



SHIRE NEWS

Get Geocaching in Toodyay this July school holidays

New local history at Toodyay Library: Moondyne Festival Snapshot

Ever wanted to take a trip down memory lane and explore the entire history of the Moondyne Festival? If your answer is yes, you'll love Toodyay Library's latest addition: *Moondyne Festival Snapshot, 1984-2021*. This new publication was compiled by local history buff Beth Frayne – with a helping hand from one of our very own library ladies, who was a hardworking member of the Moondyne committee for many years – and published by the Toodyay Historical Society. It features a year-by-year insight into the organisers, entertainment, parade participants and actors that brought each festival to life, even detailing the visitor numbers and weather on each event day (fortunately – and surprisingly – it has been fine for the most part). Also included are plenty of photos and a comprehensive index of contributors. *Moondyne Festival Snapshot* makes for a fascinating history of Toodyay's most famous annual event, and is available to borrow now from your local library.



Did you know you can join a real-world outdoor treasure hunting game in Toodyay's central tourist district? Geocaching uses Global Positioning System-enabled devices to navigate to a specific set of GPS coordinates and find the geocache (container) hidden at that site. Anyone can join in and access free basic membership by

registering at www.geocaching.com.

In Toodyay's central tourist precinct, eight geocaches have been hidden as part of a walking trail. All are of a traditional design with a low degree of difficulty for first-time treasure hunters, and have the benefit of being accessible on the free version of the app. While some of these geocaches are

located at well-known sites, others can be discovered in places often overlooked. All locations have an interesting story to tell which you can access as a Geocaching member – plus much more, including geocache GPS coordinates, additional hints, and a logbook of comments from previous finders.

The complete Toodyay Tourist Precinct Geocache Walking Trail measures 3.55km (with some uphill sections) and picnic facilities are located at two sites. Though a sprint around the trail would probably take about 40 minutes, you should allow at least two hours for finding the geocaches and enjoying each of the unique locations.

As an added bonus this school holidays, both Toodyay Visitors Centre and the Toodyay Museums will be handing out prizes to anyone who completes the treasure hunt. Be sure to take a snapshot of your adventures – tagging us using #ToodyayGeocaching and #VisitToodyay – then return to either the Visitors Centre or Newcastle Gaol to collect your prize. We can't wait to have you take part in this fun and family-friendly activity right in the centre of Toodyay!

Updates From the Depot: What's Happening Where?

Bindi Bindi-Toodyay Road – Shoulder Widening

The Shire has completed 4.27 kilometres of shoulder-sealing works between Dewars Pool and Chatcup Road/Bridge. Line marking and installation of guideposts and culvert markers will be scheduled soon (weather permitting). The construction crew has now moved to the second and last section of the works from Chatcup Road/Bridge to One Man Road.



Telegraph Road – Floodway Culvert Replacement

Culvert replacement has been completed on a section of Telegraph Road following a collapse in one of the culverts.

Slaughterhouse Bridge

The speed limit for Slaughterhouse Bridge has been reduced to 40km. Main Roads will soon be conducting an investigation to check the structural integrity of the bridge, and subsequently plan for future works.

Duidgee Park

New footpaths and a pendulum swing have been installed at Duidgee Park.



Local Government Grants Commission Visits Toodyay

The Local Government Grants Commission is a statutory body established under the *Local Government Grants Act 1978*. Its principal function is to make recommendations to the Minister for Local Government regarding the allocation of Commonwealth financial assistance grants to WA's 137 local governments. On June 23, six members and staff of the Commission conducted a public hearing at the Toodyay Recreation Centre Pavilion to explain the role and functions of the Commission.

The Commission allocates general purpose grants (for operational expenses) and roads grants to local governments. The formulae used to calculate the grants are complex and are based on a number of national principles designed to ensure consistency and equity across the sector. Cost adjusters are used to equalise the needs of local governments according to their specific circumstances. These include location, socio-economic disadvantage, Aboriginality, climate, population dispersion and fire mitigation, among others. Road grants are based on an asset preservation model, but it is fair to say the amount of funding received falls far short of the total required to fully fund local government road assets. This is why the Shire investigates and applies for every possible additional grant to support its capital expenditure program, and lobbies strongly for increased road funding.

In 2021/22, Western Australian local governments shared 11.89% of the national allocation of \$2.6 billion. The Shire of Toodyay received \$926,128 in general purpose and \$618,416 in roads grants. The Shire's capital works program for roads was budgeted at \$4 million in 2021/22



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Something exciting is now available to Toodyay Library members: Hoopla! Hoopla is an amazing – and free – eResource that gives users access to thousands of eBooks, eAudiobooks, comics, music, movies and TV series, anywhere and anytime. All you need is a library card and a few minutes to create an account through the website or app, and you're good to go. Whether you want to have recommendations made to you based on your taste; download your loans for offline use; listen to your favourite music at home and on the road; or cast film and TV to your screen of choice in an instant, it's not just possible but easy with Hoopla.

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App Store (Apple users) or Google Play Store (Android Users) to get started. Need help? A how-to guide is available in the Libraries section of the Shire website, or you can contact us on 9574 2323 or at library@toodyay.wa.gov.au for user tips and tricks.

Hoopla joins our already brilliant range of eResources: BorrowBox (eBooks and eAudiobooks), Libby (eBooks, eAudiobooks and magazines) and Kanopy (on-demand movies and documentaries). Your Toodyay Library membership is the key to a whole world of entertainment – make the most of it!

Containers for Change: Stirling Terrace Drop-Off Point

The Shire has received many recent enquiries regarding the location of Toodyay's Containers for Change depot, formerly located in the rear IGA carpark. Please note that the local drop-off point is now at Unit 5/22 Stirling Terrace and is open **Tuesdays from 8.00am-5.30pm; Fridays from 1.00pm-5.00pm; and Saturdays from 9.00am-12.00pm.**

If you have a Containers for Change scheme ID, your container refunds will be deposited directly into your nominated bank account. IDs are simple to set up, secure, and a great way to keep track of the changes you are making using your recyclables. If you would like to be assigned an ID, visit member.containersforchange.com.au/sign-up before your next drop-off.



An example of moderate quilting which is often suitable for line drying after washing by hand or in a washing machine, depending on whether it is made of cotton, silk or other fabric such as wool.

Check before you bung it in the washer

Ragbags Quilting Group
Kerry Gregory

JUST recently I was taken to task for not mentioning laundering of quilts in my articles and was asked with great sincerity what is the best way to launder a quilt?

There really is no simple answer to that question as many factors need to be considered such as the type of fabric, which may or may not have been pre-washed, hand-pieced or machine-sewn, hand-quilted or machine and even embellishments attached.

So, before you just bung your quilt in the washing machine, and that's probably fine for a lot of cotton quilts, perhaps you should consider some of the following.

Most fabrics used by quilters are 100 per cent cotton and generally pre-washed although there are some colours (red, dark blue and black in particular) of some cotton fabrics which will bleed a little colour for many washes.

Discolouration of other coloured fabrics can be lessened greatly by using a couple of "Colour Catcher" sheets in each wash.

A quilt made from pre-washed 100 per cent cotton, machine-pieced and quilted with no areas larger than the palm of a lady's hand un-quilted would usually be fine to launder in the washing machine on a gentle cycle, cold water and dried flat.

Should the top-stitched quilting be moderate to reasonably heavy with minimal width gaps between stitching, the quilts are often suitable to line dry. The danger exists when there are large areas with no stitching and the weight of water drags the wadding within down if line dried.

A hand-pieced and quilted article irrespective of fabric type would probably be better laundered by hand in cold water in the bathtub, rolled in a couple of large bath

towels to remove excess water and dried flat on another couple of large towels (my tip is to use a desk fan for a breeze across the flat fabrics to speed up drying).

Wool and silk fabrics and combinations of such textiles used in quilts are best laundered by hand as above or even dry-cleaned at your discretion, wool being tricky and apt to shrink if you're unlucky.

Embellishments on quilts can be anything from simple buttons, baubles and bits to beautiful hand-made additions which sometimes necessitate removal before laundering, this being a matter for your consideration and choice.

Polyester fabric quilts are usually colour-fast and when machine-pieced and quilted, generally are suitable to launder in the washing machine and even line dried.

This summary is written as a guide only. Use a couple of Colour Catchers for insurance and, if details as above are unknown, ask the questions when you are given a quilt for it will save you the worry later on – your best instincts should be your guide about whether to wash or dry-clean.

The friend who asked me the question about laundering told me about her three-year-old miss pointing out one evening during a bedtime story that she thought those bits used to be yellow, as she indicated a border, now quite pinkish – yes, the red corner squares had bled severely and the borders had indeed been yellow.

New members are most welcome to join us for our regular gatherings of the Ragbags group at the St Stephens Anglican Church Hall, Stirling Terrace, Toodyay on the first and third Wednesday of each month between 10am and 2pm.

A cuppa, good chat and a laugh or two are assured.

Karen arrives to square things up correctly

The Crooked Needle
Jean Melhuish-Hill

OUR AUSTRALIA'S Biggest Morning Tea event where we brought a friend was well attended and raised in excess of our expectations for a Cancer Council donation.

As usual the ladies excelled themselves with the morning tea spread and with a few games, door prizes and a raffle everyone enjoyed themselves.

Karen Lakeman has finished a counted cross stitch of a group of tractors.

Counted cross stitch is a very precise art. It requires great concentration, a good eye and a lot of patience.

A coloured graph shows which coloured thread to use and you have to transpose this stitch-for-stitch onto the cross-stitch fabric.

The finished piece will now be pressed and framed for hanging.

I have done only one so far where the colours are printed on the fabric, a bit like paint by numbers.

Cindy Harders has been working on a child's crochet blanket with a zigzag pattern.

The green, red and white blanket has also been embroidered with a very cute caterpillar.

There is going to be one very happy child with their own caterpillar.

I have been working on a pair of quilts for our caravan.

After seeing the pattern on a quilt completed by Karen, I decided that this was the pattern for me.

I cut up all the pieces to size and started to piece them together.

You must remember that I am a novice quilter compared with my fellow crafters.

There are 16 pieces to each square, and I have 10 squares per quilt and two quilts.

I had completed all the squares and laid them out ready to stitch the squares together.

Karen arrived, took one look and said I had put the pieces together incorrectly.

I had spent weeks on this and hadn't noticed.

I had two options – continue as I was doing with the pattern not looking as outstanding as I had wanted it to be, or to pull all the pieces of each square apart and re-stitch them.

As a novice, I was a bit daunted by this because it had taken me so long to do but I did want the original pattern.

Without hesitation my fellow crafters picked up their quick-in-picks and a couple of squares each and proceeded to unpick them all while I started restitching them together in the correct pattern.

I am extremely happy with the result and really appreciated the help the ladies gave me which motivated me to finish what I started.

If you are looking for a friendly group of ladies to exchange crafting ideas in a social setting, please come for a visit.

We meet each Friday morning at the Toodyay CWA Hall in Stirling terrace from 9.30am to noon.

For more information, please call Jan on 0407 083 079 or Annette on 0428 804 666.



Karen Lakeman's Counted Cross Stitch.



A cute caterpillar on Cindy Harders' blanket.



Caravan quilts by Jean Melhuish-Hill.

SHIRE OF TOODYAY

Tender No: TEN 01/2022 Tenders are Invited

Grading & Re-sheeting of Various Shire Roads for the Shire of Toodyay in Western Australia

Deadline: **Friday 15 July 2022 at 2pm (AWST)**

Tender documents and contract requirements are available from the Shire of Toodyay Tenderlink website - www.tenderlink.com/toodyay.

For tender enquiries, please contact Jodie Lucas on 9574 9300 or by email: records@toodyay.wa.gov.au.

Tenders can only be lodged using the E-Tendering portal: www.tenderlink.com/toodyay. Submissions will NOT be accepted in any other form.

All electronic submissions must be clearly named with the Tender No. and lodged by the specified closing date and time.

Suzie Haslehurst
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



All you need is yourself to learn a new skill

Toodyay Spinners
Gail Williams (Secretary)

TOODYAY Spinners would like to extend an invitation to anyone interested in learning new craft skills.

Our members are experienced in knitting, crochet, spinning and weaving, and are only too willing to teach newcomers.

We meet 9am to noon every Wednesday and on the first and third Saturday of the month at Parkers Cottage at the Toodyay Showgrounds.

Why not come along and join our group – you only need yourself.

For more information, please contact Secretary Gail Williams on 9622 3411.



Carol Binnington had someone special in mind for this beautiful bright little cardigan.

ENVIRONMENT

What's coming will be worse than before



Proposed road improvements at Jimperding Brook could provide an attractive stopping point for tourists on a proposed new Jimperding Way.

Safe and Scenic Toodyay Roads

Andrew St John, Convenor

OUR RECENT meeting with Main Roads WA to discuss plans to improve Toodyay Road included something we have sought for some time, namely a walk-through or

inspection of some of the sites.

This enables a much clearer understanding of changes to the landscape that will happen due to road improvements than is possible with maps presented at Community Reference Group meetings.

Our worst fears about proposed clearing

in some areas were confirmed.

We are now in no doubt that we will see a lot more devastation than occurred near Jingaling Brook – visualise what happened there but on a much larger scale.

Main Roads WA came to the meeting with the view that it had fulfilled our previous requests for changes and that their designs and plans were now done and dusted.

We believe there is community support for further changes and it fair to say that the meeting included what some might call a robust exchange of views.

As well as community support for less clearing we also came to the meeting with a request that the planned improvements should try to incorporate our proposed new Scenic and Heritage Trail, to be tentatively named The Jimperding Way.

That would firstly mean including some stopping places at key sites, such as where Toodyay Road crosses Jimperding Brook.

Secondly, the current plans will destroy some of the most scenic parts of Toodyay Road integral to The Jimperding Way.

To address these concerns, we provided alternative plans that included relocating one of the proposed passing lanes to an adjacent open paddock rather than clearing mature native vegetation.

Our requests for changes are not just

about preserving vegetation for its own sake.

The Jimperding Way aims to harness the road's scenic beauty to help further develop Toodyay as an attractive tourist destination.

Our review of official economic modelling for the benefits of planned improvements discussed at earlier Community Reference Group meetings paid scant, if any, regard to the road's potential tourist value.

Instead, it was all about the financial value of getting to Toodyay 5-10 minutes faster.

Much can be said about deficiencies in the economic modelling, including questions about how supposed savings from building a faster road were calculated.

We will refrain from judgement until we see the business case for improvements that we have sought from Main Roads WA through State Freedom of Information law.

In the meantime, we believe it is not too late to modify some of the planned improvements to achieve a better balance between a faster road and one that recognises its tourist value.

We welcome your support for this goal – please contact us at info@sastr.com.au or sign our petition which can be done online or at Toodyay's monthly Farmers Market.

Take a Walk on the Wild Side



Getting away from it all with a 'Walk on the Wild Side' in Julimar Conservation Park.

Conservation and Forest Alliance

Charmeine Duri

HUMAN wellbeing is linked to the natural environment in many ways and understanding of these links is deepening.

We see many "natural" playgrounds being established in schools and parks around our cities and towns at great cost.

Toodyay has 28,000 hectares of natural playground on its doorstep – the Julimar Conservation Park – one hour's drive from Perth for all to benefit from with no cost except to take a leisurely trip along a beautiful tree-lined road.

Being out in nature, among the trees, listening to the birds singing, wandering through the environment looking at the flora and fauna has excellent health benefits.

Not only physically but mentally.

Being in nature lifts the veil of depression, bringing a euphoric feeling of wellbeing and peace.

National parks bring many benefits to people in our fast-paced world.

The feeling of freedom when among the giant trees and bush, whether for camping or just a day's picnicking, has enormous benefits for people.

It takes us out of the environment of work, bills and struggles with everyday life, and allows us to be as we once were – at one with nature.

We are free from mobile phones, computers, TV and the likes – the hustle and bustle of life.

Camping among the trees with the birds, insects, flora and animals gives the body and mind time to slow down and appreciate the excellent values of nature at its best.

Discovering that wild orchid or encountering a kangaroo while on a walk through the forest

is such a special moment.

Hiking or mountain bike riding is another benefit of a forest.

One can take a backpack, water and snacks and go for a long or short hike or ride through the trees and shrubs.

Following the paths of animals that take them off the beaten track and into other areas not often traversed by people.

There is a sense of adventure, strengthening the body and mind, releasing endorphins with that feeling of happiness and joy at the beauty of the environment.

It brings emotional and physical wellbeing to a person.

Going in groups is great fun, exploring looking at different aspects of the forest, discovering that orchid you may have been hoping to find is such joy.

Fresh air and exercise, the colour of the trees, the flowers, even the insects going about their daily activities is fascinating and brings mental stimulation and peace.

Children can learn and benefit so much from nature.

The practice of photography is a way of enjoying the forest whilst upholding the "Leave No Footprint" principle.

This gives a person solitude to enjoy time in the forest with the benefit of sharing the experience while socialising with friends and family.

Whether spending time in solitude while in the forest or joining more sociable activities with like-minded people, these experiences have been shown to lead to positive outcomes, including spiritual well-being as well as enhanced coping skills in today's busy world.

Take a 'Walk on the Wild Side' and treat yourself to time in the Julimar Conservation Park.

SHIRE OF TOODYAY

Sale of Abandoned Vehicles

The Shire of Toodyay is offering the following abandoned vehicles for sale:

- Mitsubishi Lancer
- Ford Explorer
- Nissan Pulsar Q
- Subaru
- Toyota Corolla
- Mazda Astina
- Hyundai Excel
- Mitsubishi Magna
- Holden Colorado
- Kia Sportage
- Land Rover
- Catamaran

Conditions of Sale: The abandoned vehicles are being sold on an "as is – where is" basis. No guarantees or warranty provided. Highest bidder will take ownership of vehicle. Photographs of the vehicles are available on the Shire of Toodyay website www.toodyay.wa.gov.au.

Written offers for purchase are required for all abandoned vehicles and can be made by stating your name, contact details, vehicle and offer to the Manager of Development and Regulation, Shire of Toodyay, PO Box 96 Toodyay 6566 or records@toodyay.wa.gov.au by 4.00pm on **Friday 29 July 2022**.

Vehicles will be available for inspection at the Shire of Toodyay Depot, 335 Railway Road, Toodyay on **Wednesday 13 July and Wednesday 20 July 2022 – 10.00am to 12.00pm by appointment only**.

Please contact Development Services on 9574 9340 to book an inspection.

Suzie Haslehurst
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



ENVIRONMENT



Toodyay Friends of the River members Robyn Taylor (left) and Desraé Clarke sell raffle tickets. Photo Bridget Leggett.

How to tell a toad from a frog

Toodyay Friends of the River Inc
Bridget Leggett

RECENT rains have brought the frogs out and it seems that lots of Toodyay residents have been paying attention to them.

Our recent raffle was themed frogs and many people stopped to share stories of seeing and hearing frogs in their local area while they bought raffle tickets, viewed our WA frog chart and listened to frog calls on CD.

We also had some good discussions about frogs versus toads.

One of the main differences is that toads have a poison gland at the front of their heads which frogs do not.

According to WA Museum, Australia and Antarctica are the only two continents with no native toads, although Australia unfortunately introduced cane toads.

A big 'thank you' to all who supported us through the purchase of raffle tickets and pens, or by making donations.

We collected more than \$650 across the Friday and Saturday of last month's raffle.

We planted nearly 2000 native tube-stock last month and a new revegetation site has been established at Cobbler Pool.

Our group did the Cobbler Pool planting with support from participants in the 'Transcend Trail Run' through Walyunga National Park, Jumbuck Regional Park, Paruna Wildlife Sanctuary and Avon Valley

National Park (see transcendtrails.com).

The event is in its second year and attracted 520 registered participants – 70 per cent more than last year – including a number of Toodyay residents.

The 65km course through challenging terrain can be completed as a solo 'ultra' or in teams of two to five people.

This year's event also featured a more inclusive six-kilometre fun run or hike option, which started and finished at Cobbler Pool.

It provided a great taste of what the region has to offer and a potential stepping stone to team participation next year.

Working bees at Pelham Brook Outlet and Millards Pool on Sunday July 10 and Monday July 11 will complete this year's plantings.

For more details, including meeting places, email info@toodyayfor.org.au.

Details will also be posted on our new notice board outside Drummond House in Stirling Terrace next to the Toodyay and Districts Bendigo Community Bank.

The notice board has been made possible through financial support of the Toodyay Op Shop and is being installed by members of the Toodyay Historical Society.

We would love to launch it with a display of local frog photos and invite people to drop off any they may have at Drummond House on Saturdays from 10am to noon.

Only one tree grows on historic islands

Toodyay Naturalists' Club
Desraé Clarke

LAST month's Nat's Club meeting welcomed guests Dr Howard Gray and his wife, Safia.

Howard spoke of his love of the collection of 122 islands forming the Abrolhos Archipelago.

His historical and natural history research of the Houtman Abrolhos Marine Park Islands began in the 1980s.

The islands were first sighted by Dutch ships in 1619 resulting from the quest to discover a safe and speedy trade route from the Netherlands to Asian markets to purchase silk and spices.

The Houtman Abrolhos Islands are surrounded by treacherous reefs that have taken many a ship to its grave.

The infamous *Batavia* wreck in 1629 was one of the first recorded disasters.

The islands are situated on the edge of a continental shelf that plunges up to half a kilometre deep into the Indian Ocean.

Howard is an expert photographer and his images showed turbulent seas crashing over reefs, together with beautiful, serene, delicately coloured waters in protected bays.

The size of the islands range from tiny atolls to islands that support lobster fisherman and their families for three months of each year.

The fauna and flora of the islands is significant.

Resident birds include varied species of terns, noddies, shearwaters, many species of migratory birds and a lesser number of the large and majestic Osprey and Sea-eagle.

Reptiles number 25 species including the King's Skink, Abrolhos Spiny-tailed Skink and Carpet Python.

The last reptile is particularly interesting. The male can weigh up to a kilogram, and the female up to 4.5kg.

The Australian Sea Lion (pictured) is resident on the islands as is the beautiful Tammar Wallaby and Bush Rat with both

latter creatures preyed upon by the Carpet Python.

It is noted that the Tammar is able to drink sea water during dry summers.

Flora species are limited with Eucalyptus oraria on East Wallabi Island the only tree found in the archipelago.

However, several introduced pest plants including Paterson's Curse and Prickly Pear Cactus are causing environmental concern.

Howard has written a number of books on topics such as Christmas Island, the Geraldton Fishing Co-operative, The Batavia Saga, Rock Lobster Fishing, a fictional account of a passenger on the ill-fated Batavia, Geraldton's Jambinbirri-Champion Bay, the Dutch East India Company and his latest book on the Abrolhos Archipelago itself.

Howard's books may be obtained at Westralianbooks.com.au by or contacting him on 0427 065 060 or at hgray@midwest.com.au.

He is an accomplished diver, keen photographer, lecturer and tour guide and is happy to impart his vast knowledge of and fascination with our diverse coastal heritage.

Closer to home, it is always pleasing to receive sightings and observations of natural history subjects to add to our Nat's Club database.

We welcome information from the community to share on our website.

If you have any difficulty in registering your observation, please contact us on info@toodyaynats.org.au or 9574 5574 – your interest is always greatly appreciated.

We welcome visitors to the Toodyay Environment and History Centre at Drummond House next to the Bendigo Bank in Stirling Terrace.

The Nat's also have an extensive library that you may wish to check out.

We are open on Saturday mornings from 10am till noon.



Australian Sea Lions frolic on Houtman Abrolhos Islands near Geraldton. Photo supplied by Dr Howard Gray.

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Bushwalkers enjoy WA's jarrah forests. Photo: Wild Magazine.

Small wins are huge gains on the hard road ahead

Avon and Hills Mining Awareness Group

THE AUSTRALIAN Financial Review and *WAtoday* have recognised AHMAG as a stakeholder in Chalice Mining's bid to mine in Julimar Conservation Park.

Our president Gary Edwards told *WAtoday* that "an open-cut mine in Julimar would be a disaster for conservation areas".

"The conservation park is one of the last relatively intact forests of its type in WA and is unique in the rare flora and fauna that it hosts," Mr Edwards said.

"Any intrusion such as this drilling program and future mining is a significant

threat to that rare habitat."

The threat to WA's forests is growing with state-wide applications for mining exploration skyrocketing 42 per cent in the 2021-22 financial year.

The State Mines and Petroleum Department which decides native vegetation clearing permits, programs for work applications and mining proposals received 450 applications in March.

Mining proposals increased by 10 per cent during the same period.

"Exploration approvals will be prioritised to bring them back on track by the end of September 2022," WA Mines and Petroleum Minister Bill Johnston said.

"Other approvals will meet their time frame targets by the end of the year."

Fast-tracking exploration approvals could result in native vegetation clearing permits being granted without meeting the department's own guidelines as happened in the case of Chalice seeking to clear native vegetation in Julimar Conservation Park.

Five appeals were lodged against the approval which was eventually granted but with more stringent measures applied to safeguard the environment, especially in relation to dieback which is spread throughout the southern Darling Range jarrah forests by exploration and mining activity.

Julimar Conservation Park is, for now, dieback free.

The Conservation Council of WA, Wilderness Society and WA Forest Alliance have released an alarming report on the negative impacts of mining in the state's jarrah forests.

A Thousand Cuts states that the Northern

Jarrah Forest, which runs 250km from the north of Toodyay to just south of Collie, will be "ripped apart by 2060".

They revealed that bauxite mining in WA's South-West resulted in the clearing of "at least 32,130ha of publicly owned forest, an area which is eighty times the size of Kings Park".

In a state which relies heavily on mining revenue, it comes as no surprise that the ban on logging native forests from 2024 does not apply to existing mining operations.

Conservation groups and environmental defenders have a hard road ahead but

even small wins are a huge gain for the environment.

If you care about the impact of mining on the six threatened species, including the critically endangered Woylie, which live in the Julimar Conservation Park please consider becoming a member of AHMAG – it's cheaper than chips at \$10 per person.

AHMAG will need a new secretary in October so if you can lend a hand please ring 0427 623 201 or 9574 7166.

In the meantime, you can stay in touch at facebook.avon/hills or write to PO Box 111 Gidgegannup WA 6083.



Jarrah forest map: bgff.org.au/.



Wire wrapped around the leg of a kangaroo in Parkland Drive, Julimar, which had to be euthanised to prevent a slow and painful death.

10m of electrical wire snares Julimar kangaroo

Marsupial Mammals and Pappas
Brian Foley

LAST month's joey training session was a success even though our presenter was unable to attend due to car problems.

Our bird session was cancelled and we will let everyone know when this will be held.

As mentioned before, a lot of animals are still being injured on local roads – slowing down or not driving at dawn and dusk greatly reduces the chances of an accident.

We had a training session at the Chalice mine site which will give those attendees the confidence to rescue injured wildlife.

The joeys coming in are still too small to survive.

Robyn is currently caring for a 200g joey after its mother was attacked by a dog in a Chidlow national park and had to be euthanised.

Reports said the damage was done by only a small dog like a terrier but it latched onto the kangaroo's neck, causing fatal injuries.

The other disturbing incident was a report of a kangaroo with wire caught around its leg on Parkland Drive in Julimar.

Ranger Leon and I attended but we were

unable to catch the kangaroo because it was still mobile and use of a tranquiliser gun has still not been approved by police.

It would have been the perfect chance to sedate the kangaroo and inspect the wound.

The kangaroo would not have survived long in that condition and was euthanised.

The wire was not the normal fencing wire but light electrical wire.

It was twisted in a way that appeared to be either intentionally tied or possibly a snare with 10m of trailing wire.

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ENVIRONMENT

Toodyay rich in frogs, toadlets and reptiles

Python Watch
Desraé Clarke

IT IS now known, with the receipt and noting of observations that I have been recording since 1996 that Toodyay has a wealth of herpetofauna.

Herpetofauna (herpeton – ancient Greek for reptile) is a general name for amphibians such as frogs, toadlets and reptiles.

The Toodyay list includes:

- Broad-banded Sandswimmer,
- Southern Blind Snake,
- Mountain, or Thorny Devil,
- Mulga Snake,
- Gwardar
- Long-necked Turtle,
- Dugite,
- Burton's Legless Lizard,
- Carpet Python,
- Guenther's Toadlet,
- Stimson's Python,
- Western Burrowing Frog,
- Bobtail,
- Southern Half-girdled Snake,
- Blue-tongued Skink,
- Western Green Tree Frog or Motorbike Frog,
- Snake-eyed or Fence, Skink,
- Western Bearded Dragon,
- Black-tailed Monitor,
- Western Netted Ground Dragon,
- Gould's Monitor,
- West Coast Ctenotus Skink,
- Varigated Dtella Gecko,
- Southern Pale Flecked Moretha,
- Reticulated Velvet Gecko,
- Quacking Red-thighed Frog,
- Barking Gecko,
- Frog – Crinea Georgiana,
- Jan's Banded Snake,
- Gould's Hooded Snake, and
- Black-naped Snake.

Reptiles not normally seen in our shire have also been found locally and identified by expert herpetologists.

Identification is not always easy.

For instance, the non-venomous and harmless Black-naped Snake which grows to an adult length of 45cm has a golden ground

colouring of a herringbone pattern, a black blotch over the nape or neck and another black blotch over the eye.

However, the Gwardar of up to 1.6m in length may have a similar golden ground colouring but either a black head or a gold one like its body – and the Gwardar is venomous.

Jan's Banded Snake, a harmless, attractive little animal that grows to an adult length of 30cm, may be either yellow or orange with black bands of equal width which circle the body.

Unfortunately, it may be thought to be the stout Tiger Snake that grows to a length of 120cm and is also venomous.

The ground colour of Jan's Banded Snake is either black or dark brown and, if it has banding, it may be indistinct cream, yellow or orange that is found on the top of the body only – it does not encircle the body.

This reptile's principal diet is frogs so it is mainly found in areas near water.

Legless Lizards are another 'at risk' creature as they appear 'snake-like'.

They do not have a forked tongue but an extremely long, slender tail and in many cases, an earhole is visible.

Snakes, on the other hand, have a forked tongue, short tail and no earhole.

A report of a small green snake was very difficult to identify without a photograph.

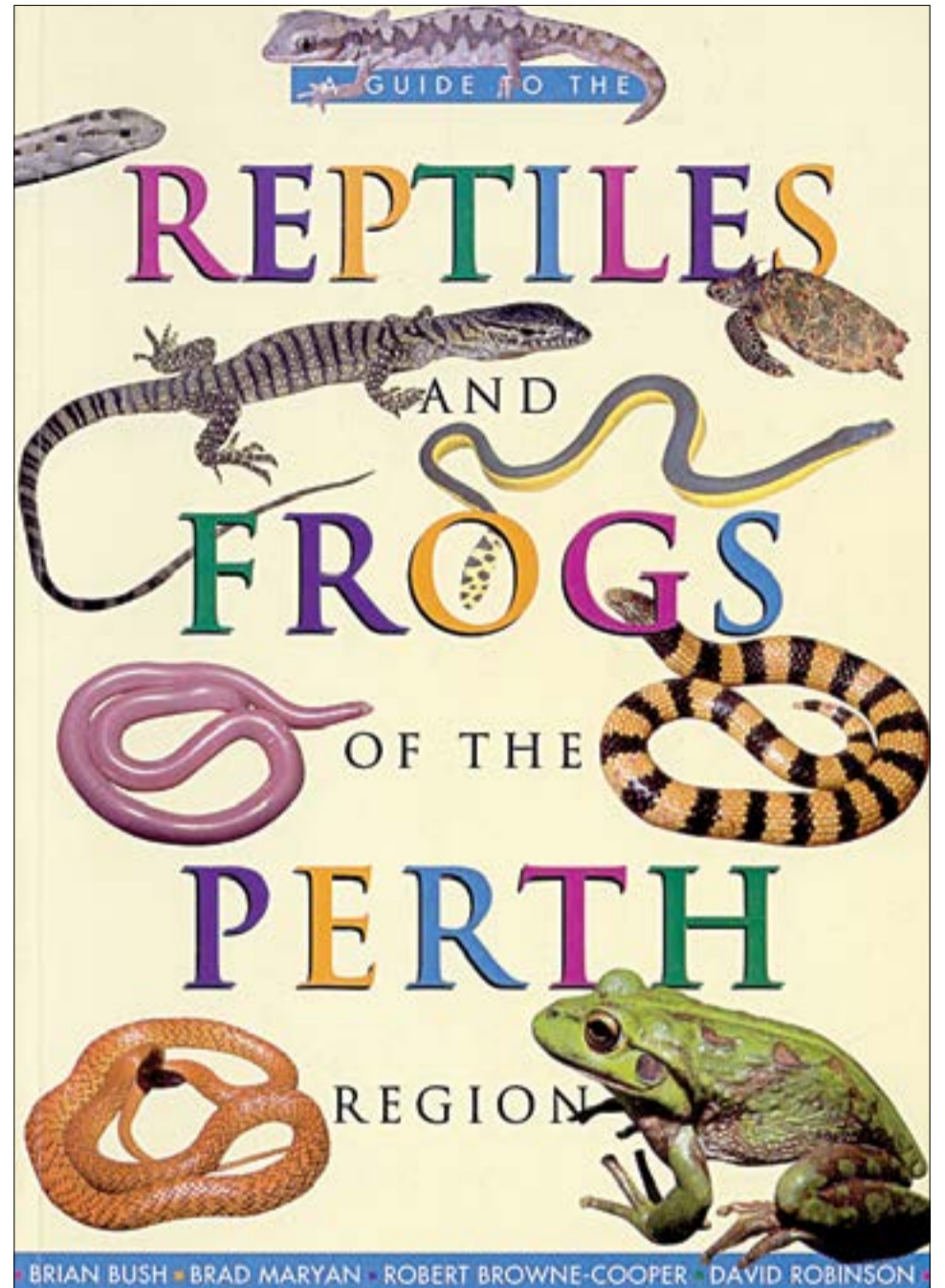
The club has a number of ways to identify difficult sightings but a clear photograph is quite essential for correct ID.

The Toodyay Naturalists' Club is extremely grateful for such reports which are recorded in its database, which is constantly updated to provide comparative records for future knowledge.

The wonderful, user-friendly *A Guide to the Reptiles and Frogs of the Perth Region* was produced in 1995 by herpetologists Brian Bush, Brad Maryan, Robert Browne-Cooper and David Robinson.

The handbook was reprinted in 2000 with the revised edition a little different in structure to the original edition.

I prefer the first edition, which is available online on eBay.



'A Guide to the Reptiles and Frogs of the Perth Region'. Photo supplied by authors.



Lemons galore in Marg and Russell Wiltshire's wonderful Dewars Pool garden.

Goats steal show in Dewars Pool garden

Toodyay Garden Club
Daphne Lee

THE lovely Dewars Pool garden of Marg and Russell Wiltshire was last month's visit.

It was delightful arriving at the gate to see sheep frolicking in the sunshine.

Though we had a couple of brief sun showers, the day was otherwise perfect.

In the 12 years they have been on the property, Marg and Russell have survived sleet, hail, droughts and floods, to name a few events.

It is a credit that they have persevered to keep their garden growing beautifully.

We saw lots of native plants including melaleuca, bottle brushes, silver mallees and lots of flowers from the tecoma, oleander and jasmine families.

Garden beds surrounding the house also showed lots of colour, with roses and chrysanthemums indeed a lovely display.

Fifty members and visitors thoroughly enjoyed the interaction of farm animals, especially the lovely Anglo-Nubian goats.

They were very friendly, and some members gravitated back to enjoy more pats after viewing the gardens.

There was also a great area for kids to play in.

As usual, morning tea was amazing with hostess Marg contributing goodies too.

Thank you everyone and please remember to put your name on the roster or see Annette for more garden visits in coming months.

Have you planted your treebilee Snow Queen to mark this year's 70th Royal Jubilee?

If not, hop to it.

This month's visit will be to Kerry and Allan Gregory's property, also in Dewars Pool.

Please practise COVID-19 safe measures and if you feel unwell, please refrain from attending garden visits until you recover.

Upcoming visits also include Bob Mattins and a bus trip to Kalamunda.

We look forward to seeing everyone.

Stay healthy and ring me for more information on 0416 281 230.

Cheers all.

Lays flat on ground or skulks away

Bird of the Month
Desraé Clarke

NATURALISTS' Club members enjoyed a recent weekend at the newly named Dryandra National Park and were very pleased to see a number of fauna not found in the Toodyay area.

One such creature was the Bush Stone-Curlew, also known as the Bush Thick-knee.

This large bird of 55cm to 59cm with a wingspan of up to a metre was well-known to older Toodyay farm residents who were aware of the bird's habit of nesting on the ground in paddocks.

No reports have been received from within the shire for quite a few years.

The Bush Stone-Curlew is scarce in the wheatbelt due to agriculture and also from predation by the fox.

The Bush Stone-Curlew has a spine-tingling call that is heard at night.

It is a far-carrying, eerie whistling call and, as one of the Naturalists' Club members

stated, "it sounded like a man whistling a dog".

It begins low and quietly and builds up to become a high-pitched, drawn-out wail that may be answered by several birds.

It also screeches while in flight.

The bird is grey/brown on the upper body and buff-white streaked with dark brown on the underside.

It has a broad white eyebrow over a thick black line from below the eye and down the neck.

The eye is bright yellow, as are the long, thin legs.

Breeding is between August and January and it produces two stone-coloured eggs, blotched dark brown or grey.

The eggs are laid in a nest of a shallow scrape on bare ground beside a low bush or log.

Both parents share incubation for 28 to 30 days, with the young independent at seven weeks.

The bird feeds only at night on seed, insects and some reptiles.

During the day it roosts on broken ground with the protection of its superb camouflage.

If disturbed, the bird will lie flat on the ground with its head and neck outstretched or it will skulk away.

With so many factors resulting in fewer numbers of native fauna, it is wonderful to receive sighting information from the community to record an idea of what is about and in what numbers and areas.

We are always grateful for sightings to be recorded so if you have something to report please email it to info@toodyaynats.org.au or call 9574 5574.



Bush Stone-Curlew lays flat on ground when disturbed. Photo: Sharon Richards.



BRAIN TEASERS

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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Combo Crossword

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- ACROSS**
 6 US National Park
 9 Supplements
 10 Magma
 11 Example
 12 Denomination
 13 Occident
 15 Expression of woe
 17 Complacent
 18 One under par
 19 Poles
 20 Woody plant
 22 Gradual disappearance
- DOWN**
 1 Tell a story
 2 Functioning correctly (1-2)
 3 Something useful
 4 Relating to the back
 5 Humans
 7 Minimum
 8 Those who offer hospitality
 13 Of partially joined toes
 14 Brook
 15 Concur
 16 Kidnap
 17 Located
 21 Electrocardiogram (abb)

Cryptic Clues

- ACROSS**
 6 Brightly coloured rock of gold perhaps
 9 From the end of the week, essentially oozes
 10 Volcanic molten rock found in Manila, vaguely
 11 Not so much on knowledge gained
 12 Intersecting a faction
 13 Where the sun sets in new establishments
 15 An exclamation of grief from a young lady I hear
 17 Inner egotism uglifies being arrogantly self-satisfied
 18 A good golf score from one's feathered friend, that is!
 19 Perches on curtain holders

- 20 A forest-dweller out of centre Egypt
 22 The act of quickly fading, when short-lived
- DOWN**
 1 Speak about the dead
 2 Reconstructed that which produces acorns to be in good working order (1-2)
 3 Something valuable in grass, etc
 4 Belonging to the back of some matador salaries
 5 Individuals may be in outside games
 7 In all, Easter is of very little importance
 8 Those who greet receptionists
 13 Spun like the foot of a duck
 14 River masterpieces
 15 See eye to eye and be of the same mind
 16 Carry off the sailor on a channel
 17 Installed at last, inside
 21 In brief, an Aztec generally hides a device used in the diagnosis of heart disease

Sudoku

Sudoku is based on the logical placement of numbers. Sudoku doesn't require any calculation nor special math skills; all that is 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.

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Hard

Toodyay Rainfall

Recordings and average commenced on 1/1/1877

YEAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
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	48.9	43.7	61.8	30.2	5.9	48.8	3.5	328.8
2021	0.03	17.3	137.3	11.1	121.7	30.4	154.2	70.3	39	61.6	2.2	0	645.13
2022	31.7	4.5	14	30.9	36.8	55							172.9
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



Is your pet behaviour showing subtle signs of pain?

Even a rat will try to hide pain

Heartlands Veterinary Hospital
Dr. Caitlin Giardina

NO MATTER what species of pet you have, whether it be a cat, dog, bird or even a rat, it will instinctively try to hide any sign of pain.

This can usually be attributed to being a prey species that naturally wants to hide any evidence of weakness from possible predators.

It means that we need to be extra-observant for subtle signs of something wrong with our furry friends.

Any unusual behaviour such as hiding under

a bed, can indicate that your pet isn't feeling well or that an unseen injury may be present.

Subtle signs to look out for include:

- Abnormal chewing/dropping food,
- Unexplained weight loss or gain,
- Avoiding being touched,
- Licking or biting excessively at a certain area, or
- Breaking toilet training habits.

If you have noticed any signs like this with your pet at home, please call us at Heartlands Veterinary Hospital to check your pal to see if everything is OK.

'Dry July' can help you dodge cancer

Cancer Council WA
Kaylor Andrews

CANCER Council WA is encouraging Wheatbelt residents to quit alcohol during 'Dry July' to raise much-needed funds for the 13 11 20 Cancer Information and Support Line, a free service for people affected by cancer.

The confidential support line is run by experienced cancer nurses for anyone who is affected by or concerned about cancer.

The service is paid for by donors and fundraisers and is not government funded.

The service provided support to more than 5500 West Australians last year and connects West Australians with relevant support, information and resources to help them through their cancer journey.

Dry July also yields a range of health benefits

because alcohol can cause cancer.

Research shows that more than 3200 cases of cancer each year can be attributed to alcohol.

Such cases include mouth, throat, voice box, oesophagus, liver and bowel cancer, and breast cancer in women.

There is no safe level of alcohol consumption because any level increases the risk of developing an alcohol-caused cancer.

The more you drink and the more often you drink, the greater your risk.

This can be avoided by not drinking alcohol.

If you do drink alcohol, it is recommended that you consume no more than 10 standard drinks a week and no more than four on any day to reduce your risk of harm.

To sign up to Dry July, please visit dryjuly.com/cancercouncil.

Are you getting too old for sex?

Warrior Wellbeing
Regional Men's Health Initiative

ARE you too old for sex?

Now that I have your attention, please read on.

Men's sexual health and wellbeing encapsulates three broad areas – physical (male reproductive system; our anatomy); mental (psychological wellbeing) and social/spiritual wellbeing (effective communication, knowing ourselves, our identity).

What are some of the components that make up men's sexual health and wellbeing?

What is sex?

What is the prostate and its problems such as enlargement and cancer?

What is erectile dysfunction, infertility and testosterone deficiency, testicular cancer and sexually transmitted infections?

Now, because I'm a bloke I want to talk about a couple of bits that aren't discussed very often.

The first point is sexual dysfunction in men. Because us blokes don't talk about sexual health in a holistic way, there is a lot of myth and secrecy about what presents as normal sexual function.

Men quite often boast about their sex life and/or the lack of it, but this is different from our overall sexual health.

What is normal sexual health function?

Recent research offers a guide to what may be regarded as normal sexual function.

Whether we want to believe it or not this is linked to age.

It goes like this:

In our 50s, 50 per cent of men are sexually dysfunctional.

It rises to 60 per cent in our 60s, 70 per cent in our 70s and 80 per cent in our 80s.

This is a normal part of ageing and we blokes need to talk about it a lot more so that less sexual function is not a great shock to us when it starts to happen.

Is there more to life than sex and what is sex?

It is a biological activity that all living creatures partake in, both to propagate the

species and for enjoyment.

The latter presents the biggest problem with human sex.

Males and females have different sexual needs, which can be challenging for some men.

You can't have a positive sexual relationship without connection and intimacy.

To maintain a positive connection, the social/spiritual aspects of our relationship require constant attention.

This allows everything else to fall into place.

Some important points to remember in relation to men's sexual health are:

- Talking to your partner and doctor is essential,
- Sexual dysfunction increases in men over 50 years of age, and
- Sexual dysfunction can be a sign of other diseases such as diabetes or heart problems.

Quite often the problem is a combination of physical, mental and social/spiritual wellbeing.

To address this, try to maintain a health and fitness program.

Only by getting men to talk about their sexual health will we be able to encourage them to open up and seek treatment, offer constructive positive support and ultimately improve that area of a man's life that is vital for overall health and wellbeing.

If necessary, book in and see a GP.

COVID-19 clinic on the move

A COVID-19 vaccination clinic in Northam is moving this month from the Boulevard shopping centre to two new locations:

Wednesdays 10am-6pm at Northam Regional Hospital (ambulatory care).

Fridays 9am-3.30pm at the WA Primary Health Alliance, 149 Fitzgerald Street.

The changes apply from Friday July 8.

SPORT

Joe goes gold with a flawless kata

Avon Valley Shotokan Club
Kylie Burton

WE ARE fast approaching the end of term two.

Our little club has been busy on numerous fronts with a few events also on the horizon.

We took a team of six competitors to the annual Margaret River open competition at the start of last month.

Our team did exceptionally well, winning four gold, four silver and one bronze.

Several of our younger team members competed fantastically.

It is great to see their confidence grow with each competition.

Joe Stewart deserves a special mention.

He has been training with us for a few years as a senior student and this was the first competition he entered.

Not only did he compete brilliantly with a flawless first round kata, but he also took out gold in his division – well done Joe.

Our next competition will be in September.

We will hold our mid-year grading at the end of the month with our club challenge/windup to follow in the last week of this term.

It will be a great opportunity for students to practice their competitive skills in a friendly environment whilst having a fun night out with their peers.

We will also present grading certificates and other awards during the night.

If you have ever thought of trying karate but you are not sure what it's about, these nights are a great display of what we do.

They are held every term and everyone is welcome.

For more information, please contact avonvalleyshotokan@gmail.com.



Toodyay senior student Joe Stewart with his gold medal won at last month's annual Margaret River open competition.

Soccer own goals welcomed

Northam Springfield Soccer Club
Shire of Northam

A SET of 'senior full-sized soccer goals' worth \$4750 has been installed at Northam's Bert Hawke Oval as part of a local shire sport and recreation upgrade.

The Shire of Northam collaborated with the local Springfield Football Club to move from the Henry Street Oval to the Bert Hawke Pavilion after hockey players switched to a new synthetic turf pitch.

Bert Hawke Oval can now offer a diverse range of sporting opportunities to clubs in and around Northam.

The Northam Shire has invested in local sports growth and arranged a full-size rectangular football pitch line marked for the new professional-sized goals.

These are the only such goals available for public soccer and club use in Northam.

It provides the Springfield Soccer Club with a real sense of belonging and identity as it continues to grow.

The club plans to build membership and play in local grade competitions.



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SPORT



Toodyay's Cody Lacy (left) scores points on his way to defeating Bailey Manzoney in Northam last month.

Toodyay boxer is new Wheatbelt welterweight champ

STRYKA Fight Team
Guy Mead, Safety Manager

TOODYAY'S Cody Lacy put on an outstanding performance to add the Welterweight Wheatbelt Regional Championship to his Geraldton Regional and WA State Novice Welterweight titles in Northam last month.

STRYKA Fight Team's Kohen Romanz from Northam was also outstanding when he added the Schoolboy Light Heavyweight Wheatbelt Regional Championship to his WA State Novice Middleweight title.

It capped an enormously successful STRYKA Fight Night Wheatbelt Regional Amateur Boxing Championships event that attracted about 350 spectators.

Given the ravages of the COVID-19 pandemic, attendance exceeded expectations.

Most importantly, everyone present – including spectators, boxing officials, coaches and fighters – all said that they had an absolute blast.

We can't wait to do it again next year. The event was fully sanctioned by Boxing Australia and Boxing WA.

The night's results in order of bouts were as follows;

Joanne Alkhatib (Nubian Kingdom, Northam) acquitted herself well in a Masters Female Heavyweight (92kg) Exhibition match with Ange Joyce-Faye (Peak 1, Mandurah).

Eduardo Hawkins (Denning, Bunbury) won the Schoolboy Novice Minimum Weight (48kg) Gold Medal via decision against Nathan Mann (STRYKA Fight Team - Northam).

Seanadh McEleney (Denning, Bunbury) and Clara Clarke (MCSA, Mandurah) put on a good show in a Junior Female Novice Lightweight (60kg) exhibition bout.

Tyler Ballantyne (Peak 1, Mandurah) won the Schoolboy Novice Featherweight (48kg) Gold Medal via decision against Tyson O'Driscoll (STRYKA Fight Team, Northam).

Jay Matai (MCSA, Mandurah) won the Senior Male Novice Super Heavyweight (92+kg) Gold Medal via a KO against Ara Tuvae (Goldfields Boxing Academy, Kalgoorlie).

Kohen Romanz (STRYKA Fight Team, Northam) won the Schoolboy Novice Light Heavyweight (80kg) Gold Medal via decision against Patrick Byrne (Wanneroo Boxing Club, Perth).

Luke Kent (Petersons Gym, Perth) won the Intermediate Male Youth Cruiserweight (86kg) Wheatbelt Regional Championship via decision against Tane Hough (Peacocks Gym, Geraldton).

Cody Lacy (STRYKA Fight Team, Toodyay) won the Junior Male Novice Welterweight (67kg) Wheatbelt Regional Championship via

decision against Bailey Manzoney (Fighter Fit, Perth).

Karlee Hayes (Fighter Fit, Perth) won the Elite Female Middleweight (75kg) Wheatbelt Regional Championship via decision against Jessica De Atta (Huntingdale Boxing, Perth).

Eric Kyanga (Peacocks Gym, Geraldton) won the Youth Male Novice Light heavyweight (80kg) Wheatbelt Regional Championship via decision against Elijah Jennison (STRYKA Fight Team, Northam).

Brendan Komar (Goldfields Boxing Academy, Kalgoorlie) won the Senior Male Novice Heavyweight (92kg) Gold Medal via referee stoppage against Andrew Noho (PCYC, Northam).

Seth Price (Wanneroo Boxing Club, Perth) won the Youth Male Middleweight (75kg) Wheatbelt Regional Championship via referee stoppage against Elijah Jennison (STRYKA Fight Team, Northam).

STRYKA Fight Team's Kohen Romanz from Northam added the Schoolboy Light Heavyweight Wheatbelt Regional Championship to his WA State Novice Middleweight title.

A final massive shout out to DECMIL, The Riverside Hotel, J and R contracting, Lena's Your Cleaner, Lucy's Tearooms, Lacy Bros, Five Star Business Solutions and Innovation, Bendigo Community Bank in Toodyay and Northam, Swan Civil Drainage, O'Driscoll Produce, KYBA T-Shirt Design Co., Ray Hana's Martial Arts Suppliers, Shire of Northam and Avon Valley Toyota who all contributed the sponsorship required to make our event such an incredible success.

Putting greens get a mid-winter workout

Toodyay Golf Club
Liz Sullivan

THE annual Leo Ayling 27-hole stableford event sponsored by the Boston family was played in May.

The winner was George Murray, with John Jaworski second and Kim Rose third.

Dave Duncan won a June 5 stroke event sponsored by Northam Glass with a net score of 70.

Second with 72 was Ash Grundy and Dave Gordon was third with 74.

The Range Cup stableford event sponsored by Murray Hasson was played on June 12.

Ryan Sinclair came first with 33 points, followed by Ash Grundy on 29 and Wayne Mastin 28.

A June 19 par event sponsored by CSBP was won by Kim Rose, with Adam Pearce second and Ash Grundy third.

The annual Bendigo Bank Day was held on June 25.

A two-person ambrose event was won in a very close contest by John Jaworski and Mike Ryder with a net score of 65.

Second were Murray Riseley and Ash Grundy, also on 65, and third were David Duncan and Mark Kobulniczky on 65.5.

Ladies' nine-hole social golf is played Wednesdays at 9.30am for a 10am tee off.

Men's scroungers is played on Thursday afternoons from 2pm, and an 18-hole competition is held on Sundays, tee off at noon.

The Toodyay golf course and clubrooms are behind the racetrack on Racecourse Road via a gravel road past the stables.

Young Lions show dramatic improvement

Toodyay Junior Football Club
Tracy Don

DEVELOPMENT at a grassroots level of the game is the most important aspect at any football club.

Football provides a source of entertainment and fun and helps promote a sense of belonging in a team environment.

In the Under-11s, there has been dramatic growth and development in both those areas for individuals and as a team.

Parents and supporters will have noticed a sharp increase in the group's ability and the way they work together as a team.

Continuing improvement in fundamental skills of kicking, handballing, marking and tackling makes games more enjoyable and hopefully will attract more players.

Last month was a little disappointing for Under-13 players who are still winless this season and find ourselves just out of the top four.

However, they are improving every week by getting fitter, stronger and better, and are on the verge of a season-defining win.

It is exciting to watch their progress and we have arranged a couple of games against Mortlock League sides this month so that we

can continue to improve.

Jaymarl Hogarth, Marcus Slater and Parker Byfield are our most consistent performers, and Will and Brodie Wacura, Winton Davey, Harrison Lines and Jake Smith have all had stand-out matches.

Everyone is looking forward to games resuming after this month's school holidays so that we can get a win on the board and work our way into the finals.

Our Under-16s sit at 5-1 and hold a very strong percentage after the first three quarters of the season.

The boys have done a very good job of adapting to more aggressive way of defensive play – probably something they haven't done regularly before – and will continue to get better.

Our ball winners are consistently very good and their composure on the ball and ability to break the lines via hand is improving.

It has been a very pleasing season so far, with everyone showing some development in their football skills.

Our aim for the rest of the year is to keep up the individual and team development and finish with a flag.

Go the mighty Lions.



Toodyay Junior footballers in action.

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Would you like a Saturday morning job helping us to hydrobath dogs and assisting with some kennel hand duties at Heartlands vet hospital in Toodyay?

Please email expressions of interest, along with a CV to
Carrie Jose (Nursing Manager)
carrie@heartlandsvet.com.au

Puzzle Solutions

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Sudoku Easy

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Sudoku Hard



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Welcome to July's Edition

Can you believe that it is already half way through the year?! Where has it gone? The cold spell is on us and the log fires are burning. Isn't it just great living in the country!

State of the market. Not much change at all from last months, so we are still at 8599 properties for sale. The interest rate rise has slightly effected enquiries though prices at present are still remaining level. Let's hope the Reserve Bank leaves the interest rate as is for awhile!

Inside the Office

Always an interesting section to read, especially when we do not know if Tony has written it or if an employee has...

Jemma – As always, a ray of sunshine. Run off her feet with making the girls coffee all day and doing all her admin work What a great addition to the office.

Gracie – Finally on maternity leave!! We wish her the best with new bub and can't wait to have her back in the future. We will miss you Gracie!

Christie – Now fully in Toodyay Property Management! Working really hard and never stops! I do think this one is in need of a holiday!

Jo – Has her work partner back! She is so happy to have Faith back working alongside her, makes the office a very joyful place!

Sharon – Selling like a machine! She will list a property and have it sold within a week! Very professional and knowledgeable, if you need your place sold, call Sharon! 0448 108 545

Faith – We are all so happy to have this one back. It has already been a month and so much work has been done and so much knowledge gained by having her back! If you have a rental you would like us to manage, contact Faith and she can organise this for you! 9574 2917.

Sam – Congratulations Sam! He is now a fully qualified sales rep! We have enjoyed working with him so far. Sam is a smart and friendly young man, so if you need sales advice or would like your house to be sold by him, Give him a call 9574 2917!

Andrew – Although he was expected to retire at the end of June, he has not, and seems to be hanging around like a bad smell. However, we do enjoy his company very much and will miss him dearly. He may retire when he decides he has had enough of us girls!

Tony – Well not much changes here. Still in need of a holiday and still not taking one. Have been very busy with clearing sales and auctions, it's a never ending desk of work!

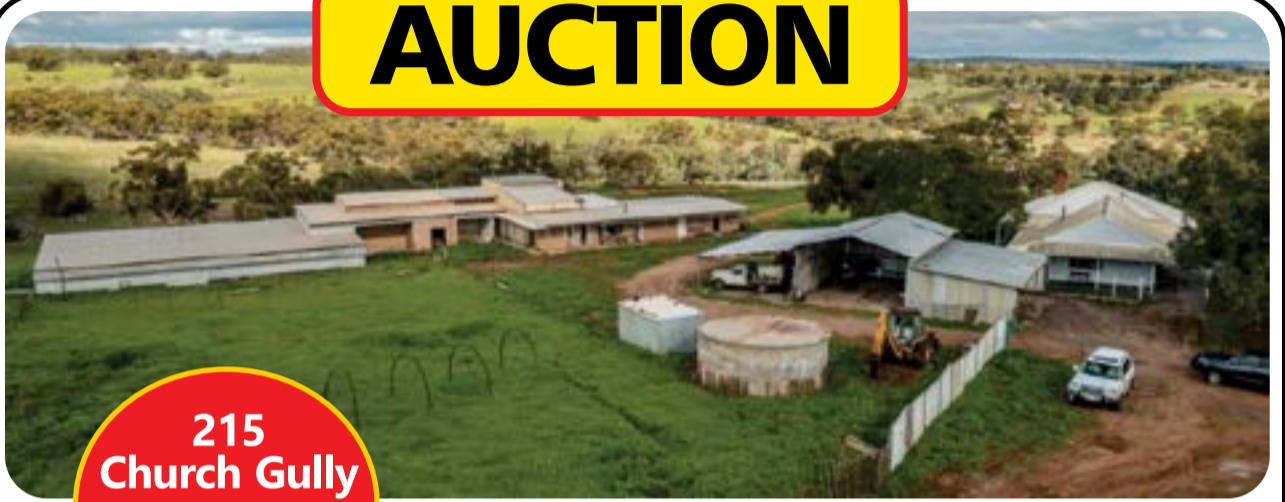
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