



SHIRE NEWS

Shire Spotlight: Library Services

Restricted Burning Period Permit Changes

At the time of this *Herald's* publication, the Shire is in the Prohibited Burning Period and will likely transition to the Restricted Burning Period some time in March.

Due to concern that previous permit holders were, at times, not following or understanding their permit conditions, the application process – when open – contains additional questions to assist permit applicants in understanding their responsibilities. All relevant information is available on the 'Fire Restrictions and Permits' page of the Shire website, where you can also find the application link.

This also includes recent changes to the Australian Fire Danger Rating System, in which the Shire of Toodyay is now part of the Swan Inland North Fire Weather District; and changes to the *Bush Fires Regulations 1954*, which now prohibit (invalidate) any permit burning on days rated High or above.

Community Funding Program Information Sessions

The Shire's Community Funding Policy guides its sponsorship and grant funding of community organisations and activities – including events and festivals, community capacity building, facilities, and equipment upgrades.

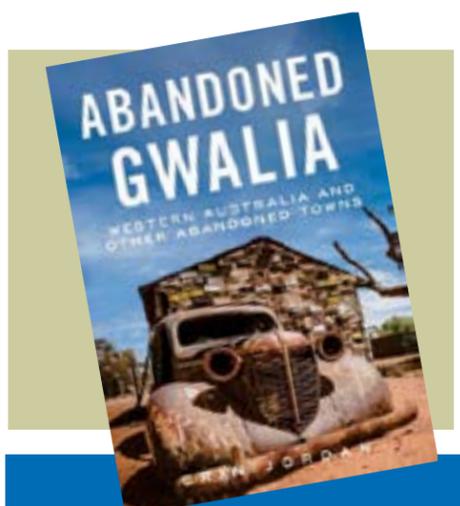
The Community Funding Program for the 2023-24 financial year is open for applications until **4.00pm, Wednesday 5 April 2023**. Funding is available for activities taking place after July 2023 and before 30 June 2024. We are running two information sessions to explain the program's guidelines and application process. All interested community organisations and individuals are encouraged to attend one of the following:

**Session 1 – Thursday March 9,
5.30pm-6.30pm**
**Session 2 – Friday March 10,
11.30am-12.30pm**

Join us for either session at the Toodyay Community Resource Centre (TCRC), located in the Community Centre at 67 Stirling Terrace. We look forward to seeing you there to find out more about this excellent opportunity for local community groups. For more information, please visit Wesley Sutton (Community Development Officer) at the TCRC, call 9574 9392, or email w.sutton@toodyay.wa.gov.au.

Photographer Erin Jordan at Toodyay Library, March 11

Gwalia is a former gold-mining town found 800km east of Toodyay. Now a ghost town, it was essentially deserted overnight after the Sons of Gwalia mine, the town's main source of income, closed in 1963 – and it isn't the only once-thriving settlement in the Australian outback that has long been abandoned,



If you've ever visited Toodyay Library, you might be aware of their 10 000-strong collection of borrowable books, audio books and DVDs; range of free eResources; public computer and wifi access; and variety of annual events. But there is still more to it than you might think.

This month, learn a bit more about the ins and outs (which aren't just limited to loans) of your local library with Library Coordinator Carrie and Library Officer Jasmin, who unfortunately don't get to read books all day for a living – something they often have to clarify!

Describe your role in three words.

Carrie: Looking after community.
Jasmin: Diverse, enjoyable, social.

What are some of your day-to-day duties?

Carrie: Customer service, ordering library materials, processing new items and State Library (SLWA) returns/discards, handling overdue, gathering statistics for SLWA and the Shire, scheduling events, rostering staff.

Jasmin: Serving customers and assisting with enquiries, processing stock and interlibrary loans, shelving and organising stock, promoting library eResources and events, updating the library's social media.

What is your favourite part of the job?

Carrie: Researching requested items and ordering new items that are on our "wish list", because I know how much pleasure it brings our library members to receive these items.

Jasmin: Building rapport with our regulars,



working in a beautiful historic building, and helping people access a wide range of resources.

What is something surprising about your working life?

Carrie: No two days are alike – there is always something different to deal with each day.

Jasmin: How busy it can be, and how many tourists come in to check out the building instead of books!

What do you think is the most important thing Toodyay Library offers the community?

Carrie: It's a safe place for all community members to enjoy, whether they're studying, relaxing, waiting, meeting or connecting with others.

Jasmin: I agree. We provide a place that is so many things to so many people.

How long have you worked at the Shire?

Carrie: Nine years.

Jasmin: Seven and a half years.

What do you enjoy most about working with us?

Carrie: Seeing our regular customers and meeting new ones in the best workplace in the world!

Jasmin: Great colleagues, great community members, and a generally great working environment.

And what do you enjoy most about working in Toodyay?

Carrie: The convenient commute.

Jasmin: Working close to home, and seeing people I can say hello to every time I walk down the street.

Recovery of Outstanding Rates

The Shire is currently having difficulties contacting the persons connected with some properties recorded as Estates, concerning outstanding rates. If you are connected with any of the properties listed below, please contact us on 9574 9300 or via email to records@toodyay.wa.gov.au.

Dennis Franklyn LLOYD (ESTATE OF)
Evelyn Joyce EDDY (ESTATE OF)
Alice Emily BAILEY (ESTATE OF)
James Winston HARRISON (ESTATE OF)

Updates from the Depot: What's Happening Where?

Works have commenced at the Duidgee Park toilet block. These works will include the demolition of the existing toilet block, with construction of a new toilet facility to commence March 6. The existing toilets were closed to the public on February 20, with portable toilets provided for use until the new facility is operational.

The maintenance crew has been clearing verges and completing drainage improvements on Fitzgerald Terrace.

Line marking has been completed on Stirling Terrace, giving main street parking much higher visibility.



Footpaths have been replaced in the townsite, where previous paths were lifting due to tree roots and creating a trip hazard.



A program has also commenced to clean culverts and drainage on gravel roads within the Shire.

Making the most of summer thanks to the TCRC



Did you spot the giant inflatable water slide at Duidgee Park recently? It was certainly a sight to see! Over 60 kids joined in on a splash-tastic event organised by Toodyay Community Resource Centre, with the busy schedule including pool noodle and water pistol battles, a giant tug-of-war, and many enjoyable attempts at the epic obstacle course. A terrific toddler area was also on site so younger guests not quite big enough for the inflatables could still share the fun.

A big thanks goes to Xtreme Bounce Party Hire for supplying the awesome inflatables, and to everyone who attended and assisted on the day. You never know what sort of exciting events will appear on the TCRC calendar next, so keep an eye on Facebook and the Shire's online Events page to make sure you don't miss a thing.

Coming up: FUTYR® Community Workshops

The Shire is currently reviewing its Plan for the Future, which describes the community's aspirations and priorities, and the actions we will take to meet local needs. As the next step in informing this Plan – following on from our recent MARKYT® Community Scorecard survey with research and strategic planning agency Catalyse – two FUTYR® Community Workshops will be held later this month, to provide an overview of the Community Scorecard results and review suggested actions for meeting community needs. They will also cover a range of priority topics including health, senior/family/youth services, and roads.

We encourage you to join us at the Toodyay Recreation Centre Pavilion for either session: **Workshop 1, Wednesday March 29, 6.00pm-8.00pm** or **Workshop 2, Thursday March 30, 9.00am-11.00am**.

If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact us.

Toodyay works approaching completion

By **Mohammad Siddiqui**
Director Main Roads Wheatbelt Region

Works to upgrade the section of Toodyay Road between Clackline-Toodyay Road and Northam-Toodyay Road are making good progress. Pleasingly, the works are being delivered on time and within budget, with completion expected in April.

We thank neighbouring landowners and road users for their patience and support in recent months, particularly during January when short-term closures of Toodyay Road were required to enable rock blasting to take place safely.

As the project enters its final stages, the use of shuttle-flow traffic management will continue to be used intermittently during off-peak hours, with wait times carefully monitored on an ongoing basis. For the safety of road users, the temporary speed limit of 60km/h will remain in place until works are complete.

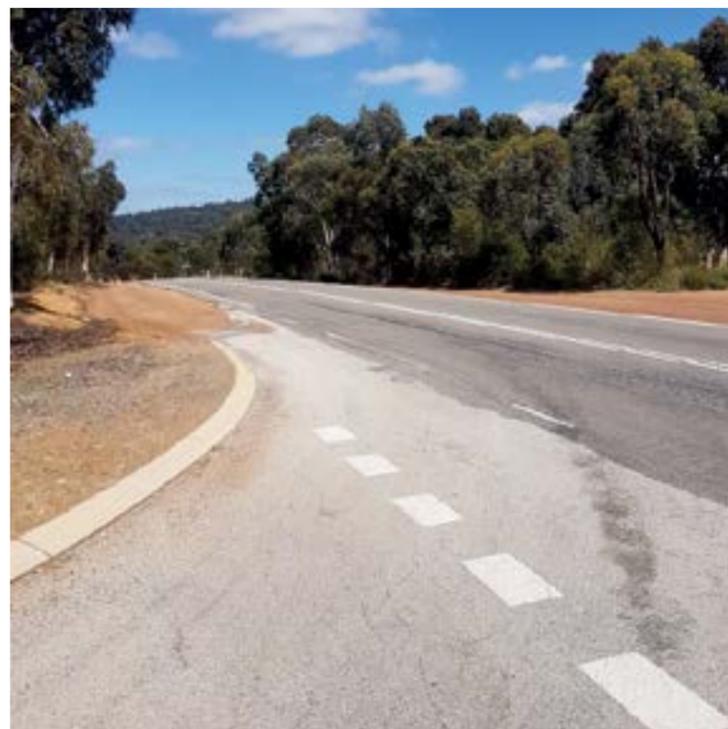
Services relocations update - Lovers Lane to Clackline-Toodyay Road

With the current roadworks approaching completion, attention has turned to the larger, more complex sections of the project, between Lovers Lane and Clackline-Toodyay Road. The topography through this section, which includes several undulations, drop-offs and limited visibility at intersections, necessitates the partial realignment of Toodyay Road.

To allow construction to begin in the second half of the year, it is necessary to relocate telecommunication and power services, so they are not in conflict with the alignment of the upgraded road. Relocation works commenced at the end of January and will continue until June. Intermittent speed reductions will continue to be necessary on sections of the road where a safe distance between the workforce and the carriageways cannot be maintained. Road users are requested to drive with care and adhere to the signage provided.

Creating the new corridors for telecommunication and power services has required some minor vegetation removal along cadastral boundaries and around the new power pole locations. All clearing was undertaken in accordance with relevant environmental approvals and has been strictly limited to areas required for the new services corridor.

Remaining vegetation removal in these locations will be undertaken prior to road construction.



Limited visibility at the Toodyay Road and Salt Valley Road intersection



Construction progressing well adjacent to Coorinja Winery

Promising results from new black cockatoo hollows

Readers may be aware that the environmental offset associated with this project includes installing artificial black cockatoo nesting hollows in reserves in the local area, under the management of the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions. 30 of the hollows are currently in place at Julimar State Forest.

I'm pleased to advise that

three successful breeding attempts were observed this season. Two male Carnaby's Cockatoo nestlings were recorded in two trees. Carnaby's Cockatoo eggs in a third tree are currently being incubated. This brings the total number of successful breeding attempts to four over two years. Chipping (prospecting) was observed in 19 hollows, which is a positive sign birds are active in the area.

This is considered a very strong result and a sign that breeding will continue to grow each year as birds become more comfortable with the hollows. A further 158 artificial hollows will be installed in local reserves following the delivery of future sections of the Toodyay Road Upgrade, which is a significant contribution to a critical breeding area for the species.

Your questions answered

The Toodyay Road Upgrade project continues to attract interest and questions from the local community. Some of the more recent questions and our responses are summarised below:

Q: Why was a more modest upgrade selected for the section of Toodyay Road west of Dryandra Road?

A: The design of our projects is heavily influenced by road conditions, particularly the geometry of the terrain. Because the section west of Dryandra Road generally has a smoother, more forgiving terrain than the section to the east, a relatively modest upgrade was considered appropriate.

The section of the upgrade between Dryandra Road and Toodyay has undulating terrain in many places, resulting in limited sight distances, steep drop offs and few safe overtaking opportunities. The risks posed in this location are evidenced by the poor safety record over the past decade. Providing the necessary

safety upgrades in this section requires a larger project footprint and some changes to the geometry of the road.

Q: Why is service relocation work happening so far in advance of construction?

A: On large infrastructure projects, it is necessary to relocate telecommunications and power services before construction works can begin. This work needs to be undertaken by the utility providers and the timetable is heavily influenced by the availability of their subcontractors.

Q: Why can't the upgrade follow the existing alignment of Toodyay Road to minimise clearing?

A: A key objective of the project is to improve visibility at intersections, including Sandplain and Salt Valley Roads. To do so, it is necessary to realign the road in places to reduce the severity of the curves and create a more consistent driving environment.

Q: What is an "environmental offset" and what is the offset provided for the Toodyay Road Upgrade?

A: The State Government's policy describes an 'offset' as - "An offsite action to address significant residual environmental impacts of a development or activity."

In the case of Toodyay Road, the offset comprises a property of 196 hectares of prime Wandoo woodland adjacent to the Clackline Nature Reserve. Importantly, the offset site is in addition to the replanting and rehabilitation measures planned for the Toodyay Road itself. These include:

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

Further information

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

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



Australian Government



Veteran gets a gong for two decades treading the boards

Toodyay Theatre Group
Barry Vause

THE TOODYAY Theatre Group held this year's annual general meeting last month with the new 2023 committee acknowledging the long-term commitment and dedication of its President David Mitchell with a lifetime membership.

Over the last 20-plus years Dave has served seven terms as president, working tirelessly as an actor, director, producer and stage manager throughout his time in Toodyay.

Dave is a worthy recipient of the life membership which recognises his integrity, leadership and outstanding service to the community, including many hours spent every year entertaining the Toodyay and districts community.

We congratulate Dave on his well-deserved achievement.

The free acting workshop our group held on Saturday February 4 received great feedback from workshop leader Tanya Stuart and participants.

Look out for new and exciting initiatives this year as we work to grow and extend our group into a post-COVID future.

We are holding auditions for 'Mango Fever' this month. Please join us on Tuesday March 14 between 6-8pm if you would like to be involved in any capacity.

We are looking to fill roles onstage, backstage and front of house so please come along and try your hand.

'Mango Fever' is a locally scripted and directed play by Tanya Stuart where the antics of cruise ship holiday makers and crew are hilariously portrayed.

If you have ever wanted to experience cruise life with your feet still firmly planted on Toodyay soil, give this a go.

Performances are scheduled for June 17, 18 (matinee), 23 and 24.

Tickets will be available via our trybookings link and will be released once rehearsals are in full swing.

It is shaping up to be a great year with several members also expressing an interest in directing plays later this year.

Being crafty sets you up for the week

Ragbags Quilting Group
Kerry Gregory

EVERY time you turn on the car radio, TV or open a newspaper the biggest issue after mortgage rates seems to be mental health.

It is discussed on all manner of forums with "Act Belong Commit" adverts encouraging us to get involved in something, because being involved is good for our mental health.

While in a group of eight ladies at a recent Ragbags gathering I asked, "What do you think about when engaging in piecing, quilting, hand-stitching, knitting, crochet or any other handcrafts at home or here together?"

The overwhelming response was that the ladies were totally absorbed, enjoying their activity and feeling the supportive companionship together with others who share similar interests.

One lady cited an occasion when a friend claimed that attending her informal craft gathering was "so enjoyable it set her up for the week".

Engaging in any individual handcraft provides a feeling of wellbeing as you are pursuing your passions and interests, with many requiring a degree of flair, concentration, adaptability and persistence that engenders a true degree of triumph when the project is complete.



Wendy's timeless navy-and-white hexagonal table runner.

Even when I asked if they were preoccupied with interest rates, health issues or other such concerns, the general opinion was that gathering in our informal way was enjoyable, supportive and sympathetic as well as being encouraging

of our aspirations and endeavours with good humour.

The photo this month depicts the true origins of patchwork being a hexagon table runner in construction, pieced from really smart navy and white cotton dress fabrics left over from dressmaking.

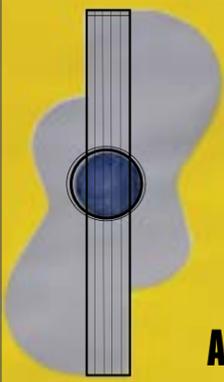
Even using cotton clothing from op-shops is a very cost effective way of achieving this terrific timeless colour combination.

New members are welcome to join us for our regular Ragbags Group gatherings.

Bring some handwork, your machine, project or any craftwork you are undertaking.

We meet at the St Stephens Anglican Church Hall, Stirling Terrace, Toodyay on the first and third Wednesday of each month between 10am and 2pm.

A cuppa, a good chat and a laugh or two are assured – and it's good for our mental health too.



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Saturday 25th March 2023

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PLEASE NOTE: Sellers with Lots of 15-20 (20 Maximum) are accepted by prior arrangement only. Please advise by close of business on Thursday, March 23 John Pearce on 0427 742 248, Clint Fricker on 0477 208 174 or Peter Edwards on 0418 342 199.
 Further enquiries ti:toodyaylionsauction22@gmail.com

No old TV's or Computers please.

For large and expensive items call any one of the people listed above.
 Delivery of these items will be on Friday, March 24 2023 after 10.30am.

Entry is at the Hockey Oval Gate (not the main gate).

No Lots will be accepted for sale on the day of the Auction.

ALL items in the Lots NOT sold **must be removed** by the owner and **ALL** items in the Lots purchased must be removed by buyer by 5pm on the day of the Auction.

The Toodyay Lions Club takes no responsibility for Lots after the fall of the hammer.

Auctioning of the goods will commence at 9am sharp on Saturday, March 25th 2023.

Seller's donation is **\$5 per Lot**, plus 10% commission on sale amount.

Goods purchased become the responsibility of the buyer on fall of hammer.

Auction Registration Forms are available at Toodyay TGA, Tony Maddox Real Estate, Freemasons Hotel, Toodyay Auto Centre Toodyay Real Estate and Gidgegannup Convenience Store.

Important information for BIDDERS

Gates open at 8am for viewing lots and purchasing of your \$2 Buyer's tickets.

Food and drinks will be available for purchase at the Auction.

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Beneficiaries include: Kimberley flood victims, Avon Valley Shotokan and TDHS Youth Care Council

ENVIRONMENT

What to do to save the cockatoo

Julimar Conservation and Forest Alliance

Sharon Richards

ONE OF the privileges of living in Toodyay is being in one of the few places in WA where you can see Carnaby's cockatoos for much of the year.

The Carnaby's cockatoo is one of only two white-tailed black cockatoos in the world and can only be found in the south-west of WA.

Growing up to 58cm it is differentiated from other black cockatoos by its white tail feathers, creamy cheeks, shorter bill and a distinctive, raucous call.

In the past people have reported seeing huge flocks of hundreds of birds flying between Perth and the Wheatbelt.

Many spend autumn and winter at the beach and coastal plain before flying inland to breed in spring and early summer.

The Carnaby's cockatoo comes to Julimar

to breed and takes advantage of the large, older wandoo and marri trees which can be found particularly in the north-eastern part of the forest.

Suitable trees have a large hollow which can take more than a century to develop, so young regrowth will not help the Carnaby's breed.

For successful breeding the Carnaby's also needs reliable food sources within a 12km range, which makes the wonderful diversity of the flora within Julimar Forest vitally important.

In the forest they will feed on marri and jarrah tree nuts and enjoy the Proteacea groups such as banksia.

With the reduction in their traditional foods some of the Carnaby's cockatoos have adapted to eating pine cones.

If you are lucky enough to have them visit your garden they'll love your cape lilac and will take advantage of any available almond and macadamia nuts.

For the last 50 years the number of Carnaby's and the other black cockatoos has been in massive decline.

The World Wildlife Fund estimates the population of Carnaby's has been reduced by at least 50 percent mainly due to habitat and feeding ground losses, with additional pressure from other species taking the few remaining nesting hollows.

The Carnaby's cockatoo now deemed to be endangered by the International Union for the Conservation of Nature and Birdlife International, while the Australian Conservation Foundation predicts it is "likely to become extinct in the wild".

It is vital we maintain and protect our northern jarrah forests including Julimar if future generations – our grandchildren – are to enjoy these wonderful birds.

As a community we can help give the Carnaby's and other black cockatoos a future by preserving existing woodlands.

For example, we can maintain the older habitat trees we already have, and think carefully before taking down an old tree.

We can plant new trees on which the Carnaby's can feed – maybe an almond which grow well in Toodyay.



Cockatube attached to a suitable tree.

Don't clear all the banksia from around our gardens or verges and provide a reliable water source, especially during the hot spring and summer months.

If you want to do more, you could consider having a Cockatube installed.

These are an artificial nesting box and provide a "hollow" in which the Carnaby's can breed.

There are a number of different types available, usually over a metre in height and 30cm in diameter.

To be successful the Cockatube needs to be in a place which also has food and water within a short flying distance for the birds.

In 2021 a documentary *Black Cockatoo Crisis* was released.

It is already an award-winning social impact documentary, receiving the Brian Beaton Award in 2021.

The Julimar Conservation and Forest Alliance will host a screening of this documentary in Toodyay in the near future and we invite you to attend, with entry by donation.

If you'd like to know more about the Carnabys and what you can do to help, visit www.savetheblackcockatoos.com.

If you'd like to know more about supporting the JCAFA group to support the black cockatoos, please go to website www.julimarcfa.org.au or contact us on julimarforest@gmail.com.

Barry serves up a rare treat

Toodyay Garden Club

Daphne Lee

OUR FIRST garden club event for the year was held at the lovely home of Clive and Sheena Hesse.

More than 60 people attended, enjoying fine food and delightful company on a beautiful balmy evening.

Many thanks to the committee for organising the sundowner event, to Barry and Kim for cooking the sausages and onions and for amazing food supplied by members.

Thanks for having us Clive and Sheena. Can we come again?

Our next event is the annual general meeting to be held on Thursday March 2 at 10am at St Stephens Church Hall.

Our first visit on April 6 is a bus trip to Muchea Tree Farm, Insect and Succulent Nursery.

Morning tea will be at the tree farm where we can purchase goodies to take home.

This will be followed by a tour of the insectary to learn more about good and bad bugs in our gardens and the succulents nursery where plants can also be purchased.

This will be a jam-packed morning, please bring your own lunch and drinks.

This is only the first of many of great outings we can look forward to thanks to our ever-efficient events coordinator Judy Rowston, well done.

We welcome back old members and encourage new ones to come and join us – you will never regret it.



Jocular outfit worn by Barry to cook sausages and onions and amuse diners.

At the sundowner we had an amazing door prize handmade by artist extraordinaire Russty and supervised by Liz.

This year it was won by Gloria Green, a happy winner envied by all who missed out.

Thanks again Russty for a great gift.

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

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ENVIRONMENT

Road widening not the only way to save lives

Safe and Scenic Toodyay Road

Andrew St John

RECENT editions of *The Toodyay Herald* have been full of news about serious road accidents in our community which have included loss of life.

These have impacted many people in our community as well as our economy.

In an ideal world of limitless resources we would spend as much as it takes to prevent such accidents.

In the December *Herald* Main Roads WA, as part of its full-page information piece on the Improvements to Toodyay Road, seems to be supporting such unlimited spending by saying: "... our goal is that no one shall die or suffer life changing injuries as a result of a crash".

The reality is otherwise – resources are limited and rationed.

Governments at all levels make decisions about how resources are allocated and this includes putting a finite cost on human lives.

So how can we reduce the road toll in ways that are commensurate with our limited resources?

And most importantly, those limitations extend beyond money to concern for our fragile, disappearing, natural environment.

In the February *Herald* Bob Neville, wearing his RoadWise hat, makes a pitch for state governments to contribute to improve deteriorating local roads, with increasing traffic, that currently rely on limited local government funds.

The Safe and Scenic Toodyay Roads (SASTR) campaign supports road improvements particularly when they can be achieved without



The Toodyay Bindi Bindi Road. Feeder roads can have unrestricted speed limits regardless of road safety conditions. Photo: Mark Roy

excessive road widening or significant loss of roadside vegetation, for example with hard shoulders and rumble strips.

As we have repeatedly said, the improvements to the metropolitan section of Toodyay Road are a perfect example of these effective but environmentally sensitive improvements.

Another example of modest but effective changes is on the Toodyay section of the Toodyay-Clackline Road.

SASTR agrees with Mr Neville's suggestion that perhaps some of the money from our "resources boom" should trickle down to local

roads given the heavy traffic some now carry. But SASTR has trouble accepting the only way to reduce the road toll is to widen all local roads.

A broader range of solutions is required as people are still being killed or injured on roads that have been more than adequately re-engineered and improved.

Some 70 per cent of crashes are due to vehicles running off the road.

Readers may recall WA Road Safety Commissioner Adrian Warner lamenting the high road toll in WA last Christmas, attributing

many of the fatal and serious crashes to human behaviour – be it speeding, tiredness, mobile phone use or failing to wear seat belts.

Not a word was said about poor roads.

In his article Mr Neville rightly highlights the issue of unrestricted speed limits that exist on many of our local roads, some of which such as the Toodyay – Bindi Bindi Road are indeed carrying heavy traffic.

Parts of this road and many other local roads are unsuitable for 110 km/h speeds.

In a utopian world we would find the money to improve all these roads according to the engineering standards that Mr Neville indicates are required.

This cannot happen due to aforementioned economic constraints.

Instead, why not reduce the speed limit on sections of road where it is dangerous to speed?

This seems logical and we fail to see why it cannot be done more frequently.

The number of people killed or seriously injured on Toodyay Road fell in the last five years due to strategies including reduced speed limits, driver education campaigns, and an increased police presence.

Modifying driver behaviour must remain a key part of any strategy to reduce the road toll as indicated by the Road Safety Commissioner in his comments at Christmas time.

This includes addressing all contributing factors that cannot be ameliorated with wider roads.

Other solutions include renewing efforts to get road traffic back onto rail.

The Wheatbelt has a rail network but poor economic decisions by previous governments have led to the neglect and closure of many lines.

WA Labor promised to restore some rail lines although it remains unclear when that will happen.

If traffic is increasing at the rates claimed and the cost of injuries and deaths is the several million that RoadWise claims, then it should not be difficult to mount an economic case for more rail transport.

The environmental benefits of such transport are clear.

However, as with widening roads, no one strategy alone will address all of the problems, which is why we need a broader range of solutions.

What SASTR does not want is for the environment and in particular roadside vegetation to be sacrificed on the altar of excessive road engineering to reduce the road toll.

River pools ruined by flood prevention

Toodyay Friends of the River

Bridget Leggett

INSTEAD of our regular riverside working bees, the Friends of the River held an indoor activity and meeting this month.

Wayne Clarke spoke on the history of the Avon River management, providing insight into the "river training scheme" – or as it might more descriptively be called, the river draining scheme.

The scheme was responsible for the destruction of the many natural pools along the river.

The venture started in response to flooding in the towns along the Avon River, from Brookton and Beverley near its headwaters to Toodyay further downriver.

In the 1930s a drainage engineer for the Public Works Department instigated drainage work from the Brookton and Beverley roads district all the way to a few miles below Toodyay.

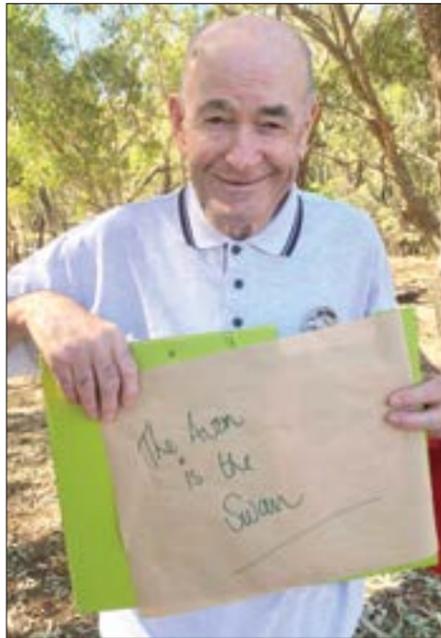
In Toodyay's case, the flooding was so bad that the town was moved from its original location at West Toodyay to its current location.

While that didn't stop the flooding, it did reduce the disruption it caused.

As Wayne pointed out, Northam had a terrible time with flooding due to its location at the juncture of the Mortlock and Avon rivers.

"If one came down before the other the water banked up, so whichever way they came they had a huge problem in Northam with flooding," Wayne said.

"They decided they'd train the river to do what they wanted it to do," he said.



Wayne Clarke with a message about the Avon River. Photo Nikkola Palmer.

"Training the river actually meant making a drain out of it."

Bulldozers went in at West Toodyay just above Deepdale, and 160km upstream on the other side of Brookton.

They bulldozed the bed out of the river and pushed it up the sides, virtually making a drain out of it.

This caused problems with the original sandy riverbed crumbling.

"All of the pools in the river that were there were filled with silt," Wayne said.

The Avon flows into the Swan River, so the silting problem gradually moved towards Perth, he said.

Before the proposed training scheme started, the late Jim Masters did his best to point out its likely consequences, and managed to stop the draining near Glen Avon, so the Glen Avon Pool still exists.

This pool is one of the longest remaining

pools along the river, starting just below Katrine, and ending at a natural weir in the river.

The river training scheme was started in 1954 and continued for a couple of decades before the shires of Toodyay and Northam withdrew their funding, bringing it to a halt.

Following Wayne's talk, Nikkola Palmer facilitated an activity focussed on the importance of the river, on why it matters, and why we, as Friends, get involved in caring for it.

Nikkola put together a short video of the thoughtful discussion and fruitful exchange of ideas that followed.

The video will be available on our Facebook page in the near future.

We have one more month of indoor activities before heading out to work beside the river for our monthly working bees.

The Friends are holding a community forum on the "Catchments, Carnaby's and Chuditch of the Julimar Forest".

Key speakers will be Ron Johnstone from the WA Museum together with Toodyay locals Liz Kington and Greg Warburton.

Ron is WA's expert on Carnaby's black cockatoos.

All three speakers are well-acquainted with the Julimar Forest so it should be an interesting forum.

The forum will be held at 2pm on Saturday March 11 in the Toodyay Recreation Centre.

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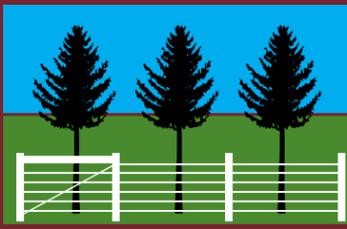
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ENVIRONMENT

Training and support for our wildlife carers

Marsupial Mammals and Pappas (Inc)
 Brian Foley

WE NEED help. We expect a greater influx of joey kangaroos in the next few months and need carers to join us.

Obviously we would not immediately give you a pinky joey (very young, without any fur) but the more carers we have the more we can take pressure off our experienced carers.

Along with the enjoyment you gain from raising and looking after injured and orphaned wildlife, you receive training and financial support.

We look after all wildlife so if your interest runs to birds or reptiles as well as mammals, then please contact one of our group members who will explain all the finer details.

Our animals have struggled in the hot weather with many underweight birds coming in, but we have been able to feed them up and release them all.

The most interesting was a white-faced heron from York.

It had a wound to the throat, possibly from a fight with another heron.

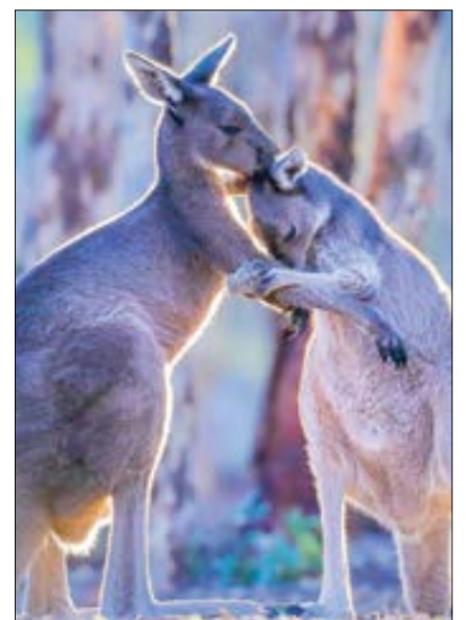
The herons have extremely sharp beaks with which they spear fish.

The wound healed as the bird gained weight and it was released.

A Euro joey also arrived. A lady coming along the Goomalling-Toodyay road thought it was rabbit but after turning around to investigate picked up an 847g joey which was all by itself.

It is with our carers Libby and Tony. It is going great and will be causing havoc very soon.

Fundraising is an important side of being



Mother and joey.

a wildlife carer and we can now offer tax deductibility for donations.

If you can assist with a donation, we have an account at the Toodyay and Districts Bendigo Bank, BSB 633-000, account 175516319, or see us at the Toodyay Markets.

If you need a receipt to claim the tax deduction, please email Brian Foley brianrobynfoley@gmail.com with details of your name, date and amount of your donation.

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

FLAVOUR OF THE MONTH

MARCH 2023

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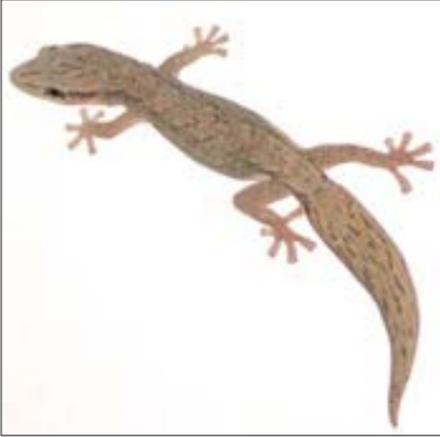
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ENVIRONMENT

Things that may go bump in the night



Reticulated velvet gecko. Photo: Wayne Clarke.

Python Watch
Desraé Clarke

VERY few sightings of reptiles have been reported to the Toodyay Naturalists Group by community members in recent months.

However, my husband Wayne and I are finding geckos in sheltered areas of our house and sheds.

A small gecko with a big name scurried across our veranda recently.

The 4cm long reptile, usually found in the sheds, is known only by its scientific name *Dtella variegator*.

We also hear bumping noises, especially in the evenings, as a large resident gecko moves beneath photos on the wall.

The reticulated velvet gecko (*Oedura reticulata*) is a frequent visitor in our house.

There are also altercations as to who owns the space, with agitated squeaks heard.

Small black 1cm long droppings that contain a tiny white blob of urates appear here and there on furniture and floors.

The resident reticulated velvet geckos are often seen clinging to the walls and ceilings and, if the feet could be viewed under a microscope, the pads would be seen to be covered in tiny hairs that allow them to cling to smooth surfaces.

It will move a short distance then remain still for long periods.

It is from these vantage points that it catches its prey of mosquitoes, moths and midges.

The reticulated velvet gecko lives on smooth-barked trees and, with the powder bark and local wandoo trees around the Shire of Toodyay, it has many homes to choose from.

It is rarely found on rough-barked trees.

The adult reticulated velvet gecko has a snout-vent length up to 6.5cm with a slender tail of about the same length as the body.

Most geckos have the ability to voluntarily drop, or dismember, the tail when grasped by a predator.

It may be observed tail-less or with a regenerated tail following an altercation with another as, like most reptiles, it tends to be very territorial.

The tail rapidly regenerates although it will be a different colour and almost devoid of patterning.

Ground colouring is generally greyish-brown although we have observed a great colour range from extremely pale to moderately dark tones.

A dark stripe extends from the snout and through the eye, to the tip of the original tail.

If the tail is regenerated it doesn't have this marking. The belly is a pale grey.

Geckos are egg-layers, oviparous, and lay one or two eggs in a clutch.

Gecko eyes are large as it is primarily nocturnal.

It does not have eyelids, like a bobtail, but the eye is covered by a protective scale. The gecko cleans this by wiping it with its tongue.

If you sit very quietly and observe, you may be fortunate to see this cleansing, although it is a very rapid action.

The noted naturalist and club patron John Dell observed a colony of this species for more than 20 years on the small remnant bushland of a farm.

He had noted the gecko feeding on the sap of the wandoo. Unfortunately, a bushfire devastated the area.

If you have a sighting, observation or anything of natural history interest to report the Toodyay Naturalists' Club would be grateful to hear from you.

You can email the information to be recorded to info@toodyaynats.org.au or by phone 9574 5574.

Eco decisions wrapped in red tape

Toodyay Naturalists' Club
Desraé Clarke

THE FIRST meeting of the Nats this year on Saturday February 18 featured lawyer, conservationist and Curtin University lecturer Hugh Finn as guest speaker.

Dr Finn spoke on the workings of the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA), helping a large and interested audience understand its obscure bureaucratic processes and how its results come about.

Environmental impact submissions are taken into consideration on both a federal and state government level.

The federal Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water examines national issues – for example, the formation and protection of Ramsar Wetlands – while the EPA investigates on a state-wide basis.

The five-person EPA panel does not make decisions based on submissions but instead advises the WA Minister for Environment (currently Reece Whitby) who has the final say at the state level.

The EPA can seek information from other government departments on issues around water, forests, air quality and so on, and include this in advice to the minister.

Proponents for a project that is subject



Scarlet robin bathing. Photo: Wayne Clarke.

to EPA approval will usually engage the services of a consultant.

Once the proponent's application is made public the community can have its say.

Community submissions are extremely important at this time, as they may bring to light anomalies or shortcomings in the consultant's report.

These submissions can make a valuable contribution based on local knowledge including the ecological importance and cultural significance of the flora and fauna attributes in the area.

Audience feedback at the meeting suggested there had been many changes since the development of the state's Environmental Protection Act in 1986.

Attendees felt it was imperative the government bring the Act up to date with contemporary environmental changes.

For example, climate change is significantly altering our rainfall patterns and dry seasons, while an increasing population is demanding more land be cleared for human habitation.

The Act should be updated to take these factors into account.

The next get-together for Nats members and supporters will be for our Cleanup Australia Day contribution.

We will meet at the junction of Julimar and Plunkett Roads at 8am on Saturday March 4.

Cleanup Australia Day organisers have sent bags and gloves we can use on the day.

The next meeting of the Nats will be a members night on Saturday March 18 at 7pm at the CWA Hall.

Bring your photos, stories, observations and 'show and tell' specimens along to share.

Tawny frogmouth is nature's master of disguise

Bird of the Month
Desraé Clarke

IT IS such a lovely surprise to come upon a wild creature which stays long enough to be photographed, with the added bonus of a clear image.

The baby tawny frogmouths pictured were clustered together high on a tree branch.

This species is found across the continent with the species in the Greater South West of WA the largest of those found in Australia at up to 50cm.

The tawny frogmouth is not a bird that is often noted during the day as it hunts for its prey of moths, spiders, frogs, small mammals, beetles and so on before dawn and after dark.

It rests during the day with its remarkable camouflage and stance resembling a broken-off piece of tree trunk.

Its colouring of dark, light and silver fawn-grey with white mottling and black streaking make it difficult to recognise as a bird.

If it is disturbed it may snap with its yellow-lined bill.

The tawny frogmouth pairs for life with breeding taking place between August and December resulting in a clutch of two or three white eggs.

Incubation, brooding and feeding the young is shared between the parents who use the same area year after year.

The nest is a rough platform of large sticks



A brood of baby frogmouths camouflaged on a tree branch. Photo: Leo Ziverts.

with leaves laid on the structure.

The call of this species is a low 'oom, oom, oom' that is repeated quite quickly for several minutes at a time.

It is worth checking out an area where small birds are circling, making obvious alarm calls.

They may be alerting others of the presence of not only a tawny frogmouth but any of

the larger predatory birds such as owls, the brown goshawk, chicken hawk or several of the species of falcon.

The Toodyay Naturalists are always pleased to hear of sightings and observations of interest from the community.

If you have something to report or a photo to share please call 9574 5574 or email info@toodyaynats.org.au.

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ARTS/CRAFTS/HISTORY

Arts Toodyay

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

Avon Woodturners Group

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

Ragbabs Quilting Group

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

The Crooked Needle

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

Toodyay Historical Society

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

Web: www.toodyayhistoricalsociety.org.au

Toodyay Spinners

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

Toodyay Theatre Group

For details David Mitchell 0400 283 425.

CHURCHES

Anglican Church

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

Catholic Church

St John the Baptist, Stirling Terrace, Toodyay. Saturday Vigil 5pm. Wednesday 4.10pm Adoration, 4.20pm Benediction, 5pm Mass.

Bakers Hill Fellowship

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

Toodyay Baptist Church

10.30am Sunday at 18 Stirling Terrace, Toodyay.

Uniting Church

10am St Stephen's Church, Toodyay.

EDUCATION/SCOUTS/

PLAYGROUPS ETC

Avon Valley Home Education Collective

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

Bizzy Bees

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

Cubs, Joys and Scouts

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

Toodyay District High School P and C

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

Toodyay Playgroup

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

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Bejoording Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade

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

Coondle-Nunile Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade

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

Julimar Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade

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

Morangup Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade

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

St John Toodyay Sub Centre

For Benefit Fund Memberships, First Aid Kits & Refills, Volunteering, General Enquiries. 120B Stirling Terrace, Toodyay. Phone 9574 2390. Emergencies call 000.

Toodyay Central Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade

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

Toodyay State Emergency Service

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

Toodyay Volunteer Fire and Rescue

1st Monday Fire Station 7.30pm.

ENVIRONMENT

Avon Valley Environmental Society

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

Earth Solutions - Avon Valley

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

Toodyay Friends of the River (TFOR)

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

Toodyay Garden Club

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

Toodyay Naturalists' Club

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

FARMERS MARKET

Toodyay Farmers Market

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

FESTIVALS

Toodyay Moondyne Festival

moodynecommittee@gmail.com.

HEALTH

Australian Breastfeeding Association

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

Child Health Clinic

Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Bree Byfield. 9621 0100

Memory Café

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

Toodyay Men's Shed

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

MINIATURE RAILWAY

Toodyay Miniature Railway

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

MUSIC

The Toodyay Community Singers

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

Toodyay Music Club

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

PROGRESS ASSOCIATION

Morangup Progress Association

Chairperson: Brian Allan. Hall Hire: 0472 975 593 www.morangupmpa.com.au.

SENIORS

Autumn Club

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

Butterfly Cottages

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

Fitness and Fun for The Over 55s

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

Ida's Hideaway

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

Probus Club of Toodyay Meetings

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

Silver Chain Social Centre

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

SERVICE ORGANISATIONS

Country Women's Association

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

Moodyne Men

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

RSL Toodyay Sub-Branch

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

Safer Toodyay Inc

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

Toodyay Lions Club

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

Toodyay Masonic Lodge

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

Toodyay Red Cross

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

Toodyay RoadWise Committee

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

SPORT

Toodyay Bowling Club

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

Avon Valley Adult Riding Club

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

Mortlock Pony Club

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

Toodyay Golf Club

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

Avon Valley Shotokan Karate Club

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

Toodyay Soccer Club

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

Toodyay Tennis Club

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

VINTAGE VEHICLES

Avon Valley Vintage Vehicle Assoc

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

Classifieds

Livestock For Sale

ANNIE. Pure bred Jersey heifer DOB 27 April 2021. She is halter-broken, A2A2 by inheritance and has had 7-in-1 treatment.

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Public Notices

AA ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

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

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

Change of Auction Date to 18 March 2023

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



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

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

Suzie Haslehurst

Chief Executive Officer

Description of Land etc.

Description of land, and lot or location number	Lot 17 Toodyay Road, TOODYAY WA 6566
Plan or diagram number	Plan/Diagram/DP# AVON Location 220
Area	40,659.424 m ² (10.047 acres)
Street	Toodyay Road
Description of improvements, if any	Vacant land
Name of owner	(Estate of) Mary Macknoe
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Other charges due on the land	None

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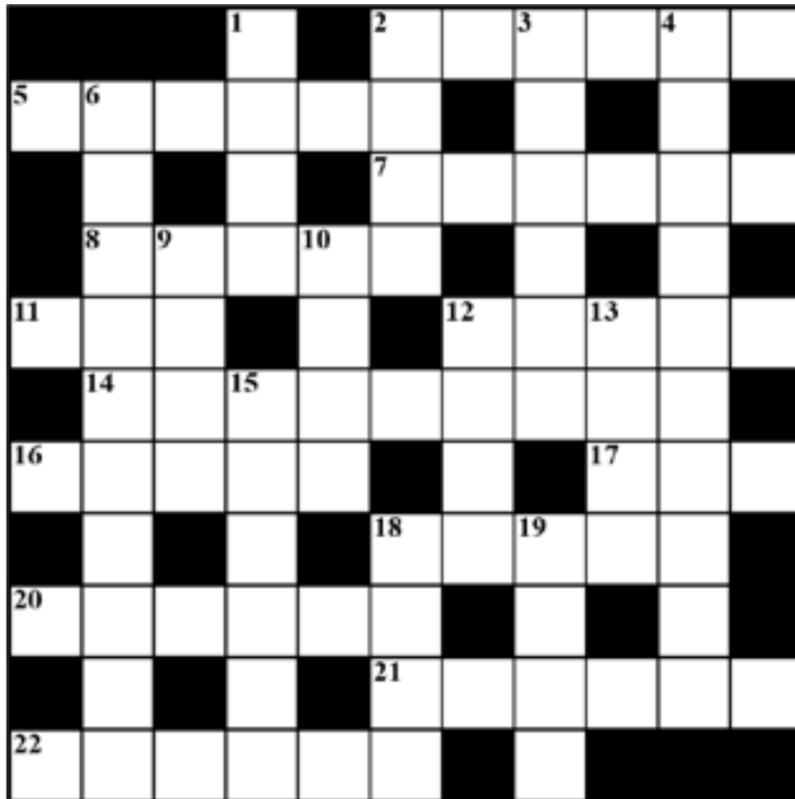
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 2 Negligent
 5 Amend
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 11 Bring into play
 12 Flat
 14 Sweetening agent
 16 Swim
 17 Previously
 18 Beautiful girl
 20 Wild
 21 Cruel person
 22 Approval

- DOWN**
 1 A long walk
 2 Tariff
 3 Indicator
 4 Street cleaners
 6 Secret agents
 9 Tidy
 10 Hurry
 12 Behind time
 13 Small glass vessel
 15 Impeach
 18 Most fitting
 19 Youths



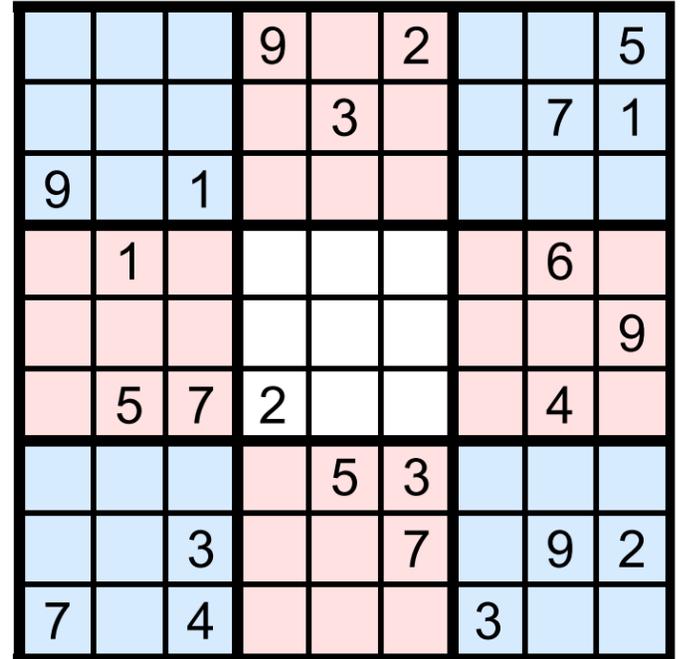
Cryptic Clues

- ACROSS**
 2 About a young lady lacking in care
 5 Go over and make improvements
 7 Two fellows are well adjusted
 8 Inter members not moving
 11 Avail oneself of a nation to the east
 12 Even an early night about fifty fifty
 14 Soundly dismiss the Styx ferryman for a sweetener
 16 He follows the cricket club to have a wash
 17 Dragons secreted in the past
 18 The most attractive woman at the function may ring by June 4th
 20 Iron out rice pieces when ferocious
 21 A morbid cruel monster from a Formosa district
 22 Sanction as transmitted

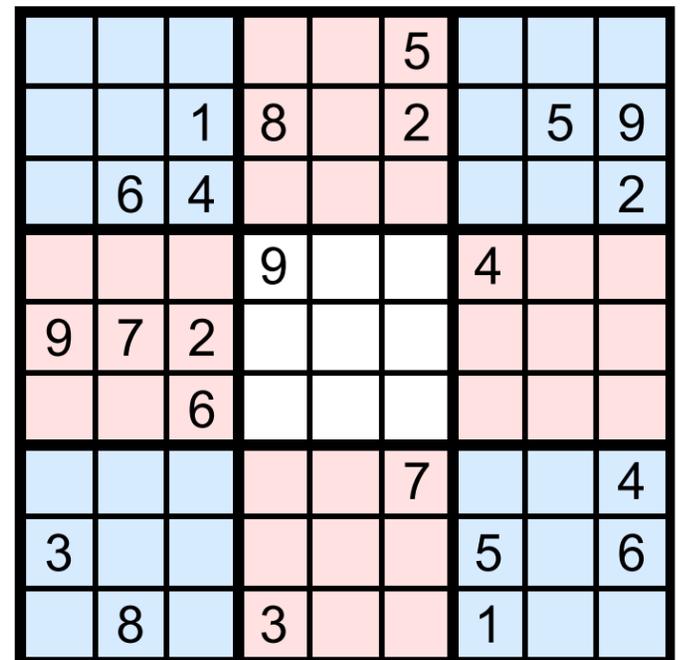
- DOWN**
 1 A call of attention to keep in front of a price rise
 2 Lease when torn apart
 3 One who records the score for Mr Antony with hesitation
 4 Those who search among waste, start from scratch, joining those who seek retribution
 6 Some government representatives are spies
 9 Uncluttered in one attribute
 10 Compete against an ethnic group
 12 Some philatelists are overdue
 13 Jovially displaying a little medicine bottle
 15 The cost of a stampede
 18 Superlative asbestos inclusions
 19 The leading lady does without young fellows

Sudoku

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



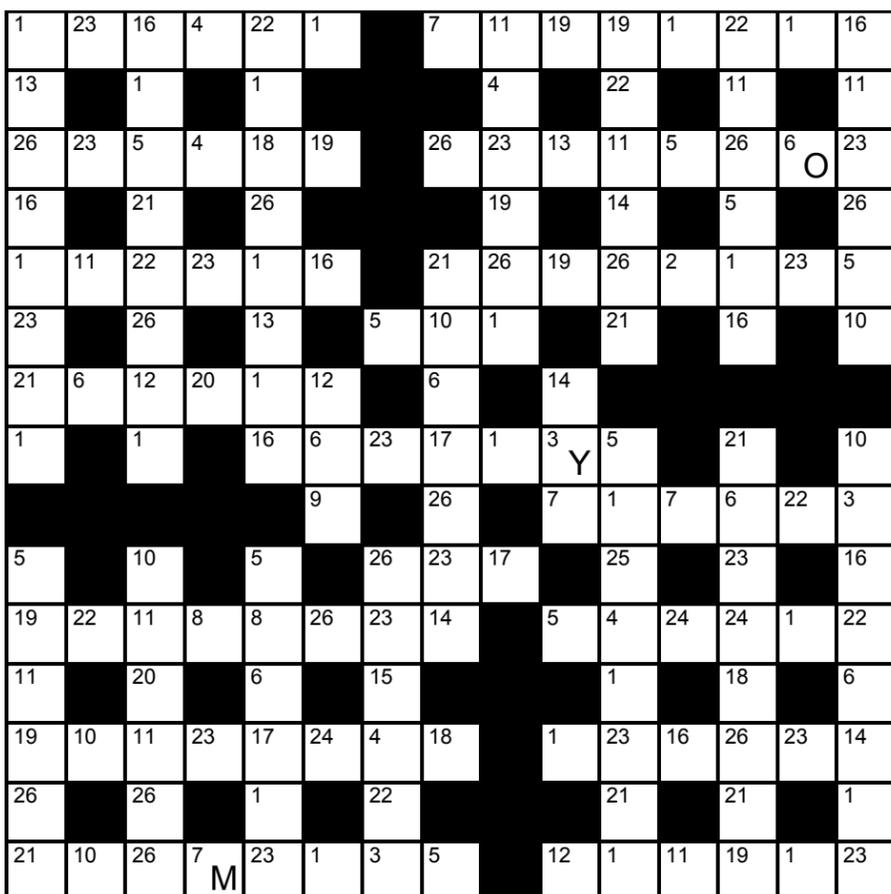
Easy



Hard

Crosscode

Crosscode is a logic puzzle. Each letter is a number. Begin by guessing the first word and placing the additional letters into the crosscode. Keep guessing words/letters until completed.



1	2	3	Y	4	5	6	O	7	M	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26			

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z

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Notice of Adoption of Local Planning Policies

Local Planning Policies – Signage Outside the Central Toodyay Heritage Area Directional Signage and Signage Within Thoroughfares Non-Habitable Structures

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Clause 4(4) of the Deemed Provisions in Schedule 2 of the *Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes) Regulations 2015*, that Council resolved on 22 February 2023 to adopt the following Local Planning Policies:

- *Signage Outside the Central Toodyay Heritage Area;*
- *Directional Signage and Signage Within Thoroughfares; and*
- *Non-Habitable Structures*

Copies of the Local Planning Policies are available for inspection at the Shire of Toodyay's Administration Centre, 15 Fiennes Street, Toodyay. They are also available to view on the Shire website: www.toodyay.wa.gov.au.



Notes

HEALTH

Sitting around meant ending up as lunch

Warrior Wellbeing

OUR ANCESTORS were used to walking up to 20km a day to survive on the savanna plains and the Serengeti – or they would end up as something's lunch.

We are not designed for sitting around and not exercising.

The human body has not had millions of years to adapt to our sedentary lifestyle.

We need to change our habits before it is too late.

Blokes in particular have faced significant changes over the past decades if not centuries because many manual work tasks are now obsolete or automated.

Exercise is essential for our mind, brain,

body and cardiovascular health.

In his book *Brain Rules* molecular biologist John Medina lists 12 rules that summarise the brain's core functions, abilities, and limitations.

I have read the book and it is an enlightening read.

Rule 1 of the 12 tells us exercise boosts brain power.

Many variables, from nurture to nature, impact how we age but one of the greatest predictors of successful ageing is the absence of a sedentary lifestyle.

Industrialisation has given us many benefits but it has also meant most of us have gradually quit moving.

The result of this is more and more Australians are being classified as being overweight, with the fastest growing chronic condition in Australia in 2022 being type 2 diabetes.

There is a lot of current research that suggests exercise can:

- reduce the risk of type 2 diabetes by 60 per cent;
- improve cardiovascular health, decreasing the risk of stroke and heart attack;
- affect the outcome of both anxiety and depression;
- help regulate the release of serotonin, dopamine, and norepinephrine to maintain the right balance;
- halve the risk of dementia through

- aerobic exercise twice a week; and
- reduce the risk of Alzheimer's by 60 per cent.

So what does all this mean for our exercise regime?

There is a lot of advice around with different advice on exercise requirements, with suggestions ranging from five minutes high intensity per day, to 30 minutes per day, to one hour a day every second day.

We are the only ones who know our bodies' physiologies and what will ultimately work for us.

A good guideline for a starting point is a minimum of 150 minutes of moderate exercise per week.

If you are limited in how you can exercise you can still make a difference.

If you can comfortably walk 50 metres a day, double it.

Walking 100 metres per day compared to 50 can make a big difference.

The improvement in your body's physiology will be profound.

Starting with a little bit of exercise will make you want to move more.

Exercise options are endless: swimming, hydrotherapy, light gym work, walking groups, Parkrun, belonging to a sporting group, or volunteering.

Although in regional WA sometimes these options are limited.

Don't let this stop you exercising – get moving.

Bolgart boy's walk for breast cancer takes big strides



Ben Clarke and Travis Shearer relax at the end of their January Walk for Breast Cancer in Esperance.

LOCAL Bolgart boy Ben Clarke and his Aquinas College boarding school mate Travis Shearer have smashed their fundraising target for breast cancer and are pushing on to greater heights.

The pair embarked on a 50km walk in one day during the January school holidays in Esperance, Travis's home town.

This venture came after Travis decided he wanted to do something to assist with breast cancer support and research.

His aunt is currently undergoing treatment for breast cancer.

Ben also empathised with this as his mum had breast cancer 10 years ago, as did his grandmother four years ago.

The boys set their fundraising goal at \$1000, but quickly surpassed it, with donations flooding in from friends, family and businesses in both Esperance, Bolgart and Northam.

Some of their biggest sponsors include Hills Concrete Northam, Bolgart Rural Merchandise, Avon Valley Toyota, Freight Lines Group, OD Transport Esperance, Design Orthodontics, Southern Suspension 4x4 Centre, Nunan Boarding House Aquinas College, EIB Insurance, Hon Colin de Grussa MLC and Darren West MLC.

The boys have now raised \$11,500 and reset their goal to \$15,000.

If you would like to donate, visit www.doitforcancer.com.au/fundraisers/travisben/ben-and-travis-walk-for-breast-cancer.

Give up the fags if you want to live longer

Cancer Council WA
Kaylor Andrews

SMOKERS living in the Wheatbelt are being asked to stop and listen to their bodies.

The 'Sounds Like' campaign features common consequences of smoking including wheezing, coughing, breathlessness and gum disease.

The series of television advertisements will appear on metropolitan, regional and Aboriginal networks until next month.

One in 10 Western Australians still smokes, so the Cancer Council launched the series of ads to help prompt those individuals to quit.

While tobacco control has had many successes over the past two decades smoking remains a public health crisis.

It is a main cause of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), a group of lung diseases that cause shortness of breath, increased phlegm and mucous production and a persistent cough.

At first, a person might become breathless from walking up a slight hill, but in the later stages, people can become too breathless to dress themselves in the morning.

Stopping smoking is one of the best actions you can take for your health and quality of life.



“If you have a symptom that you are putting off, please go and get it checked.”
- Derek, Donnybrook

Cancer Council WA



SPORT

Small lineup, big results

Tenderfoot Revolution
Gina Piercy

TEAM Tenderfoot Revolution competed in the 2023 West State Line Up linedance competition on Saturday February 18 and achieved a staggering six out of seven medal chances on the day.

What a fantastic result for a small team of three: Gina Piercy, Wendy Fisher and Chase Durey, who is only 11 years old.

At the medal presentations, duo Gina and Chase won two gold and one bronze.

Trio Gina, Chase and Wendy won two bronze, while our only solo entry on the day in the Showcase section Gina, won silver.

This bumps our collective team medal tally for 2019–2023 to around 35.

A huge thank you to all who sponsored the

team. Without your support our team would not be able to enter and achieve such fantastic results.

Thank you to Health Pharmacy York, Avon Valley Stockfeed & Landscaping Supplies Northam, All Soul Konnections Bakers Hill, Hansen Chiropractic Northam, Riverside Hotel Northam, Reflections Equestrian York, Northam Bowling Club, The Best Café in York, the Electrical Appliances Bloke York and private donors.

Our entries and results can be found on our YouTube channel and Facebook page.

If you are interested in beginner to advanced level linedance classes, taekwonDANCE, team training or need a linedance coach for your team, please contact Gina Piercy on 0438 009 459 or find us on Facebook.



Our karate kids having fun.

Karate club throws down challenge to students

Avon Valley Shotokan Club
Nat Kielbasa

CHILDREN and young adults are the future of any sport, and we are blessed to have lots of enthusiastic young students.

It's fantastic to see new faces in all classes and existing members returning to keep learning.

Karate is a wonderful family sport. Often one child will join, then a sibling or two, and then mum or dad will catch the bug.

Why? Because karate is awesome.

It is a great way for families to enjoy time together and improve fitness.

Children learn good sportsmanship and resilience by watching people they admire in action.

With this in mind, we are excited to welcome Georgia to our peewee class.

After years watching her big brother Mason train, cheering him on at karate tournaments and watching him develop from white belt to purple, her own karate journey has begun.

Good on you Georgia.

It can be scary making that first step but having a friend or family member with you can help you feel more confident.

Plus, it is fun to have someone you can practise with at home.

To anyone considering a new sport, please feel free to drop in to one of our lessons to see what the classes look like, have a go, or ask questions.

Karate might be just the sport for you.

Our adult class is growing every week but there is always room for more.

And now it's time to issue a challenge for all our students.

We want to tell Toodyay what it's like to learn karate, and what a new student can expect – and who better to do that than our students?

Whether you are an aspiring journalist, author, artist or even a poet in the making, we would love to hear or see what you enjoy about karate and about your karate journey so far.

If you would like to try, please send a copy of your work to avonvalleyshotokan@gmail.com or you could bring it along to class.

We can't wait to see what everyone comes up with to show our community what makes karate such fun.



Mason welcomes new member Georgia.



Wendy Fisher, Gina Piercy and Chase Durey.

HEALTH

Fat ponies need testing to check for too much insulin

Heartlands Veterinary Hospital
Dr Mzuri Davies

EQUINE metabolic syndrome (EMS) is a disease where horses and more commonly ponies have higher than normal insulin levels in their blood.

This often leads to them being too fat and less able to lose weight.

EMS can cause a variety of other problems, the most common of which is recurrent laminitis which is difficult to control.

However the good news is there have been

significant advances in the diagnosis and treatment of EMS.

New options from a range of human diabetic medications have been used with great success and increasing popularity to help these horses.

When used in combination with dietary and exercise management strategies we are seeing these horses gain a new lease on life.

If your horse or pony has recurring laminitis that isn't responding or you think may be a candidate for EMS treatment, please give Heartlands a call so we can help.



A pony showing typical signs of laminitis, which may be a result of equine metabolic syndrome.

AUDITIONS

MANGO FEVER!

WRITTEN AND DIRECTED BY TANYA STUART
A HILARIOUS COMEDY ON BOARD A
CRUISE SHIP FULL OF TWISTS AND TURNS.

Tuesday 14th of March 2023
6pm to 8pm
Toodyay Memorial Hall
Experienced and new members are welcome

If you can't make this date and still want to join us or would like more information
Please contact: Tanya 0409 181 404

Show dates: 17th, 18th (Matinee), 23rd, 24th June 2023

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Sudoku Hard



tony maddox

realestate

Your locally owned real estate

Principal's Pen

Welcome to the March Edition - We have all realised that the hot summer months are with us. I had 41° at the back of the office in February and I imagine a few of you can easily top that! March is still hot but so is the market. See my little real estate story below...

State of the Market - So, the magic number has kept falling and is now down to 6947. This means the sales market is still flat out! The bad news that the papers keep telling us, may apply to the eastern states, but certainly hasn't affected us here at present! Still a great selling time. Give us a call and you might just be pleasantly surprised.

Little story time (bragging really) - Remember I said we are busy? Well, last week we listed a nice home in town at lunchtime AND sold it cash to a buyer at 4pm. Not even enough time to erect a sign on the home. AND, 2 days later, listed another house on 8 acres and sold it the next day to our buyers list again - no sign or photos! AND, on the same week again, we had a signed listing authority for a vendor and before we could even put the sign up or take the photos, that was sold as well. So, 3 properties sold in one week that all were sold before coming onto the market. The moral of the story is: list your property with us and the results speak for themselves. Just amazing - what a team effort!

Inside the Office - Wow, is this a busy office. It is supposed to be quiet over the summer months but not here in this office! I came in late this week and opened the back door and the noise was amazing! All busy little real estate people. Love it!

Jemma - Just a little ray of sunshine at our front desk. She greets everyone with a smile and a nice hello. Then head down working. She is fantastic and the utmost professional.

Jo - Always smiling, always happy, always noisy. But we all love her to bits. This is one busy, busy PM, with almost all our Merredin houses full once again, and bringing in new rentals for the business all the time. The whole of Merredin loves her just like us!

Gracie - This girl has a heart of gold. And we have lost our Margot to day-care. Sad for this office, but good for Gracie's sanity. Hopefully we will have Margot back soon! The girls miss the cuddles!

Faith - She has already completed 5 courses on her way to the Diploma in Property, that will eventually lead her to a Triennial Certificate. This girl is unstoppable and utmost professional. Plus - she has just had 4 days holiday in Rotto being spoilt for her birthday and loved it!

Christie - At last count, this girl had worked 21 days straight. Wow. The calibre of this lady is simply astonishing. She is one of a kind and just the best sales lady around. We all love her to bits.

Sam - Well, I did tell you that Sam is the one to watch. So, straight from www.realestate.com.au in the last 6 months and selling 14 properties more than anyone else is: (drum roll) Sam Woodford! It just goes to show what hard work, long hours and determination can get you! Sam, we are all very, very proud of you. Well done mate.

Tony - Well, the farm issues have finally come to a head. One person complained about my crossing across the creek to get to my house, and the result so far is I have been summoned to court and facing a \$20,000 fine PLUS 9 months imprisonment. Court case is on 20th March at Northam Court. Apparently, I have committed an offence against the Aboriginal Heritage Act 1972. So, if you have a creek on your property and you want to cross it, be very careful! More on this next month. Probably worth a community meeting so we are all aware of what we can and can't do!

Until next month (if I am not in jail)
Tony Maddox



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