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Parkrun anniversary a great success with more than 50 joining the fun event



More than 50 participants took part in celebrating the first anniversary of the Newcastle Park parkrun in Toodyay on February 24. More on page 3.

CEO and Toodyay shire to part ways early



Departing CEO Suzie Haslehurst

Sean Hefferon

SHIRE of Toodyay CEO, Suzie Haslehurst, will be leaving her role on April 9 – almost three months before her contract was to expire. This early exit follows her commencing sick leave on February 21.

Ms Haslehurst states she will not be returning to her CEO role and added that “it’s been a challenging and rewarding time at the Shire”.

While absent from her CEO duties, she remains employed by the shire and an Acting CEO will be nominated from the executive management team.

Previously at the Shire of York where she was Executive Manager, Corporate and Community Services, Ms Haslehurst was hired in June 2020 to replace discredited former Toodyay Shire CEO Stan Scott.

Mr Scott had quit in the middle of a State-ordered inquiry that later made adverse findings against him including financial mismanagement and breaching the shire’s code of conduct.

The inquiry also investigated allegations of bullying, botched shire prosecutions that cost ratepayers tens of thousands of dollars, and the “culture within the shire”.

At the time of his departure he had been on three months sick leave taken at short notice

on the morning of a council meeting.

Like her predecessor Ms Haslehurst will not see out the full term of her contract.

It was last September that Ms Haslehurst advised the then council that she wanted to renew her contract in June 2024.

The following month on October 2, councillors voted 7-1 to endorse the independent CEO annual review report by Perth firm Price Consulting and to recognise its “high rating” of Ms Haslehurst’s performance.

Voting for the motion were Crs Madacsi, Ruthven, Duri, Hart, McCormick, Pearce and Wrench with Cr McKeown opposing.

Two days after the October shire elections at a special council meeting held in chambers, Cr McKeown was elected in a secret ballot for the presidency defeating Cr Madacsi.

The Herald December edition reported that Ms Haslehurst gave formal notice two weeks later that she had withdrawn her request for a new employment contract.

She declined to comment about why she had withdrawn her request.

Following her notification, Ms Haslehurst at council direction obtained quotes from independent recruitment consultants to find a new shire CEO.

The Herald understands Beilby Downing Teal has been awarded the task of assisting council

in the recruitment process.

David Flaherty, Senior Vice President of the WA Police Union, has been selected by council as the independent person to the CEO Recruitment and Selection Committee.

Ms Haslehurst’s departure adds to the number of shire workers that have left in recent months.

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Big, little or even famous stories

Dr Christian Mauri

THE LAST article was about asking questions.

This one is about sharing stories.

Picture this. You're getting together with the family to capture stories about your dad.

Several family members arrived without a story: this is normal.

We all have libraries of memory inside our head.

Yet we are all without librarians so searching for a memory can be difficult.

Do you look for a funny story or a recent one?

Or even a famous story?

Being unable to decide, plenty of people arrive at the family gathering empty handed.

That's okay as what matters is that, knowing this meeting was coming up, each person has recently taken a stroll down the aisle in their head labelled "Dad."

You can guess what stories the others will share - you've heard them many times and don't want to step on their toes.

It's easy to believe other people have more ownership over a story than you do.

Maybe they were closer to the person or the event, or simply have more experience recounting it ("you tell it so much better!").

To this I say: treat your stories not like copyright with a single owner, but like myths, tales, family lore, and oral history.

Imagine how different the same story might look, depending on who's recalling.

Get excited about it the same way you might about much-loved artists covering a much-loved song.

Are you the youngest daughter, to whom dad was always a giant?

The eldest son, who enjoys making fun of the old man?

The parent, who remembers when he was a boy?

How might these perspectives colour each memory in the aisle of dad?

This multiple-perspective approach is different to how many of us tend to think.

I (just personally) believe it's suited to *sharing* stories.

Why not give it a go?

Let's suppose you don't want to share a story that others already know.

You want to present something original.

It's exciting to peruse the library for limited-edition memories that can't be found in other heads.

These stories, while typically amounting to little more than observations, can be the gems that too often go overlooked.

Let me show what I mean by juxtaposing two stories from a family I worked with.

The first is a big story that every member knows and couldn't wait to tell.

The second is a little one I think of almost every day.

The Big One

LATE one day, the father and son pulled into a roadhouse in the middle of nowhere.

In the carpark they met a policeman who'd been badly beaten by the man he'd come to arrest.

With a look in his eye that the son knew well, the father marched into the roadhouse.

"Mate," the father said to the wanted man at the bar.

"You've got to go with the copper.

He's not leaving without you."

Not knowing the father had spent years teaching self-defence, the thug swung a fist at the older man, only to land in a neck hold.

Dragging his captive to the police car, the father was surrounded by the menacing friends of the struggling thug.

"We're gonna get you," said the leader.

Taking his time to look at each man, the father replied in voice as level as good brick work, "Before you get me, I'll get you."

A long pause - even the man in the hold had stopped struggling and they all backed off.

It was a Clint Eastwood-level citizen's arrest performed at an outback roadhouse in front of an adoring son.

Much more occurred that afternoon, but that's enough for now.

It's an undeniably great story that's been shared countless times for good reason.

The son's telling would be different from the fathers, and different again from the mum and mates who heard it second hand.

But the themes of danger, martial arts, courage, and justice are impossible to miss, regardless of who's doing the telling.

The Little One

AFTER sharing the big story with me, the family took to talking amongst themselves.

This was when the daughter turned to me.

"You know why I'm proud of my dad?"

She said so only I could hear.

"He was never a drinker.

"At family gatherings, parties, when all the other adults were drunk, it didn't matter. He'd only ever have one middy, max.

"Because of that, I always felt like the safest girl in the world. I guess I still feel that way."

I asked if she had told this to her dad.

"Of course not," she said. "It's just a little observation."

What parent wouldn't love to hear this from their child?

How much it compliments the man who carried out a citizen's arrest at a roadhouse.

How much it indicates about our culture, childhood, parenting, and growing up.

She hadn't arrived with that story in hand, but it was clearly in the aisle labelled "Dad"

- a gold printed edition, waiting for a chance to catch the eye.

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Great community spirit at local parkrun

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THE NEWCASTLE Park parkrun celebrated its first birthday last month.

The birthday event was celebrated by 54 participants and six volunteers.

Parkrun director Shuba Johns welcomed all participants and said that parkrun is all about community and was a good way to meet people and families new to the local area.

The word "parkrun" may be a bit misleading, however, as the 5km event is open to all paces.

So, for the birthday event we saw the runners, the pram pushers, the walkers, and the volunteers.

A few dogs were also spotted – the rule being one hound per person on the course, all were on their best behaviour (including the dogs).

Lloyd Reid was first through the glittering tinsed curtain setup between two gum trees in Newcastle.

He went through this finish line in a time of 22 minutes and two seconds - followed six seconds later by Raoul Oehmen and then Daniel Fisher.

A mere 30 seconds separated the first and third across the line.

By 9am all participants had finished the course and were tucking into a BBQ breakfast and parkrun birthday cake.

Local resident Greg Warburton has participated in 27 parkruns and knows the course well.

He said that for him parkrun has been great for his physical and mental health and that it was good for community networking.

"I used to be a runner so parkrun has allowed me to discover I can still jog at my age".

And jog he can, finishing the course in 31



Three happy parkrunners at the Newcastle Park event. Photo: Jordan Turnock.

minutes and 25 seconds.

There were also seven first timers at the parkrun birthday event including Monika Zechtmayr and Peter Edwards.

Both agreed that the local parkrun was a great event with good community spirit and that they will be back to participate in future parkruns.

The growth of the event has also seen new facilities in Newcastle Park – including a water fountain that was well used on what was a humid birthday.

Shuba Johns said that the park would also benefit from a unisex toilet.

Since the local event started in early 2023 over 800 participants have covered the course that takes them across the Newcastle Park footbridge to a turning point beyond the Boyagerring Brook crossing near the Toodyay District High School: two laps and you are done.

The youngest local participant started at the weekly parkrun event at five years old – she still fronts up a year later to tackle the course.

Glen Turner, Communications and Health & Wellbeing Manager at parkrun Asia Pacific, said anyone over the age of four can participate in parkrun but up to the age of 11 they must take part within arm's reach of a responsible adult at all times.

At the birthday event many parents and grandparents were observed walking, running and volunteering with their young ones in prams, so the parkrun experience for many starts pretty early.

Age is definitely no barrier with some local participants being young at heart and above 70 years of age.

The local parkrun averages 40 participants each Saturday

Given the 5km course that works out to the parkrunners covering 200km just at this one parkrun – or over 10,000km since the first event in February 2023.

At the celebration event there was a mix of locals and Perth visitors participating in the scenic parkrun.

The local parkrun is one of 482 parkruns around Australia and was the 50th in Western Australia.

It is also the only "N" in WA (a parkrun starting with the letter N) - parkrun rules name the event after the park it centres around, rather than the town.

Most parkruns are in public open spaces, but some are also delivered in correctional centres, remand centres, and Australian Defence Force bases.

In 2024, there has been an average of 78,343 parkrun participants in Australia each Saturday.

Based on this average, parkrunners around Australia have covered more than 700,000kms in 2024 and volunteered in 55,000 different roles.

That the small country town of Toodyay hosts its own parkrun is testament to the small group of locals that started running together in January 2022.

Fast forward to 2024 and the Newcastle Park parkrun is a weekly event that all locals can take pride in.

Weak evidence able to support guilty verdict

Sean Hefferon

THE COURT case alleging Toodyay real estate agent, Tony Maddox, breached WA's Aboriginal Heritage Act continued to play out in the Perth Magistrate's court last month.

The case relates to Mr Maddox undertaking works on an existing crossing over the Boyagerring Brook, a tributary of the Avon River which runs through his Nunile property – without seeking prior ministerial approval.

Mr Maddox has said that bolstering the crossing was necessary to allow him access to his property as the existing crossing would become eroded during winter.

He engaged a local contractor, WacWil Landscaping and Earthworks, to do the crossing works.

He claims the first time he became aware there was an issue with the works, is when the Shire of Toodyay contacted him about a complaint from a neighbour.

Comment was sought from the shire in relation to his claim and the Acting CEO, Charles Sullivan, replied: "As the prosecution against Mr Maddox is continuing, the Shire will not be commenting at this time".

Mr Maddox added that when the department charged him over the alleged breach in 2023, he was made aware that the Shire of Toodyay had also completed similar crossing works on Boyagerring Brook.

He said to the Herald that if he needed to get approval for his crossing work so did the shire – so he notified the department in relation to the shire works.

Additionally, he said he advised the department about shire works at Picnic Hill and Glendearg Road.

As of January 2024, the shire and two contractors are facing charges for an alleged breach of the Aboriginal Heritage Act.

The contractor engaged by the shire for the Boyagerring Brook work also worked on the Nunile crossing.

Mr Maddox said he "had no qualms about putting the complaint in about the shire".

However, he was upset that the contractors used by the shire are being charged.

Mr Maddox said he told the department that he took full responsibility for the contractors work on his property and the contractor was following his directions.

He said the shire should contact the department and take responsibility for the contractors they used.

Prior to this latest court appearance, his fourth on this case, Mr Maddox said to the Herald, in

reference to the Act, 'how can you be guilty when you know nothing about it?'

He estimates his legal costs are "around \$90,000".

At his most recent court appearance his barrister Christian Porter, former Federal Attorney-General and local member for Toodyay under the Morrison Liberal Government, was unsuccessful in having the case thrown out on the grounds the state had failed to demonstrate enough evidence.

Magistrate Andrew Matthews rejected Mr Porters application and said that even if evidence is "tenuous and weak" it was able to support a guilty verdict.

If found guilty Mr Maddox faces a fine of \$20,000 or nine months jail.

The Maddox case will recommence on March 6 for closing addresses in the Perth Magistrate's Court.

The case involving the shire and the

contractors was adjourned at the initial hearing on February 26 and is to resume on March 25 at the Northam Magistrates Court.



Boyagerring Brook crossing at Nunile.



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Challenges for council

PUBLIC question time at council meetings allows the community to get answers from their council.

It gives the public a voice and allows council to gauge local sentiment.

Government regulations prescribe a minimum of 15 minutes at the start of the meeting for public question time – there is no upper time limit.

Public question time requires balancing meeting time management with providing the public a fair and equal opportunity to ask questions.

This balancing act can be challenging when repetitive questions are asked or when people ask many questions.

Long preambles followed by a series of questions are trying for even the most patient presiding member.

The Toodyay council, however, took a stumble last month when they shutdown public question time by voting for a motion to move onto the next item of business – in effect moving on the sole public questioner.

Moving on is also what the Shire of Toodyay CEO, Suzie Haslehurst, and council intend to do as they part ways with the CEO leaving her role on April 9.

This is almost three months before her contract was due to expire – like Stan Scott, the CEO she replaced, she will not see out her full-term.

Two shire CEOs, not seeing out their contracts – what is going on?

The shire has a somewhat checkered history when it comes to CEOs leaving and the bitter aftertaste of such departures can linger – at least in the last several years.

It wasn't long ago the shire and Graham Merrick, a former CEO, reached settlement in their long-running legal case.

The settlement amount is undisclosed: the shire's legal costs were almost \$550,000.

Stan Scott exited the shire in 2020 leaving a legacy for the local community including heavy debt and "visionary" infrastructure.

The aftertaste from his departure also came in the form of adverse findings from the Government inquiry into the shire.

More than half the inquiry's 25 adverse findings were sheeted home to Mr Scott including mismanagement of the shire's finances and resources.

On the other hand, for Ms Haslehurst all seemed to be going well with council endorsing her performance only last October – her contract renewal seemed assured in June 2024.

Yet here we are with another shire CEO heading for the exit door.

That door does seem to be getting a workout as in recent months several shire employees have also moved on – for a relatively small workforce even a few departures may unsettle remaining staff.

Staff move on for many reasons – for some a leadership change may mean it's time to move on.

Whatever the reason, every departing employee means a challenge for the shire and council as skills and knowledge go out the exit door as well.

Sean Hefferon
Editor

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LETTERS

Where are the men?

WHAT is happening with the Men's Shed?

We have a superb facility seemingly used for four to six people and an occasional 'drumming' session, whilst, at the same time something like 40 blokes – the Moondyne Men – are desperately trying to find premises.

It seems that oversized egos are at play here and behaviour like that does not sit well in a community where historically, we have all tried to help each other out.

Allan Henshaw
Toodyay

A bad bet?

THE NEWS that the Toodyay Races will return in 2024 might be welcomed by some in the community.

But some of us are asking is it really worth an allocation of up to \$200,000 of ratepayer funds?

As an occasional racegoer and with a partner who was at one time an active participant in the racing industry, we both enjoy a day at the races, including Toodyay.

But the sad fact is that we are a declining audience.

Racecourses are closing everywhere. In Perth the racing organisations are struggling to maintain two tracks when barely one is viable.

Country racecourses are even more unviable without subsidies.

The decline of the sport of kings is due to many factors including the fact that punters are not attending in the numbers that they used to.

For the gamblers, going to the racecourse is unnecessary and furthermore online gambling has offered many more options to a flutter on the nags.

Added to this is the issue of animal welfare which is a growing concern, and it is not difficult to foresee that horse racing will soon attract the same negative attention as live sheep exports and greyhound racing.

So how does Toodyay Council justify spending so much of our meagre resources on a one-day event that will become less and less popular?

Prior to the races being suspended, anyone with an inkling of business management might ask how such a once a year event could continue without a generous benefactor or

massive subsidy.

The dilapidated nature of the facilities sharply underlined that fundamental question.

Perhaps a business case has been prepared to justify such expenditure?

Is the plan to repurpose the racetrack for other functions?

Answers to these questions are the least the community deserves given the amount of expenditure.

Toodyay races were undoubtedly a popular community event and a way to attract a substantial number of people from the city to Toodyay, albeit for one day a year.

But at first sight betting this amount of money on a fading industry does not seem a smart use of our rates.

Andrew St John
Toodyay

Correction

THE WAY WE WERE – A name in the caption for the photo on page four of *The Toodyay Herald*, February edition was incorrect, instead of J Peace, the name should read J Piesse.

PETS CORNER



*Wherever I go
I leave a trace of me
In a fur ball*

Labradors Hera and Bailey.



From left: Roz Davidson, Josh van Helsdingen and the donated wicking garden bed.

A wickingly happy story

Sean Hefferon

LOCAL MAN Josh van Helsdingen has a hobby of building and installing wicking beds.

For readers unfamiliar with what a wicking bed is, imagine a giant 'self watering pot' in the form of a garden bed.

The basic idea is a garden bed designed to draw water up from a reservoir below – so 'wicking' up through the soil to the roots.

This waterwise garden innovation uses 50 per cent less water than traditional irrigation as there is less evaporation compared to top watered methods.

Hearing that the community group Toodyay Locals Care was planning to install a community garden behind their premises at 20 Fiennes Street, Mr van Helsdingen gave group founder Roz Davidson a call and offered to donate one of his wicking beds.

The offer was accepted and on March 2 he duly delivered a wicking bed to TLC.

Not only was the waterwise garden bed delivered – it was fully installed with all the additional kit to ensure a healthy growth of vegetables.

Ms Davidson said that the community would benefit from the wicking bed – the first of three.

Public question time restricted

Sean Hefferon

PUBLIC question time at council meetings is an opportunity for members of the community to ask questions.

A minimum of 15 minutes is allowed for questions during public question time and there is no upper time limit.

At last month's council meeting former councillor and community member Susan Pearce was asking a series of questions related to a number of matters including the audit and risk committee.

With question time ongoing a procedural

motion to move onto the next agenda item was moved by Deputy President Dival and seconded by Cr. Prater.

The motion was put and carried 4-3 with in the affirmative Crs McCormick, McKeown, Dival and Prater – against being Crs Madasci, Wrench, Duri.

Public question time had effectively been restricted as the council had voted to move to the next item on the agenda.

After the vote, the only questioner, Ms Pearce said she had been officially shut up and put down which was a very disappointing outcome of council.

Three heritage lemon scented gum trees to get the chop

Sean Hefferon

COUNCIL voted last month to support an application for the removal of the three mature lemon-scented gum trees from Lot 3 Stirling Terrace in Toodyay.

These trees are located in the Catholic Church Precinct in front of the heritage building that is also known as 'The Ship'.

The Precinct is recognised on the State Heritage Register (Place No. 4125) and is a landmark on the main street.

It is a place of considerable cultural heritage significance.

The application was first reviewed in September 2023, however as it did not meet the definition of development under the Planning and Development Act 2005 Council could not approve or deny as such a decision was outside its authority.

Since that meeting the Heritage Council of WA has confirmed the State Register of Heritage Places (P4125) covers the precinct buildings and surrounding grounds.

Given that confirmation the application was considered at the February Ordinary Council Meeting.

The applicant sought to remove the three mature lemon scented gum trees on the basis that this species of tree has a "self-shedding" tendency to drop branches – posing a safety risk to people and the historic building.

The applicant proposed to plant more appropriate trees and flower beds to replace the trees if the application was approved.

The shire officer recommended a balanced approach be taken by Council to ensure the

safety and preservation of the precinct's built heritage without unnecessarily compromising the natural environment.

According to the officer, the removal of the trees would have an obvious impact on the streetscape so conservation of the landscape was recommended.

The officer recommended the application be refused in line with the advice from the Heritage Council that the trees contribute to the significant cultural fabric of the precinct as well as contributing to the streetscape of the place.

Cr McCormick supported the officer's recommendation and the Heritage Council view and said the same species of gum trees are at the Toodyay War Memorial Park as well as along Fraser Avenue in Kings Park.

Opposing views, such as expressed by Cr Madasci focused on the catastrophic risk of falling branches.

After some debate the Council rejected the officer's recommendation with a 6-1 vote.

Against the recommendation were Crs. Madasci, Prater, Dival, Duri, Wrench, McKeown.

A key reason given by Council for the rejection is that the assessed risk and damage to the building and potential harm to people was seen to exceed the short-term loss of ambience of the trees being replaced.

The alternate motion proposed by Cr. Madasci which was passed, approved the removal of the three lemon-scented gum trees with the proviso that within two months replacement trees are planted with the tree species chosen by the Shire.



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Parents and police work together to solve bullying

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Toodyay Police Station



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Toodyay Police Station

A MATTER that has recently come to local police attention is school bullying.

This is an issue that is being addressed by local police and the education department.

It is also an issue that can be a focus of social media attention that doesn't necessarily solve matters.

In the near future youth police officers will be running educational sessions at Toodyay District High School on bullying. Last year sessions were run on being safe online.

The school and police are working closely together with the community and people-based services to build stronger connections.

You may have recently seen local police visiting the high school. This is part of a community policing initiative that has been ongoing since last year.

A key challenge is that certain parents are unable to control their emotions when it comes to discussions about their children's behaviour.



Police officers working closely with schools to address bullying and bad behaviour.

After an ongoing investigation two adults have been charged with threatening behaviour and criminal damage against private property.

A key takeaway here is that when adults discuss their children's behaviour with other adults a respectful approach is best.

Another matter which arose since the last article is firearm security.

Through no fault of his own a local resident had a number of rifles stolen from his gun safe which was under lock and key.

Several contractors had been accessing his property and investigation indicates someone was able to access the key and

remove the firearms.

Northam detectives are addressing this issue at present.

In a somewhat related topic to the former, the WA voluntary firearms buyback has commenced and you can receive compensation for surrendered firearms.

Should you wish to do so, please ensure you make an appointment with our team to ensure we are available to attend to your needs.

Home security is as always, a matter to focus on.

Get to know your neighbours – you never know when they may need your help or vice versa.

Look to install CCTV in your business or home – or both.

Often properties are accessed by a key lockbox: you have likely seen such lockboxes adjacent to the front doors of house – especially Airbnbs.

If you use a key lockbox, regularly change the access code.

Recently, a local Airbnb was broken into and a washing machine, haircare products and toiletries were stolen.

Perhaps unusual items to have stolen, but the key message here is home security.

From a local policing view road traffic has been quiet; however, if you drive to road conditions it will be a better journey.

While the traffic scene may be a bit toned down for now your local police are targeting drink-driving and drug offences.

On a closing note, if you see us in town, give us a hello.

Like everyone else in Toodyay, we are up for a smile and a chat.



Pictures of types of guns stolen. Top: a shotgun, below a rifle.



Keeping your credit cards safe when online shopping

Computer Safety
Phil Hart

ONLINE shopping is a boon for those of us who are time poor and are less than enthusiastic about traipsing around any large shop.

Most online retailers expect you to pay by means of a credit card or a debit card.

Some retailers insist on storing your credit card details.

Those details will be held either by the retailer or a third party on the retailer's behalf.

Some retailers encrypt the first 12 digits of your card, and only keep the last four digits in plain text that are shown to you when you are completing your purchase.

Other retailers merely offer to store your credit card or cards for you.

While storing your credit card details with a retailer can make future purchases easier, there is a greater risk that your details will be stolen.

There is a report from 2022 of more than 12,000 Australians having their credit card details stolen in a single data dump

For retailers that insist on storing your credit card, there is always the option of having a prepaid card.

Prepaid cards usually cost money, and whether the extra protection that they provide is worth it to you is purely a personal choice.

For retailers that offer the option of storing your credit card details, you can always decline their suggestion.

This means either digging out your credit card from your wallet or purse every time you make a purchase, or memorising your credit card details.

While it can be tempting to use the same password for all your online retailers, it increases the risk of 'credential stuffing'.

The Australian Cyber Security Centre defines credential stuffing as a type of hack whereby cyber criminals "use previously stolen passwords from one website and try to reuse them elsewhere".

One example of this illegal activity, effected customers of the online retailer The Iconic.

Customer accounts were accessed by cyber criminals using stolen passwords – resulting in fraudulent orders being placed and customers out of pocket.



Protect your passwords and cards.

One defence against credential stuffing is to use a different password for each of your suppliers.

Some web browsers also offer to store your credit card details using their autofill feature.

It is a good idea to not do that.

Report illegal dumping

Safer Toodyay
Desraé Clarke

THE DUMPING of demolished building materials and asbestos is illegal.

The Department of Water and Environmental Regulations (DWER) has joined forces with Crime Stoppers WA to combat this illegal activity.

This partnership will result in an easier way for the community to report such disposal by phoning Crime Stoppers WA on 1800 333 000 or by searching 'Crime Stoppers WA' on-line.

The matter will then be directed to the Department's investigators.

The Western Australian community is asked to report any activity around unlawful dumping to Crime Stoppers; the reporter will remain anonymous.

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The new award winning Julimar Fire station.

Who is going to miss the old fire shed?

Julimar Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade
Andrew Sharpe

LAST month's open day at the new Julimar Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade facility was marked with the presentation of a prestigious building award.

The winner of the Master Builders Association of WA Building Excellence Award for 2023 for the Best Government Building Under \$1,500,000 was the Stallion Building Company.

This comes as the culmination of years of planning by the Shire, particularly Community Emergency Services Manager Rob Koch, who worked tirelessly to gain DFES funding for the Julimar Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade project, award the contract, and manage the Shire's resources and operations during the construction.

The project was tendered as a Design and Construct Contract, meaning Stallion Building Company's in-house designers and draftsman designed the new facility based on DFES and Shire requirements.

Once the design was approved, the new facility was then built while the brigade continued operations from the old fire shed, which was removed once the new building was finished.

"There's always an element of risk when you have construction works going on

around live fire-fighting operations, but this is the third fire station that the Stallion team has built or renovated for the Shire, so they are well acquainted with these challenges." CESH Rob Koch said.

"It's great to see this facility and the high quality of their work recognised in this award."



Shire President, Cr Mick McKeown (left) receiving the MBEWA award certificate from Andrew Sharpe, Sales Manager of Stallion Homes.

Anniversary Ball to celebrate 170 Years of the Toodyay Agricultural Show

Toodyay Agricultural Society Inc.
Alison Wroth

THE NEWLY elected 2024 Toodyay Agricultural Society Committee comprises both young and keen community members.

Also on the committee are the 'regulars' who enjoy keeping the Show running and have the experience and knowledge to organise such a historic agricultural and community event.

Welcome to our new executive and committee, who fill the following positions this year:

President: Ms Karen Dore
1st Vice President: Vacant (as of the AGM)
2nd Vice President: Vacant (as of the AGM)
Patron: David Chitty
Treasurer: Shirley Kemp
Immediate Past President: Bruce Shenn
Committee Members: Damian Davis, Liz Boston, Tom Findlay, Wayne Fletcher, Elaine Finn, Steve McCormack, Tiff Paley, Brendan Ragus, Simon Harrington, Nyaree Lawler, Pauline Mallick, Rick Mallick, Lani McGeedy, Kate Steeples, Tina Heath and Alison Wroth.

As you see we have a full committee

overflowing with talent and skills.

Geoff Appleby continues as Admin Officer until Pauline Mallick takes on the role around April or May.

The Admin Officer is a direct link to the community along with the President.

So everyone, the committee will be working hard to organise a breathtaking historic 170th Toodyay Agricultural Show for you all to attend on Saturday October 5.

If everything goes to plan, the committee will pull together the traditional Show Ball, which is held every ten years.

Keep an eye out for the dancing lessons preceding this as they are heaps of fun, nearly as enjoyable as the Ball itself.

I know the committee agrees with me as we all look forward to organising such a wonderful list of events building up to the show, celebrating agriculture with both new and historical attractions and entertainment.

Many thanks go to all the community of Toodyay and beyond, for the support you have given us over the years and once again we will endeavour to provide a blockbuster of an Agricultural Show, celebrating our history, to welcome you.

Altogether 100 years at St John

St John WA – Toodyay Subcentre.
Monika Williams

THREE community members were presented with Honorary Life Memberships of St John WA, Toodyay Subcentre in recognition of their strong commitment and significant contribution to the subcentre.

Michael Irvine, Daphne Lee and Lyn Somers have served the community for over 100 years collectively.

Their unwavering dedication to volunteering with St John and supporting the community is truly appreciated.

We also said goodbye to Michelle our Community Paramedic at a barbecue held for her on February 17.

Volunteers from neighbouring subcentres, all of whom worked with Michelle, also attended.

Michelle was a temporary CP and has now been tasked elsewhere.

She has done a great job while with us and will be missed.

We now have another CP in Matt who you may see out and about on the road.

This month we are looking forward to

welcoming to the sub centre, the Group CEO of St John WA, Kevin Brown.

Kevin will be accompanied by a number of other managers who are visiting subcentres in the Wheatbelt on a familiarisation tour and to meet volunteers.

In further news, St John WA has formed a Volunteer Advocacy Team (VAT) which, as the term indicates, will advocate on behalf of all volunteers.

The team will be meeting with our volunteers in Toodyay in March as part of their state-wide tour planned for 2024.

Your subcentre is also planning an information session as advertised in this *Herald* edition. We hope to recruit another five or so volunteers.

If you are interested in volunteering with us, don't miss this opportunity to have a look around the subcentre, get inside an ambulance and find out more information.

In terms of numbers, the volunteer ambulance crews completed a total of 38 jobs in January, covering a total of 2,333kms and our Community Transport Service took 13 clients to medical appointments.



Two of the three St John Volunteers awarded Life Membership in February. (left to right) Daphne Lee, Pam Tennant (Chairperson) and Lyn Somers. Mike Irvine was unable to attend.



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EMERGENCY SERVICES

Ex-army Studebaker truck is a piece of history

Toodyay Central Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade
Peter Brennan

TOODYAY'S first bush firefighting truck was obtained in 1975 through the grit of a few committed locals.

Prior to this, the only firefighting truck in Toodyay belonged to the town brigade which was at the time known as 'Central' Brigade.

Formed in 1910, the town brigade was the first service group in Toodyay.

Originally, the brigade used a hand drawn cart to get to fires – later replaced by horse and hose cart.

The town brigade's first fire truck was a second hand 1928 Dennis.

This was later replaced by a 1936 Dodge before the brigade received a brand new 1964 J3 Bedford.

These trucks were supplied by the West Australian Fire Brigade Board.

Whenever there was a call out to a bush fire, brigade members took the brigade engine: leaving the town site without an appliance.

Furthermore, the town appliance was not designed for bush fire work holding about 200 gallons of water.

Therefore, in 1975, the Shire President Ian Murray, Shire Clerk Brian Harris, Town Brigade Captain Murray Buchan and Malcolm Butterley attended an auction of ex-Army vehicles at Karrakatta in Perth.

The Toodyay team was keen to buy one of the left-hand drive 6x6 Studebaker trucks for sale to use as a bushfire unit.

Bidding did not go well for the Toodyay team until near the end, when the last Studebaker was put under the hammer.

Ian Murray did the bidding and was lucky enough to secure the vehicle, which was known before the auction, to be only running on five cylinders.

Murray Buchan drove the truck back to Toodyay and took it to his workshop where the engine was stripped down and a broken valve replaced.

The canopy was removed from the vehicle and it was set up as a bush firefighting appliance.



Bought at auction in 1975 the brigade's bushfire truck, the Studebaker.

A MK 20 Villiers pump and a 600 gallon tank were donated, a spray bar was added to the front, a hose and water cannon fitted to the back and many knapsack sprayers loaded on the deck.

The Studebaker cab was also fitted with one



The old Army HF radio that John Dival secured and fitted into the Studebaker cab and its call sign was 'Studebaker'.

of the old Army HF radios that John Dival had secured and its call sign was 'Studebaker'.

The Studebaker was stored at the old Shire Depot on Harper Road and was operated by the brigade.

In 1987 the brigade received its first rescue trailer and light tanker and was renamed the Toodyay Volunteer Fire and Rescue Service (VFRS).

The actual Toodyay Studebaker is now on display in the Nungarin Museum.

In 1996 the Toodyay Central Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade was officially formed and its highly dedicated members now crew three modern vehicles.

They are an Isuzu 1000 litre 4x4 and 4000 litre 4x4 fire fighting vehicle, as well as an Isuzu 12,000 litre bulk water tanker.

When called upon our crews join those of the Morangup, Julimar, Coondle-Nunile and Bejoording bush fire brigades to protect life and property in the Shire of Toodyay and beyond.

Thanks to those who support the fires

Coondle-Nunile Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade
Chris McDonald

HI CHRIS from Coondle-Nunile VBFB just letting you know what we have been up to over the last couple of months.

Crews have been busy with lots of fires in the shire, including the Julimar multi day incident, which involved crews coming from surrounding shires and metropolitan area to help out.

Luckily no homes or sheds were lost due to the brave efforts of ground and air crews.

Crews also turned out to a fire on Christmas day in the Bindoon Training Area. Unfortunately, this is becoming almost an annual event.

We would also like to thank those support crews, the Salvos for feeding us with some hot food and cool drinks, the guys who drove the water tankers to keep us full of water, and those that ferried relief crews in and out of the fire ground.

Also, the family and friends who support the fire fighters to do what they do.

This summer has been the hottest and driest in the last few years, with the outlook looking to continue much the same.

So continues the risk of bushfire.

Have you reviewed your fire plan?

Check out the Toodyay Shire fire information page to help you get ready for the current bush fire season <https://www.toodyay.wa.gov.au/resident-services/fire-information>.

Our AGM will be held on the first weekend in April, at the fire shed – more details next month.

Awards galore for Bolgart residents



Dowerin Winners - Darryl Hudson, Merle Manuel (Sponsor), Colin Riggs, Paul Gertz and Norm Wass.

Bolgart Community News
Pam McGill

ON THE school front we welcome all new and returning students, staff and families, back to Bolgart Primary School.

A big welcome also to 2024 School Leaders Shelby Platt, Isola Croeser and Brodey Whiteaker.

A number of awards were also made with Aussie of the Month going to Chloe French and Dakota Tregenza.

Merit certificates were also awarded to Jacob Wallis, Amy Zimmermann, Moses Reader Arentsen and Chloe French.

The start of the new year saw the annual general meeting of the Bolgart P&C Association.

Kim Uriarau was elected as President with Stacey Whiteaker moving into the Vice President role.

Sophie Tregenza becomes Secretary and Kayla Christiansen the association Treasurer.

The community also celebrated Australia Day – with the event well hosted by the Calingiri Sports Club.

The large turnout of community members and great weather made for an enjoyable event.

Congratulations to Citizen Award Winners: Scott Metcalfe from Mogumber winning Citizen of the Year and Nicky Brennan, founder

of the Yerecoin Markets, winning Active Citizenship of the Year.

Well done to you both, very well deserved award winners for your big roles within the community.

Another thank you goes out to the Moody family who helped to celebrate the day with Welcome to Country, a canvas print to help paint with your hands representing unity, and a beautiful piece of art representing Lake Ninan.

Local men held their club bowls championship pairs in what was warm weather.

Congratulations to winners Edward Ludemann and Justin Edmonds, runners up Geoff Ludemann and Dick Campbell.

Bolgart Bowling Club hosted their two day mens' classic fours over Tuesday and Wednesday February 6 and 7.

It was a great couple of days with 56 men playing and the weather a little warm.

The food was great – a big thank you to Caterer Jenni Knowles, her band of helpers and to everyone who donated food.

The bowls winners were Dowerin: Norm Wass, Collin Riggs, Darryl Hudson and Paul Gertz.

Runners up were Wongan Hills: Paul Pascoe, Noel Reed, Jim Howiesin and Ned Kelly.

Many thanks to all the generous sponsors for this event, it is much appreciated.



St John

Thinking about becoming a Volunteer Ambulance Officer?

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Wednesday 20th March 2024 at 6.30pm
St John WA Toodyay 120 Stirling Terrace

Register by phoning the office on 08 9574 2390 or email Toodyay.subcentre@stjohnwa.com.au

There are limited vacancies for new volunteers and all attending must provide a vaccination certificate as required by St John WA and be prepared to have an influenza vaccination annually.

High school students awarded for excellence

Toodyay District High School

Tonia Demeur

GREAT news from our alumni from 2023.

Two of our Year 10 students from 2023, Jayden Hansord and Clive Millett were nominated for the Young Citizen of the Year Award at the Australia Day Celebrations in January.

Both boys were excellent role models at our school as student leaders and are deserving of their nominations.

Jayden was ultimately awarded the honour.

We are very proud of these exceptional TDHS young men.

Another of our ex-students, Arika Southern, has recently been offered an apprenticeship with Robinson Designs and Cabinets. This follows from his work experience last year, which he undertook with the same business and Arika obviously made a great impression.

The next generation attends Toodyay District High School

WE MUST be doing something right.

This year, we welcomed a large number of Kindy students who are the children of past students.

Among them is Quinn Orr. Her grandfather, Simon Harrington, attended Toodyay DHS as a high school student, followed by his two daughters and now the third generation has joined us.

We feel privileged that parents who have attended our school themselves, choose to send their children here, continuing the family tradition of education at TDHS.

Special mention

OUR P&C has generously donated \$12,000 to fund literacy and numeracy books for students.

This has saved parents a significant amount of money from the booklist.

Our students benefit when our parents support the P&C with their fundraising endeavours.

Thank you to our dedicated P&C team.



Kindy students and their parents: (left to right) Aimee McDermott, Lara McDermott, Patrick Thompson, Henry Thompson, Amanda Martin, Zari Cook, Simon Harrington, Eddison Jolly, Zoe Orr, Quinn Orr, Michael Orr, Gracie Gordon-Maclean, Lachlan Fleay, Nicola Fleay, Mathew Fleay and Matthew Jolly. Absent: Corey Higgins, Josh Cook and Liam McDermott.

P&C sausage sizzle for swimmers raises \$402

Toodyay District High School P&C Association

Kelly-Anne Murray, President

CONGRATULATIONS to the school and Toodyay Recreation Centre for hosting a fabulous swimming carnival for students of Toodyay DHS on February 23.

Thank you to everyone who supported the P&C stall on the day with baked goods and the sausage sizzle lunch.

The stall raised a welcome \$402 for the school.

Parents and friends of Toodyay DHS please also show your support by renewing your P&C membership and attending the annual general meeting on Tuesday March 12 at 5.30 pm in the school library.

Everyone is welcome and the kids can come too.

Members will nominate and elect a committee to drive activities for the 2024 school year.

All current positions are declared vacant and nominations for a committee role can be received before or during the meeting.

After almost four years as President, it's time for me to step aside.

Rest assured Toodyay DHS P&C has the continuing support of the current committee members, parents and school community.

I'd therefore like to take a moment to reflect on the past four years and all that the P&C has achieved with the support of the school and generous business and community donations.

In my time, it started with a concrete bike path in the early childhood area playground so the kids could ride their bikes and scooters safely.

Next it was the installation of shade sails over each of the school's playgrounds, to improve safety in the sun.

We started Containers for Change collections to provide an ongoing source of income for the school and held the first of four hugely successful Halloween Discos.

The P&C funded new furniture for classrooms, the library and lockers for senior school students.

Funds were raised annually through Mother's Day and Father's Day gift stalls, raffles, sausage sizzles and cake stalls at the school's athletics carnivals and other special events.

The P&C hosted a fun-filled back to school

quiz night that raised \$11,000 for the school and even grew a 30 hectare wheat crop as a share farming initiative with Blink Bonny Farm.

Volunteers have provided a canteen food service for students two days per week and raised more than \$10,000 each year for the school.

Major infrastructure investments included the fabulous nature playground, basketball court resurfacing and landscaping of the surrounds for students to enjoy.

More recently there was the upgrade to the school's undercover area which created a welcoming environment for students, staff and parents to gather for school events.

In addition to major investments in the school, the P&C has donated to school activities to fund learning resources, incursions, excursions, camps, sporting events, graduations, and the list goes on.

Since 2020, the P&C supported by business and community organisations, has invested over \$180,000 into the school.

I'm sure you'll agree that's an achievement worth celebrating and one that will continue with the support of our community.

Thank you to all present and past P&C members, parents, staff and the school administration for your support and working partnerships.

The most rewarding aspect of my time with the P&C has been witnessing the positive impact that every dollar raised has made for students now and into the future.

If you'd like to experience the same, please email pandctodyaydhs@gmail.com to find out how you can be involved.

You may also message via the *facebook* page – search 'Toodyay DHS P&C', or write to Toodyay District High School P&C at PO Box 1624, Toodyay WA 6566.



Noongar trail signs that have been installed – these behind St Stephen's Church in Toodyay.

April launch of the 'Noongar Trail'

Noongar Kaartdijin Aboriginal Corporation

FOR THOSE new to Toodyay in 2024 - Kaya, wanju (Hello, welcome).

You may not be aware of local Noongar information or the Noongar Trail so we would like to share with you.

The Noongar Trail, to be launched in April, is a walk, self-drive or guided tour (when available) where you can learn about the rich cultural heritage of the Noongar people's connection to this boodja (land).

The experience will take you alongside the bilya (river), across kaarta (hills), into museums and on ancient bidi (walk tracks) over nine kilometres: all close to town.

The trail adventure will be supported by brochures, available in April at the Visitor Centre.

We have recently placed surveillance in some locations due to an incident in late 2023.

The trail is our gift to our Dudja (Toodyay) community.

Back to other local info for any new comers.

Here in Toodyay Noongar moort (families) moved across the Toodyay valley living in harmony with nature for over 45,000 years.

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

Noongar moort were highly active hunting, gathering foods and camping at beneficial sites, managing their land and water, tending to cultural responsibilities and trading with others

throughout the six bonar (seasons).

The Shire of Toodyay is in a unique location where its boundary sits across the lands of three Noongar language groups - Yued, Ballardong and Whadjuk.

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

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

Dudja (meaning mist) is the word used for the wider Toodyay area.

It was traditionally used by Noongar people to describe a 'misty' day, and our area is known as a 'place of mist'.

Noongar have six bonar (seasons) and during Makuru (around June and July) it is our most misty time.

Noongar people traditionally hunted and gathered food according to the seasons.

Seasons are determined by weather patterns and nature around us.

Right now, we are in bunuru season.

Bunuru is the season of adolescence (around February/March) and is the second summer.

If you'd like more local information follow our *Facebook* Page or visit: www.noongarkaartdijin.com.au and of course take a visit to the Shire of Toodyay's Newcastle Gaol Museum where a significant and national award winning truth-telling project "Gnulla Karnany Waangkiny" is a permanent installation.

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'Kelly Chain' or 'Stubble Cruncher' get the job done



Lime sand spreading in preparation for seeding on local farm in Nunile. Photo: Frank Panizza.

Toodyay Agricultural Alliance (Inc) Frank Panizza

LOCAL farmers have all returned from breaks away from the farm after completion of harvest.

Livestock producers are busy with supplementary feeding of hay, lupins, or oats. Hay and other feed grains have increased in price, particularly hay.

Many farmers are reporting 5-foot round bales of last season's hay to be up to \$120 per roll.

Oats have been trading at \$500 per tonne or a little higher.

Barley has been cheaper, trading near \$350 per tonne.

A reminder to all livestock owners, large or small, is that dry feed left in paddocks over summer now has low feed value.

Sheep and other livestock will require hand feeding, which despite the cost of the feed, should be provided for the animals' welfare.

Feed pellets are another good source of nutrition for livestock and most feed pellet manufacturers offer pellets in bags of various sizes from 500 kg bulka bags down to bags of 20kg.

These options offer an owner of a small mob of animals a convenient way to care for livestock they own.

The very hot and dry summer has dried up many dams and soaks on local properties.

Water supplies are critical in some areas, forcing farmers to cart water or move stock into paddocks that still have surface water supplies or windmills.

Grain producers are currently busy with lime spreading and other preparatory works for the upcoming cropping season.

Canola stubbles are often cut into small pieces with a 'Kelly Chain' or a stubble cruncher.

These machines cut or break tall canola stubble remaining after harvest into small pieces to enable seeding equipment to pass through the residue.

The primary reason for this is to avoid the need to burn the canola residue.

A 'Kelly Chain' is a machine that has small discs attached to a thick chain that is arranged in a diamond pattern.

This machine is towed by a tractor which cuts down the stubble and levels the ground in preparation for seeding.

A stubble cruncher does a similar job, with steel blades attached to a steel roller cutting the residue into 6-inch pieces.

Local grain prices for the 2024 season are being influenced by overseas events.

The outlook for most grain is subdued, because of ample supply worldwide and the Northern Hemisphere crop appearing to be in good shape.

Most crops in the Northern Hemisphere are still under snow cover so the exact state of the crops is still not certain.

Once snow cover dissipates a clearer picture of what the potential crops have will become evident.

Don't miss the Lions Jumbo Auction

Toodyay Lions Club
Peter Edwards

YES, THE Toodyay Lions Jumbo Auction is on again – Saturday 23 March 2024.

The Showground Oval has been booked, and we look forward to our resident auctioneer Tony Maddox conducting a lively and entertaining auction.

This year we aim to make the event bigger and better than ever.

One way to encourage buyers will be to promote auction items prior to sale day.

We will only be able to do this if people with goods to sell contact the Lions Club prior to the Auction with details of their lot items – particularly if these are large or high-value.

Sellers Registration Forms are available at a number of businesses in Toodyay.

Those who would like their auction items advertised before the day of the auction are invited to contact one of the following club members: Peter Edwards (0418 342 199), Steele Williams (0497 337 485) or John Pearce (0427 742 248).

If you get in early, we will be able to arrange and post photos of your wares on our Facebook auction site.

We expect that prior advertising will result in more people attending the Auction better prepared to bid on the high-value items.

This of course will mean a higher return for sellers and a healthier bottom line for our auction beneficiaries – the Forget-Me-Not Café, Toodyay Youth Care Council and Toodyay Locals Care, among others.

Every dollar earned from the Jumbo Auction is donated to worthy community organisations in the Toodyay area.

The Lions Club of Toodyay Inc.

COMMUNITY

JUMBO AUCTION

Saturday March 23rd 2024

The Toodyay Lions Jumbo Auction is on again for 2024! Come along and join the fun – and maybe pick up a bargain.

Auction will commence at **9am sharp, on Saturday, March 23rd**, at the **Toodyay Showgrounds Oval**.

Gates open for viewing at 8am. A \$2 buyers' ticket is required for all bidders.

Information for sellers.

- Sellers' donation is \$5 per lot, plus 10% commission on sale amount.
- Please fill out a Sellers Registration Form, available at Tony Maddox Real Estate, Toodyay Real Estate, Toodyay Home Hardware, MAKIT Hardware, the Toodyay Op Shop, or online at www.facebook.com/ToodyayLionsClub.
- Delivery of Sellers lots will be on Friday March 22nd, from 8am. No lots will be accepted on the day of the Auction.
- **All items not sold must be removed by the owner and all purchased lots must be removed by the buyer by 5pm on Auction day.**
- No old TVs or computers please.
- Sellers with more than 10 lots (20 maximum) are accepted by prior arrangement only. For these, or large or expensive items, please advise by Thursday March 21st - Steele Williams on 0497 337485, Peter Edwards on 0418 342199 or John Pearce on 0427 742248.

The Toodyay Lions Club takes no responsibility for Lots after the fall of the hammer, when sale goods become the buyers' responsibility.

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

No dogs are permitted on the Oval during the 2 day event.

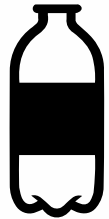


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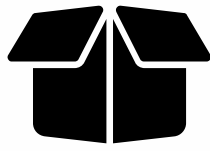
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Cardboard



GREAT Sorts know that RECYCLING is simple. It's about putting all these 5 items into the recycling bin at home. That's paper, cardboard and cans as well as plastic and glass (containers, bottles and jars). Nothing else, all these 5 and only these 5.



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“His boring day might need a lift” – advice to the 1950’s housewife

Toodyay Historical Society Inc
 Robyn Taylor, Vice President

HOW THE times change.

At our February meeting we were entertained by Desraé Clarke who read an extract from a Home Economics textbook titled ‘How to Look After Your Husband’.

It was said to have been published in 1950 and reproduced in *The Toodyay Herald* many years ago.

The ladies present were hooting with laughter.

The chaps had smiles that may have hidden thoughts such as ‘if only’ and ‘they were the good old days’.

The back story is the weary male returning home from a hard day at work and how important it was for the wife to have everything prepared beforehand, including herself.

“Take fifteen minutes to rest so you will be refreshed when he arrives.

“Touch up your make-up, put a ribbon in your hair.

“Be a little gay and a little more interesting. “His boring day may need a lift.”

There is advice about clearing away clutter, running a dust cloth over the furniture, washing the children’s hands and faces, combing their hair, and encouraging them to be quiet.

The advice must have been for the full-time housewife supposedly living an idyllic existence with all the mod cons.

“Eliminate all noise of washer, dryer and dishwasher or vacuum.”

This must be a very modern home to have such appliances.

But why spoil a good story.

However quaint the above advice sounds, it isn’t wise to judge a bygone time and culture through the lens of the 21st century.

Nineteen-fifty was only five years after the Second World War.

Many husbands had served in Europe then in Asia following the bombing of Pearl Harbour by the Japanese.

Many baby-boomers born in the 1940s and 1950s grew up with fathers and uncles shattered by their experiences including being prisoners-of-war.

Returned soldiers rarely if ever talked at



Left to right. Beth Frayne, Ian Stannard, Desraé and Wayne Clarke with their Show and Tell items. Can anyone identify Ian’s box and what it was used for? The lid was made with strong mesh. Photo: Margie Eberle.

home about about their war-time experiences. It wasn’t the right place and who could understand what they had been through?

Only those who had served with them. For these men, home needed to be a sanctuary

and women to be understanding.

On a lighter note and of those times, Wayne brought along two school books.

A 1948 Third Grade Reader titled ‘Pedro the Portuguese Cat’, and the 1958 Tiger Annual

that had been handed down by his brothers.

It’s not easy to part with such childhood treasures.

We all have them tucked away somewhere. Fast forward to the present.

Beth shared her birthday book created to celebrate a milestone.

Her lively well illustrated story with heaps of photos could be a spur to others to dust off their old photo albums.

Our first excursion for the year was lunch at The Rec hotel in Northam, better known as the historic Duke Inn in Duke Street.

We had a very good turn up of members who enjoyed the delicious food. The servings were generous and the weather beautifully cool for a change.

At the end of this month our excursion will be a tour of the Old Courthouse Law Museum in Stirling Gardens with our member and former Toodyay Shire Museum Curator, Margie Eberle.

Details will be sent out to members. On Saturday March 30, we will be holding our annual fund raiser outside the IGA.

Members are encouraged to lend a hand and contact our secretary to add their name to the roster.

Monthly meetings are held on third Wednesday at 7pm in St Stephen’s Church Hall.

See *Where and When* on page 28 for more details.

‘Staying in Place’ plans to help seniors be happy at home

Staying in Place – Toodyay Districts
 Beth Ruthven

THE STAYING in Place concept is to assist aged residents to remain in their own homes and provide flexibility to meet their needs.

The first meeting of Staying in Place – Toodyay Districts was held on 1 March 2024 with a group of community members forming a committee to commence the process of business registration and incorporation.

This will enable applications to be made for seed funding grants from the Federal

Government. Staying in Place – Toodyay Districts will be based on the Staying in Place project established in Pingelly and surrounding shires. For further information see pingellysomersetalliance.com.au/staying-in-place.

Two public meetings were held in Toodyay last year to provide information on the Pingelly concept and to introduce the service provider, InCasa Country.

The Staying in Place – Toodyay Districts committee will be assessing the level of community support for this concept.

The committee will also gauge interest

from local people in becoming independent contractors to supply the services needed by clients with Home Care Packages.

Independent contractors would be supported by Mabel, a platform to enable older Australians to connect with support workers.

It is hoped that there will be a workshop with the Mabel team this month.

If you are interested in being part of this concept as a client or a contractor, contact SIPTD@outlook.com.

More contact details will be available in the April edition of the *Herald*.

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Toodyay RSL call out for helping hands at their events

RSLWA Toodyay Sub-Branch
Mary Tucker

HELLO everyone, just letting you all know that there is still plenty of enthusiasm and energy as we make progress at the Clinton Street Premises.

I would just like to put out a call for volunteers to help at RSL events.

The garden area is an ongoing project and any time you can spare would be much appreciated.

Perhaps you could spare some time on any morning.

The *Containers for Change* is a great source of funds and takes up only a little time and effort, usually to collect and sort items.

A large part of our fundraising comes from the street stalls and raffles throughout the year.

Help is needed to set up and pack away at each event.

Please think about any of these opportunities. I promise volunteering is fun and sociable.

Don't forget to share any ideas you may have about using the new premises once completed.

We are looking forward to sharing with the Toodyay community.

Plans for ANZAC Day include the Dawn Service beginning at 0600 on April 25.

There will be a Gunfire Breakfast at the Toodyay Wicklow Shearing Shed after the service.

Those who wish to march should meet at the Memorial Hall by 1020 for a 1030 step off.

The march will proceed to ANZAC Park for the 1100 Service and laying of wreaths.

The attendance in 2023 was impressive and we hope to repeat that in 2024.

The next meeting of Toodyay RSL Sub-branch will be on Thursday April 11 at 1800 at Clinton Street.



Officer in Charge of Toodyay Police Station Sgt Jamie Boryczewski following his visit with the Moondyne Men.

New gun legislation raises a lot of questions

Moondyne Men Inc
Graham Hill

THE MOONDYNE Men were pleased to welcome our new Officer in Charge of Toodyay Police, Sgt Jamie Boryczewski.

Jamie spoke to us of his early days in Geraldton and some of the activities of the north west.

The Moondyne Men had lots of questions mainly related to the new gun legislation and the hand-in policy for returning weapons to police and the compensation involved.

Sgt Boryczewski told us of his impressions of Toodyay and how pleased he was to become a member of our community and how welcoming and friendly the Toodyay people have been.

Big Pete's weight lifting team was again in action in competition on Sunday February 25 with several members of the Moondyne Men competing to ensure their weightlifting record remained intact.

Competitors included Pete, Fossil, Charlie and Dave.

Days later on Thursday February 29 our guest speaker was Nuala Ennis, a volunteer at St John Sub Branch, Toodyay.

Nuala discussed the role St John plays in the Toodyay Ambulance Service.

She spoke of the ambulance units, the volunteers, the drivers of clients and all the other functions and equipment needed to support the Toodyay sub branch.

Our next major project is assisting the Moondyne Festival on May 5.

The Moondyne Men don't have guest speakers every month but if you are looking to join a progressive, proactive men's group come and join us on any Monday or Thursday 8.30am to 12 noon at the RSL Shed, Clinton Street, Toodyay.

We are "Men Looking After Men and The Community".

Nationals announce local candidates

The Nationals WA

THE NATIONALS WA have preselected their first round of candidates to represent regional WA in the upcoming 2025 State election.

The Nationals WA recently endorsed candidates for the Legislative Assembly electorates of Mid West, Roe, and Central Wheatbelt.

Leader of The Nationals WA and Member for Moore Shane Love MLA will represent the party in the newly created Mid West seat, which takes in the existing electorate of Moore, including Toodyay.

Member for Roe Peter Rundle MLA will stand as the candidate for Roe, to represent an over 100,000 square kilometre electorate which stretches from Williams to Esperance.

Joining The Nationals WA team will be newly endorsed candidate for Central Wheatbelt, Lachlan Hunter.

Lachlan hails from a farming family in Bruce Rock.

Locally, he is on the Board of the Northam Chamber of Commerce and a non-executive director of regional domestic violence organisation DVassist.

Best deal for local Tradies

The Toodyay Herald offers the best exposure for Tradies to the Avon & hills, circulation of 4250 copies each month and growing

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Op Shop grateful to receive clean donated items

Toodyay Op Shop
Judy Morrissey

THE TOODYAY Op Shop responded to many requests for financial assistance throughout 2023 donating \$73,935 to diverse entities in the local area.

Every request is presented at our monthly meetings and discussed at length with many factors taken into consideration.

It is not possible to always respond positively as our funds need to be spread across many requests, but we are very proud to have helped many initiatives that, without our help, may not have been able to proceed.

At our November 2023 AGM the Executive of the committee saw two changes. Linda Kerlake stood down as president and Robyn Warriner was elected to the position; Judy Morrissey has stepped into the role of secretary, vacated by Bel Rowe.

We have very committed volunteers who work tirelessly to prepare your donations for sale but at times the volume of goods we receive can be overwhelming.

We would be very appreciative if you could ensure donated items are clean and clothing is not torn or stained.

Also before you donate, ask yourself would you give this item to a friend and is the item suitable to go in a small shop?

We have found donated items that have come from long term storage are sometimes contaminated with vermin droppings.

Have I mentioned we are only a small shop?

Please limit your donations to three standard garbage bags or boxes and refrain from leaving donations at either door if the shop is closed.

Anything that doesn't have a retail value would be better donated to other charitable bodies.

We need to be savvy and utilise our very limited retail space to achieve the best financial outcome possible for the community.

The cost of disposing of unsaleable items impacts on the level of donations we are able to prepare for sale.

Some Op Shops do inspections before accepting donations but we would prefer to avoid that level of scrutiny.

The Op Shop now has an email address; toodyayopshop@gmail.com and we encourage all correspondence to be emailed but we are also happy to receive letters as well.

We value all our loyal customers and thank you for your support; we all believe that what we do is very worthwhile and chatting with our Op Shop friends will always put smiles on our faces.



A full house to celebrate the opening of the Morangup basketball court.

Basketballers shoot the hoops in Morangup

Morangup Progress Association
Ray Mills

THE MORANGUP community came together in celebration last January 29 at the official opening of the newly renovated basketball court located behind the local hall.

This project, initiated by local resident Frank Vinton, has breathed new life into a well-used but tired community space and promises to provide local basketball enthusiasts their own bit of release.

Recognizing the need for modern sports facilities in the area, Frank took on the challenge of upgrading the half court as part of a Year 9 school community project back in 2022.

He surveyed the local community to assess the need and gain local buy-in for the renovation. In doing this he was supported by Wesley Sutton, the Shire of Toodyay's Community Development Officer.

The project then received a significant boost, thanks to the encouragement of Rosemary Madasci, then Toodyay Shire President, along with Wesley, when it was identified as a candidate for the 2023 Stronger Communities Grant.

Despite the challenges of juggling his Year 10 studies, Frank, along with his mother Donna Vinton representing the Morangup Progress Association, applied for the grant.

Frank's project was selected as one of the four grant recipients.

The official opening ceremony was attended by dignitaries including the Honourable Melissa Price the Federal Member for Durack, with the Shire of Toodyay represented by Shire President Mick McKeown, Suzie Haslehurst the CEO, and Crs. Dival, Duri, Madasci, and Prater.

As the gates to the newly renovated court swung open, the smiles amongst the locals and basketball enthusiasts could be seen.

The event was also attended by Professor

Cheryl Kickett-Tucker from the Koya Aboriginal Corporation who generously provided several free basketballs on the day.

With its modern and refreshed look, the Morangup Hall basketball court is poised to become a focal point for sports and recreation in the community.

It is a testament to what can be achieved when individuals come together with a shared vision

and determination to make a positive impact in their community.

To quote Frank who started the project, "It's really awesome to see it finished and its really good for the community".

A community where local families can come down to enjoy a newly renovated court to shoot a few hoops and the soon to be developed shaded BBQ area.

Cuddle Bunnies find a good home at Perth Children's Hospital

The Crooked Needle
Jean Melhuish-Hill

THERE was much to say after our return to craft after Christmas.

We have made donation of Cuddle Bunnies to Perth Children's Hospital.

I was part of a group who went and it was my first visit to the hospital.

I was most impressed with the facility and so was the hospital with our donation.

This year we are again holding an *Australia's Biggest Morning Tea* to raise funds for Cancer and have been pulling together three or four challenges for our members to complete throughout the year.



The jumper number-knitted by Sheila Ball.

In January, a few of our members attended a working bee hosted by the volunteers at *Comfort Quilts Against Cancer* in Northam.

These volunteers make and distribute quilts to men, women and children undergoing cancer treatment.

We were kept busy at the working bee sorting fabrics, sewing fabric strips together, ironing, folding pamphlets and hand sewing bindings.

Each quilt dispatched to recipients around Australia comes in a hand-made quilt bag with both a beanie and scarf.

We found this a very worthwhile organisation and a number of our members aim to support them in future.

Who knew they were just around the corner from Toodyay?

In other news, Sheila Ball has been a busy bee over the break completing a jumper with an intricate pattern.

She said it had only taken her a couple of weeks.

Not being a very experienced knitter, I was astounded that it could be done so quickly.

My last knitted garment took me some 18 months.

For the year ahead we are looking forward to an enjoyable year with many projects.

If you are new in town or find yourself with some free time, pop along on any Friday, 9.30am to noon and see if we can interest you in a new craft or you may be able to share one with us.

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

Country women to celebrate a year of birthdays

Country Women's Association
Viv Street

TOODYAY CWA members met for the AGM in February then had the first meeting of the year followed by a sumptuous, shared lunch.

Our members thanked Jeff Roberts who acted as returning officer for our AGM and he was presented with a gift by Kathy Haynes who continues in her third year as President.

Gina Butler, our secretary, and Dixie Mackenzie, our treasurer, were thanked for all their hard work during their three years in these roles.

Vivien Street takes on the secretarial role but the treasurer's position is still pending.

We hope to have a new treasurer by March. Margot Watkins continues as our Bookings Officer and Dixie Mackenzie was nominated as Vice President.

Thanks to all office bearers and to members who volunteered for the other vital jobs which keep our group going.

We have a busy year ahead with the centenary of CWA of WA, our own ninety seventh birthday, a member's 100th birthday and the official celebration of the new roof, all to be bundled up in a special *thank you morning tea* on April 19.

Invitations have been sent out and we are hoping to contact as many past members as we can to make this a special occasion.

Please contact us if you know of someone who has been part of the CWA family and may like to attend.

Past members have moved around and we do not have all their contact details so any help would be appreciated to reach them.

In March we have the annual Gathering of the Birds, this year hosted by Mt Helena-Parkerville branch.

Local CWA branches gather together to plan the year's events and exchange information about International Days, Friendship Days, Craft Days and this year Centenary Celebrations being planned by different branches.

Morning tea and lunch, entertainment and a guest speaker always make for a great day of friendship as well as keeping us up-to-date with our local branches.

We all have our own strengths and sharing ideas and projects benefits us all.

Last Easter we held a produce stall outside IGA, the first of three that year to raise money for our new roof.

Having achieved this goal due to the generosity of so many, we have decided not to book any stalls this year but will concentrate more on our Moondyne Festival teas in May to raise funds for other causes.

Our members get weary and, dare I say it, some are older and less energetic so a break from freezing winds and cold fingers will be welcome when Easter comes.

We will be having a Busy Bee in the garden and hall before the April 19 celebration.

Our gardener has pruned our arch tree across the path to make entrance to the hall a bit less fraught for those on mobility scooters and we hope by April the severe heat which has affected us all will be well and truly over so

the gardens look refreshed and colourful.

The hall itself will be at its gleaming best. Although it takes hard work to maintain it we feel for a 100 year old girl she is doing well and makes us proud.

At our general meeting a vote was taken on meeting times and it remains at 10am for both meetings and coffee mornings.

We are planning to treat ourselves to a Bindoon Bakery outing for our May coffee morning but other coffee mornings will be blanket knitathons or for sewing feelie hearts or whatever takes our fancy as the year goes on.

We are already knitting squares ready for blankets for the homeless and feelie hearts are being sewn up ready to give to schools, hospitals, refuges, anyone in distress who needs the comfort of a heart in their pocket to remind them they are not alone.

CWA of WA members have made thousands of such items over the years.

Such a simple gesture can have a powerful effect on those who receive one.

Our meetings are held on the fourth Thursday of the month at 10am and coffee mornings on the second Thursday of the month at 10am.

We welcome new members and would love to meet some of our newest residents in Toodyay so come along and see what we are about.

We meet in our hall in Stirling Terrace beside the Garden Centre.

There is plenty of parking on Charcoal Lane. For hall bookings, please call Margot on 9574 2823 or 0405 067 591.



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To access detailed information: jobs.wa.gov.au and key in the Web Search No. 014478 to access detailed information.

For specific enquiries: Please contact Sharlene Toop on (08) 9622 0400.

Closing Date: Wednesday, 7 February 2023 at 4.30pm.

Quilts a joy of colour and complexity

Ragbags Quilting Group
Kerry Gregory

THE RAGBAGS ladies resumed their activities in the St Stephen's Church Hall on February 7, following the summer recess, with a good turn-out of ladies in attendance.

Our holiday "show and tell" was exceptional with wonderful projects being displayed.

The consensus was that the unrelenting heat this summer called for 'indoor pursuits' so quilting projects fitted the bill.

These projects included new items and a number of Unfinished Objects (UFOs) were completed.

We all know the pride and gratification felt when the number of UFOs is reduced.

I recently had a request from a friend to help her make a quilt for her son and had a look at some beautiful fabrics from Africa.

It turned into a most unexpected surprise when she unfolded a beautiful sampler quilt top, a real joy of colour and complexity to discover.

I was delighted to find this really extensive set of sampler blocks lovingly put together,

including two types of stars, a log cabin, flying geese and even a fan-shape with curved edges. These would put many of my efforts sadly in the shade.

I don't really think this lass needs my help at all and this highly accomplished gem really does demonstrate that everyone with a sewing machine can follow a pattern and achieve a beautiful set of blocks to make a quilt; so give it a try.

You don't need to start out on anything as complex as these blocks and you'll most likely find that you are hooked on quilting.

New members are very welcome to attend our regular gatherings of the Ragbags group; a cuppa and a chat are assured.

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

The Ragbags meet at the St Stephens Anglican Church Hall, Stirling Terrace, Toodyay on the first and third Wednesday of each month between 10am and 2pm, bring your lunch; it's cool inside.

For all other information, see *Where and When* on page 28



Heidi's wonderful sampler quilt top full of colour.



Cooking the snags to perfection at the Toodyay Mr Perfect BBQ.

Number crunching the perfect barbecue snaggers

Mr Perfect – More Than A BBQ
Sean Hefferon, coordinator

SNAGMETRICS refers to the number crunching Mr Perfect does at the end of each year.

And the numbers are in for 2023 – Mr Perfect had 4,128 blokes attend a BBQ – across Australia and the local BBQ saw 60 at Duidgee Park for the monthly meetups last year.

That's a lot of snags eaten – in fact, the snag-counters at Mr Perfect HQ estimate 6,192 snags were chopped at the 313 BBQs hosted in 2023.

So, the Aussie BBQ is pretty popular; however, did you know that the term 'barbecue' has its origin in Central America?

The Spanish invaders heard the native Americans refer to a wooden frame they used for drying and smoking various types of fish and game as a 'barbacoa'.

The term was taken back to Europe by the Spanish and Dr Samuel Johnson defined 'barbecue' in his famous English dictionary as "a term used in the West-Indies for dressing a hog whole, which, being split to the backbone, is laid flat upon a large gridiron, raised about two foot above a charcoal fire, with which it is surrounded".

It was in the early 1900s that events called barbecues emerged in Australia.

The Waverley Bowls Club in Sydney was among the first with its 'Leg o' Mutton Barbecue' in 1903.

According to the Sydney broadsheet *The*

Arrow, the bowls club failed to provide any actual legs of mutton but offered lamb and pork.

By 1920, Sydney papers advertised the public barbecue of a whole bullock in Martin Place to promote Peace Bonds.

At this time the backyard barbecue was still in the future.

In fact, it took decades for the backyard barbecues to start, and then the group consumption of a whole beast evolved into chops and sausages for individual servings.

Built-in brick barbecues became luxury features in up-scale homes and by 1953 the idea of home barbecues ignited the nation's imagination so much the *Australian Women's Weekly* (hello Ita) published a guide to building them in the backyard.

By the mid-60s, the portable gas barbecue arrived, and public 'barbecues' became common in parks around the country and cooking snags, chops and steaks replaced the idea of roasting a whole beast.

How good is that – having gas-fuelled barbecues in public parks?

And that's where you'll find the Toodyay Mr Perfect BBQ down at Duidgee Park on the first Sunday of the month.

Mr Perfect is 'Mental Health's Mate', a grassroots 'pre-crisis' charity that creates community and connection by bringing men together at BBQs in local parks across Australia, to reduce isolation and encourage better mental health.

Cooling songs beat the summer heat

Toodyay Music Club
Jenny Edgecombe

WHAT a faithful and resilient crew our members are with a brave band turning out for the February Music Club on a day that reached well over 40 degrees.

The opening skiffle session featured a lively rendition of *Polly Wolly Doodle*, enhanced by Anne's extremely enthusiastic work with wooden rhythm sticks from the percussion box.

We also included a song which is a perennial favourite with the group: *You Are My Sunshine*.

During the summer break, members had been working on songs for this February theme day.

As it happened on this very hot day, we had chosen to feature songs on the cooling theme of Water.

Anne started the individual items with a rousing presentation of *The Road to the Isles*.

Maurice stunned us with his excellent guitar work for *Water of Love* and *Down to the Waterline*.

The audience thoroughly enjoyed Eileen's lovely rendition of *The Rhythm of the Rain*.

Spencer took us on a trip down Memory Lane with the beautiful *Deep Water*, a song he made his own in the old Folk Club days.

Joe had also looked back to those days for the perennial favourite, *The Water is Wide*.

Jenny continued this trend with songs she was fond of in her early years with the club.

These included *Glory to the Day* and *Biloxi*, a resonant song from the deep South of the USA.

Collette charmed us all with her lovely presentation of the beautiful *Macushla*, a romantic Erse song which featured in *Million Dollar Baby*.


At the end of a very enjoyable afternoon, we decided on a theme of 'Friends' for the next theme day, which will be held in May.

In the meantime, items for the March and April meetings will be free choice.

The March meeting will take place on in the CWA Hall on Saturday March 9, starting at 1pm, with free choice of items.

You are welcome to join us as a performer or audience member.

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






Attention all Year 9 and 10 students living within the Toodyay Shire!

Toodyay RSL has just released the prospectus for their 2024 Research Scholarship. To enter, all that is required is to research the life story of any member of Toodyay's Honour Roll. Winners get to experience a trip to Canberra, the Australian War Memorial etc. Entry forms are contained within each prospectus.

Students at Toodyay District High School can obtain a prospectus from the school.
For any others, please contact us directly at toodyay.secretary@sb.rslwa.org.au with a subject of "Toodyay RSL Research Scholarship"

This project is made possible with support from the Shire of Toodyay, the Bendigo Bank and the Moondyne Men and sponsored by the Toodyay Sub-Branch of the RSL








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