



# SHIRE NEWS

## Action-packed school holidays at the TCRC



Toodyay Community Resource Centre ran some fantastic programs for clever young creatives over the April school holidays, keeping local kids busy and boredom at bay. Our Minecraft Day saw them step into a digital world to create their very own store that could cater to anything imaginable; while our Paint and Plant a Pot workshop (try saying that three times fast) provided valuable gardening skills and an interactive experience, as the kids planted their very own succulents in beautifully painted terracotta pots – some going straight home to the garden and others being saved for a Mother's Day surprise.

For the grown-ups we also held a business slowdown, which was an opportunity for local businesspeople to interact and engage with each other. It also gave us the chance to find out more about local businesses' current and future operating needs, and gain some great insight into the possibilities for prospective TCRC events at the same time.

Keep an eye on the Shire website's Events page and the TCRC's Facebook page to find out what's coming up next on our calendar.

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

**Bindi Bindi-Telegraph Road:** Our three-kilometre upgrade to Bindi Bindi-Telegraph Road – funded by the National Black Spot Program – is now complete. Works included the installation of kerbing, guideposts and barrier rails, and new line marking.



**Bindi Bindi-Toodyay Road:** Work is currently taking place on a two-kilometre section of Bindi Bindi-Toodyay Road, including road formation and a two-coat seal.



**Duidgee Park toilets:** The park's new toilet facilities are complete and open for public use.

## A message from the Toodyay Rangers: Effective dog confinement

Are you keeping your dog confined on your own premises? Did you know that dog behaviour can change with the weather? And did you know that the **type, height, and construction** of your fences should be suited to contain the **breed, age, size, and physical condition** of your dog?

Maintaining adequate fencing and ensuring

## Shire Spotlight: Visitor Centre

No town is complete without a Visitor Centre on hand to enhance the tourism experience, and we have a terrific one here in Toodyay. This month, go behind the scenes of the Piesse Street staple with our Visitor Centre Team Leader, Michelle.

### Describe your role in three words.

Tourism information manager.

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

Opening and closing Connor's Mill; managing in-person, phone and email enquiries from tourists about what to see and do in Toodyay; taking TransWA ticket bookings; sorting stock and tidying up in between customers.

### What is your favourite part of the job?

It is always lovely to meet people from all over the world. I really have the best job in the Shire – I get to promote Toodyay and share its history with tourists and residents alike.

### What are your goals as VC Team Leader?

The VC is often a first point of contact for travellers, so having friendly and knowledgeable staff is important. A welcoming and dependable work environment for both customers and staff is also essential, and as Team Leader it is my responsibility to ensure I lead by example. Creating positive relationships with local businesses and surrounding Shires is key for a total tourism experience of the area.



### What makes Toodyay Visitor Centre such an asset to the community?

The centre is the perfect place to get a feel of the town for those considering a location change, as well as those who have recently arrived and are looking to discover our history. While we are tourism-based, locals will pop in to ask about upcoming events and train timetables. We're open seven days a week and often find ourselves providing more than just information on Toodyay.

### What is something surprising about your working life?

When I started the role, I was warned to expect some curly questions from the public. To date, my favourite has been 'Can you use cornflour to make gravy?'. Before Christmas last year, we also received multiple calls from people looking to purchase emu eggs to hatch. You never really know what to expect when you pick up the phone!

### How long have you worked at the Shire?

18 months.

### What do you enjoy most about working with us?

I am lucky to have a wonderful team at the VC – they are so knowledgeable and that made it easy to learn the ropes. During the week I have the privilege of working alongside the Planning, Ranger Services, Environmental Health, Economic Development and Museum departments. Having the Rangers on site leads to some fun moments with unexpected animal visitors too.

### And what do you enjoy most about working in Toodyay?

Being able to work for the town you live in is very rewarding. Only having to travel a few minutes into work, be able to drop the kids off at school, and be home at a reasonable time is great. New friendships and being involved in community groups makes for an enjoyable life here in Toodyay.

## Toodyay Boshack Rodeo 2023 a big success



It may not have been everybody's first rodeo – but on March 25 it was Toodyay's, when the Boshack Rodeo barrel-raced into town. The hugely successful event, held at Boshack Outback and run by Double Barrel Entertainment, saw over 3000 spectators grace the grounds and enjoy all of the entertainment on offer – four-footed and otherwise.

The arena was the place to be, with world-class entertainment keeping punters on edge as each competitor came galloping out of the gates. But the excitement didn't stop there, with country music and whip-cracking displays ramping the rodeo atmosphere right up, and live bands keeping the crowd dancing into the early hours (hopefully without too many boot-scotching blisters to show for it). Not even a bit

of stormy weather could stop the show from going on.

The bulls did beat the cowboys in the end, with one competitor having to take a trip to hospital, but thankfully there weren't any serious injuries or broken bones to dim the shine of the day. And it was an extra-special occasion for Double Barrel's Mark and Jo Kestel, as their son Cash won the Junior Steer ride – following in his parents' footsteps, both of whom are experienced competitors with Jo being the first West Australian to win the Australian Rodeo Queen title.

What a fantastic event to add to our Shire calendar! We're already counting down to the 2024 rodeo, and we hope you are too.



## Development and Regulation is here to help

Did you know that the development of your land falls under the jurisdiction of the *Planning and Development Act 2005* and associated Regulations? Other Acts may also determine what, how, and even if development can occur. We recognise that navigating through these laws can be confusing and intimidating – but don't worry, the Shire is here to help. Our Development and Regulation Department,

located at the Visitor Centre, is responsible for regulating Planning, Building, Environmental Health and Ranger Services.

Whether you are a new resident, considering moving to the Shire, or an existing landowner wanting to refresh your knowledge about your property, we invite you to make an appointment with the team to look at your property on our mapping systems and get advice on matters that may involve regulatory requirements. Appointments are usually no longer than 30 minutes and cover zoning, built and Aboriginal heritage, flood mapping, boundary setbacks, animal/bushfire/septics requirements, and on-site wastewater information.

Interested? Contact Development and Regulation on 9574 9340, or email [records@toodyay.wa.gov.au](mailto:records@toodyay.wa.gov.au). We look forward to assisting you.

## Think before you burn

This time of year – when fire restrictions are eased – is traditionally busy for our Bush Fire Volunteers. Easing of restrictions does not mean all fires are safe to light, and there are a few things you should always do before burning.

Assess weather conditions with a detailed forecast, e.g. MetEye (remember, burning just prior to rain is not recommended, as wind direction often changes and increases in speed, catching people out); ensure your property is well prepared and equipped with adequate suppression resources; and last but not least, consider the impact on our hardworking volunteers when you are deciding to light a fire or not. Legislation places responsibilities on those who light fires, and penalties may apply if you are conducting burning operations poorly.

Let's do the right thing, take care, and look after one another.

## Subscribe to the Shire website

Do you wish there was an easy way to keep up with what's happening in your Shire?

Now there is! You can subscribe to receive email notifications whenever we upload new content online, from news to event listings, Council meeting information, public notices and more. Your notifications are even customisable, so you'll never miss out on what matters to you.

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# Gonneville Project Update



## Typical Development Timeline for a Mining Project

The Gonneville Project is on the journey to mine, but still has years of work until a development is finalised.



Our community consultation will increase with each stage and will play a key role in all planning considerations.

## Updated Resource at Gonneville

Chalice recently released an updated Mineral Resource Estimate (Resource) for the Gonneville Project. The Gonneville Project is located entirely on Chalice-owned farmland, and does not impact the Julimar State Forest.

The Resource defines the amount of metal in the ground. This update represents a 50% increase, however there has been no change in the overall footprint of the deposit.

The increase is a result of additional drilling and the majority of the increase sits at depth, below previously defined Resources.

The Gonneville Project hosts a rare mix of critical green metals - nickel, copper, cobalt, palladium and platinum. These metals are required in large quantities to decarbonise and address climate change.

### When will you know a final mine plan?

The Gonneville Project is not yet a mine. It is currently in the 'feasibility and permitting' stage. Our work to date shows that the mineralisation found at Gonneville starts at surface, and therefore potential mine concepts include an open-pit scenario.

Over the next 2-4 years, further studies will investigate potential mine concepts in more detail, including additional infrastructure such as power and water supply, transport and waste management.

Chalice has not yet submitted a Gonneville Project mine proposal. Any mining will require strict government approvals, and will consider environmental and social impacts. Chalice will advise the local community once it commences this assessment and permitting process, and will provide multiple opportunities for comprehensive input.

## Local Voices Survey Now Closed

The first of our Local Voices surveys has now closed.

Thank you to everyone who participated. Your responses will play a key role in our planning as we consider a potential future mine at the Gonneville Project.

The Voconiq team, whom Chalice engaged to implement the independent survey, are busy analysing the data and we look forward to sharing the insights.

Register for future surveys at [www.voconiqlocalvoices.com/julimar](http://www.voconiqlocalvoices.com/julimar)

## Get in Touch

**Email Us**  
[community@chalicemining.com](mailto:community@chalicemining.com)

**Visit Us**  
Gonneville Project Pop-Up Office  
Open 8.30am – 11.30am Thursdays  
Shop 5, Charcoal Lane, Toodyay

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# Easter bunnies boost CWA roof fund

Country Women's Association  
Viv Street

A HUGE thanks to all those who generously supported our produce stall in April.

Despite the cold and windy weather, we donned our Easter Bunny ears and kept warm with extra layers.

Passers-by encouraged us and we were delighted to see the produce sell so quickly.

We appreciate the support of community members and visitors alike, but a special mention to those who made sizeable donations while refusing to take anything in return.

Thanks to everyone's generosity our roof fund was substantially boosted, making all the hard work beforehand worthwhile.

Our next stall will be on June 3 outside the IGA store, with members already preserving, pickling, and making a variety of jams to stock it, and planning to bake items nearer the time.

The Moondyne Festival, the next big event on this year's ongoing fundraising calendar, is on Sunday May 7.

We will be offering a quiet retreat from the hubbub outside with our morning and afternoon teas in the CWA Hall, so come in and see us in our period costumes.

Some are more hysterically op-shop than historically accurate, but it has been fun searching for suitable items to wear under our mostly homemade pinnies and mob caps.

The sewing machines have been busy this month, so keep your eyes peeled for CWA Teddy's special outfit on the day.

We attended the Anzac Day service again this year with Julie-Anne and Val laying the wreath for our branch.

Members gathered on our last coffee morning to pack four baskets full of Anzac biscuits to hand out after the service.

These proved very popular.

We have been invited to two Friendship Days later this month where the emphasis is on fellowship and fun as we meet other branch members.

The CWA provides many opportunities to meet, learn from, and become friends with talented and interesting women from all walks of life, and this is what Friendship



Easter bunnies Gina Butler and Kathy Haynes showcase a big range of CWA goodies.

Days are about.

Jennacubbine is combining theirs with a games day and from previous years we know there will be old-fashioned board games, jigsaws of diabolical difficulty, and giant raffles to tempt us all.

Bayswater is our city sister branch and we



Val Byron and Julie-Anne Vucemillo laid our wreath at last month's Anzac Day service.

## Quilts on the go for accumulated stash



Examples of quilt-as-you-go blocks, stitch and flip multi-coloured and red potholder designs.

Ragbags Quilting Group  
Kerry Gregory

RECENTLY I found I had accumulated a stash of two and three-inch fabric strips.

Having cut them I decided they didn't really suit the project – a large centre appliqué block and various border strips.

However, on a rainy day I decided to piece a few together onto some squares of scrap fabric with a view to making "stitch-and-flip" blocks or gypsy quilt blocks.

These blocks, a traditional and basic quilting method I grew up with, are referred to today as "quilt as you go" (QAYG).

A host of other blocks, small enough to be portable and easily completed by hand as an envelope or bound individually, are stitched together to form quilts of all sizes.

Any fabric scraps are suitable for this technique.

My grandmother periodically stitched left over pieces of beautiful bridal fabrics.

These easy blocks are a great introduction to quilting for those reluctant to take on a full-scale quilt.

Some popular examples include raggy or

fringed blocks, strips, log cabin blocks, and potholder blocks – reminiscent of projects we made in primary school – often backed with a piece of old singlet or hessian for potholders.

Despite falling out of favour for some time, QAYG quilts are now depicted in many quilting magazines.

These techniques have been used by quilters on all continents for centuries.

The popularity of QAYG quilts lies in their manageability and portability, making them a great option for quilters on the go – even for fly-in-fly-out workers during their downtime – and are especially popular as friendship quilts.

I plan on taking a little sewing kit of fabric pieces to keep my hands occupied when I fly to Adelaide this month.

New members are always welcome at our regular Ragbags group gatherings.

Bring some handwork, your machine, or a craft project you're working on and join us for a cuppa, a chat, and a laugh or two at St. Stephens Anglican Church Hall on Stirling Terrace in Toodyay.

We meet on the first and third Wednesday of each month between 10am and 2pm.

visit each other as often as possible.

It is always an enjoyable day with trade tables, quizzes, a guest speaker and an overabundance of refreshments.

At Toodyay Branch we hold our meetings at 10am on the fourth Thursday of the month in the CWA Hall on Stirling Terrace.

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

This month we will brush up on the use of the defibrillator gifted to us by St John Ambulance a couple of years ago.

We would love new members to join us and see what CWA is all about.

You may be surprised.

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

There's plenty of parking in Charcoal Lane, and easy access to the hall from there.

## Squares come dancing into Toodyay

Wheatbelt Squares  
Robert Dew

ON SUNDAY March 5 the Toodyay Memorial Hall was filled with more than 80 square dancers for a fabulous afternoon of dance.

Clubs included Wheatbelt Squares, based in Goomalling, Allemanders Squares from Currambine and Kiwilers from Como.

Some dancers came for the day while others stayed for the weekend.

Shire of Toodyay President Rosemary Madacsi welcomed all to Toodyay and congratulated the dancers on their colourful display.

## More visitors do not go past gaol

Volunteers of Toodyay Museums  
Barry Keens

SCHOOL holidays have just ended and the Old Gaol Museum has had a busy two weeks with a high rate of visitors.

We have also had interest from two more people who are keen to volunteer, and we hope they can start with us soon.

We were delighted to provide funding for catering at the Oral History Day celebrations, as well as the launch of a new display at Connors Mill on April 29.

During this time, we also received a visit from Annette Parker, the great granddaughter of Richard Roach Newell, who designed the Newcastle Gaol as well as the Perth Town Hall, Barracks, and other important buildings.

Our shingle sales are going well, and we can now be found at the Farmers Market on the third Sunday of each month.

In other news, Beth Frayne is nearly finished proofreading Nina Paterson's transcription of the 21 Newgain Farm Diaries of Frank Twine, and we have added more details to the Mosaic database.

The full document will be available at Collections WA in due course.

The Museums are open daily from 10am to 3pm and admittance is free to Toodyay Shire Residents.



## VACANCY - Administration Officer



### Opportunity!... to become Administration Officer for the Toodyay Agricultural Society (Inc.)

The Toodyay Agricultural Society is responsible for staging the highly regarded Toodyay Agricultural Show. The organizing committee consists of 15 committed members who are assisted by the Administration Officer whose tasks include the following:

- Drafting and circulating the notice and agenda for monthly committee meetings and the annual general meeting
- Preparing the meeting room on the second Monday of each month
- Minute taking and circulation of minutes to members
- Handling correspondence
- Responding to telephone enquiries
- Maintaining a current membership register
- Liaising with external bodies, sponsors and community groups
- Providing clerical support for the executive and committee

We are looking for someone who has internet access and is competent with email and word processing skills. The ability to liaise with internal and external contacts in a pleasant and confident manner is essential. Training will be provided to the successful applicant, who will not assume full responsibilities until confident to do so. This is an honorary position and provides the opportunity to be part of a great team and experience a wide range of tasks, while networking with suppliers, sponsors, local government and many others.

Should you wish to have an informal chat prior to making your application please

contact TAS President Bruce Shenn – T: 0427 991 486

Applications should be emailed to: [toodyayagsociety@gmail.com](mailto:toodyayagsociety@gmail.com)

Closing date: May 31, 2023

# Knitted brows over UFO sightings

**The Crooked Needle**  
Jean Melhuish-Hill

AS ANOTHER month passes and autumn arrives, the ladies of the Friday morning craft group have been busy with their projects.

The countryside is starting to green up and sitting making blankets of an evening is an excellent way to keep warm.

Vi Seagram has finished a colourful and stunning crochet wrap using a new stitch.



Key rings made by Carol Barlow.



Blanket crochet by Phyllis McDonnell.



UFO quilt completed by Jean Melhuish-Hill.

Phyllis McDonnell worked on a beautiful round crochet blanket with intricate stitches that turned out beautifully.

Phyllis also joined some granny squares together into a baby's blanket.

Carol Barlow used her embroidery skills to make mug rugs, coasters, and key rings – a very talented lady.

Enid Lowless, who had not been able to knit for some time due to arthritis, completed an elephant, a bumble bee, and a very cheeky pig as her dexterity returned.

Gail Squires has been knitting a shrug – something between a wrap and a cardigan.

Lovely and warm and easy to slide in and out of, this beautiful garment is a gift for her sister-in-law.

Gail also made a corner-to-corner crocheted blanket for herself.

Craft doesn't stop even when we travel.

While caravanning with her hubby to the National Caravan Rally in South Australia, Maxine Walker has been trying Tunisian crocheting for our upcoming challenge.

Meanwhile, I have been working on a couple of unfinished objects (UFOs) including a jacket I have been knitting for the past two years.

When I picked it up four weeks ago I promised myself it will be finished and ready to wear this winter.

I have also finished off a blue denim quilt with round red circular designs that was donated to us partly done.

At the Toodyay Fibre Festival on June 4 we will be demonstrating how to use a hand loom, basic knitting, and crocheting.

Our stall in the CWA Hall will have a range of crafted items, yarns and fabrics for sale.

The Friday morning craft group is a friendly gathering of ladies who exchange crafting ideas in a social setting.

We meet each Friday at the CWA Hall in Toodyay from 9.30 am to noon. For more information, contact Jan on 0407 083 079 or Jean on 0419 869 927.

## ENVIRONMENT



The distinctive colours of the striated pardalote.

## Listen out for this happy little Wheatbelt forager

**Bird of the Month**  
Desraé Clarke

THE STRIATED pardalote sounds such a happy little bird as it forages through the over-story of eucalypts gleaning the leaves and bark of lerps and insects with its notched bill.

This small, 10-12cm bird is a common species within Toodyay Shire and across the Wheatbelt.

The male bird has a grey crown striated with white, whereas the female has a black-grey crown.

Both have distinctive eyebrows which change in hue from bright yellow to white as they pass over their brown eyes.

The upper body is olive-grey, the wings are black, and there is a tiny bright-coloured spot

of orange on the shoulder.

The underparts begin as yellow to become a buff colour.

The striated pardalote preys on beetles, grasshoppers, ants, bees, wasps, flies, caterpillars, and cockroaches.

This species breeds from June to February, building nests of dry grass in a tree hole or a large enough one in the wall of a building.

Three to four glossy white eggs are laid, with both parents incubating and feeding the young.

The Toodyay Naturalists' Club would be most appreciative to receive your observation information via email at toodyaynats@westnet.com.au or 9574 5574.

We will add your sighting to the Nats' website and database.

## 121 species of birds use Julimar Forest to feed and breed

**Julimar Conservation and Forest Alliance**  
Max Howard

IT HAS been a year since the Julimar Conservation and Forest Alliance (JCAFA) began its natural history excursions into Julimar Forest, resulting in an impressive natural history database built from historical data and records from various sources.

The surveys received excellent support

from the community with an average of over 30 participants for each of our four seasonal outings.

A total of 76 species were observed, with highlights including the first official record of Baudin's black cockatoos in the area and the rediscovery of the crested shrike-tit which had not been sighted in two decades.

The shrike-tits were likely present during that time but are difficult to observe.

Historical and current data show 121 bird species use Julimar Forest for feeding, shelter, and breeding, which is comparable to other South-West forest locations.

Surveys of flowering flora in all seasons revealed 204 known species out of an estimated 500-600, with the WA Wildflower Society starting a two-year benchmark survey of the flora of Julimar in the spring of last year.

Notable species included the yellow China orchid, listed under the Biodiversity Conservation Act as a priority-four "rare, near threatened and in need of monitoring" and the Synaphea panhesya of the Proteaceae family, a priority-one species known from only a few locations.

One of the features of Julimar is that it has many hollows essential wildlife breeding and roosting, with our team identifying 40 from a 1.5km stretch of track

It is worth noting trees can take more than 200 years to develop hollows suitable for nesting black cockatoos.

Western Brush wallabies were observed early in the morning, indicating good numbers of this species in the forest.

Scratchings of the echidna and brush-tailed possum were observed.

Further research is needed for comprehensive understanding of fauna populations and the forest's significance in the natural world.

During winter this year, excursions will be carried out to identify fungi species, with spring surveys to identify night birds.

Anyone interested in attending our excursions please contact me.

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ENVIRONMENT

# Ancient trees safe but mature vegetation axed

Save and Scenic Toodyay Road  
Andrew St John, Convenor

MAIN Road WA (MRWA) representatives travelled to Toodyay last month to meet our members for a walk-through of major roadworks planned at the junction of Sandplain Road and Salt Valley Road.

We estimate close to \$50 million will be spent when works begin in 6-12 months.

Less vegetation will be cleared than originally planned after MRWA agreed to reduce the depth of the cutting through the hill to six metres.

The road will be realigned with passing or "climbing" lanes constructed on both sides of the hill.

An MRWA environmental officer walked SASTR members along the new south-westerly road alignment.

We requested the walk-through to provide a better understanding of the real-world impacts of the roadworks.

Several beautiful wandoo trees, some estimated to be more than 400 years old, are outside the clearing area and will continue to provide habitat for different species in the local environment.

In other good news, MRWA plans to retain the existing rest area at the junction, something we have asked for at other places along Toodyay Road.

The bad news is much of the mature vegetation will not survive the roadworks.

We had hoped the amount of clearing could be reduced, and unsightly embankments or batters avoided, by the use of stone retaining walls.

MRWA said this was not possible due to the unavailability of suitable local stone, so stone batters such as those that mark roadworks at Jingaling Brook will be used.

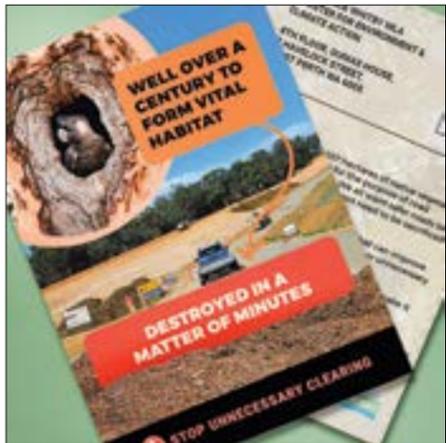
Despite these concerns SASTR commends MRWA for agreeing to conduct the walk-throughs, which we appreciate can be time-consuming and costly.

However, a walk-through in the early planning stages, rather than meetings with complacent stakeholders, may have delivered the required road improvements without laying waste to so much vegetation and scenic beauty.

We believe regulations around land clearing for road developments need to be tightened and are encouraging people to advocate for this change.

Postcards highlighting these issues will be available at the monthly markets for individuals to sign and forward to WA Environment Minister Reece Whitby.

You can also request a postcard via our website at [sastr.com.au/your-voice](http://sastr.com.au/your-voice).



We urge people to sign these postcards highlighting the damage caused by excessive land clearing and send them to State Environment Minister Reece Whitby.



Julimar Forest display at the Black Cockatoo Crisis Film. Photo: Bridget Leggett.

# Cockatoos have a housing crisis, too

Toodyay Friends of the River Inc  
Bridget Leggett

THE RECENT screening of the documentary film *Black Cockatoo Crisis* was a huge success.

Toodyay Friends of the River is one of the members of the Julimar Conservation and

Forest Alliance who presented the event.

The film highlighted Julimar Forest as a critical nesting location for the Carnaby's cockatoo and emphasised the ongoing loss of habitat.

This was my second viewing of the film, and I again came away worried by this drastic loss of habitat and corresponding decline in

numbers of black cockatoos.

However, I also left feeling we can reduce this decline if we choose to act.

Part of the Friends' contribution to the event included sponsoring an informative display showcasing some of the mammals, birds, bats, frogs, insects, plants and fungi of the Julimar Forest.

The display's central panel highlighted nocturnal animals, such as the barn owl, tawny frogmouth, brushtail phascogale, chuditch, bush rat, and woylie.

In May we will be holding a working bee with a difference, sorting through and cataloguing resources previously held by the Department of Water in Northam.

The items, which were donated to environmental groups on the Avon via Wheatbelt Natural Resource Management, are temporarily housed in the RSL building in Toodyay.

The resources include maps, historical records, and other items of interest including copies of posters, brochures and other treasures.

After initial sorting the Friends will make a limited inventory of the resources to share with the other groups who may be interested.

The Friends will meet at Anzac Park at 9 am on Sunday, May 14 and Monday, May 15, and proceed to the RSL building to begin the work.

# Watch out, mamma 'roos are about



Marsupial Mammals and Pappas member Adrian Roderick at the Farmers Market stall.

Marsupial Mammals and Pappas (Inc)  
Brian Foley

ROBYN and I recently returned from viewing the solar eclipse in Exmouth.

We would like to thank our carers for their assistance while we were away.

Recent incidents with car strikes have resulted in galahs and twenty-eight parrots needing care.

A tawny frogmouth came in with a shattered leg and the vet gave it a minimal chance of release.

After tender care the leg repaired and the bird was released where it was found.

We've also received very small joey kangaroos whose mothers have been killed

by cars or shot on farms.

We urge drivers to be cautious at sunset when kangaroos are more active.

And while we are aware culling takes place, we ask that females be left at this time of year as joeys stand a better chance with them than with us.

If you see a bobtail goanna that looks unwell, with a flat tail and gummed-up eyes, it should be brought in to be treated for bobtail flu.

Without medication and care they will not survive.

The area around Sandplain Road appears to be a hotspot.

Our new marquee was well received at the Farmers Market in April, and we thank Chalice Mining for their funding.

After a three-year wait, MMAp is now licensed by the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions.

We are, however, concerned that the conditions placed on wildlife groups and carers are unworkable.

These issues, which will now have to be thrashed out over time, could have been avoided if a draft of the licence had been made available to wildlife carers as part of the 2018 consultation process.

If you want to help or need assistance with injured wildlife, call Brian or Robyn, or visit us at the Toodyay Markets.

Our Bendigo Bank account for donations is BSB 633000 Account 186438040.

If you come across any injured native wildlife want to be involved as a carer ring Brian 0419 933 721 or Robyn 0417 173 283.

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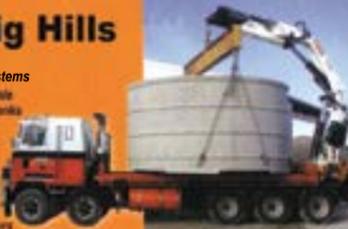
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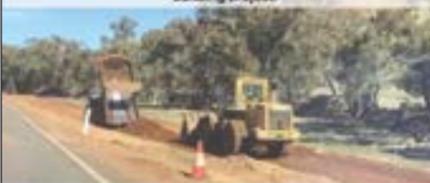
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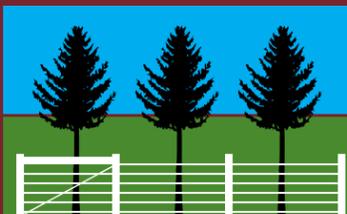
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# It was almost too much to absorb and remember



Toodyay Garden Club members explore the Succulent Boxes Nursery.

**Toodyay Garden Club**  
Judy Rowston

OUR FIRST outing of the year was almost too much to absorb and remember.

Three visitors joined 59 Garden Club members for a bus trip to Muchea and a day full of learning and discovery.

We visited three venues, starting with the Muchea Tree Farm, where we were treated to morning tea and a tour of the plant production process.

We were shown the different stages – from smoke house to seed, from potting to raising sheds – and were impressed by the



Hamish Dobie and Judy Rowston handed out Easter Eggs to Toodyay Garden Club members.

labour-intensive process which included testing bore water daily to ensure correct pH levels.

The Insectary tour awakened us to how insects and mites are controlled in agriculture.

The Insectary breeds predators that eliminate pests by growing the pests they feed on, with 80 per cent of the product going to the Eastern States and to Asian countries.

This helps control pests such as spider mites on climbing bean plants, or white fly on eggplants.

This reduces the need for insecticides; however, biosecurity is paramount.

Back on the bus, we headed to the Succulent Boxes Nursery where we enjoyed a delicious lunch of sandwiches, fresh fruit, tea and coffee.

We also had the opportunity to wander through the nursery which offered a fantastic variety of succulents.

We left with a bus full of happy people and amazing plants.

To round out the day, Hamish and Judy donned Easter Bunny hats and handed out Easter eggs.

Our May visit will be to Michael and Lyn Stevens' property.

Guest speakers Eric and Jackie from Perth will join us to teach us about African violets.

Plants will be available for sale. With the recent rainfall it's time to think about winter planting and start planting our vegetable seedlings.

For more information about the garden club, please contact Judy on 0437 077 875 or email the secretary at [toodyaygardenclub@gmail.com](mailto:toodyaygardenclub@gmail.com).

# Cyclical floods undermine vital Boyagerring Brook crossing

**Toodyay Friends of the River**  
Robyn Taylor

TOODYAY Friends of the River is working to address issues caused by the dynamic nature of the Boyagerring Brook, which is typically dry in the summer but prone to flooding during heavy rain.

In previous years debris has been caught in trees nearly two meters above ground.

These cyclical floods are continually undermining a vital crossing used by schoolchildren and pedestrians and as an access road during bushfires.

Various attempts to solve this problem have been unsuccessful.

A photo taken in February 2017 after summer flooding shows earthworks across Boyagerring Brook.

These large water pipes and earth bridge allow vehicle access along the Drummond Street West road extension towards the back of the school.

There is another set of pipes further along.

A photo taken in February this year shows the most recent repair work to the causeway crossing.

A large section of the brook has been hollowed out into a basin, with a concrete mix between rocks, that doesn't look durable enough to withstand many flood events.

Toodyay Friends of the River plans to revegetate this area with sedges to stabilise the banks and the now-cleared hollow in the brook.

This will also help slow down the flow of silt into the Avon River.



Boyagerring Brook crossing near Toodyay District High School flooding in winter 2018.



The same Boyagerring Brook crossing in February 2017.



The rocky clearance at Boyagerring Brook crossing during the recent dry summer months.

## ENVIRONMENT

# There be dragons out there

**Python Watch**  
Desraé Clarke

IT IS always exciting to receive rare or educational observations from those in the community interested in natural history.

Lyn Johnson's recent sighting of a Western netted dragon (*Ctenophorus reticulatus*) is unusual, as the Toodyay surrounds are the most southerly area in which this little critter resides.

Toodyay Nat's patron and naturalist John Dell AM has positively identified two such sightings within our Shire in the past.

The Western netted dragon, also known as the reticulated dragon or Western netted ground dragon, belongs to the grouping of rock dragons.

It is found in the southern half of Western Australia to the central Wheatbelt, eastern Goldfields, Nullarbor and to the western interior of South Australia.

It may also be found on Dirk Hartog Island.

This species favours heavy, stony soils in sparsely covered woodlands with minimal low ground cover, residing beneath isolated stones, boulders, exfoliating granite, under logs or behind the bark of fallen trees, usually in a shallow burrow or depression.

These creatures have a broad, fleshy, sticky

tongue for hunting insects near their burrow entrance, and their diet consists mainly of insects with some plants and flowers.

The more common Western bearded dragon is found within our shire but, as quoted by John, "do not live in burrows although the female will dig a short burrow in which to lay her eggs."

The Western netted dragon is larger than other species of its genus, with a total length of approximately 28cm with a tail about 150 percent longer than the snout-vent length.

The male is red with black reticula, or net-like patterning, and will defend its territory vigorously.

The dragon has strong, short limbs with dark-coloured claws and obvious ear holes.

The female is lighter in colour and the juvenile olive-grey.

All dragon species lay eggs, with the Western netted dragon laying up to three clutches in a season of two to six eggs.

If you're interested in learning more about local wildlife sightings, you can join the Toodyay Naturalists' Club.

We are always eager to hear about new observations.

Enquiries may be made to Secretary Desraé Clarke 9574 5574 or email [info@toodyaynats.com.au](mailto:info@toodyaynats.com.au).



The Western netted dragon. Photo: Lyn Johnson.



View of the plants raised by the Toodyay Seed Group in the green house at Toodyay Junction.

## Plenty of pokers to give your garden a red hot glow

**Toodyay Seed Group**  
Bethan Lloyd

TOODYAY Seed Group's shadehouse at the Junction on Railway Road is bursting with fantastic-looking native plants ready for the upcoming planting season.

Hopefully, the good opening rain we've had so far this year will continue into May to help these plants establish well.

If you've ordered plants you can pick them up from the community shade house at the Toodyay Junction community depot, opposite the shire works depot on Railway Road from 9am to 10.30am on either Wednesday May 17 or Saturday May 20.

Those who haven't ordered can email Bethan Lloyd at [bethanlloyd\\_8@msn.com](mailto:bethanlloyd_8@msn.com) to see what's left over.

We may have another pick-up day or plant sale depending on remaining stock.

We have plenty of red pokers (*Hakea bucculenta*), always a favourite, and *Melaleuca megacephala*, which grows to between one and three metres with large, globular yellow flowers.

It's not a local but adapts well to most soils provided they are not too heavy.

Eremophilas are also available in larger pots for \$5 each.

For those interested in ordering plants for 2024, please email Bethan Lloyd for an order form.

Community groups can receive free plants for planting projects, while private landholders pay a dollar per plant.

Please contact Bethan at 0409 681 655 in advance if you need compost.

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

### General Hand/Plant Operator - Full Time

The Shire of Toodyay is seeking the skills and talents of an accomplished and motivated individual to join the team in the role of General Hand/Plant Operator.

Reporting to the Manager of Infrastructure & Assets, this role forms part of the team responsible for general duties that ensure Shire roads, drainage, and other infrastructure assets are maintained in good order.

The Shire offers attractive working conditions and a friendly work environment. The base salary component for this role is \$60,545 per annum. Other benefits include support for professional development opportunities, additional superannuation contribution policy, uniform allowance, and income protection.

To be selected for an interview, candidates will have proven knowledge and experience. A commitment to working in a team environment to achieve continuous improvement is essential.

Application packages are available on our website at [www.toodyay.wa.gov.au](http://www.toodyay.wa.gov.au); or by contacting the Records Officer on 9574 9300 or via [records@toodyay.wa.gov.au](mailto:records@toodyay.wa.gov.au).

Applications should be marked "CONFIDENTIAL – General Hand/Plant Operator" and forwarded to the Chief Executive Officer, Shire of Toodyay:

- By mail to PO Box 96, Toodyay WA 6566;
- In person to the Shire of Toodyay Administration Centre, 15 Fiennes Street, Toodyay, during opening hours;
- Via email to [records@toodyay.wa.gov.au](mailto:records@toodyay.wa.gov.au); or
- Via Seek

Applications close **4pm, Thursday 11 May 2023.**

Suzie Haslehurst

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

*Applicants must have the right to live and work in Australia.*

*The Shire is an Equal Opportunity Employer that values and respects diversity in its workplace.*

**Please Note:** Canvassing of Councillors will disqualify. The successful applicant is required to obtain a current Federal Police clearance, pre-employment medical, and provide evidence of all claimed qualifications prior to commencing employment.



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## Application for the grant of a Special Facility Licence: Toodyay Recreation Centre

In accordance with the advertising policy of the Director of Liquor Licensing, an application has been lodged with the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries for the grant of a Special Facility Licence to the Toodyay Recreation Centre premises located at Burt Park Way, Toodyay.

A copy of the application and the applicant's Public Interest Assessment submissions can be viewed here: <https://www.dlqsc.wa.gov.au/racing-gaming-and-liquor/liquor>; or at the applicant's nominated address – Toodyay Recreation Centre, 35 Burt Park Way, Toodyay WA 6566 – until **7 May 2023.**

Beck Foulkes-Taylor  
**VENUE MANAGER**



**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.

**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, Joeys and Scouts**

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

**Toodyay District High School P and C**

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

**Toodyay Playgroup**

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

**EMERGENCY SERVICES**

**Bejoording Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade**

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

**Coondle-Nunile Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade**

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

**Julimar Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade**

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

**Morangup Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade**

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

**St John Morangup Sub Centre**

For Volunteering, First Aid Kits & Postcode 6083 Benefit Fund Memberships. 48 Wallaby Way, Morangup. 8am - 4pm Monday & Wednesday. 0418 741 971.

**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 Glenyce Bosnjak 9574 4587.

**Butterfly Cottages**

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

**Fitness and Fun for The Over 55s**

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

**Ida's Hideaway**

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

**Silver Chain Social Centre**

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

**SERVICE ORGANISATIONS**

**Country Women's Association**

10am on the 4th Thursday of the month and Coffee morning 2nd Thursday of the month at 10am 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 2023: May 13, July 15, Sept 9 (AGM) Oct 7, December 9. 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 Community Centre. 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 scrungers Thursdays with a 2pm tee off. Contact Bruce 0417 028 089.

**Avon Valley Shotokan Karate Club**

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

**Toodyay Soccer Club**

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

**Toodyay Tennis Club**

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

**VINTAGE VEHICLES**

**Avon Valley Vintage Vehicle Assoc**

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

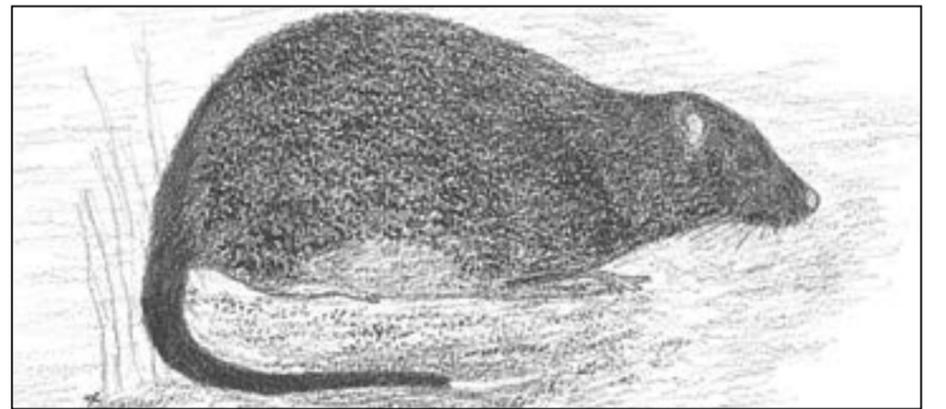
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AA ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS - Web: aa.org.au

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.

**ENVIRONMENT**

**Search continues for the elusive Moyitj**



Drawing of Moyitj. Drawing by Desraé Clarke.

**Toodyay Naturalists' Club**

Desraé Clarke

THERE is currently a great deal of interest in searching for creatures threatened with extinction by human habitation, feral animal predation and the change in climate.

One such search is that of a small creature that inhabits river areas with the Noongar name of the Moyitj.

This 29-31cm long water rat, also known by the Aboriginal name Rakali, is found across Australia.

There is currently ongoing work to sight this animal along the Avon river bank.

During the tough times of the Depression the Moyitj was exploited for its dense, soft and lustrous pelt.

Its body colouring may be black to slate grey with a white to orange underbelly.

Its tail, which is practically the length of its body, is thick and well-covered with dark fur with a noticeable white tip.

Nests are made at the end of tunnels into a riverbank and occasionally in logs.

It prefers fresh or brackish water in which its prey of fish, large aquatic insects,

crustaceans and mussels are found.

It will also take frogs, lizards, small mammals and water birds.

Its catch is taken to a regular eating site. It is the midden that may show signs of a resident Moyitj.

The presenter at the March meeting of the Nats was member Wayne Clarke, who filled in at the last minute when Professor Kingsley Dixon was unavailable.

Wayne's interesting presentation was on 'Wildlife of the Great Southern Oceans'.

The amazing image of one and a half million king penguins holding creches of young made one wonder how a parent could locate its chick.

On Saturday April 22 the Julimar Conservation and Forest Alliance screened *Black Cockatoo Crisis* at the Memorial Hall.

The documentary by Jane Hammond was well-attended by a community audience.

The sensitivity of the film left all with the need to continue to say "no" to further habitat clearing and destruction of food supply, not only for cockatoos but wildlife in general.

Postcards are now available to alert the government's environment minister to concerns over habitat clearing, with a petition gathering signatures to lobby for the protection of Julimar Forest by lifting its status to that of a national park.

The next meeting of the Nats Club is on Saturday May 20.

We will take a trip to Gain Doyle's Western Australian Reptile Centre in Henley Brook, and have a picnic lunch followed by an explanatory tour of the centre.

For further enquiries email: info@toodyaynats.com.au or phone: 9574 5574.

**Toodyay Rainfall**

Recordings and average commenced on 1/1/1877

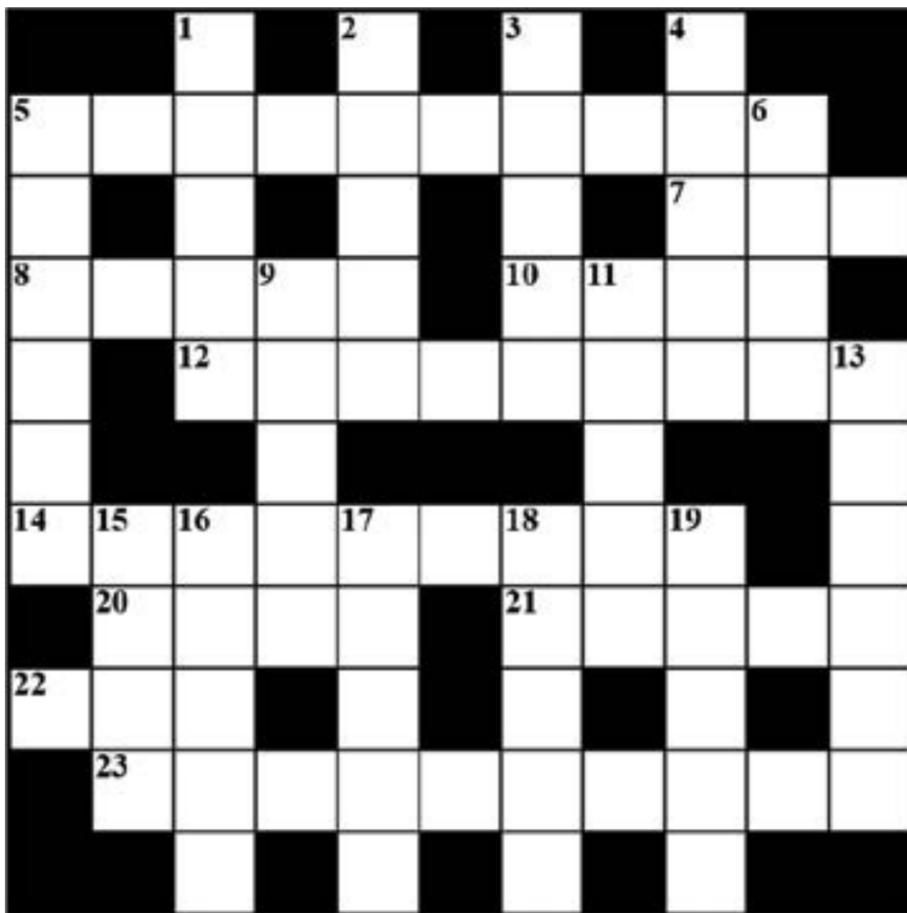
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2020	0	31.6	9.8	6.4	38.2	48.9	43.7	61.8	30.2	5.9	48.8	3.5	328.8
2021	0.03	17.3	137.3	11.1	121.7	30.4	154.2	70.3	39	61.6	2.2	0	645.13
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**PUZZLES**

**Combo Crossword**

- ACROSS**  
 5 Proclaims  
 7 Insect egg  
 8 Feel  
 10 In fear of  
 12 Famous ship  
 14 Panel in car  
 20 Spin round  
 21 Old instruments  
 22 Small ball  
 23 A change

- DOWN**  
 1 Fluid in blood  
 2 Full of meaning  
 3 Of birth  
 4 Make as unused  
 5 Rotten  
 6 Lateral part  
 9 Hidden store  
 11 Be upset  
 13 Cause  
 15 Size  
 16 Closes securely  
 17 Lose blood  
 18 Put at rest  
 19 A gutter



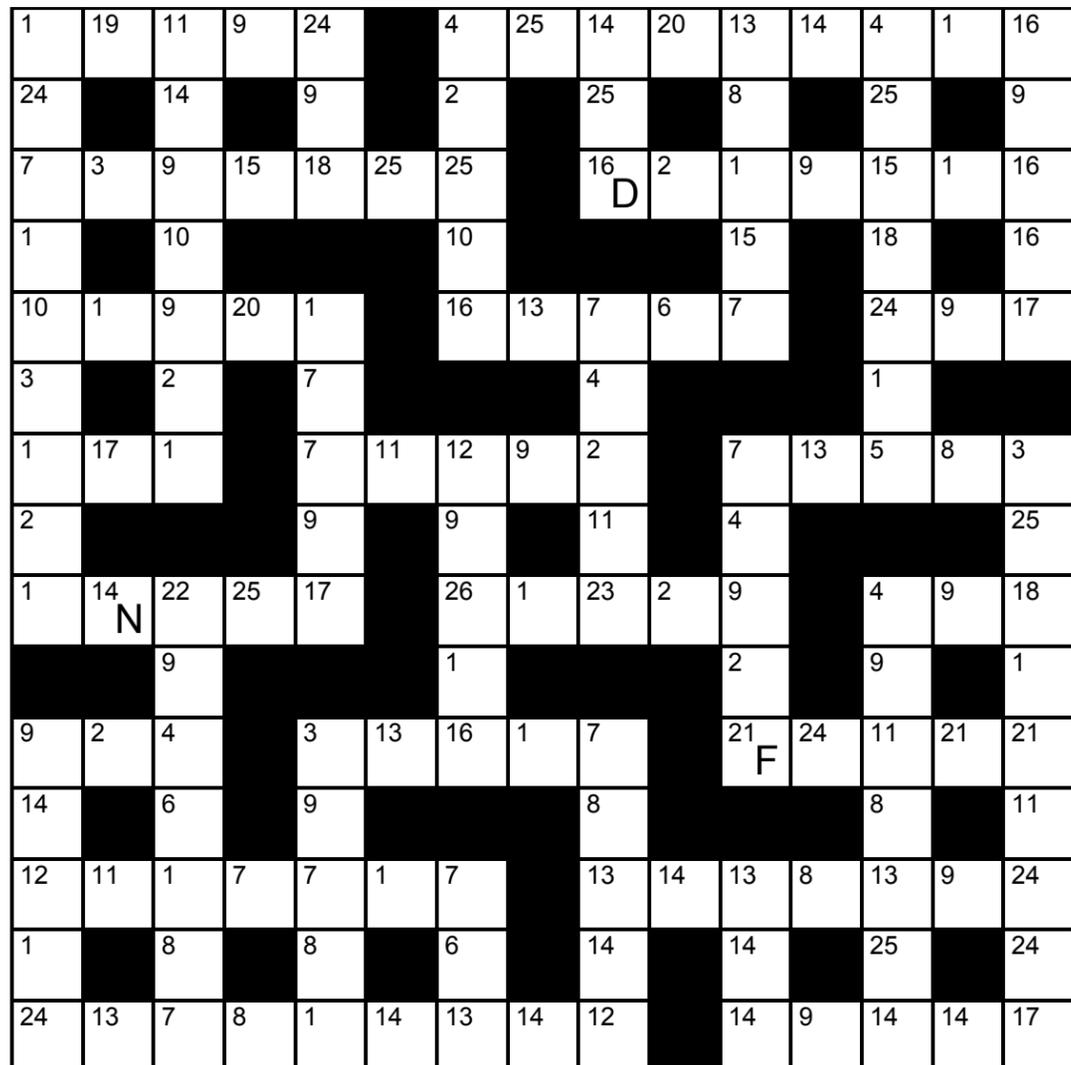
**Cryptic Clues**

- ACROSS**  
 5 Creates dip arranged in parts of sentences  
 7 Container to return insect egg  
 8 Feel the first pained expression  
 10 Caused fear in one married  
 12 Old Pilgrims' vessel possibly could bloom  
 14 Run to table for car's instrument display  
 20 Dance used by fisherman  
 21 Usually restored with olden instruments  
 22 Nutritious seed for a favoured applicant  
 23 Change in argument lacking first course

- DOWN**  
 1 See endless drink found in one's blood  
 2 Forcible origins from putting in the hard yards  
 3 South African state of birth  
 4 Start up again in more serene weather  
 5 Set to eradicate in foul decay  
 6 Lateral team maybe  
 9 Many feel pain in hidden store  
 11 Fret about a line back on another type of line  
 13 Argue sensibly about one issue  
 15 Size of one concerning another one  
 16 Shuts up swimming mammals  
 17 Lose vital fluid from unstable edges  
 18 Mitigate one left to put down  
 19 End hard downfall run-off

**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	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13			
14	N	15	D	16	17	18	19	20	F	21	22	23	24	25	26

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
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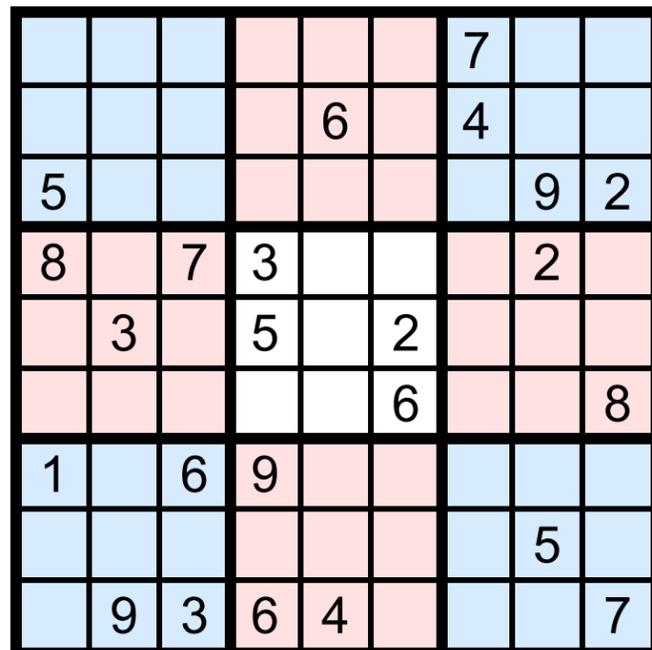
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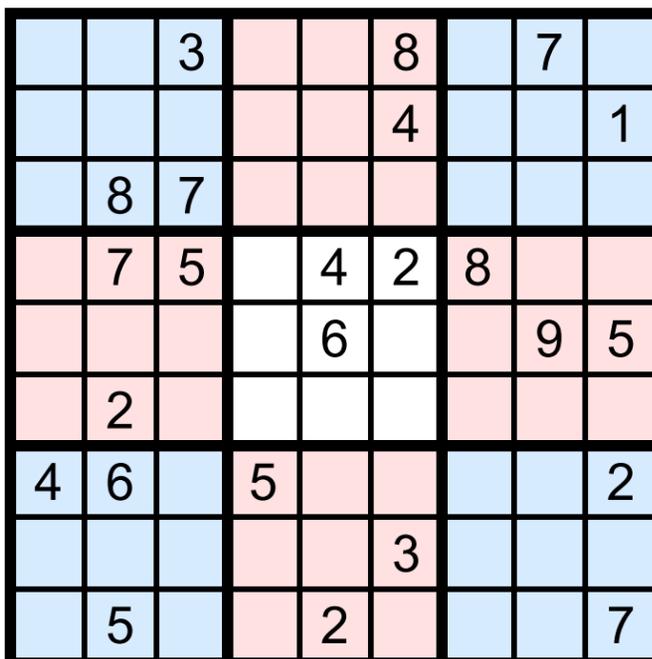
**Sudoku**

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

**Easy**



**Hard**



HEALTH



Cats have superior night vision.

## How do cats see in the dark?

Heartlands Veterinary Hospital  
Dr Tracey Thornton

CATS see much better in low-light conditions than humans.

That's because they have around six to eight times as many light-sensitive rod cells in their eyes than we do.

As well as superior night vision, cats have a wider range of peripheral vision than humans, meaning they can see more of their surroundings without moving their head,

especially useful when stalking prey.

Those extra rod cells also help our feline friends sense motion in the dark more effectively than we can.

However, a cat's vision is far less effective in bright light.

Humans can detect motion in bright light around ten times better than a cat.

We also have better long-distance vision and can see a greater range of brighter colours than cats.

## Don't poo-poo the possibility of bowel cancer: get a check

Cancer Council WA  
Kaylor Andrews

PEOPLE in the Wheatbelt region are being urged to know the common symptoms of bowel cancer, the third most common cancer in WA in 2019.

In 2019, 56 people were diagnosed and 13 people died from it in our area, with data showing 25 people a week are diagnosed with bowel cancer in WA.

The Cancer Council of WA is encouraging anyone experiencing symptoms to seek medical attention early.

Bowel cancer, also known as colorectal cancer, can strike men or women.

Early detection can save lives by preventing the cancer from spreading.

However, people in regional Australia are less likely to be alive five years after a cancer diagnosis compared with those in metro areas.

With this in mind, the Council is urging anyone in the Wheatbelt with a symptom to visit their doctor, clinic nurse or Aboriginal health worker.

Being aware of the early symptoms and taking action early can save lives and prevent cancer from spreading to other parts of the body.

The most common symptoms of bowel cancer include: blood in your poo, even just one time, or for more than four weeks; a new pain, lump or swelling in your tummy; feeling tired; looking pale; losing weight without trying; and a change in normal bowel habits such as runny poo, pooing more often or finding it hard to poo.

If you're unsure about a possible symptom, make an appointment to discuss the change with your doctor, clinic nurse or Aboriginal health worker as soon as possible.

We have a better chance of surviving cancer – and having more time with family and friends – if cancer is found early.

## Ways to manage stress without the distress

Warrior Wellbeing

The Regional Men's Health Initiative

STRESS is a common experience that affects everyone at some point in their lives.

It is typically associated with uncomfortable feelings in the body or mind due to not being in control of a situation or environment.

While some stress can energise people and enhance performance and efficiency, excessive stress can lead to problems that take a toll on our mental and physical health, and our social and spiritual well-being – sometimes with dire consequences.

When we find ourselves saying things like "I haven't got enough time, I must get this done, I'll never finish in time, I can't get anything done," we may be in danger of moving from stressed to being distressed.

At the Regional Men's Health Initiative (RMHI) we refer to extreme stress as situational distress, which can arise from unresolved situations in our lives.

It's important to recognise that what may be stressful for one person may not be stressful for another.

Everyone deals with stress differently and has different coping capacities.

To manage stress effectively, it's crucial to adopt healthy coping strategies.

Unfortunately, many people rely on unhealthy strategies that compound the problem by providing temporary relief but causing more damage over time.

Examples of unhealthy strategies include sleeping too much, filling every minute of the day to avoid facing problems, withdrawing from friends, family, and activities, taking out stress on others, drinking too much, procrastinating, over- or under-eating, over-analysing, smoking, using drugs to relax, or zoning out for hours in front of the TV or computer.

To deal with stress in a healthy way, we suggest the following tips:

- **Avoid the stressor:** Learn to say no; limit time with those who stress you out; control your environment – for example turn off the news if it makes you anxious; or delegate tasks that cause you stress;
  - **Alter the stressor:** Communicate your concerns, ask for a behaviour change (but be willing to compromise), be more assertive; manage time better;
  - **Adapt to the stressor:** If you can't change the stressor, change yourself. Look at the stressful situation more positively; set reasonable standards; look at all the good things in your life;
  - **Accept the stressor:** If stressors are unavoidable, accept things as they are, find and create ways to relax when you are stressed out, exercise, get a massage; listen to music to calm down, and talk to someone you trust about how you're feeling before you reach a crisis point. Remember stress is a normal part of life and everyone experiences it differently.
- By developing healthy coping strategies and seeking support when needed, you can manage stress more effectively and maintain your overall health and well-being.



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

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**Cancer Council WA**

SPORT AND LEISURE

# Great for mind and body, you'll absolutely love it

**Avon Valley Shotokan Club**  
 Kylea Garnett

ASA not-for-profit organisation operating in the Avon Valley area for more than 30 years, Avon Valley Shotokan would like to express our gratitude to the community for their support.

The club has a strong presence in adult classes, with more than 50 individuals, and would love more to join us.

You will absolutely love it, plus it's great for your mind and body.

The club participated in a competition in Perth recently while fundraising at our Toodyay Farmers Market stall.

Once again we had to divide and conquer to cover both events, and are grateful to those who put their hands up to help.

Seven members participated in the State Championships on April 16 in Jolimont.

In the Kata, Helena won silver and Casey won bronze.

In Kumite, Casey won silver, Joe won silver and Victor won gold as well as a bronze in Kihon.

A fantastic effort from all who represented your club.

You did a great job and should be proud of your achievements.

Upcoming competition dates are May 21 for WADO in Jolimont, June 4 in Margaret River, and October 22 for Goju Kai in Jolimont.

Competition rules now require clubs to assist in running these events.

We encourage you to consider helping out if you have a family member competing.

Eight club members who will attend a two-day karate seminar with Shihan Tatsuya Naka in Auckland are excited to bring their new knowledge back to share.

If you love learning about yourself, both physically and mentally, and want to be part of a "make it happen" team, please contact us today.

We welcome all ages five and up.  
 Email [avonvalleyshotokan@gmail.com](mailto:avonvalleyshotokan@gmail.com) or find us on Facebook.

We look forward to seeing everyone at the Moondyne Festival on May 7.

We would welcome helpers for a few hours on the day so please get your name on the roster for what is always a great family day out.



Members of the State Championships team which competed at Jolimont in April.



Six Toodyay Ballet School dancers who competed at the Evolution National Finals on the Gold Coast earlier this year, together with their awards.

## Dancing to the excitement of Gold Coast glitz and glamour

**Toodyay Ballet School**  
 Lani McGeady

WHAT an amazing time we had at Evolution National Finals on the Gold Coast from Sunday 8th January to Sunday 15 January.

The competition consisted of six days, 8am till around 11pm in two ballrooms.

There were over 800 dancers from around Australia, Asia, Singapore and the UK.

The competition was next level. We took six students and their families, Stella McLean (8), Matilda Carr (11), Daytona Logan (11), Zoey Grant (12), Casey Alvaro (13) and Lexie Joubert (15).

It was an incredible experience for them, not only because of the amazing talent and athletic dedication on display, but of course they got to experience the fun of the Gold Coast as well.

The girls did amazingly well, receiving

over 40 trophies, almost 20 medals, a top 10, a top five and many personal bests.

They even performed their classical troupe in the Grand Final on Sunday, among some of the best dancers in Australia and the world.

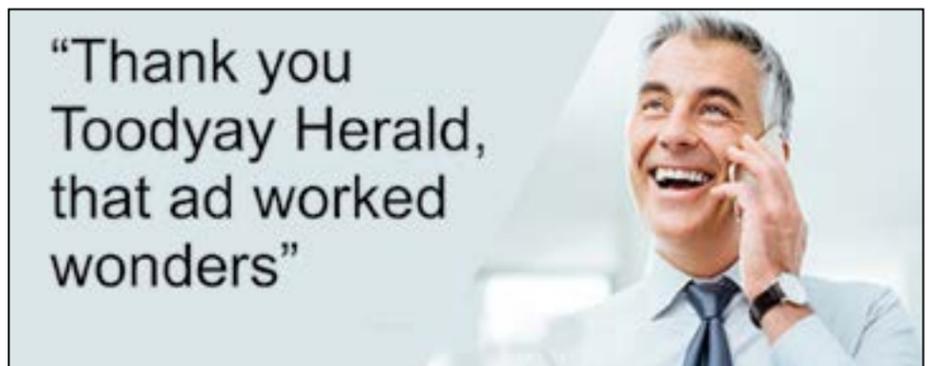
What an extraordinary achievement for kids from a small country dance school.

We are so very proud of each and every one of them, all of them lifting to a new level, being inspired and excited by the amazing talent around them.

The girls made new friends and spent time with other WA dancers, making us all feel like one big team.

We are already planning our next one, but first we have competitions in June, July and October, as well as classical ballet exams, local performances and of course our end of year concert to get through.

Congratulations again to all of you, Toodyay should be so proud of you all.



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Sudoku Hard



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#### Welcome to May Edition

Isn't it nice for a change, to have the cold nights and cold mornings back again. Soon it will be time for the fire, and nothing like sitting in front of an open fire with friends. Winter is nearly here. Remember the paddocks are going green and the river is flowing again. Great selling time!

#### State of the Market

Well, we dropped below the 7000 mark down to 6930 listings. So, well below our normal market at 12,000 listings. This is great news for sellers as with fewer listings, the prices can be adjusted accordingly. Buyers also need to act quickly to secure your dream property!

#### The On-Going Court Case

Once again, we have had an adjournment until the 10th July, at Northam Court. However, we have pleaded "Not Guilty," so this next court appearance will be for disclosures of evidence etc. If all or part of your property is covered by the Aboriginal Heritage Act 1972, have a read of the regulations attached to the Act to see what you can

and can't do on your own land.

If it is called Activities under Regulation 10. Basically, it prevents you doing anything in an area covered by heritage law without first obtaining approval from the Registrar or Minister. Thank you all once again for your support.

More to come next month...

#### Our Office

**Jemma** - The most professional receptionist we have ever had! This girl is quite amazing with the amount of work she does each and every day. We would be lost without her!

**Jo** - Merredin properties are hot properties at the moment! So Jo is flat out, and as always, is our little ray of happy sunshine in the office!

**Gracie** - Our wonderful Toodyay Property Manager is now back at work 4 days a week! Great for us but little Margot has another day at day-care! We all miss her!

**Faith** - This girl is just flat out! She is just a huge fountain of knowledge and is gaining more as she

progresses through her studies. AND is still the Senior PM! Very proud of what she has achieved.

**Sam** - Is back from his New Zealand holiday with the family. He had a fabulous time with the gorgeous scenery and outings with the family. We have missed him and are all glad he is back! Now onto some work Sam!

**Christie** - An unbelievable busy girl here! I think she has done the last 3 weeks of 7 days a week! Busy is not the word for it. A top sales lady here. AND doing all the paperwork as well. If you want something done, ask Christie and it will be done. We all love her to bits.

**Tony** - Well, after the last 3 months, it has been a mental nightmare, but I feel far more confident now. So, hopefully I can focus back on the business and the farm. Trying to burn a wet paddock as Toodyay has been on "High" fire danger, whilst Northam and Goomalling are all burning! Not sure that common sense prevails here sometimes!

Until next month,  
**Tony Maddox**

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