



# SHIRE NEWS

## Keep Cobbler Pool clean for the community



The Cobbler Pool riverside nature reserve is a popular public recreation site and destination for nature enthusiasts, travellers and locals alike. However, recent events in the area have sparked concern for the Shire and many community members.

Shire Rangers have reported that, during regular and necessary reserve checks – particularly on weekends – multiple removals of dumped waste have been required. Worse still, a portable toilet and its untreated waste were recently dumped at the site, creating a public health hazard that had to be dealt with by the Reserves Management Officer.

The Shire urges those visiting the reserve to be more respectful of the environment and of those who responsibly visit the usually pristine location. This is not the first time such disrespectful and distressing misuse of the area has occurred, but it should be the last.

We ask that visitors to Cobbler Pool do not leave any litter/waste behind, or start any fires in the area. It is an unmanaged nature reserve, and Shire staff have gone out of their way to clean and care for it to the extent their regular duties allow.

We also encourage anyone who witnesses any misuse of the space to document it if possible (take photos) and inform the Shire, Police or Department of Water and Environmental Regulation (DWER) Pollution Watch immediately. We will be increasing our vigilance of such misuse going forward, and notifying us of any occurrences will be a great help. Let's all do our part.

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

It would seem that if the name on a street sign is quirky enough, or has meaning to someone – Smokebush Way, Lovers Lane or Donkey Crossing, for example – it can vanish into thin air. Depot staff have been kept busy in recent months installing street signs to replace those that have done exactly that.

The most recent, Donkey Crossing, was replaced just three weeks ago. Repurchasing and reinstalling a replacement street sign costs the Shire around \$100 on each occasion, and this can be costly when they continually disappear. Nonetheless, if your street sign is missing, let us know and we will endeavor to replace it as soon as possible.

On a brighter note, a beautiful new swing has been installed in the children's fenced area at Duidgee Park – a colourful replacement for the previous one sadly squashed by a fallen tree last year. Parks and Gardens staff continue to keep our parks maintained and our streets clean and tidy for the community and visitors.

Other recent works include:

**Boyagerring Brook:** Erosion repairs are

## 2023 Australia Day Breakfast and Citizenship Awards Ceremony

A lovely morning was had by Toodyay locals, amongst the scenic surrounds of the Recreation Centre, for the Shire's Australia Day Breakfast and Citizenship Awards Ceremony on January 26.

Shire Councillors donned their aprons to cook up the free barbecue breakfast, while local community groups Avon Valley Shotokan, Toodyay Cricket Club and the Moondyne Men did a fantastic job assisting at the event. Guests of honour included 2022 WA Senior Australian of the Year and 2023 Australia Day Ambassador Janice Standen; and Sandra Carr MLC, WA Labour Member for the Agricultural Region. Music was provided by talented string quartet North Street Music, who gave a wonderful performance enjoyed by all.

Toodyay welcomed two new Australian Citizens on the day – Edith Botica and Chandre Stewart – and acknowledged winners across four categories in the 2023 Community Citizen of



Sandra Carr MLC (L) and Australia Day Ambassador Janice Standen (R) with the 2023 Citizen of the Year Awards winners and nominees.

the Year Awards:

**Citizen of the Year Award:** Sandra Cousins

**Youth Citizen of the Year Award:** Kyla Browne

**Senior Citizen of the Year Award:** Desraé and Wayne Clarke

**Active Citizenship (Group or Event) Award:** Toodyay District High School P&C Association

Congratulations to all winners, and to their fellow nominees: Avon Valley Shotokan, Adam O'Neil, Dean and Amanda Carter, Michael Morgan, and Wendy Austin. All of these individuals and groups have shown admirable dedication, commitment and effort in the community, and we are very grateful to have them here in Toodyay.

## The Trials of Tributaries

Most of the time, the tributaries (or affluents) of the Avon River, like Harper Brook and Toodyay Brook, carry little or no flow. However, they are associated with large catchment areas and can carry huge amounts of water during a flood – Boyagerring Brook being a good example.

Rumour has it that during one flood event, the power of the flow coming down the Boyagerring Brook pushed the waters of the Avon River back up stream! The old traffic bridge across this brook sits about 20 metres away from the current location, showing how dynamic this waterway is.

Understandably, maintaining the crossing and

culvert at the Murray Walkway near the school is a challenge. Many people – including our Park Runners – use the walkway regularly, and it has also been designated for emergency appliance access. Toodyay Friends of the River had long expressed safety concerns about the severe undercutting that was occurring there after successive winter flows.

Recently, the Works and Services Department and Reserve Management were able to schedule extensive repair work to the crossing. Thanks to the expertise of local contractors WacWill Earthworks, we are confident the crossing will now hold up against the power of nature for a long time to come.

## A moment in time at Newcastle Gaol Museum

They say everything old is new again – and that's certainly true at the Newcastle Gaol Museum, where our latest exhibition is inspired by photographs of a 1964 display.

Around 50 objects have been identified in this photo, with ten or so no longer part of the museum collection for reasons unknown. The clothes worn by the mannequins are still in the collection, and the costume on the right is part of the new display.

In 2010, textile conservator Rinske Car treated most of the textiles in the collection, including



The 1964 inspiration for the new display.

the cream-coloured voile skirt on the left of the 1960s image. This garment remains in the collection but, being too fragile to display, is viewable in photograph form on the Collections WA website: <https://collections.wa.net.au/>.

You will find this new display – which includes 19 of the objects shown in the original photo – in one of the gaol's cells, alongside a display booklet containing QR codes that can be scanned via smartphone to access further information about each object. Another seven objects shown are currently on display elsewhere in the gaol.

## 10<sup>th</sup> Light Horse Regiment trotting into Toodyay on February 26

There will be both two-footed and four-footed tourists in town on Sunday February 26, as the 10<sup>th</sup> Light Horse Regiment pays Toodyay a visit as part of a training weekend. The regiment will set up on Stirling Terrace from 9am-12pm, with a memorabilia display in Stirling Park, 10am walk down the main street to the Memorial Hall, and photo opportunities outside Connor's Mill all on the

calendar. They will also spend their time in Toodyay filming a documentary about their history – dating back to World War I – at locations such as the Newcastle Gaol Museum precinct.

**If you're in town on the day, make sure you don't miss out on seeing the light horses and their troopers in action.**

## The 2022 Christmas Street Party: A very merry start to the festive season



Stilt walkers on Stirling Terrace. Photo: Clive Millett.

It wasn't a silent night, but it was a fantastically festive one! The 2022 Toodyay Christmas Street Party – commanded by the Community Resource Centre – made for a spectacular start to the most wonderful time of the year, with something on offer for everyone...even Scrooge himself. That included a huge variety of stalls selling handmade crafts and gifts, local community groups showing their Christmas spirit, roving entertainment wowing the crowd, and a stellar stage performance program.

The winter wonderland stilt walkers and mischievous Grinch who got up to no good (unsurprisingly) were just a few favourites – but the attractions didn't stop there. Stirling Terrace also saw a magician, some slithery reptiles and adorable farm animals, an inflatable obstacle course and a bouncy castle ensuring everybody was entertained. As for the warm weather and merry atmosphere? Well, they were the icing on the Christmas cake.

We thank the Toodyay Youth Choir, Toodyay Community Singers, Avon Valley Shotokan, Av'n Fun Dance Club and The Julinquents for their outstanding stage performances; Chalice Mining, Toodyay Op Shop, Bendigo Bank, Lacy Brothers and Auspan for their event sponsorship; and all other groups and individuals who contributed their time and effort to make the event so successful. Your help and (Christmas) presence was very much appreciated. The 2023 Street Party has a lot to live up to!





# Pink bear gives way to rabbits for new quilt

**Ragbags Quilting Group**  
Kerry Gregory

HAPPY New Year. Here's to a great year ahead, trusting it will be a major improvement on the last few years of Covid-19 and variants with their disruptions to our daily lives.

A lovely recent email message from a dear friend who has moved down south, so we don't catch up much these days, mentioned that her granddaughter now had a daughter of her own, a great-granddaughter.

Although I remember her granddaughter, she reminded me of the time, some 24 years ago, that I made an emergency replacement pink bear to replace a much-loved lost bear.

The original bear had been lost while the family was travelling and all possible replacements were rejected by the little girl as "not feeling right".

So I hastily made a bear from some pink wind-cheating off-cuts turned inside out with embroidered face features; finished off with a heart shaped button on its chest depicting a rose, really soft and tactile plus easily laundered.

Rose Bear was judged to be "feeling right" and very snuggle-able by the little girl and it seems Rose Bear is still around and a firm favourite of the new great-granddaughter.

It is surprising to me that the pink wind-cheating fabric has held firm for all these years, although the bear was probably packed away for many years.

Clearly, they don't need a new bear and I've long given up making bears, but in my fabric stash was a piece of cream and red fabric covered all over with two cute rabbits named Rosie and Hubble, Country Cousins – a little old fashioned but perfect for a little play quilt for my sentimental friend and her family.

This has been a really quick and easy checkerboard project for indoors out of the heat this past week and will be completely finished after an evening or two of hand stitching the binding.

Along with the pink bear I wrote a simple little story book of a few pages telling the events of the lost bear and making of Rose Bear, so I will write another little story about the Country Cousin rabbits from Toodyay; heaven knows we have enough rabbits in our paddocks and garden.

New members are very welcome to join us for our regular gatherings of the Ragbags group.

Bring some Show and Tell items. We will enjoy seeing your handiwork from the holiday season, your machine and current project or any craft work being undertaken.

We meet at the St Stephens Anglican Church Hall, Stirling Terrace, Toodyay from 1 February 2023 and the first and third Wednesday of each month between 10am and 2pm. A cuppa, a chat and a laugh are assured.



A Checkerboard play quilt, the perfect project to ease back into quilting for the new year.



Toodyay Community Singers perform at last year's Christmas Street Party.

## Come sing your own phrases

**Toodyay Community Singers**  
Anne Millar

WE HOPE you all had a great Christmas and wish you a happy and prosperous New Year.

The Toodyay Singers will recommence rehearsals on Thursday February 9 from 5pm to 7pm in the CWA Hall in Stirling Terrace.

As this is our first rehearsal of 2023, we would like to extend an invitation to the community for a sip and sing night.

Tea and coffee will be provided. We are on the lookout for new members, so if you enjoy singing and would like to take part in community events come along and see us.

## Floored as tired boards brought back to life

**Country Women's Association**  
Viv Street

JANUARY 19 was a full morning for CWA members as we met after a month's break to plan our calendar for the year.

Some of us had not been idle over that time and we thank Kathy for oiling and reviving the floor, returning colour and life to the tired floorboards.

The hall is used by a number of groups and our weather brings its own challenges to the jarrah flooring, so it is a treat to see it looking so good now.

We had a variety of possible items for the planning meeting and these have been allocated over the coming months, with many more outings and events to be added as the year proceeds.

Our AGM and first general meeting will be held on February 23 with a full agenda to get through.

All members contribute in their own way to the successful running of the association but special thanks must go to those who volunteer for the committee positions of president, secretary and treasurer, and also the important position of hall bookings.

It entails a lot of extra work for those involved.

Toodyay has been fortunate to have had a

long line of women willing to commit to these positions since our founding in 1927.

Our honour board in the hall lists them. Equally important are all the extra voluntary jobs that help the branch run smoothly.

Our association is for the benefit of all country women, and at 96 years old this year we would love to welcome new members to our branch so we can continue the proud tradition of the Country Women's Association in this town.

Every CWA branch in WA helps with the huge task of funding the State Association and its many community enterprises.

Together we fund bursaries, scholarships, emergency relief, holiday and retirement units, archives and magazine costs, to mention a few, along with the general running expenses of the association.

The Jubilee Fund is dedicated to giving loans or grants to branches for restoration, repair and improvement works on CWA rooms.

It is supported solely from donations from branches, including ours, each year.

We hope to take advantage of this fund this year as we seek help to raise enough money to replace the roof and ceiling in our hall.

We are one of the fortunate towns with our own CWA Hall and although this adds to the cost and work for our branch the benefits we and our community gain from it far outweigh these.

Our first roof fundraiser for the year will be a stall outside the IGA in April on Easter Saturday.

More details will be provided nearer the time but this is a date for your diary.

The Association has been choosing a country of study since 1938 learning about different cultures and the lives of people world-wide.

Our Country of Study this year will be Malaysia.

Methods of learning have changed since 1938 but it remains an enjoyable part of the year's activities with invitations to International Days at local branches, guest speakers and the sampling of exotic foods.

This year the Associated Country Women of the World Conference will be holding their 30th Triennial International Conference in Kuala Lumpur in May, so a happy coincidence and no doubt lots of opportunities to learn more about Malaysia, especially for the 10 delegates and observers going from our own CWA of WA.

Our branch will be holding an International and Friendship Day in April which means lots of time to get our costumes and recipes prepared.

We meet every fourth Thursday of the month for meetings and every second Thursday of the month for coffee and craft.

Coffee mornings are at 10am and February's AGM will start at 10am.

We are keen to encourage new members to join and try our association so we may change our meeting times to 10am too.

Details will be in the next *Toodyay Herald*.

The CWA Hall is next to the Garden Centre in Stirling Terrace with plenty of parking and easy access from Charcoal Lane.

Hall bookings can be made with Margot on 9574 2823 or 0405 067 591.

Form 5  
Local Government Act 1995  
Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996



### Notice pursuant to Schedule 6.3 of the Local Government Act 1995 of sale of land for non-payment of outstanding rates or service charges

Notice is hereby given that, under section 6.64 of the Local Government Act 1995, as rates and service charges have been owing for a period of at least 3 years, the Shire of Toodyay is to offer for sale by public auction, at the Memorial Hall, 117 Stirling Terrace, Toodyay WA 6566, on Saturday 18th February 2023 at 10:00am, the land described below.

Signed for and on behalf of the Shire of Toodyay this 18th day of January 2023.

Suzie Haslehurst  
Chief Executive Officer

#### Description of Land etc.

Description of land and lot or location number	(Lot 4) Toodyay Road TOODYAY WA 6566
Plan or diagram number	Plan/Diagram/DP# AVON Location 220
Title reference	
Area	40,659.424 m <sup>2</sup>
Street	Toodyay Road
Description of improvements, if any	Vacant land
Name of owner	Mary Macknoe
Name of other persons appearing to have an estate or interest	Nil
Rates/service charges outstanding	\$61,861.69
Other charges due on the land	



## ENVIRONMENT

# State softens hard line on Toodyay roadworks

**Safe and Scenic Toodyay Road**  
Andrew St John, Convenor

IT IS customary in this column for us to take Main Roads WA to task with brickbats for damaging the environment with roadworks.

But let's start the New Year with some bouquets instead.

We welcome the State agency's full-page advertisement in the December *Herald* about the resumption of road safety improvements along Toodyay Road.

We may dispute some of what they said but communicating in this way is a big improvement on what happened just prior to the Jingaling Brook roadworks when nothing was done to prepare the community for the massive clearing that occurred.

We also gratefully acknowledge several positive changes to the agency's plans which they attribute to improved community consultation – in fact due to discussions and pressure from us, but let's not quibble about it.

A key change is less damage in a proposed cutting where Toodyay Road meets Sandplain Road and Salt Valley Road.

It was planned to be 12m deep with total clearing of up to 100m of beautiful wandoo woodland.

Road safety engineers said major earthworks were needed to increase the line of sight for motorists at the two turn-offs.

Their "final" design followed various



Main Roads WA's "final" plan to upgrade Toodyay Road at Salt Valley Road was changed after ongoing community concern over large-scale environmental damage, as occurred previously at Jingaling Brook.

options presented to the agency's Community Reference Group.

Lo and behold, 18 months later and after steady public campaigning, we now have a new design where the line of sight will still be significantly improved but with a cutting only six metres deep – 50 per cent less than in the original design.

It will mean significantly less clearing at the junction, though we have yet to be told the final width at the widest point.

Also waiting to be confirmed is whether retaining walls can be used to reduce clearing rather than bare banks called "batters" which so disfigured the landscape at Jingaling Brook.

Retaining walls were discussed informally with Main Roads WA and while we readily accept that they may cost more, they cause less environmental destruction.

The agency likes to champion that it builds roads to what it calls 'Australian Standards'.

We presume the line of sight produced by a 12m cutting was one of those standards.

The fact that a six-metre alternative was found suggests that these standards are only guidelines that contain latitude to protect the natural environment.

One can only speculate whether a more balanced discussion at the Community Reference Group when roadworks were first discussed might have led to a better, more environmentally sensitive design.

Make no mistake, the level of destruction to come will still be significant with hundreds of mature wandoo trees and vegetation to be felled and mulched.

Many will shed tears later this year when the next round of roadworks starts where Toodyay Road meets Sandplain Road and nearby Salt Valley Road.

December's advertisement that consultation is still open provides the impetus for us to keep campaigning.

We will maintain our information stall at the Toodyay Farmers Markets, plan other events and thank *Herald* readers for their continuing support to help preserve as much of Toodyay's precious natural environment as possible while improving local road safety.

For more information, please email [infor@sastr.com.au](mailto:infor@sastr.com.au) or you can visit [www.sastr.com.au](http://www.sastr.com.au).

## Julimar Forest survives as unique wildlife 'island'

**Julimar Conservation and Forest Alliance**

Beth Frayne, Toodyay Historical Society delegate

BEFORE colonial settlement, local Noongar Yued and Whadjuk folk would have used forests in their protective and caring way.

Later land use tended to be unrestricted, as summarised in a 2006 *Landscape* journal article (Vol. 21/4):

"It was the valleys with their creeks, loamy soils and open wandoo woodlands that first attracted European settlement.

"These valleys proved easiest to clear and supported good pasture.

"Nearly half the area was taken up for farming under conditional purchase leases.

"Only about half of these properties were cleared out but by the 1930s and the onset of the Great Depression, most farmers were forced to abandon the land.

"The leases reverted to Crown land and the area eventually became State Forest in 1956.

"By this time, Julimar had been subjected to years of unrestricted timber cutting and firewood collecting.

"On the other hand, it had been well protected from high intensity bushfires, the result of regular burning by beekeepers seeking to protect the wandoo trees and dryandra shrubs, their main source of honey."

From 1922 and into the 1930s, local apiarist Samuel Cook Snr, of Avondale Bee Farm, Coondle, wrote letters to the Forest Department in Perth about his concern for Julimar.

He had observed wandoos in Julimar that had been 'rung' (ring-barked) and deplored clearing and the waste of good timber sleeper material.

Sam's persistence was significant in retaining the forest.

Following the 1952 Royal Commission report upon WA Forestry and Timber matters, the Julimar Timber Reserve was later declared State Forest No. 61 in 1956.

This was not done to protect its ecological environment, but to protect its marketable timber.

The business decision implies forestry resources have to earn the right to protection via economic return.

Onsite forestry staff oversaw controlled logging.

Logging from leased land in Julimar only stopped after Industrial Extracts Ltd and various WA sawmills and charcoal producers ceased operations in the 1970s and 1980s.

From 1971 to the present day, the Toodyay Naturalists' Club cast its protective eye over the forest by visiting and writing about its value in *The Toodyay Herald*.

Club members closely followed Conservation and Land Management (CALM) discussion about future forest plans, and participated in fauna and flora surveys and fauna releases.

Club member and apiarist Sam Cook Jnr and his wife Joan were highly active in this regard, writing articles and leading excursions.

Interestingly, the forest was added to the Register of the National Estate in 1980 along with several other forest areas in WA.

By 1983, the forest had been designated a 'Management Priority Area' in a CALM study with the intention of progressing it to a regional park.

A CALM Northern Forest Regional Management Plan in 1987 brought the possibility of a conservation park closer.

In April 1992 the Toodyay Shire Council recorded CALM had proposed the Julimar Conservation Park.

The following September, club members attended the release of 22 chuditch into the forest.

These were the first bred in captivity, and it was a significant media event.

The club resolved to congratulate Government on the chuditch release but expressed concern about the delay of the Bill to proclaim Julimar State Forest a conservation park, and in 2023 is still waiting on this protection.

Woylies were released in the forest in 1995.

CALM's Western Shield program, which began the following year, aims to reduce the number of foxes and cats and other introduced predators through baiting; work which is still being undertaken.

In 1999, the first and current Regional Forest Agreement said Julimar State Forest's proposed conservation park status was "subject to established State Government processes including mineral exploration and prospectivity review."

In 2000 a motion to create the Julimar Conservation Park was passed by both Houses but subject to the issue of "mineral prospectivity" being resolved. This has not yet happened.

However, CALM was happy to call the Forest a Conservation Park and erected signage to support this.

In 2006, CALM officers wrote "the Julimar Conservation Park stands today as an excellent example of mixed age, multi-species woodland.

"It has survived many battles waged for its attributes and uses.

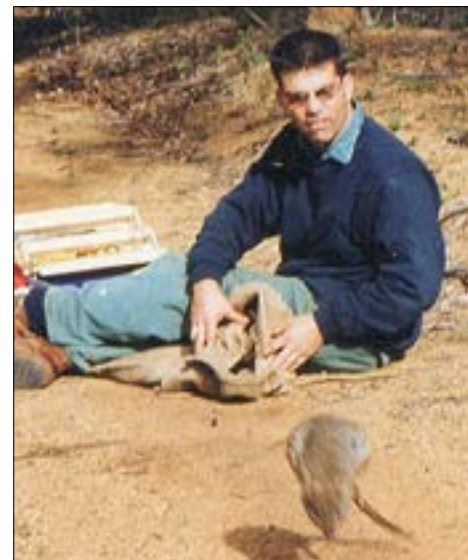
"It now offers nature lovers a relaxing and interesting forest experience, yet is relatively close to the Perth metropolitan area.

"With a diversity of habitats, interesting wildflowers and abundant refuges, the native animals that were once so common have returned to inhabit this unique 'island'."

We hope the faith of these officers in the value of Julimar is not misplaced.

Coming up: The Wheatbelt Avon Bird Group is conducting its summer flora and fauna survey in the Julimar Forest on Saturday February 25.

If you would like to participate, contact Max Howard via email at: [avon.hill@bigpond.com](mailto:avon.hill@bigpond.com).



Woylie released in Julimar State Forest after a 1999 CALM fauna trapping survey. Photo: G V Warburton.

### APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

#### Proposed Extractive Industry – Gravel Lot 1 Forest Road, Nunile

##### READVERTISED

The Shire of Toodyay has received an application from Vernice Pty Ltd for an extractive industry at Lot 1 Forest Road in Nunile. The applicant is seeking approval to excavate gravel material from the site – an expected 34,000 tonnes/year over a ten-year period.

The 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 10 hectares.

The extractive industry will operate as follows:

- Proposed hours of operation on site: 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, Old Court House, 15 Fiennes Street, Toodyay, during office hours. The proposal is also available to view on the Shire website: [www.toodyay.wa.gov.au](http://www.toodyay.wa.gov.au).

Submissions may be addressed in writing and lodged with the Chief Executive Officer, Shire of Toodyay, PO Box 96, Toodyay WA 6566, by **4:00pm on Thursday 2 March 2023**.

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

Suzie Haslehurst  
**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**







# Julimar Project Update



## New Office Opening Hours

Over the summer months the Julimar Project Pop-Up Office will be open earlier to beat the heat!

Located near the Toodyay IGA, we welcome any Julimar-related questions and information. If you're walking past we encourage you to read our new window signage which provide key details, including the project stage and our environmental commitments.

**Open 8.30am – 11.30am Thursdays  
Shop 5, Charcoal Lane, Toodyay**

## Community Investment Program

Applications are now open for funding up to \$10,000 as part of the Chalice Community Investment Program. The current submission period closes **31 March 2023**.

The program is designed to support community initiatives in close proximity to the Julimar Project 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

**Supporting local opportunities, events and groups to strengthen community connection within the region.**

## Julimar Project

Late last year, Chalice announced the extension of the Julimar Project Scoping Study timeframe. The purpose of the scoping studies is to evaluate the initial concepts for a potential mine.

This extension will allow Chalice to incorporate new metallurgical testwork results, and to update the Gonneville Resource to include new drilling data. The extra time will allow Chalice to continue to thoroughly assess a range of scenarios for the development of this unique deposit.

Following completion of the Scoping Study, Chalice will undertake more detailed studies over the next 2-4 years. The next stage of work known as the Pre Feasibility Study will investigate a preferred mine plan, and reach more definitive answers on logistics and infrastructure.

## Toodyay Cricket Uniforms

The Toodyay Cricket Club was one of the successful applicants of our last round of Community Investment funding, and Chalice is thrilled to support them with new shirts for their senior members.



## Fire Management

Chalice has robust fire prevention and response procedures in place related to fire bans and vehicle movement restrictions during the current fire season. Our team continues to monitor and comply with all notices issued by the Western Australia's Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES) and the local Shire. As part of our commitment to ongoing team training and community support, field staff and contractors undergo regular refresher fire warden and fire extinguisher training.



Chalice is also proud to support the fundraising initiatives of the Toodyay Volunteer Fire and Rescue Services, and thank all the local services for their tireless work.

## Submit online

We invite local groups to apply now. For more information or to complete an application form:

**[www.chalicemining.com/  
community-investment](http://www.chalicemining.com/community-investment)**

Visit our website for more details, or sign up to receive our regular Community Newsletters at: **[www.chalicemining.com/community-newsletter](http://www.chalicemining.com/community-newsletter)**

Contact us via **[community@chalicemining.com](mailto:community@chalicemining.com)**



## ENVIRONMENT



Stranded wallabies in flooded areas of Fitzroy Crossing.

## Soaked birds too wet to fly in Kimberley floods

Marsupial Mamas and Pappas (Inc)

Brian Foley

IT HAS been an interesting two months with the Kimberley floods testing our network of carers.

I hope everyone had a good Christmas and, if you had holidays, you enjoyed them.

Joey season is coming towards us and our carers are gearing up for another busy year.

You could say that Robyn and I have had a 'different' six weeks.

We put our hands up to look after Kimberley Wildlife in Broome for five weeks starting late December.

The region has very different animals, with agile and nail tail wallabies, fruit bats and species of birds foreign to us.

We endured 680mm of rain from ex-cyclone Ellie over two and a half days.

It did not stop raining, not even for a few seconds, and subsequently there was flooding in Broome and surrounding areas.

We were okay: wet and getting lots of soaked animals and birds.

Not many survived, but we did get two micro bats back to their homes, and two birds.

All the birds were so soaked they could not fly and ended up on the ground in puddles of water.

We were being contacted by many people asking "how can we help the animals?"

Tamela at Wildlife West in Fitzroy Crossing had been wiped out and animals were being relocated by helicopter.

Derby Native Wildlife was in a similar situation to us: wet but okay.

All of Fitzroy Crossing needed help, and the animals had no food.

Our carer Becky, who had lived in Derby, started wheels moving by contacting Animal Rescue Cooperative (ARC) WA, who contacted everyone on their list for food donations and they came good.

We were also told the local chicken farm had no food.

We tried to buy chook feed but nobody had the quantities we needed.

We contacted a local Toodyay farmer and purchased bags and bags of seconds wheat, and our carer Mark took it straight down to ARC in Midland in his ute.

ARC now had eight pallet-loads of animal feed – but had to get it to Fitzroy Crossing.

After many phone calls, the Royal Australian Air Force agreed to take it to Fitzroy Crossing if we could get it to Broome – with all roads closed.

Qantas came good with a 1pm phone call: "Get it to the airport by 3pm and we will take it for free".

After a call was placed to carer Donna at Centurion Transport, a truck was immediately sent to ARC without charge to collect the animal feed and take it to the airport.

That's how we got eight pallets on a Chinook helicopter to Fitzroy Crossing.

Further animal feed will be sent soon.

We thank all of our team at Marsupial Mamas and Pappas who assisted with this herculean rescue effort and those who helped with our normal rescues while others were busy with the floods.

We even raised \$3000 in 24 hours, which has now been sent to Tamela.

We can now offer tax deductibility for donations.

Raising funds is an important side to being a wildlife carer.

If you can assist with a donation, we have an account at the Bendigo Bank in Toodyay, BSB 633000, Account 175516319, or see us at the Toodyay Markets.

If you come across any injured native wildlife and you are unsure what to do, or if you want to be involved as a carer, ring Brian 0419 933 721 or Robyn 0417 173 283.

## Dot cracks the whip in Dobie garden

Toodyay Garden Club  
Daphne Lee

WELCOME back to garden club for another year of fun in gardening.

We have a lot of news, starting with our December visit to the garden of Dot and Hamish Dobie in Jubilee Street.

The front garden is very welcoming with a lovely array of beautiful roses and a small patio (love seat) perfect for tea for two.

Wandering to the back garden, the views are superb with lots to see including productive fruit trees with lemon, fig and loquat, plus a vegetable garden with wicking beds that seem to be working well.

Although Dot and Hamish have only been in Toodyay for two years they have achieved much in the garden.

Hamish has built pergolas while Dot pulled out the old lawn and laid a new one with reticulation. Dot also planned the landscaping.

The garden is a credit to them both.

Good luck with the new steps and keep cracking the whip Dot.

Thanks for allowing 54 of us to enjoy your garden.

After the garden visit, members and friends continued on to the pavilion at the oval for our Christmas luncheon.

It was an amazing sight to see 10 tables decorated beautifully with Christmas decorations plus a very unique Christmas tree adorned with handmade decorations made by the clever and talented Dot Dobie.

Well done and thank you Dot for all your hard work, it was much appreciated.

Thank you to our junior members Anya, Beth and Leah, who helped to serve a delightful lunch enjoyed by 77 members.

You all did a wonderful job – well done.

Well done also to the Garden Club committee for the catering. A huge task, but a combined effort did the job.

Special thanks to Judy, Dot and Steph. Superb leadership, ladies.

Coming events include a sundowner on Thursday February 23 at the home of Sheena and Clive Hesse, on Toodyay West Road, just past the oval.

Our AGM is on Thursday March 2 from 10am at St Stevens Church Hall. We look forward to seeing you all again.

Please contact me on 0416 281 230 for any more information.



The small patio (love seat) perfect for tea for two in the garden of Hamish and Dot Dobie

## A dainty cup-shaped nest for pale blue eggs

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ALTHOUGH there are five races of Silvereye found in various areas of Australia, the Western Silvereye, race gouldii, is found in southwest South Australia, along the Great Australian Bight and through southwest WA.



The Western Silvereye. Photo: Wayne Clarke.

It is also known as the Western White-eye because of the white rings surrounding the eyes that are actually tiny feathers.

The Silvereye is 10 to 12.5cm in length with an olive/green upper-body. The throat yellow and breast grey with both male and female are coloured alike.

It has a grey/brown bill that is curved slightly downwards, and a brush-tipped

tongue for gathering nectar that resembles other nectar-feeding creatures.

This species breeds from September through to February.

A tiny, dainty cup-shaped nest is built of grass, cobweb and animal fur and is lined with fine leaves and she-oak needles.

The female lays two to four pale blue eggs and both sexes incubate the eggs over a 10 to 13 day period.

The young fledge in about twelve days and are fed insects by both parents.

Silvereyes pair for life and may live for up to 10 years.

Although not popular with orchardists and vignerons the Silvereye is insectivorous with prey of beetles, wasps, bugs, flies and aphids gleaned from leaves and twigs; it will also visit flowering plants for nectar.

It feeds in small mobs with brisk movements and calling constantly. Often it is feeding with other bird species.

The Silvereye makes a number of calls with the most notable a drawn out peevish whistled 'pee' and a wavering alarm call.

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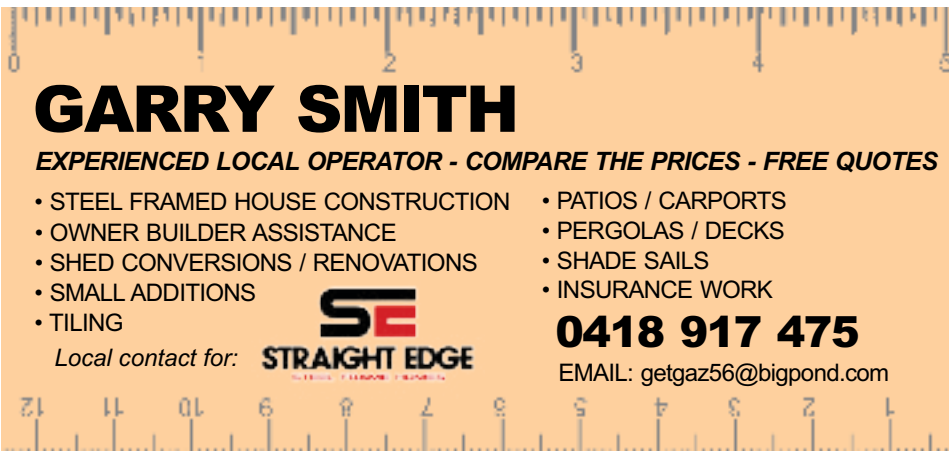
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ENVIRONMENT

# Friends to reconnect with Avon River magic

**Toodyay Friends of the River Inc**  
Bridget Leggett, Secretary

TOODYAY Friends of the River restart their program of activities on Sunday February 12, at 2pm in the Anglican Hall with an afternoon meeting focused on the Avon River.

All are welcome to join us for an insightful talk about the history of river management and practices since the 1990s, provided by Treasurer and Honorary Life Member Wayne Clarke.

This will be followed by a facilitated activity to connect with the magic of the Avon River and show why it matters to current and future generations of our community.

Afternoon tea will be provided and we will conclude with a general meeting.

Whilst there has been a break in the official program over December and January, work has continued in a number of areas.

Progress has been made on the design of the Walk Track Hub, a major recommendation from last year's successful Walk Tracks Forum.

The hub will be a focal point for information on walks and trails from the Toodyay town centre, with plans for some landscaping around the Hub.

Toodyay Friends of the River and the

Noongar Kaartdijin Aboriginal Corporation are working closely on the design and an artist's impression has gone to the Shire for comment and endorsement.

As well as this work, a couple of Friends have made a big impact on the garden at Drummond House, and others have been keeping this Environment and History Centre open on Saturday mornings.

There's always something of interest for walkers along the Bilya Walk Track.

Even in summer and at the time of writing there remains a reasonable amount of water in the pools along the track, including Red Banks Pool and Millard's Pool, so there are often several bird species to be seen.

Just upstream from the Millard's Pool Picnic Shelter is the remains of the old citrus orchard, possibly planted on Thomas Millard's land near the original 'Nardie' grant.

Some of the trees have reverted to root

stock, but there is at least one tree on the southern side of the park where both root stock and grafted fruit stock are evident and now is a good time to compare them as both are fruiting.

The root stock has sharp thorns and a very rough, almost inedible fruit and is growing from ground level, whereas the fruiting wood grows from the main trunk, has fewer, softer thorns and a smooth fruit.

Those of you who frequent the Bilya Walk Track will have noticed this has been a bad year for wild lettuce.

Ideally it is pulled out in seedling form, but where this is not feasible and it has started to flower, the next best option is to cut it off near ground level, and bag and remove the seed heads.

The Friends are planning a community forum again this March. This year's theme is 'Catchments, Carnabies and Chuditch: a focus on Julimar Forest'.

This will be on Saturday March 11 in the Toodyay Recreation Centre.

All members of the community are invited and we will provide more information in the March Herald, on the Drummond House Notice Board and in notices around town.

You can contact us for further information on any of the above by emailing: [info@toodyayfor.org.au](mailto:info@toodyayfor.org.au)



The Avon River from the Bilya Walk Track, January 2023 (Bridget Leggett)



## ENVIRONMENT



The beautiful Julimar Forest. Photo: Sharon Richards

## Hearts set on creating Julimar National Park

**Toodyay Naturalists' Club**  
Desraé Clarke

The TOODYAY Nats were greatly saddened to hear long-time member Sue Eldridge had passed December 2022.

Sue, a great conservationist with extensive knowledge of the care of wildlife, resided in Toodyay for many years.

She had recently moved from Toodyay to live on the coast.

Her wonderful humour and shared knowledge will be greatly missed. RIP, Sue.

A planning meeting for the forthcoming year was held in early December with interesting monthly get-togethers planned.

This will include one or two weekend excursions to experience areas that differ from Toodyay.

We are fortunate to have a number of magnificent nature reserves within the Toodyay Shire boundaries.

The club aims to have the status of one such area, Julimar Conservation Park, lifted

to that of a national park.

Community members and supporters can assist in this goal by signing the petition at the Toodyay Conservation and Historical Centre, Drummond House, (the building next to the Toodyay and Districts Bendigo Community Bank ATM).

The centre is open on Saturdays from 10am till 12 midday.

Thank you to all those who contact us with interesting local natural history sightings.

Your data is added to the club's stored information, that indicates which of the Shire's flora and fauna is thriving and which is declining.

For sightings and enquiries please contact [info@toodyaynats.org.au](mailto:info@toodyaynats.org.au) or 9574 5574.

The first get-together for 2023 is Saturday 18 February from 7pm at the Anglican Church Hall.

Our guest speaker, Dr Hugh Finn from Curtin University, is a lawyer and avid conservationist.

Visitors are welcome to attend.

## Snakes don't want to eat you

**Python Watch**  
Desraé Clarke

### Acknowledgement of Sue

MANY people from Toodyay and surrounds were fortunate to have met the late Sue Eldridge, a lady who wore many hats and was well-known in the community.

Sue was a special lady in the area of conservation knowledge and caring of our wildlife.

Sue contributed an excellent article in *The Toodyay Herald* December 2020 on the interaction of humans and reptiles that I would like to repeat in Sue's memory.

She entitled it, "Snakes don't want to eat you".

"Snakes are cold-blooded creatures and need to warm up in the sun to get that vital energy to catch food and that is the time when you might see them.

"Here are a few tips to help keep you and the snake safe.

"Snakes do not want to eat you so if you don't antagonise it – it won't bite you.

"If it is in an area that is habitually used by humans call a snake handler to relocate it.

"Do not lose sight of it and, if possible, photograph it.

"Take note of its markings, size and colour. "Don't panic. It could be a harmless python just trying to eat your mice.

"Do not go anywhere near snakes in thongs and if you must walk through bush wear long pants and boots. Make a noise.

"The first bite can be a warning – that is, a 'dry' bite – but always practice first aid if bitten.

"Remember that snakes are a part of the ecosystem and serve a purpose, one which you may not agree with but nevertheless they are an important part of nature.

"Snake handlers are willing to come and assist but cannot spend hours going through your shed or crouching under your house.

Most reptiles will wriggle away from humans, so you may only see the snake once."

The Naturalists' Club would be grateful to hear from community members about any sightings of natural history interest by emailing [info@toodyaynats.org.au](mailto:info@toodyaynats.org.au) or calling 9574 5574. For snake removal you can contact Brian Foley, 0419 933 721, Ebony Francis, 0403 335 348, or the Shire Ranger.



Jan's Banded Snake. Photo: Rob Boase.

## High Wheatbelt road toll needs 'serious' action

**Toodyay Roadwise**  
Bob Neville, Chairperson

TRAGICALLY there is one thing that sets the agricultural region apart from other regions of Western Australia.

In 2022 there were 31 road deaths on all Wheatbelt roads: 14 on local roads and 17 on highways.

Not a claim to fame by any measure.

Only the South West (37) and metropolitan areas (55) experienced more road fatalities.

Road safety is a measure of our region's performance.

While productivity is going gangbusters and harvest records are broken year after year, authorities are not paying enough attention to the state of our high-speed roads where the majority of serious crashes occur.

While we may blame drivers for the road toll, road managers and designers also have a responsibility to make roads safe for when drivers make mistakes.

We saw a large number of crashes last year that involved trucks, with head on, run-off-road and rollover accidents.

The loss of life is concerning and tragic; the losses incurred by farmers and transport operators significant; the effect on first responders and communities painful.

Many of these truck crashes would have been less severe or avoided altogether if the road was wider, with centre and edge lines.

Main Roads WA receives the bulk of the State road funding to manage highways, leaving substantially less at local government level to maintain and improve local roads.

Many of these are primary distributor roads of regional significance, such as the Toodyay-Bindi Bindi Road.

While they carry less traffic than highways, these roads are still high-speed, heavy freight routes.

Two-way, single carriageway roads less than 5.5m wide do not qualify for a safe speed assessment.

This means these roads often have sections with a de-restricted speed limit where traffic can legally travel at 110km/h, even if the road is narrow and winding.

Until distributor roads that feed into highways are brought up to standard by widening, 110km/h will be the default speed

limit even if the road has poor geometry and camber, driveways, entries from paddocks, crests, and trees in the clear zone.

Most local governments only gain funding for re-sealing short sections, and it can take years to bring a long road up to the standard where it can be assessed for safe speed, or even for a centre line.

However, the responsibility for road safety does not rest solely on government.

There is a certain 'social licence to operate' that authorities and transport operators are granted by the community.

In other words, we the community are affected by decisions and actions of the transport authorities and operators, and

should be confident that they have our best interests and safety at heart.

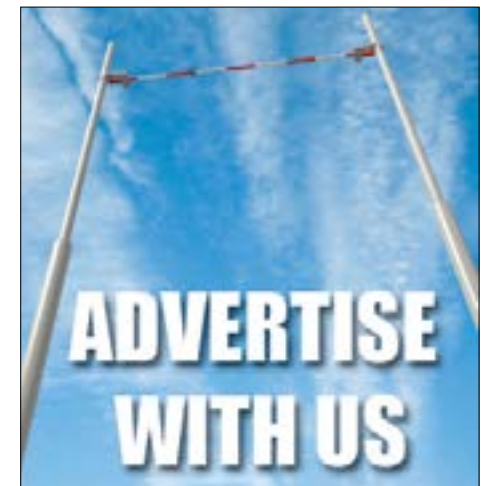
Community trust and confidence is hard to win and can be lost in a second.

I don't believe this is a road safety issue per se; I see this as a transport issue.

We know that areas of primary production such as the Pilbara for iron ore bring in massive revenue to the State Government; the Wheatbelt also returns high revenue to State coffers and the local economy.

It is about time there was serious attention and investment in our transport system, including public transport.

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#### 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.

### 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. Wednesday 4.10pm Adoration, 4.20pm Benediction, 5pm Mass.

#### 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.

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#### Morangup Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade

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#### 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. toodyayslocalmanager@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.

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### FESTIVALS

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moodynecommittee@gmail.com.

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

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#### Safer Toodyay Inc

Meetings announced in the Herald news article. Enquiries please contact Secretary on email: secretary@safertoodyay.org.au or 9574 5574.

#### 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.

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

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### In Memorium

ELDRIDGE, Sue.

Sue was a long-time member of the Toodyay Naturalists' Club. She shared her vast knowledge of caring for wildlife and her all-enveloping love of native creatures. Sue's happy disposition was infectious - a characteristic that will make her long remembered.

The Club Members extend their sympathy to her Family and many close friends who will greatly miss her. RIP, Sue.

VALERIE

It is nearly six years since you left me my darling Valerie, but I will never forget you. You were the idol of my life and the greatest thing that ever happened to me. From Ellie (Greg).

WALSH, Karl Gerald

Beloved husband of Pamela (Dec). Father of Ethan (Dec) and foster father of Casey, brother-in-law of Jill and Michael Moore-Holtman. Loved and respected uncle of Jeffrey, Tracy and Kerrie, Great uncle of Corey and Caleb. Also deepest sympathy to brother Kim Walsh and family and loved friend Barbara.

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## Combo Crossword

### ACROSS

- 2 Contraptions
- 7 Withdraw from
- 8 Long period of time
- 10 Electromotive force
- 11 So be it
- 12 Increase in size
- 13 Upper class
- 14 Raised platform
- 16 Moist
- 18 Ovum
- 20 Large bird
- 21 Slacken (3,2)
- 22 One who allocates

### DOWN

- 1 Used money wastefully
- 2 Donate
- 3 Makes amends
- 4 Acquiring
- 5 Trailed behind (coll)
- 6 Clairvoyant
- 9 Publications
- 15 Clothe
- 17 Clever
- 18 Competitor
- 19 Orb

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### Cryptic Clues

### ACROSS

- 2 Moves restlessly about to acquire ingenious articles
- 7 Abandon inequity
- 8 From Adelaide outskirts in control for an age
- 10 Have the valet go indirectly to an electrical force
- 11 It follows a prayer by a group of fellows
- 12 Expand first grade early ownership
- 13 The best part of a type size
- 14 A lecturer's stand in Canada Island
- 16 The reservoir ends up being soggy
- 18 Beggars conceal what a hen lays
- 20 Some Nowra vendors display a bird of the crow family

### DOWN

- 1 Overspent wasted money
- 2 Hand over a US soldier very early
- 3 Makes up for a stone mixture
- 4 Becoming aware of receiving
- 5 Followed, and put a label on
- 6 One who observes a prophet
- 9 Up-to-date bookmaker copiers produce printed publications
- 15 Lay out money in part of a three-piece suit
- 17 Bright topless fast little truck
- 18 When trying for a way in
- 19 Inside the Anglo-Belgian light fitting

## 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.

**Puzzle solutions**  
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## Year ahead will blossom

**Toodyay Probus Club**  
Norm Green

HAPPY New Year to all. The December Herald edition managed to survive without an article on Probus, as the author went into recess.

Nothing at all has been happening after our Christmas dinner, which was very enjoyable.

The year ahead will blossom for Toodyay Probus if we can get someone (that elusive 'someone') to take on the role of President. So far nobody has stuck their head up.

We have been going now since 2014, with many guest speakers, events and outings, both locally and 'down the hill'.

We have picked up rubbish along roads and seen members move on and welcomed new members into our fold.

Making friends is one advantage of attending Probus, as well as relaxing in a pleasant atmosphere of like-minded people.

A visit to Parliament House as guests of our local MP, Shane Love MLA was a highlight in 2017.

Recent 'Bring and Share lunches' have been a particular success, which we expect will continue.

Our AGM is in March but our year starts in February with the meeting on Tuesday February 14 at 3pm.

The meeting lasts until 5pm with some afternoon tea available.

If you want to get involved and make new friends, please come along.

Contact Joan, on 0417 171 606 or toodyayprobus@gmail.com.

### 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	44	15.6	12	5.1	431.4
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<b>Average</b>	<b>12.20</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>60.40</b>	<b>35.40</b>	<b>24.70</b>	<b>12.70</b>	<b>8.80</b>	<b>425.50</b>



HEALTH

# 90 per cent survival rate for most cancers – please give

**Cancer Council WA**  
Kaylor Andrews

STOPPING cancer starts by understanding it, with research the key to unlocking the answers we need for a cancer free future, according to Cancer Council WA Wheatbelt Regional Education Officer Kaylor Andrews.

Cancer Council WA is encouraging Wheatbelt communities to support this research by donating to the 2023 Cancer Research Giving Day on Thursday February 2 from 9am-9pm.

Ms Andrews said they hoped this year to raise \$450,000 to enable researchers to continue their ground-breaking work.

“In 2022, WA cancer research received a substantial boost with more than \$200,000 donated to our annual Giving Day which was then matched by a group of our generous donors bringing the overall amount to more than \$400,000,” Ms Andrews said.

“This year we are hoping the Wheatbelt community will again dig deep to help us reach \$450,000 including \$225,000 in matched donations to allow West Australian researchers to continue their ground-breaking work.”

Survival rates for some of the most common cancers – including breast, melanoma, and prostate cancer – were more than 90 per cent, Ms Andrews said, with overall five-year survival rates for all cancers at more than 70 per cent.

“This, in part, is thanks to research that informs improvements in screening, diagnosis and treatment,” she said.

“However, with 13,000 West Aussies diagnosed with cancer every year, we must continue to fund our world-class local researchers to improve diagnosis, detection and treatment for every cancer.”

For cancer survivor Melanie Ware, cancer research gave her an optimistic prognosis, treatment options and the best possible outcome.

“In February 2007 I was a 33-year-old

healthy new mum when I felt a pea-sized lump near my armpit,” Ms Ware said.

“After numerous tests I was diagnosed with triple-negative breast cancer.”

She had six rounds of chemotherapy, then radiotherapy. During this time Ms Ware also took part in a clinical trial which looked at the link between genetics and breast cancer.

“Advancements in cancer research are critical for West Australians like me,” she said.

“There are still cancers with no treatment or very poor survival rates, including triple-negative breast cancer.

“The generosity of people donating to research gives hope.

“It allows researchers to innovate, try completely new ideas and approaches.

“It gives researchers the instruments they need to improve diagnostics and treatment outcomes. I urge you to donate today to help Cancer Council unlock the answers to a cancer free future.”

To make a donation on Thursday 2 February 2023, visit [cancerwa.asn.au](http://cancerwa.asn.au) or call 08 9212 4333.

Every dollar donated on or before 2 February 2023 will be matched by a group of generous donors so a \$1 donation will translate to \$2 for local cancer research.

For support and information call 13 11 20 or visit [cancerwa.asn.au](http://cancerwa.asn.au).



Elephants can communicate over long distances with low frequency rumbles.

## The lowdown on elephant lingo

**Heartlands Veterinary Hospital**  
Dr Tracey Thornton

MOST of us know elephants have excellent memories but did you know they can communicate with infrasonic singing?

Elephants have the largest brain of all land mammals, with a well-developed hippocampus and cerebral cortex.

This means elephants can remember all

the members of their clan and can recall favourite locations many years after their last visit.

Elephants can also communicate across distances of several kilometres using low-frequency rumbles.

While these infrasonic sounds are outside the range of human hearing, the mechanism elephants use to create the deep, low rumbling is similar to human singing.

## Self-worth means who we are, not what we do

**Warrior Wellbeing**  
The Regional Men’s Health Initiative

SELF-worth and self-esteem are often confused as being the same, but they are very different.

Self-esteem is about measuring ourselves based on external actions, while self-worth is about valuing our inherent worth as a person.

In other words, self-worth is about who we

are, not what we do.

Society pushes for the need to have high self-esteem but the problem with this is that we are always valuing ourselves against others.

The competitive nature of men tells us we need to be better and above average to feel good about ourselves (keeping up appearances).

This way of building self-esteem can be a losing battle because there will always be someone more handsome, slimmer and richer, who owns bigger and better equipment, and so on.

Self-esteem is transient and can change in an instant.

For example, we may be feeling good about a new piece of machinery or the quality of our stud and then someone makes a negative comment and our self-esteem falters and we feel crushed.

That’s how fragile self-esteem can be.

It can also be bolstered again by a compliment. Much anxiety can be created in striving for acceptance or approval and maintaining our ego or pride.

Probably the best way to understand self-worth is to ask ourselves how valuable we are, or how much we deserve to have something we prize.

It is a deep knowing that we are of value, that we are loveable and necessary to this life.

One may feel a high self-esteem because they are good at something, yet still not feel they are loveable and worthy.

When we have a healthy self-worth at our core, we have a deep knowing that we are fundamentally a valuable and worthwhile person regardless of:

- what others may say or do to us;
- what our successes or failures are;
- what we win or lose; or
- what we have or don’t have.

The concept of self-worth is about knowing that we are always going to be worth more than all of our achievements put together.

It is good to think and feel good about ourselves but what happens when our self-esteem is crushed?

Does that mean we are no longer valuable?

Absolutely not – however, many people do think they are no longer valuable.

Self-worth and self-esteem are vital beliefs for empowering oneself.

A valid sense of self-worth is necessary to attain love and a sound mind.

A valid sense of self-worth acts as a buffer against depression and a feeling of worthlessness that can lead to despair or possible suicidal behaviour.

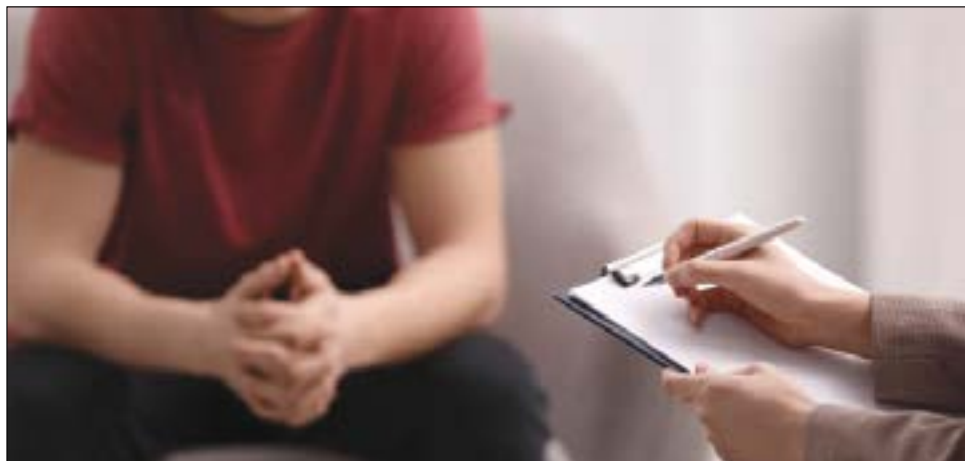
Situational distress can come from many areas in our lives. As issues around these life events develop, we need to value our self-worth more than ever to reduce uncertainty for ourselves.

Remember ... before it all gets too much ... Talk to a Mate.

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If it all gets too much, it’s OK to get help or talk to a mate.

### Puzzle Solutions

Crossword	Crosscode	Sudoku Easy	Sudoku Hard



## SPORT

# Long stays at the crease earn life memberships

**Toodyay Cricket Club**  
John Lucas

TOODYAY took on Grass Valley in a match at Toodyay Town Oval on Saturday January 28, with both teams diminished in number due to the holiday season.

Grass Valley batted first, compiling 175, with Toodyay managing only 118 in response.

After the day's play the Toodyay Cricket Club held a pizza night and function to induct three new Life Members: Wayne Mastin, Paul Morgan and Melinda Williams.

Wayne's long and successful playing career began in 1993 and included terms as President and A Grade Captain.

Paul started in 2006 and finished in 2018. He was coaching the Junior Under 13 and Under 16 teams at the time and was Captain of the A and B teams while introducing the MyCricket platform to the association.

Melinda started her involvement in 2009 as scorer for the team and is still going today. She also scores for the Junior and Senior Association teams at their Country Week fixtures.

She was club treasurer for five years and still assists her father John Lucas with administration.

Melinda has been the Cricket Manager for WA Cricket Wheatbelt Region since 2017.

Melinda, Wayne and Paul are always part of fundraising ventures of the club.



*Toodyay opening batter Bill Corderoy keeps his eye firmly on the ball in an attacking shot against Grass Valley last month.*



*Toodyay Cricket Club new Life Members (from left) Paul Morgan, Melinda Williams and Wayne Mastin.*



*Mixed group of happy Saturday morning walkers and runners set off from Newcastle Park.*

## New Parkrun boosts Saturday morning fitness fun

**Parkrun Toodyay**  
Dani Xuereb

HAVE you heard the big news?

Parkrun will launch in Toodyay on Saturday February 25.

All members and visitors to the community are welcome to join us for some fun.

Parkrun will start at Newcastle Park at 8am each and every Saturday morning for a walk or run.

Our slightly undulating track covers five kilometres over two laps and takes in river crossings, open spaces, and bush land, following a mixture of concrete, bitumen and dirt tracks.

But Parkrun is not all about running – it's about joining in and being active.

You can walk, run or jog your way around the circuit at your own pace, there is no race.

It's for anyone wanting to improve their mental and physical health, have a chat, a laugh and meet new people.

Everyone is welcome. Bring your friends, your pram, or your dog.

Sign up for free at [www.parkrun.com.au](http://www.parkrun.com.au) and register before our launch to get your unique barcode.

Your barcode, which can be used at any parkrun in the world, allows you to log your time and keep yourself motivated.

Regular participants are rewarded with a free milestone t-shirt.

We hope this initiative will persuade not only more of our locals to get out but entice people from further afield to visit for the day or the weekend, supporting our local businesses in doing so.

After each session you are welcome to join us as we head to one of our local eateries to have a cuppa and a chat.

You can find us on Facebook @Toodyay 5K.

We look forward to seeing you at Newcastle Park on Saturday February 25.

## 'Full of trepidation but I needn't have worried'

**Avon Valley Shotokan**  
Day McEwan

THEY say half the individuals who start karate quit within the first six months.

One fifth will complete a year and only one in a hundred will achieve a black belt.

I hope I have the passion and commitment to be one of those dedicated few.

Soon after moving to this beautiful town I heard about Avon Valley Shotokan and how it has given so much back to our community and fostered many black belts.

There were many reasons I decided to give karate a try.

Along with the fitness and health that comes with physical activity, I wanted to be confident I could defend myself should the situation arise.

I wanted my children to build confidence through the structure and discipline of a sport they could all participate in.

Some say the biggest step in karate is the first one step into the *dojo*, the hall of learning.

There is something daunting about entering a roomful of people using foreign languages to learn a physical activity that will probably hurt.

I was full of trepidation, hope, and caution, but needn't have worried.

Plenty of smiling faces welcomed me, with a mix of amateurs and highly skilled aficionados to learn from.

Despite my fear of physical activity, there was no pain, just the pulled muscles of someone who stepped off the couch after a long hiatus.

An experienced black belt once told me the first belt is the both the hardest and most important to get.

After a few months I approached this daunting task: grading for my first belt.

It is the only grading you go into with no knowledge of what it involves, but without doing it you will never achieve the coveted black belt.

I have now been with the *dojo* for a couple of years and while I am nowhere near being a black belt, I am closer than I was.

More importantly I have met some amazing club members who are passionate about karate, our club, and the community.

They give up three nights per week to teach classes, a Sunday each month to make burgers and breakfast wraps at the Toodyay Farmers Market, plus club meetings, special training days, gradings, competitions, and behind-the-scenes work.

Thank you to *shihan* Ken and *senseis* Russell, Kylie, Mark and Tracey, and to Chandra, Kylea, and Jo.

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## Principal's Pen

### Welcome to 2023!

Wow, where have all the years gone. There have been some huge changes since I first arrived in Toodyay in 1984. I can still remember a main street shop selling for \$12,000 then. But the great part is that Toodyay still has retained that little country town appeal, and that's what we all cherish. Our whole town looks tidy and inviting for our visitors. Well done Toodyay!

### State of the Market

Well with only 7118 properties for sale, it is certainly a sellers' market still. We are nearly struggling at present to keep our listing stock, as they are selling almost as quick as we list them. A great time to sell! So, if you are thinking of moving, give us a call! The Tony Maddox Real Estate Team will be happy to hear from you! Yes, you get 3 of us to sell your home. Christie, Sam and Tony! Working 7 days a week!

### Local News

This month's shout out is to the Toodyay Shire. What a massive improvement that has been made on the hill! Our officers are all working together as a team and the councillors are also working together for the good of Toodyay. So good to see such a positive vibe on the hill. A pleasure to work with you. Well done to all of you for the fantastic change from years gone by. AND, Roz Davidson and the T.L.C women. You are all amazing people, helping our less fortunate, and doing it all with a smile. You guys' rock!

### Inside the office

I just have to say, what a changed office. All the girls and boys are all happy and smiling all day long. So good to work with such professional people. I am a lucky man.

### Jemma

Our beautiful Jemma managed to have a few days off over Christmas and New Year, and now is back out front once again! We have big plans for our girl shortly! Stay tuned.

### Jo

Just had a week off and really needed a break. So down South she went. But she still was working on her holidays! So, the boss stepped in and said stop it! So hopefully she enjoyed the rest of her break. You simply can't stop this girl. She is just the livewire in the office.

### Gracie

Our great professional PM. She actually came in for 2 days without Margot! She loved it but we all missed bubs.

### Faith

Now here is some news! Faith has just commenced her Diploma in Property, so will become a triennial holder once she completes the course! How proud can we be of this girl! She is just so professional and knowledgeable; it astounds us all! Big, bright future for Faith!

### Christie

Working 6 days straight almost every week. Just flat out with Merredin and Toodyay sales, whilst also doing all the administrative work in the office. It's simple, if you want something done, just ask Christie. Absolutely amazing!

### Sam

We just can't stop him coming into the office. Works like a trojan! Sam has a very, very bright future here in real estate.

AND - He has just moved into his brand-new home,

AND - Our clients just love him,

AND - Home opens every weekend!

Sam is the one to watch!

### Tony

Well, I finally found out what COVID is all about. Absolutely floored me for a few days. So, no work at the office or the farm. But I can think of better ways to have some time off. Anyhow, back on deck now and lots of work. Going through a few issues on the farm! Once it's all sorted, I will let you all know!

Until next time, happy selling!

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