



# SHIRE NEWS

## Julimar's new Fire Station is officially open

Saturday September 17 saw the opening of the new Julimar Fire Station, officiated by Shire CEO Suzie Haslehurst, Shire President Cr Rosemary Madacsi, Hon. Stephen Dawson MLC (Minister for Emergency Services) and Emergency Services Commissioner Darren Klemm (AFSM).

The state-of-the-art station – boasting training facilities, cleaning areas for firefighters and PPE, an on-site water tank and the ability to function as a Level 2 Incident Control Centre – has been funded by a grant of over \$500,000 via the Emergency Services Levy and complementary funding from the Shire.

With these resources available, the volunteer brigade will be able to deliver enhanced services to the local community – crucial as we enter another summer of extreme fire risk.

The station's opening was well-attended by bushfire volunteers, Fire and Rescue volunteers, and the wider community, and offered plenty of opportunities for guests to speak with those officiating. Both the Minister and Commissioner highlighted the work of volunteers, and thanked them for their efforts.

Julimar Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade currently has 52 active members, and prior

to the construction of the station worked out of a shed built in 1993. The new facility has already had a positive effect on the brigade, with Minister Dawson announcing an uptake in membership since construction was completed.

### Restricted Burning Period and Permits:

Due to seasonal conditions, the Shire of Toodyay has delayed the commencement of the RESTRICTED BURNING PERIOD until Monday 10 October 2022. Burning may continue, with due care, until and including 9 October 2022. Permits will be required for any burning from and including October 10 to October 31, after which the PROHIBITED BURNING PERIOD will apply. Permit applications are via the Shire's website. Issued permits carry conditions which must be fully complied with – penalties apply for breaches.

**Firebreaks:** The due date for complying with the Shire's Fire-break Notice is November 1. The notice – which is available to view on the Shire Facebook page and website, and was recently mailed out with rates notices – sets out owner/occupier legal responsibility in preparing and maintaining property under Section 33 of the *Bush Fires Act 1954*. Remember, property inspections are conducted and penalties apply for non-compliance.



## Gnulla Karnany Waangkiny – Our Truth Telling

A cultural ceremony held last month at the Newcastle Gaol Museum precinct acknowledged the significance of Gnulla Karnany Waangkiny (Our Truth Telling), a partnership project between the Shire of Toodyay and the Noongar Kartdijin Aboriginal Corporation.

Additional signage has been installed at the museum and older signs have been updated to reflect a deeper understanding of Noongar history and culture.

This project has followed on from the Reconciliation Action Plan launched last year, and demonstrates a real commitment by our community to move ahead together by acknowledging the past.

## Toodyay Library eResources: A world of free entertainment at your fingertips



Recently your local library launched an amazing eResource, **Hoopla** – accessible anywhere and anytime to all library members and boasting an ever-expanding collection of eBooks, eAudiobooks, comics, music, movies and TV series. As much as the hoopla over Hoopla is justified, however, we don't want you to forget about the rest of our eResources range. After all, our other three platforms are also fabulous, free, and at your fingertips via your computer, smartphone or tablet.

There's **BorrowBox**, for even more eBooks and eAudiobooks; **Libby**, another virtual library full of eBooks and eAudiobooks as well as eMagazines; and **Kanopy**, for on-demand movie and documentary streaming. Did we mention all of these are free? Your Toodyay Library membership is the gateway to endless entertainment, and we encourage you to make the most of it. Visit our eResources page on the Shire website, via the QR code pictured, for more information and handy how-to guides for Hoopla, BorrowBox, Libby and Kanopy.

## Protecting native vegetation on road verges

As summer approaches, many landholders worry about fire risk along their property frontages – namely road verges. Numerous residents see this land as an extension of their own property and undertake activities such as clearing, chemical spraying, earth works and even burning on verges. Not only is this illegal without a permit, but the tenure of these verges is actually held by either the Shire or Main Roads.

In many circumstances, brush-cutting weeds and removing dead timber from the road verge is appropriate, and you are also permitted to clear a property boundary fence line up to 1.5 metres into the road reserve. However, if native vegetation (including banksia species, previously known as dryandra) grows on the verge, it is protected by law under both Federal and State legislation such as the *Environmental Protection Act 1986* and the *Biodiversity Conservation Act and Regulations (WA)*. There have been recent incidents of unpermitted clearing of native vegetation by landholders on Shire road verges, including a designated Flora Road. Toodyay has a number of State Government approved and registered Flora



Roads, designed expressly to protect and enhance the botanical values of our roadsides.

If you have any questions or issues regarding road verge clearing or vegetation, we encourage you to contact the Reserve Management Officer on 0448 284 260.

## Time to get Toodyay tidy again

It wasn't so long ago that Toodyay was named Australia's Tidiest Town, with the 2015 award being a fantastic recognition of the effort the community and the Shire invested in maintaining beautiful settings for everyone to enjoy. However, a quick drive around the area now shows that the town has slipped a bit in the tidiness department. Just as the Shire is committed to maintaining clean and appealing public places, private landowners and occupiers should be similarly engaged in maintaining a high standard of tidiness on private properties. This is a timely reminder to the whole community to ensure that overgrown vegetation, rubbish or disused material is removed from private land. This is your Shire – let's keep it clean.

## Updates from the Depot: What's Happening Where?

**Adenanthus Road:** Maintenance crews have been conducting drainage improvements on Adenanthus Road to define the open drains, and have installed geotextile with rock dissipaters.



**Toodyay-Bindi Bindi Road – Federal Black Spot Program:** Works have recommenced on a 3km section of Toodyay-Bindi Bindi Road. This consisted of weed-clearing from roadside drainage before the construction of the road commenced on October 3.



**Bejoording Road:** Maintenance crews have been working on a 2.4km stretch of Bejoording Road to improve safety for road users. These works involved improvements to road shoulders.



**Parks and Gardens:** With Toodyay weathering both sunshine and rain recently, the Parks and Gardens crew have been kept busy with our parks and streetscapes. They are currently focusing on the Toodyay Showgrounds in preparation for the upcoming Agricultural Show on October 8.



## Recovery of Outstanding Rates

As a result of a resolution at the May Council Meeting, action is being taken to recover long-outstanding rates under the provisions of sections 6.63 to 6.75 of the *Local Government Act 1995*, for properties with rates outstanding for over three years. Two properties have been listed for legal action, and will be sold to recover the outstanding rates. There are several other properties that meet the criteria for action and are being progressively contacted for resolution.



## Julimar Project Update

### 2022 Toodyay Show

Chalice is a proud sponsor of this year's Toodyay Agricultural Show, to be held on Saturday 8 October, 2022.

The Chalice team will once again host a booth to provide information and insight into our Julimar Project.

We will also be attending the 2022 Bindoon Show, the following weekend on Saturday 15 October, and welcome visitors to join us for a chat.



### Join the Chalice Team

We are now recruiting for the following positions:

- **Senior Exploration Geologist,**  
West Perth / Julimar Project

This role will lead and mentor the on-site geology team in a high paced environment, managing multiple contractors, whilst working alongside internal stakeholders including environment, heritage, safety, and mining studies.

- **Land Access Manager,** West Perth / Julimar Project

This position will play a key role in securing land access agreements to progress exploration programmes, and to develop and maintain good relationships with stakeholders and landowners.

- **Senior Field Assistants,** Julimar Project

We are seeking a Senior Field Assistant and Field Assistant(s). Key responsibilities include sampling, maintenance of project sites, drill core and pad preparation, and rehabilitation, operational logistics support, heritage field work, and training and mentoring new field staff members.

For more information and to apply please visit:  
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### Julimar State Forest Update

Chalice is continuing to conduct low-impact exploration in the Julimar State Forest, which sits to the north of the Gonneville Deposit, located on Chalice-owned farmland.

Work is progressing on schedule and in accordance with the multiple environmental management measures in place to protect the environmental sensitivities of the region, as governed by our Conservation Management Plan.

Our exploration uses small footprint, track-mounted drill rigs and requires no mechanised clearing of vegetation or excavation. Comprehensive flora, fauna and cultural heritage monitoring continue to be conducted prior to each new drill site.

This area has never been explored for minerals before, but there is potential it could host minerals similar to those found at the Gonneville Deposit – including Nickel, Copper, Palladium and Platinum.

Our ongoing exploration remains in an early stage, and while initial results have confirmed the prospectivity of the region, no economic mineralisation has yet been identified.



*Track-mounted drill rigs can navigate around trees, avoiding the need for mechanised clearing.*

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## ENVIRONMENT

# Tawny Frogmouth could have been saved if seen sooner

**Marsupial Mamas and Pappas**  
Brian Foley

OUR ADMISSIONS for the past two months have been 25 joey kangaroos, four possums, one owl Nightjar, pink and grey Galahs and five bobtails.

We also had a Tawny Frogmouth, which many people call owls but are classed as birds.

It had lost one eye which normally doesn't stop them from being released but there was some damage to the other eye and blood and feathers had stopped the good eye from closing – it had dried and the lens was damaged.

The people who found it thought they were doing the right thing but kept it for three days before we collected it.

If the eye had been washed and cleaned straight away the bird may have survived.

I mention this to show the importance of getting injured wildlife quickly to a veterinarian or licensed wildlife carer.

We had a display at the Dowerin Field Day in the Wheatbelt Natural Resource Management tent, as well as the Northam and Moora Shows, and look forward to our own Toodyay Show on Saturday October 8.

Please make yourself known and feel free to

ask questions of any of our volunteers.

We carried out our first kangaroo relocation using our new tranquilliser gun.

Seven out of ten were moved, but one travelled some 5km to come home so we will have to rethink our strategy for it and the remaining three.

Two more were relocated 40km away.

Our possum carer Belinda (pictured right) is organising a Walk 4 Wildlife on Sunday November 6 along the Bilya Walk Trail.

It will be a fun day with barbecue, drinks and animals.

The walk starts at 8:30am but you can join at any time.

For more information, please contact us or visit our Facebook page.

Fundraising is a very important side of being a Wildlife Carer.

If you can help with a donation, our Toodyay Bendigo Bank number is BSB 633 000, Account Number 175516319, or visit us at the Toodyay Farmers Markets.

If you come across any injured native wildlife and don't know what to do, or if you want to be involved as a carer, please call Brian on 0419 933 721, Robyn on 0417 173 283 or the Wildcare Helpline on 9474 9055.



Marsupial Mamas and Pappas' possum rescuer and rehabilitator Belinda Biggs with a Brush Tailed Possum named Mia.

## Forest vital for rare creatures

**Julimar Conservation and Forest Alliance**  
Sharon Richards

THE 28,000ha Julimar Conservation Park with its diverse forest and majestic wandoo, marri and jarrah trees has played an important role in conserving a number of vulnerable species over the years.

An intensive fox eradication program led in 1992 to the release of more than 40 Chuditch (Western Quoll or Native Cat) bred at Perth Zoo to re-establish a population in the area.

This native species forages and hunts over a large area.

Julimar has one of the few remaining forested areas in the Wheatbelt and provides the diversity of habitat needed to support a thriving population.

A number of the Julimar animals have since been relocated to the Flinders Ranges in South Australia.

Nevertheless, the Chuditch continues to be listed as a vulnerable species.

An even lesser seen marsupial, the Woylie (also known as the Brush-tailed Bettong) has also been reintroduced to Julimar.

Woylies are rarely seen because they are very shy, active only at night and use thicker forest undergrowth for protection.

Its diet of small insects, bulbs and underground fungi means it plays an important part in maintaining the forest health spreading healthy

fungi spores across the area.

The Woylie was showing a strong comeback in the 1990s but numbers have declined in recent years.

This is due to loss of habitat and possibly a growing number of feral cats.

From forest floor to canopy, the Julimar forest provides a wide range of opportunities for a diverse habitat.

WA's massive loss of mature trees for agriculture, roads, housing and other uses has also decreased the number of suitable breeding hollows for cockatoos.

It has resulted in a decline in numbers for all three types of black cockatoos found in WA.

Trees need to be at least 300 years old to form suitable nesting for black cockatoos.

The Julimar forest provides not only tree hollows and healthy foraging sites but also hosts a significant number of artificial 'cockatubes' or nesting boxes, many of which have successfully housed breeding pairs of various cockatoos.

The Chuditch, Woylie and Black Cockatoos are just a few of species which have benefitted from Julimar Conservation Park.

Better protection as a national park will benefit all species that currently call Julimar home.

You can find out more about us at the Toodyay Agricultural Show on Saturday October 8 at the 'Environment Matters' marquee with the Toodyay Naturalists' Club and Toodyay Friends of the River.



Western Bearded Dragon. Photo: Bridget Leggett.

## Lovely surprise is not in any hurry

**Python Watch**  
Desraé Clarke

IT IS a lovely natural history surprise when confronted with a creature not often observed and to learn more about it.

A young Western Bearded Dragon was one such revelation.

This small species, if a female, will often be found resting on a road with the warmth assisting with the incubation of its eggs.

The observer noted that this reptile was not in any hurry to move off the warm track and out of harm's way.

The species is found over a wide area of WA, from arid areas, coastal sand dunes to the state's thickly wooded South-West.

The creature is semi-arboreal and will spend time on branches in bushes.

When clearing eucalypts for the building of our house, a Bearded Dragon was found in the foliage and didn't mind being photographed.

The Western Bearded Dragon has a snout vent length (SVL- from the tip of the snout to the area between the back legs) of about 15cm and, together with its long slender tail, can reach a total length of up to 60cm.

The female is generally a little smaller.

It has large spines behind and below a clearly defined ear hole, across the back of the head and a single row of large spines along its flanks defining the upper and lower body.

Ground colouring is a dark grey but its colour can change to yellowish-brown depending on its mood and temperature.

There is a large dark blotch on the side of the neck, noted on the juvenile, together with banded limbs and tail.

The adult has no pattern.

After digging a tunnel the female lays two clutches of five to 11 eggs between October and February.

The Bearded Dragon's diet consists of insects, plants and occasional small rodents.

It may hiss if threatened by a predator.



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# TOODYAY ROAD UPGRADE

Project Update  
October 2022

## Summary

**In 2021, \$80 million was committed by the Australian (\$64 million) and the State (\$16 million) Governments to complete safety upgrades to the entire 27.45 kilometres of Toodyay Road in the Wheatbelt from Dryandra Road to Toodyay.**

This project will deliver a safer and more consistent driving environment for residents, industry and tourists by:

- Road widening to meet current standards (11m seal on 11m pavement).
- Realignment of sections and improve safety sight lines to remove sub-standard curves.
- Intersection improvements to include turning pockets and improved sight lines.
- Four overtaking lanes to reduce conflict between heavy and light vehicles.
- Replacement of the 85-year-old Jimperding Brook bridge.
- Drainage improvements.

## Project status

Road designs for the remaining sections have been completed and procurement for construction is currently underway. The construction program will be delivered in stages over a three-year period, with initial works commencing in October 2022.

Construction during Spring and Summer 2022/23, will take place between Clackline-Toodyay Road and Northam-Toodyay Road, adjacent to Coorinja Winery. This relatively short section of the project will see Toodyay Road widened to 11m, consistent with the completed section of the project immediately to the east.

Some telecommunications services relocation works will also occur in other areas of the alignment. This activity may require some vegetation clearing.

Main Roads and our selected contractor will minimise the impacts of construction on local landowners, road users and the community wherever possible. It is unlikely that the construction program will require road closures, however, temporary speed reductions, lane closures and access modifications may be required on occasions.

We will work closely with affected stakeholders and provide as much notice as possible prior to commencement of major work.

## Project context and benefits

The Wheatbelt section of Toodyay Road has an unacceptable safety record.

In the decade between 2011 and 2021 there have been 81 crashes within the proposed project area. 30 of these crashes have resulted in death or serious injury.

Concerns raised by the community have included the lack of overtaking lanes, the absence of right turn pockets at key intersections, inadequate intersection design, ageing infrastructure and poor geometry and sight lines.

The Toodyay Road Upgrade will improve road safety and efficiency, and provide long-term economic benefits to the construction, tourism and resource sectors.

The project will:

- Ease congestion caused by heavy vehicles by improving intersections and providing safe overtaking opportunities.
- Provide a more forgiving roadside environment and improve road safety outcomes.
- Reduce travel time and vehicle operating costs.
- Improve access to Toodyay and the surrounding Wheatbelt region, contributing to tourism and freight movements.

## Community and environment

Main Roads has liaised closely with stakeholders and the local community regarding the scope and design of the project since 2017. Feedback received from the community has been carefully considered and various design enhancements have resulted. These include:

- A substantial reduction of the project footprint at the Sandplain / Salt Valley Road intersection. This will enable a significant amount of established vegetation to be retained, including several mature wandoo trees and 85 cockatoo breeding trees.
- Incorporation of a single span bridge over Jimperding Brook, to retain water flow. A



culvert was initially proposed for this location.

- Reconsideration of the design at the intersection of Fernie Road with a view to retaining a mature wandoo tree, which was previously identified for clearing.
- A reduction in the allowable width for construction machinery to access the site, from 5m down to 3m.
- Modifications to the design of the section of road between Dryandra and Morangup Roads to retain a population of sun orchids.
- Consideration of including two stopping places along the alignment (subject to further investigation).

In addition to the requirements for the clearing permit, Main Roads has also developed a revegetation plan contributing to ecological connectivity while preserving the look and feel of the roadside. This includes:

- 52 hectares of revegetation.
- Sourcing 13,800 seedlings (55 species) from six nurseries for revegetation.
- Using excess germinated seed to infill plant previous revegetation.

Salvaging 100 grass trees, 44 of which were relocated in acquired land adjacent to Jingaling Brook (with 28 surviving in the ground). The remaining 56 grass trees and 20 macrozamia palms have been kept at a local nursery ready for replanting.

In accordance with State and Federal environmental regulations, an environmental offset for these upgrades includes a property of 196 hectares of prime Wandoo woodland adjacent to the Clackline Nature Reserve. This represents almost an extra one-third of the current reserve. Clackline Nature Reserve will



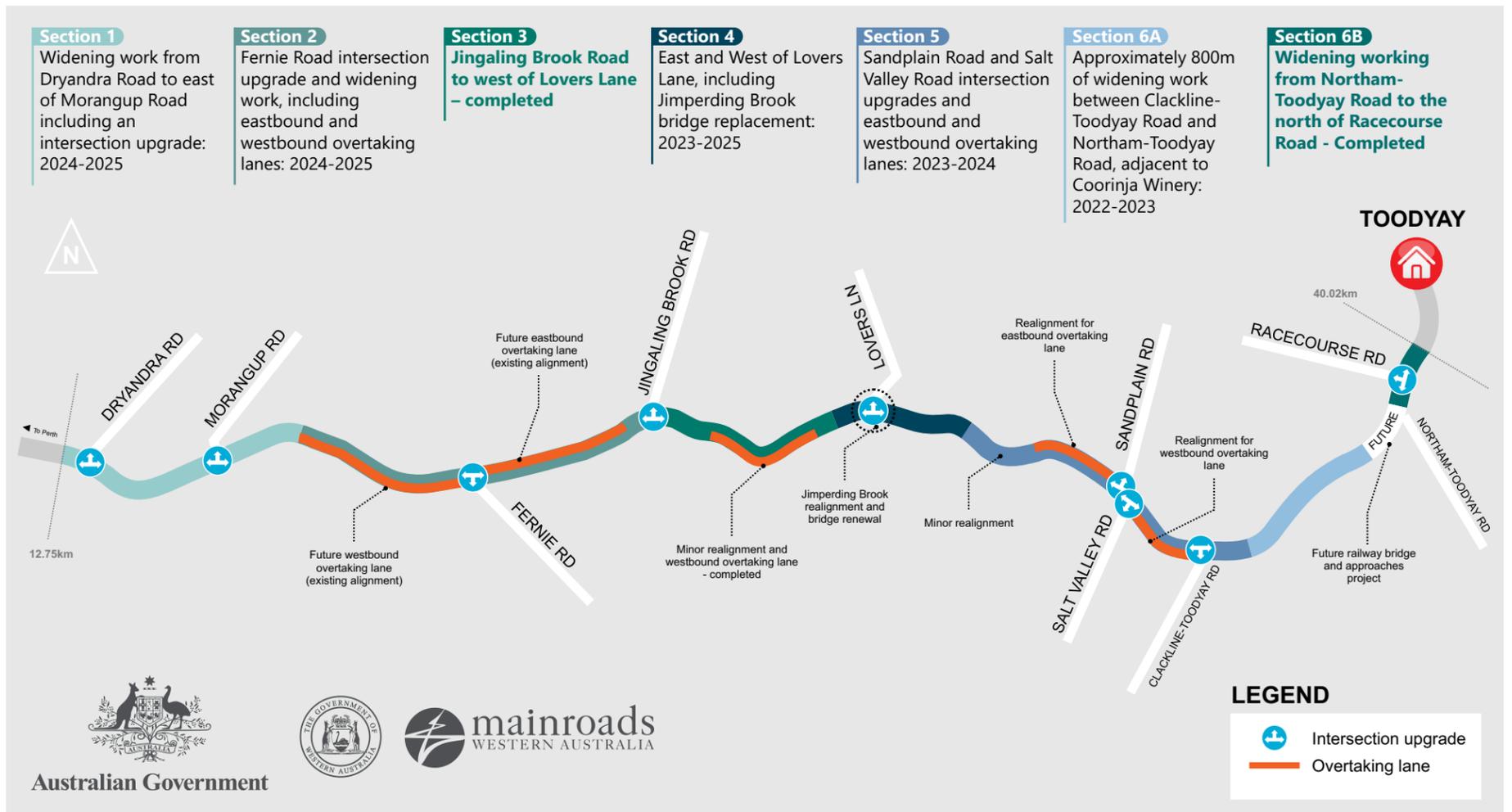
be expanded by around four times the amount of vegetation that will be removed from the road reserve along Toodyay Road. This property will be conserved in perpetuity.

Additionally, 188 artificial black cockatoo nesting hollows are being installed in the reserve or in other nearby nature reserves. The reserve and the nesting hollows will be managed by the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions. In December 2021, the first Cockatoo was born in an artificial nesting hollow.

## Further information

To find out more about the Toodyay Road Upgrade or to provide feedback, please contact us on 138 138 or via email [enquiries@mainroads.wa.gov.au](mailto:enquiries@mainroads.wa.gov.au)

Scan the QR code to subscribe to updates and read more about the project



## ENVIRONMENT

# Trees not valued in road costings

Safe and Scenic Toodyay Road  
Andrew St John

PLANNED changes to Toodyay Road have been in the pipeline for more than 20 years.

In the view of a resident who lives close to the road, the current changes represent the third major planning exercise.

A thick file of correspondence with politicians, advisers and engineers shows what a costly and time-consuming exercise this has all been.

Now that Main Roads WA has officially shut down all further public consultation and announced that plans are finalised, the next stage of 'improvements' is due to start soon.

Everyone welcomes improvements, per se, but the concerns of the Safe and Scenic Toodyay Roads (SASTR) campaign and our many supporters relate to their scale, cost and the consequent environmental destruction.

As we reported last month, the major justification for spending more than \$100 million is the supposed benefits that accrue from allowing traffic to travel at 110 km/hr.

Unofficial reports claim that the Toodyay Road speed limit will stay at 100km/h which, if confirmed, immediately undermines an already dubious economic case for such extensive improvements.

There are several other obvious deficiencies associated with the business case and the sorts of economic modelling used to justify the cost.

In the economics presentation that was made to the Community Reference Group some years ago, absolutely no mention was made of Toodyay Road's scenic beauty and environmental value, and its potential impact on tourism.

Instead, it was all about the benefit of trucks and commercial traffic being allowed to travel faster.

That of course is a testament to the lobbying power of the trucking industry.

But surely the future of Toodyay as a viable community is going to rely to some extent on tourism, and part of the value of Toodyay as a destination is associated with the attractive journey to get there.

We hear this time and again from the many people who have often travelled up to



Long stretches of Toodyay Road will have all vegetation removed on both sides instead of being routed through already cleared areas.

Toodyay for the first time and visit our stall at the monthly Toodyay Farmers Markets.

The compromise to be had here is one between safe, efficient travel and that of scenic beauty and environmental value.

We accept that some clearing has to take place and that Toodyay Road needs major realignments for lasting improvements.

But we see no compromise in the way that Main Roads WA engineers and policy makers seek a new route for the road that involves clearing mature trees and vegetation on both sides of the road when improvements could be obtained by clearing on one side and using already cleared paddock areas for road widening.

There is another serious and much more fundamental problem with the economic justification for road building and other activities that destroy the natural environment.

Despite various attempts, scientists have yet to come up with a workable formula that allows trees and other mature growth to have an amenity or dollar value.

Until this value is incorporated into business cases behind the justification of road building and the like, we will continue to see major environmental damage.

Our group will continue to campaign on

all of these issues despite Main Roads WA closing the door on consultation.

Come and see us and sign our petition at the Toodyay Agricultural Show on Saturday October 8 where we will have more to reveal about the level of destruction that is about to start with the next stage of improvements.

We are now approaching 1000 signatures and close to giving it to local MP Darren West to present to State Parliament.

They join more than 4000 online signatures from people who want improvements but with the compromise outlined previously.

We suggest that this is a more representative view of local community desires than the relatively small number of people who met in Toodyay 2015 and asked for "more passing lanes".

Toodyay Road has deteriorated to such a shocking condition in many places over the past 20 years that the need for improvements cannot be denied.

It remains a mystery why the Perth end of Toodyay Road has undergone more timely and – it should be said – far less costly upgrades compared with the Toodyay side which has had to wait much longer for grand and expensive engineering.

## White-faced Heron poaches in ponds

Bird of the Month  
Desraé Clarke

THE WHITE-FACED Heron of 65 to 70cm, with the male a larger bird, is found Australia-wide and can be observed striding and probing the shallows of lakes, rivers, swamps, dams, mud flats, wetlands and grassy paddocks.

It can be a menace in garden ponds when searching for fish, tadpoles and frogs.

The bird is 65-70cm in length and white on its forehead, around the eye and chin with a black bill.

The upper body is blue-grey and the legs and feet are yellow.

At time of breeding, the male has long plumes on the nape, mantle and back and shorter ones on the lower neck and breast.

The White-faced Heron breeds in solitary pairs and uses a tall tree to build a stick nest which is rough, flat and flimsy with a diameter of about 35-45cm.

A clutch of three to five pale blue eggs is laid. The incubation and feeding of the chicks with regurgitated food is shared over 21 to 24 days, and fledging occurs in about 40-45 days.

The White-faced Heron may seek its prey by either standing still or stalking slowly and deliberately in shallow water or grass.

It will stab its prey of fish, frogs, reptiles, spiders, snails, worms and invertebrates with its long, slender sharp bill and will feed on grasshoppers in stubble paddocks.

This species also eats carrion and may be seen at the remains of a dead sheep or lamb..

It also visits farm dams to dine on yabbies.

The call of the White-faced Heron is a harsh, gravelly croak that can be heard as it flies, trailing its long yellow legs.



White-faced Heron. Photo: Lyn Johnson.

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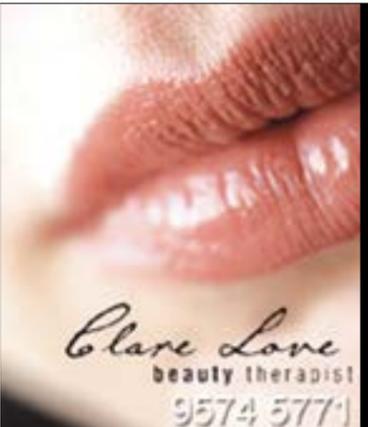


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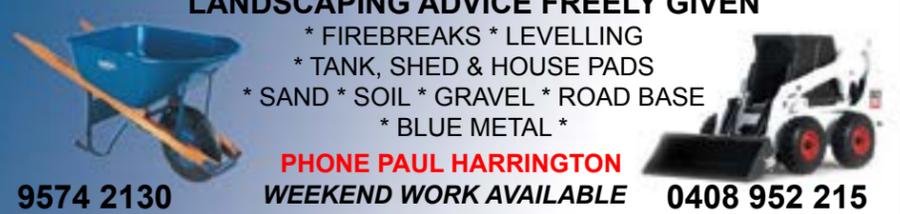
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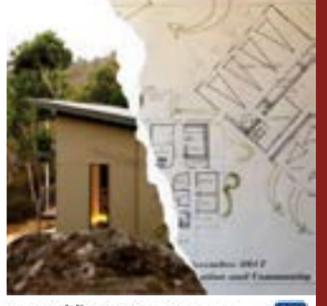
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Our first garden, on a huge 1.25 acres, had so much to look at we didn't know where to start.

The magnificent morning tea awaiting us was



*Loropetulum Chinense* – commonly known as Chinese fringe flower shrub.

a banquet very much enjoyed by our members.

The garden was on steep terrain, with stone walls and terracing helping us admire an abundance of plants, from natives to exotics with some wicking beds for vegetables working very well.

It was a wonderful display, with lovely camellias and magnolias and a climbing nasturtium that caught my eye.

Some lucky people won prizes in a raffle with lots of chances.

After a lovely lunch at the hotel, we arrived at the second garden, looking out from a large deck defined by beautifully clipped box hedges.

Formerly an orchard, the garden's roses, delphiniums and geraniums now give it so much colour.

Our members came away with lots of very generously given cuttings, along with a few sightings of bandicoots resident in the garden.

We thank Darling Scarp Club and our garden hosts for a wonderful day.

Our October visit is to Sandy and Yani's Green World Eco Retreat, 224 Parkland Drive, Julimar on October 6.

There is a charge of \$10 per person for this garden.

Next month's visit is a bus trip to Gidgegannup on November 3.

Happy weeding everyone and see you all at the show.



Lots of beautifully clipped box hedges defining areas in the garden

## Stunning display of Blue Leschenaultia puts a spring in our step



Members of the Toodyay Naturalists' Club on their bush walk

**Toodyay Naturalists' Club**  
Desraé Clarke

IT WAS both a privilege and a pleasure for Toodyay Naturalists' Club representatives to be a part of last month's 'Gnulla Karnany Waangkiny – Our Truth Telling Celebration' launch.

The Toodyay Noongar Kaartdijin Aboriginal Corporation (NKAC) and the Shire of Toodyay worked in partnership on the project.

The representations from local organisations and groups, including Toodyay District High School Year 6 students, provided a wonderful cross-section of the Toodyay community.

Among the guests were local State MPs Sandra Carr and Darren West.

Shire of Toodyay chief executive Suzie Haslehurst was present, along with several councillors.

NKAC Chair Robert Miles ran a most interesting celebration program that began with a *Welcome to Country* from Elders Uncle Ben Taylor and Mrs Sharmaine Miles and ended with a performance by Trevor Stack's Noongar dance troupe, the Gya Ngoop Keeninyara.

The truth-telling project created a display illustrating Aboriginal life since European colonisation, which is now a significant part of the Old Newcastle Museum in Toodyay.

The Toodyay Environment and Historic Centre's ongoing project of renewing four display cabinets at Drummond House has reached completion with a photo of the ladies at the Toodyay Op Shop, which is a financial donor to the Naturalists' Club, Historical Society and the Friends of the River.

While not all the ladies were present for the photo, the club's representatives had expressed their appreciation for the donation at a previous event.

With perfect weather for the Nats' September excursion, club members could view the wildflowers, enjoy the scenery and take in the peace and quiet of the beautiful bushland destination.

Learning about local flora and fauna on the trip led to a few surprises, including some late flowering tiny Snail Orchids (*Pterostylus nana*) and the majestic Jug Orchid (*Pterostylus recurva*).

The show of Blue Leschenaultia was stunning with some plants appearing as if pushed through the cement-like ground – amazing.

The varied show of Buttercup species

(*Hibbertia spicata*) was also a source of great delight.

If you share our interest in nature and conservation, please come and visit us at the Environment Matters marquee at the annual Toodyay Show.

This year we focus on an appreciation of the beautiful Julimar Conservation Park and its treasures of birds, bats and blooms.

Drop in for a chat and meet the magnificent Black Cockatoos we will have on show.

Nats continue to receive interesting natural history observations from the community on [info@toodyaynats.org.au](mailto:info@toodyaynats.org.au).

It is greatly appreciated as the information can be included on the Club's database of records.

If you have difficulty in registering your observation, contact our club on 9574 5574

## Wheelchair access to walk track



Improving access to Bilya Walk Track at the West Toodyay Wander. Photo: Bridget Leggett.

**Toodyay Friends of the River**  
Bridget Leggett

FROM time to time Friends are asked about access for wheelchairs and their use on the Bilya Walk Track.

Locals may be asked the same question.

One section of the track is sealed and is accessible to wheelchairs, prams and bikes.

The multi-purpose section of the track is best accessed at Millard's Pool, via Campbell Chase, off the Northam-Toodyay Road.

There is an access ramp near the picnic shelter, installed as a joint initiative of the Friends and Shire of Toodyay.

From the picnic shelter the sealed track runs 1km upstream to Nardi Cemetery then follows the Avon downstream for approximately 500m.

The town end of the track serves as a fire access road.

Although wide and unsealed, parts are not wheelchair friendly, and it is usually closed to all except pedestrians to prevent private vehicle access.

Friends were busy in September with two working bees and some work on the Drummond House garden.

Our challenge for the Sunday working bee was to install steps at the northern end of the

West Toodyay Wander where the track leaves the old Newcastle to Bolgart railway line.

We achieved this by strategically embedding concrete slabs upside-down in the slope to reduce the risk of slipping when the track is muddy.

The Monday working bee undertook a clean up around the Pelham Brook outlet, removing and spraying weeds in the revegetation area and generally tidying up.

Toodyay Friends of the River and the Toodyay Naturalists' Club will be putting on a joint display in the Environment Matters marquee at the Toodyay Show this year.

The focus will be on the Julimar Conservation Park, with information on the waterways and the flora and fauna in the Park.

We look forward to seeing members, friends, locals and visitors at the marquee.

The only working bee in October will be held from 8am Monday October 10.

Information on the meeting point and scheduled work will be emailed to Friends and posted on the notice board outside Drummond House, in the Bendigo Bank building.

Our end of year Celebration Breakfast, Annual General Meeting and planning session will be held on Saturday, November 12 with breakfast commencing at 8am.

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## WHERE AND WHEN

### AIR FORCE

#### AAFC 708 Squadron

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### 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.

#### Ragbags 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.

#### 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-Nunile 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 secretarymrvbf@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: Brian Allen. Hall Hire: 0472 975 593 www.morangupmpa.com.au.

### SENIORS

#### Autumn Club

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

#### Butterfly Cottages

2nd Friday monthly. Jenn 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.

#### Moodyne 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.

#### 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.

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## Public Notices

### Annual General Meetings

AVON and Hills Mining Awareness Group AGM will be held at 10am, Sunday 16 October 2022 at the CWA Hall Stirling Terrace, Toodyay.

### 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.

## Carpet bowls, then museum visit



Toodyay members playing carpet bowls at the Bindoon Autumn Club

### Toodyay Autumn Club

Michael Cox

WHILE weekly meetings on Wednesdays have kept us busy, we also made our way by car, on a Monday and in pouring rain, to the Bindoon Club, arriving for morning tea.

Carpet bowls was followed by lunch with games resumed until it was time for afternoon tea.

Then it was time to say goodbye to our

hosts with thanks for an enjoyable day and make our way home to Toodyay.

It was not possible for our president Jeff to attend as he was in hospital and we all send him our best wishes and hope to see him soon.

We are planning a visit to the Newcastle Gaol Museum on Monday October 19 and our friends in Toodyay are welcome to join us there.

## APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

### Proposed Extractive Industry – Gravel Lot 1 Goomalling Toodyay Road, Toodyay

The Shire of Toodyay has received an application from VERNICE PTY LTD for an extractive industry at Lot 1 Goomalling Toodyay Road, Toodyay. The applicant is seeking approval to excavate gravel material from the site – an expected 90,000m<sup>3</sup> over a ten-year period.

This proposed extractive industry operation seeks to meet continuing market demand for gravel material for building and construction purposes. The pit extension operation is proposed to occur within the property, totalling approximately 4.5ha.

The extractive industry will operate in the following manner:

- Proposed hours of on-site operation: Monday to Saturday, 6:30am-5:30pm (excluding Public Holidays)

Your views on this proposed extractive industry are encouraged and welcomed. The proposal is available for inspection at the Shire of Toodyay Administration Centre, 15 Fiennes Street, Toodyay, during office hours. The proposal is also available to view on the Shire's website at [www.toodyay.wa.gov.au](http://www.toodyay.wa.gov.au).

Submissions on the proposed development may be addressed in writing and lodged with the Chief Executive Officer, Shire of Toodyay, PO Box 96, Toodyay 6566, by 4pm on **Thursday 3 November 2022**.

Further information on the above proposal is available by contacting the Shire's Development Services department on 9574 9300.

Suzie Haslehurst  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



### 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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### Notes

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### Sudoku

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

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Hard

### Great support for successful raffle

Butterly Cottages Association  
Judy Dow

A BIG thankyou to the wonderful people who once again supported our raffle by buying tickets, making a donation or being interested in what our association is all about. Your support is greatly appreciated. The winners were:  
First prize – a bench seat and cushion won by Sharon.  
Second prize – a patchwork quilt won by Tammi.

Third prize – a box of garden goodies won by Lyn.  
Fourth prize – baking utensils won by Lorraine.  
Thank you to Rusty Taylor, Ragbags Quilting Group, Jenn Nock and Patricia De Soto-Phillips for your kind donations, and to the Toodyay IGA store for its assistance. Judy Morrissey and Roma Heath once again organised a great raffle. We also thank John Morrissey for his support.

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### Toodyay Rainfall

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| 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        | 44           |              |              |             | 398.7         |
| <b>Average</b> | <b>11.50</b> | <b>12.50</b> | <b>20.00</b> | <b>26.20</b> | <b>66.40</b> | <b>97.80</b> | <b>101.60</b> | <b>79.60</b> | <b>48.00</b> | <b>31.40</b> | <b>15.00</b> | <b>9.40</b> | <b>519.40</b> |

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- sudden hair loss or increased barking or whining,
- starting to hide away,
- decreased appetite, or
- going to the toilet where they shouldn't, or where they don't normally have accidents.

At Heartlands we understand how difficult managing an anxious pet can be and that some stress signals may not at first be obvious.

If you think your pet is having problems, with anxiety, please book a consultation with one of our friendly veterinarians to discuss strategies to deal with it.

## New self-collection option is a game changer for cervical cancer

**Cancer Council WA**  
Kaylor Andrews

CANCER Council WA has launched a new campaign to boost Wheatbelt cervical screening through a new self-collection service.

This option is available through a healthcare provider and is set to be a game-changer for boosting cervical cancer screening rates.

It could also remove cultural and other personal barriers that may have discouraged Wheatbelt people from taking part in cervical screening every five years.

About 65 per cent of eligible West Australians are up to date with screening, but some priority populations have higher numbers of people who have never been screened or don't screen regularly.

Cervical screening tests can prevent the development of cervical cancer by detecting human papillomavirus (HPV) early before it can cause bodily cell changes that may lead to cervical cancer.

Regular screening is one of the best ways to prevent cervical cancer.

Most people who develop it have either never screened or do not screen regularly.

Women can now choose to collect their own sample or opt for a clinician to do it.

Both options are accurate, safe and effective ways to screen for cervical cancer.

Wheatbelt women and other people aged 25-74 with a cervix are encouraged to talk to their healthcare provider about which option is best for them.

For more details visit [atyourcervix.org.au](http://atyourcervix.org.au).

# None of us is exempt from hard knocks

**Warrior Wellbeing**  
**The Team**

The Regional Men's Health Initiative

UNDERSTANDING the difference between mental health, wellbeing and mental illness is important.

In an area where definitions can become blurred, choice of language may disempower people by putting them in a box.

Google the words "mental health" and you'll find numerous groups promoting mental health, but how it is described and the context in which it is discussed can vary significantly.

Our mental health encompasses all aspects of our emotional, psychological and social wellbeing.

It affects how we feel, think and interact with the world around us.

This is encapsulated in the World Health Organisation's definition of mental health as "a state of wellbeing in which an individual realises his or her own abilities, can cope with normal stresses of life, can work productively and is able to make a contribution to his or her community".

At Warrior Wellbeing, we think of good mental health as the ability to deal with life's challenges and changes, maintain positive relationships, enjoy life, and get the balance right.

On the other hand, mental illness is a health problem that affects how we think, behave and interact, therefore significantly affecting our mental health and wellbeing.

Mental illness is diagnosed according to standardised criteria.

Some major types of mental illnesses include anxiety, schizophrenia, bipolar, personality disorders and depression.

However, "depression" is often provided as a diagnosis for a whole range of situational stressors which occur in society, and this needs to be discussed.

For example, what if I am in a period in my life where things are not so great?

I'm not coping, and the challenges and changes are starting to become overwhelming.

Does this mean I have a mental illness?

We would suggest probably not.

The reason we say this is that sometimes it seems in society we are not allowed to feel pain, show weakness or not cope, as this may be interpreted as a sign there is something wrong with us.

We need to normalise a person's response during a difficult or abnormal life event.

A phrase we can use for times like this is "being in a state of situational distress".

Many of life's challenges can cause us distress; for example, separation, illness, injury, trauma, financial worries, grief, adolescence, fatherhood, midlife, change of job, redundancy, or transition into retirement.

When it comes to our mental health and wellbeing, it is important to remember none of us is exempt from hard knocks.

Just as we're given the vulnerability to experience tragedy, we're given the human resources to deal with it and to heal.

There are several steps we can take to assist and manage situational distress and get our mental health and wellbeing back in balance:

- Identify our mates and build a support network of people we feel safe to confide in such as our peers, partners, or mentors,
- Program time out from work and normalise the problem,

- Maintain social opportunities, take time to laugh with others,
- Take a break or a holiday, go fishing, try something different, explore our passions and interests,
- Exercise, keep active and maintain a healthy diet (this includes reducing alcohol use),
- Make sure we are getting enough sleep, and
- Be willing to talk to appropriate people such as family, mates, work colleagues or professionals such as an accountant, lawyer, psychologist, helpline or GP.

Maintaining a balance and aiming for positive mental health and wellbeing is something we all need to do.

This includes acknowledging that we are all susceptible to the stressors of life.

Our health and wellbeing are our responsibility.

Be proactive, address distress early and don't let it get out of hand.

## How older people can stay on their bush blocks

**Morangup Progress Association**  
Susan Bussell

THE MORANGUP Progress Association held a community service information meeting at the community centre in August.

Attendees addressed the theme of how older people can continue to live on their properties.

State MP Shane Love and representatives from Silver Chain, Wheatbelt Aged Care Unit, Shire of Toodyay and Morangup St John Ambulance gave information on community services their organisations provide to older residents.

Kim Maddrell from Morangup St John Ambulance said a community transport service was available to take locals to medical appointments.

Contact transport coordinator Sandy Cousins on 0418 918 912 for bookings.

There are numerous organisations who can assist you to stay at home.

If you would like more information and details of organisations who offer services, email [news@toodyayherald.com.au](mailto:news@toodyayherald.com.au).

The Herald cannot answer queries and can only send the report on the meeting.

## Northam COVID-19 clinic offers new vaccination hours

THE WA Country Health Service has listed new dates and times at the Northam Vaccination Clinic for first, second and Booster COVID-19 shots.

The clinics will be held on Mondays, from 11am until 5pm, at the Ambulatory Care Centre at Northam Regional Hospital.

Bookings are preferred, but people are welcome to just call in to get vaccinated.

For more details, please call 9690 1300.

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**NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF LOCAL PLANNING POLICY**

### Local Planning Policy – Dams

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Clause 4(4) of the Deemed Provisions in Schedule 2 of the *Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes) Regulations 2015* that Council resolved on 24 August 2022, to adopt the following Local Planning Policy:

- *Local Planning Policy - Dams*

Copies of this Local Planning Policy are available for inspection at the Shire of Toodyay's Administration Centre, 15 Fiennes Street, Toodyay. The policy is also available to view on the Shire website at [www.toodyay.wa.gov.au](http://www.toodyay.wa.gov.au).





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## Principal's Pen

Well what a quick return to those summer days! One minute we have the fire going and the next we have the aircon running! Don't you just love this time of year? And we are all still getting bogged in our paddocks!

### State of the market

Well if just doesn't change much at the moment, still with just 8096 properties available. Once again, a slight drop from last month's figure, so a very good sales market at present. Maybe now is the time to sell before those hot summer month's return.

### Local News

Wow! Have you noticed the change in the Toodyay Club?! What a difference it has been. Friday night dinners are HUGE. Roz did over 100 meals on the Italian night recently. The Sunday Band Day was well supported and its so good to see the younger generation frequenting the club.

So if you haven't been there, come and join the crowd! You will be warmly welcomed.

### Inside the office

**Jemma** – What a fantastic receptionist!! She is always smiling and happy! A wonderful asset to our great office and a pleasure to work with. Still the best coffee and milo maker! What would we do without her?

**Christie** – Our outstanding Toodyay property manager, she is the busiest person in the office and is always 100% reliable. Christie can brighten your day with her smile and dad jokes.....

**Jo** – The office is alive and laughing again after she had a couple of weeks off. What a dynamic girl she is and can't forget to add a wonderful property manager so she doesn't feel left out.

**Faith** – What would we actually do without this one?! She has managed to not only cover her own position as Business Development Manager but cover the PM roles whenever the girls are out. With a well deserved break coming up! We will miss her while she's off enjoying the peaceful place that's not work.

**Sam** – He has really got into this sales side of business. He has been very impressive! Since he started he has managed to sell 6 properties (and counting!). What a great future this young man has!

**Sharon** – Away on annual leave with the family. Fishing and enjoying.

**Tony** – Well, 2x clearing sales, 8x property auctions sales, rentals and the office has kept me busy. The farm is starting to look like a picture, now that's serenity. I have actually had sometime off, not as much as the girls think I need though



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