



SHIRE NEWS

Welcome to Wesley: Toodyay's new Community Development Officer



The Shire would like to introduce Wesley Sutton as our new Community Development Officer. As an advocate for strong communities, he is excited to take on this role and all of the challenges ahead.

Wes moved to Toodyay three years ago and is a member of various local volunteer groups, along with being the Black Dog Ride coordinator for the Avon Valley. His background is in mapping and spatial science, with his last 15 years dedicated to relationship management and customer service across both public and private sectors. He sees volunteer organisations as the backbone of a strong community, and having served on many committees and as a volunteer himself, understands the daily operations of and corporate governance issues faced by not-for-profit organisations.

As Community Development Officer, Wes has hit the ground running. "Arriving in the office during the final planning phase for the International Food Festival has meant I haven't had a lot of time to settle in – it's straight down to business" he commented. "I'm very much looking forward to getting out and meeting with as many organisations as possible to build my knowledge and work with the community."

You can contact Wes for any community-related enquiries via email at w.sutton@toodyay.wa.gov.au, or by calling 9574 9392.

Updates from the Depot: What's Happening Where?

Toodyay-Bindi Bindi Road Works

Work has recommenced on a 3km section of Toodyay-Bindi Bindi Road. Clearing is currently being conducted before road reconstruction works begin.

Duidgee Park Pendulum Swing and Pathways

Footpath installation has been completed at Duidgee Park, and our pendulum swing has also been installed to the delight of young and old (as successfully tested by Depot staff).

Toodyay District High School Path

Depot maintenance staff have done a fantastic



Toodyay International Food Festival and Family Fun Day

Avon Descent weekend is approaching, along with one of our biggest and most exciting events of the year: Toodyay International Food Festival and Family Fun Day. Taking place in the heart of Toodyay across Duidgee Park and Stirling Park, from 10am-4pm on Saturday 13 August, the day will be packed with action, activity and an assortment of taste sensations. Come along for a perfect view of the Avon Descent and enjoy all the thrills and spills on the water from dry land. Be spoilt for choice with over 30 food stalls offering a stellar selection of international savoury and sweet treats, complete with a licensed bar for the adults. Enjoy live music on our main stage while the kids take advantage of bouncy castles, face painting, an animal farm and much more. Trust us – you don't want to miss out on this one! Many thanks to our sponsors for making it all possible.

A note from the Rangers: **The International Food Festival and Family Fun Day will be a**



dog-free public event (excluding assistance animals trained or registered under the *Disability Discrimination Act 1992*). We request that dogs are kept away from Duidgee and Stirling parks while the festival activities, food trucks, trailers and stalls are set up throughout the day. This event is an energetic family affair with people of all ages – including small children – attending, and many stimulating

noises/smells in the area. Dogs entering the event space creates an unnecessary risk of falls, dog bites, allergies and compromised food safety.

We suggest walking dogs along the streetside footpaths, in Newcastle Park, and at the showgrounds as alternatives on the day. Thank you to all our dog owners for their understanding.

Prepare for summer by preparing your firebreaks

It's time to start thinking about firebreaks. Can you manage your firebreaks yourself? If not, now is the time to book a contractor and make sure you're ready for November 1, the date by which your property must be compliant with the requirements of the Shire's Firebreak Notice.

The notice is sent out annually with your rates notice and is also available for download on our website. Contractor information is available here in the Toodyay Herald, on the Shire website, and in the Toodyay Directory. If you have any questions, please contact the Rangers on 9574 9370.



Take care as wildflower season begins to bloom

The Avon Valley is starting to display a wonderful array of wildflowers, with Toodyay hosting many unique varieties in and around our reserves. While these do make for a great opportunity to get outside and admire our town's natural beauty, we remind everyone to take care when flower-spotting. To make the most of this and future wildflower seasons, please be mindful of where you step and be careful both when viewing roadside wildflowers and driving in flowered areas. Ensure vehicles are safely off the road when parked, stay off the road when taking photos, and drive with caution when behind the wheel. And of course, don't forget to enjoy yourself!

For more information and for flower locations, call into the Visitors Centre to collect a Toodyay's Walks and Wildflowers brochure or visit toodyay.com to download a copy. You can also accompany the brochure with the WA Wildflower Tracker app, and assist others by recording your findings.

Extractive Industry Policy and Review

Did you know that the houses you build, the roads you drive on, and the stone feature fireplaces you warm up to in winter might have come from basic raw material deposits of clay, sand, gravel and stone in and around Toodyay? The Shire has a number of extractive industry operations occurring, particularly around Hoddy's Well and Morangup.

While the materials they produce are vital for the wider economy, the operations can place pressure on the environment and road network.

The Shire of Toodyay, as the body responsible for the land, is committed to ensuring these operations are meeting the compliance obligations of the development approval and conditions of licensing. We recognise there is still work to be done in this area to improve

the process, provide better outcomes for the community, and offer consistency for the operators.

Accordingly, the Shire has formed a working group made up of a broad cross-section of stakeholders to help develop a standalone Local Planning Policy for the Extractive Industries. This policy will address the full life of these projects, such as: outlining and improving the standard and consistency of applications and the materials being provided for assessment; ongoing monitoring, compliance and reporting; and pit closure and environmental rehabilitation.

This will be coupled with a general review of the extractive industry operations within the Shire – which includes changes to internal processes, ensuring that ongoing regulation of this important industry is clearer and easier for all.

Baby Rhyme Time and Toddler Story Time are back at the library

It's been a while, but Toodyay Library's beloved Baby Rhyme Time and Toddler Story Time sessions are now back in full swing. Our new singing-and-storytelling superhero Simone will be on hand every week to provide an imaginative and sensory experience for young ones; and a chance for parents and guardians to socialise in a welcoming, child-friendly space. We would love to see both familiar and unfamiliar faces joining in on the fun – especially Toodyay's toddlers, who have been in short supply at the last few sessions. If you and your children are keen to come along, all you need to bring is yourselves (though adults might want to bring their inner child too). Baby Rhyme Time runs from 9.15am-



9.45am each Wednesday with Toddler Story Time following from 9.45am-10.15am, in the colourful Toodyay Library Kids Corner. We hope to see you there!

job preparing for a path that will link the assembly/canteen area to the road near the recreation centre. They have installed a base course for the installation of the brick path, which will be laid by Midland Brick.

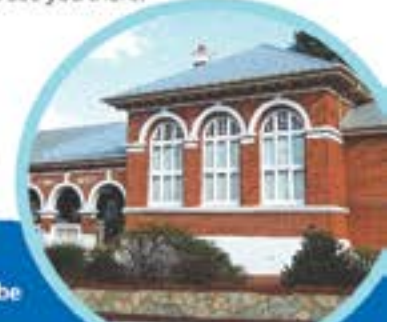
Julimar Road Edge Breaks

Edge break works have been conducted and signage installed on a 900 linear metre section of Julimar Road.



Waste Transfer Station Levy vs Residential Bin Services Levy

The Waste Transfer Station levy of \$90.00 is imposed and specified by the *Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery Act 2007* – for all districts with a Waste Transfer Station like Toodyay's – and usually includes complementary vouchers from the Shire. Properties in Shires with a rubbish collection service available have a Mandatory Residential Bin Services levy of \$241.00.



Geologist says rocks hold clues to climate truths

Toodyay Probus Club
Norm Green

MEMBERS last month heard a presentation about climate change by geologist Michael Creech.

He said rocks contained evidence of climate patterns and he discussed various statistics, exaggerations, truths and faulty data.

We learnt about various court cases against a leading scientist from the United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change and various graphs.

He also showed us graphs of estimated mean global temperatures over the past 500-200 years.

Well, most of us are in the hands of people who seem to – or so they say – know what is going on.

Then we have to make up our own minds using common sense, probabilities and our own observations.

How do we actually know what is the truth and who is truthful?

So it goes on – interesting anyway. One of our members brought a number of old personal items to show us.

They included a razor blade sharpener that uses a leather roller within to sharpen the blade, and a clay pipe much like the one used by the Popeye cartoon character.

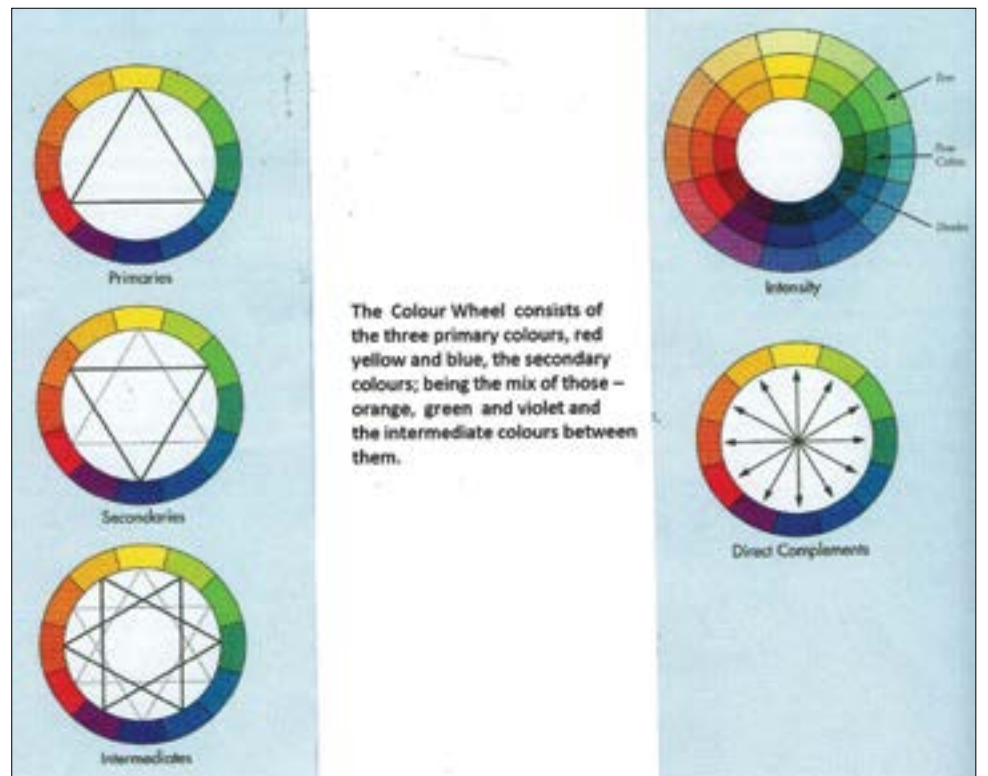
There was also a cigarette roller and a strap used to discipline the member and her siblings when they were much, much younger.

Our rules about birthdays have changed a bit. If you have a birthday in the month, then you are responsible for providing afternoon tea – hopefully including a birthday cake.

It doesn't seem like much of a birthday present but everyone else enjoys it.

Next month we will change tack a bit with a guest speaker from the Australian Wildlife Conservancy. Danni has been trying to visit for a while but COVID-19 and other things mucked it up.

Please come along and join us for some fun. You can contact Joan on 0417 171 606 or at toodyayprobus@gmail.com.



Colour Wheel for choosing complementary and contrasting quilting material.

UFOs land with imaginative new quilting tricks on board

Ragbags Quilting Group
Kerry Gregory

REDISCOVERING a box of UFOs (unfinished objects) or WIPs (works in progress) the other week got me thinking about an article that suggested simply changing my thinking about various projects by recalling why I so enthusiastically began each one, and what it would take to complete them.

Sometimes we over-think problems. No, it may not be an award-winning Show quilt or there may be a few ill-fitting points, but you still love the fabric or the design.

It may have a lot of time invested in it and would be lovely over a lap or on a bed, so should be finished the best you can manage.

Instead of ripping seams and becoming more

frustrated with a quilt, a good strategy can be to imagine it with a different coloured border and, if the new border uses a fabric you love, then your whole perception of the project might change.

When you're unsure of a colour to change, say on a border, using a colour wheel is often a great help, especially if it reaffirms in your mind a colour or tone that you find pleasing.

It may also sway your thinking about other complementary colours that you might not naturally use together, so remember – a little bit of clash can really give your project a terrific lift.

There are times when a UFO simply requires wadding, backing and quilting and, for want of a suitable fabric, a useful backing can be made using up some of your stash and sewing together strips of about four-inch (10cm) widths of any fabrics you haven't been keeping for specific projects to make a very colourful piece for backing.

This can be for cushions, table runners and small to moderately sized quilts, particularly for children.

The backing may be stitched on the quilt with horizontal, vertical or diagonal stripes and then, working from the back of the quilt, can be used to either ditch stitch or shadow stitch half an inch (1.2cm) out from the seam lines to easily and quickly quilt the project – UFO completed.

New members are most welcome to join our regular Ragbags group gathers at Toodyay's St Stephens Anglican Church Hall in Stirling Terrace on the first and third Wednesday of each month from 10am-2pm, when a cuppa, good chat and laugh or two are assured.



Some items brought by a member to our last meeting, including a strap used to discipline kids.

Madcap farce has audience in stitches

Toodyay Theatre Group
Barry Vause

TOODYAY Theatre Group presented 'Robin the Hood' to the delight of audiences over two weekends in June.

Performances were well-attended and audiences were entertained by Robin and his Merry Men thwarting the evil Sheriff of Snottingham and Bad King John.

Nick Cording bought the Sheriff of Snottingham alive with snivelling antics and a hip gyrating rendition of Elvis Presley's *Jailhouse Rock* while Dave Mitchell played the scheming Bad King John with such evil regality that audience boos might still be heard echoing in Toodyay Memorial Hall.

Debbie Dymond played a more noble monarch as Bad King John's Queen, and her cheeky portrayal as a dutiful wife provided more than a few chuckles.

The Town Cryer performed by Tanya Stuart narrated the story with a few quips about a neighbouring township that had audiences in stitches.

A bewitching fairy played by Charlotte Hunter created a Batman and Robin play-off between Ashton Vause as Friar Tuck and Skye Dymnicki as Will Scarlett that provided belly laughs galore.

Mackenna Dayman made a wise and worldly Maid Marian, devoting her undying love to Robin with her charming performance of Bryan Adams' *Everything I Do, I Do It For You* and Jayden Vause thrilled audiences as the hero of the night with a side-splitting pantomime depiction of Robin the Hood.

As the story unfolded Charlene Dayman played a hauntingly hysterical Marlene the Sorceress who boiled a concoction of the weird and wonderful in her cauldron to *I'm a Crazy Witch* turning Robin's Merry Men into wonderful zombified backup singers.

Marlene also managed to turn Amy Duckworth as Little John into a convincingly lovestruck fool who managed to enchant unsuspecting front row audience members with words of sweet nothings – no mean feat.

The Lady Bowlers played by Tanya Stuart, Tracey Hunter, Vicki Hagarty and Debbie Dymond entertained with their revolt against taxes on boots and pretty much everything else with a seasoned performance of Nancy

Sinatra's *These Boots Were Made For Walking*.

The ensemble cast of the Greenies and Townspeople consisting of Jaydene Dayman, Charlotte Hunter, London Dymond, Jasmine Duckworth and Eden Coleman performed wonderfully, convincing audiences that Sherwood Forrest was indeed a place of care and carelessness, particularly when William and Clie Tell were around.

The slapstick performance by Vicki Hagarty and Jaydene Dayman was laugh-out loud funny.

A special mention must be made of Will

Blinman as Allan A'Dale and Good King Richard in his debut performance with Toodyay Theatre Group – it was great to see Will get into his characters and perform with confidence.

As always, we are grateful to our wonderful Toodyay Theatre Group crew without whom productions would not be possible.

We appreciate the time and effort that our Front of House, Bar and Backstage crew, and member volunteers dedicate to enable our performance nights to be a success.

Stay tuned for more Toodyay Theatre Group news in the coming months.

Freo fish and chips not dampened by rain



Toodyay Autumn Club members enjoy social get-togethers on regular bus excursions and say more members are welcome.

Toodyay Autumn Club
Mike Cox

LIFE is returning to normal, and we have started getting back to visiting other clubs.

Last month we visited Northam Autumn Club and had a most enjoyable time.

A week later we invited the Bindoon Club to visit us.

They arrived by bus and we had a full day of carpet bowls and a most enjoyable lunch put on by the ladies – a big thankyou to them.

Then it was more games before it was time for the Bindoon group to head home – when is Toodyay getting a bus?

We visited Fremantle at the end of last month.

Some of us caught the AvonLink passenger train to Midland and boarded a suburban train to Perth, stopping at the Senior Centre for breakfast.

We then caught another train to Fremantle to reunite with the rest of our group, some of whom travelled down by car.

We met at a café across the road from the station, had a walk around the port city and stopped at Fin Slim for fish and chips.

We had all day until 5.30pm to catch the train back to Toodyay and wandered around Fremantle and Midland in the rain until it was time to head home.

We all had a great time despite the rain.

If you would like to join our adventures, come along to our club house at the sports oval pavilion or phone our club secretary on 0409 370 922.



Vegetation Vs Roadworks.

Constant clearing holds dire consequences

Safe and Scenic Toodyay Road
Laraine Brindle

TODAY one cannot watch the news or read a paper without seeing something about climate change or a catastrophic weather event somewhere in the world.

Apart from COVID-19, this seems to be the dominant topic of our early 21st century.

It has however, been a topic of concern to many scientists worldwide much earlier than this and their predictions are clearly coming true.

Just last month the State of the Environment Report documented evidence of accelerated deterioration in all areas studied, including habitat loss, species extinction, invasive species, and pollution of waterways and atmosphere from mining and industry.

This was just in Australia.

In addition, we have experienced two extreme events linked to climate change in Australia alone.

From October 2021 to January 2022, 34 people died because of bushfires, and 40 drowned because of floods.

There are many causes both natural and unnatural but there is now little doubt that the major contributor to the accelerated deterioration in climate stability is the behaviour and actions of humans.

Certainly at least 100-150 years ago the average person had little understanding of the likely effects of the consumption of coal, oil, gas and wood for energy supply, the polluting effects of industry and the widespread clearing of land for agriculture.

Our world has changed dramatically since then, and government, business leaders and

people worldwide now have more than enough scientifically based evidence to know precisely what is required to halt or at least slow, the ongoing decline.

According to the report, over 100 species of Australian animals are either extinct in the wild or have been listed as extinct.

Australia has lost more mammal species than any other continent, and its rate of species decline is one of the highest among developed countries.

Introduced species, habitat destruction and clearing are the main causes.

It is very difficult from the ground to appreciate the level of deforestation in the world let alone in our own region, but aerial photography and satellite images have proven the extent of the loss of forest everywhere, not the least in our Wheatbelt region.

Estimates are presented that 98 per cent of Wheatbelt land has been cleared since colonisation.

The remaining 2 per cent is narrow roadside strips, small stands left on farms and small reserves set aside for areas of species preservation.

Trees alone cannot solve our climate problem, but continued clearance of land will most certainly contribute to a definite declining situation.

Those who travel Toodyay Road will appreciate the excellent improvements MRWA has made to the road west of Dryandra Road.

This has been achieved with very little clearance of vegetation and given that vehicle density increases closer to Perth this is a superb result whilst dramatically increasing the safety of travel for trucks and cars alike.

An entirely different scenario is planned east of Dryandra Road, which will require the clearing of 56 hectares of vegetation for a major road redesign not requested.

The vehicle density is less, but the result will be an over-engineered super-highway, as can

already be seen east of Jingaling Brook Road, which is only a fraction of what is planned to be cleared.

From Dryandra Road to Salt Valley Road, picture what we see now at Jingaling Brook but magnified: hectares of bush removed, trenches dug through hills, enormous excavations, and more overtaking lanes than the community requested (or need).

Some see the loss of 56 hectares of vegetation as of no significance in the global picture, but our global situation is now so precarious that any loss, particularly of mature trees which cannot be replaced overnight by roadside plantings is unacceptable.

And this is not the only area MRWA plans to clear throughout this state's roadworks and based on recent years' figures (see table), the offsets do not match the amount of clearing done.

If you do not want to see this happening, sign SASTR's petition via our website (sastr.com.au), or the hard copy version available at one of our stalls at the Toodyay Farmers Markets, Agricultural Show and IGA.

You can also send a letter of concern to Council, State and Federal environment Ministers and cc. MRWA.

If you would like to join SASTR, email info@sastr.com.au and please consider planting as many local tree species as your property will safely accommodate.

MRWA activity	2017	2018	2019
State-wide			
Vegetation cleared (ha)	246	535	663
Revegetation (ha)	206	139	58
Offsets claimed (ha)	83	6	15

Source: MRWA Annual Report 2020. Page 62.

Alliances unite to protect threatened species

Avon and Hills Mining Awareness Group Inc.

MEMBERS of the WA Forest Alliance (WAFA) and Julimar Forest Conservation Alliance (JFCA) met last month for a first-hand look at a large area west of the Toodyay townsite under threat from mining.

The two groups are working towards getting the Julimar conservation area reclassified as national park to help secure its internationally recognised biodiversity.

We met at Djidi-Djidi Ridge Reserve west of the conservation park, where Chalice Mining is operating four drilling rigs to verify grades of nickel, copper and platinum group elements found under the forest.

The Julimar alliance includes members of the Toodyay Naturalists' Club, Toodyay Friends of the River, Toodyay Historical Society and Birdlife Australia WA which recently conducted the first of four annual surveys of the area's fauna and flora.

It was the first time WAFA members had seen the northern tip of the WA jarrah forest which has already been decimated by open-cut bauxite mining further south in the Darling Range.

In the hour we spent discussing our common goals and proposed activities, four separate carloads of bushwalkers arrived to enjoy the natural environment.

Given that this was a Friday morning, it indicates the appeal of nature and the need to preserve it for future generations.

HikeWest is another group keeping a close watch on local drilling due to concern over its impact on the Camino Salvado Pilgrim Trail, which traverses 27km of the identified mineral

resource area.

In its most-recent newsletter, HikeWest said: "Mining at Julimar would also result in major loss of forest and woodlands."

"Ironically, those attempting to justify such forest clearing argue that it is a necessary cost of the 'desperate' drive for extraction of metals to decarbonise the world in the name of climate change mitigation."

HikeWest's comment was published the day after Chalice CEO Alex Dorsch told investors that "The world is in desperate need for responsibly resourced metals like what we have in Julimar and those metals have a huge decarbonisation impact."

The national Council of Superannuation and Investors recently listed Mr Dorsch as Australia's seventh highest-earning executive with a whopping pay packet of \$17.8 million, including his March 2021 purchase of 4.4 million Chalice share options before prices soared to \$10.

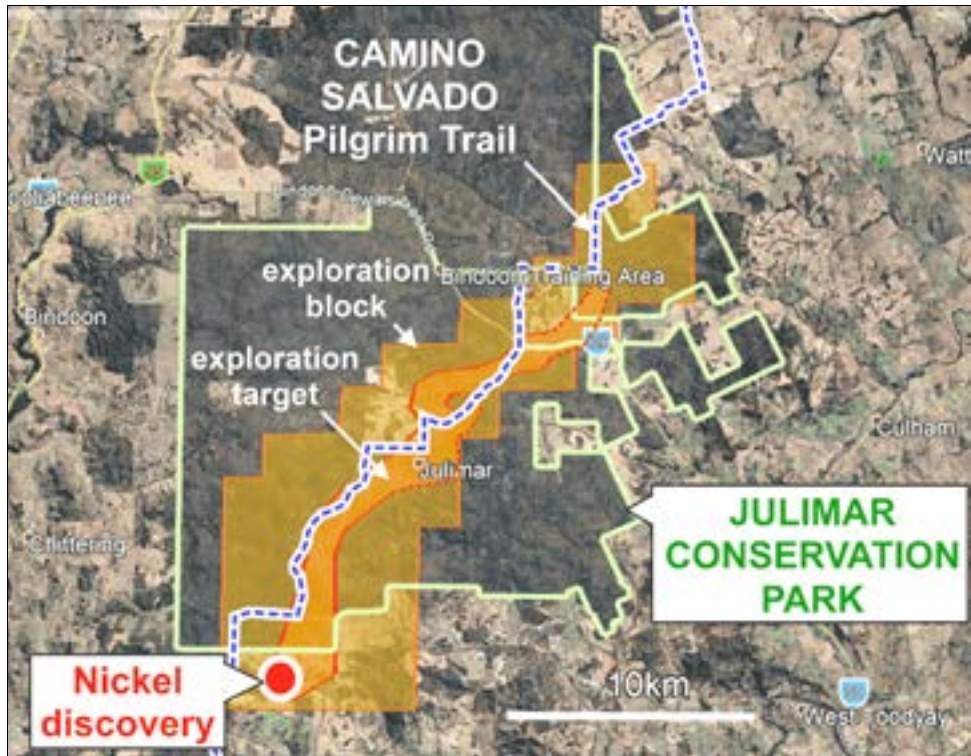
They have since slumped to around the \$4 mark, and Mr Dorsch has once again taken advantage of the soft price to stock up on more shares.

If you care about the impact of mining on six locally threatened species that live in the Julimar Conservation Park – including the critically endangered Woylie – please consider joining our group.

It's cheaper than chips at \$10 per person.

We 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.



The Camino Salvado Pilgrim Trail in relation to Chalice's resource area. Map: HikeWest. Last month's photo was taken by HikeWest President Dave Osborne.

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SATURDAY 27TH AUGUST 2022

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GATES OPEN 8AM

Main Rodeo commences at 2pm
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Wyalkatchem Recreation Centre, Hands Drive, Wyalkatchem

Tickets	\$50	Tickets @ www.doublebarrelentertainment.com.au
Pensioner's & Children over 13	\$25	Contact Mark 0429 031 778 for more info
Camping Pass	\$15	

ENVIRONMENT

Huge river race catchment means anything can happen

Toodyay Friends of the River
Bridget Leggett and Jacquié Lucas

RAINFALL and river levels take on an added significance in Toodyay at this time of the year as we start to talk about the Avon Descent race on August 13-14 and speculate about how fast the river will flow.

Water levels were very high for last year's race with considerable flooding along the south side of the Avon, particularly between Millard's Pool and the town, which limited access for spectators and support crews.

At the time of writing, a repeat of last year's levels seems unlikely but given the river's unusually big catchment area, anything can happen. The Avon basin is the largest in WA's South-West and covers about 120,000 sq km.

It delivers the largest volume of water to the Swan River, where the Swan Coastal Plain has a catchment area of only 35sq km.

The Avon catchment stretches as far south as Brookton and includes much of the shires of Beverly and York.

The Dale and Mackie Rivers and Spencers Brook feed into it and send large volumes of water to Northam, where WA's annual white-water classic starts.

The Mortlock River joins the Avon soon after it crosses Northam Weir just north of Peel Terrace, bringing water from north and east of Northam, which is the driest part of the catchment.

The Mortlock has a catchment area of more than 6000sq km which drains into



Map of the catchment by Jacquié Lucas.

the Avon from the shires of Goomalling, Wongan-Ballidu, Cunderdin and Tammin as well as parts of York and Quairading.

Further east from the official Avon catchment is an area that stretches beyond Southern Cross, Lake Grace, Newdegate and Hyden where water typically flows into salt and other lakes where it is retained semi-permanently.

However, extreme rains may cause

these lakes to discharge water into the Mortlock River if their storage capacities are exceeded.

Most of the rain that falls in Shire of Toodyay flows into the Avon from

seasonal streams such as the 48km long Toodyay Brook, Julimar Brook and Boyagerring Brook, the latter being one of our revegetation projects.

However, some local rainfall flows into the Brockman River which joins the Avon further downstream near Walyunga National Park just before it changes its name to the Swan River, before the famous Bells Rapids.

A watershed – high ground that separates two adjacent catchments – rises between the Brockman and Avon rivers and runs through the Julimar Conservation Park just west of Julimar Brook.

Most Julimar rainfall flows into the Avon River but the western area feeds into the Brockman River and Shire of Chittering.

Until last year, the Avon Descent was traditionally held on the first weekend of August.

The race is now held a week later – tangible evidence of changing rainfall patterns in the catchment – and means this month's working bees will be on the same weekend as the Avon Descent.

We will meet at 9am on Sunday August 14 and Monday August 15, and expect to be working on Toodyay's next designated walk track – the West Toodyay Wander.

Our meeting point will be at a sign for the future Trail Hub near St Stephen's Anglican Church in Stirling Terrace.

We will also join the Avon Wheatbelt Bird Group's winter flora and fauna survey in the Julimar Conservation Park on Saturday August 20.

Anyone who would like to help with this fieldwork for an interesting day in the forest should contact Max Howard via email at avon.hill@bigpond.com.



Avon Descent crews urged to avoid trampling plants



Toodyay Seed Group members busy planting last month at Cobbler Pool.

Toodyay Seed Group
Bethan Lloyd

THE SECOND week in July saw the completion of all Toodyay Friends of the River planting projects around the shire.

It was a time for celebration and we feel a sense of achievement.

Thanks to all who contributed to growing and planting.

A total of 2200 plants, mostly grown by the Friends of the River Seed Group, were put in, with 300 plants contributed by the Wheatbelt Natural Resource Management group.

Planting was done at Foggarthorpe, Boyagerring Brook, Millards Pool and Pelham Brook outlet.

Most of the sites were infill from previous years but one at Cobbler Pool was a new initiative.

While planting there I met an Avon Descent organiser who said we were planting in areas where competitors commonly put their boats.

An interesting discussion followed where I pointed out that we were using less than one quarter of the riverbank for revegetation and asked if we should keep the whole area bare for one event a year.

The conversation concluded with the race organiser conceding there was plenty of room for both and that competitors just needed to be more careful.

There are a couple of sites further away from the pull-up area where we could plant in future years.

Anyway, we roped off the area and the race

organiser agreed to keep an eye open on the day.

We will also need to rope off the revegetated area around the Pelham Brook outlet during the Avon Descent weekend to prevent new plantings being trampled.

The Seed Group also distributed around 1500 plants to private landholders, other community groups and even gave some to Main Roads WA to plant in the wasteland around Jingaling Brook Road.

It's been a bit dry with predictions of a drier than usual winter but a few good downpours should see the plants well on their way.

So, thoughts turn to next year and it's likely we will supply plants for a project on the upper reaches of Boyagerring Brook to complement the work done by us and the Wheatbelt Natural Resource Management group on the lower parts.

We are looking forward to that.

For landowners and community groups, if you have a project in mind please get your orders in early so we can try to find the seed to grow what you require.

If you just need plants for your garden, we can do that too and always grow a variety of eremophilas from cuttings.

We actually still have some of these left for this year.

Get some weed control done now to reduce the burden for next year and do any rabbit control and ripping over summer.

You can get an order form by emailing me at bethanlloyd_8@msn.com.

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ENVIRONMENT

One of the many enclosures that Allan has constructed to save roses from the parrots.

Grandparents' 99-year-old Perth rose bush thrives at Dewars Pool

Toodyay Garden Club
Daphne Lee

THERE was not a bit of sunshine for last month's visit to Kerry and Allan Gregory's Dewars Pool garden.

However, over 50 members ventured out there and I know they were very glad they did.

They included one new member which takes our membership to more than 100.

Kerry and Allan started in 2003 with a small house and no garden and have done an amazing job.

The garden was a bit hit and miss at first with some things surviving and some not – the story of most gardens.

We saw lots of ground cover violets that seem to self-seed everywhere – a delightful show.

One of Kerry's success stories was the transplanting of a Speks Yellow rose from Perth that was first planted in her grandparents' Inglewood garden in 1923 before being dug up and re-planted in Toodyay.

The rose bush will be 100 years old next year, and what a birthday that will be – well done Kerry and Allan.

Their garden is towered over by a magnificent gum tree that looks quite majestic and beautiful – a great specimen.

Allan has built several enclosures to stop birds attacking the roses and other plants.

These were excellent and certainly did the trick – great workmanship Allan, well done.

The garden shows lots of colour and includes a very good vegetable patch with lush fennel plants that looked like ferns.

We had a lovely time wandering around with lots to see.

Pet lovers were not disappointed with the amazing Dusty enjoying lots of pats.

He is a beautiful little dog with very soft tan and white fur, indeed a joy on the day.

Being school holidays, we also welcomed some children and hope they enjoyed the day.

Thank you to everyone who supplied morning tea – again it was amazing.

We are so lucky to have wonderful cooks – keep it up ladies, your culinary efforts are always appreciated.

Our many thanks to Kerry and Allan for inviting us to visit – we really liked your garden.

This month's visit is to Bob Mattin's

garden at the Old Hospital in town with a guest speaker to talk about olives.

Please join us, and remember also our bus trip to Kalamunda on Thursday September 1.

Enjoy the rain and happy gardening (weeding).

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The Daninject Model DK2021 JM Tranquilliser Gun which was provided through a Lotterywest grant.

Marsupial Mamas and Pappas
Brian Foley

JULY was a busy month for us with a number of admissions of injured wildlife into our care, including joey kangaroos, owls and parrots.

A barn owl with two badly broken legs had to be euthanised on veterinary advice.

Owls need two highly functional legs to survive and though the broken legs could have been pinned, nerve damage would have prevented full dexterity.

It was a real shame because the injured creature was a beautiful bird.

We are receiving more calls from people about injured kangaroos which suggests our efforts to get out the message about what we can do to help seems to be working.

Thank you everyone for your calls. We had a call from parents in Parkland Drive, Julimar, after their sons saw a female Black Gloved Wallaby hit by a vehicle.

The driver tried to avoid the startled wallaby by slowing down but it turned back into the vehicle's path and was hit.

We were able to retrieve the Joey but it did not survive due to injuries.

The good news is we now have a licence for our new tranquiliser gun and I have been

On the look-out for rare water rat

Toodyay Naturalists' Club
Desraé Clarke

LAST month's Annual General Meeting was postponed due to unforeseen circumstances and rescheduled for Saturday August 20.

It will be followed by a short general meeting and club night.

This is always a really interesting segment of the year with members giving presentations of their photography, natural history observations and presentations on birding and wildflower excursions and trips away.

Our club is 54 years old and now has a shopfront known as Drummond House, The Toodyay Environment and History Centre next to the Toodyay Bendigo Bank.

We share the building with the Toodyay Historical Society and Toodyay Friends of the River – an amazing asset for the three volunteer organisations.

Our door is open on Saturday mornings from 10am-noon and visitors are welcome to come and chat, browse through our extensive collection of books, raise any queries and discuss observations or any other matters.

Our club website is constantly updated, including with natural history sightings.

These may be of animals, birds, fungi, wildflowers, rocks, reptiles or trees that are of interest.

It is amazing how creatures and plants are still being discovered and rediscovered.

Plants and animals are often found out of the area where they were originally sighted

and recorded, or they may have disappeared for decades before being rediscovered.

Have you seen the little animal in the drawing below?

It is a Rakali or Water Rat, a creature that was once plentiful along the Avon River and its tributaries.

It became a valuable source of income in the time of the Great Depression (1929-1939) for the sale of its beautiful soft pelt until new laws were made to protect it.

Numbers have reportedly increased but the animal has not been seen in the Toodyay area for many decades.

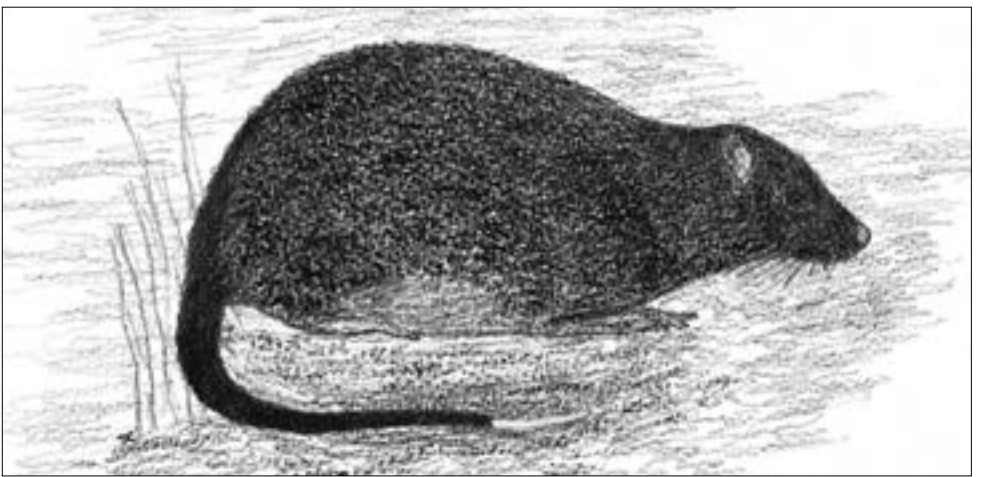
The small mammal preys on fish, frogs, lizards, water birds, small mammals, mussels, insects and crustaceans and takes its catch to a regular feeding site.

If while walking on the banks of the Avon River you see signs of activity such as scratchings or diggings, scat (droppings) or the skeletal remains of animal prey – and with the Rakali it could be any one or all of these things – we would be really pleased to hear about it.

The greatest threat to the Rakali's survival is the destruction of natural water sources, draining of swamp land, increasing salinity and predation by foxes and cats.

It is always pleasing to receive sightings and observations of natural history subjects to include on our Nats' Club database.

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



Rakali (Water Rat). Drawing by Desraé Clarke.

the money to buy the gun.

For those interested it is a Daninject Model DK2021 JM, which is very accurate over 20m and can be used up to 40m.

However, the required sedative drugs are expensive at \$110 per vial so you don't want to waste shots by missing the target.

Our bird training session has been rescheduled to Sunday August 14 and is open to anyone who would like to learn more about birds.

Please contact us if you wish to attend.

You don't have to be a bird carer to attend – pet bird owners may also find the session interesting and useful.

Fundraising is vital part of being a volunteer wildlife carer and we are always looking for donations to help our work.

If you can assist with an online donation, please send your contribution to Toodyay Bendigo Bank BSB 633-000, account number 175 516 319, or come and see us at our regular stall at the monthly Toodyay Farmers Markets (see Page 1).

Every little bit helps.

If you see any injured native wildlife and are unsure what to do, or if you want to be involved as a carer, please ring Brian 0419 933 721, Robyn on 0417 173 283, or the Wildcare Helpline on 9474 9055.

practising how to use it.

It requires balancing gas pressure and wind direction to be effective.

Higher pressure produces a straighter trajectory but the darts penetrate deeper and can cause injury, so it is a delicate balance.

The purchase will be a game-changer for how we treat injured wildlife.

It will enable us to sedate animals to inspect injuries instead of needing to euthanise them if they struggle too much while trying to escape.

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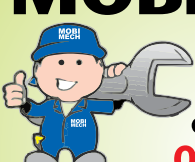
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ENVIRONMENT



The Purple Crowned Lorikeet. Photo: Phil Lewis.

Flowering forest vital for Julimar bird

Julimar Conservation and Forest Alliance
Max Howard

JULIMAR Conservation Park is an important natural habitat for more than 100 species of native birds which live there permanently, visit when trees are in full flower or pause while passing through.

Our subject today is a bird that comes to Julimar when the trees are in blossom and in good seasons, also breeds there.

I am talking about Western Australia's smallest parrot, the Purple-crowned Lorikeet which weighs only 57g and measures about 15-16cm in length.

This is a spectacularly coloured bird with a bright green back, pale blue chest and bright red underwing.

It gets its name from the purple crown on its head.

The bird is a highly nomadic South-West species that travels in flocks of hundreds to gather in areas where trees are flowering.

In Julimar, it favours Jarrah, Marri and Wandoo and, if conditions in spring are good, will look for a suitable tree hollow in which to nest.

The indigenous name for this species is Cowara, Cower, or Kowar, according to *Birds of Western Australia* by Dominic Louis

Serventy and Hubert Massey Whittell.

It is a bird of the tree-tops and can be very difficult to see.

The first indication of its presence may be the sound of its 'zit zit' call while flying or chattering when feeding.

Early ornithologists spent a considerable amount of time studying the bird's feeding habits to decide if it was solely a nectar feeder or whether it also consumed pollen.

The consensus now is that it consumes both by taking the blossom in its mouth and running its tongue through the stamens.

When breeding – like all parrots – it nests in hollows and lays two to four white eggs on the floor of the hollow.

An interesting observation of this species is that only the female incubates eggs and when leaving the nest to feed, the male escorts it to and from the feeding area.

The male helps to feed the young which hatch after about 18 days, according to Serventy and Whittell.

Because the species requires flowering trees to survive, it is extremely important that old-growth forests such as in Julimar Conservation Park are preserved for future generations of this remarkable bird.

Our group will host an excursion into the Julimar Forest on Saturday August 20.

If you would like to join us, please contact Max Howard at avon.hill@bigpond.com.

Girl frogs are always bigger than the blokes

Python Watch
Desraé Clarke

AS IS well known, native frog populations are declining worldwide for many reasons, including the clearing of frog habitat and remnant vegetation, use of environmental chemicals and the destructive parasitic Chytrid fungus that affects a frog's outermost skin through which it breathes.

This month's column features brief descriptions to help you identify various species of frogs found within our Shire.

Frogs are often better known by their common names, so the scientific names are added in italics.

It is interesting to note that without exception, female frogs are larger than males.

Some species have an eardrum or tympanum, a disc on the side of the head that may be clearly visible – or not.

Some have an indistinct eardrum and others do not show one at all.

Also, the eye pupil may be either horizontal or perpendicular.

Another interesting feature is the various types of limbs frogs have developed to suit their behaviour and lifestyle.

To identify a frog, try to photograph it from as many angles as possible.

It is helpful to begin by researching the landscape in which a frog lives.

It may be a permanent swamp or body of fresh water, garden pond, lake or wetlands surrounded by thick vegetation or deep sand.

The 32-36mm Quacking or Red-thighed Frog (*Crinia georgiana*) has variable body colouring, a bright red thigh and groin, yellow or red upper eyelid and an eardrum that may or may not be visible.

Moist areas beneath logs or granite rocks are a favoured habitat and the short, loud call resembles 'quack, quack, quack'.

The 24-25mm Bleating Frog or Granite Froglet (*Crinia pseudinsignifera*) is found in damp granite areas and its call is a high-pitched wavering – 'baa ... baa ... baa'.

Body colour may be grey, brown or black with dark and light-coloured patches and a triangular patch between the eyes.

The smooth-skinned Slender Tree Frog of up to 47mm (*Litoria adelaidensis*) is often found resting on the stems of vegetation surrounding a body of water.

The frog has prominent eardrums and its toes are webbed but the fingers not.

Its call is a harsh grating screech.

Lea's Frog or Green-bellied Froglet (*Crinia leai*) of 21-26mm is found in forested areas, its skin is covered with tubercles which are described as "small circular protuberances or spines on the skin" and its eardrums are inconspicuous.

The frog has small toe pads, a greenish-coloured belly and its calls are 'chic, chic, chic' or 'tik, tik, tik'.

The 64-74mm Western Banjo Frog or Pobblebonk (*Limnodynastes dorsalis*) has a single deep explosive 'bonk' call.

It has beautiful bold black patches over skin that is reddish-brown to a golden colour and a black bar bordered by white running through its eye and extending to the fore limb.

The frog has a bright red groin and large visible eardrum.

Common names for the *Heleioporus albopunctatus* are Chocolate Burrowing, Whooping, Western Spotted, Spotted Sand and Spotted Burrowing Frog.

Its call is a short high-pitched 'coo' repeated rapidly.

Burrowing frogs have a rounded body, large liquid brown eyes, blunt head and indistinct eardrum.

The strong, short, hind limbs have partially webbed toes for excavating burrows as it shuffles backwards, and its fore limbs have unwebbed fingers.

An interesting book for any home library is 'Frogs of Western Australia' by M. J. Tyler, L. A. Smith and R. E. Johnstone.

The guide to *Reptiles and Frogs of the Perth Region* featured in last month's *Herald* also has excellent information about frogs.



Spotted Sand Frog (*Heleioporus albopunctatus*). Photo: Robert Boase.

Pushy cuckoo eats hairy caterpillars

Bird of the Month
Desraé Clarke

HAVE you heard the call of the migratory Shining Bronze-cuckoo that has returned from wintering in islands north of Australia, including Indonesia?

It is announced by the male bird calling from high in a tree with a series of piercing, high-pitched, upward-rising whistles that sound like *fwee, fwee, fwee*.

The call is often followed by a descending note with the former call likened to a person whistling to dog.

The Shining Bronze-cuckoo is distinctively bronze-green above, with a purplish-bronze crown, and the face and underparts are white with complete copper-bronze bars across the neck and breast through to the tail.

The eye is pale brown with a pale grey eye ring, and the feet are dark olive-grey.

Female and male birds are alike.



Shining Bronze-cuckoo drawn by Toodyay Naturalists' Club member Desraé Clarke.

A similar species, the Horsfield's Bronze-cuckoo, is distinguishable by its broken breast-bars.

The Shining Bronze-cuckoo is a relatively small bird with a total length of 16-18cm, making its migratory flight an amazing feat for such a tiny creature.

It arrives in Australia in July and August when the male begins courting and stays until around December before departing on its long trek north around February.

The species is parasitic in nature with the female laying a single olive-brown coloured egg in the nest of one of more than 50 bird species, particularly the dome-shaped nests of thornbills, the Gerygone, fairy-wrens and scrub wrens.

Although preferring the former type of nest, it also uses the cup-shaped structured nests of flycatchers, the scarlet robin, silvereye and some species of honeyeater.

A female Shining Bronze-cuckoo may lay as many as 16 eggs in a season.

Usually one egg is laid after the host bird has commenced incubation.

The hatchlings are similar to those of the host, with whom they share the nest, with all fed by the host-parents, often with assistance from other birds.

Fledging is within 18 to 20 days and feeding continues for several weeks. My husband and I have actually witnessed this.

We noted a lot of commotion and small birds flying about until realising that they were all tending one large fluffy chick being fed by many feeders.

The Shining Bronze-cuckoo prefers woodland and heavy forested areas.

It is solitary and will sit silently looking for prey but its flight is swift with graceful undulations.

It eats beetles and moth larvae and is also known to be one of the few birds that will eat hairy caterpillars.

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Barry turns workshop into good order

Avon Woodturners

Max J Heath

WELL, here we are again from Avon Woodturners at 2J Junction.

While I have been away from the club for a few turning days, things have happened – maybe I should stay away longer.

Barry Squires, a member who previously worked up north dealing with spare parts and other things, got stuck into setting things up in a much more orderly fashion in our workshop.

His expertise in organising things in an orderly fashion has made the place look a lot tidier and more workable.

He has also been instrumental in sanding our dust extractor room and coating it in primer. Thanks Barry.

A few members have been absent due to illnesses and COVID-19 also had its effect on members and others travelling.

Member Phil Perkins, who now lives in Perth, recently left on an overseas trip but managed thankfully to sort out most of our annual returns before he left.

We had difficulty finalising some parts for our parent group – the WA Woodturners Association. Much fun I don't think.

David Doye has finished a wind chime that late member David Eyres crafted some years ago.

Some of us have been working on items for the Toodyay Show on October 8 so we

hope to have a lot of entries at that.

The next time we demonstrate wood turning at a public event, visitors may notice a new sign by design artists Grove Wesley to brighten our stalls and displays.

The old banner was a pain to put up at our stalls and is now in retirement.

Our next event is the club's annual general meeting on Sunday August 21, starting with a barbecue breakfast.

We need to fill a few positions this year so it should be an interesting meeting.

Anyway, that is about all for now from the Avon Woodturners at Toodyay Junction.

If you would like to drop by for a coffee or tea on a Sunday or Wednesday morning, we meet at the Toodyay Junction at 301 Railway Road (near recycling station).

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Notes

*Puzzle solutions
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Combo Crossword

- ACROSS**
 2 Jail
 7 To the sheltered side
 8 Bullocks
 9 Expensive
 10 Valued mineral
 11 Entertained
 13 Appendages
 16 Wrench
 18 Trademark
 19 Proceeds
 20 Without charge
 21 Garden party
 22 Brislings
- DOWN**
 1 Urns
 2 Over-academic person
 3 Totter
 4 Public transport commuter
 5 Small knot
 6 In this place
 12 Find
 14 Subsidies
 15 Loops of rope
 17 Ripped
 18 Sinister

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Cryptic Clues

- ACROSS**
 2 Disturbed pros in a place of confinement
 7 A general is on the sheltered side
 8 Beasts of burden from one sign of the time
 9 Too costly my beloved
 10 Ring a mate for a prized gemstone
 11 Held the attention of a mythological goddess on December 1st
 13 Supplementary parts of relationships
 16 Mental tension from an early start to precipitation
 18 An identifying symbol found in polo gobbledegook
 19 Operates, and departs
 20 To be unattached is priceless
 21 The sound destiny of a bazaar
 22 Herring-like fishes often accompany mackerels
- DOWN**
 1 The sound of Sam's set of six water heaters
 2 Hoped anticipation may have revealed one who possesses mere book-learning
 3 A cotton holding device might turn round and round
 4 A bus traveller perhaps parts with a coat support
 5 If you dip your head, you will somehow produce a lump
 6 This place lies therein
 12 Learn of Diana's concealment
 14 A flying fox ends ties and weakens
 15 Ring in noses for hangmen's halters
 17 To run outside when mangled
 18 The overseas outfit went away

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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Easy

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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	43	42.7						203.6
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

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HEALTH

Woofy breath may need furry dentist

Heartlands Veterinary Hospital
Dr. Caitlin Giardina

DID YOU know that 85 per cent of dogs and half of all cats have some degree of dental disease by the age of three?

Preventing and treating dental disease is just as important to their health as preventing respiratory diseases such as kennel cough and cat flu.

Our pets can't tell us when something is wrong so it's important for you at home to know what signs to look out for.

Evidence that your furry friend may be due for dental work includes:

Smelly breath – we know your pet's breath won't be minty fresh but particularly pungent breath is not normal at any age in any breed and is a sign of gum or periodontal disease.

Trouble eating – if your pet no longer likes hard kibble, drops food from its mouth or chews only on one side, then this can suggest pain likely linked to dental disease.

We at Heartlands understand the importance of good dental health so this month we are hosting 'Dental Month'.

It's a perfect opportunity to bring your beautiful pooch or puss in for an oral health exam, scale and polish, and undertake any dental work that may be needed.

We want to give your pet a great set of pearly whites, fix that nasty breath and prevent future dental problems.

Please call to book an appointment.



Dogs need dental treatment too.

Getting it doesn't mean you are 'dirty'

Warrior Wellbeing

The Team, Region Men's Health Initiative

NO, I'M not talking about Subaru's motorsport division but a rather important aspect of our sexual health – Sexually Transmitted Infections, or STIs.

These are infections or diseases passed on during sexual contact with an infected partner.

We need to raise awareness of STIs with all sexually active blokes regardless of age and, while sex education is taught to teenagers, STIs can also affect our aging population.

Concerningly, some STIs – namely chlamydia, gonorrhoea and syphilis – have been on the rise throughout Australia in the last couple of decades.

There's a lot of misinformation going around about STIs (no you can't catch herpes from a toilet seat) but what are the facts?

Firstly, lets bust some key myths:

We don't need to 'tarp-up' if we are using another form of contraception.

While condoms are a good form of contraception, they are also just as important to reduce the risk of STIs.

If I don't have symptoms, I don't need an STI check-up.

While these little nasties can cause some uncomfortable symptoms, many STIs can be asymptomatic and show no outward signs of infection.

If we are sexually active and have multiple sexual partners, we need to be getting regular check-ups.

HIV affects only men who have sex with other men.

About a quarter of Australian HIV cases are attributed to heterosexual sex.

Routine STI tests (which include a check for blood-borne viruses) are important for all sexually active men.

They only affect promiscuous blokes.

STIs aren't exclusively contracted by young men with a lot of sexual partners, and contracting an STI does not mean you are 'dirty'.

So, what can we do to practice safer sex and better manage our sexual wellbeing?

Maintain communication.

Like other aspects of our sexual wellbeing such as prostate cancer and erectile dysfunction, STIs are a topic that aren't discussed very often.

Maintaining a positive relationship with our partner must include open lines of communication.

This should involve a conversation

around recent STI tests, condom use and contraception methods.

Use protection.

If used correctly, male condoms are extremely effective at protecting against most STIs.

So, it's incredibly important to use a condom every time you have sex, particularly if you are not in a monogamous relationship.

Get tested.

If left untreated, STIs can cause other problems.

Gonorrhoea and chlamydia can cause blockages in sperm tubes and affect male fertility.

If you do test positive, it isn't the end of the world as you know it.

There might be a few awkward conversations but most STIs are easily cured or managed with appropriate and timely medical treatment.

This article isn't intended to scare anyone into abstinence.

Sex should be fun and enjoyable, not feared.

Intimacy can be an important way to connect and show love to a partner in a healthy adult relationship.

We simply need to take responsibility for our sexual wellbeing to protect ourselves and our partner.

Every day, 36 West Australians hear 'you have cancer'

Cancer Council WA
Kaylor Andrews

CANCER Council WA is urging the Wheatbelt community to show its support for this month's Daffodil Day Appeal by donating to life-saving research to give more than hope to those affected by cancer.

With less funding available for research due to the current economic climate, it's more important than ever to ensure that the work of our cancer researchers is supported.

An estimated 13,000 West Australians are diagnosed with cancer every year, which means every day another 36 West Aussies will hear the words "you have cancer".

Despite advances made in research and improved survival rates for many cancers, we know that nearly half of all Australians will be diagnosed with it by age 85.

Thanks to investment in research over many years, amazing advancements have been made in cancer prevention, screening and treatment, helping to increase survival rates from almost 50 per cent in the 1980s to just under 70 per cent today.

By supporting the Daffodil Day Appeal, you will help the Cancer Council to invest in cutting-edge, life-saving research to give Australians hope for a cancer-free future.

This year's Daffodil Day celebrates 36 years of turning Australia yellow, with the Cancer Council aiming to raise \$2 million for cancer research through online donations and fundraising.

The Daffodil Day Appeal will take place throughout August, culminating in Daffodil Day on Thursday August 25.

To donate online or register to fundraise, please visit www.daffodilday.com.au.

60 years married and still counting

Suzette Geary

ERNIE and Magdaline Forsyth will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on Thursday August 11.

Family and friends wish both of them good health and happiness on this very special day, and a lifetime of love and laughter.

A love story that never ends.



Ernie and Magdaline Forsyth pictured 60 years ago on their wedding day.



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SPORT AND LEISURE



Participants at the inaugural Women Leaders in Tennis program.

Players to celebrate 100 years at Fiennes Street courts

Toodyay Tennis Club
Shelly Dival, President

WINTER has not stopped off-court activity at our tennis club.

In fact, the committee is working harder than ever to plan what will be our biggest summer season in recent memory.

It will mark the club's 100th season at our Fiennes Street grounds.

An initial two courts were built in 1921 in conjunction with the adjacent War Memorial on what was then known as Toodyay Park.

The former Newcastle Tennis Club was formed in 1895 and hired courts from St Stephen's Church.

However, these courts were built too close to the river and regularly flooded.

Discussions started in the early 1900s about finding a permanent and more appropriate site and moving to the 'The Park' in 1921 marked the club's first permanent home.

While the initial courts and another four built in 1946 were funded and built by the former Toodyay Roads Board (now the shire) with volunteer assistance, the club is proud to have further developed the site.

This includes construction of a clubhouse in the late 50s, court upgrades and the development of gardens through grants, member funding and volunteer time.

Club volunteers continue today to maintain the courts and grounds, which are fully funded by members and fundraising.

Members have played recently at the new Toodyay Recreation Centre near the high school but our base has remained at Fiennes Street.

All club groups will be at Fiennes Street from October, with our summer opening day marking the start of a season of celebration of this amazing milestone.

Changes to our regular season activities are: junior coaching on Monday afternoons

with our amazing coach Brenton and all member and community social nights will be held on Friday nights.

Club activities will cater for players and non-players, with the emphasis on families and friendships.

We are also working closely with state governing body Tennis West and hope to introduce new programs for juniors in the coming season.

If you would like to know more about our centenary celebrations and club activities, you can join our mailing list by emailing 100seasons@toodyaytennisclub.org.au.

I recently attended the first session of the inaugural Women Leaders in Tennis program, joining women from other clubs across the state in the four-month program.

Christina Ladyman, from Tennis Australia's Women and Girls Lead – WA, said Tennis Australia was committed to increasing and supporting women leaders in tennis.

She said program graduates would gain a vast range of learning and experiences within the leadership domain, as well as mentoring and support.

"Our vision is that there are no limits for women and girls on and off the court," Ms Ladyman said.

"While tennis is leading the way with significant achievements over the past 50 years, such as being the leading professional sport for women, equal prize money and strong representation on Tennis Australia and member association boards, there is more work to be done.

"Women are under-represented in community leadership with just 26 per cent of club presidents being women.

"It is important women take on leadership roles to ensure women and girls have an equal voice and can influence decision making at the community level on and off the court."

Karate can boost mental focus at school and work

Avon Valley Shotokan Club
Kylea Garnett

WELCOME back to our members for term 3 of karate in the Avon Valley.

A club challenge was held on the last Friday of term 2 with an awesome turnout from our members.

It included belt presentations for those who were successfully graded and hence are progressing in their karate journey.

Well-deserved congratulations go to Casey Stewart and Isola Croeser on winning the Toodyay Locals Care Commitment and Community Award which will cover their training fees for the next 12 months.

Both Casey and Isola have demonstrated what it is to have the karate spirit as well as displaying the community values that the sport embodies.

A huge thank you to the Toodyay Locals Care team who made this award possible.

These two worthy winners and their families, along with the club committee, thank you from the bottom of their hearts for making this possible.

With the start of term 3 we have seen a

number of returning and new members. We welcome you and hope that you will enjoy the benefits that karate brings.

We also encourage any family members to get involved with the committee by assisting with fund-raising events because we always need helpers.

Please let us know if you can assist. Our club raises money through these events to purchase equipment, minimise costs and ensure where possible that students can be helped to expand their karate by representing our club in competitions beyond the Wheatbelt.

Do you or a family member lack confidence or perhaps are looking for mental and physical fitness?

Do you have an issue with focusing on tasks at school or work?

Do you need a little discipline in your life? Perhaps you are looking to make some lifelong and amazing friends.

Avon Valley Shotokan is in its 31st year in Toodyay and Clackline and we have an amazing and diverse range of members.

If you would like to try a class with an obligation-free lesson, please contact us today at avonvalleyshotokan@gmail.com.



From Left to Right: Roz Davidson (Toodyay Locals Care), Isola Croeser and Casey Stewart – winners of the Toodyay Locals Care Commitment and Community Award.

Dancing her little feet off

Tracey Hunter

TOODYAY Irish dancer Charlotte Hunter is aiming to contest next year's world titles in Canada by placing in the top five at this month's State championships in Perth.

Fifteen-year-old Charlotte, who works at Toodyay's IGA store, has already won a State championship when she was eight and was placed 14th in her age group in a national titles held in Tasmania in 2017.

She started Irish dancing in Toodyay at age four and is a regular local performer at the annual Moondyne Festival, Christmas Street Party, International Food Festival and other local events.

She practises twice a week at the Celtic Academy in Victoria Park after learning to dance at the Toodyay Irish Dance Club, which closed a few years ago.

This month's State championships are being held at Newman College in Churchlands on August 6 and 7.

Charlotte has already qualified to compete in this year's national Irish Dancing competition to be held at the Perth Convention centre at the end of September.

Her dream is to qualify for next year's world championships in Montreal.

I'm sure I speak for the entire Toodyay community in wishing Charlotte success for all her hard work and effort – good luck and dance your little feet off.



Charlotte Hunter.

FEEDBACK

Brickbats or Bouquets we value your opinion

Suggestions and comments are welcome please forward to: feedback@toodyayherald.com.au or post to: PO Box 100, Toodyay WA 6566

The Toodyay Herald

Puzzle Solutions

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Sudoku Easy

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Sudoku Hard



tony maddox

realestate

Your locally owned real estate

Principal's Pen

It absolutely amazes me how many of you all read this section. Good for you all. So, this month I just want to give a shout out to the Shire gardeners for keeping our town looking beautiful! The other day I was out the front of the office and the guys were sweeping our street and blowing our leaves together in the rain. Thank you for your great work. All the businesses and the public appreciate what you do.

State of the Market - Well, we all expected a rate rise but! The market has responded, so lets just leave it alone now. Still at 8682 listings for sale, so stock is still low and prices have remained firm. Good news so far. Now – the interesting bit...

Inside the office - Well, you might have gathered that last month I got side-swiped by the girls! And they threw my comments out and put theirs in! Hard to get good staff eh! But...

Jemma - Our front girl, she is just amazing with a big smile and a bright "Hi" as you walk in. She is always busy and a great asset to our team. Big future for this girl.

Gracie - Still here in spirit but home looking after bub! She dropped in the other day with bubs and while she was here, she did a rent transaction for a tenant who walked in. You just can't stop her!

Christie - Just finally had a long weekend off with her kids in Kalgoorlie. Now back to work. One very switched-on lady here. Always doing things without being asked. A great employee, and a great asset to us!

Jo - Our little ray of sunshine. She brings out a smile in everyone and all while working her butt off! Makes our office a happy place to be. We all enjoy our Jo.

Faith - Wow, just the most professional PM ever. She has once again got the ship sailing back on course, and now is looking for more properties. So, if you want to experience professional property management then give her a call on 9574 2917.

Sharon - This lady is quite astounding in everything she does. Literally she listed and sold a property last month in one day! Happy vendors and happy buyers. If you want exemplary service then Sharon is it!

Sam - Our newest edition to the team. He is flat out doing "Home Opens" both Saturday and Sunday for our vendors. Sam is a very capable young man who is on a mission to be successful. So, give Sam a try if you're looking to sell.

Andrew - Still doing bits for us even though he is retired! He reckons he is busier now he has retired. Can't keep a good man down!

Tony - Well, a 4-day weekend on the farm nearly convinced ME to retire! Loved every minute of it **but**, still love real estate so still here and loving it! Especially in this market!

Note - We are just taking bookings for our next round of Clearing Sales! If you need one, call me!

Until next month,
Tony Maddox



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