



SHIRE NEWS



2023/2024 Rates Notices

Tip passes waived: We would like to remind the community that, due to a mailing error causing tip passes to be missing from this year's Rates Notices, we have waived the need for passes to be presented for tip access. Simply show proof of your Shire residency or property ownership (e.g. Rates Notice, drivers licence, utility bill) for entry.

Payment reference numbers: We have also experienced a printing error with this year's rates, causing some payment reference numbers to be incorrect and preventing successful online payments. To fix this issue, add '100' to the beginning of the reference number listed on your notice, or use the reference number on your previous notice.

Change of due dates: Finally, please note that, as some Rates Notices were delayed by post, we have amended the due dates for both one-payment and instalment payments, giving all residents and ratepayers extra time to pay. Refer to the amendment notice in this month's Herald or visit our website for full details.

If you are having problems paying your rates online or in any other capacity, please contact us so we can assist you.

Make sure your property is prepared for fire season

As of November 1, the Shire of Toodyay is in the Prohibited Burning Period. Property preparation in line with our Fire-break Notice is now due, fire-break inspections have commenced, and requirements must be maintained until April 30. Fire-break Notice requirements can be checked via the notice included in your rates package, or online at www.toodyay.wa.gov.au/resident-services/fire-information/fire-break-notice.aspx.



From left: Cr Shelly Dival, Cr Rosemary Madacsi and Cr John Prater

Fresh and familiar faces for Council after Toodyay's October election

Local government elections were held across WA on Saturday October 21, and in Toodyay – after a count of 1,569 votes, many including optional preferential voting for the first time at a local government level – candidates Shelly Dival, Rosemary Madacsi and John Prater were declared elected Councillors for the next four years.

Cr Madacsi continues on Council after initially being elected in 2019, while Cr Prater previously served from 2009-2013. Cr Dival takes on the role for the first time.

All three Councillors were officially sworn in

at a Special Council Meeting on October 23, with sitting Cr Michael McKeown being elected by Council as Shire President, and Cr Dival as Deputy President, for the remainder of their respective terms.

We congratulate all Council candidates for nominating; and thank outgoing Councillors Beth Ruthven, Phil Hart and Susan Pearce for their service and contributions to Council while elected.

Visit our website to view the full 2023 election results, and to find out more about your Shire's current Elected Members.

Understanding Fire Bans

As we move into fire season, it's important that we all play our part in complying with fire restrictions. These restrictions include Total Fire Bans and Harvest, Vehicle Movement & Hot Works Bans.

Total Fire Bans are declared by DFES. On a Total Fire Ban day, it is illegal to conduct any activity that could start a fire – however, exemptions can be granted for certain industries and activities, as listed on the DFES website: www.dfes.wa.gov.au/. Total Fire Bans usually begin at midnight and last for 24 hours. To check if a Total Fire Ban has been declared, visit www.emergency.wa.gov.au (an RSS feed option is available from this source).

Harvesting operations for agricultural purposes may continue during a Total Fire Ban, until a **Harvest, Vehicle Movement & Hot Works Ban** is declared by the Shire. Harvest, Vehicle Movement & Hot Works Bans prohibit vehicle movement across vegetation, crops or similar, and as per a Total Fire Ban, restrict other activities that may cause a fire (such as the use of abrasive tools like welders and grinders). This type of ban can be declared at any time, and is effective immediately until lifted. When in place, it may affect Total Fire Ban exemptions issued by DFES. It can also be declared when no Total Fire Ban is in place. Harvest, Vehicle Movement & Hot Works Bans are notified via our free SMS service – to receive SMS notifications, text the word 'BANS' to 0408 017439.

Both Total Fire Bans and Harvest, Vehicle Movement & Hot Works Bans may be declared where reduced fire-fighting resources are available, either at a state or local level respectively. Remember, it's your individual responsibility to be aware of and comply with all bans.

An action-packed calendar at the CRC



The September/October school holidays were more entertaining than ever at Toodyay CRC, thanks to our diverse, engaging – and above all, fun – youth programs. First off was a **Stand-Up Comedy Workshop**, where the budding comedians evolved from hesitant beginners to on-stage stars, showcasing remarkable creativity, self-confidence and senses of humour. Toodyay definitely has talent! Then came **Minecraft Day**, featuring a return visit from Craft Dojo (Perth's premier Minecraft club), which saw participants from Toodyay, Northam and beyond building impressive mansions and imaginative hotels. October began with the comfiest kind of costume party – our **Pyjama Party**, complete with games, baking, and 'Murder in the Dark'. Last but not least was an electrifying **Virtual Reality Night** for teens, including 3D multi-brush games and 'Acron: Attack of the Squirrels.' We had it all covered for local kids, and we can't wait to run more events to keep them entertained in future.

A fantastic one for the adults was our Be Connected session, held as part of Get Online Week 2023. Participants explored online shopping, Wi-Fi and data connections, social media and more,

learning how to navigate it all safely and securely – even paying a visit to a virtual reality world in the process. Our appreciation goes out to Kirsten from Bendigo Bank, who stopped by to share some valuable information about online banking and scam awareness; Good Things Foundation, for their generous sponsorship of the event; and Good Things' Cassandra, who represented the organisation and made this event possible.



Know your plant and machinery fire extinguisher requirements

Did you know that if you are operating any plant or other machinery during the Shire's Restricted or Prohibited Burning Periods, you must carry a fire extinguisher with you? This applies but is not limited to tractors, harvesters and graders.

These requirements are listed in the *Bush Fires Act 1954* and associated regulations, with the intention that any fires sparked may be extinguished while they are still small. With this in mind, operators of plant and machinery must

carry a serviceable water fire extinguisher of 7.5lt minimum capacity.

Fires are likely to take hold behind moving machinery, so regularly check the rear of your vehicle. A spotter or fitment of a rear view mirror can help identify fires faster and increase the chances of extinguishing them quickly.

Also note that most plant and machinery carry a dry powder extinguisher for vehicle-based fires. This does not meet legislation requirements, but retaining it is highly recommended.



Gonneville

Project Update



Chuditch radio-tracking study

The Chalice environmental team recently conducted a radio-tracking study to better understand chuditch within and around the Gonneville Project area.

Conducted by a team of zoologists, chuditch were fitted with temporary GPS radio tracking collars which enabled us to learn about their habitat, foraging and breeding behaviours.

This data will then be used to develop the most effective practices for future protection of the chuditch, and help support environmental approvals for the Gonneville Project.

Data will also be used to inform revegetation work aimed at creating wildlife corridors, within the area. This will be key to Chalice's implementation of the Gonneville Biodiversity Strategy, which will use scientific research in combination with citizen science and Indigenous and local knowledge to achieve key biodiversity outcomes.

This program will also provide invaluable regional information that may address current knowledge gaps, and will allow our team to assess the health of chuditch populations over time.

Chalice has a role to play in the environmental stewardship of the region and looks forward to contributing to the knowledge base of key species like the chuditch.



Chalice in the community

The Chalice team enjoyed chatting with members of the local community at the **Toodyay and Bindoon Agricultural Shows** last month, thanks to those who visited our booths. We welcome ongoing questions at our Toodyay Pop-Up Office, which is located near the IGA and open Thursday mornings, 8.30am - 11.30am.

Elsewhere in the community, the team enjoyed presenting to students at the **Toodyay District High School**. Gonneville Project Geologist, Harrison, shared with students his career pathway as a geologist and answered questions students had about the industry, the importance of green metals and Chalice's activities. Thanks to the teachers and school for hosting us.

At the Gonneville Project site, earlier this year the team painted a tree as part of the **Blue Tree Project** - an initiative designed to spark conversations to raise awareness and educate people about positive mental health.

To mark **2023 WA Mental Health Week** in October, Chalice hosted a BBQ breakfast at the Blue Tree site. This get-together provided another opportunity to continue the important conversation around mental health and the wellbeing with our workforce. Well done to the Chalice site team for shining a light on this.

Christmas is fast approaching, and we look forward to supporting the **Toodyay Christmas Street Party** once again on Friday 8th December. Each year this event offers free rides, performances and roving entertainment, and is something the Chalice team look forward to attending with their families. We can't wait to see many of you there!

Where is the Gonneville Project?

One of the most common questions the Chalice team continue to be asked is the location of the Gonneville Project. The Gonneville Project is ~25km west of Toodyay and ~20km south-east of Bindoon, it is located solely on Chalice-owned farmland.

The proposed mine does not extend into the Julimar State Forest, which is located to the north of the Project (refer to map). Access to the Julimar State Forest remains open to the community.

Chalice has acquired ~2,600ha of farmland (the Project area). This area is large enough to develop the proposed mine and supporting infrastructure.



Map: The Gonneville Project Nickel-Copper-PGE Project location.

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Antique kimono silk wins best Show quilt

Ragbags Quilting Group
Kerry Gregory

WE WERE treated last month to another terrific Toodyay Agricultural Show that was well supported by exhibitors and visitors as was clearly demonstrated in the Patchwork and Quilting Sections.

A total of 31 entries were received across most of the classes, more than we have had for a long time.

Our judge was impressed by the exhibitors' high standard of artistry and techniques, resulting in real dilemmas to decide winners between four entries in two of the quilt classes.

It was lovely to see some novice quilters entering their beautiful quilts,

A couple were even submitted from Kambalda.

We sincerely hope we will continue to see this clever crafter's work in the future.

Well done to all entrants, your work was a real treat.

The Best Exhibit quilt was a beautifully crafted quilt comprised of blocks constructed from vintage silk Kimono fabrics, enhanced with a couple of delicate hand-embroidered blocks.

Its overall design and sensitivity captivated our judge and was a worthy winner for Gabrielle Johnson.

Following the judging, there was some discussion on the merit of including a new



Antique silk kimono fabrics by Gabrielle Johnson won Best Exhibit Quilt at last month's Toodyay Show.

class for computer-generated machine embroidery and applique.

This suggestion has been put to the Show Committee for consideration as this type of sewing is popular now.

It was quite remiss of me not to mention the small Friendship Day we held in September.

Having suspended these for three years, along with most of the quilting groups due to Covid-restricted socialising protocols, it

was really lovely to catch up with everyone in a smaller group of about 46 – unlike our previous events of some 100 guests.

Ladies from the Parkerville, Kalamunda and Ellenbrook quilting groups attended with our local Crooked Needle members, together with the Two Crafty Ladies fabric shop, making it a wonderful day.

As always Show and Tell was really inspiring, colourful and a joy to share the fabulous work of those ladies.

Our raffle was generously supported by all, with proceeds going to the Toodyay Locals Care group to assist their good work in the community.

I would like to thank our Ragbags ladies who helped make the day a success.

New members are welcome to attend our regular gatherings of the Ragbags group: a cuppa, a chat and a laugh are assured.

Bring along some handwork, your machine if you wish, or any craft work being undertaken, we love to see your creativity.

For contact details and meeting dates see *Where and When* page 28.

Jess steps down as newcomers sought to keep group going

Toodyay Playgroup
Zoe Harrington

AFTER three-and-a-half years' of hard work and dedication our President Jess Donovan is stepping down from the committee effective immediately, a decision she has not made lightly.

Jess has done an incredible job keeping the playgroup up and running over the last few years.

She has faced Covid restrictions, regular turnover of committee members, and running the organisation on her own – a task that really requires three people at a minimum – along with all the regular challenges of running a volunteer-based not-for-profit community organisation.

Thank you Jess for pouring your heart into Playgroup.

You will be greatly missed on the committee.

I will be seeing out the remainder of the year and also stepping down from an office-bearing role, leaving Playgroup with no official committee.

We need three people who are willing to step forward to create a new committee to see through the next generation of Playgroup.

If we are unsuccessful by the end of November, then we will be seeing out the rest of the year and unfortunately closing our doors at the end of Term 4.

Again, a decision not made lightly.

If you or someone you know may want to start a new committee, please contact me urgently to arrange a discussion and potential handover.

Please email playgrouptooday@gmail.com.

Leading local classical musicians to perform Toodyay Christmas concert

North Street Music
Shelly Maes

LEADING WA musicians, including Toodyay locals, are ready to bring a wonderful seasonal celebration that everyone can enjoy to the Memorial Hall on Sunday December 17, with two performances at 3pm and 5pm.

North Street Music is excited to present its first concert, 'A Christmas Celebration', in the Shire of Toodyay.

The festive concert will present five of WA's leading musicians including Toodyay based musicians: opera singer, Emma Pettemerides, viola player, Bourby Webster and violinist Rupert Gunther, alongside cellist Emma Vanderwal and flautist, Tresna Stampalia.

The program features a mix of traditional Christmas carols alongside some rocking contemporary songs that celebrate the festive season.

It will be classical music like you've not heard it before, making for a magical, memorable celebration.

Children are encourage to attend because the hour-long performance has been designed

to entertain entire families.

North Street Music Director Bourby Webster – best known for her role as founder of Perth Symphony Orchestra – lives in Coondle and has been waiting for the right opportunity to present a concert.

"Music brings magic to a community, and singing together is another level again," Bourby said.

"With Emma living locally, along with Rupert and myself, it made sense for us to come together at the end of the year to perform for our community along with some of WA's most gifted musicians.

"We plan to make it incredibly special, to give everyone goosebumps and leave with a smile on their faces."

Patrons are invited to bring their own drinks and snacks to enjoy during the concert.

Or make a day of it with a long lunch at one of Toodyay's eateries before the first performance, or stay on after the second one for a summer's evening pre-Christmas meal.

Tickets are available for purchase at \$50 (\$20 for children) plus booking fee from www.eventbrite.com.

Old Herald office our temporary new home while CWA Hall gets new roof

The Crooked Needle
Jean Melhuish-Hill

LAST month's Toodyay Show kept a few of our members busy through the year with a wide variety of entries in the craft department and also some in the fruit and vegetables, cooking, jams and preserves.

It was a warm day and thanks should go to the stewards who had to work in the exhibit halls on both Friday and Saturday.

I think they had their own private sauna.

For a second month in a row a group of our ladies attended the Swan Community Centre Friendship Day.

The ladies left town in a two-car convoy and headed to the Swan for a 9.30am start.

The day was extremely well-attended with 145 like-minded crafters joining together to work on anything from quilting, sewing, knitting, crocheting and even felting.

The Toodyay ladies were seated with some of the Toodyay Rag Bag ladies as well as others from Ellenbrook's craft group.

It was also great for a number of ladies to

be able to catch up with friends who were with other craft groups.

If you were short on some fabric there were four suppliers on site and along with morning and afternoon tea the ladies loved the show and tell and even won a couple of prizes in the raffle.

It was a great day for an outing and was true to its "Friendship Day" name.

Heading off at 3.30pm some very happy and contented ladies returned to Toodyay.

We have also had a temporary change in venue.

Due to roof repairs being scheduled at the CWA Hall we had to find an alternate venue for our Friday mornings.

Many thanks to Steve, Sue and Hendrix for accommodating us in the old Herald Office space.

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

For contact information please see *Where and When* on page 28.

Community Bank Toodyay & Districts



Community update

We are pleased to announce that we have provided over \$60,000 worth of sponsorships and scholarships to the Toodyay Community this financial year. We are based on a 'profit-with-purpose' model which means our profits are returned to the community that has generated them.

If you would like to be a part of this, pop into our branch and chat to our friendly staff about the difference you can help make in your community. If you would like information on our sponsorships, please contact our Branch Manager Kirsten Barrack 9574 4077 or kirsten.barrack@bendigoadelaide.com.au



Branch News

Bendigo Bank Toodyay is here for the Community.

We are committed to providing a local banking service to help you with your financial needs and we

are open every day 9:30am – 12:30pm then 1:30pm – 4pm. We are also an agent for Department of Transport.

If you have been into the branch recently, you may have noticed some new faces in the team, Brendan and Max, who are here to help you with your banking, alongside Jordyn, Jane, Manoel & Kirsten.



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ENVIRONMENT

10 new info plaques enhance Millards' Meander

Toodyay Friends of the River
Greg Warburton

LAST month saw two highlights for the Toodyay Friends of the River.

Firstly, the Environment Matters marquee at the Toodyay Agricultural Show had a steady stream of people enjoying displays, signing petitions and chatting with group members.

We were in good company with the Toodyay Naturalists' Club, Julimar Conservation and Forest Alliance and the Seed Orchard Group.

Noongar Kaartdijin Aboriginal Corporation were next door, with Safe and Scenic Toodyay Roads just opposite.

Thank you to those members who put so much effort into creating the displays and volunteering their time on what turned out to be a very warm day.



One of 10 new Millards Pool information plaques installed by Toodyay Friends of the River.

The Show provides a great opportunity to engage with visitors and locals on conservation and environmental issues in our Shire.

Ideas are already being put forward for next

year's display.

On Sunday 15 October several members gathered for morning tea at the Glen Coe picnic shelter to mark the opening of

"Millard's Meander".

This popular section of the Bilya Walk Track recently had 10 interpretive plaques installed.

Wheatbelt Natural Resource Management provided a grant for signs with the mounting and installation funded by the Shire of Toodyay.

Work on the project began earlier this year with our Project Officer working closely with the Toodyay Historical Society and the Noongar Kaartdijin Aboriginal Corporation to tell the story of Millard's Pool and other aspects of the Avon River.

Subjects covered include birds, riparian plants, revegetation and the history of this special part of the river.

Rest stations and reflection points are conveniently located, and the plaques add to the experience for walkers.

We would like to thank Wheatbelt Natural Resource Management, Allmark and Associates, and Avon Yard and Maintenance Services.

Our final meeting this year will be our AGM and celebration breakfast in Duidgee Park, Saturday November 18 starting at 8am.

Placid mulga snake also called a king brown

Python Watch
Desraé Clarke

THE MULGA snake grows up to two metres long in the southern area of the state.

It is also found in the north, where it is generally known as the king brown and can be up to three metres long.

Perth and the Swan districts are recognised as the most southerly limit of the mulga, but with the seasons changing significantly that may not remain the case.

Within the Shire of Toodyay the mulga is not as well-known as the gwardar, but it has been located here in several areas with another sighting reported recently.

The mulga is both diurnal (active during the day) and nocturnal (active by night) and is an extremely 'cold-tolerant' reptile.

It has noticeably large scales.

Colouring may be a pale herringbone patterning with each light-coloured scale finished with a pale brown crescent.

It may also be pale brown, olive, rusty or reddish brown to almost black with a cream to yellow belly

It is oviparous, meaning it lays eggs, with

clutches ranging from seven to 16 leathery-shelled eggs with an incubation period of 65 to 68 days.

The diet of the mulga is varied.

As prey it will take snakes (including its own species), lizards, mammals and vermin such as rats, mice, rabbits.

Its home may be abandoned vehicles and buildings, beneath rubbish, under sheets of corrugated iron, rock crevices, hollow logs, abandoned burrows and so on.

Although highly venomous the mulga is reputed to be a placid reptile but, as with any animal, including humans, it will act defensively if cornered, injured or attacked.

Sighting information of fauna and flora



The Mulga snake is also known in northern Australia as a king brown. Photo: Viv Street.

is collected and recorded by the Club for future reference to track creatures and flora throughout the Shire of Toodyay.

This data will formulate changes that may have occurred over a long period of time.

If you would like to record details of your sighting, such as location, date, time of day, type of weather and whether a photograph was taken on the Nat's Club website www.toodyaynats.org.au the Nat's would be grateful for your contribution.

For advice or assistance with relocation of a reptile you can contact Shire of Toodyay rangers seven days a week, volunteers Brian Foley 0419 933 721 or Ebony Francis 0403 335 348 after hours or on weekends or Wildcare Helpline 9474 9055, a voluntary service that is operated 24/7.

Information per email: info@toodyaynats.com.au is greatly appreciated by the Toodyay Nat's

Lively jigs in church

TRADITIONAL Irish music and original compositions will be performed by international musicians Manuela Centanni and Rob Zielinski on Sunday November 12.

From 3pm-5pm at St Stephen's Church, Rob and Manuela will play violin and flute arrangements, weaving lively jigs and reels, haunting slow airs and Rob's original compositions.

Tickets are \$25 and \$20 concession, with children under 12 free and are available at the door or at trybooking.com/CMJFD.

Dog-eared songsheets score a Toodyay Christmas chorus for Handel's Messiah



Members of the Perth Symphonic Chorus holding aloft their copies of Handel's Messiah. Some of the books are old and dog-eared having been used by a few of our members for more than 25 years, some are new and some are digital.

Perth Symphonic Chorus
Kim Spence

HANDEL'S *Messiah* comes to Toodyay this year in a performance by Perth Symphonic Chorus at the Toodyay Memorial Hall on Saturday December 9 at 2pm.

Perth Symphonic Chorus has a proud history of successful concerts throughout Australia and abroad.

In May 2022, James Pratt was appointed as Music Director of the Choir, when Dr Margaret Pride OAM stepped down after decades of leadership.

Performances outside the metropolitan area are a priority for James and the Choir, with further concerts in regional WA planned.

Featuring the immortal Hallelujah Chorus, Handel's *Messiah* has become an annual Christmas tradition in WA.

In 2022, Perth Symphonic Chorus launched the Dr Margaret Pride Choral Scholarship, which gives talented young singers an opportunity to further their development through solo opportunities with the Choir.

Graduates from the Western Australian Academy of Performing Arts (WAAPA) will join with Choral Scholars to perform the solos in *Messiah* in Toodyay.

Conductor James Pratt said he was looking forward to presenting a concert outside the regular venues in Perth.

"It is as much a thrill for us as we hope it will be for the community," James said.

"Growing up in a country area, I know how much live music and community gathering is valued."

Messiah was written in 1741 by the English-German composer George Frideric Handel.

It tells the story of the coming of Jesus Christ the Messiah, His life and death, and enduring Christianity – perfect themes for Christmas.

The work has a long association with charitable causes and has been performed annually for the past 280 years.

Don't miss your chance to enjoy this beautiful concert because the performance is selling fast.

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Garden sewing room envied

Toodyay Garden Club
Jan Ackroyd

IT'S BEEN an early start to what is forecast to be a long, hot, dry summer.

I'm sure many of you will be doing last minute garden tidy ups and mulching.

Last month we had the opportunity to visit a property on Bindoon-Dewars Pool Road that has been in the Chitty family for more than a century.

James Chitty took up a Crown Grant Grazing Lease in 1912, acquiring two adjacent properties in his lifetime.

Third generation Allan Chitty took over the farm with his wife Lynlee in 1998 and there were some members of the fourth and fifth generation Chitty family present on the day of our visit.

Lynlee told us that when they moved to the house there was no garden, and she told Allan she didn't want one.

He went ahead and fenced off an area much bigger than she had anticipated, and she was left to deal with it.

The only plants she really liked were roses

so that's what she planted first, and she now has some 80 bushes around the house.

Being spring and rose time, these were in full bloom and the scent was beautiful.

Native plants became the next choice, with succulents as well, and whatever didn't survive was never replanted.

As with most of us, they have a restricted supply of water.

Lynlee waters once a week and uses mulch.

To soften the look around the house, they have put down three patches of artificial turf, providing restful seating areas under the trees, overlooking the paddocks.

The number of quilts displayed over backs of seats and hanging on walls and tee-pee structures around the garden were noticeable, a testament to Lynlee's other passion.

She has a dedicated sewing room in the back garden that she can escape to, much envied by many of our members.

We had a very enjoyable morning out there and thank Lynlee and Allan for inviting us to their home.

The first week in October was a very busy one for the Garden Club, with preparations underway for the Toodyay Show.

The Club also provided morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea at Denise Richardson's Open Garden on the weekend.

This was part of the Open Garden WA and we were asked by Denise who is one of our members, if we would like to contribute in this way.

We want to thank all of our members who provided a wonderful selection of cakes and slices (you are all such good cooks) and especially Jean and the members who organised and helped at the two day event.

Thank you to Barry from B-VEC for tagging our electrical equipment free-of-charge.

Last, but not least, our thanks go to Damien from Makit for generously donating some garden tools to the Club.



Toodyay Garden Club stall at last month's Wyuna Downs Open Garden.



Some of the roses in Lynlee Chitty's garden.



Julimar Conservation and Forest Alliance display at last month's Toodyay Show.

40 years of broken promises leaves Julimar Forest at risk

Julimar Conservation and Forest Alliance
Sharon Richards

THE ENVIRONMENT Matters marquee was a hive of colourful activity at the recent Toodyay Show.

A carefully constructed display depicting the fascinating creatures of the Julimar Forest enthralled many of the visitors to our marquee.

The walls were adorned with pictures of our wonderful birds, wildflowers and cute marsupials.

Images from night vision cameras, provided by DBCA and placed in various locations in Julimar Forest, gave us a rare chance to see images of the woylies, chuditch and possums that call Julimar home.

Our younger visitors had an opportunity to have their picture taken with a giant black gloved wallaby, which is also found in the park.

As they were too young to formally sign our petition for Julimar to become a National Park, we asked them to write a message on leaves about why they thought trees were important and why they might need protection.

They came up with some very insightful comments.

One noted that "We need trees to breathe and trees also give habitats to animals", while others said: "I care about the trees because they give oxygen"; "They (trees) help our environment grow, and help us breathe"; and "They give us shade and pleasure".

These poignant messages were hung on a tree for all to see and will soon be on display

in Drummond House.

Where possible, the childrens' comments will be forwarded to the decision-makers who can make a difference to the conservation of Julimar for future generations.

After 40 years of promises and still no action, the Julimar Conservation and Forest Alliance is continuing to collect signatures to petition the government to make good on its many unkept promises to conserve Julimar Forest for its own intrinsic value.

Currently there is nothing in place to protect the ageing trees that sequester carbon dioxide from our atmosphere and provide habitat for the many birds that frequent the forest.

The understory, which provides protection and foraging for the creatures such as woylies and chuditch, is in places being ravaged by feral pigs and overrun with foxes and feral cats.

We know that the 1080 baiting is only being undertaken four times a year which is not frequent enough to have an impact on feral cats.

On every batch of photographs from the night cameras we have seen multiple feral cats.

Clearly an alternative solution needs to be found if this issue is to be resolved and the animals of the forest protected.

A healthy Julimar Forest enables human beings to walk and enjoy a place which enhances their feeling of peace and wellbeing, contributing to their mental and physical health.

A forest such as Julimar cannot be replaced. No amount of revegetation planting can restore a 300-year-old jarrah or wandoo tree, nor the incredible biodiversity of a naturally occurring forest.

It's time to stop doing nothing. To date more than 3000 people have pledged their support to Julimar.

If you would like to know more and support Julimar becoming a National Park please contact us, on julimarforest@gmail.com or go to our website www.julimarcafa.org.au to sign the petition and see how you can get involved.

A final message from one of the future generations:

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ENVIRONMENT



Black-faced cuckoo-shrike. Photo: Wayne Clarke.

Environment a hot attraction despite rising Toodyay Show temperature

Toodyay Naturalists' Club
Desraé Clarke

ALTHOUGH the temperature rose considerably on the day of Toodyay's 169th Agricultural Show the attendance at the Environment Matters marquee was extraordinary.

The display of members' photographs was a great talking point, with many questions re flora and fauna, especially on the subject of water-wise plants.

There was also the interesting topic of fire-resistant plants.

A bird bath surrounded by brush demonstrated the importance of leaving fresh water for birds and how bushy plants can give smaller birds a degree of protection when diving back and forth for a drink or a bath.

It was a delight to sit quietly to observe the activity with a camera in hand.

Members are continuing their quest to have Julimar Forest lifted to the status of a national park.

A tree was decorated with comments from our younger generation who wrote their thoughts of the value of trees on "leaves" of soft card.

The thoughts of our young people were amazing and thought-provoking.

With the year drawing to a close the end-of-year celebration will be held on November 4.

Club members will be visiting the Rehabilitation Centre for the Black Cockatoo species at Kaarakin.

The Centre has a dedicated volunteer membership to aid injured wildlife with the aim of their eventual release back in the wild.

Nat's Club members continue to receive interesting natural history observations from the community.

A recent comment was of a large group of black-faced cuckoo-shrikes annually visiting a mulberry tree to enjoy the fruit.

Unfortunately there is no photo to incriminate the visitors.

Have you had a visit from this beautiful blue-grey bird as pictured?

An observation such as this is greatly appreciated to be added to the Club's database of records.

A planning meeting for the forthcoming year is to be held December 2 commencing at 1pm with final details to be distributed.

Wonderful little market offers great music

Toodyay Farmers Market
Sue Wakka

ANOTHER great market was held in October.

If you haven't been lately there is now a great variety of stalls from produce to great gift lines and everything in between.

The atmosphere was exciting as there were a lot of people through the market including quite a few visitors amongst our locals.



Locals, visitors and stall-holders at the Toodyay Farmers Market.

Everyone seemed to enjoy the morning.

Along with the support of the Shire of Toodyay we were fortunate to have a few community groups with us throughout the year, such as The Toodyay Volunteer Fire Brigade, Toodyay RSL, Marsupial Mammals and Pappas, Safe and Scenic Toodyay Roads, and the Toodyay Naturalists' Club.

If you would like to get the word out about your community group, please get in touch.

Our Annual General Meeting is on again Monday November 20 at St Stephen's church hall (next to the Cola Café) from 7pm.

If you like our wonderful little market and would like to see it continue, consider joining us.

Come on down to our next market and take a peek at the range of goodies available.

Check out the Facebook page prior to each market.

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Pelican stuck in backyard with no room to take off

Marsupial Mammals and Pappas (Inc)
Brian Foley

THE SPRING months are our busy period with a high number of joey kangaroos coming in.

We had more than 20 last month, and along with those from last year that have yet to be released we now have 90 of varying sizes in care.

Thankfully our existing carers are taking on more and we have new carers coming on board.

Welcome to Thomas from Wooroloo, Charlotte from Gidgegannup, and Belle from Bejoording.

Being a wildlife carer is not all about the cuteness and cuddles.

A number of animals have had to be euthanised for various reasons, which can break the hearts of carers.

A recent unusual rescue involved a pelican that flew into a back yard in Northam.

As these birds need a long runway to take off

it was effectively trapped.

It was caught using the beak-grab method, taken to the river and released after inspecting for any injuries.

Fortunately none were found.

Interestingly, pelicans do not have a nose, and instead breathe through their mouth, so you have to be careful not to keep their mouth closed.

Other incoming species include possums and bobtails with the 'flu.

If you see a bobtail with gummed-up eyes, mucous around its mouth and a flat tail it needs to come into care.

Birds including swallows, kookaburras and parrots have also been admitted for care - some successfully, but sadly others not.

The bobtail that had been the victim of a lawnmower, which we reported on last month, has recovered and been released.

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- Via email to records@toodyay.wa.gov.au
- Via Seek

For a confidential discussion regarding this role (not for application packages), please contact Charles Sullivan, Executive Manager Infrastructure, Assets and Services on 0458 581 088.

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AMENDED DUE DATES FOR PAYMENT OF 2023/2024 RATES

s.6.45 of the Local Government Act 1995

One payment option - Payment in full: 2 November 2023

Four instalments option - First instalment: 2 November 2023
 - Second instalment: 2 January 2024
 - Third instalment: 4 March 2024
 - Fourth instalment: 6 May 2024

Suzie Haslehurst
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

WHERE AND WHEN

ART & CRAFT / HOBBIES / HISTORY
Avon Valley Vintage Vehicle Association
 Third Saturday Old Engineer's Quarters next to Northam Railway Museum, Fitzgerald St Northam 10.30am. 9622 5932.
Avon Woodturners Group
 Every Sunday and Wednesday, Toodyay Junction, Railway Pde 9am-noon. Hamish Dobie 0423 115 204.
Morangup Social Craft Group
 First and third Tuesday monthly, Morangup Community Hall 10am-12:30pm
Ragbags Quilting Group
 First and third Wednesday monthly, St Stephen's Hall 10am-2.30pm. 9574 4503.
The Crooked Needle
 Friday morning craft \$3.50 CWA Hall Stirling Tce 9.30am- noon. Jan 0407 083 079, Annette 9574 2332.
Toodyay Community Singers
 Thursdays, CWA Hall, Stirling Terrace from 5-7pm.
Toodyay Historical Society
 Third Wednesday monthly (not Dec) St Stephen's Church Hall, Stirling Tce 7pm. Drummond House open Saturday 10am-noon (next to Bendigo Bank, Stirling Tce). Research Centre open by appt. Beth Frayne 9574 5971, secretary.2j.ths@gmail.com, www.toodyayhistoricalsociety.org.au
Toodyay Miniature Railway
 Easter Saturday, thereafter first and third Sunday monthly until Nov. Mark, President 0424 281 770.
Toodyay Spinners
 Every Wednesday; first and third Saturday monthly Parker's Cottage, Showgrounds 9am to noon. Gail Williams 9622 3411.
Toodyay Theatre Group
 David Mitchell 0400 283 425.

CHURCHES

Anglican Church
 Sundays St Stephen's Church 10am.
Catholic Church
 Saturday Vigil 5pm. Wednesday Adoration 4.10pm, Benediction 4.20pm, Mass 5pm. northamcatholicchurch@inet.net.au. 9622 5411.

Catechesis Group, ages 3-12 School terms Tuesdays 4.30-5.30pm. St John the Baptist Church, Stirling Tce. Sharon Pegrum 0466 430 979. sharonpegrum@outlook.com.
Bakers Hill Fellowship
 Sundays Bakers Hill Primary School Music Room 10am. Pastor Peter Booth 0417 945 725.
Toodyay Baptist Church
 Sundays 18 Stirling Tce 10.30am. Joy 0432 470 771.
Uniting Church
 St Stephen's Church 10am.

EDUCATION / PLAYGROUPS

Bizzy Bees
 Pre-kindy for 3-year-olds. Toodyay DHS. Jessica Donovan 0407 128 105.
Toodyay District High School P&C
 Tuesday of Week 5 each term TDHS staff room 5.30pm. Kelly-Anne Murray 0406 585 716. search 'Toodyay DHS P&C' on Facebook, write to Toodyay District High School P&C at PO Box 1624, Toodyay WA 6566. email pandtoodyaydhs@gmail.com.
Toodyay Playgroup
 Tuesdays, Thursdays 9-11am. Wednesdays Bubs Play 10am-noon. Jessica Donovan 0407 128 105.

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Bejoording VBF
 Third Friday monthly 5.45pm, Bejoording Fire Shed.
Coondle-Nunile VBF
 Second Saturday monthly Oct-Apr, Jun, Aug 5pm, Coondle Fire Shed.
Morangup VBF
 Third Saturday of the month, 3 Wallaby Way, Morangup 5.30pm. Sharon Gamble or secretarymvbf@gmail.com.
St John Morangup Sub Centre
 Volunteering, first aid kits, Benefit Fund memberships, 48 Wallaby Way, Morangup. Mon and Wed 8am-4pm. 0418 741 971.
St John Toodyay Sub Centre
 Volunteering, first aid kits and refills, Benefit Fund memberships, general enquiries, 120B Stirling Terrace. 9574 2390. Emergency call 000.

Toodyay Central VBF

Second Tuesday monthly Toodyay Fire and Emergency Services Centre 7.00pm.
Toodyay State Emergency Service
 Fourth Tuesday monthly 3 Wallaby Way Morangup. Jeff Venn 0438 490 331 toodyayseslocalmanager@gmail.com.
Toodyay Volunteer Fire and Rescue
 First Monday monthly, Toodyay Fire and Emergency Services Centre 7.30pm.

ENVIRONMENT

Avon Valley Environmental Society
 Wheatbelt Natural Resource Management Centre, 269 Fitzgerald St, Northam. Third Friday monthly, noon. Janet Wilkinson 9574 5947.
Earth Solutions - Avon Valley
 Second Tuesday monthly (not Jan) Old Northam Railway Station, 425 Fitzgerald St Northam 6pm. Karen Ducat 0438 223 886.
Julimar Conservation and Forest Alliance
 Julimarforest@gmail.com.
Marsupial Mamas and Pappas
 Wildlife Rescue Brian Foley 0419 933 721 or Becky Ingram 0499 077 739.
Safe and Scenic Toodyay Road
 Andrew St John. sastr.com.au.
Toodyay Friends of the River
 Second Sunday monthly or following Monday, 9am (winter); 8am (summer). See TFOR noticeboard outside Drummond House. 0429 984 482.
Toodyay Garden Club
 First Thursday monthly, 10am. Hamish Dobie, President 0423 115 204, toodyaygardenclub@gmail.com for venue or Judy on 0437 077 875.
Toodyay Naturalists' Club
 Third Saturday monthly. 9574 5574, info@toodyaynats.org.au.
Toodyay Seed Group
 Toodyay Junction, opposite Shire depot. Email bethan_lloyd8@msn.com.

FESTIVALS & EVENTS

Toodyay Agricultural Show
 www.toodyayagsociety.com.au
Toodyay Farmers Market
 Third Sunday monthly, 0429 984 482, toodyayfarmersmarket@gmail.com.
Toodyay Moondyne Festival
 moodynecommittee@gmail.com.

HEALTH

Australian Breastfeeding Association
 Second and fourth Tuesday monthly, 3 Elizabeth Place Northam 10am-noon. Third Tuesday monthly Toodyay Playgroup noon-2pm. Louise 9574 0229.
Child Health Clinic
 Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Bree Byfield. 9621 0100
Forget-Me-Not Memory Caf 
 Second Tuesday monthly, Toodyay Bakery. 10am-noon.
Mr Perfect
 Toodyay Mr Perfect BBQ first Sunday monthly from 10.30am to 12.30pm at Duidgee Park. mrperfect.org.au also Mr Perfect Community Group on Facebook.
Toodyay Medical Centre
 Stirling Terrace. Monday-Friday 9am-4pm. 9545 7101. Pathology Mon-Fri 9am-1pm.
Toodyay Men's Shed
 Monday, Thursday, Saturday Harper Rd 8.30am-noon. Secretary 0499 403 830.

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

Liz Boston, JP
 lizboston3160@gmail.com, 0428 742 349
 Leave message if no answer.
Jacquie Lacy, JP
 januaryjac@gmail.com. 0429 959 179.

MUSIC

Toodyay Community Singers
 Thursdays CWA Hall, Stirling Terrace 7pm. Anne-Marie Millar 0408 364 918.
Toodyay Music Club
 Second Saturday monthly, CWA Hall 1pm. Joe 0400 862 694.

SENIORS

Autumn Club
 Wednesdays, Toodyay Sports Pavilion 1-4pm. Glenyce Bosnjak 9574 4587.

Butterly Cottages

Second Thursday every two months. Jenn Nock butterly2j@gmail.com.
Fitness and Fun for the Over 55s
 Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays Youth Hall, Showgrounds 9am.
Ida's Hideaway
 Saturdays Toodyay Community Resource Centre 1-4pm. Ann Sinclair 0407 775 459.
Silver Chain Social Centre
 Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays Toodyay Community Centre 78 Stirling Tce. 1300 650 803.

SERVICE ORGANISATIONS

Air Force Cadets 708 Squadron
 Fridays school term, 12½-17yrs AAFC Building J1, Northam Army Camp Great Eastern Hwy 6.30-9.30pm. 708squ@cadetnet.gov.au.
Bejoording Community Group
 Wednesdays Bejoording Community Centre Bejoording Rd 6pm. Barry Grey, President 0428 742 149.
Country Women's Association
 General meetings fourth Thursday monthly, coffee mornings second Thursday monthly, 10am CWA Hall. Bookings Margot Watkins 0405 067 591 or 9574 2823.
Moondyne Men
 Mondays, Thursdays RSL Hall, Clinton St 9am-noon. Colin Bird, Secretary 0424 195 003.
Morangup Progress Association
 Chair Daryl Cooper chair@morangupmpa.com.au. www.morangupmpa.com.au.
RSL Toodyay Sub-Branch
 Thursday Dec 7 RSL Shed, Clinton St 6pm. Bob Wood 0412 681 794.
Safer Toodyay Inc
 Meetings announced in Herald column. secretary@safertoodyay.org.au, 9574 5574.
Toodyay Lions Club
 First and third Tuesday monthly, Freemasons Hotel. Clint Fricker, Secretary 0423 226 898.
Toodyay Masonic Lodge
 Fourth Thursday monthly, Masonic Hall Fiennes St 7.30pm. Graham Barber 9574 5717.
Toodyay Red Cross
 Second Monday Feb, May, Aug, Nov Anglican Hall 1.30pm.
Toodyay RoadWise Committee
 Second Wednesday monthly, Community Resource Centre 9.30am. Bob Neville 0419 853 160.

SPORT

Avon Valley Adult Riding Club
 Fourth Saturday monthly Feb-Nov, Northam. Tina 0499 030 177.
Avon Valley Shotokan Karate Club
 Wednesdays Youth Hall, Showgrounds. Peewees 3.45-4.30pm; Juniors 4.30-5.30pm; Seniors 6-7.30pm. avonvalleyshotokan@gmail.com.
Mortlock Pony Club
 First Sunday Feb-Nov, Goomalling. Tanzi 0427 859 493.
Toodyay Bowling Club
 Ladies Thursdays 8.30am. Liz Sullivan 0429 311 256. Men Fridays 3pm. Andrew Watson 0418 269 773. Mixed Winter Bowls Thursday 12.30pm. Liz Sullivan. All welcome.
Toodyay Golf Club
 Mixed comp Sundays noon; Ladies Wednesdays 1.30pm. Liz 0429 311 256. Men's scrungers Thursdays 2pm. Bruce 0417 028 089.
Toodyay Soccer Club
 Mondays 4-5.30pm terms 2-3, ages 5-15yrs. toodyaysoccer@gmail.com.
Toodyay Tennis Club
 Tuesdays winter social tennis, Toodyay Recreation Centre, 9am unless raining. Members \$4, visitors \$8, includes morning tea. Racquets available. 0433 510 416, Facebook @toodyaytennisclub.

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

Closing date: November 30, 2023

Public Notice

Annual General Meeting

TOODYAY Race Club (Inc) The Annual General Meeting will be held at the Toodyay Race Club, 175 Racecourse Road, Toodyay, on Wednesday 22 November 2023 at 7 p.m. Nomination forms for Executive and Committee positions are available to eligible financial members and can be obtained from the Secretary Phone: 0427 299 330. Nominations posted to PO Box 1322, Toodyay, WA 6566, or emailed to secretary@toodyayraceclub.com.au must be received by close of business Wednesday 15 November 2023. Stephen Ferguson, Acting Chairman.

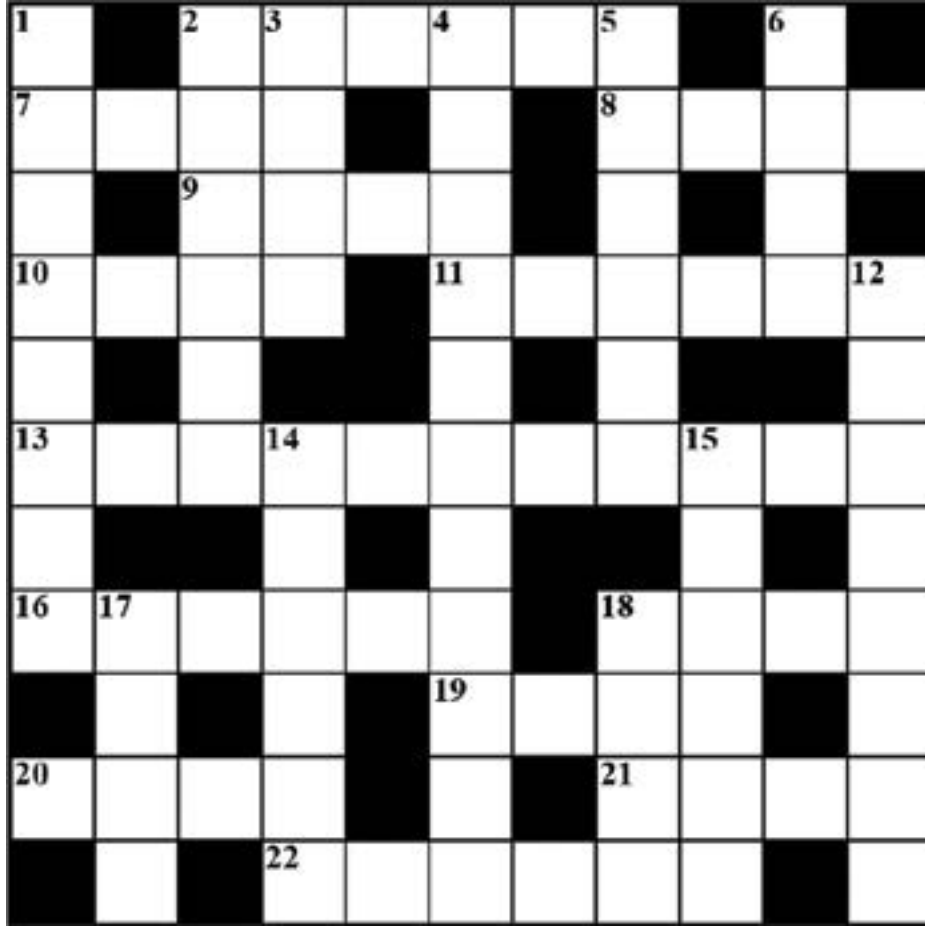
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| YEAR | JAN | FEB | MAR | APR | MAY | JUN | JUL | AUG | SEP | OCT | NOV | DEC | TOTAL |
| 2019 | 1.8 | 0 | 5.8 | 15.4 | 8.7 | 125.7 | 128.4 | 66.3 | 13.4 | 15.2 | 6.0 | 0 | 386.7 |
| 2020 | 0 | 31.6 | 9.8 | 6.4 | 38.2 | 48.9 | 43.7 | 61.8 | 30.2 | 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 | 29 | 21.8 | 74.3 | 42.4 | 19.8 | 32.3 | 2.9 | | | 277.5 |
| Average | 12.10 | 14.30 | 19.50 | 23.30 | 54.90 | 77.10 | 101.60 | 60.40 | 35.40 | 24.70 | 12.70 | 8.80 | 402.80 |

BRAIN TEASERS

Combo Crossword

- ACROSS**
 2 Strengthens
 7 Was dressed in
 8 Treaty
 9 Always
 10 Women's underwear
 11 Black Sea peninsula
 13 Brainy
 16 Helpful tool
 18 Young adult
 19 Religious symbol
 20 A factory
 21 Measure out
 22 Provided money

- DOWN**
 1 Testing saliva
 2 Part of body
 3 Revolutions (abb)
 4 Going around
 5 A season
 6 High point
 12 Looked after
 14 Completely cover
 15 Levelled off
 17 Eager
 18 Large book



Cryptic Clues

- ACROSS**
 2 Something holding things together for couples
 7 Donned clothes slowly eroded
 8 Agreement to stoplast part of play . . .
 9 . . . in reversed scene always
 10 Bars treatment for supporters
 11 Felony before a great battlefield
 13 Letting line move showing mental capacity
 16 Run round to obtain a handy device . . .
 18 . . . quite enough to show a young person
 19 I direct steering to religious symbol
 20 Move in confusion with grinding machine
 21 Measure a limiting mark
 22 Financially backed amusement with last word to reporter

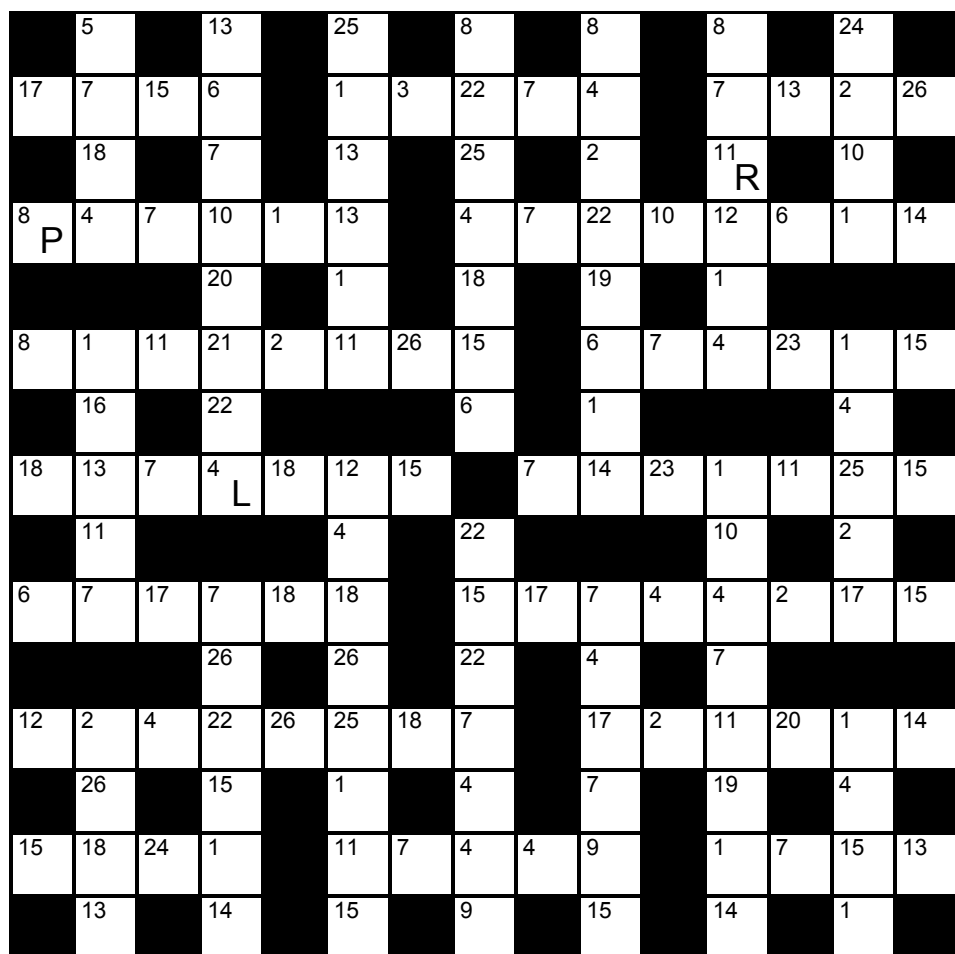
- DOWN**
 1 Large mop with container good for testing racehorses
 2 Run animal round in front of the body
 3 Starting round each vein soon increases the speed of engines
 4 Distribution of issues in movement of one's blood
 5 The time of the year for water source
 6 Came out in the highest part
 12 Was present at first due date ten composed
 14 Flung round after eastern swamp
 15 Levelled with first woman and small boy
 17 Keen to start as victory is due
 18 Volume written to setter here

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.

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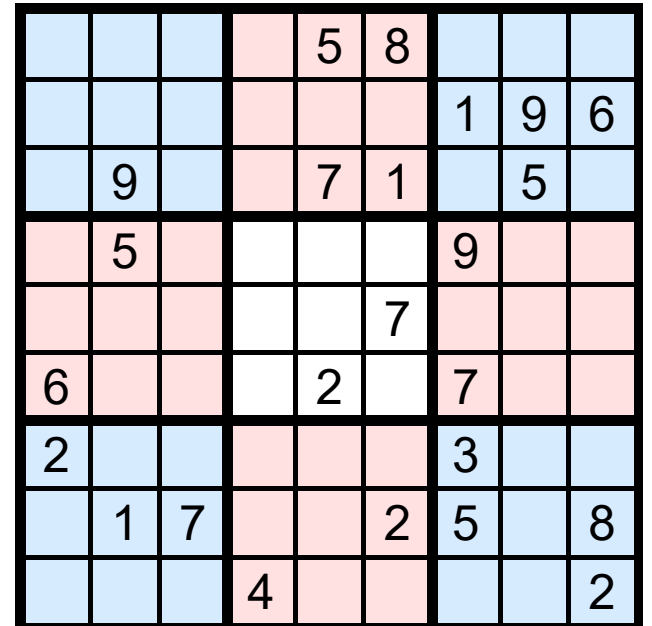
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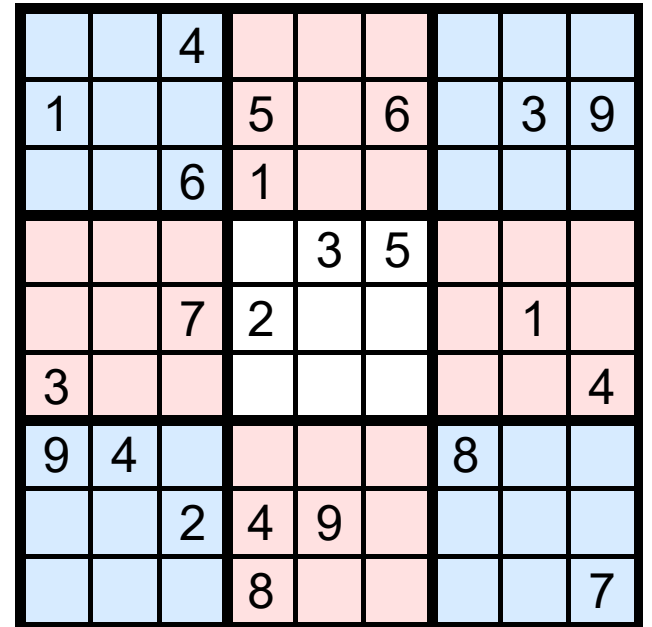
Sudoku

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



Puzzle solutions Page 31

Notes

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LEADER OF THE NATIONALS WA

ENVIRONMENT

Unmusical call belies songster's reputation

Bird of the Month
Desraé Clarke.

THE SINGING honeyeater is noticeably active at this time of year as it seeks nectar from plants, with the one-sided bottlebrush a favourite.

However, its abrupt and unmusical 'crick, crick, crick' calls and a dry, sharp contact call of 'prip, prip, prip' belies its name as a singer.

It is slightly larger than the brown honeyeater, at 18cm to 22cm, and has a black line passing from the black bill, past the eye and down the neck.

A thin line of yellow runs below this, edged beneath with white that ends in a patch on the neck.

Its underparts are off-white, streaked with grey-brown.

The forehead and crown are grey-brown, and the wings and tail are grey-brown edged with olive-yellow.

The singing honeyeater breeds from July through to February with its cup-shaped nest built from grass, plant stem, spider web and lined with hair, grass, sheep wool and feathers.

Two or three pink-white to yellow-buff eggs are laid with the female incubating them for 12 to 15 days and the young fledge in 10 to 14 days.

The birds forage in low shrubbery taking nectar, insects and fruit with insect prey of caterpillars, moths, flies, beetles, weevils, wasps, lerp and ants.

Unfortunately this species is known to take eggs and nestlings as reported by a surprised observer and also stated in the Reader's Digest Complete Book of Australian birds.

The singing honeyeater is widespread and common throughout Australia in woodlands, sandplain, mallee and inland scrub but does not favour dense, wet forest areas.

It is a common species within the Shire of Toodyay.



Singing honeyeater. Photo: Wayne Clarke.

Observations of natural history interest are always welcomed by the Toodyay Naturalists' Club to add to its data base and also to be placed in the sightings area by emailing info@toodyaynats.org.au or phone 9574 5574.

HEALTH

Skyrocketing teen vapes alarm

Cancer Council WA
Jane Simpson

CANCER Council WA has launched a new digital campaign, *Clear the Air*, in a bid to prevent people taking up vaping.

This follows new data that shows the number of 14-24 year olds who currently vape has skyrocketed since 2020.

The increase in vaping rates in Australia could undo decades of work done to protect young people from the harms of smoking.

Earlier this year, Cancer Council WA received \$375,000 from Healthway to develop the first WA-made vaping prevention campaign to raise awareness about vaping harms.

The campaign also aims to prevent uptake

among those susceptible to vaping and encourage cessation among people already vaping regularly.

At first, it's the bright colours and sweet flavours that lure young people to vapes, but it's the highly addictive nicotine content that can keep them hooked.

The increase in vaping is particularly concerning given that people who have never smoked and start vaping are three times more likely to take up smoking in the future.

For the first time in decades, we are seeing an uptake in the rates of young people using tobacco.

The Cancer Council worked with Gatecrasher and young people to produce the *Clear the Air* advertisements showing the rotten truth about vapes, such as harmful chemicals, addictiveness, and nicotine poisoning, all of which are hidden behind the deceptively innocent flavours found in vapes.

Many of the young people we spoke to about vaping were shocked to hear there are more than 240 chemicals in vapes, that a single vape can contain as much nicotine as three packs of cigarettes and that too much nicotine can lead to serious health problems like nausea, vomiting and even seizures.

The chemicals in vapes can not only harm people's health and make them feel unwell, but also impact their everyday life.

Symptoms like vomiting, breathlessness, headaches and lung irritation can make it harder to work or study and can stop you from doing the activities you love the most.

The toxic chemicals in vapes even have the potential to cause serious medical emergencies.

Clear the Air provides the facts that young people want to know, so the Cancer Council is confident that the digital education campaign will combat growth in the use of e-cigarettes for people aged 14-24.

Clear the Air campaign will run from 29 October 2023 to 30 June 2024 across Instagram, Facebook, Snapchat, TikTok, Twitch, YouTube, streaming services, and mobile apps.

Cleaning out stuff that might come in handy



Colourful capers in the RSL Hall last month for Moodyne Men's Mad Monday Shirt Day.

Moodyne Men Inc
Colin Bird

LAST month we assisted with the 169th Toodyay Show cleaning up both the Lee-Steere and Poultry pavilions in readiness for exhibitors, along with managing three off-street parking areas.

We also helped out an elderly gentleman with clearing out tools and equipment in his shed, stuff that most blokes keep just in case it may come in handy one day.

To men in the Toodyay community thinking

of joining the Moodyne Men Inc, please come along to any of our meetings on a Monday or Thursday from 8.30am to noon at the RSL Hall in Clinton Street, across the road from the Anzac Memorial Park.

You can enjoy a tea or coffee and meet other members, or you can join us for our monthly breakfast starting at 8.00am on the last Saturday of each month.

For more details please contact Colin on 0424 195 003.

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HEALTH

Tiny barbs sow seeds of misery

Heartlands Vet Hospital
Dr Aninca Jordaan

THE MONTHS of spring and summer, from October to March, are an especially important time to regularly check your pet for grass seeds, especially those pets who love the outdoors.

With tiny barbs on their surfaces, grass seeds can migrate through intact skin, burrowing their way between your pet's toes or into nostrils, eyes, and ears.

This can cause infection, pain and tissue damage.

Areas to check include:

- Skin – chewing at the area can result in the seed burrowing deeper or it can become stuck in your pet's mouth;
- Ears – excessively shaking the head or having a head tilt, scratching at the affected ear, or even trying to rub the ear against the floor;
- Nose – constant sneezing, nasal discharge, or rubbing nose on the floor;
- Eyes – discharge coming from the eyes or an irritated eye which is kept shut most of the time.

If you recognise any of the above-mentioned clinical signs it's important to consider visiting your vet.

Sometimes sedation or even general anaesthesia is required to successfully remove the culprit.

Keeping coats short and regularly checking your pet's body can help with early detection of grass seeds on your pet.



Above and below: grass seeds can cause misery for pets in spring and summer.



SPORT



Karate club members go through their moves at last month's Toodyay Show.

Karate club success on stinking hot day

Avon Valley Shotokan Club
Nat Kielbasa

HAVE you ever stopped and taken the time to notice how generous and dedicated the people of our community can be?

Take the recent Toodyay Agricultural Show for example.

Although it was an absolutely stinking hot day, countless locals (many volunteering their time) worked hard to make the day a huge success.

Thanks to the mammoth effort of our

members – with special mention to those who braved hours over the barbecue in the heat – we were able to hold our annual burger stall at the show, raising more than \$3500 for the club.

Our students put on an excellent demonstration in the morning to give everyone a sneak peek into what karate is all about and what you could learn.

Great effort everyone.

For those who missed it, our next demonstration will be at the Christmas Street Party, or you are always welcome to drop by

our classes to learn more.

Term four is well underway and it will be a busy one, especially with the invitations to grade approaching.

Students, this is the time to keep practising at home and to ask about any areas you need help with.

For anyone considering trying karate, don't worry about it being the last term of the year.

You are most welcome to join in at any time. Just leave your shoes at the door, come in and say hello.

HEALTH

Politically correct manure spun into gold dust

Warrior Wellbeing
The Regional Men's Health Initiative

POLITICAL correctness is a doctrine which holds forth the proposition that it is entirely possible to pick up a bit of shit by the clean end.

In my opinion, political correctness is a major inhibiting factor when interpreting bureaucracy and applying common sense (often the ingredient missing out of lots of decision making) in our daily life.

This ultimately can affect our wellbeing.

Bureaucracy on its own does have its place; however, at times it can limit how we do things because of the many layers of rigid rules that can complicate getting the job done on the ground.

This occurs in everyday life whether completing tedious processes, filling out pages of paperwork, or dealing with a system that appears to be more focused on processes rather than helping achieve an outcome.

When a disaster strikes – for example, a catastrophic fire, flood or drought – or personal health and safety issues arise in our life, layers of bureaucracy are not always helpful.

They can exacerbate an already tense environment.

We have spoken to many blokes who feel both frustrated and restricted in their reactions to these disasters because of the many layers of procedures that had to be adhered to.

Common sense was taking second place.

The point about the effects of this political correctness doctrine is that it enshrines both bureaucracy and common sense and quite often masks or dilutes what should be done and said, and can also inhibit robust discussions.

Blokes are hardwired to be action-orientated, that is, we want to solve problems, and we want to do stuff now.

Once this is stifled by political correctness, a few things can start to happen:

- normal stress can become distress;
- short cuts can be taken (with increased risk);
- our natural problem-solving process is inhibited;
- blokes shut down and stop seeking help (we go into our cave and don't come out);
- It creates an us versus them mentality.

So where have we gone wrong and how can we make changes?

Don't allow political correctness to mask what should be done and said.

Sometimes we must be critical and blunt

about our processes to keep them relevant and up-to-date.

Bureaucracy should facilitate what we do, not dictate how we do it, not create barriers and thus frustrate people who are trying to deal with a challenging situation at the coal face.

The commonsense rule should be applied to everything we do.

I repeat, apply it to everything we do.

People and communities have the innate ability to band together and deal with stressful situations.

This should be fostered thus empowering individuals and communities rather than disempowering through micro-management and removing them from vital decisions regarding their own lives and local community.

Language is always important. Appropriate language that can be understood needs to be used.

A robust discussion is vital to air all points of view and to prevent mistakes being repeated.

Remember at the end of the day we are responsible for our own wellbeing.

Hopefully these suggestions encourage communities to claim back some responsibility and ownership.

This would bring about positive change not only in blokes' lives but the whole of the community.

Puzzle Solutions

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So, the summer months are on us already. The rains are gone and the paddocks and hills have turned brown. The perfect time for outside chores before it gets too hot! So, trim the weeds, mulch the gardens, fix the reticulation, and check your pumps etc., ready for the summer season. Don't you just love our weather.

State of the Market

The magic number has gone down since last month now at only 5012 listings so buyers are very limited at their selection at present. Sellers, this is a great time to be selling. Call the team at TMRE and we will help!

The Court Case

Well, we appointed Christian Porter as our barrister to represent us at trial. Christian is well versed in our court system being our former attorney general, so he is well equipped for our case. The October 6th court appearance resulted in an adjournment to the 12th of October and that then set the trial date to the 22nd of February 2024. Yes so, we have to wait until next year for an outcome. In the meantime, we have sent off a load of questions to the prosecution and are still awaiting a response from them. These questions are all extremely important to the case so we wait for the prosecution's response. I will keep you all posted next edition.

Now! Inside the Office

Big news this month. Welcome to our new receptionist Zonelle! Please drop in and say hello to her, she is just an amazing girl and an asset already to our amazing staff.

Jemma

She has had a huge step up and is now 'Toodyay Property Manager', so from reception to PM not bad for a girl Jemma's age. What a fantastic professional girl we have here. Very proud of our Jemma.

Gracie

Sad news as Gracie has left us for new pastures. Of course, with our blessing as her new job is a massive step up for her. We all miss her already but wish her well in her new employment.

Faith

Well done to her fiancé as he has taken her away for a weeks secret holiday. Yep, and Faith has no idea where she is going. We will miss her for a very well-deserved week away. Still can't believe he has kept it a secret for so long. Well done!

Jess

A fantastic addition to us all at the office. Jess is just simply a very hard worker and a very talented girl. She is doing her Sales Admin and setting up new organised filing systems etc. and has nearly finished her sales course so watch out Sam, Jess is on your tail!

Sam

This man is simply amazing. He works 7 day a week and is selling like mad and achieving prices that amazes us all. If you want the best, most professional sales rep working for you, then Sam is your man! And he just had a birthday!

Tony

Well, the hay is baled and sitting in the paddock. What a great time of year it is to be in Toodyay. The creek and surrounds are looking beautiful. Just some finishing touches to do. Our walk bridge, park benches and table are all installed around the creek. You can sit and watch the wildlife around you. I love nature just serene!



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