



# SHIRE NEWS

## Oral History Focus Day on the way

On Saturday April 29, as part of The National Trust's Australian Heritage Festival, the Shire and the Toodyay Historical Society are hosting an Oral History Focus Day at two venues – Connor's Mill and Drummond House (next to the Bendigo Bank) – between 9.00am and 4.00pm.

Oral histories capture stories for generations to come. At Connor's Mill, listen to apiarist Sam Cook's recorded stories about his family's beekeeping activities during the 1930s-1950s, from an oral history undertaken in 1994. At Drummond House (Toodyay Environment & History Centre), the Historical Society's experienced oral historians will host informal chat sessions encouraging local folk to share their own memories.

For more information about this event, visit [nationaltrust.org.au/ahf\\_event/oral-history-focus-day/](http://nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/oral-history-focus-day/).



## Local Planning Scheme No.5 adopted for submission

At a Special Council Meeting held on Wednesday March 29, Council adopted proposed Local Planning Scheme No. 5 for submission to the Western Australian Planning Commission, with a request for final approval by the Minister for Planning.

Local Planning Scheme No. 4 was adopted in 2008, with schemes normally reviewed every ten years. In 2017 Council resolved to prepare the Shire of Toodyay Local Planning Scheme No. 5 (LPS5). While the process for the development of a new scheme is complex, changes in elected members, staff turnover, and concerns regarding the original draft LPS5 resulted in delays to the completion of the final draft.

"This has been a long and arduous process with many factors contributing to the delays," said Shire President, Cr Rosemary Madacsi. "I take this opportunity to thank and congratulate my fellow Councillors and the Shire staff for their commitment to this process and also those in the community who have contributed. We look forward to working together on the Scheme Amendment and our next job; a review of the Shire's Local Planning Strategy".

## Results of Land Auction, 18 March 2023

The previously advertised 10-acre bush block at Lot 17 Toodyay Road was sold at auction on 18 March 2023 for \$125,000. This was sufficient for the recovery of outstanding rates, with a considerable surplus for the family members of the previous owner. Congratulations to the purchaser – we look forward to the development of the property, which has been resting for several decades.



(L-R) Shire CEO Suzie Haslehurst, Dr Akeem Lawal, and Shire President Cr Rosemary Madacsi sign the contract.

## Local health care back in business: Shire acquires GP services for Toodyay

Alma Beard Medical Centre will once again take care of the community's health and wellbeing, with a contract for the provision of GP and allied health services endorsed by Council at the Ordinary Council Meeting on March 22, and signed by Shire CEO Suzie Haslehurst, incoming GP Dr Akeem Lawal, and Shire President Cr Rosemary Madacsi on March 23.

Since the centre's closure in November last year, the Shire has focused firmly on acquiring new services to fill the space. Dr Lawal, who has previously worked locally and is no stranger to

many Toodyay residents seeking high-quality health care, will take over the practice following a comprehensive tender process and contract negotiations. "I am keen to reconnect with my existing patients and of course, welcome new ones," Dr Lawal said at the signing.

The Shire and Dr Lawal will work together to ensure Alma Beard reopens as a general practice as soon as possible. Services are expected to resume in late May, once all required resources are secured and setup is complete.

## Protect yourself against mosquito-borne diseases

Japanese encephalitis virus (JEV) has recently been detected for the first time in the Northern Kimberly region of WA. JEV is a mosquito-borne disease that affects both humans and animals, infecting humans/horses as dead-end hosts and pigs/birds as hosts that can amplify and retransmit the infection through mosquitoes.

JEV activity was identified via several Department of Health surveillance programs. These act as early warning systems for mosquito-borne diseases, as part of a broader JEV-enhanced monitoring response following the outbreak of Japanese encephalitis (JE) in other Australian states/territories. JE is a vaccine-preventable disease in people, and WA Health has begun vaccinating residents living in remote areas of the northern Kimberley who may be at risk. Lower your own risk by taking precautions to avoid mosquito bites, which can also protect you from other mosquito-borne infections without vaccines (including Murray Valley encephalitis).

**Protect yourself:** Cover up when outside, particularly at dawn and dusk; apply repellent regularly to all exposed skin; and use mosquito nets where necessary.

**Reduce mosquitoes in and around your home:** Keep grass cut and plants trimmed; apply residual surface spray to outdoor walls/patios etc; keep your property clear of water-holding rubbish; regularly clean and refill bird baths/stock troughs etc; keep roof gutters clear to prevent pooling; ensure swimming pools are properly cleaned and chlorinated; install and maintain insect screens; and use mosquito coils/lanterns.

**Farm/large rural property advice:** Keep dams free of vegetation and check dam walls for leaks; avoid over-irrigation; and protect horses using a hooded rug, fly mask, and repellent.

**Report suspected signs of JEV infection in animals:** Contact your local vet or call the Emergency Animal Disease Watch Hotline on 1800 675 888.

## Making a sustainable Shire-wide splash

The Shire has received a \$73,897 grant from the WA Government's Community Water Supplies Partnership Program. This program is jointly funded by the State Government and the Commonwealth Government's National Water Grid Connections Funding Program, and we plan to put our portion to good use: utilising the Toodyay Recreation Centre precinct roof and basketball courts to maximise stormwater harvest for irrigation and firefighting.

We have also been re-endorsed and recognised as a Waterwise Council for 2023 by the Water Corporation. This comes as part of the Waterwise Council Program, which supports councils in improving water efficiency and adopting waterwise practices in their operations and communities. Thank you to



everyone who has helped us achieve and maintain sustainable water management in the Shire.

Finally, a new water tank has been installed by volunteers at Morangup Community Hall, having been fully grant-funded to the value of \$15,000. The 27-kilolitre tank was supplied by Hills Concrete Pty Ltd, Northam.

## Toodyay CRC hits a high note – and what's in store for the school holidays

On the evening of Friday February 24, we were honoured to host the Lotterywest livestream of Bizet's masterpiece, "Carmen". The opera was held at the WACA Ground and livestreamed to more than 10 locations across WA, including Toodyay – where we wore our fanciest dress and drank champagne as if we were there. All of the performers were incredible and as passionate as predicted, but the loudest applause from our local audience was reserved for Toodyay's own Emma Petteimerides.

Also on the agenda in March were two wonderful workshops run by RSM Business Local – one on Excel in Business, and the other on Branding with Canva. We hope our attendees picked up lots of helpful tips and tricks from these sessions.

Next up are the April school holidays, and we have some special activities planned to keep boredom at bay: **Kahoot Game Day** on Wednesday April 12, **Minecraft Day** on Friday April 14, and **Paint and Plant a Pot Workshop** on Thursday April 20.

To book or for more information, please contact the TCRC on 9574 5357 or email [crc@toodyay.wa.gov.au](mailto:crc@toodyay.wa.gov.au).



## Have permits and notifications on hand during the Restricted Burning Period

The Shire is now in the Restricted Burning Period. Permits are required for any burning activity, and are currently only being issued for stubble and chaff burning for crop preparation purposes. Permits will not be issued for burning timber piles or for social events. All permit applications must be made via the Shire website, and permit holders must comply with all permit conditions – including (but not limited to) restrictions/requirements around burn notifications, minimum supervision, and firefighting resources.

During the Restricted Burning Period, the Shire will issue permits for bona fide broad acre stubble operations for a period of up to 28 days, to reduce re-application requirements for farmers with large operations. Please be advised that the Restricted Burning Period may be extended beyond April 30 dependent on weather conditions.

Please check the Shire website regularly to stay up to date with current burning periods. Any changes will also be advised via our Harvest, Vehicle Movement and Hot Works Ban SMS System – a vital tool if you live in the Toodyay district. This system notifies you of the start/end of and any extensions to both Hot Works Bans and Restricted/Prohibited Burning Periods. To register, message BANS to 0408 017 439.

**Please note that the SMS notification system is not an emergency warning system.**

Visit [emergency.wa.gov.au](http://emergency.wa.gov.au) for emergency alerts and warnings.

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



Bindi Bindi-Toodyay Rd: Federal Black Spot Program Works



Bindi Bindi-Toodyay Rd: Regional Rd Safety Works



Newcastle Park Footbridge: Maintenance Repairs

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# DOCUMENTARY SCREENING BLACK COCKATOO CRISIS

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APRIL

DOORS OPEN 7PM  
7.15 START

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# Maurice lowers the tone with *Red, Red Wine*

**Toodyay Music Club**  
Jenny Edgecombe

A CHEERFUL group of members attended this year's first meeting of the Toodyay Music Club in February.

As usual, the meeting started with a 'skiffle' session, where everyone joined in singing and playing a few well-known songs.

The meeting also featured one of the club's popular theme days, this time on the subject of alcohol.

Our musical items covered topics ranging from the light-hearted enjoyment of alcohol to some of its more tragic effects.

Peter started the ball rolling with "I Like Beer", inviting audience members to provide echoes in certain places, which they did with great enthusiasm.

He also accompanied Moya on guitar during her beautiful rendition of "Today".

Collette also called for audience participation in the chorus for her lovely

singing of "The Wild Rover" accompanied by Joe on guitar.

There was laughter when the next singer, Spencer, assured club member Lyn he was not referring to her in singing "The Lord Knows I'm Drinking".

The lyrics refer with displeasure to a certain Mrs Johnson, who disapproves of the singer's alcohol consumption.

On a more serious note, Brian's unaccompanied version of "Ol' Man River" was impressive.

Eileen's items included a lively version of "Campbelltown Loch" sung with gusto.

The '60s favourite "Red, Red Wine" was one of Maurice's choices this month, with some lovely resonances as he sang in a slightly lower register than usual.

Anne's plaintive "Don't Sell Daddy Any More Whisky" was a moving and timely reminder of the impact alcohol can have on families.

Joe provided backing for Jenny's "Sunday Morning Comin' Down", before presenting his more cheerful song, "Won't You Take Me Out Drinking Tonight".

There were more great songs during the afternoon along with a tea break that gave members time to socialise.

Visitors are welcome, as performers or audience members.

The next Music Club meeting will be at 1pm on Saturday April 15 at the CWA Hall, Stirling Terrace, Toodyay.

For more information, please contact Joe on 0400 862 694.



ENVIRONMENT

This year's Garden Club committee are (left to right) vice president Steph, treasurer Wendy, committee member Liz, secretary Lyn, committee members Russty and Isobel, president Hamish, and committee members Judy, Jan, and Sue.

## Busy singers pitch in for Anzac Day, Moondyne Festival

**Toodyay Community Singers**  
Anne Millar

AS WE enter the fourth month of 2023, time seems to be moving swiftly.

The Singers group has been busy rehearsing for our upcoming performances.

On Tuesday April 25 we will be taking part in the Anzac service to pay tribute to our brave service men and women.

We are also preparing to participate in the Moondyne Festival.

For those who have recently joined our community, if you have an interest in singing and community events, we invite you to join us every Thursday evening from 5pm to 7pm at the CWA Hall on Stirling Terrace.

All are welcome to join us and to be a part of these events.

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# Insects on the itinerary for bus trip to Muchea

**Toodyay Garden Club**  
Jan Ackroyd

THE GARDEN Club held its annual general meeting at St Stephen's Hall in early March.

With a healthy Club membership of 113, the meeting was well attended and three members willingly filled vacant positions on the committee.

Our president Hamish says "we must be doing something right" as we continue to grow.

At our Christmas function last December, we conducted a members survey which yielded positive feedback on what members want and like about their club.

The committee has acted on this feedback to improve the club's offerings.

This year, our events organiser Judy has planned a varied and engaging program for

monthly outings and events, including three bus trips.

In July, the club will host a workshop morning in town – an alternative to visiting a garden in mid-winter – and we all look forward to it.

Members will take a bus trip this month to the Muchea Tree Farm, Insectary, and Succulent Box Nursery, followed by lunch provided by the nursery staff.

The club is grateful to John Lucas for providing a bus and driver for our trips.

Judy has certainly put together a pretty full agenda for the first outing of the year.

Cooler weather and rain are eagerly anticipated by the club's members to rejuvenate their heat-stressed gardens.

Finally, we would like to clarify that the "good-looking chap" in the apron in last month's *Herald* was Kim, not Barry.

We'd be lucky to get Barry to wear that.

## A block defined by nature?

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The Kalgup Retreat, just as comfortable on a suburban block as it is in the country, this delightful residence delivers all the features you'd expect in a rural retreat, from the feature bush poles inside and out, to the double-sided fireplace and built-in wood box in the living room and adjoining relax room. Raking ceilings and huge expanses of glass encourage views forever, while extensive verandas and a double-sized alfresco take everyday living outdoors.

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ENVIRONMENT

# Throwing it over a bed runs in the family

**Ragbags Quilting Group**  
Kerry Gregory

AFTER recently acquiring another chest of drawers I was left with a large quilt without a spot to rest in.

The solution? Throw it over a bed, just as my mother and grandmother used to do.

Quilting has a long history, with quilts often appearing in the background of old movies – hung on walls, over windows, thrown over sofas and beds, and used as informal room dividers to separate sleeping areas from living rooms.

My grandmother would remove quilts from back verandah beds in summer to keep dust off them, hanging them over the curtain rail of a west-facing bedroom as insulation against the summer sun.

In the evening she would fold them up and put



Strips backed and quickly quilted produce a cheerful comfort quilt.

them on the end of the bed to let the Fremantle Doctor breeze in.

The current change in weather has invigorated the ladies at Ragbags, giving us the energy to engage in activities that previously had us too hot and bothered.

We have decanted a number of items from our storage cupboard, including fabrics, odd blocks of nine-patch, twelve-patch, and narrow, pre-stitched strips of four or five colours.

Our aim is to complete some good-sized lap quilts we can donate to one of the communities in the east devastated by recent floods.

The quilting tradition is more than sharing a love of fabrics and sewing with mutually passionate friends, it is caring for and sharing with our communities at large.

The tradition gives help to others, providing cheer and easing the struggle.

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

Bring some handwork, your machine and project, or any craft work being undertaken.

We meet at the St Stephens Anglican Church Hall on Stirling Terrace in 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 that's good for our mental health too.

For example, my husband's retired professionals group meets every few months for a fine meal with wine, a gathering they call a "Men's Wellness Seminar".

In a world of change and upheaval the tradition of quilting provides some stability and continuity.



Speakers at the Forum (left to right) Dr Liz Kingston, Greg Warburton and Ron Johnstone. Photo: Kim Sarti.

# Julimar Forest wildlife decline points to future extinctions

**Toodyay Friends of the River**  
Bridget Leggett

MORE than 50 members of the Toodyay community attended the "Catchments, Carnabies and Chuditch of the Julimar Forest" forum at the Toodyay Community

Pavilion last month.

Chattering Landcare Group community rivercare officer Dr Liz Kingston spoke about how the Julimar Forest contributes to the Brockman River and Julimar Brook catchments which ultimately feed into the Avon and Swan rivers.

Although Julimar Brook only flows for part of the year, its water quality was such that it was considered a potential source for Perth in the early 2000s.

In his comprehensive talk on the black cockatoos of Western Australia, WA Museum curator of ornithology Ron Johnston noted a worrying decline in all three black cockatoo species due to the loss of traditional food sources and nesting hollows.

Ron, who has been researching the cockatoo species since 1979, estimates 54 per cent of suitable nesting sites are being lost per decade.

The survival of each of the three black cockatoo species is dependent on access to trees at least 250 years old, as well as fresh water.

The Bindoon Training Area and adjacent Julimar Forest provide a major breeding ground for the endangered Carnaby's cockatoo, which competes with feral bees and galahs for nesting hollows.

Numbers of the critically endangered Baudin's cockatoo, which was recently recorded in Julimar, are likely to be less than 10,000 within 10 years.

At this rate of decline it will be extinct within 50 years.

The last speaker at the forum was Shire of Toodyay reserves management officer and local resident Greg Warburton.

Greg spoke about WA's largest marsupial carnivore, the chuditch, *Dasyurus geoffroii*, easily identified by its distinctive white spots.

This solitary, nocturnal hunter is equally at home on the ground or in trees.

The territorial males will forage areas of up to 15sqkm and can weigh up to 2kg.

The chuditch population has declined to such an extent that it is listed as a threatened species.

Also known as the Western quoll, the chuditch previously inhabited areas across inland Australia, but is now confined to parts of the South West, with the Julimar forest one of its last strongholds.

The Department of Conservation and Land Management successfully introduced specimens bred in captivity to the forest 30 years ago in a bid to conserve the species.

The Toodyay Friends of the River thank the forum speakers for their excellent talks.

The film "Cockatoo Crisis", which features footage from Julimar State Forest, screens on Saturday April 22 at the Town Hall in Toodyay.

Working bees resume in April, with the May working bees scheduled for Sunday May 14 and Monday May 15.

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## Voconiq Local Voices – Still Time to Have Your Say

THE VOCONIQ Local Voices Julimar program, which commenced in early March, provides an opportunity for local communities to express their views in relation to Chalice Mining as a company, their current exploration activities, and a potential future mine.

Voconiq was engaged by Chalice to provide the Local Voices program, which comprises a series of confidential surveys, that are carried out over a three-year period. 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.

Local Voices has been widely utilised through the resources industry by companies like Rio Tinto, Northern Star Resources and Yamana Gold as a valuable tool to engage with and understand broad community sentiment. The first survey, called an 'anchor' survey, is currently open and provides a solid baseline understanding of sentiment across topics



such as communication, community, trust, impacts and benefits, particularly in relation to Chalice's discovery at the Julimar Project, near Toodyay.

Community members are encouraged to complete the survey online: <https://voconiqlocalvoices.com/en/julimar> or a paper survey and reply-paid envelope can be collected from the Northam, Toodyay and

Bindoon Libraries and the Toodyay Visitor Centre.

There is also an option to participate in an ongoing series of short 'Pulse' surveys, which are conducted every 6 months.

To send invitations to future surveys, Voconiq will collect some contact details. The surveys are 100% confidential. In accordance with the Privacy Act 1988, name and contact details are collected, stored, and are never shared with Chalice or connected to survey responses. The demographic details (e.g. age, gender) collected are important to ensure the sample is diverse and robust.

Local Voices provides more than a platform for people to have a say, it also supports local community groups through the Community Rewards Program. In recognition of people's time and effort taken to complete an 'Anchor' survey, an optional \$10 donation can be awarded to a local community group of the participant's choice, irrespective of people's views towards Chalice and or mining.

Local community groups can register through the Local Voices website outlined above. Have your say and support your local community at the same time.

# 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:  
[voconiqlocalvoices.com/julimar](https://voconiqlocalvoices.com/julimar)  
Paper surveys are also available at Toodyay, Bindoon and Northam libraries and Toodyay Visitor Centre



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# Parliamentary petition rejected but we fight on

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

A PETITION signed by more than 5000 people to review planned alterations to Toodyay Road has been rejected by a WA State Parliamentary Committee.

Safe and Scenic Toodyay Roads (SASTR) and local community members campaigned for two years for a sustainable and environmentally responsible road design that would incorporate improved safety measures.

The petition spoke to concerns about the potential loss of wandoo trees up to 400 years old.

More than 1250 people from around the Toodyay area signed the petition,



One of many old wandoo trees that could be mulched as a result of improvements to Salt Valley and Toodyay roads.

supplemented by more than 4000 signatures online.

However, the Standing Committee on Environment and Public Affairs of the Legislative Assembly rejected the petition, citing the lengthy consultations and accommodations made by Main Roads WA (MRWA) and claimed adequate mitigation of environmental effects.

We believe the committee ignored arguments SASTR presented and selectively cited from submissions.

For example, the committee quoted a Shire of Toodyay view that safety was of primary concern, which was never disputed by SASTR.

However, the same letter from the Shire of Toodyay chief executive indicated a review of the plans was justified to reduce the long-term cost to the environment without compromising road safety objectives.

This "selective hearing" does not instil confidence that the committee looked at submissions objectively, but instead gave preference to those in favour of the planned improvements.

The result is perhaps unsurprising given far more egregious assaults on our environment are receiving approval based on lax environmental regulations.

Despite the setback SASTR intends to continue fighting and seek further changes to the road plans.

MRWA representatives will conduct a walk-through in early April to show planned changes at the Salt Valley and Sandplain Road junction.

This should provide a clearer picture of how much vegetation will be lost and the impact of reducing the cutting depth from 12 to six metres, which MRWA finally agreed to last year.

Hopefully the walk-through will reveal

old-growth wandoo trees that will not now be mulched as part of the roadworks.

SASTR is pleased to have achieved this major change given MRWA previously stated a 12-metre cutting was a minimum for line-of-sight at the junction.

When a seemingly immutable engineering requirement is subsequently overturned it casts doubt on other MRWA claims used to

justify widespread clearing.

While the written petition is no longer available, SASTR's campaign will continue.

Other means of registering dissatisfaction with the road improvements will be announced soon.

You will find our detailed response to the petition's rejection at [sastr.com.au](http://sastr.com.au) or email [info@sastr.com.au](mailto:info@sastr.com.au) for further information.

## More shire powers needed to eliminate feral cats

Brian Foley

FERAL cats pose the biggest threat to wildlife in Australia, killing an estimated 75 million native animals every day.

This was the key message at a recent national feral cat symposium in Perth, attended by 250 experts and visitors from all Australian states and New Zealand.

Speakers included leading genetic scientists and Aboriginal rangers from the Western Desert.

To save Australia's threatened native fauna from the devastating impact of feral cats, experts say flexibility, pragmatism, and persistence are needed.

To control or eliminate feral cats, our community must have the appetite for it and get the public onside.

A Feral Cat Working Group needs to be formed within the Shire of Toodyay to create a workable plan.

WA's existing cat laws do not give local government power for effective action.

Many local shires and councils are calling for new cat laws like those for dogs, which require owners to restrict their pets to their own properties.

While cat control laws are due for review next year, changes are unlikely to come into effect before 2025.

Other solutions currently being trialled include trapping using artificial intelligence (AI) in cage and spray traps to target feral cats without endangering native animals.

Murdoch University wildlife biologist Trish Fleming and her research team were trialling a trap that will only spring shut when a cat is identified.

Queensland Parks and Wildlife rangers are trialling a 'Felixer', which uses AI, laser light and rangefinder sensors to identify feral animals and spray them with 1080 poison.

Native animals are immune to the spray, but it will kill feral animals when licked from fur. These traps have a proven success rate of



Feral cats "biggest threat" to native species.

50-80 per cent, which developers are working to improve.

Additionally, scientists are exploring genetic controls, such as genetically modifying female cats to produce only males, or rendering them genetically infertile.

Another tool is FeralScan, a free mobile phone app that maps feral cat sightings, recording their impact on native species and documenting where controls are in place.

Steps can be taken to eliminate ferals once a pattern of sightings is recorded.

We do not have to remove hundreds of cats to make a difference.

Cats are such highly mobile, instinctive killers that removing just one can make a big difference.

Peel-Harvey Catchment Council Farmers For Fauna coordinator Christine Townsend reported on a neighbourhood approach to protect numbats in the Dryandra woodland near Cuballing.

This involved getting surrounding farms to join a coordinated cat management program.

A similar project could work successfully with farms around our Toodyay reserves and the Julimar Conservation Park.

Such a move would pave the way for others to follow and help save our State's endangered native species from extinction.

## Working wonders with the wounded

**Marsupial Mammals and Pappas (Inc)**  
Brian Foley, President

A VARIETY of animals have been rescued this month.

Firstly, an underweight owlet nightjar was fed high protein meal worms and has since been released.

Bobtails with the flu are still being brought in, so we ask everyone to be on the lookout for these reptiles.

If you find a bobtail with a flat tail, gummed-up eyes, and looking unwell, it needs to come into care immediately.

Without medication and care, they will not survive.

Euro wallabies from the Pilbara are now in care and doing well.

A tawny frogmouth with a broken leg, presumably from being struck by a car, was x-rayed and is being cared for to see if it heals sufficiently for release.

In a good news story, seven months ago Helen called and advised that she had a possum on her verandah.

I found a furless, cold, tiny possum weighing just 32g.

After four days of being warmed, and fed 0.5ml six times per day, it grew and is now healthy.

At the Toodyay Markets, our carer Belinda brought the possum along with her, and Helen was able to see how big it had grown.

There were reportedly a few tears upon introduction.

We are treating injured kangaroos, most likely caused by being caught in a fence.

We dart them, clean the wounds, and apply medical honey, kindly donated by Bonger's Bees.

The honey has been very helpful in healing their wounds.



Helen and Belinda with a rescued possum.

The sedation drugs we use are expensive, but without them, the kangaroos would be euthanised.

Marsupial Mammals and Pappas offers tax deductibility, so if you wish to help us cover some of these costs, please contact us.

Fundraising is an important aspect of being a wildlife carer.

We have an account at Bendigo Bank, BSB 633000 account 186438040, or see us at the Toodyay Markets.

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

## Draft Local Planning Policy - Extractive Industry and Waste Disposal

At the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 22 March 2023, Council resolved to advertise Draft Local Planning Policy – Extractive Industry and Waste Disposal.

The objective of the draft policy is to provide guidance for extractive industries and waste disposal operation within the Shire of Toodyay.

This draft policy forms part of a current review of existing local planning policies, seen as an integral part of good governance and 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.

In the context of this policy, planning proposals include development applications, Local Planning Scheme amendments, Local Planning Strategies, Local Planning Policies, and Structure Plans.

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](http://www.toodyay.wa.gov.au) or by visiting the Shire of Toodyay's Administration Centre, 15 Fiennes Street, Toodyay.

Your views on the draft policy are encouraged and welcomed. Written submissions must be received by **4.00pm, Friday 28 April 2023**, by the Shire of Toodyay Administration, PO Box 96, Toodyay 6566, or by email to [records@toodyay.wa.gov.au](mailto:records@toodyay.wa.gov.au).

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

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ENVIRONMENT

**Cleaning up and digging in to save our environment**



Members of the Toodyay Naturalists' Club taking a break during their annual 'Cleanup Australia Day' held on Saturday March 4 along Julimar Road beginning at the Dawn Atwell Reserve car park. Photo: Wayne Clarke.

**Toodyay Naturalists' Club**  
 Desraé Clarke

OUR ANNUAL Cleanup Australia Day event was held on Saturday March 4 along Julimar Road from the Dawn Atwell Reserve car park.

Volunteers collected 12 bags of litter and various large pieces of trash along a two-kilometre stretch of road.

Much of the litter was made up of coffee and chocolate drink cartons along with drink cans.

It is important to note cans are hazardous to wildlife, as evidenced by a previous incident where a skink got its head stuck in one while chasing its prey.

Luckily, a passerby was able to release the reptile using a tin opener.

Our March general meeting featured a presentation by club member and chairperson of the Safe and Scenic Toodyay Road (SASTR) chairperson Dr Andrew St John.

The SASTR campaign has been active for two years now, but unfortunately the WA State Environment Committee rejected their petition calling for a review

of the Toodyay Road improvement plans.

Despite this setback, the campaign continues, and they have achieved some successes including a significant reduction in the depth of the planned cutting at Sandplain and Salt Valley Roads, resulting in less clearing.

Other proposals include prompting Main Roads WA to acknowledge its Community Reference Group has not been successful, resulting in its willingness to keep the public consultation process open.

We anticipate community support for SASTR's actions will only increase when the level of environmental destruction at Sandplain and Salt Valley Roads becomes apparent later this year.

In addition, Fernie Road will undergo work, which involves removing all vegetation on both sides of the road for two kilometres on either side of the junction.

The Nat's next meeting on Saturday April 15 will feature Professor Kingsley Dixon as a special guest and members will receive final details closer to the date.

For enquiries, please contact the secretary Desraé Clarke on 9574 5574.

**Anglican Parish of Northam**



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A more detailed job description can be requested by email at [anglicanparishofnortham@gmail.com](mailto:anglicanparishofnortham@gmail.com)

Applications can be lodged by email to the address above. In the subject line, please identify your application as '**Assistant Op Shop Manager Position**'.

Applications may also be lodged by mail and addressed as follows:

**Assistant Op Shop Manager, Northam Anglican Op Shop, Anglican Parish of Northam, PO Box 1273, Northam WA 6401**

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## ENVIRONMENT



Mountain devil. Photo: Jennifer Donegan.

## Strict penalties may apply if you want to keep wildlife as pets

### Python Watch

Desraé Clarke

PEOPLE often say, "I would love to keep a pet lizard (or python, or turtle, or frog and so on) as a pet."

However, strict rules apply and these should be checked beforehand to avoid significant penalties.

All native flora and fauna are protected in WA, even if a species is not listed as threatened, and regardless of whether it is on Commonwealth land, state-managed Crown land, or private land.

Some native animals, available through the pet industry, can be kept lawfully.

Other native fauna can be kept by licensed persons for education or for wildlife rehabilitation purposes.

The Department of Biodiversity Conservation and Attractions is responsible for the protection and conservation of native fauna in WA, both in the wild and in captivity.

For further information about the permit system you can contact the department on 9219 9000 or visit the department's website at [dbca.wa.gov.au](http://dbca.wa.gov.au).

The Naturalists' Club members are keen to hear of any sightings of natural history interest from the community.

Please email [info@toodyaynats.org.au](mailto:info@toodyaynats.org.au) or call 9574 5574 with a photo of your sighting, if possible, for identification.

For snake removal, contact Brian Foley on 0419 933 721, Ebony Francis on 0403 335 348, or call the Shire of Toodyay rangers on 9574 9370.

## Chattering bee-eater displays glorious rainbow of colour

### Bird of the Month

Desraé Clarke

WHAT a wonderful year it has been for sighting the exquisitely coloured rainbow bee-eater.

Numbers have been noticeably up on the past few years.

Noted for its unmistakable chattering, the bee-eater arrives in the Wheatbelt region from northern Australia and beyond in late September and early October.

The migratory species returns to the northern latitudes from late February to mid-March, flying in small groups.

Despite its small size of 21-28cm, the rainbow bee-eater has distinctive 20-40cm long streamers on its tail, which is longer in the male than the female.

Its striking upper-body colouring starts with a blue-green head with an orange crown, fading into yellow-green, then gradually to azure.

It has a long, slightly down-curved dark bill with a broad, black stripe, a black crescent on the throat, and yellowish-green chest colour merging into a blue vent area.

It has a red eye, black tail and brown wings, with greyish legs and feet.

The sun gives the orange underwings a glorious bronze colouring as it wheels around chasing flying prey of wasps, butterflies, dragonflies, and bees.

Pairs of rainbow bee-eaters appear to return to the same area to build their nests, which are up to 120cm long tunnels dug with their bills and feet in soft soil or river banks.

The end of the tunnel is widened and lined with soft grasses.

It lays four to five pearly-white eggs, incubated by both parents for 21-25 days.

It will bring prey back to the roosting area, hitting it hard before eating.

The Toodyay Naturalists' Club would be most appreciative to receive your information on 6364 3609 or email: [toodyaynats@westnet.com.au](mailto:toodyaynats@westnet.com.au).



A rainbow bee-eater in flight. Photo: Jim Bendon, Karratha

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### Community Groups EOI Dates

- Cleaning of the Exhibition Hall and the Lee-Steere Pavilion, prior to Monday 2nd October
- Assisting with set up of facilities and equipment from 9.30am on Friday 6th October
- Assisting with the dismantling of facilities and equipment from 7am on Sunday 8th October
- Organising and staffing the gates from 6am to 4.30pm on Saturday 7th October
- External Parking (Toodyay/Connor/Jubilee Streets) from 7am on Saturday 7th October
- Grounds Caretakers (2 nights), from 8pm on Friday 6th October to 6am on Saturday 7th October and 9pm Saturday 7th October to 6am Sunday 8th October
- Sports Pavilion Tearooms (operation) from 10am to 4pm on Saturday 7th October (Donation to TAS)
- Youth Hall Kitchen (operation, light snacks only) from 10am to 4pm on Saturday 7th October (requirement to provide morning tea for 30 VIP guests as quid pro quo)
- Terrace Bar (organisation/operation) from midday to 9pm (sharp) on Saturday 7th October

**The 169th Toodyay Agricultural Show  
Saturday  
7th October, 2023**



**WHERE AND WHEN**

**AIR FORCE**

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

**ARTS/CRAFTS/HISTORY**

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

**Avon Woodturners Group**  
Every Sunday and Wednesday 9am-noon. Toodyay Junction, Railway Parade.

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

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

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

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

**Toodyay Theatre Group**  
For details David Mitchell 0400 283 425.

**CHURCHES**

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

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

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

**Toodyay Baptist Church**  
10.30am Sunday at 18 Stirling Terrace, Toodyay. Phone 0428 479 489.

Good Friday Service 9.30am.  
**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 secretarymrvbfb@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**  
moondynecommittee@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 Glenyce Bosnjak 9574 4587.

**Butterly 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.

**Silver Chain Social Centre**

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

**SERVICE ORGANISATIONS**

**Country Women's Association**  
4th Thursday 1pm CWA Hall. Bookings call Margot Watkins on 0405 067 591 or 9574 2823.

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

**RSL Toodyay Sub-Branch**  
Meetings 2022: Feb 12, Apr 9, May 7, July 23, Sept 10 (AGM), Oct 15 and Dec 10 held Saturdays 1300 at the 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.

**Public Notices**

**Annual General Meetings**

**TOODYAY Race Club Inc**  
The AGM of the Toodyay Race Club will be held at 6.30pm on Monday, April 24 at the Freemasons Hotel, Toodyay. Nominations for election to the Committee must be sent to info@toodyayraceclub.com.au by April 13. You must be a member of the Club to nominate.

**Business Closure**

AS OF 25 March 2023 Danny Sims has CLOSED his Mechanical Workshop due to health concerns and no longer has a MVRB License. We wish to Thank You for your custom over the years. Danny and Michele Sims.

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**So long and thanks for all the guest speakers**

**Toodyay Probus Club**  
Norm Green

TOODYAY Probus has been running for eight years since its incorporation in February 2015.

However, at the last meeting in March, no one was nominated for the positions of office bearers, including the position of president.

Despite a quorum of approximately 13 members attending the annual general meeting, the lack of nominations meant the club could not continue to function.

A decision was made to close the club, with the remaining funds of several thousand dollars donated to the Toodyay Op Shop in the knowledge it will be put to good use around the district.

During its eight-year run, the club had many interesting guest speakers and enjoyable outings.

Although guest speakers are readily available, new outings were getting harder to organise without travelling afar to the big smoke.

Additionally, the club struggled to maintain a membership base, despite various efforts

to attract new members.

Some former members are now travelling to Northam Probus club for new friendships and activities, while others have organised bring-and-share luncheons to keep in touch.

For me it is with sadness that I say, "Rest in peace, Toodyay Probus".

A big thank you to all who helped to keep it going over the years.

**Get the inside story on interior design**

**Dowerin Community Resource Centre**

THE TALENTED Melissa Walsh will visit Dowerin on Saturday April 29 to share her knowledge of interior design.

The event will be held at the Dowerin Community Club between 9am and 2pm.

The \$150 cost includes the information session, morning tea and lunch.

Bookings and enquiries can be made through the Dowerin Community Resource Centre on 9631 1662.

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	54.9										55
<b>Average</b>	<b>12.10</b>	<b>14.30</b>	<b>19.20</b>	<b>26.20</b>	<b>66.40</b>	<b>97.80</b>	<b>101.60</b>	<b>60.40</b>	<b>35.40</b>	<b>24.70</b>	<b>12.70</b>	<b>8.80</b>	<b>425.50</b>

**BRAIN TEASERS**

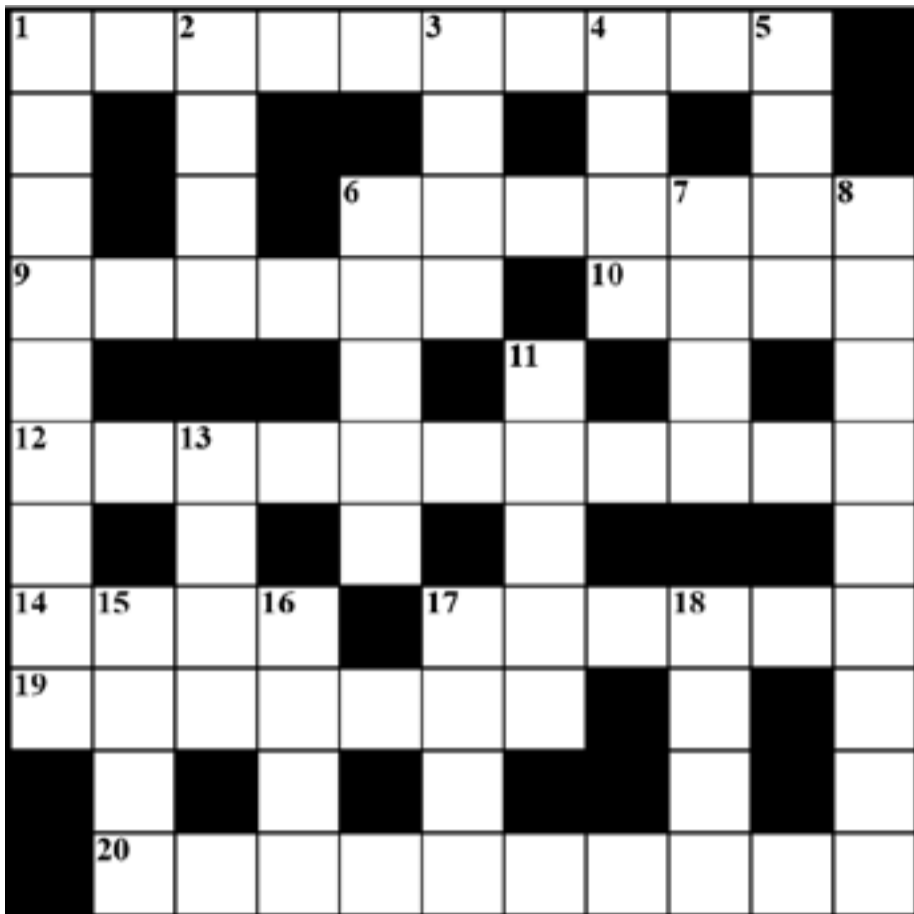
**Combo Crossword**

**ACROSS**

- 1 Bed-like devices
- 6 Recluse
- 9 Lose weight
- 10 Fizzy drink
- 12 Sleight of hand
- 14 Turn over and over
- 17 Make worse
- 19 Hotel bars
- 20 Chroniclers

**DOWN**

- 1 Fireworks
- 2 Regretted
- 3 Portmanteau
- 4 Evenings (abb)
- 5 Slide sideways
- 6 Fruit of the oak tree
- 7 Robe of office
- 8 Where foods are tinned
- 11 Considers
- 13 Aquatic bird
- 15 Expletive
- 16 Plenty
- 17 Enthusiastic about
- 18 Water



**Cryptic Clues**

**ACROSS**

- 1 Those who lengthen camp beds
- 6 Otherwise cites current for a hermit
- 9 Downsize a scarlet pool-stick for a change
- 10 Also dallying in bubbly water
- 12 Cunning deception by magic tricks
- 14 Sounds like an actor's portrayal of a bread bun
- 17 Have a demon ventilate harm
- 19 Dearer bars recycled also son!
- 20 Those who record past events become biographers

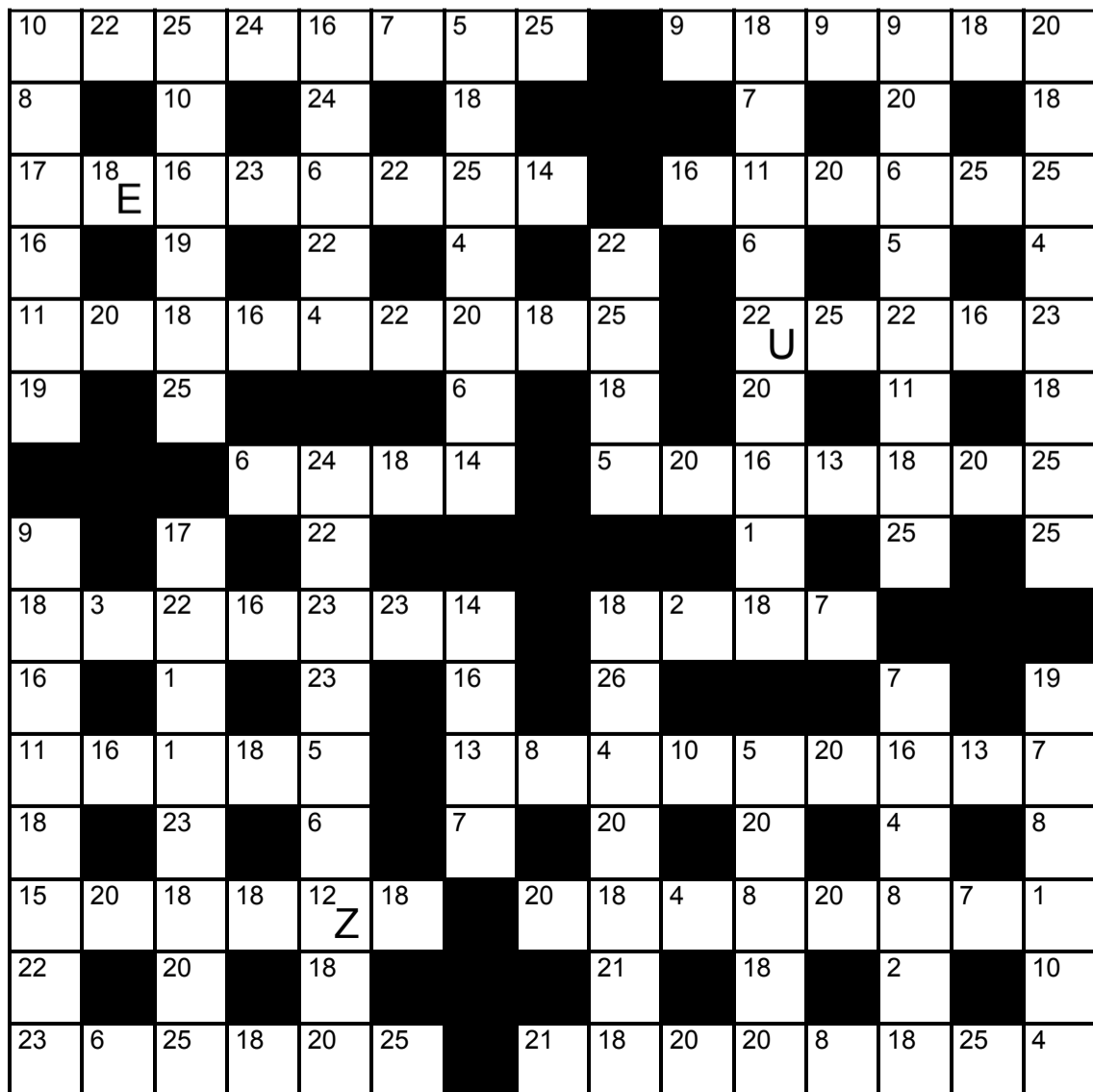
**DOWN**

- 1 Stars hand-held fireworks
- 2 Felt remorse for a French street by December 1st

- 3 A cabinet lawsuit
- 4 The first woman's early nights
- 5 Some of his kids slide out of control
- 6 The fruit of the oak from a cereal plant
- 7 A loose outer garment of a crazy goat
- 8 Increase top notch ingredients for tinning establishments
- 11 Believes judges
- 13 Deceive a longwinged, web-footed, sea bird
- 15 A brief loathsome profanity
- 16 A great number of items for sale at auction
- 17 Devoted to the use of the main tourist centre
- 18 Seaquakes provide a solution

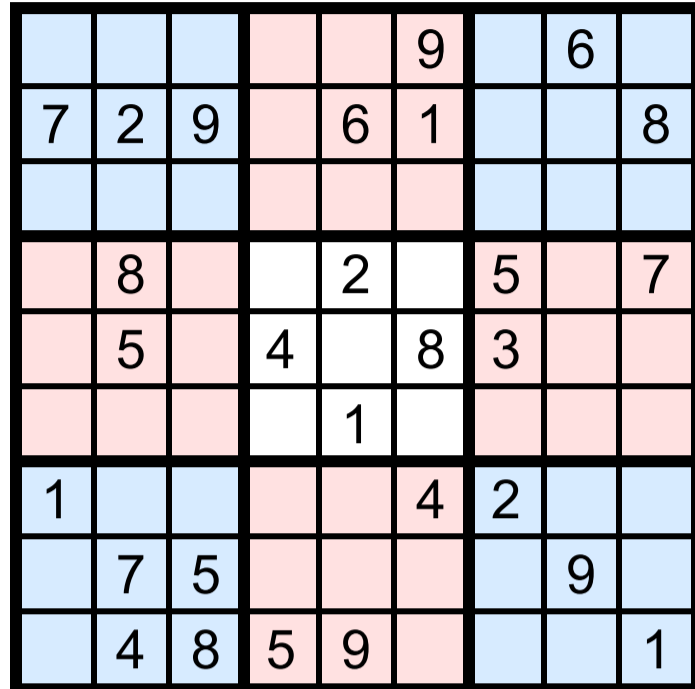
**Crosscode**

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.

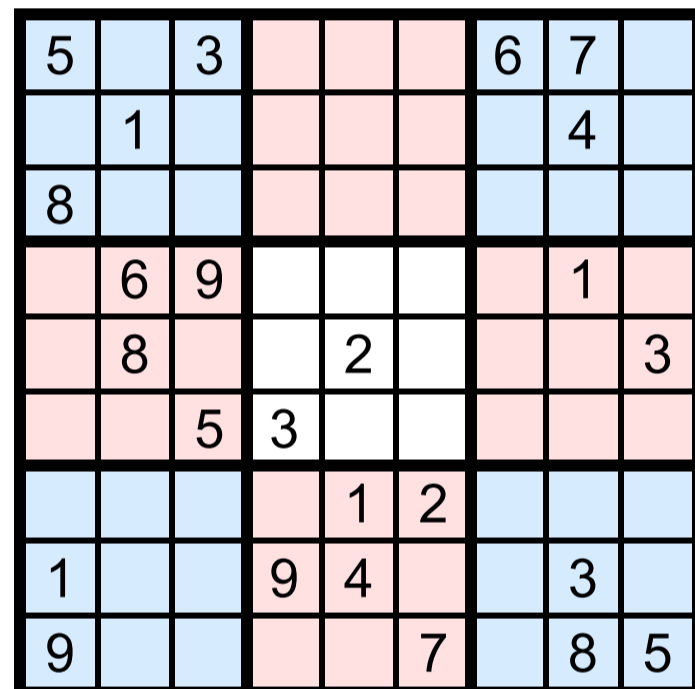


**Sudoku**

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	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

**Notes**

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SPORT

# Good result for 'Bad Intentions' Cody

**Stryka Fight Team**  
Guy Mead

LOCAL Muay Thai exponent Cody 'Bad Intentions' Lacy has added yet another title to his burgeoning collection of trophies after winning a pre-main event at a Mixed Martial Arts (MMA) cage fight in Northam.

The 17-year-old Toodyay bad boy won in a first round knockout against 18-year-old Northam kickboxer Alex Healey to take the Wheatbelt Regional Super Welterweight Muay Thai youth title and \$500 purse.

Stryka Fight Night II: Riverside Redemption was held at Northam's Riverside Hotel on Saturday March 11.

As the first MMA caged fighting event to be held in the carpark of licenced premises in the Wheatbelt, it drew plenty of attention from local and national media.

Northam footy legend and Ballardong man Jermaine 'Bomber' Davis revved up the crowd as ring announcer on a night that kicked off with the youth novice Super Lightweight kickboxing bout.

This cracker of a fight saw 'Relentless' Dane Lemin (15) from Stryka Albany take on Stryka Northam's Hayden 'Quick' Kickett (15), who is also the first Indigenous fighter from the Wheatbelt to compete in a kickboxing championship.

The result this time around was a points win to Dane, but Stryka coaches Guy and Fi Mead said Hayden had a bright future ahead of him in combat sports if he stayed focused.

The penultimate fight of the evening, Stryka Toodyay champ Cody Lacy against Lana Muay Thai Northam opponent Alex Healey, was a highly anticipated event.

After dominating in the first round with a savage display of relentless aggression Cody was awarded the title via a first-round technical knockout (TKO) after Alex was unable to come out for the second round.



Cody 'Bad Intentions' Lacy of Toodyay with his Wheatbelt Regional Super Welterweight Muay Thai Championship trophies.

Stryka coach Guy Mead praised Alex for taking on the fight with three days' notice after Cody's original opponent pulled out.

The win adds to Cody's impressive trophy case which includes the Mid-West regional junior boxing belt, State boxing lightweight novice championship and the Wheatbelt regional welterweight boxing belt.

In the main event, the Super Middleweight

youth kickboxing championship, Pacific MMA Kalgoorlie's Shane McCorowa and Stryka Northam's Eli Jennison, both 17, went head to head.

Shane ultimately took home the \$1000 prize money and belt after a fifth round TKO.

Stuart Schorer from major sponsor Decmil awarded Shane the Fighter of the Night honours for his exhilarating performance.

In other bouts Nathan Mann (15) from Stryka Northam took the youth novice Flyweight, while JR Nabilon took the Regional Super Heavyweight Boxing title over Tajlon Mead.

Tajlon hadn't fought in four years, but stepped up for the bout after one training session, coming off night shift to compete.

What a warrior.

## Monika's clean sweep aces teen exuberance

MONIKA Zechetmayr, a 73-year-old tennis player from Toodyay, competed in the Northam Lawn Tennis Club Women's Doubles Championships on Sunday March 12.

She partnered with Kelly, a member of the Northam Club, to win convincingly against women aged 17 to 78.

The championship was played by six doubles teams with each team playing one set against the others, making a total of five sets.

The Northam tennis club adopted this system for all their championships due to many players and limited court space.

Kelly and Monika won every set with scores of 6-2, 6-1, 6-1, 6-1, and 6-2.

## We're back in action with carpet bowls and a hearty lunch

**Toodyay Autumn Club**  
Michael Cox

AFTER a long break over Christmas, we are thrilled to be back in action and planning an eventful year of activities.

Recently, we were delighted by a welcome visit from Wes, one of our former members, and his friends who travelled up from Bunbury to play carpet bowls, enjoy a hearty lunch and reminisce about old times at the club.

As the weather cools down we are keen to arrange visits to other clubs, as well as lunches and outings.

While a few members have been off sick or on extended holidays, we were deeply saddened to hear of the passing of our treasurer, Jim Short.

Jim was a valued member of our community and we will miss him dearly.

Our condolences go out to his wife, Tina, and his family.

## A winning day for markets and medals



Joe and Casey Stewart after a successful Shobukan Open.

**Avon Valley Shotokan Club**  
Kylie Burton

LAST Sunday March 19 we took our competition team down to Jolimont to compete in the Shobukan Open.

Despite being a small team of six we did well, with senior student Joe bringing home both a gold and a bronze medal.

Well done to everyone who gave it their all on the day - a busy one for our small club with our monthly farmers' market stall also falling on the same day.

Thanks to a fantastic team of volunteers, we were able to serve up our famous bacon and egg breakfast burgers, as well as loaded sausage sizzles.

Our next competition, the JKA

championships, will be held on Sunday April 16, during the school holidays.

With a few extra registrations this is shaping up to be a good event.

At the end of April, our club will be taking a team of eight to Auckland to attend a seminar with Sensei Naka from JKA headquarters in Japan.

Sensei Naka is an inspiration to many in the karate world and it's a privilege to attend this event.

We're excited to see what each member will bring back to the club after this invaluable training.

If you're interested in learning more, email [avonvalleyshotokan@gmail.com](mailto:avonvalleyshotokan@gmail.com) or pop into one of our training sessions for a chat.



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### Principal's Pen

**Welcome to the April Edition** - We have all noticed the welcome change of seasons. The nights are cooler and the days are getting shorter. However, the buyers are still here and hopefully will be for a long time. So, take advantage of this great market!

**State of the Market** - The magic number has increased slightly since last month, now at 7335 listings available. Still a long way from the normal 12,000, so we are still in a bumper real estate market!

Now the bit you are all interested in.

**Tony's Court Case** - It is times like this, in our wonderful town of Toodyay that you feel thankful that I live here. I have been deeply humbled by the massive support from you all. From phone calls, emails, drop-ins to the office, chats in the main street and so much more that it is way too hard to mention you all. Just a massive thank you to everyone from me. You all know last month the court was packed with supporters with me. Wow. You are just wonderful. To our local that dropped a cheque in to me, to help with the fine - I cannot express how much that has meant to me, and how grateful I am. Thank you.

We asked for an adjournment until the 17th April to allow us time to prepare some documents. So, we will be back in court once again on the 17th April. Love to see you all there once again. The outcome of this case will affect the entire Avon Valley and beyond. So, I am not fighting for Tony Maddox anymore, but for our farmers and land owners. As you will understand, I can't mention the case yet or any aspects of it, but once the case is over, I will let you all know the outcome. Let's hope it is positive.

When this is all over, I will call a community meeting to let everyone know of the enormity of this act and the consequences. I must stress that our local elders, and some surrounding ones have been very supportive of me as well, and have offered support, and for all that, I thank you all. More to come next month! (hopefully)

**Jemma** - As always, still professional as ever and working hard! Big things coming for Jemma in the office! Keep your eyes peeled for the next Herald!

**Jo** - With Merredin rentals booming, Jo has no time to stop in the office, including a couple of sales! Four brand new rentals in Merredin last month!

**Gracie** - Back as Toodyay PM! We could not be happier! Hitting the ground running with a few rentals available (which never last long in the current market) and prospecting for new properties to manage!

**Faith** - Working hard in her business development manager role, with not only studying, but adjusting policies, and updating company procedures... while still covering property management. She has already made a massive impact in her Senior PM role. What would we do without here?

**Christie** - Having a big impact on the Merredin sales market! Selling properties before they can be listed, and keeping on top of the sales paperwork! Putting her stamp on the Merredin sales!

**Sam** - Finally, he is taking some time off in the coming weeks! A well-deserved holiday to New Zealand! He puts in 110% to all his work and keeps adding to his sales list, with extremely happy clients!

**Tony** - In and out of the office with sales, and working hard on the weekends to get ready for cropping on the farm. It never stops!!

Until next month,  
Tony Maddox



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