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Inaugural Parkrun attracts more than 150 for weekend fun and fitness



Parkrun director Shuba Johns addresses some of the 150 participants in Newcastle Park before last month's event. Photo: Paul van der Mey.

Dani Xuereb

MORE THAN 150 locals and visitors joined Toodyay's first official Newcastle Parkrun at the end of last month.

Many participants travelled from Perth, Moora, Northam and Kellerberrin, and some were visitors from South Africa.

Toodyay's Moondyne Men joined volunteers to help direct runners and walkers over the five-kilometre course.

The event was one of 464 similar parkrun events held every weekend around Australia.

Shire President Rosemary Madaçsi opened the Toodyay event, and sponsor Chalice Mining supplied bottles of water at the finish line.

A coffee van also provided refreshments before the large crowd dispersed into the town for breakfast and weekend shopping.

It was a great morning with no hiccups and lots of positive feedback.

Many people said they would be back next time to do it again.

We invite more locals to give it a go.

There is no time limit and no pressure to run – just go at your own pace.

It's a great way to socialise, meet new people and get fit.

Or you can help as a volunteer if worried about being able to complete the course.

Our group meets at 7.45am every Saturday at Newcastle Park (next to *The Herald* office) to run or walk over a 2.5km, or five-kilometre loop.

We'd love to see you there.

Toodyay real estate agent fears jail for installing creek crossing on own land

Michael Sinclair-Jones

A TOODYAY real estate agent has been threatened with nine months' jail and a \$20,000 fine for building a culvert and crossing over a winter creek on his property to reach his home during the wet season.

A conviction would cost Tony Maddox his licence to sell real estate, force his business to close and put seven people out of work.

Mr Maddox also faces a daily penalty of \$400 for work he did last year that he says is commonly done by other local rural land owners without seeking permission.

It follows a visit last month by two investigators from the WA Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage who told Mr Maddox that his new culvert and driveway across Boyagerring Brook breached Aboriginal heritage laws.

They were acting on a complaint from a neighbour who does not own property through which the winter creek passes.

The waterway – normally dry in summer – passes between Mr Maddox's front gate and his home and floods in winter, making vehicle access impossible.

Mr Maddox also built a bore-fed fountain in the creek bed to form a summer pool to attract birdlife and prevent a stagnant pond.

He was told that all this is illegal because he failed to get permission from the WA

Registrar of Aboriginal sites or State Aboriginal Affairs Minister Tony Buti to alter a waterway on an Aboriginal heritage site.

The investigators said the State had no power to grant retrospective approval.

The prosecution says the Avon River and its tributaries – including Boyagerring Brook – are protected by Aboriginal heritage law.

"The river and its tributaries are described as having mythological value and is the Waugal's home," the prosecution's "statement of facts" said.

"The Waugal is a mythical serpent.

"It is believed that any alteration to the Waugal's home could scare it from the water, causing the water to dry up and cause harm to the surrounding environment and people."

The prosecution alleges that between March and April last year, Mr Maddox hired contractors to "repair a creek crossing across Boyagerring Brook on his property".

"The repair work involved contractors laying rocks, large quantities of sand, metal reinforcement and concrete over the brook," a prosecution statement of facts said.

"Further, between last June and January 9 this year, the accused pumped large quantities of bore water into Boyagerring Brook at the creek crossing.

"As a result of the construction of the crossing and the removal by the accused of

large quantities of silt/sand, an artificial lake was created on the site.

"The site was significantly altered and damaged by these works.

"The accused participated in a recorded interview and made full admissions about the work.

"He stated that he was unaware that Boyagerring Brook was an Aboriginal heritage site or that approvals in the form of ministerial consent and permits from the Registrar of Aboriginal Sites were required."

Mr Maddox was charged last month and ordered to appear in the Northam Magistrate's Court on Monday March 20.

He received a court summons which shows a penalty of "\$20,000 and nine months' imprisonment" for conviction and a "daily penalty of \$400".

The summons does not provide for any lesser penalties for "this offence" and says Mr Maddox may also have to pay costs for the court and the prosecutor if found guilty.

Mr Maddox said he was "flabbergasted".

"I didn't apply to the shire for development approval because everyone knows you don't need permission to build a culvert on your own property," he said.

"The previous crossing was no good – I couldn't reach my house in winter when the creek running through my property flooded."

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Delay in signing doctors to new shire contract

TOODYAY residents may have to wait until at least May for local doctors to return as negotiations continue between the shire and prospective new operators to re-open the town's Alma Beard Medical Centre.

Shire CEO Suzie Haslehurst it would take "a couple more months" to finalise contract details, including interpretation of clauses and legal advice.

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Sunday 9am 1pm
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Letters of love

Roger Simms

WHEN was the last time you wrote a letter?

No, not something you'd send by text, tweet or email – and Christmas cards and bill payments don't count.

When was the last time you put pen to paper, pondered over your prose about an apology, perhaps, an invitation, a plea or even a love letter?

And then, happy with your effort, popped it into an envelope, stamped and posted it?

The answer in my own case, when I looked back, was not for quite a while, which I find surprising, really, given that I'm of a letter-writing generation.

We were taught by unforgiving primary school teachers how to hold a pen correctly, how to write what was known as copper-plate lettering and how (as Hyacinth from the British TV comedy show *Keeping Up Appearances* might have demonstrated) to position an address and stamp on an envelope just so.

Penmanship was taken all so seriously.

A reward for good handwriting (pen and ink) in my early school days was to see your work displayed at the Northam Show among the arts and crafts exhibits.

Wow.

But have I now abandoned the pen in favour of the key stroke? Have I at last been subsumed in the digital age?

Now tech-savvy to the point of SMS and email efficiency (I'm writing this column on an iPad), am I part of the reason that Australia Post is once again predicting the death of the letter?

Postal service chief executive Paul Graham said last month that Australian households now received letters at the rate of just one and a half a week and that the letters business was now in an unstoppable decline.

Letter losses had risen to \$190 million, leaving Australia Post to scrape to a half year profit of just \$23 million on the back of a growing parcels business.

It's enough to make a postie cry, you'd think.

But not Sally Martin, one of two local women whose job it is to keep the mail flowing to the good folk of Toodyay.

Sally is the licensee of the mail service to rural residents, those who live outside the town who collect their mail from locked boxes outside the post office in Piesse Street, next to the IGA store.

Letters to homes and businesses that have their own letter boxes in town are delivered by Amanda Hand.

Sally handles about 4500 letters a week and says the figure remains stable.

"Everything changes," she concedes.

"A lot of people have switched to email correspondence to cut down on paper use.

"But I can't see letters disappearing from the scene just yet."

Sally says she loves her job for the very reason so many posties in Australia have been recorded as saying over the years: "it's the contact with people."

Indeed, it's all about people.

From the time of Rowland Hill's penny post in Britain in 1840 and America's Pony Express in 1860, letters have been the vital link between yearning hearts and minds.

How much world history has been shaped by letters?

How about an 1858 letter to British naturalist Charles Darwin's that prompted him to publish his theory of evolution, and British World War 2 prime minister Winston Churchill's refusal in 1940 to make a deal with Nazi Germany?

And what about the love letter?

How many of those have shaped the spread of family trees?



A man writes a letter from his bedroom in the early 1900s. How many love letters have shaped the spread of family trees?

Perhaps your birth and mine can be traced to the power of an ancestor's amorous pen.

Yes, things have to change – the digital age has revolutionised communication – but you can't imagine a world without letters without also contemplating their incalculable role in the human story, especially in literature.

Just one example of loss strikes me.

Consider the treasure biographers find in the correspondence of famous and interesting people.

Bundles of letters found in forgotten places such as in trunks, garden sheds and under floorboards.

Will the emails and texts of tomorrow's literary targets – if they survive – reveal as much?

There's one area where I'd hate to see the word 'Letters' disappear, and that's the page in newspapers given over to readers' contributions.

The Toodyay Herald has always welcomed reader's letters, and without them the paper would be the poorer.

Letters give rise to the idea that a good newspaper is a community talking to itself.

It's true that most letters arrive in newsrooms digitally these days but the very word "letters" itself still stands for thoughts, ideas and opinions.

It would be a disappointing day to see a letters page called 'Emails to the Editor'.

Some years back, award-winning British novelist Jon McGregor invited strangers to send him letters through the post to help in a creative writing course he was teaching.

He wrote about it in Britain's *Guardian* newspaper and was still receiving letters three years later.

He tells of one from a retired postal worker in Canada who wrote about the letters he sorted during his career, how he learnt to spot those from prisoners and lovers, and how he himself continued to write letters "because it's a big cold universe and it just feels a little warmer to believe there's somebody out there who knows you're still alive".

I think I'll make it a late New Year resolution to write a letter or two from time to time, if only to help ameliorate postal chief Paul Graham's gloomy outlook.

And they say that writing longhand is good exercise for the brain.

Chewing the end of your pencil as you ponder a challenging phrase might seem like time wasting but good writing takes time and at least you're protected from an email rush of blood.

How quickly regret can follow a compulsive press on the send button.

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'Never again' Jen makes it once in a Blue Moon

By Ed Watson

THE FACE of Toodyay – like that of many small towns – is given a personality by its main street.

Although Toodyay's facades have kept a familiar face over time, the faces and wares inside have seen many changes.

New businesses bring new ideas and a breath of fresh air to revitalise the town with a new perspective and appearance.

Historic Ellery's Arcade in Stirling Terrace has seen many such changes over the past 100 the years and more.

Brewbakers home brew and distillery store next to the Toodyay Bakery shut its doors about seven years ago and the shop underwent a major transition into a crystals and inspirational gifts store.

Local beer buffs were relieved not to be left high and literally dry when local hardware stores took over with brewing kits to keep them happy and productive.

Oddly enough, this fresh new face came from someone who hadn't been in town all that long and had vowed never to own a retail shop again.

Putting those things aside, Jenny (Jen) Teeuwissen bravely stepped into the heady space left by home brewers to bring an entirely new focus and a fresh look for locals and tourists alike.

But the new owner had a story, and it was one of those "things fell into place" situations that created the opportunity for Jenny to quit her part-time job in a Northam dress shop to start Blue Moon Crystals.

Jen had put her hand to many things in several different parts of WA before falling for Toodyay's unique charm – a move that has kept her here for more than 10 years.

Born and bred in the big smoke, Jen's first move at around age eight took her from suburban Duncraig to what in those days was relatively remote Yancheep.

Here she embraced the "poo brown and yellow" Yancheep District High School uniform with pride but didn't find study all that stimulating.

Some of us are called to academic achievement while others know there is



Jen Teeuwissen swore she'd never own a shop again but says she now loves every minute of it.

something else, and Jen was happy to pursue that "something else".

Wanneroo Senior High School provided a fantastic social life for Years 11 and 12 and became a springboard for hitting the real world beyond the classroom.

Jen put in enough effort to pass all her subjects but left the world of study to search for what else might be out there waiting.

Her next few years were a mixed bag with jobs in and around the city in administration, mail delivery, waitressing, and a short stint

in hotel reception.

But the call of the wild was ever beckoning, and a cray season 226km north of Perth at Green Head opened up new directions for Jen and her partner.

They married, they settled in Green Head and raised three children – two boys and a girl – and Jen is now a proud grandparent of three.

With a sense of adventure and the children in school, Jen began thinking of what to do with all her new-found spare time.

Obviously, you find some retail space in nearby Jurien Bay and open a shop.

The result was Jenz Blendz which gave expression to Jen's creativity by way of soaps, candles, giftware – and crystals.

But life's challenges can come with changes in life.

Jen's life took on new directions when her children left home for jobs and further education, and she felt a move closer to Perth was needed.

Toodyay caught her eye about 10 years ago and as one thing led to another, the historic town became her new home while she commuted to Jurien until Jenz Blendz could be wound up.

A job in a Northam dress shop provided some extra income and kept Jen in touch with a retail world that stayed in her blood.

As long as it was someone else's shop she was happy with a vow to "never retail again".

But also in Jen's blood was a passion for crystals which often led to talk about stones and their meaning when customers wore items that caught her eye.

Jen's "never again retail" mantra was starting to show cracks.

Then she heard a whisper that Brewbakers was closing and those cracks suddenly widened.

A quick word to a local real estate agent soon saw Jen shackled to that retail ball and chain once more.

Jen became single in 2017 and was going to sell the shop before the 2020 COVID-19 pandemic because she was on her own, "but things got much better and so the shop stayed open and flourished" she says.

Jen says she now loves every minute of it ... well, nearly every minute of the fickle world of retail.

Blue Moon Crystals has become a fixture on a busy retail strip that has seen a lot of changes, including the closure of the town butcher.

Toodyay's hot summers give retailers a chance to breathe as tourists flock to Perth's beaches or head south to cooler weather.

Even the bakery takes a break, leaving the town a lot quieter than usual for a few weeks over Christmas and New Year.

Retail can be fickle and Jen had thought about selling the shop but having rented a Drummond Street home for a few years, she decided to buy her own place on a good-sized block in town with a blank slate for a garden.

Unfortunately, as many Toodyay locals know to the cost of spiked hands and feet, a hot spell and light showers can cause caltrop weed to thrive.

Jen's new garden had become a caltrop paddock – war was declared.

There is much advice on this subject and Jen is open to all suggestions.

But she believes the change is good and enjoys being able to be in her own space with Tilly the fat cat, Charlie the naughty fly wire cat and faithful kelpie Dixie.

If there are more changes in the wind for Jen, perhaps the mythical powers of her crystals will provide the answer.



\$280,000 shire grader wrecked by vandals.

Vandals smash shire grader

TOODYAY road repairs have been delayed by at least eight weeks after vandals damaged a grader at the town's local racecourse.

A glass door was smashed to gain entry to the locked vehicle and the contents of a fire extinguisher sprayed over the grader's control panel and interior.

The weekend vandalism occurred last month while the grader was parked overnight at the shire-owned racecourse, about three kilometres from Toodyay townsite.

The grader is one of three operated by the Shire of Toodyay and costs \$4500 a month to lease.

Two are used for year-round repairs to gravel roads – including those used by local farmers to carry grain and livestock to market – and the other for shire road construction.

Toodyay CEO Suzie Haslehurst said the damaged grader was insured for \$280,000.

However, it would take up to two months to order new parts from overseas.

Local police said they are investigating.

100 new homes sought for Toodyay townsite

Michael Sinclair-Jones

PLANS for 100 new homes in Toodyay have been lodged with the State Government.

The new subdivision is next to the town's Riverhills Estate which has undergone a residential building boom in recent years.

The new residential lots averaging 1000sq/m would generate an estimated extra \$200,000 a year in Shire of Toodyay rates.

The land is owned by Queensland property developer Australia Q8 Pty Ltd.





The shire has no role in granting the application but last month's council meeting voted 7-0 to ask the WA Planning Commission for it include public open space for trees and that the developer seals the gravel part of Drummond Street.



100 new homes planned on vacant land near Toodyay District High School and pool.

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The Toodyay Herald

Making an ass of the law

IT MAY surprise many Toodyay land owners to learn that winter creeks running through their private property are protected by Aboriginal heritage law and cannot be altered in any way without first getting State Government permission.

This includes installing culverts and crossings to stop flooding or building dams and bore-fed pools to create artificial water supplies and decorative summer ponds.

The new WA law was passed in 2021 after mining giant Rio Tinto destroyed a 46,000-year-old Aboriginal cave the previous year at remote Juukan Gorge in WA's far north.

As a result, many natural WA waterways such as the Avon River and its tributaries – including Boyagginger Brook – gained State protection as Aboriginal cultural heritage sites.

The aim was to protect such places from heritage damage because upstream alterations can have a dramatic impact on what happens downstream.

One has only to look at how the Avon River was ecologically ruined in the 1950s when large sections were "straightened" to stop towns such as Toodyay, York and Northam regularly flooding in winter.

It caused an environmental disaster for which we still pay the price today with an ancient river system that now runs like a drain in winter and dies a sad and dusty death every summer (see *Toodyay Friends of the River*, Page 21).

Forty thousand years of cultural heritage were wiped out in a single well-intentioned but ultimately destructive act without any reference to the valley's traditional owners – the Ballardong people – who were never consulted before the bulldozers moved in.

Fast forward to today with a local land owner who has been threatened with nine months' jail, a \$20,000 fine and the loss of his livelihood for doing what many local land owners may assume to be entirely lawful.

Whether or not you believe in the Waugal as mythical serpent is irrelevant – the issue is that the land owner didn't know he might be breaking the law because nobody in government made any effort to tell him or anybody else about it, including the contractors who did the work.

When *The Herald* asked the WA Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage what steps it takes to actively inform property owners about the new law, the answer was basically 'nothing'.

Similarly with the shire – its planning department gets involved only if it receives a complaint, which it refers to the State to investigate.

So how is anyone to know? Ignorance of the law is not generally regarded in court as a reasonable defence.

Common sense must prevail if this particular law is not to be seen as an ass.

Michael Sinclair-Jones
Editor



The way we were – this image from a framed colour photo mounted on card showed celebrations in Toodyay for WA's 150th anniversary in 1979. It was part of a 'Back to Toodyay Week' held from June 4-10 which included a 'Back to Toodyay Schools Day' on June 8. Toodyay's WA sesquicentennial celebrations included a local Farmers' Market, historical pageant and school historical displays. It followed a 1971 State celebration to mark WA's population passing one million – a figure that has almost trebled to 2.7 million over the past 50 years. Photo: Newcastle Gaol Museum.

LETTERS

'Heartbeat' radio pulls plug

I WRITE on behalf of the team at 105.3FM Toodyay Community Radio – Heartbeat of our Community.

Huge thankyou to all our programmers for your dedication to supplying your regular programs.

To our sponsors – without you we would not have happened.

To our listeners, it's been a long road of learning for all the team and we hope you have enjoyed the ride.

Special acknowledgment to Bethan Lloyd for her support and never-say-die attitude, and Ken Stivey for his love of rock and dedication to perfection.

And to Mark Greenway. I roped you in to help set up the radio and, due to unforeseen circumstances, you ended up running the whole show.

It's been one of my proudest moments, working alongside you all.

Well done guys –thank you. The lights went out last month on Sunday February 5.

That's all, folks.
Paula Greenway
2J2AIR Community Radio

Your fire, not mine

FOR THE second year in row, we experienced a threat from a bushfire from the recent fires in the Cobbler Pool area.

We want to thank all of the emergency service personnel and volunteers for their timely response and excellent efforts to control the fire.

In times of emergencies like this, neighbours and volunteers band together to help each other out.

Unfortunately, this was not the case with our neighbour.

The fire was only a few kilometres away and heading in our direction when our neighbour informed us they were evacuating their site.

Chalice Mining just packed up and left. It looks as if they are only concerned with what is below the ground, and not with

what is above the surface on the properties they own.

For a company that has an assortment of fire-fighting equipment and trained personnel, it's a bitter reality to know we won't have help from our neighbours when the worst is heading our way.

Darryl Lette
Julimar

(A Chalice spokesperson said its sites were evacuated according to State fire and emergency services advice. "Access points were left open to ensure water and firefighting equipment remained easily accessible if required. Chalice's equipment is readily accessible to neighbours as well and installed with the intention to aid in any fire situation. Toodyay Central Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade has since commended the Chalice team on the way we responded." Ed.)

What's in a name?

THE TOODYAY Shire seems to be re-naming some of the roads around town.

Two roads come to mind: Nunyle as it used to be named, now Nunile; and Long Forest Road, now Long Forrest Road.

Just on the Long Forest name, people would think because of the spelling now, it is named after a person.

In fact, my father Geoff Brockhurst said it was because the Hamersley family originally owned from Haseley Stud on the Toodyay-

Bolgart road to their property approximately 10km out the Long Forest Road and it was all forest originally.

With regards to the Nunyle road if one was to put into Google Maps 'Nunyle, Coondle WA 6566' you will see there was an area called Nunyle.

I don't have any more information but would like to know if we should be keeping the traditional names or not.

Mark A Brockhurst
Applecross

Thank you firefighters, public

A VERY big thank you to all visiting and local fire brigade volunteers and members of the general public who assisted in fighting major bushfires along Cobbler Pool Road and the railway line early last month.

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Younger JPs needed to help fight crime

TOODYAY needs new Justices of the Peace young enough to help local police catch crooks.

Former local JP Brian Rayner retired from the role late last year but says he is still receiving calls from people wanting documents to be signed.

The age limit for JPs to sign police warrants is 75.

Without younger JPs, local police have to travel to Northam or further to authorise search warrants, which could delay criminal inquiries or allow offenders to escape.

Mr Rayner – a former Toodyay shire president – said two or more younger JPs could share the community responsibility by sharing a JP roster with one always available to assist police in their work.

"It would suit a reputable person with good community standing," Mr Rayner said.

JPs are appointed by the State Governor and are authorised to carry out a range of official administrative duties in their local communities.

For more information about how to become a JP, visit the WA Justice Department online.

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
2023	0.1	0											0.1
Average	12.10	14.40	20.00	26.20	66.40	97.80	101.60	60.40	35.40	24.70	12.70	8.80	425.50

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Little-known heritage law threatens financial ruin

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"I HAVE worked in real estate for 33 years and nobody has ever told me that creeks on private property are Aboriginal heritage sites that need permission for any work to be done," Mr Maddox said.

"I'll bet most other Toodyay property owners don't know that either.

"The shire doesn't inform ratepayers about it, and why would anyone think to go to a government website to find out if they can build a culvert crossing on their property?"

"A conviction means I will have to close my business, sack seven staff and lose my livelihood.

"Plus I have to pay for a barrister to represent me in court, pay a fine, maybe go to jail and perhaps also pay to demolish my crossing and lose winter access to my home.

"This is going to cost me thousands and a conviction will ruin me financially – I'm not able to sleep at night worrying about it."

A spokesperson for the WA Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage said there had been no similar prosecutions anywhere else in the Avon Valley.

Convictions and fines of up to \$10,000 had been imposed in other parts of WA.

The department did not actively inform land owners that creeks on private property were protected by Aboriginal heritage law.

Toodyay Shire CEO Suzie Haslehurst said ratepayers were informed of their heritage obligations if there was an inquiry but there were no other alerts, such as on a certificate of title.

In this particular case, the shire received a complaint which it referred to the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage and others as a routine matter for feedback.



Local real estate agent Tony Maddox at the driveway, culvert and pond which threatens his livelihood and seven staff members' jobs.

Drilling noise disrupts weekend bird survey

Michael Sinclair-Jones

WEEKEND drilling in Julimar Conservation Park has upset local volunteers conducting a birdlife survey to help identify rare and endangered species.

Volunteers were also upset last month that part of the Salvado Pilgrim Trail through the forest to New Norcia was closed.

The early Saturday morning disruption



Salvado Pilgrim Trail marker cordoned off for drilling.

was reported to *The Herald* after volunteers complained that engine noise from heavy machinery had disrupted their efforts to monitor bird calls to identify local species.

Some forest access roads were also blocked off with tape.

Julimar Forest is the site of an extensive drilling program to map a large ore deposit that is predicted to turn Toodyay into a valuable source of rare metals to power growing world demand for electric vehicles.

Chalice Mining has already discovered deposits worth billions of dollars on nearby private land in Julimar and has secured State Government permits to drill in the forest, which it has been doing for the past year.

Wildlife surveys are being conducted by Birdlife Australia, the Julimar Conservation and Forest Alliance and other local volunteer environmental groups.

Members reported last May that they had discovered a Crested Shrike Tit (pictured above right) which had not been seen in the forest for the previous 20 years.

Volunteers fear that drilling noise and disruption caused by mining exploration activity will disrupt habitats and cause rare birdlife to disappear.

A coalition of environmental groups is lobbying the State Government for Julimar Forest to be declared a national park.

A spokesperson for Chalice Mining said the company was continuing to conduct "low-impact" exploration according to State Government approvals.

"The drilling is conducted 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," the spokesperson said.

"Low-impact exploration methods include the use of small footprint, track-mounted drill rigs and ongoing wildlife and cultural heritage monitoring in the area.

"Often, access on tracks surrounding the drill rig are restricted in compliance with our exploration conditions.

"When drilling is occurring on a track, traffic management is in place as required to minimise recreational impacts, and for the safety of others.

"The Julimar State Forest remains open and accessible to the community.

Chalice recognises the importance of the Camino Salvado Pilgrimage and has ongoing, two-way communication with the group."



Crested Shrike Tit – first sighted in Julimar Forest last May after 20 years.



Julimar Conservation Park track closed for early morning weekend drilling.



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Drugs, guns and stolen BMW seized in raid

WUNDOWIE Police have charged two men with drug, firearm and weapons offences as part of an ongoing effort to disrupt unlawful activities in the Wheatbelt district.

On Friday February 1 local police assisted by Northam and York detectives and specialist officers from the Tactical Response Group executed a search warrant on a house in Olive Road Wundowie under the Misuse of Drugs Act.

Police allegedly seized quantities of methylamphetamine, cannabis, firearms, ammunition and controlled weapons including a homemade crossbow and nunchaku along with four stolen motor vehicles.

A stolen BMW sedan recovered at the scene had been outstanding since 2016.

Department of Fire and Emergency officers at the scene took possession of a brown liquid believed to be dimethyltryptamine, otherwise known as DMT or fantasia.

According to Australia's Alcohol and Drug Foundation DMT is a "very strong" psychedelic compound found in animals and plants.

Chemically similar to magic mushrooms, DMT causes intense visual hallucinations.

It can alter a person's thinking, sense of time, emotions, and cause them to see or hear things that are distorted or do not exist.

A 54-year-old Wundowie man has been charged with:

- Two counts of possessing banned weapons,
- Two counts of possessing unlicensed firearms and ammunition,
- One count of possessing a firearm with "circumstances of aggravation".
- One count of possessing methylamphetamine, and
- One count of stealing a motor vehicle.

A 47-year-old Midland man was charged with possession of methylamphetamine and a smoking implement.



A 54-year-old Wundowie man faces charges after police seized this unregistered rifle, ammunition and other weapons.



Home-made nunchaku or baton flail.



This BMW is alleged to be one of four stolen vehicles found on the Wundowie property.



Sawn-off shotgun allegedly seized in Wundowie police raid.

Horror run comes to an end

Police Beat

With Sgt Dave Flaherty
Toodyay Police Station



people in need of help in cases of domestic violence or missing children.

It's not like the TV ads, chasing baddies, riding horses, jumping out of helicopters, etc. – there's a human side to it as well, but it can be rewarding.

Interested? Talk to me at the police station for more information.

We remain on top of localised crime, usually involving people who drift in and out of town, rather than locals.

On the plus side, it is pleasing that despite fewer resources, we have been able to help keep our roads much safer since Christmas.

Please keep up the good work.

Gunshots heard

WE ARE currently getting lots of inquiries from local residents about the use of firearms on neighbouring properties.

Complaints have been received about gunshots scaring dogs, horses, sheep and birds.

Most inquiries are from rural residential bush properties in areas such as Julimar, Coondle, Nunile, Bejoording and Morangup.

Simply put, registered gun owners can fire a registered gun on their own property as long as it is done safely and the projectile doesn't cross the boundary of that property.

It is illegal to fire a gun from a road, over a road, over a wall or across a neighbouring fence line.

There is more to consider including firearm types and property sizes, but in general, safety is paramount.

Guns can be used to safeguard animals from attack, for the lawful destruction of animals, to eradicate vermin but gun owners need to be careful what they are shooting does not include protected wildlife such as eagles, hawks or other natural predators.

No banned firearms here

NEW STATE laws to ban high-powered firearms and ammunition from July 1 will not affect registered gun owners in Toodyay.

The ban will outlaw 56 types of firearms and 19 calibres of ammunition, some of which can pierce armour-plated vehicles up to four kilometres away.

It's hard to understand why these types of firearms and ammunition were ever available outside of the military.

However, none of Toodyay's several hundred registered gun owners are listed as being the owners of the banned firearms.

A total of 248 high-powered guns registered elsewhere in WA will be subject to a state government buy-back scheme.

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INCREASED police traffic patrols have led to fewer serious accidents on Toodyay roads after last year's pre-Christmas horror run, which saw six people die and several seriously injured.

Local patrols have been boosted by officers from Northam-based Wheatbelt Traffic and Perth's Regional Enforcement Unit.

This increased police presence is believed to have had a direct and beneficial impact on safer driving habits in our region.

Recent months have seen no serious or fatal crashes and fewer incidents of speeding and drink or drug driving.

This comes, however, as the WA police force struggles generally across the state to maintain law enforcement numbers due to the increasing numbers of officers resigning since 2021.

On average 40 police officers a month are resigning from their positions, often due to increased workloads, stressful work environments and the prospect of better pay and employment conditions elsewhere.

Midland Station – a key metropolitan station – is reported to be currently more than 20 officers short.

The number of new people joining the force doesn't match the number leaving, is the reality and overall police numbers are down to approximately 2013 levels.

Sadly Toodyay is not immune, we have just lost an officer with 21 years' experience – including UK law enforcement service – who has resigned to take up a new job driving mining trucks.

Marcus finishes with us on Friday March 10 and we wish him all the very best and say "thanks".

We will be seeking a replacement internally and fingers crossed but nothing is guaranteed.

It takes six months to train new recruits in Perth, and that training continues as new officers get allocated to their first metropolitan or country postings.

Policing isn't for everyone, it entails a lot of emotional wear and tear, including dealing with repeat offenders, death by suicide, car crashes, accidents and natural causes.

The need to counsel young people in distress as well as other things such as responding to

EMERGENCY SERVICES

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Toodyay Central Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade
Peter Brennan

BECOME a firefighting volunteer today.

Come and meet Toodyay Central Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade members for a chat at the markets and find out what it takes to become a volunteer firefighter in our community.

If you can't make the markets, drop into the station any Friday between 5.30 and 6.15pm.

We are also seeking drivers with a Heavy Rigid (HR) licence for our Toodyay 12.2 bulk water tanker.

We are at the co-located Emergency Facility at 67 Stirling Terrace Toodyay.

If you have any inquiries, please phone 0448 492 935.



Come and see us at the Toodyay Farmers Market on Sunday March 19.



If you have an HR licence to drive the Toodyay water tanker we want to hear from you.

Everyone doing the right thing on days of extreme heat

Coondle-Nunile Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade

Chris McDonald

WE'VE had a busy few months with several fires started by lightning in the local area, with many requiring multiple crews.

The Katrina fire and one outside town on the Telegraph – Bindi Bindi – Toodyay Road continued to flare up over many days.

The major fire at Cobbler Pool was contained without the loss of significant infrastructure with help from more than 200 firefighters and support units.

You might have seen water bombers flying over the town, with some dropping water while larger air tankers lay down lines of retardant to slow the fire spread.

We were also asked to help fight fires around the Goomalling, Quairading and Northam shires.

The people of Toodyay are to be congratulated, with no fires on days of extreme heat caused by people doing things they should not.

Recently we have been using a red light tanker while Millie, our heavy tanker, has been off-site for repairs after an incident on a fireground.

Many of our older members were happy to see the return of a light tanker to our fire shed as it can get into areas inaccessible to heavier trucks.

If you are interested in meeting some new people who live and work in Toodyay, we meet every Friday night at 5.30pm at the fire shed on the Bindi Bindi – Toodyay Road next to the old wheat bin.

New members are always welcome.

It only takes a couple of weekends of basic training to become a trained bushfire fighter.

We have many different courses if you wish to further increase your skills, along with monthly refresher training.

A big thank you to Damo from Toodyay Hardware and Farm Supplies for his donation to all brigades in the Shire of Toodyay.

We fundraise through the Cash for Cans program so we can purchase items that make fighting fires safer and easier.

If you have some empties we are happy to have them – and you will be helping your community as well.

If you see smoke or fire please call 000 before you post on social media.

Have you reviewed your bush fire plan?

Please see www.dfes.wa.gov.au/hazard-information/bushfire for more information.



Toodyay Central Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade members at last month's Cobbler Pool fire.

Drivers needed to ferry patients



Some St John volunteer community transport drivers (from left) Susan Pearce, our CTS Coordinator Sandra Cousins, Laurie James, Graham Hill, Derek West, John Morrissey, and Bob Kermod.

St John Toodyay Sub Centre
Pam Tennant

OUR volunteer ambulance officers attended 35 call-outs in January with our ambulances travelling more than 2200km servicing our community.

The Community Transport Service (CTS) and our volunteer drivers continue to take clients to medical appointments both locally and further afield.

But your sub centre is in need of more volunteers as some of our ambulance officers are not available all the time.

Some have moved away for work, some are fly-in, fly-out workers, while others change careers and don't have the time for volunteering.

We are always looking for more ambulance officers and CTS drivers.

If you are interested, have the time, and would like to be part of a valuable community service, we would love to hear from you.

Please phone our administration officer Debbie between 8.30am and 4.30pm Tuesdays to Thursdays.

She will give you the information you need to start your journey with us.

Your sub centre is also planning to hold an open day later in the year when you can have a look around the sub centre building, have a go at CPR, have your blood pressure and blood sugars tested and climb into an ambulance to see what it's all about.

You can also inquire on the day about becoming a volunteer.

We will probably throw in a sausage sizzle and cool drinks for you as well.

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The old 'took my money under false pretences' trick

Computer Safety
Phil Hart

WITH scammers getting trickier, the time has come to get smart.

A record number of West Australians fell victim to scammers last year, according to a recent report aired on the ABC (ab.co/3kPSk6B).

WA residents lost nearly \$16 million in 2022, up nearly double from 2017.

More than half of last year's losses were to cryptocurrency and romance scams.

Remote access scams and online shopping fraud were also notable.

Cryptocurrency scams are about you getting rich quick.

They are literally too good to be true – the scammer wants to fleece you as a sucker.

If anybody calls you unexpectedly and tells you that your internet has problems, or that they are calling from NBN or Telstra, it is almost certain that caller is a scammer.

Scammers can fake telephone numbers, so looking at a caller ID won't tell you anything about them.

Scammers also send you fake emails about problems with your internet service provider, claiming that your service is compromised or that your previous payment failed.

Claims about your service being compromised can be ignored.

If your service does fail, you can always call your service provider.

If you have concerns about an alleged failed payment, check your bank account or call your service provider.

To make matters worse, scammers are now "spoofing" the telephone numbers of banks so that the caller ID might show the number of your bank (bit.ly/3YTQFeV).

Romance scams can take a bit more time and effort to identify.

Look closely at what the person says about themselves.

Alarm bells should ring for spelling mistakes, inconsistencies in their story, saying they have a lot of different interests, or are interested in a wide range of ages.

If there is a picture, use a reverse image search to see if the picture has been stolen from somebody else.

Check what they say about themselves against publicly available information.

Beware if they paint a very sweet picture of themselves in words.

Finally, take your time.

Romance scammers want to extract money from you in the shortest possible time, so forcing them to wait six months soon discourages them.

More information can be found on cryptocurrency scams at bit.ly/3JKkUAX, romance scams bit.ly/40e9BGP and remote access scams bit.ly/3DrUEHo.



The winners of the Bolgart Men's Two Day Bowls Classic Fours from Northam/Goomalling/Meckering (from left) Shane Manuel (Northam) Kristian Carr (Goomalling), John Park (Northam), Bryan Roper (Northam). Doug Kelly (not pictured) from Meckering played on the first day of the event.

Big day out at sports club brekkie



From left: Serena Syred and Nolene Kaszanski having fun on the water slide.

Bolgart News
Pam McGill

THE BOLGART Sports Club hosted the Shire of Victoria Plains Australia Day breakfast with a great crowd of around 100 attending.

People enjoyed bacon, eggs and sausages cooked by a band of volunteers.

Noel Smith from Piawaning taught us about Aboriginal land and how to play a didgeridoo.

A giant slippery slide was set up and the adults and children sliding down it had a ball, making for some very interesting and entertaining sights.

Congratulations to Gary Manning from Yerecoin who was presented with Australian of the Year award for his volunteer work with Yerecoin Fire Brigade.

Bolgart Hotel had live entertainment by Fenton Wilde at their Australia Day evening meal.

The music was great and as usual the food was wonderful.

Congratulations to Renae Kesic and Corey Scadden on the arrival of Henry Bailey Scadden February 9 weighing 6lb 7oz (2.9kg).

Henry is the first grandchild for Craig and Karen Kesic of Bolgart and also Troy and Lisa Scadden of Merredin.

The CWA held their annual general meeting recently with Brenda Clarke being re-elected as president, Irene Barton vice president, Joan Carr secretary, and Brenda Clarke treasurer.

Mens bowls

Bolgart Bowling Club hosted their Two Day Classic Fours over Tuesday and Wednesday February 7 and 8 with 14 teams competing.

The weather was warm, but the company and food were great for those attending.

Many thanks to all the generous sponsors.

The winners were Shane Manuel's team from Northam/Goomalling/Meckering with runners-up Brian Bond's team from Toodyay.

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Excellent teamwork focuses on big changes ahead

President's Pen

Rosemary Madácsi



A BIG change is ahead for Toodyay following excellent teamwork at the February Ordinary Council Meeting and some recent options being explored.

Negotiations to resume local general practitioner services at Toodyay's Alma Beard Medical Centre are nearing conclusion.

Councillor conversation is also focused on considering some options to invigorate the town's recreation centre and the racecourse.

Leases and licences are being updated as officers catch up on outstanding issues and compliance failures.

At a Special Council Meeting on February 1 the 2022/2023 Shire budget was adjusted to remove anticipated revenue from the

quashed mining differential rate, and the Budget was re-adopted.

The budget shortfall was offset by an agreement with Chalice Mining to pay for proposed budgeted roadworks resulting from mining activities in Julimar.

At last month's Ordinary Council Meeting, Councillors considered an application to the WA Planning Commission by Urbanista Town Planning on behalf of Australia Q8 Pty Ltd for a 100-lot subdivision at Lots 9011 and 9507 Drummond Street West (Lot 3 in the Foggarthorpe Residential Estate Structure Plan, as amended in 2016).

Council supported the application with conditions and strived to ensure the development would not detract from the amenity of the town, including urban design and the provision of green space.

Staff had addressed most concerns raised by councillors before preparing the agenda.

Three additional amendments were made to the town planning application:

- Two resolutions were combined into one,

- The upgrade of Drummond Street West was included, and

- A request for WA Planning Commission to consider the age of the Structure Plan. Two items were withdrawn.

A draft Extractive Industries Policy was withdrawn for further work, and an outbuilding at Lot 122/390 Toodyay West Road was withdrawn by the applicant.

All other items were approved, including minor amendments to eight council policies and a schedule to review Shire Local Laws.

Just a reminder: questions and answers about the agenda are listed as Agenda Notes on the Shire website under the Council heading, and meetings are listed by their date.

After the Agenda briefing, questions and answers are recorded as per the Records Act but are not added to the Notes.

Online chatter about waterway management is a timely reminder about the rural setting in which we live.

People need to seek permission if they want

to do work on any natural waterways on their property because they are strongly regulated.

Please check with Shire Planning and Development staff before considering works as significant fines and jail time can result.

The good news is the Shire has been re-endorsed as a Waterwise Council and continues to work in this space to mitigate future costs.

Recent State Government announcements that focus on animal control include the development and implementation of a new centralised registration system for cats and dogs to cut red tape for councils and pet owners.

There is also a Pest Parrot and Cockatoo Management Strategy for Western Australia.

Pets and pests are increasingly taking an environmental and economic toll on wildlife, stock and infrastructure.

The Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development is undertaking a survey to inform the development of the strategy to guide stakeholders in the effective management of pest birds.

Please have your say on the department's website before Friday March 31 at <https://yoursay.dpird.wa.gov.au/> and click on WA Pest Parrot and Cockatoo Management Strategy.

For the community's information, the Local Government (COVID-19 Response) Amendment Order 2022 which provided certain hardship concessions for the 2022/23 financial year ended on February 3.

Council will, however, carefully consider the consequences of any revision of current charges for the 2023/24 budget.

I would like to conclude by acknowledging the wonderful volunteers in Toodyay and the differences they make – from our Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade members, Toodyay Local Care helpers, Toodyay Op Shop ladies and local St John's Ambulance transport drivers to those who enrich the social fabric of our community – Dani Xeureb, Shuba Johns and their team for encouraging fitness for all with the opening of ParkRun on Saturday February 26.

It was a fantastic turnout with 150 participants from mothers with prams and pets led on short leads to the serious competitors in full running kit.

Very well done everyone.

New president takes the Show reins

Toodyay Agricultural Society
Alison Wroth, President (retiring)

IT WAS an interesting gathering at the Toodyay Agricultural Society annual general meeting held on Monday February 13 in the Youth Hall at the showgrounds.

Bruce Shenn nominated for president and was duly elected to take over the reins.

I congratulate him for taking on this responsibility.

Bruce will do a wonderful job organising this year's Toodyay Show, confident he has our full support.

The newly elected 2023 Toodyay Agricultural Society Committee is made up of keen, young members of the community as well as our "regulars".

These more experienced members have the knowledge required to organise such a historic agricultural and community event and enjoy keeping the show running.

We welcome our new executive and committee to the following positions:

- President Bruce Shenn;
- First Vice President Karen Dore;
- Second Vice President Sarah-Jane Simonetti;
- Patron David Chitty;
- Immediate Past President Alison Wroth;
- Treasurer Kate Steeples; and
- Committee members Debra Andrijich, Liz Boston, Tom Findlay, Wayne Fletcher, Kerry Knowles, Steve McCormack, Tiff Paley, Brendan Ragus, Shirley Kemp and Tina Heath.

Frank Farmer will continue on in the position of our Administration Officer and is going to be a direct link to the community along with our president.

If you want to call Frank regarding the Show, please give him a call on 0400 979 671.

The committee will be back working hard to organise a breathtaking 2023 Show for everyone in our local community to enjoy on Saturday October 7.

We also have our historic 170th Show to organise and look forward to in 2024.

The RAS Rural Ambassador Award is being hosted in York this year.

This state-wide, rural-based competition is a great way to network and especially add to your resume if you are community minded and love to challenge yourself.

If you are between 18 and 30 years of age and interested in entering this competition, please contact me, Alison Wroth, on 0437 099 960 or email our admin officer Frank at toodyayagsociety@gmail.com.

It has once again been an honour to be the Toodyay Agricultural Society President.

I will stay on the committee as Chief Steward.

Thank you to everybody who helped me in my time as president.

With your support, backing and wisdom, our committee achieved wonderful events and secured improvements to our historic agricultural Show, schedule, attractions and grounds to ensure it is the best agricultural show in the region.



Steve Keogh from Mokine with his prize-winning Arab horse Miss Qisetta at last year's Toodyay Show. Photo: Mark Roy.

Ex-premier's family buys iconic Freemasons Hotel

Michael Sinclair-Jones

A DUSTY eyesore in the centre of Toodyay's busy tourist precinct has been earmarked for future development with the long-anticipated sale of the town's iconic Freemasons Hotel.

Former owners Stella and John Pearce ended their 33-year association with the heritage-listed hotel and vacant corner block in the middle of last month.

Mr Pearce said he and his wife would remain in Toodyay and were both looking forward to travelling.

The vacant corner block was once occupied by a large hardware store but has lain empty for several years.

The hotel – which was first licensed in 1861 as the Newcastle Hotel with stables at the rear before extensive additions, renovations and a name change – has been bought by the family of former WA premier Colin Barnett.

Mr Barnett has a long association with Toodyay through his ownership of a rural property in Julimar, which his family uses as a country retreat.

His son Sam has lived there for the past 18 months after frequently visiting Toodyay as a child and is now the family's business representative at the Freemasons' Hotel.

He declined to be photographed or comment to *The Herald* about the purchase.

However, within days of last month's settlement, a large area of brick paving in the hotel's rear beer garden was ripped up and replaced with lawn.



Dusty eyesore in the centre of Toodyay's busy tourist precinct has been sold.

The hotel's TAB betting licence has been retained.

It is understood future plans include repainting the hotel's classic federation-style exterior in heritage colours and carrying out internal renovations and refurbishment in the building's original style.

No building plans have been lodged for the vacant corner block but it is understood the site is earmarked for future development, possibly for accommodation.

It is understood the Barnett family wants to turn the hotel and corner block into a "focal point for the town".

The hotel's new ownership follows the recent sale of the Toodyay's historic Victoria Hotel and modern IGA store to the Perth-based Guru Brothers, which owns similar stores in Perth and Meekatharra.

The Toodyay store's new owners were still waiting at the end of last month for State Government approval to resume Lotto ticket sales at the front counter.

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Dynamic town retains character, charm

Toodyay Historical Society Inc
 Robyn Taylor, Vice President

SIGNIFICANT changes are happening in town with established Stirling Terrace businesses the Freemasons and the refurbished Victoria Hotel changing hands, while the former 'Top Pub' has transformed into the Toodyay Manor.

The Manor is now a beautifully appointed up-market bed and breakfast venue for those who want to escape to the country while being within walking distance of amenities and attractions.

This shows Toodyay is a dynamic town that can keep up to date while retaining its character and charm.

One business that signalled changing times when it started nearly a century ago is the Toodyay Auto Centre at 99 Stirling Terrace.

The business is now up for sale after being run for the past nearly 40 years by the Chrimes family.

The premises were built in 1926 and contained a showroom when it officially opened in February 1927.

The mid-late 1920s, when the garage was built, was a time of major social change.

The world was recovering from the effects of the Great War, and there was cynicism about the old-world order that led to the massive carnage on the battlefields.

With war came new and advanced technologies and a younger generation wanting to celebrate life with everything that was 'modern': fashion (think Phryne Fisher), jazz, nightclubs, modern art, graphic art and furniture design that continue to influence.

The Roaring Twenties had arrived, and a great way to celebrate life was the freedom provided by the increasingly affordable motor car.

In tandem with this came auto garages and petrol stations in country towns like Toodyay, and the production of road maps by the Automobile Club of Western Australia, now the RAC.

Toodyay Auto Garage, workshop and showroom were designed in the new modern style by the prestigious Perth architectural firm Oldham, Boas and Ednie Brown.

The firm was also responsible for the



Now trading as Toodyay Auto Centre, this showroom and garage was built in 1926.

massive Winterbottom's Garage, built around 1925, that once stood on the corner of St George's Terrace and Mill Street, Perth.

Its was promoted as 'Australia's Largest Garage' in the advertising of the time.

The firm was also responsible for the Ford Motor Factory (1929) on Stirling Highway, North Fremantle, since converted into the Matilda Bay Brewery.

Toodyay's auto garage is a good example of a simpler aesthetic style that was emerging before the 1929 depression.

The shire's inventory of heritage buildings refers to the style as inter-war classical, with art deco influences.

Art deco was a style that became increasingly popular during the 1930s post-depression recovery years.

You can recognise it in the external features of the former 1939 Fire Brigade building at 105-107 Stirling Terrace with

its three bands of recessed brickwork along the top and decorative centrepiece.

For a detailed history of the garage go to en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Toodyay_Garage.

Toodyay is fortunate to have these two delightful building gems that reflect a particular time in world history.

Our March excursion will be a visit to Katrine Steading (former Katrine Homestead) on Saturday March 25 at 2pm.

Members will be advised about details.

Monthly meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month at 7pm in St Stephen's Church Hall.

Contacts: secretary.2j.ths@gmail.com, [Robyn Taylor, rdtaylor@iinet.net.au](mailto:Robyn.Taylor@iinet.net.au), phone 9574 2578 or, [Beth Frayne, toobide4@iinet.net.au](mailto:Beth.Frayne@iinet.net.au), phone 9574 5971.

The postal address is PO Box 32 Toodyay WA 6566.

Website: toodyayhistoricalsociety.org.au. Membership is \$15 per annum.

More donations needed to fund school chaplain

Friends of Toodyay Chaplaincy
 John White

THE FRIENDS of Toodyay Chaplaincy need to commit to the task of fundraising to retain the valuable services of School Chaplain Doug McGhee.

Toodyay YouthCARE is funding Doug for four days per week this year.

We receive partial funding from the government but we need to fund the rest.

Not only must we fundraise but, as Friends, also lend support to and interest in the work of the chaplain, creating an added bridge between the community and our local school.

We hope you continue to support this worthwhile service again this year and maybe even encourage a friend or neighbour to join the ranks of "The Friends of Chaplaincy".

Friends are invited to an annual morning tea produced and served by the school's home economics students.

The event is an opportunity to get to know and offer support to Doug, staff and the school as a whole.

If you can make a donation or join as a Friend with a support contribution of \$10 per year, our Bendigo Bank details are BSB 633-000, A/c 143991552 in the name Toodyay YouthCARE Council.

Please use your name as a reference.

For more information, please contact us at PO Box 89.

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Treasurer Heather McGlasson (left) receives the Active Citizenship Award on behalf of the P&C from the Hon Sandra Carr MLC on Australia Day.

Collective efforts rewarded in local Australia Day honours

Toodyay District High School Parents and Citizens Association
Kelly-Anne Murray, President

ON BEHALF of Toodyay District High School P&C committee and members I wish all staff, students and families a fabulous year ahead and extend a special welcome to students and families who are new to our school.

I hope you find our community supportive and welcoming.

Toodyay DHS P&C was presented with the Active Citizenship Award at the recent Australia Day ceremonies. It's wonderful to receive recognition for the contribution the P&C has made in recent years.

We're grateful for the collective efforts of our committee, members, volunteers, and business and community supporters.

Together we create a significant and enduring benefit for our school students.

To keep up this good work the P&C held its annual general meeting and term 1 members' meeting on February 28.

Members elected a committee and thanked retiring secretary Olivia Wood for her contributions to the school.

The P&C will start off the year strongly with funds to support improvement projects and donations to enhance school activities and resources.

Do you have suggestions that could improve facilities and resources for students?

Do you have ideas for fun and effective ways to raise funds for the school?

You can support the P&C in any way you choose: become a member and receive updates about term meetings; come along to a meeting (you can bring the kids); donate or help out at a stall or event; help in the canteen or join the committee.

To learn more about how you can support the P&C and school, please contact Kelly-Anne Murray on 0406 585 716 or email pandctodyaydhs@gmail.com.

You may also message via the Toodyay DHS P&C Facebook page or write to Toodyay District High School P&C at PO Box 1624 Toodyay WA 6566.

We're still waiting, but student scholarship program launched

Toodyay RSL
Bob Wood

THE WAIT for our land transfer continues, as it seems there is always another formality to be completed.

We continue to build an impressive collection of military artefacts, memorabilia and artworks which we shall be keen to

display once we have a suitable venue.

Our library is already occupying much more space in the shed and will be so much better presented in time.

Our Research Project Scholarship is now launched with Year 10 students at Toodyay District High School the only potential applicants this year.

From next year we will include students from any school who reside in Toodyay.

We are grateful for the support we have received from the Toodyay and Districts Bendigo Community Bank, not forgetting Toodyay District High School who have embraced the scheme with enthusiasm.

Students who participate will research the life of their chosen war victim, compiling a detailed story of their life before and during the conflict that brought it to a sad end.

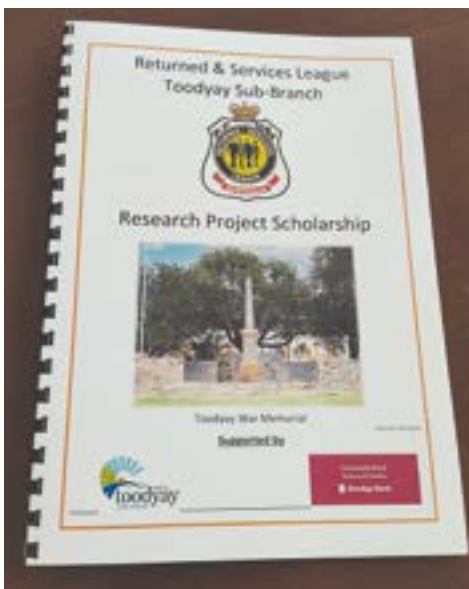
Among our annual events that require detailed preparations, the most significant is ANZAC Day, when we shall hold the dawn service at 6am followed by the gunfire breakfast with help from the Lions Club.

Later, after forming up outside the Memorial Hall, the parade will make its way to ANZAC Park for the main service.

This month we will have a stall at the Farmer's Market on Sunday March 19.

This is an excellent opportunity for anyone with questions about ex-service life or our activities to call by and have a chat.

We look forward to catching up with many of you on the day.



Booklet outlining details of the Research Project Scholarship.



Valley steeped in mists of time

Noongar Kartijin Aboriginal Corporation

FOR THOSE of you new to Toodyay in 2023 – *wanju* (welcome).

We look forward to sharing local Noongar information with you, for example on the Noongar Trail, which is in development and will be launched soon.

The trail will be a walk, self-drive or guided tour (when available) where you can visit 11 Noongar places in town or close by.

The trail adventure will be supported by a website, downloadable map and brochures, including via Toodyay Visitors Centre.

We are still in need of a sponsor for one of our remaining information boards, the Six Bonar (seasons).

If you would like to help, contact our heritage coordinator Helen Shanks via email at noongarkaartdijin@gmail.com.

The three Noongar language groups Ballardong, Yued and Whadjuk moved across the Toodyay valley living in harmony with nature for more than 45,000 years.

Our *boodja* (country) is an area that is culturally rich and covered in fertile lands.

Noongar *moort* (families) were highly active hunting, gathering foods, camping at beneficial sites throughout the six seasons, managing their land, tending to cultural responsibilities and trading with others.

The Shire of Toodyay is in a unique location with its boundary sitting across the lands of these three language groups.

The town is on the westerly border of Ballardong which stretches east into the Wheatbelt.

Yued is the north and north-easterly part of the shire, while Whadjuk is to the west across to Perth.

Toodyay itself is "a place of mist".

Dudja (mist), the word now used for the wider Toodyay area, was traditionally used by Noongar people to describe a misty day.

If you'd like more local information, please follow our Facebook page or visit our website at www.noongarkaartdijin.com.au.

You can also visit the Shire of Toodyay's Newcastle Gaol Museum where a significant truth telling project the "Gnulla Karnany

Waangkiny" is a permanent installation.

The Shire of Toodyay and Noongar Kartijin Aboriginal Corporation are leading the way with this installation being a first "truth telling" in a regional local government.

Primary school kids learn how to deal with online bullies

TOODYAY primary school students in years 3 and 4 can now be among the first to experience an expanded digital educational program, focusing on kids staying safe when on games and apps, and keeping information private online.

Year 5 and 6 students will be able to access a program tailored to deal with cyberbullying and have respectful online relationships.

The Digital Thumbprint Program was announced by Optus to mark the 20th annual Safer Internet Day.

The program provides opportunities for students to learn about digital safety and wellbeing.

In light of Safer Internet Day, Australia's eSafety Commissioner is encouraging all Australians to connect safely and with purpose, reflect before they act, and protect themselves and others by taking action online.

Optus Digital Thumbprint began in 2013 and was one of the first national programs of its kind.

The program has since provided free workshops and supported over half a million primary and secondary students across the country to build knowledge around digital safety and wellbeing.

Primary school teachers interested in participating in the expanded Optus Digital Thumbprint program can register their classroom online for free and gain access to quizzes, teaching resources, and interactive games.

To find out more about the program visit www.digitalthumbprint.com.au/.

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Sunday 7th May 2023

Once again the Historic Town of Toodyay will step back in time to circa 1860 when Moondyne Joe roamed the Avon Valley regions winning fame and affection from the early settlers with his amazing ability to escape every time the law placed him behind bars.

Join us in Toodyay to celebrate the life of the greatest escape artist of Australia's convict era – the legend of Moondyne Joe.

Food and Variety stalls line the street as a variety of entertainers from Musicians, dancers, acrobats, log choppers, sheep dog demos, horse & cart rides and much more ensure a fabulous, fun filled day for all.

Dress up to suite the era. We also have costumes to loan.

We are keen for Volunteers to assist on the day 1 hours slots available.

Contact moondynecommittee@gmail.com for details

It's been dry – and livestock are thirsty

New Shire CEO for Victoria Plains



Local farmers Tim Officer, Frank Panizza and Rob Welburn share cautious optimism for next season's harvest after recent bumper crops.

Toodyay Agricultural Alliance (Inc.) Frank Panizza

HOT AND dry weather has dominated proceedings over February.

Livestock producers have been kept busy with animals in their care.

Dry feed is still available although hand feeding is now becoming more frequent.

Water in dams and soaks appears to be holding up, although many shallow dams are now infested with algae.

This is a common problem with shallow dams in hot weather.

Exercise caution if allowing stock to drink from these, as the bloom may be toxic.

Landowners who have livestock and are inexperienced with this type of water supply can find helpful information from the Department of Agriculture website at www.agric.wa.gov.au and search algal bloom.

This resource has information on the diagnosis of affected animals as well

as treatment options and preventative measures.

Western Australia's grain handler and marketer Co-operative Bulk Handling (CBH) held its annual general meeting in February.

This meeting was well attended by WA grain growers with the venue filled to capacity.

Growers heard presentations and asked questions directly to CBH executives, including the chief executive and other section managers as well as CBH chair Simon Stead.

Much of the discussion that ensued centred around the handling of two record grain crops in succession and the challenges this presented.

Most attendees were very satisfied with the way CBH has managed receipt of the record crop, especially with nearly 50 million tonnes being received into the CBH system within two years.

Monthly shipping records have been broken several times in the last few months, with further challenges for CBH likely ahead.

CBH chief executive Ben McNamara set out plans for the co-operative to be in a position to transport and ship three million tonnes per month by 2030.

This would allow more tonnes to be shipped during the first half of the year before competition from European, Russian and Ukrainian grain producers begins with the harvest in the Northern Hemisphere summer.

Farmers Australia-wide are adopting a cautious approach to the upcoming 2023 season.

Reports from banks and other advisors suggest current prices for agricultural inputs and other machinery costs are causing concern about the profitability of their operations.

Additionally, chatter about the potential return to an El Nino event has also tempered expectations for the coming season.

Shire of Victoria Plains

THE COUNCIL at the Shire of Victoria Plains has appointed Sean Fletcher as the Shire's chief executive officer for the next five years.

The council approved Mr Fletcher's contract at a special council meeting on Monday February 13.

Shire President Pauline Bantock said Mr Fletcher brought a wealth of knowledge and experience to the Shire of Victoria Plains.

"Sean has been involved with the local government industry since 2002," Cr Bantock said. "During this time, he has been a manager, senior executive and a CEO."

"He is well known to the industry and has even delivered WALGA training programs to both elected members and local government employees for many years."

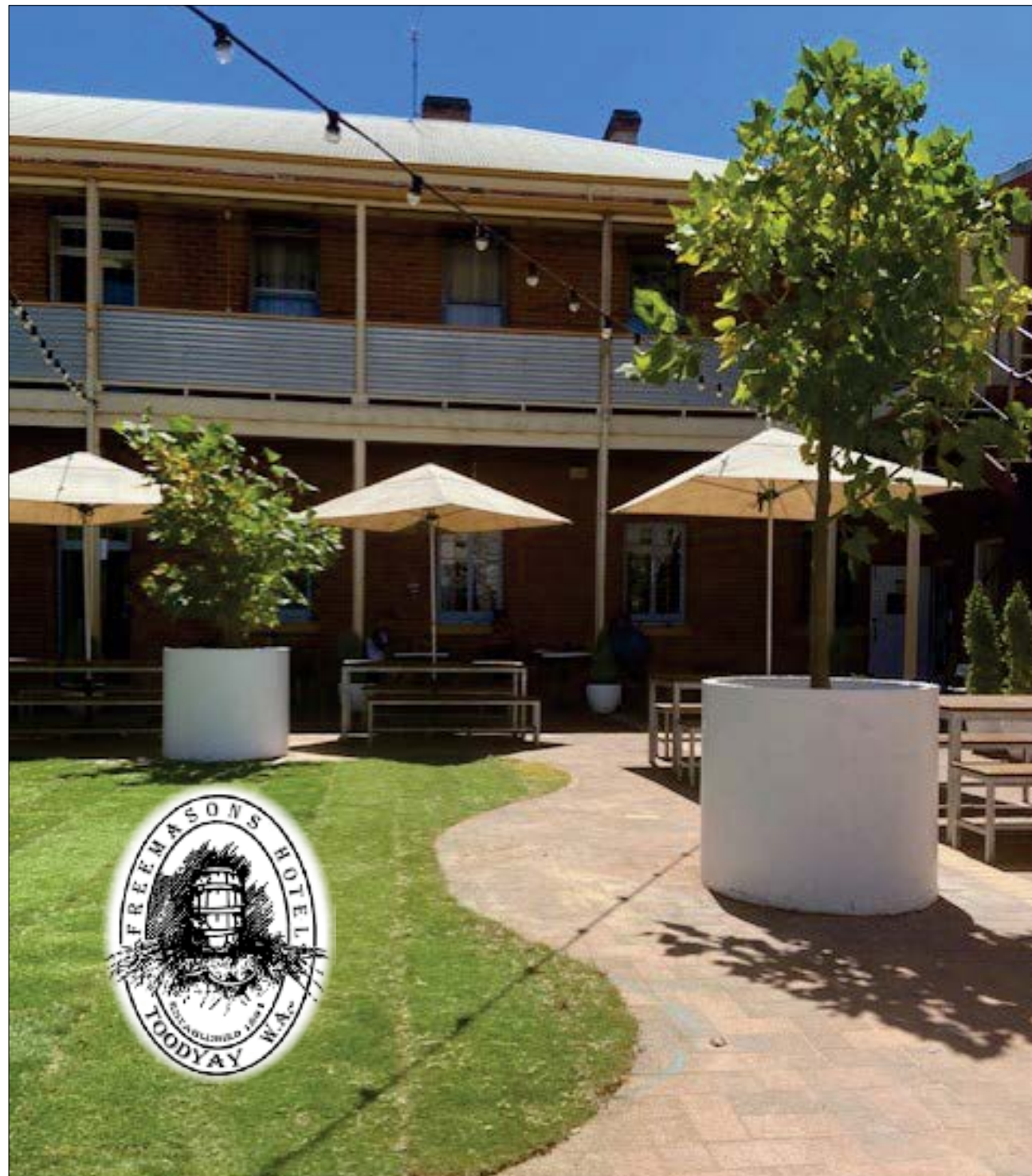
Mr Fletcher said he was looking forward to the challenge ahead, with the shire positioning itself for its key focus for the next 10 years.

"The Shire presents a range of opportunities to be explored, which are set out in its new strategic community plan," he said.

These include upgrades of Wheatbelt Secondary Freight Network routes, working with seniors, youth, and as a stakeholder in the European Space Agency site expansion, and rolling out new infrastructure including amenities at Bolgart Caravan Park, he said.

Cr Bantock said Mr Fletcher brought a strategic mindset easily shared with staff, council and the community alike.

"The advice the CEO provides to a council is a prime function of that role and the elected members need to feel confident with the information provided," she said.



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Succession of locals poured a glass at wine saloon

Dr Margaret Pember

LAST November's *Herald* Page 4 photo of the Padbury Building and Newcastle Wine Saloon dated 1909 from the Newcastle Gaol Museum collection brought back a lot of memories.

I grew up in Toodyay and still have a strong connection to the area.

The wine saloon premises in Stirling Terrace were owned by Toodyay's Wood family for more than 40 years.

The premises were built by Jesse George Bird in 1900 and consisted of two separate business entities.

When I was growing up, the one on the right was the wine saloon and the other a greengrocery.

J. G. Bird kept this license until 1905.

The Toodyay Licensing Court, sitting on 11 June 1903, also granted J G Bird, proprietor of the Newcastle Wine Saloon, a billiard table licence.

Electoral Rolls, WA Post Directories and The Newcastle Herald & Toodyay District Chronicle all list J. G. Bird as a 'victualler' or wine saloon keeper.

During his five years at the Newcastle Wine Saloon, Jesse George was very active in local affairs and many local sporting clubs held their meetings at the Newcastle Wine Saloon.

The property had living accommodation at the rear with the usual outdoor facilities of the time in the backyard.

Many of the families listed below would have lived on the premises in their tenure.

In late 1905, Mr Bird sold his business to Albert (Bert) Ernest William Stevens, a vigneron of Avondale.

The Newcastle Wine Saloon licence was subsequently transferred from Mr Bird to Mr Stevens.

Their families were related, with Albert being the brother of Jesse's mother.

Septimus Noel Leeder originally managed the wine saloon for Mr Stevens but by September 1906, Isaac John Doust had taken over managing it while Mr Stevens still held the licence.

Mr Leeder may have been ill because he died in 1909 at the age of only 27.

Mr Stevens held the wine saloon licence for 14 years before application dated 30 September 1919 was made to transfer it to Edmond (Ted) Glover Hasson of Norman Estate, Toodyay.

The transfer was short-lived because on 5 November 1919, a further application was made to transfer the licence to Henry Scott.

The Toodyay Licensing Court granted the renewal of the wine licence to Mr Scott in December 1919 and again in 1920.

A new application dated 20 December 1920 was made to transfer the wine saloon licence from Mr Scott to William Lofthouse, who subsequently advertised the Dining Rooms.

The *Toodyay Herald* newspaper noted that the "business is to be run on up-to-date lines".

"Meals are obtainable at all hours, and afternoon tea is a specialty," readers were informed.

This was again a short-lived venture because by April 1921 Mr Lofthouse was advertising the Newcastle Wine Saloon & Dining Rooms for sale.

An application dated 26 May 1921 was made to transfer the wine saloon licence to Florence Mary Teague.

Florence was the wife of Lindon (or Linden) Stafford Teague who was manager of Toodyay's Freemasons Hotel at the time.

But the Teague family moved to York and a further application was made on 18 September 1922 to transfer the licence to Robert Tennant Stow Wolfe.

Mr Wolfe was the proprietor and licensee of the Newcastle Wine Saloon from 1922-1924, and his third wife, Jean Sylvia, managed the Railway Tea & Dining Rooms in the adjacent shop – a "five-minute walk from railway station".

In those days, you could buy a pot of tea and a cake for nine pence.

Title deeds and associated documents show that Victor Charles Wood purchased the Newcastle Wine Saloon from Mr Wolfe on 9 December 1924 and became the sole proprietor of the Newcastle Wine Saloon.

Advertisements in *The Toodyay Herald* note that as well as the wine saloon, Mr Wood was running a greengrocery rather than a tea or dining room.

The wine saloon license again changed hands in August 1927 when it was transferred to Robert Sanderson, who continued to operate the second shop as a greengrocery.

The Wood family remained owners of the premises, which were transferred to Horace



This former Stirling Terrace wine saloon in became a grocery store and then a real estate agency before it was destroyed by fire in 2009. Photo: WA State Library.

Charles Wood.

The Sandersons advertised regularly in *The Toodyay Herald* throughout their tenure and operated joint businesses, with Bessie Blanche Sanderson in the greengrocers and Robert Sanderson in the wine saloon until 23 August 1943, when the wine saloon license was transferred to Culbert Charles (Chas) Grieves.

In the late 1920s and early '30s, Horace Wood's children Doug and Jean rode their horse into town to and from school, a return journey of about 13km.

During the day, the horse was stabled in a 'lean-to' near the old 'dunny' in the backyard

of the Wood family's greengrocery and wine saloon.

This continued for several years until a school bus was routed along the Avon River.

Horace Wood then negotiated with a local farmer to house the horse during the day and the kids boarded the bus at Lloyd's Crossing, which reduced the ride to about three kilometres each way.

This was just too much for the old horse when Hector started going to school too and the three kids and the Chrimes boys, whose father was employed at Coorinja, walked to the bus stop and home again.

By 1945, various advertisements in *The*

Toodyay Herald listed George Pozzi as proprietor of the Newcastle Wine Saloon & Greengrocery.

He applied to transfer the wine saloon licence to Colin McRae on 6 March 1946.

In August 1946, the shop was advertised as Mac's Fruit Mart, and in January 1947 *The Toodyay Herald* notes that Mr and Mrs McRae and family had left Toodyay for the city.

Lurline Veronica Lewis took over the wine saloon and grocery in 1947 and operated both businesses until the mid-1950s, advertising consistently in *The Toodyay Herald*.

In the early to mid-1960s, Roy Alexander and Queenie Irene Widdison were running the greengrocery.

The wine saloon ceased to operate sometime around 1960.

Horace Charles Wood died in 1968 and ownership of the property was transferred to his sons.

It was subsequently sold in February 1969 to Hector Walter Rumbold and his wife Jeanne Marie Rumbold, ending a 45-year association with the Wood family.

Hector Rumbold died in January 1975 and ownership was transferred to Annie Evelyn Williamson and then in 1976 to Kevin Leslie Durbridge and his wife Edna May Durbridge.

Two years later it was transferred to Evonne Olive Thorley.

Sadly, this dual-use property with so much history was ravaged by fire in 2009 and demolished.

Hopefully, institutions such as *The Toodyay Herald* will be able to keep some of these bytes of history alive.

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Voconiq Local Voices - Supporting Local Communities

IN MARCH 2020, Chalice made a major minerals discovery at the Julimar Project, near Toodyay.

To better understand community sentiment around the project, Chalice has engaged Voconiq to conduct the Local Voices program.

Local Voices is based on research developed over a decade by Australia's national research agency, CSIRO, and offers a comprehensive means to understand the concerns and needs of communities to provide valuable insights to Chalice, helping inform decision making, build trust, and establish relationships within the community.

People can express their views about Chalice as a company, their current exploration activities, and a potential future mine.

Importantly, for transparency, these insights are shared with the community at the conclusion of each survey period.

The Local Voices survey will be opening in early March, but people who want to participate can register now.

The program starts with an in-depth 'Anchor' survey that provides a baseline

understanding of community sentiment, followed by regular but shorter surveys to monitor any changes.

Community members are encouraged to register and complete the survey online, however for those that prefer, a paper survey and reply-paid envelope can be collected from the Northam, Toodyay and Bindoon libraries and the Toodyay Visitor Centre.

A Voconiq team member will be at the below locations to answer any questions about Local Voices or offer help if needed:

- Bindoon IGA on Tuesday March 14 from 9.30am to 5.30pm; and
- Toodyay IGA on Wednesday March 15 and Thursday March 16 between 9am to 5pm and 10am to 6pm respectively.

Paper surveys will also be available.

Voconiq Local Voices success relies on communities having a say and recognises the value of people's time and effort.

For this reason, Voconiq has a Community Rewards Program.

For every 'Anchor' survey completed, a \$10 donation is awarded to a local community group of the participant's choice.

Local community groups are invited to register now to take advantage of this



fundraising opportunity.

Get involved – this is your chance to have your say and support your local community at the same time.

To take part in the Local Voices survey or register as a Community Rewards group, visit the Local Voices website voconiqlocalvoices.com/julimar

To find out more about Chalice Mining and the Julimar project, go to their website: chalicemining.com/community.

We want to hear from you



Chalice have engaged Voconiq to conduct a series of surveys to help them understand what matters most to the communities neighbouring the Julimar Project.

Have your say today

- ✓ Help Chalice Mining understand what matters most to you and your community
- ✓ Your feedback will help guide Chalice's decision making and planning
- ✓ Earn donations for local community groups for every survey you complete
- ✓ 100% confidential - surveys are delivered by Voconiq



Have your say at:
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Paper surveys are also available at Toodyay, Bindoon and Northam libraries and Toodyay Visitor Centre

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Julimar Project Update



Local Voices

Chalice understands that community consultation will play a key role in all our planning, particularly as we consider a potential future mine at the Julimar Project.

To help us better understand the needs, concerns and priorities of the communities neighbouring our project, Chalice has engaged Voconiq to seek feedback through an independent and confidential survey program called Local Voices.

Local Voices is a unique community engagement program developed over 10 years within Australia's national science agency, CSIRO.

As part of this program, a series of surveys will be done over the next three years to help Chalice better understand what matters most to your community, helping to inform decision-making processes. All residents aged 16 years+ are invited to have your say and participate in the first survey that will be launched in March 2023.

You will also be supporting your local community, with \$10 donated to your chosen local community group for each of the current surveys completed. Those interested in receiving funding can register your not for profit organisation or sporting group to be a recipient.

To register for the survey or for funding, visit the Voconiq website at voconiqlocalvoices.com/julimar or scan the QR code:



Fire Updates

Thank you to the local fire and emergency services who responded to the recent fires in the Toodyay area.

Following the assessment of updates issued by the Western Australia's Department of Fire and Emergency Services, the Toodyay Volunteer Fire and Rescue Services and the local Shire, the Chalice team were successfully evacuated from both our Avalon homestead and Julimar Project sites.

Chalice will continue to monitor and comply with all fire bans and vehicle movement restrictions throughout the current fire season.

Julimar State Forest Update

Chalice's current phase of low-impact exploration in the Julimar State Forest is continuing, with ~37 drill sites completed to date. We have been exploring in this area for potential mineralisation, which sits to the north of the Gonnevillle Deposit located on Chalice-owned farmland.



This initial phase of drilling has progressed 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.

Chalice is now planning our next phase of low-impact drilling in the Julimar State Forest, as we further constrain our areas of interest. The next phase of drilling on existing tracks and cleared areas will involve similar low-impact exploration methods, including the use of small footprint, track-mounted drill rigs. We look forward to providing a comprehensive update as planning for this program of work progresses.

Initial results from early exploration work have confirmed the prospectivity of the region, however no mineral deposits of interest have yet been identified.

Community Investment Program

A reminder that applications are open now until **31 March 2023** for funding up to \$10,000.

This program is designed to support community initiatives that fall under three core areas:

- 1. Education**
Initiatives that advance and improve regional educational opportunities.
- 2. Environment**
Initiatives that protect and rehabilitate the environment.
- 3. Community Connection**
Supporting local opportunities, events and groups to strengthen community connection within the region.

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Julimar Project Pop-Up Office
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Shop 5, Charcoal Lane, Toodyay

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www.chalicemining.com/community-newsletter

Cash prizes for aspiring young writers

Gosnells Writers Circle Inc.

YOUNG aspiring writers in Toodyay have the chance to win cash and prizes for their work, thanks to the Gosnells Writers Circle.

The not-for-profit group, which promotes the craft of writing, is holding the 2023 Aspiring Young Author Awards to inspire and encourage young writers to submit their creative writing.

Entry is free and open to all children and young adults under the age of 18 residing within Western Australia.

The competition commences on March 1 and entries must be submitted in accordance with submission guidelines by 30 April 2023.

Full submission guidelines, and terms and conditions, are available on our website at www.gosnellswriterscircle.org.

There is no set theme – the only limit is your imagination.

We are challenging young writers to unleash their inner creativity and share their amazing stories.

Entries will be reviewed by members of the Gosnells Writers Circle in two categories – Children Under Twelve and Young Adults Under Eighteen.

A first prize of \$100, second prize of \$60 and third prize of \$40 will be awarded in each category.

Just sing out if you want to join us

Toodyay Community Singers

Anne Millar

THE TOODYAY Community Singers have begun rehearsals again on Thursday evenings at the CWA Hall on Stirling Terrace from 5–7pm.

We are learning some new songs this year and hope to participate in community events.

As always, we are looking for new singers.

If you are new to the community and like to sing and be part of community events, we would be pleased to see you on Thursday evenings.

Codgers and bludgers replicate bodgers



The gift (bribe) for the judge.

Avon Woodturners Hamish Dobie

DID YOU know woodturning was practised many thousands of years ago?

Turned items were of importance throughout the development of mankind, from simple domestic utensils and farm implements to industry-shaping pulleys for blocks and tackle.

Woodturners also produced furniture, musical instruments and sports equipment.

The earliest machines operated on the basis of the timber stock being rotated in a reciprocal motion on primitive strap, bow and pole lathes.

The artisans who worked these lathes became known as “bodgers”.

Nowadays the lathes are electrically powered, with variable speeds and a huge array of tools that allow turners to make all kinds of useful and decorative objects.

At Avon Woodturners our members aspire to reproduce the successes of these early artisans, but reaching such giddy heights is hard, as our members may not be bodgers, but rather bludgers and codgers.

We may not be influencing the development of mankind, but we do often discuss how the world is changing over coffee and biscuits.

However, we are a happy band, and continue to produce high quality and sometimes not so great items each week under the watchful eye of trainer David Doye and his trusty hound.

Woodturning veteran Max Heath is always there to give advice when needed

and make sure we keep out of trouble.

Barry has made a rod for his own back by producing such a fine walking stick for himself that now everyone wants one.

As for this author, if I get into a little bit of trouble I've produced a “gift” for the judge as a bribe (*see picture*).

In the unlikely event this happens I hope the hammer comes down for acquittal not committal.

We always have room for new members and have even added a television to our

equipment to help with training and inspiration.

The Shed is to be found at the Community Depot, Railway Road, Toodyay, and we operate on Wednesdays and Sundays from 9am until noon.

Come along and join the crew. Who knows, you might be the one to influence the future of mankind.

Call Barry on 0401 359 511 for more information or just call in when we're there.

Grab a pew for classical inspiration

CLASSICAL guitarist Don Neander will be presenting a program of selected works and transcriptions for the guitar at St Stephens Church on Friday March 24 at 7.30pm.

The program will include music ranging from English renaissance composer John Dowland through to eccentric Paraguayan guitarist Agustin Barrios Mangore and many others.

Originally from Melbourne Don has lived and played in most states of Australia and has played in pit orchestras, blues bands, classical solo concerts and performed with regional orchestras.

As well as teaching guitar in schools in Victoria and WA, in the last few years he has performed in regional areas throughout WA playing a handmade instrument by Australian luthier Richard Howell.

Tickets are \$25 adult, \$20 concession and



Acclaimed classical guitarist Don Neander.

\$15 students and available at the door.

To reserve tickets phone 0416 752 043. See advertisement on Page 19.

Please note there are no eftpos facilities.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Section 3.16(2) Local Government Act 1995

LOCAL LAWS REVIEW

At the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 22 February 2023, Council resolved to undertake a review of the following Shire of Toodyay Local Laws in accordance with Section 3.16 of the *Local Government Act 1995*:

- Activities on Thoroughfares and Trading in Thoroughfares and Public Places;
- Cat Local Law;
- Cemeteries (Toodyay and Jimperding);
- Dogs Local Law;
- Extractive Industries;
- Health Local Law;
- Local Government Fencing;
- Local Government Property;
- Parking and Parking Facilities;
- Pest Plants; and
- Standing Orders.

Your feedback on the Shire's current local laws is encouraged and welcomed. The Local Laws can be viewed online at www.toodyay.wa.gov.au/documents/local-laws or at the Shire Administration Centre, Visitor Centre, or Toodyay Public Library during business hours.

Submissions should be lodged via records@toodyay.wa.gov.au or addressed to the Chief Executive Officer, Shire of Toodyay, PO Box 96, Toodyay WA 6566.

Submissions must be received by **5.00pm, Thursday 20 April 2023**.

Any submissions received will be considered as part of the review process and will be publicly available in the Council Agenda.

Suzie Haslehurst
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



Draft Local Planning Policy – Regulatory Compliance

At its Ordinary Council Meeting held on 22 February 2023, Council resolved to adopt **Draft Local Planning Policy - Regulatory Compliance** for the purposes of advertising.

This draft policy forms part of a current review of existing local planning policies, which is seen as an integral part of good governance, and is designed to clearly define the various levels of consultation required to meet the statutory and 'standard' consultation requirements for a range of Council planning functions

The purpose of this Policy is to establish a consistent, transparent, and integrated process for regulatory compliance, including the issuance of Infringement and Directions notices.

Local planning policies are guidelines used to assist the local government in making decisions under the Local Planning Scheme. A local planning policy is not part of the Local Planning Scheme and does not bind the local government to any application for development approval; however, the local government is to have due regard to the provisions of the policy and the objectives which the policy is designed to achieve before making its determination.

A copy of the draft amended policy can be viewed on the Shire website: www.toodyay.wa.gov.au; or by visiting the Shire of Toodyay Administration Centre, 15 Fiennes Street, Toodyay.

Your views on the draft policy are encouraged and welcomed. Written submissions must be received by 4.00pm, Thursday 23 March 2023, by the Shire of Toodyay Administration, PO Box 96, Toodyay 6566; or by email to records@toodyay.wa.gov.au.

Further information is available by contacting the Shire's Development and Regulation Department on 9574 9340.

Suzie Haslehurst
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



Cottoning on to Japanese-style embroidery

The Crooked Needle

Jean Melhuish-Hill

THE traditional Japanese art of *sashiko* has recently caught our eye.

Sashiko is used for decorative and functional reinforcement of cloth.

The embroidery or stitching has a distinctive white-on-blue appearance owing to historically abundant supplies of white cotton thread and indigo-dyed blue cloth in Japan.

Some pieces may also use red thread.

Gabrielle Johnson has been working on various pieces over the years, while a few other ladies have started on panels to be made into bags, table runners and quilts.

I am not a hand-sewer but this one just might get me in.

Prior to Christmas we had a toy challenge with the resulting toys going to a couple of charities. The Stirling Women's Centre and Shalom House will be two beneficiaries from our efforts.

Glenyce Bosnjak took up a challenge I presented to the group with a photo of a blanket I thought quite difficult.

Glenyce found a pattern – a Popcorn Granny Square – and away she went.

While Glenyce has crocheted this in wool it could also be done as individual squares

in cotton for doilies, placemats or even face washers.

A similar pattern in knitting is the Blackberry stitch.

I'm sure the knitters in our group can come up with a matching blanket.

Gail Fellowes has also been knitting away, making a blanket with stitches going vertically and horizontally in three colours.

This is a one-piece knit, not squares joined together. It looks and feels great.

You need to ensure you pick up the new stitches so the decreasing line runs internally in the same direction.

Jan Walters has been working on a costume for a 50th and Karen Lakeman has been into basket making, while Maxine Plant has finished a crib/pram cover for a grandchild due in August.

Sheila Ball, Ann Tock and Sue Jackson have been making blankets for charity and Carol Barlow has been doing some detailed embroidery work. Our ladies love to keep their hands and minds busy.

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

We meet Friday mornings at the CWA Hall in Toodyay from 9.30am to noon.

For more information please contact Jan on 0407 083 079 or Jean on 0419 869 927.



Traditional Japanese sashiko.

Spring clean digs up evocative memorabilia

Country Women's Association

Viv Street

WE HAD a productive morning early in February, clearing out our storage areas and sorting all we unearthed.

We have photographs, visitors books, scrapbooks of our studies into different countries and memorabilia going back years.

Fortunately, we also have members who can identify and reminisce about our discovered treasures.

Our old minutes are stored in the state office and Toodyay Historical Association kindly put the minutes on disc for us.

Seeing the minutes and secretaries' yearly reports written with fountain pens is so much more evocative than the typed, computerised versions we have now, although admittedly this is a speedier way of recording, correcting and sharing information.

Members helped to cater for the 50th wedding anniversary of our current president Kathy and husband Bob, with all invited to share the evening.

It was a good start to our year so thank you Kathy and Bob and congratulations on your 50 years together; it was a memorable occasion for us all.

March is a busy month, and we have 'The Gathering of the Birds' to look forward to in York.



The CWA Teddy who dressed up for Kathy and Bob's anniversary celebrations.

Local CWA branches will get together to plan the year's events, exchange ideas and dates, and enjoy the company on the day.

A treasurers' workshop is also planned for

York and two members will be attending to gain insight into the role.

We have booked a stall outside the IGA for Easter Saturday with members already making preserves to stock it.

Another date for your diary is the Moondyne Festival in May which is an important fundraising day.

Work has started on making our Moondyne costumes which we hope will add to the historic atmosphere of the day.

Aprons and mob caps will be quite varied depending on individual sewing skills.

We will be present all day serving morning and afternoon tea to visitors seeking a quiet, cool spot away from the noise, heat and excitement outside.

Our annual general meeting and first general meeting of the year will be held after the *Herald* deadline so more news about that in the next edition.

We meet at 10am on the second Thursday of the month for an informal coffee morning with various activities.

This month is cushion cover making and sewing machine instruction.

The fourth Thursday of the month is our general meeting day, with the starting time to be voted on at our February meeting.

New members are welcome.

The CWA Hall is in Stirling Terrace next to the Garden Centre. There is ample parking with access from Charcoal Lane.

For hall bookings ring Margot on 9574 2823 or 0405 067 591.



Gabrielle Johnson's sashiko panels.



Gail Fellowes' one-piece knitted blanket.



Glenyce Bosnjak's popcorn blanket.

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