure where or how to start, then contact us.

If you wish to join the association or support it with donations contact Robyn or Brian.

HEALTH

Detecting cancer early can save your life

Cancer Council WA

WITH reports filtering through of a decline in people consulting with GPs during the Covid-19 pandemic, Cancer Council WA, through its Find Cancer Early program, has relaunched a campaign encouraging people living in the Wheatbelt to talk to their GP.

Wheatbelt Regional Education Officer, Melissa Pickering said: "Now more than ever, people should be talking to their GPs about any worrying symptoms.

"The aim of the Rural Doctors Bathroom campaign and other Find Cancer Early campaign materials is to increase awareness of the symptoms of the five most common cancers and motivate regional people to seek

medical advice early on," Ms Pickering said.

"A potential drop in GP visits is concerning as we know that the earlier cancer is found, the greater the chance of successful treatment."

Ms Pickering said it was important to reassure the Wheatbelt community that GP practices are open, and appointments are available face-to-face (telephone ahead), by phone and through Telehealth.

The Rural Doctors Bathroom television commercial started airing on May 11 across regional WA.

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ENVIRONMENT

Getting to grips with nickel know-how

Avon and Hills mining Awareness Group

THE LIFTING of the intra-state border at Morangup and Toodyay Roads on May 18 gave AHMAG members the chance to catch up and discuss the recent blanket pegging of 2300sq/km of Toodyay Shire by Chalice Gold Mines for nickel, copper and platinum group element (PGE) exploration.

It's a rare discovery and the exploration company's haste to secure the valuable resources means AHMAG has to come up to speed about some of the terms used in the exploration phase of mining.

The confirmed find on private land on Keating Road in Julimar is known as a 'greenfield' site, an unchartered area where minerals are found where they were previously not thought to exist.

Chalice is using two types of drilling methods – diamond and reverse circulation (RC).

Diamond drilling probes the contents of ore deposits by withdrawing a small core of rock, usually about 47mm in diameter, from the ore body for geologists to analyse.

RC drilling uses dual rod drill holes which allow the drill cuttings to be transported to the surface for analysis.

The company has also conducted an electro-magnetic (EM) aerial survey of a 24km-long target, 10km north of the confirmed resource but still needs to get State Government approval to gain access to verify

the potential resource which is located in the Julimar State Forest.

While EM surveys are a quick and economical method of locating metallic conductors, they are not foolproof, and on-ground testing is needed to verify the find.

The type of ore identified in the Julimar area is nickel sulphide.

Because the Julimar find has also identified copper and the PGEs palladium, platinum, rhodium, ruthenium, osmium and iridium, the area may be mined using a combination of both open-cut and underground mining.

Six years ago, AHMAG members were getting their heads around the extraction and processing of bauxite and examining its negative environmental impacts. We now have to investigate what effect nickel mining could have on our community and natural surroundings. See story Page 9.

We will all have to closely monitor Chalice's application to mine in a State forest where a vulnerable population of Chuditch (Western Quoll) live.

Hopefully we will soon be out and about at local events with new information on what impacts the Chalice project may have on the Avon Valley environment.

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Chalice's reverse circulation drilling rig in Julimar. Photo: Chalice Gold Mine's website.

Warning calls in Wandoo woodlands

Bird of the Month
Desraé Clarke

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The Yellow-plumed Honeyeater's colouring is similar in both the male and female bird being olive-green above with an upswept bright yellow neck plume; the whitish-coloured breast is strongly streaked with grey-brown.

Feeding and breeding areas are fiercely defended by family groups.

Like other honeyeater species, its alarm calls are loud, penetrating, staccato sound alerts for other birds.

It is interesting to read a comment by ornithologist, Simon Nevill, in his publication *Birds of the Greater South West Western Australia* that warning calls can vary with a snake alarm call different again in being not so high pitched.

I was present to hear a similar reaction from Blue Fairy Wrens that were in an area of long grass beneath an ancient fig tree.

The little group was happily gently chattering until a Gwardar moved through the long grass; the change in the birds' chatter

was immediate to staccato high-pitched calls.

Nest-building of the Yellow-plumed Honeyeater is from July to January.

The small nest is comprised of thin strips of bark and fine grasses, neatly held together with cobwebs and attached, at the rim, to slender twigs on drooping foliage or in dense shrubbery.

The nests are known to be parasitised by various species of cuckoo.

Two or three eggs of salmon-pink colouring with spotting of reddish-brown are laid to be incubated over 14 days with both parents feeding the young; they may be assisted by others in the group.

At the time of writing, this species of honeyeater is being reported frequently and is known to be found also in the Perth area.

Email/report wildlife sightings to info@toodyaynats.org.au or phone to 9574 5574.

For advice about sick, injured or orphaned wildlife call Wildcare Helpline on 9474 9055. The volunteer service operates 24/7.



Yellow-plumed Honeyeater. Photo: Lyn Johnson.



The Echidna rolls into a ball when threatened. Photo: Jennifer Donegan.

Trundling echidnas like a mud bath

Toodyay Naturalists' Club
Desraé Clarke

DURING this difficult pandemic period, observations of birds, mammals and plants have continued to be listed on the Nat's club website 'sightings' register, then entered in its data base.

The photographed Short-beaked Echidna was discovered moving about in one of Toodyay's reserves.

This little animal, which is found throughout Australia and can weigh up to 7kg, is a highly specialised feeder of ants and termites.

It has a very long tongue that is covered with sticky saliva to which the ants adhere.

The Echidna does not have teeth but a horny pad at the back of the tongue and on the palate between which the ants are masticated.

With this eating habit a considerable amount of soil is ingested and is noted in its droppings indicating the animal's presence.

Although normally a solitary creature, as many as six male Echidnas may follow a single female at time of mating around July/August.

Following mating, a single soft-shelled egg is laid directly into the female's belly pouch to hatch approximately 10 days later.

The young creature, known as a puggle, remains in the pouch for about three months suckling on milk from the milk-pores of the female's mammary glands.

By the time the young leaves the pouch it is covered with tiny spines.

The Echidna's spiny coat is an excellent protection.

If the animal is disturbed or threatened it will roll into a ball with the spines projecting outwards.

To move an injured animal cover it with a protective towel or woollen garment as the spines are sharp.

The species has short fur close to the body with the exception of the animal in Tasmania that has much longer fur.

A number of years ago I was amazed to see an Echidna in a Toodyay reserve that had obviously enjoyed a mud bath as only the tips of its spines could be seen.

Although the Echidna appears to move slowly, it can be a challenge to photograph.

It will trundle along steadily but, if approached, will roll into its protective ball.

If you stay very quiet and, when it feels safe, it will unroll again to begin its trundling gait.

The Echidna shelters beneath thick bushes, in hollow logs and similar protective areas.

Report observations to the club's website 'sightings' area at toodyaynats.org.au, email info@toodyaynats.org.au or phone 9574 5574.

As restrictions on small gatherings are beginning to lift, it is hoped that Drummond House, Toodyay Environment and History Centre, will be soon opened and that this month we may see the first Nat's excursion for the year.

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ENVIRONMENT

Barking Gecko lives up to name

Python Watch
Desraé Clarke

THE PHOTOGRAPHED Barking Gecko was found beneath a plant pot and 'barked' at a visitor when it was disturbed.

This species is also known as the Thick-tailed Gecko but as many geckos have thick tails the name given in this article is more appropriate.

This species is one of the larger geckos being up to 95mm Snout Vent Length (SVL), the length from the snout to the area just behind the back legs; this term is used for measurement of reptiles.

The tail is thick at its base and rapidly tapers to a point.

The ground colouring of the body of the

Barking Gecko is reddish-brown to purplish-brown with sprinklings of yellow or white spots.

The original tail colouring is dense black with vivid white markings.

However, if the tail is lost from misadventure it will regenerate in a pale colour with no markings.

The eye of the species does not have a movable eyelid but a covering of a transparent scale that is cleansed by an extremely rapid tongue movement.

The sloughed skin of the gecko will clearly show the presence of the scale.

The Barking Gecko lives beneath leaf litter and fallen logs, loose bark at the base of trees or in small rock crevices.

It is more tolerant of cooler weather than



Barking Gecko. Photo: Sharon Richards.

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other species and is nocturnal (moves at night) preying on insects and spiders.

Two soft-shelled eggs are laid.

To submit sightings please email info@

PUZZLES

Sudoku

Sudoku is based on the logical placement of numbers. Sudoku doesn't require any calculation nor special math skills; all that are needed are brains and concentration. Every number from 1 to 9 must appear in each of the nine columns, nine rows and the nine 3x3 boxes.

Easy

8	3				1			
9	1	4						3
	4							
		2						7
7			6	5				
2								9
3		9	7					
	5			4			6	
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Hard

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5			3					
	9			4		7	1	
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		2	1					
6			4			2	5	
8						1	3	7
	5					8	9	
		4		8			6	

Combo Crossword

ACROSS

- 2 Hold firmly
- 7 Look amorously
- 8 Elaborate song
- 9 In times past
- 10 Finesse
- 11 Colourless
- 13 Incongruities
- 16 Marine gastropod
- 18 Window shelf
- 19 Having an enthusiasm for
- 20 IV
- 21 Reverberate
- 22 Soundness of mind

DOWN

- 1 Soccer
- 2 Timepieces
- 3 Fasting period
- 4 Anxiety
- 5 Small village
- 6 NZ footballer (coll)
- 12 Forbid
- 14 Shoe parts
- 15 Stupidity
- 17 Computer picture
- 18 Let it stand

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Cryptic Clues

ACROSS

- 2 Seize a brood of chickens
- 7 Leer at our Brett
- 8 Invariable particular Awards
- 9 A single occasion long ago
- 10 To firstly perform with diplomacy
- 11 Displaying anaemia like death warmed up
- 13 Stupid activities produce follies
- 16 A slim petalled rock clinging creature
- 18 The horizontal member of a door frame is illegal inside
- 19 Devoted to the practice of some of the main topics
- 20 11 X 11?
- 21 A reflection of sound in the choir
- 22 Mental health from common sense

DOWN

- 1 Fool Licensed Tab members into soccer or the like, perhaps
- 2 Calculates the speed of chronometers
- 3 Insolently a lead up to Easter
- 4 Fear involuntary trembling of the limbs

- 5 A small cluster of houses for the Prince of Denmark
- 6 A flightless bird found in khaki wigwams
- 12 Cancel, and reject as invalid
- 14 A stirrup personally exposes the highest shoe parts

- 15 Silliness leads to severe mental retardation
- 17 The first person to trick an admired stereotype
- 18 A printer's direction from the first, etc

[Puzzle Solutions Page 23](#)

Crosscode

Crosscode is a logic puzzle. Each letter is a number. Begin by guessing the first word and placing the additional letters into the crosscode. Keep guessing words/letters until completed.

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4		4		1		5		26		21			16	
		15		10	11	9	3			22	21	1	4	10
20		3		12		21		15		9		21		2
21	3	4	1	18		22	21	25	9			15		
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9	24	1	10	11	9			9		7	21	26	9	17

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14	T							Q					U			

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M				
N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z				

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Public Notices

TOODYAY Locals Care AGM to be held on Saturday, July 4 at 10am at 66 Stirling Terrace.
We need more volunteers, so please come along and we will celebrate the USA Independence Day as well with hot dogs and ginger beer.

Toodyay Rainfall

Recordings are taken at The Toodyay Club on behalf of the Bureau of Meteorology in mm (recordings and average commenced on 1/1/1877)

YEAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
2009	8	8	9	32.6	39.2	83.6	115	76.2	56.2	17.2	30.2	2.6	477.8
2010	0	0	0	0	0	0	69.4	36.2	12	3.4	7.2	21.4	149.6
2011	24.2	15.4	14.2	10.4	36.6	52.6	92	70.2	65	57.4	18.8	29.2	486
2012	0	42.3	0	11.8	23.6	106.2	13.8	51.9	59.7	3.6	52.1	29	394
2013	30.4	0	66.7	10.4	79.4	11.2	70.4	90.9	100.3	19.4	2	3.4	484.5
2014	0	2	3.8	62.9	71.8	58.2	103.7	38.4	41.6	53.2	21.4	0	457
2015	0.5	31.3	30.9	31.4	32.4	25.8	99.2	62.8	14.4	25.7	21.9	4.8	381.1
2016	114.3	0	73	64	54.4	57.2	94.7	77.8	34.7	33.2	1.8	27.4	632.5
2017	77.8	116.2	24.1	0	20.8	30.7	100	82.7	54.4	8.2	12.3	22.3	549.5
2018	90.6	9.8	0	4.4	45.2	51.9	118.7	129.5	6.9	48.5	0	0	505.5
2019	1.8	0	5.8	15.4	8.7	125.7	128.4	66.3	13.4	15.2	6.0	0	386.7
2020	0	31.6	9.8	6.4	38.2								86
Average	11.50	12.50	20.00	26.20	66.40	97.80	101.60	79.60	48.00	31.40	15.00	9.40	519.40

HEALTH

Virtual Mother's Day fun run raises \$850

Mother's Day Classic
Olivia Wood

THANK you to Covid-19 Toodyay Terriers team members and sponsors for their contributions towards the 2020 Mother's Day Classic.

The Women in Super Mother's Day Classic is an annual fun run and walk raising funds and awareness for breast cancer research.

The aim is to deliver a fun, healthy and inspirational event that brings the community together on Mother's Day to support and remember those touched by breast cancer.

In the wake of Covid-19, this year's event was a virtual one challenging participants to walk or run four or eight kilometres in their local street or park, their backyard or on the treadmill at home.

The nine Covid-19 Toodyay Terriers and their families completed the virtual event on Mother's Day May 10 and the theme for the day was, of course, pink.

Thank you to the team members for their participation and their kind sponsors who all contributed to the fundraising total of \$850.

The team members were Dimity Boggs, Jodie Breese, Heather Clarke, Anita Davey, Jane Devine, Cherie Harrington, Simon Hurst, Stacey Williams and Olivia Wood.

They were sponsored by Tracey Cooper, Denise Herbert, Hunter Family, Zoe Mae, Peter McKinn, Phil and Jenny Perkins, Georgena Phillips, Jenny Thomas, Kim Thorn and the Toodyay Early Learning Centre.



From left: Winton, Anita and Brideen Davey.

SPORT

Aaron sets new gross stroke course record

Toodyay Golf Club
Adam Pearce

ALL GOLFERS have one – a moment in their golf career that sits above all others as favourite.

May 17 was when Aaron Boston shot a round to remember as he bettered Cam Rodney's previous gross stroke course record by one stroke.

A special front nine where there was only one blemish of a bogey on the tricky hole three, was followed by a terrific back nine.

Aaron barely missed a fairway and shot a two under par to finish with one under par 71.

May results

MAKIT Hardware stableford; 1st Ryan Sinclair 36 points, 2nd Adam Pearce 33 points and 3rd Kim Rose 31 points.

Summer Golf Ambrose; 1st Aaron Boston/Adam Pearce, 2nd Dave Duncan/Adam Pearce and 3rd Kim Rose/Ryan Sinclair.

Toodyay Club stroke; 1st Aaron Boston nett 67, 2nd Adam Pearce nett 71 and 3rd Murray Riesley nett 74.

Toodyay Auto Centre par; 1st Adam Pearce -2, 2nd Murray Riesley -3 and 3rd Lee Pettingel -3.

Results of the wood raffle drawn on May 23; 1st: trailer of wood Mary Groves; 2nd: bags of wood Vicki Blanki and 3rd: plant Carol.

Congratulations to all winners and a big thankyou to the local businesses for their continued support of the golf club.

With recent decent rainfall the course is beginning to show a green tinge and new players are welcome to come out and have a hit.

Open competition is every Sunday with tee off at noon and registration at 11.30am.

Ladies play on Wednesdays starting at 9am. Contact Roma Heath on 9574 5534.

The fixtures can be found on our Facebook page Toodyay Golf Club or for general enquiries call president Bruce Shaw on 0417 028 089 or captain Adam Pearce, 0427 252 417.



Sports clubs get tips on safe play.

Blokes need to drink more than women

Warrior's Wellbeing
Glen and the Team

WE'VE all heard the old rule of thumb – eight glasses of water per day.

We shouldn't be surprised to learn that this is an approximate amount for the average person and doesn't consider gender or lifestyle.

In fact, eight glasses a day might actually be leaving us dehydrated and the average intake for blokes might have to be revised upwards to about 13 glasses.

Men generally require more water than women due to their (on average) higher fat free mass and energy expenditure.

Physical activity is a major influencer of water consumption in the body; the more physical activity we do the more we need to hydrate.

We get thirsty once we start to dehydrate so, during exercise, it's important to keep up our liquid intake prior to feeling those pangs of thirst.

Climate is another consideration.

Obviously, someone with a desk job has lower hydration requirements than a boilermaker working in a confined space in summer in the Pilbara.

What is not so obvious is the fact that the desk jockey may have elevated water requirements due to air-conditioning as dry air increases the body's water needs.

We do get some of our daily water requirements through our food as many fruits and vegetables such as watermelon, tomato, cucumber etc. have a high-water content.

We can also count flavoured drinks as some of our intake but water is the preferred option.

Drinks with high sugar content should be avoided and before anyone says: "Well, three beers is a litre," there's an important distinction to make.

Coffee and beer are examples of diuretics (substances which make us pee), therefore regardless of the intake, there may be a nett loss happening.

For example, for every 200ml of full-strength beer consumed, you pee around 320ml.

That works out to drinking a six-pack and peeing 10 stubbies.

What can we do?

Assume we are dehydrated; it is so common as to almost be the norm.

Drink around 13 glasses of water per day, more if you are doing physically demanding work or are sweating profusely.

During exercise, drink every 15 minutes to pre-empt dehydration.

Use your pee as an indicator. Pale or straw-coloured is ok; yellow means dehydrated, and dark or verging on a brown colour is a sign of severe dehydration.

Water is by far the best form of hydration.

The electrolytes in sports drinks are also present in a balanced diet.

Sports drinks only have a role for endurance athletes who, during an event, push beyond the body's natural stores of minerals.

When calculating water intake, consider the effects of diuretics like alcohol and caffeine. Remember: "Drink six, pee 10".

Keeping on top of dehydration is more than just drinking heaps of water.

We need to understand that at different times, our hydration demands fluctuate and we need to be active observers of our bodies and take responsibility for keeping it in peak working order.

Pet chooks can keep kids happy

Heartlands Veterinary Hospital
Dr Sophie Mueller

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Chickens eat layer pellets which can be purchased from any stock feed supplier or pet

shop and they can be given fruit and veggie scraps from your kitchen as a treat.

Your chooks will be happiest when their coop and food/water bowls are cleaned regularly and when they have plenty of access to sandy areas for dust-bathing during warmer weather.

We recommend adopting chickens from breeders who vaccinate their chicks, or you can try adopting retired birds from layer farms.

We also recommend adopting chickens that are a little older so that you can be more confident about whether you are taking on hens or roosters.

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How to return to playing sport safely

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The Return to Sport Toolkit provides a comprehensive checklist for sports clubs and community organisations and will complement the National Principles for the Resumption of Sport and Recreation Activities endorsed by the government.

The toolkit guides clubs and associations at every level to document their own Covid-19 Safety Plan and appoint a safety co-ordinator to implement and oversee it.

As part of the Toolkit, checklists provide practical and progressive steps such as relevant government and national sporting organisation approvals, facility management, training behaviours, hygiene protocols and appropriate communication with members.

The States and Territories will be responsible for sport and recreation resumption decisions, both at the professional and community level and will determine progression through the phases, taking account of local epidemiology, risk-mitigation strategies and public health capability.

Sport Australia's Return to Sport Toolkit can be found at sportaus.gov.au/return-to-sport.

Puzzle Solutions

Crossword

S	C	R	U	B	P	E	U	N	I	Q	U	E
J	U	G	E	R	I	G	H	T	T	I	C	E
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O	L	D	A	X	I	S	O	R	D	E	R	
G	O	R	M	K	A							B
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Crosscode

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Sudoku Easy

5	8	7	3	2	9	4	1	6
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3	6	4	5	1	7	2	9	8
4	5	6	2	9	3	1	8	7
8	7	9	1	6	5	3	2	4
1	2	3	7	4	8	6	5	9
6	3	2	9	7	1	8	4	5
9	1	5	8	3	4	7	6	2
7	4	8	6	5	2	9	3	1

Sudoku Hard

2	4	1	8	6	7	3	5	9
5	6	7	3	1	9	2	4	8
3	9	8	5	2	4	6	7	1
4	8	5	6	9	2	7	1	3
9	7	2	1	3	5	4	8	6
6	1	3	7	4	8	9	2	5
8	2	9	4	5	6	1	3	7
1	5	6	2	7	3	8	9	4
7	3	4	9	8	1	5	6	2

Principal's Pen



Welcome to the June Edition

I think that all of us in WA have done a great job at keeping this COVID-19 at bay. Just 2 cases left here at present, so we are seeing some relaxing of the restrictions. At last borders have gone and our buyers can return to our wonderful town!

State of the Market

Wow, how things are changing!
So, we are presently sitting at 11560 listings, well under our magic figure of 12000. So the market should be on the way up. However, the number of sales is still down to 590 last week, so we need to wait until that gets back to 750 sales per week until we see a rise in the market again.

May

So, the offer on 9 Weedon Entrance is now unconditional and going to settlement. 42 Ludemann Glade has now settled and 1958 Northam- Toodyay Road has also settled. So, again a good month for our sellers.

Inside the office

Andrew - Successfully completed his course and now is fully qualified Sales Rep. Drop in and say hi to him and Anne. Great to have another male in the office. Well Done!!

Christie - Has finally taken a weekend off and enjoyed some time with her family in Kalgoorlie. What a woman this girl is!

Sharon – Talk about a busy woman. Selling 2 properties in Merredin and a Home Open day with 5 houses open on one Saturday. Unbelievable.

Faith – A great month again, with a vendor walking in with a bottle of champagne and a thank you card for her. She desperately needs more Toodyay houses to rent! Unstoppable.

Jo - Almost finished her PM course and doing all our admin work. Another great worker to the team.

Tony – Well the crop is in and growing. So I can relax on the farming side for now. Caravan still waiting to be out of the shed, now the borders are open we might just get away!

See you all next month!
Tony M



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Andrew, Tony, Christie, Faith, Jo & Sharon

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This Month's Story Time

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