



SHIRE NEWS

Toodyay International Food Festival and Family Fun Day goes down a treat



From left: Darren West MLA, Cr Beth Ruthven, Charmaine Miles and Shire CEO Suzie Haslehurst.

On Saturday August 13, we celebrated the Avon Descent with an equally exciting International Food Festival and Family Fun Day. The weather may not have been ideal, but the fabulous turnout of Toodyay locals and tourists alike certainly was – with plenty on offer to see, do, and of course, eat.

The array of food vans and stalls was tantalising for every tastebud, with so many in attendance that both Stirling Park and Duidgee Park were putting the food into Food Festival. Entertainment for the kids was just as widespread and included stilt walkers, fairy gardens, face painting, slot cars, bouncy castles, animal farms, and much more. And what a sight

it was to see toddlers rocking out to children's entertainers RocknToddler, in what resembled a mosh pit in front of the stage! The adult crowd also enjoyed a range of live music, with many spotted dancing up a weather-appropriate storm on the lawn. We hope everyone who came along had a terrific – and tasty – time.

Next year will be the 50th anniversary of the Avon Descent, and planning is already underway to make it an even bigger event than usual. The Shire would like to thank our sponsors Chalice Mining, Bendigo Bank and the Toodyay Op Shop for helping make the 2022 festival happen.

The Heritage Grants Program 2022/23

The Heritage Grants Program 2022/23 is now open for applications. This program helps tell Western Australia's story by promoting investment in conservation works, interpretation, and engagement activities for State Registered Heritage Places.

The State Heritage Grants stream offers matched funding for conservation works projects of up to \$40,000 and a maximum of \$16,000 for documentation projects. A Major Conservation Projects funding category – providing up to \$100,000 – is available to private owners of State Heritage Registered Places, where the projects demonstrate exemplary heritage outcomes with wider benefit.

The State Heritage Grants stream of the Heritage Grants Program can assist with the future-proofing of heritage places by providing funding assistance for natural disaster mitigation planning and works. Owners of places on the Heritage Council's assessment program are eligible to apply to the program for funding, to assist with the development of a Conservation Management Plan.

The Community Heritage Grants Stream, offering \$20,000 matched funding, can assist with projects related to the interpretation of State Registered Places or places on the Heritage Council's assessment program, and events promoting best practice conservation.

Applications close 5pm, Friday 30 September 2022. More information can be found on the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage website:

<https://www.wa.gov.au/organisation/departm ent-of-planning-lands-and-heritage>.

Ranger, Development and Regulation

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Friday September 9 at the Visitor's Centre, 11am to 1pm

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Animal Control - Dog confinement, dog attacks, Ranger feral pig management and livestock ID requirements.

Becoming a Volunteer Firefighter

Planning - Property zoning, home businesses and holiday accommodation.

Building - New houses, granny flats, sheds, patios and water tanks.

Health - Septic applications, food safety and camping.

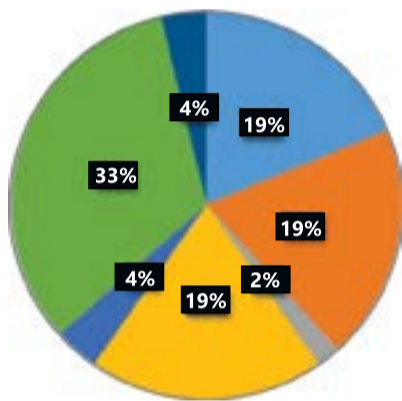
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2022/23 Budget

Rates account for approximately 68% of the Shire's operating revenue, and help fund community infrastructure, facility maintenance, and upgrades and improvements to existing roads, footpaths, parks and gardens. This year's budget allocates nearly \$5 million for roads, bridges, paths and drainage.

Major projects in the 2022/23 Budget include Telegraph Road-Bindi Bindi Toodyay Road, Julimar Road, Bejoording Road, Newcastle Park upgrades and Duidgee Park toilet upgrades.

The Shire has committed funds towards management of the CCTV network and bushfire preparedness activities. In addition, activation of the Toodyay Recreation Centre/Aquatic Centre and improved signage along our trails are high priorities.



- Employee costs
- Materials and contracts
- Utility charges
- Depreciation on non-current assets
- Interest, Insurance, other expenses
- Capital program
- Borrowings, Leases and Reserves

We're seeking your views

Council has resolved to undertake a review of its system of representation, to assess whether nine Councillors and a 'no wards' structure is still appropriate for the Shire of Toodyay. Submissions are invited from members of the community regarding the options proposed in the Discussion Paper which can be found on our website, at the Library, Visitor Centre, or Administration Building. A brief survey has also been created, seeking your views on the number of elected members required to effectively govern the Shire of Toodyay and whether a ward system should be reintroduced.

Complete the survey on our website www.toodyay.wa.gov.au/publicnotices/review-of-representation-submissions-and-survey/88.

Council has also resolved to use the Markyt® Community Scorecard to inform the update of the Shire's Strategic Community Plan. The Scorecard is a survey-based consultation tool that is mailed to every household and residential post office box and made available online. The results of the Scorecard will be analysed with outcomes including performance dashboards for each service area, identified community priorities, and benchmarking within the industry. This will be used to guide the direction of the Strategic Community Plan 2023-2033.

Consultation on both matters closes 4pm Friday 30 September 2022. For further information, please contact the Shire on 9574 9300 or records@toodyay.wa.gov.au.

New Australian Fire Danger Rating System from September 1

The new and standardised Australian Fire Danger Rating System (AFDRS) came into effect on 1 September 2022. It is important that all residents understand what this means for bushfire plans, and how it affects those who use fire.

What Has Changed?

Number of Rating Classifications: The iconic 'watermelon' style indicator will be reduced from six ratings to four – MODERATE, HIGH, EXTREME and CATASTROPHIC. The system also has a 'no rating', used when there is no tangible fire risk.

Forecast District: Toodyay was previously part of the Lower West Inland District, but now falls within the Swan Inland North District.

'HIGH' is the new 'VERY HIGH': Legislation dictates the burning/activities that may or may not be undertaken in certain conditions, with added restrictions formerly triggered at 'VERY HIGH'. Under the AFDRS scale, all such restrictions will now commence at a Fire Danger

Rating of 'HIGH'. This is particularly applicable to permit holders during the Restricted Burning Period – **all permits will only be valid on days of 'no rating' or 'MODERATE', and permits will automatically be void on days forecast as 'HIGH' or above.**

What Hasn't Changed?

The purpose of Total Fire Bans, Harvest Vehicle Movement and Hot Works Bans, and the methods of how these are communicated are unaffected by the new AFDRS.

The new fire danger rating can be found online at www.bom.gov.au, www.emergency.wa.gov.au and www.toodyay.wa.gov.au. The Shire also operates an electronic Fire Danger sign on the corner of Stirling Terrace and Hammersley Street. Keen observers may have noticed this sign is covered up at present, as it is awaiting an update via a Federally Funded Project. For more information about the AFDRS visit <https://www.afac.com.au/initiative/afdrs>.



Julimar Fire Station Opening

Julimar Fire Station's official opening will take place on 17 September 2022, with attendance by invitation only. Julimar residents and the wider public are invited to visit the facility on 2 October from 10am for an Open Day.

The construction of the station and upgraded fire emergency water facility was jointly funded by DFES, the Shire of Toodyay, and the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation. It gives Julimar volunteers an improved place to conduct training, hold meetings, and undertake truck and equipment checks.



School Holiday Activity: Who is Moondyne Joe?

Follow the Toodyay Convict Depot Walk to find out more about our local bushranger, Moondyne Joe! The half-hour trail starts and finishes at the Toodyay Visitors Centre, where a guide for this free activity is available – and

an "arresting" prize awaits for those who submit the correct answers.

This activity is sponsored by the Toodyay Visitors Centre and the Newcastle Gaol Museum.

Updates from the Depot: What's Happening Where?

Duidgee Park – Recent storm and rain events have led to a tree uprooting and falling on the fenced playground area in Duidgee Park. The tree has now been removed and the fenced playground is closed to the public, pending replacement of damaged fencing and playground equipment.

Depot Operations – The generous amount of rain Toodyay has received within the last month has created road flooding, fallen trees, damaged roads and drainage issues, to name a few. Depot staff have been busy dealing with a large volume of works requests and phone calls associated with the damage.

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Opening night with the Queen at Arts Toodyay's new gallery at the Manor.

Royalty upstaged at art gallery opening

Arts Toodyay
Karen Chappelov

WOW, WHAT a night it was for last month's official opening of the new Arts Toodyay Gallery at the refurbished Manor (former tavern) in Stirling Terrace.

The opening was attended by many long-standing Toodyay art lovers, including local MP Shane Love as ribbon cutter, compere and speaker in place of the Queen, represented by a cut-out.

Arts Toodyay is lucky to have Shane's ongoing support, and Her Majesty didn't mind playing second fiddle to him.

The night also saw two very special people awarded lifetime Arts Toodyay memberships.

Each received a fabulous lapel pin made by our very own leader and master jeweller, Graham Boston.

The duo were Alexander Moore aka Colin, a fabulous artist and much-loved member of Arts Toodyay, and vigneron Michael Wood, a long-time Arts Toodyay supporter and owner of the very fabulous Coorinja Winery.

Keep your eye out for our Vino event at the winery soon.

It was a fabulous night for locals, supporters and art lovers to eat, drink and be merry.

The one line that reverberated was "every home should have original art – come and get it".

You now know where to find us – what are you waiting for?

More men join new Moondyne group

Moondyne Men
Graham Hill

MANY readers may know that Jean and I have returned from our marathon trip over east to catch up with family and friends.

While we were away, can I say how impressed I was with the general running of the Moondyne Men.

Secretary Colin, in management and keeping everyone informed, Vice Chairman, Dennis and Godfrey taking care of various tasks, and Treasurer Barry keeping finances in check.

We increased our membership by three, bringing our team to almost 30 fit and active

men highlighting our charter of Men looking after Men in the Community.

This makes the Moondyne Men a real force and not a one or two-man set up.

We proved to be a well-organised team with the clean-up after the Avon Descent International Food Festival.

Other jobs included helping a lady with her locked desk, removing a tree for a Butterfly Cottage resident and collecting several trailer loads of firewood.

A Moondyne Men team helped the RSL at last month's Dowerin Field Day.

The week concluded with a Saturday Breakfast with the Boys followed by our monthly committee meeting.



Moondyne Men meet Shire Community Development Officer Wes Sutton (far left).

High spirits despite pouring rain

Toodyay Autumn Club
Mike Cox

In August we visited the Riverside Hotel in Northam to celebrate the club's birthday.

We hired a bus and driver Ann took us to Northam in pouring rain, but we made it into the hotel without getting wet.

We were greeted by the hotel staff and shown to our table all laid out for the 20-plus members of our club.

As our meals were pre-booked, they were brought to us by name and everyone enjoyed their meal.

After thanking the staff, we made our return journey to Toodyay.

Also last month we had a visit from the Northam Club who arrived by bus at 9.30am.

We welcomed them with morning tea before starting a game of bowls.

After a break for lunch and a raffle where everyone got a prize, we played more bowls.

Afternoon tea finished the visit before we said goodbye to our friends from Northam. We held our monthly general meeting at the end of August.

Our next activity is a return visit to Bindoon Club on Monday September 19, meeting at 8.15 am for the bus trip to Bindoon.

If you are on the other side of 50 and looking for some company, come along to our meetings at the Toodyay Showground Pavilion on a Wednesday, or contact our secretary on 9574 4587.



Members of the Toodyay Autumn Club at the Birthday Party held at the Riverside Hotel, Northam.

Long Tan heroes honoured by local Vietnam Veterans

Toodyay RSL
Bob Wood

THE 56TH anniversary of the Battle of Long Tan – the first major conflict between Australian troops and Viet Cong forces – was marked by Vietnam Veterans' Day on August 18.

Toodyay's complement of Vietnam Veterans reduces with each year that passes, but for those who survived that war it is their day to proudly parade at the Anzac Park memorial and to remember their mates from that conflict who are no longer with us.

We had three such veterans at the service able to bask in the sunshine this year which was a

welcome change for the occasion. We honour their service and thank them for their ongoing involvement with the RSL.

Following last month's *Herald* front-page story, further progress has been made towards creating a permanent RSL home here in Toodyay.

The necessary documents are currently being prepared to transfer of the Clinton Street land to the RSLWA. Once achieved, we will be able to move forward with our plans.

We will be holding our Annual General Meeting on Saturday September 10 and elect a committee to carry us forward during the next 12 months.



Toodyay RSL Committee members prior to this month's elections (from left) John Clarke (Vice President), Paul Barton (Treasurer), Lou Kidd (President), Bob Wood (Secretary), Geoff Brown (Welfare) and Mike Cox (Events).

All our members are committee members and are entitled to speak and bring up any subject at this meeting.

New Shire Community Development officer Wes Sutton joined us for morning tea and a brief catch-up on the future of the Moondyne Men.

We have events coming up but be aware you can be involved as you like or just enjoy the fellowship of all our members.

All of these events are a true representation of the Moondyne Men looking after men and the community.

Come and join us for tea, coffee or cake. We meet Monday and Thursday from 9am to noon at the RSL Hall in Clinton Street.

For more information, please contact Secretary Colin on 0424 195 003.

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Julimar Project Update



School playground opening



Chalice was thrilled to co-contribute to funding for the nature playground at the Toodyay District High School, which officially opened last month. The playground design and build aims to support all aspects of children's development, and is a collaborative effort that included consultation between the P&C, students and teachers.

The Chalice team enjoyed participating in the official opening which was hosted by the School Principal and P&C President, along with student representatives.

Water studies at Julimar

Chalice recognises that water is a critical shared resource that must be managed efficiently and responsibly. Whilst our current water usage in the exploration phase is minimal, we are conducting studies to understand the potential water usage of a mining operation.

Our goal is to ensure that our activities do not compromise environmental values or have adverse impact on other users.

To deliver on this, and to better understand the groundwater and surface water systems at Julimar, Chalice has been regularly sampling both groundwater and surface water. These samples are sent to a National Association of Testing Authorities, Australia (NATA) laboratory for independent analysis.

The baseline groundwater and surface water sampling program will continue throughout the Julimar Project development phase. Additional groundwater and surface water monitoring locations are being investigated at a regional scale.

Chalice will utilise the information gathered to establish a site-specific water balance for the Julimar Project as the project develops, and we will continue to provide updates as these studies advance.



Community Investment Applications

A reminder that submissions are now open for local community groups to apply for funding as part of the Chalice Community Investment Program. The current submission period closes **30 September 2022**.

The program is designed to support projects that fall under our three core focus areas:



Education

Initiatives that advance and improve regional educational opportunities.



Environment

Initiatives that protect and rehabilitate the environment.



Community Connection

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ENVIRONMENT

Jarrah forest equal to seven Rottnest Islands pegged for mining

Avon and Hills Mining Awareness Group Inc.
Ieva Tomsons

TWO OF the state's biggest greenhouse gas emitters, Alcoa and South 32, are currently seeking permission to mine bauxite in a combined area of 13,600ha of the South-West jarrah forest.

This is an area 6300 times the size of Optus Stadium, or the equivalent of seven Rottnest Islands.

In 1961 the cash-strapped State Government granted Alcoa access to mine the forest until 2045, and the company maintains bauxite tenements which stretch to the Perth Hills.

Rio Tinto has also pegged the Darling Ranges but not for bauxite – it is chasing lithium and other so-called 'green minerals' as renewable energy sources.

Chalice Mining is already drilling for nickel, copper, cobalt and platinum group elements in the Julimar Conservation Park.

The miner recently reported positive early results as it continues to explore further north along a 30km-long resource area in the forest.

In July, Charger Metals started drilling for the same minerals as Chalice on its Coates



Open-cut bauxite mining in WA's South-West jarrah forest.

Project tenement near the township of Wundowie.

Many people still believe that public forest and water catchment areas can't be accessed for mining but sadly the miners have the inside track, with the State Minister for

Mines deciding if permits are granted for clearing native vegetation.

The boundaries of parks and A-class reserves can also be redrawn and miners can block public access.

The Bibbulman Track route has been

changed a number of times to accommodate mining and it's yet to be seen what will happen to the Camino Salvado Pilgrim Trail which traverses 27km of Chalice's resource area in the Julimar Conservation Park.

Only 15 percent of the South-West jarrah forest is protected – the rest is open to mining.

Former WA Liberal Premier Charles Court assured State Parliament in 1961 that no more than 12ha of forest would be cleared each year.

Today, 1000ha are being demolished annually and that figure is set to rise.

If you care about the impact of mining on our environment, 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.

Our group's annual general meeting will be held at 10am on Sunday October 16 in the CWA Hall in Stirling Terrace, Toodyay.

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

Julimar Spring is spectacular wildflower haven

Julimar Conservation and Forest Alliance
Jacquie Lucas

WHETHER it is masses of creamy white *Trymalium* sp (soap bush) in swathes below the majestic gums, or oceans of white *Leucopogon pulchellus* (Bearded Heath) reaching as far as the eye can see, Julimar is a spectacular place during the spring.

Julimar has five major vegetation types, each making a visual impact upon the landscape.

All of these are open woodlands, resulting in stunning vistas of tall trees over colourful understorey species.

It is important to keep an eye on the ground as some of the plants and their flowers could be missed.

Whether it is colourful yellow carpets of *Hibbertia lasiopus* (Large Guinea flower) or nodding clusters of *Orthrosanthus laxus* (Morning Iris) scattered amongst the vivid blue of *Chamaescilla corymbosa*, the Blue Squill, you are sure to find something to catch your eye.

Other patches of yellow enticing you to explore further could be *Acacia pulchella* (Prickly Moses) or *Acacia drummondii* (Drummond's Wattle).

They could be tinged with mosaics of red, purple or orange, being various pea flowers, commonly given the blanket name of Egg and Bacon, but covering many different species.

Splashes of orange are provided by *Gastrolobium calycinus* (York Road Poison) and dashes of purple are provided by *Hovea* species.

While the most spectacular displays are found during spring, it is possible to find flowers all year round.

When you think about it this makes sense, as what are the nectar eating animals going to live off at other times of the year if there are no flowers?

You just have to work harder to find the flowers during those seasons.

Orchids also hide in Julimar. From wee *Pheladenia deformis* (Blue Fairy Orchids), *Caladenia reptans* subsp *reptans* (Dwarf Pink Fairy Orchids),



A spectacular display of Spring wildflowers in Julimar Conservation Park.

Ericksonella saccharata (Sugar Orchids), numerous species of *Diuris* (Donkey Orchids) and *Pterostylis* (Greenhoods and shell orchids), glossy purple *Elythranthera brunonis* (Purple enamel Orchid), tall and small *Caladenia* sp (Spider orchids), tiny, delicate, sweet scented *Prasophyllum gracile* (Little Laughing Leek Orchid) and the rare *Cyanicula ixioides* subsp *candida* and *Cyanicula ixioides* subsp *ixioides* (White and Yellow China Orchids respectively), the variety in Julimar can assure you have a good hunt.

There are several roads entering off both Julimar and Dewars Pool roads to Julimar Conservation Park inviting you to enter, park, and explore on foot.

Some of the tracks are more accessible to two-wheel drives than others, so be careful.

Areas within the park are still quite wet during spring and will be especially so this year.

For identifying flowers, Florabase by the Western Australian Herbarium is an excellent tool.

Lists of expected species can also be found using the new platform Dandjoo (<https://dandjoo.bio.wa.gov.au/>).

The Julimar Conservation and Forest Alliance is working to further the protection of this beautiful wildflower haven. If you are interested in supporting this endeavour, please contact us at julimarforest@gmail.com.

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ENVIRONMENT

Main Roads slams door on further bid to save scenic route

Safe and Scenic Toodyay Roads
Andrew St John

MAIN ROADS WA has rejected our request for major changes to save scenic parts of Toodyay Road and says there will be no further public consultation via its Community Reference Group (CRG).

As reported in the July *Herald*, we had sought several major changes, particularly at the Fernie Road intersection where all trees are to be removed on both sides of Toodyay Road for about two kilometres on either side.

It means that this particularly scenic part of Toodyay Road will be scraped clear by bulldozers for a total of four kilometres.

Our group accepts that some trees will need to be removed for much-needed improvements at Fernie Road, including a right-turn lane from Toodyay Road for heavy trucks using the Opal Vale landfill site in Hoddys Well and nearby clay pits.

As always, it is the scale of what is planned with which we disagree.

This includes the questionable need for two new overtaking lanes at Fernie Road – one of them less than five kilometres from another overtaking lane going in the same direction at Jingaling Brook.

We acknowledge that some of our concerns are being considered, including saving a mature Powderbark tree near the Fernie Road junction and possible new scenic stopping areas along Toodyay Road.

However, these are only minor concessions compared with the large-scale clearing now gearing up to proceed.

If the Powderbark tree is saved, it will stand as a stark sentinel in a wasteland of environmental destruction.

State Freedom of Information laws have enabled us to finally obtain the Main Roads WA business case to support large-scale clearing.

One fact stands out immediately – Toodyay Road is earmarked to become a major 110km/h highway.

We highlight this because the justification cited by Main Roads for improving the road was always about safety – not faster traffic.

The WA Local Government Association's RoadWise advisory body – a customary champion of all road improvements regardless of environmental impact – is understood to oppose raising the speed limit to 110km/h.

Toodyay Road is no longer listed by the RAC as one of WA's 10 most dangerous regional roads after speed limits were reduced about 10 years ago.

However, it is clear that a key justification for spending close to \$100 million on large-scale clearing is so that vehicles can get to Toodyay four minutes faster at 110 km/h.

The State Government agency's own data shows that cheaper options such as sealed shoulders and rumble strips, as at the Perth end of Toodyay Road, are more cost-effective ways to improve road safety – the one goal on which we all agree.

Our campaign to expose flaws in plans for Toodyay Road will continue.

This may include a public forum to show what our community will lose in scenic and environmental value as we continue to highlight deficiencies in a State Government regional roads policy that neglects the environment.

We urge everyone to help stop further scenic damage by signing our petition online or at Toodyay's monthly Farmers Markets.

More information can be obtained by emailing info@sastr.com.au.



Mature Powderbark tree threatened by extensive roadworks on Toodyay Road. If saved, it will be surrounded by bare earth.

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Toodyay Garden Club
Daphne Lee

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Bob Mattin warmly welcomed us to his lovely home which was originally built as Newcastle Hospital at the corner of Henry Street and Duke Street.

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It was an amazing account of what life was like, with Bob happily informing us about the resident ghost.

Lots of stairs and steps but oh so worth it. The garden was a work of love and family.

Most of it was grown from cuttings provided by many people, including Bob's patients when he operated a very successful chiropractic service from there.

The garden includes many colourful geraniums plus beautiful bouganvilleas and aeoniums that when in flower provide a spectacular yellow display as you drive by.

Francis Moran, who once had an olive grove, gave a very informative talk on olives.

We are very lucky to have such wealth of knowledge in our membership.

Thank you, Francis – your participation was much appreciated.

Morning tea was enjoyed overlooking the pool and tennis court with wonderful views – we were indeed spoilt.

Many thanks to Bob and LJ for having us, we had a such a good morning.

Our next visit is a bus trip to Kalamunda leaving from Charcoal Lane at 8.30am on Saturday September 1 with two garden visits plus lunch.

October 6 is a visit to Sandy and Yani's property in Julimar.

Stay warm everybody and keep busy weeding.



Sheltering from heavy rain at Cobbler Pool during last month's Avon Descent river race through Toodyay. Photo: Greg Warburton.

'West Toodyay Wander' adds a new leg to Bilya Walk Track

Toodyay Friends of the River
Greg Warburton

WE HAVE long wanted to create a walk track to West Toodyay following the establishment of the Bilya Walk Track from Duidgee Park to Nardie Cemetery at Extracts.

An opportunity presented itself earlier this year that gave the idea a boost.

Clearing was completed along an old railway route thanks to bushfire mitigation work.

It was the remnant of an original railway line from Newcastle to Bolgart, officially opened in 1909.

The work enabled the creation of an excellent 5km walking circuit that incorporates a number of points of interest, including important heritage sites.

The return to town is along the Avon River which can be accessed via a couple of firebreaks.

A long pool behind Toodyay Rapids at the railway bridge is an ideal spot for kayaking.

The new walk track has been further enhanced by the completion of the Toodyay Street roadworks and new concrete path to Reserve Street.

Members walked the route during last month's working bees and contributed a range of ideas to develop what has been dubbed the 'West Toodyay Wander'.

Weed control and pruning have been done and track marking is expected to be completed this month.

The new walk links to the Bilya Walk Track extension from Duidgee Park to the Aboriginal Burial Ground behind the Showgrounds.

The idea was first proposed by the late Pam

Walsh as a reconciliation project to link the Aboriginal Burial Ground to the European pioneer cemetery at Nardie.

We are working closely with the Noongar Kaartdijin Aboriginal Corporation and the Shire of Toodyay Reconciliation Plan on these exciting and important projects.

A number of interpretive signs have already been installed to explain the history at various sites, and discussions about a "Koornt" walk trail hub structure is well underway.

We have also been busy painting the front wall and entrance of Drummond House for new notice boards funded by a generous Toodyay Op Shop donation.

The notice boards have been installed and the whole project was coordinated by Toodyay Naturalists Club members, which shows what can be achieved when community groups work together.

There has been plenty of rain to keep this year's plantings watered, and the new site at Cobbler Pool was well protected from campers and canoeists taking part in last month's Avon Descent river race – the new sign board provided useful shelter from heavy downpours.

Event organisers did a great job with their clean-up of access sites at Extracts, Dumbarton, Millard's Pool, the West Toodyay Bridge and Weatherall Reserve.

All were in good order by the middle of the Sunday afternoon.

This month's working bees will be held on Sunday September 11 and Monday September 12.

Members will be notified by email of the tasks, meeting place, start times, and information will be posted on our new notice board.

COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER

(Part-Time 0.6)

The Shire of Toodyay is seeking to appoint a self-motivated, agile and responsive individual who is passionate about delivering clear messages to stakeholders.

Reporting to the Chief Executive Officer, this position plays an important role in managing the Shire's internal and external communications and engagement channels including print, broadcast and social media platforms.

Applicants must have proven relevant knowledge and experience, excellent time management abilities, and be amazing communicators. A commitment to working in a team environment to achieve continuous improvement is essential.

To attract the right candidate, the Shire is offering an attractive base salary of \$66,000-\$69,500 per annum (pro-rata), plus superannuation. Flexible working arrangements are possible. Other benefits include professional development opportunities, uniform allowance, additional superannuation contribution policy and income protection.

Application packages are available on our website at:

www.toodyay.wa.gov.au or by contacting the Records Officer on 9574 9312 or email: records@toodyay.wa.gov.au.

Applications should be marked "CONFIDENTIAL – Communications Officer" and forwarded to the Chief Executive Officer, Shire of Toodyay:

- By mail to PO Box 96, Toodyay WA 6566;
- In-person to Shire of Toodyay Admin Centre, 15 Fiennes Street Toodyay during opening hours;
- Via email to records@toodyay.wa.gov.au; or
- Via Seek

Applications close 4pm, Thursday 8 September 2022.

Applicants must have the right to live and work in Australia. The Shire is an Equal Opportunity Employer that values and respects diversity in its workplace.

Please Note: Canvassing of Councillors will disqualify. The successful applicant is required to obtain a current Federal Police clearance, pre-employment medical, and to provide evidence of all claimed qualifications prior to commencing employment.



WHERE AND WHEN

AIR FORCE

AAFC 708 Squadron

Australian Air Force Cadets 12½-17yrs, Building J1, Northam Army Camp Great Eastern Hwy. Friday 6.30-9.30pm school term. 708squ@cadetnet.gov.au.

ARTS/CRAFTS/HISTORY

Arts Toodyay

1st Tuesday monthly 7.30pm, The Old Police Station, Duke Street North. Graham Boston 0438 919 932.

Avon Woodturners Group

Every Sunday and Wednesday 9am-noon. Toodyay Junction, Railway Parade.

Ragbabs Quilting Group

1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month. St Stephen's Hall 10am-2.30pm. 9574 4503.

The Crooked Needle

Friday Morning Craft - Fridays, 9.30am to noon, CWA Hall, Stirling Terrace. \$3.50. Contact Jan on 0407 083 079 or Annette on 9574 2332.

Toodyay Historical Society

Meets third Wednesday, (not Dec), 7pm, St Stephen's Church Hall, Stirling Terrace. Drummond House (next to Bendigo Bank) open Sat 10am-noon. Research Centre open by appointment. Beth Frayne 9574 5971 or secretary.2j.ths@gmail.com.

Web: www.toodyayhistoricalsociety.org.au

Toodyay Spinners

Every Wednesday, Saturdays 1st and 3rd of month, 9am to noon, Parker's Cottage, Showgrounds. Gail Williams 9622 3411.

Toodyay Theatre Group

For details David Mitchell 0400 283 425.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Toodyay Chamber of Commerce and Industry

Check Facebook for details or contact 2jchamber@gmail.com.

CHURCHES

Anglican Church

10am Sundays weekly. St Stephen's Church 0455 543 888.

Catholic Church

St John the Baptist, Stirling Terrace, Toodyay. Saturday Vigil 5pm.

Faith Christian Fellowship

Sundays 9.30am. Corner Grey and Wellington Streets, Northam 9622 1324 or fcfnortham@westnet.com.au.

Bakers Hill Fellowship

Meets every Sunday at 10am. Bakers Hill Primary School Music Room. Pastor Peter Booth 0417 945 725.

Toodyay Baptist Church

10.30am Sunday at 18 Stirling Terrace, Toodyay. Phone 9574 4546.

Uniting Church

10am St Stephen's Church, Toodyay.

EDUCATION/SCOUTS/

PLAYGROUPS ETC

Avon Valley Home Education Collective

Sharon Pegrum 0466 430 979. avonvalleyhomeeducation.wordpress.com.

Bizzy Bees

Pre-kindy for 3-year-olds. Mondays 9am-11am, Toodyay DHS. Jessica Donovan 0407 128 105.

Cubs, Joeys and Scouts

(School term) Youth Hall, Showgrounds, Cubs and Joeys 4-5.30pm Scouts, Thursday 6-8pm 9574 2363.

Toodyay District High School P and C

Meets Tuesday of week 5 each term at 5.30pm in the TDHS staff room. Kelly-Anne Murray 0406 585 716.

Toodyay Playgroup

Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9-11am. Wednesdays Bubs Play 10am-noon. Jessica Donovan, 0407 128 105

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Bejoording Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade

3rd Friday of the month at 5.45pm at the Bejoording Fire Shed.

Coondle-Nunille Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade

2nd Saturday October to April, June and August, 5pm Coondle Fire Shed.

Julimar Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade

Meets 3rd Saturday 6pm Julimar Fire Shed, Training Sunday 10am.

Morangup Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade

3rd Saturday 5.30pm at 3 Wallaby Way, Morangup. Sharon Gamble or secretarymvbf@gmail.com.

Toodyay Central Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade

2nd Tuesday 7.30pm at Toodyay Fire and Emergency Services Centre.

Toodyay State Emergency Service

4th Tuesday, 3 Wallaby Way, Morangup. Local Manager - Jeff Venn 0438 490 331. toodyayseslocalmanager@gmail.com.

Toodyay Volunteer Fire and Rescue

1st Monday Fire Station 7.30pm.

ENVIRONMENT

Avon Valley Environmental Society

3rd Friday monthly noon. Wheatbelt Natural Resource Management Centre, 269 Fitzgerald Street, Northam. Janet Wilkinson 9574 5947.

Earth Solutions - Avon Valley

2nd Tuesday (not Jan) at 6pm. Old Northam Railway Station, 425 Fitzgerald Street Northam. Karen 0438 223 886, Belle 0478 641 463, or email bellem@westnet.com.au.

Toodyay Friends of the River (TFOR)

2nd Sunday or following Monday. 9am (winter); 8am (summer). Details on TFOR noticeboard outside Drummond House. 0427 556 863. Email: info@tfor.org.au.

Toodyay Garden Club

1st Thursday 10am. Phone President: Hamish Dobie 0423 115 204 or email toodyaygardenclub@gmail.com for next venue.

Toodyay Naturalists' Club

Meets 3rd Saturday. Call 9574 5574 or info@toodyaynats.org.au.

FARMERS MARKET

Toodyay Farmers Market

3rd Sunday of each month. 0487 440 754. toodyayfarmersmarket@gmail.com.

FESTIVALS

Toodyay Moondyne Festival

moodynecommittee@gmail.com.

HEALTH

Australian Breastfeeding Association

2nd and 4th Tuesdays, 3 Elizabeth Place, Northam 10am-noon. 3rd Tuesday Toodyay Playgroup noon-2pm. Louise 9574 0229.

Child Health Clinic

Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Bree Byfield. 9621 0100

Memory Café

Toodyay Forget Me Not Memory Café 2nd Tuesday of each month (10am-noon) at the Toodyay Bakery.

Toodyay Men's Shed

Monday, Thursday and Saturday, 8.30am-noon at Harper Road. Phone Secretary, 0499 403 830.

MINIATURE RAILWAY

Toodyay Miniature Railway

Operates Easter Saturday and thereafter on 1st and 3rd Sundays until November. Phone President Mark 0424 281 770.

MUSIC

The Toodyay Community Singers

CWA Hall, Stirling Terrace at 7pm Thursday nights. Anne-Marie Millar 0408 364 918.

Toodyay Music Club

2nd Saturday 1pm CWA Hall, Ring Joe, 0400 862 694.

PROGRESS ASSOCIATION

Morangup Progress Association

Chairperson: Petar Drazic. Hall Hire: 0472 975 593 www.morangupmpa.com.au.

SENIORS

Autumn Club

Wednesday 1-4pm Toodyay Sports Pavilion Glenyce Bosnjak 9574 4587.

Butterly Cottages

2nd Friday monthly. Jean Nock. Email: butterfly2j@gmail.com.

Fitness and Fun for The Over 55s

Monday, Wednesday and Friday 9am, Youth Hall at showgrounds.

Ida's Hideaway

Saturdays 1-4pm Toodyay Community Resource Centre. Ring Ann Sinclair 0407 775 459.

Probus Club of Toodyay

Meetings monthly on second Tuesday at 3pm at Freemasons Hotel. President Joan Bath 0417 171 606 Secretary Colin Yandell 9574 5943.

Silver Chain Social Centre

Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays Toodyay Community Centre, 78 Stirling Terrace. Information 1300 650 803.

SERVICE ORGANISATIONS

Country Women's Association

4th Thursday 1pm CWA Hall. Bookings call Margot Watkins on 0405 067 591 or 9574 2823.

Moondyne Men

We meet Mondays and Thursdays from 9am to noon at the RSL Hall, Clinton Street. Contact Secretary Colin Bird 0424 195 003.

RSL Toodyay Sub-Branch

Meetings 2022: Feb 12, Apr 9, May 7, July 23, Sept 10 (AGM), Oct 15 and Dec 10 held Saturdays 1300 at the Memorial Hall, Toodyay. Bob Wood 0412 681 794.

Safer Toodyay Inc

Chair: Cr Brian Rayner. Email: secretary@safertoodyay.org.au.

Toodyay Lions Club

1st and 3rd Tuesdays Freemasons Hotel. Clint Fricker, Secretary, 0423 226 898.

Toodyay Masonic Lodge

4th Thursday Masonic Hall Fiennes St 7.30pm. Graham Barber, 9574 5717.

Toodyay Red Cross

2nd Monday February, May, August and November Anglican Hall 1.30pm.

Toodyay RoadWise Committee

2nd Wednesday of month at 9.30am at the Toodyay Police Station. Bob Neville, 0419 853 160.

SPORT

Toodyay Bowling Club

Ladies play Wednesdays at 8.30am contact Maureen Adams 9574 4752. Men have a roll up on Wednesday at 3pm contact Laurie Chitty 95742394. All welcome.

Avon Valley Adult Riding Club

4th Saturday (February-November) at Northam. Tina 0499 030 177.

Mortlock Pony Club

1st Sunday February to November at Goomalling. Tanzi 0427 859 493.

Toodyay Golf Club

Sundays - mixed comp with tee off at noon; ladies Wednesday with a 1.30pm tee off. Contact Liz 0429 311 256; Men's scroungers Thursdays with a 2pm tee off. Contact Bruce 0417 028 089.

Avon Valley Shotokan Karate Club

Wednesdays at Youth Hall, Showgrounds. Peewees 3.45-4.30pm, juniors 4.30-5.30pm, seniors 6-7.30pm. Email avonvalleyshotokan@gmail.com.

So many clubs for people to have fun

Toodyay Probus Club Norm Green

WE ARE seeking more members to join in the fun we are having at Probus.

Our marketing so far has been extensive with announcements on local 2J2AIR radio, pamphlets for new and prospective residents at Toodyay real estate agencies and a Friday advertisement on the 'Lets Talk Toodyay' Facebook page.

We will shortly have a banner outside the Freemasons Hotel to advertise our presence when we have our monthly meetings.

The main competition for membership is the large number of other clubs and community activities in Toodyay.

All you have to do is look at the *When and Where* page in this newspaper - so many people having fun.

Our last guest speaker was Danni from the Australian Wildlife Conservancy (AWC).

A group of our friends from the Northam Probus club came along to listen and to have some cross-club fellowship.

Danni explained the name of the AWC describes their mission.

The conservancy identifies threatened species and areas for conservation and

then - in conjunction with the State Government and relevant landowners - sets about managing it.

A recent partnership with a large pastoral company saw six million hectares of land being conserved and managed as part of a total of 12.5 million hectares.

One statistic that I found quite surprising and shocking was that the Northern Territory's famous Kakadu National Park has lost 90 per cent of its original fauna species due to the predatory behavior of foxes, feral cats and other creatures.

There are of course, native predators such as WA's Chuditch (Western Quoll) as well as raptors, reptiles and humans.

Eastern States koalas are always a popular animal for saving and are being given a lot of AWC attention.

We had a 'bring and share' lunch last month and will conduct another 'meet and eat' this month at our normal monthly gathering, followed by 'show and tell' activity.

Our next lunch gathering at the Freemasons Hotel is at 1pm on Tuesday September 13.

If you would like more information, please email toodyayprobus@gmail.com or by calling Club President Joan on 0417 171 606.

Toodyay Soccer Club

Mondays 4-5.30pm in terms 2 and 3. For ages 5-15yrs. toodyaysoccer@gmail.com.

Toodyay Tennis Club

Winter social tennis - Tuesday 9am Rec Centre, unless raining. Members \$4, visitors \$8 pay on the day, includes morning tea. Racquets available. Email tennis@toodyaytennisclub.org.au. Phone Ph: 0433 510 416. Facebook @toodyaytennisclub

VINTAGE VEHICLES

Avon Valley Vintage Vehicle Assoc

3rd Saturday 10.30am at old engineer's quarters next to Northam Railway Museum, Fitzgerald Street, Northam 9622 5932.

Classifieds

Vacancy

COUNTRYSIDE Memorials and Oxtel Services are looking for a friendly and empathetic applicant for an Office Administration role.

The right candidate will need experience in Microsoft Word, Excel and Works and Quick Books.

Oxtel Services provide assistance to families as they choose a lasting tribute to the memory of a loved one.

If you think you have the skills and manner that we're looking for, forward your resumé to Oxtel@westnet.com.au.

Oxtel Services, 9 Yilgarn Avenue, Northam.

For Sale

STRAW bales. High density, great for garden mulch or animal bedding. 1.2m x 1.2m x 2.4m. Pick up \$70, delivery extra. Phone or text Tim 0417 991 302.

Public Notices

Deaths

VIGAR, Rae

IDA'S Hideaway members would like to pass on their condolences to Rae's family on the sad passing of our friend on August 21, 2022.

Rae, our Treasurer and valued member of our group will be remembered with great affection.

RIP.

Annual General Meetings

TOODYAY Miniature Railway AGM to be held on 18th September 2022 at 16:30 at the TMR workshop.

AA ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

Web: aa.org.au

Finding it hard to control your drinking? We understand and together have found a solution. We meet on Tuesday nights at 7pm at the Salvos Building, Elizabeth Place, Northam. All welcome. Lifts from Toodyay available. Ring/text 0432 403 425 for enquiries.

Birthday

HAPPY BIRTHDAY and congratulations to a much loved father and grandfather and great grandfather, Ron Blunt of Coondle who turned a sterling 90 last week! To a life well lived. All our love.



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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THE POWER OF BEING UNDERSTOOD
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Combo Crossword

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Botanists, etc
 - 7 Mountain lions
 - 8 Be evasive
 - 11 Artist's stand
 - 12 Strata
 - 14 Stimulate
 - 16 Upper-class man (coll)
 - 19 Servile follower
 - 22 Distinct
 - 24 Charter
 - 25 Bury
 - 26 Five-faced solid figure
- DOWN**
- 1 One's sister's son
 - 2 Place of worship
 - 3 Hazardous
 - 4 Radiation source
 - 5 Mineral springs
 - 6 Window shelf
 - 9 Sample
 - 10 Page
 - 13 Book of maps
 - 15 Cavity
 - 17 Edible marine bivalve mollusc
 - 18 Earlier twenty cent coin
 - 20 Stadium
 - 21 Cutting instrument
 - 22 Applaud
 - 23 Merit

Cryptic Clues

- ACROSS**
- 1 Charles Darwin and his like became ecologists
 - 7 Cougars back up degrees
 - 8 Hold back some of the best all-rounders
 - 11 Please look into a tripod
 - 12 Chooks' coatings
 - 14 Sharpen around the point
 - 16 To finish off an informal rich well-dressed person
 - 19 Black eyes limited a footman
 - 22 Uncle Arthur is a little articulate
 - 24 Rent a field from outer space
 - 25 Entomb a number of the main termites
 - 26 A writer back at horned pieces of a five-faced block
- DOWN**
- 1 One's brother's son points to an exclamation of relief, etc
 - 2 A region on either side of the forehead of Shirley

- 3 Rise early outside Kempsey when exposed to danger
- 4 An acronymical ray
- 5 Trespassing in bubbly baths
- 6 Part of a window arrangement is back last of all
- 9 Elegance, in a sense
- 10 A shortage of pale African plant foliage
- 13 Included in a neat lasting geography book, perhaps
- 15 Cholera produces a depression
- 17 It manufactures pearls for a close-mouthed person
- 18 Iron out football tips for two bob
- 20 The sports enclosure is made from clear enamel
- 21 If Ken delivers an item of cutlery
- 22 Give someone a big hand with a resounding blow
- 23 Some learners make money

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

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	151.1					354.7
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



The Long-necked Turtle photo is courtesy of the 'Guide to the Reptiles and Frogs of the Perth Region' by herpetologist Brian Bush et al.

Tortuous turtle journey fraught with smelly danger

Python Watch
Desraé Clarke

WHAT is the difference between a turtle and a tortoise?

The turtle has webbed feet and lives predominantly in water whereas the tortoise has a dome-shaped shell and lives mainly on land like that on the Galapagos Islands.

Although the female Long-necked Turtle usually begins her trek to grassed areas to lay her eggs around October to February, a report has already been made of a female making her way from the river and across a road.

She makes her tortuous journey, often across a busy road, to a grassed area to dig a small hole to lay her 10 to 25 white, brittle-shelled eggs.

She covers the eggs and then returns to the wet area of river, creek, swamp, etc..

The fox is a predator of the Long-necked Turtle and top shell (carapace) remains or destroyed eggs are often found.

The hatchling's return to the waterway is also fraught with danger.

Many perish in long grass that blocks their pathways and large water birds such as the heron predate on the little ones, as do other birds such as the kookaburra.

Domestic dogs and cats also take a toll on the youngsters.

If you happen upon a turtle making her way across a grassed area, allow her to continue and don't return her to the waterway.

If she is on a road lift her out of danger's way and allow her to make her way in the same direction as she was progressing

However, be warned that a foul-smelling odour may be released from the glands located at each section of the bridge where the carapace joins the bottom shell (plastron).

The carapace, head and neck are brown or black in colour and covered in algae, making the turtle difficult to be seen in the water; the plastron is whitish.

When in a waterway and, if not disturbed, a little snout with two tiny nostrils breaking the water surface may be seen; it may also be sighted basking on a nearby log.

However, if disturbed by the slightest sound or movement, it will quickly plop in the water and disappear.

The Long-necked Turtle is a carnivorous (meat-eating) animal and preys on fish, molluscs, crustaceans and is also reported to take baby ducklings.

If you have observed a Long-necked Turtle we would really appreciate it if you would record it on the Toodyay Nat's Club sightings area of the webpage or email to info@toodyaynats.org.au or phone 9574 5574.

Sensor camera reveals nocturnal acrobat

Toodyay Naturalists' Club
Desraé Clarke

OUR Annual General Meeting was held last month after unforeseen circumstances caused a July date to be postponed.

Sharon Richards remains our very capable president, Desraé Clarke is secretary and Charmian St John treasurer.

A Member's Club Night after the AGM proved to be extremely interesting.

A presentation showed the use of a sensor camera to capture the acrobatic performance of a Western Pygmy Possum.

This particular type of camera can be set up in a strategic position where it is known or suspected that a native creature may be found.

Many tiny marsupial species resemble the common House Mouse.

Closer observation may reveal the Western Pygmy Possum's little snout is long and fine, it has noticeably larger ears and the tail may have a tiny brush on its end.

The Pygmy Possum grows to a body length of about eight centimetres with a tail of similar length.

It has soft brown fur and it weighs about 14g. Pygmy Possums may sleep during the day in a disused bird nest, Grass Tree foliage or dry leaf litter beneath a tree stump.

It wakes in early evening to scurry about catching insects and to feed on the nectar of Banksias, Grevilleas, Bottlebrush, Eucalypt flowers and Tea Trees.

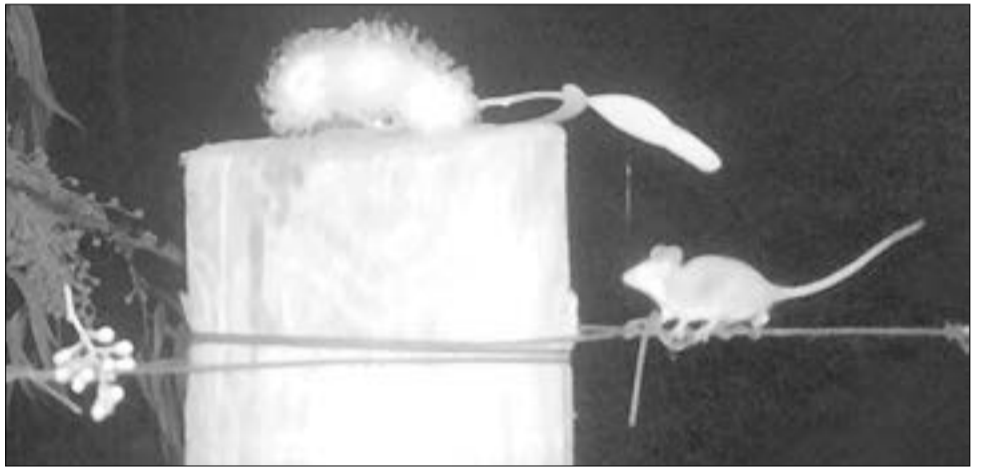
The very long whiskers are never still, and its large ears turn to capture the faintest rustle.

Other tiny creatures observed by members include a Fat-tailed Dunnart, which is slightly smaller than the Western Pygmy Possum, and the Yellow-footed Antechinus of much the same size.

We continue to receive interesting natural history observations from the community which is greatly appreciated and can be added to our records database.

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

Our next club activities are fundraising on September 2 and 3 and a wildflower walk on Saturday September 17.



Greg Warburton's sensor camera photo of a Western Pygmy Possum at night.

Piping calls ring out on frosty mornings

Bird of the Month
Desraé Clarke

PIED Butcherbirds, both male and female and in duet, have been calling with their beautiful piping song from high positions on dead trees.

With the frosty and foggy mornings of late the calls are particularly clear.

The stout species is between 32cms and 36cms in body length with the male and female of similar size and colouring.

It has a black head, neck, upper back, throat, breast, wings and tail.

Its white collar is a discerning feature, a feature the Gray-backed Butcherbird lacks.

The lower breast, belly and rump are white. The eye is brown and the thick bill is blue-grey with a black hooked tip.

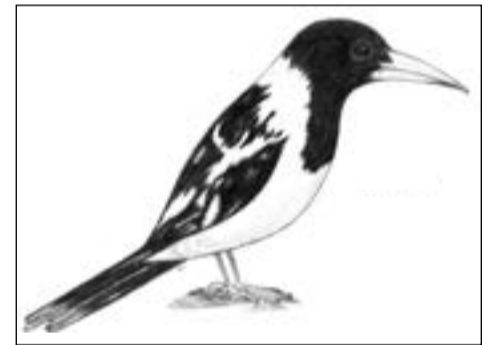
The immature birds are coloured a dull brown whereas the parent bird is a striking black.

Breeding is from August to December. A nest of sticks, lined with fine roots and grass, is built high in the fork of a tree.

Three to five dull green eggs are laid and incubated by the female for approximately 21 days; the young fledge between 20 to 32 days.

The Pied Butcherbird hunts in a 'watch and pounce manner'.

Prey is varied from nestlings, mice, and large insects to reptiles and frogs and the birds will



Drawing of the Pied Butcherbird by Desraé Clarke, Member of the Toodyay Naturalists' Club.

often hunt in pairs.

It has a strong, undulating flight that is attractive to watch and is regularly heard within the Toodyay shire.

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

The Nat's Club is always grateful for sightings to be recorded so if you have something to report please contact infor@toodyaynats.org.au or 9574 5574.



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HEALTH

It ain't rocket science – talk to a mate

Warrior Wellbeing

The Team, Regional Men's Health Initiative

THE MESSAGE we give in everything we do is that before it all gets too much – talk to a mate.

As human beings we are fundamentally social in nature.

Staying connected and feeling valued for who we are is of primary importance to us.

Talking to other people about issues in our lives or telling our stories helps us to normalise our experiences and realise we are not alone in having them.

As blokes, we tend to retreat into ourselves when things turn pear-shaped (cave time), much to the frustration of many women.

This is the normal way men tend to start processing their problems.

Metaphorically stepping into the cave can be helpful to get a handle on things but it is important that we are able to acknowledge and recognise when it is time to step back out and seek the support we need.

Having a plan already in place that identifies who the mates are to whom we can turn is important.



Talk to your friend - it helps.

Without a network of true mates, we become susceptible to feelings of isolation and loneliness.

As blokes we can recognise three main categories from where we find and establish real mateship.

These exist usually in the forms of a partner (intimate relationship), a peer

(someone around the same age that perhaps has a similar experience of lifestyle and activities to us) and a mentor (an older person whose experience we value).

A real mate is more than just an associate – it's someone that knowingly respects and values who we are and who is willing to make time to genuinely listen to us.

Think about who you would classify as a mate, and about the blokes you know who perhaps have few or none of these categories in their lives?

Often it is said that blokes in general don't really like to talk about stuff and if we disclose that we have a few problems someone will exploit our problem or weakness, but the reality is quite different.

Given the right environment, where we feel safe, most men will willingly share their story and talk about issues that matter to them.

There is real value in realising that there are other men experiencing the same things, no matter what the issue.

Being a good mate is about supporting a person in that space and genuinely listening to what they have to say.

We don't have to be an expert or necessarily have any of the answers to people's problems, just the ability to listen with empathy.

Being a good mate is also about actively looking out for the people we care about and taking action when we recognise that something is not quite right.

If we have a gut feeling that someone we know is not travelling well, don't be afraid to ask them how they are going, and ask more than once.

As men we need to encourage help-seeking behaviour and be prepared to be the one to 'talk to a mate' when we know that person is not travelling well or know that a mate is down or experiencing difficulties.

It isn't rocket science and it does work.

SPORT

Full house for Purple and Green Belt sessions

Avon Valley Shotokan Club
Kylie Burton

WHERE has the term gone?

We are fast approaching the end of Term 3 and have been busy with many new faces in both dojos.

Everyone is training hard for our next grading on the horizon in November.

We are all looking forward to our end-of-term club challenge on Friday September 16 at the Toodyay dojo.

We invited the local Wado Ryu club in hopes of boosting competitor numbers and making a more dynamic competition for all involved.

As always, food and drinks will be on sale and all spectators are welcome.

We held two very successful Sunday training sessions that were run seminar-style over the past two months.

We began with Heian Yondan (Purple Belt) and worked through all the technical aspects for several hours with a dojo full of students.

The last Sunday of August saw another full dojo for a seminar on Heian Sandan (Green Belt).

It is fantastic to see so many eager students give up their weekends to improve their karate.

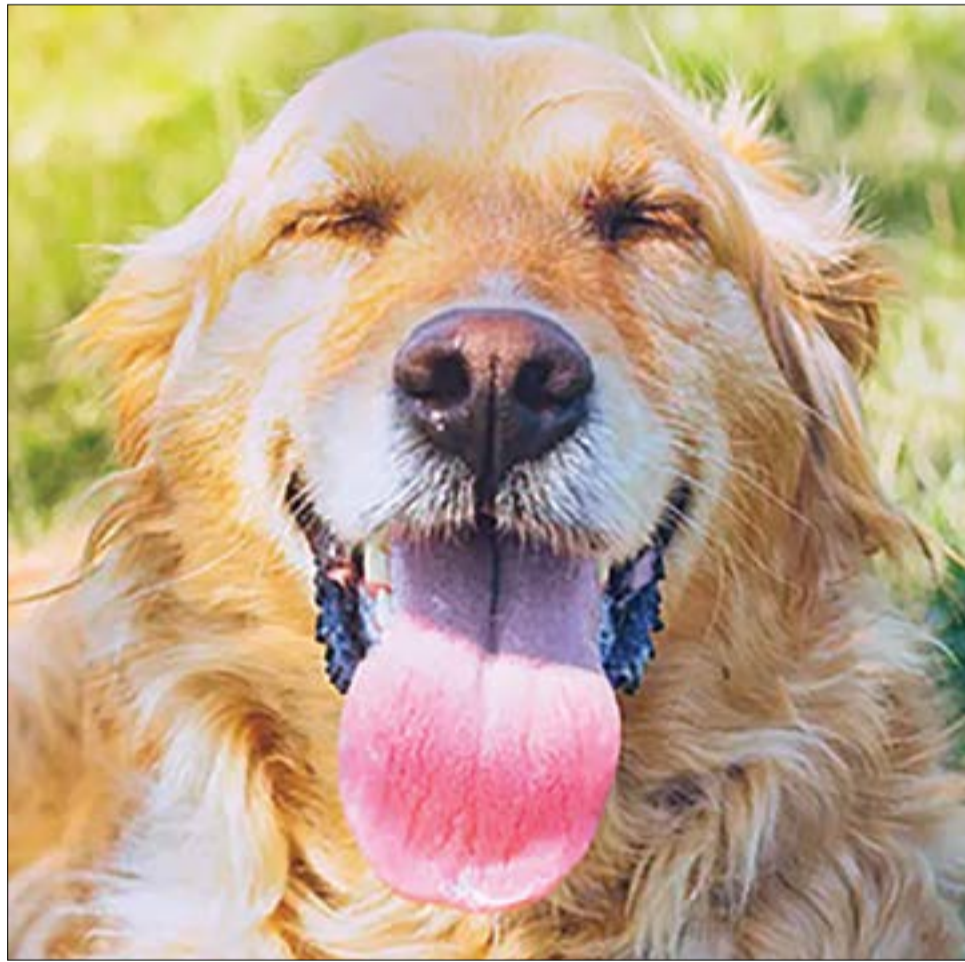
Our last tournament for the year in Perth will be on Sunday September 11.

We currently have a 10-member team attending – good luck to all participants.



Henna Garnett at July club challenge.

It's cool to pant if you're a dog



Panting stops overheating.

Heartlands Veterinary Hospital

Dr. Caitlin Giardina

DID YOU know that dogs have sweat glands only on their paw pads?

This means that they are very susceptible to overheating but panting allows our furry

friends to cool down efficiently.

Panting evaporates water from the mouth, tongue and upper respiratory tract, causing a natural cooling in a similar way that sweating does for humans.

Panting can look like a lot of work but dogs have wonderfully elastic airways which enables them to up to 400 breaths a minute without using too much energy.

But the question is, when should you be concerned?

Since panting is a great method for cooling down, it is normal for your dog to pant on a hot day or when exercising.

If your furry friend starts panting suddenly for no reason or if panting is constant, then please give our team at Heartlands Vet Hospitals a call and we will check your beautiful pooch for any signs of illness.

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Director

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All of the selection criteria for the position must be addressed as part of the application.

A copy of the Position Description with selection criteria is available from www.rdawheatbelt.com.au 'latest news'.

For further information Telephone: **9575 1888**

Applications close 12 Noon on the 19th September 2022.



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That time of year again, Dowerin Field Days. What a great crowd on the Wednesday when I visited. Just shows that our farming community is still thriving. The machinery is just getting bigger each year! Great day to catch up with friends.

Remember next month is our Toodyay Show so we will see you all there.

State of the Market

The magic number hasn't changed much this month still at 8479 properties for sale. So slight drop in last months figures so our market hasn't moved since last month. Still a good sales market. If you are thinking of selling could be a great opportunity for you.

Local news

The Toodyay Club has now formed a new committee so looking forward to see progress on the reopening of this fantastic venue! Well Done

Sad news

My old mate Robin McKay has passed away peacefully at Bethesda Hospital on Sunday Morning 21st of August. Robin and I spent many, many years together visiting machinery rally's all over Australia and New Zealand and shared a love of farming and motors! And had a lot of laughs together.

His funeral will be held at Karrakatta Cemetery on 6th of September at 2.30pm in the Brown Chapel for those locals that wish to attend.

Inside the office

Jemma – we have been sending her out with the P.M. girls and even off to Merredin with them. Training her up for the future! She is just one busy girl.

Gracie – still home with little bubby Margot. What a gorgeous kid and a lovely mum.

Christie – Our very busy P.M here. Has got all the Toodyay rentals running sweetly and happy tenants and happy landlords. What a dynamite girl.

Jo -has had a week or so off this month for some personal time. We miss her smile and laughter when she is not here!

Faith – running the entire P.M. section by herself. This girl is amazing! And – listing new properties to add to our portfolio. So, if you are thinking of renting let Faith know. You won't be disappointed

Sharon - our professional sales lady and handles all of our sales administration as well. One very busy lady here. Want exemplary service see Sharon!

Sam – our weekend 'home open' expert. Both Saturday and Sunday Sam is at the office serving all of our customers and vendors. A great month for him with 4 sales already done! This man has a huge future in the industry!

Tony – well a very sad month losing my best mate RJ, but I guess I should be thankful for all those years we had together. At 95 years old he had a good innings and I was lucky to share some with him. Miss you mate!

On the real estate side, I have had a great month with some fantastic vendors and fantastic buyers. That's what I love about this job, because of the friends you make!

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