



SHIRE NEWS



The Shire of Toodyay is now in the Restricted Burning Period.

Permits are required and are currently only issued for the burning of stubble and chaff for crop preparation purposes for primary producers.

Permit Applications for must be made via the Shire of Toodyay's website.

Holders of **permits** must comply with all permit conditions which include (but are not limited to) restrictions/requirements around burn notifications, minimum supervision, firefighting resourcing and fire danger ratings.

Please note: permits will not be issued for the burning of piles of timber or social events.

During the restricted burning period, the Shire of Toodyay will issue permits for bona fide broad acre stubble operations for a period of up to 28 days to reduce re-application requirements for farmers with large operations.

Please note that the Restricted Burning Period may be extended beyond April 30 depending on weather conditions.

Please check the Shire of Toodyay website to stay up to date with the Restricted Burning Period.

Any changes will also be advised via the Shire's Harvest, Vehicle Movement and Hot works Ban SMS system.



TCRC welcomes a new staff member!

March has been a whirlwind! Our Be Connected One-on-one Lessons are off to a great start, so be sure to book yours before April 11. We have assisted learners with how to update apps, move folders on



their laptop, how to use a mouse, and much more.

We're excited to welcome Lena, our new Trainee, to the team! Lena will be working on her certificate in tourism over the next year, and we'd like to thank the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development for making this possible. Be sure to stop by and say hello. There is another exciting update: the Jobs and Skills Centre will now offer a pop-in service at the Toodyay CRC on the last Thursday of each month. Whether you're looking for career guidance, training options, or job matching assistance, they are here to help you achieve your professional and personal goals.

Leave a review for our Visitors centre

Toodyay is participating in this year's Top Tourism Town Awards through the Tourism Council of W.A. Our submission is centered around the family country experience that Toodyay provides. Our decision to focus on the family experience stems from the observation of a significant number of families already reveling in day trips to Toodyay. Recognizing this trend, we aim to elevate the visitors experience by emphasizing the benefits of an extended stay.

With our community's assistance we would like you to share your support by encouraging family and friends that visit to write a review on their experience within our town and any of the local businesses they have visited during their time here. This will help our town with the peer review section of judging.

You can leave a review with our Trip Advisor or Google Review QR codes.

Battling the Borer: Toodyay's trees under threat

The tranquillity of Toodyay's landscapes, characterised by lush greenery and abundant tree life, is facing an unprecedented threat from a tiny yet formidable enemy: the Polyphagous Shot Hole Borer (PSHB). Native to Southeast Asia, this invasive beetle has garnered attention due to its destructive impact on trees, boring into them to lay eggs, which in turn, leads to the spread of a deadly fungus. As it passes through various regions, Toodyay's verdant canopy stands at a crossroads, under the looming shadow of this pestilence. So far it has not spread to our Shire. PSHB poses a significant threat not only



to native species but also to agricultural and ornamental trees, thereby affecting biodiversity, ecosystem services, and landscape aesthetics.

The fungus disrupts the tree's ability to transport water and nutrients, ultimately leading to the tree's demise.

Preventive measures are essential to prevent the arrival and spread of PSHB within the Shire.

Residents are asked to report sightings of infested trees, characterized by tiny boreholes and a powder-like substance around them. Regular monitoring and proper sanitation of green waste can significantly reduce the beetle's breeding grounds. Additionally, refraining from transporting firewood or plant materials from infested areas will cut off its invasion routes. By staying informed and vigilant, the community of Toodyay can prevent the spread of this invasive beetle, to safeguard the environment for generations to come.



Quarantine area.

Suellyn joins the team as Cultural Heritage Officer



government and tertiary institutions as well as working in the approvals and regulatory sector within heritage and mining.

Suellyn's experience and presence with the team will be instrumental in delivering key heritage projects such as the Local Heritage Survey (previously known as the Municipal Heritage Inventory), rationalisation of Shire Heritage Strategies and development of a Shire-wide Local Planning Policy for Heritage which will extend beyond just the Toodyay townsite. Suellyn will also be managing the museum volunteers who all play such a wonderful and critical role in educating locals and visitors about the town's unique and interesting heritage. Did you know that when Suellyn is not working for us, she is following her other passion historical motorbike racing? She has several fine examples in her personal collection.

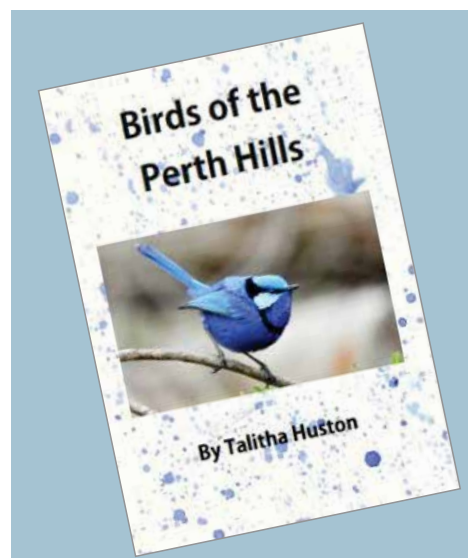
March also saw the Shire gain the services of its new Cultural Heritage Officer – Suellyn Lockett, who has joined the Shire's Development and Regulatory Services and Community Development team.

Suellyn has an extensive and diverse work history having experience managing, researching and caring for public cultural heritage and art collections within



Save the Date - talk to the Author

On Saturday 18 May 2024, 1pm at the Toodyay Library



Toodyay Library is excited to have Talitha do a presentation on her self-published book on the Birds of the Perth Hills. Talitha created, compiled, researched, took all the photographs and hand painted the distribution maps for her book between the ages of 14-16. The booklet is an amazing resource that has the following information: Nyoongar name, Where Found, Diet & Breeding and Photography tips to name a few. The photographs are world class.

The library has the book in stock if you would like to borrow it or you can purchase on the day from Talitha.

To confirm your reservation please call the library on 9574 9325 or email to library@toodyay.wa.gov.au



Gonneville Project Update



Environmental Approvals and Mine Development Proposal

Chalice is seeking approval to develop the Gonneville Project into a mine on Chalice-owned farmland, located ~70km north-east of Perth.

Before a mine can be developed, the Project must receive the approval of State and Commonwealth governments.

Chalice has chosen to progress the environmental approvals processes alongside ongoing engineering studies, to ensure community feedback and environmental considerations can be incorporated early in Project plans. The approvals process and further studies are expected to take ~3 years.

The Project proposal includes infrastructure to mine and process ore that would be transported to domestic or overseas customers for further refinement into metals.

Infrastructure contained in the 2,240ha (~22.4km²) development area includes; open pit and/or underground mining operations, ore processing plant, tailings storage, stockpiles and waste rock landforms, along with supporting infrastructure (offices, workshops, internal haul roads etc.) and temporary facilities during construction.

The development area is located on Chalice-owned farmland which is already approx. 56% cleared from previous farming activities. Off-site infrastructure corridor options for power, water and transport are still being considered in consultation with Water Corporation and Western Power.

The Project will be assessed in line with State Environmental Protection Act 1986 and the Commonwealth Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999.

During this process there are opportunities for public comment, both formally through the Government or informally through Chalice.

If approved, the Gonneville Project has the potential to deliver substantial benefits to the region through local job creation, local business opportunities and a long-term contribution to the economy.

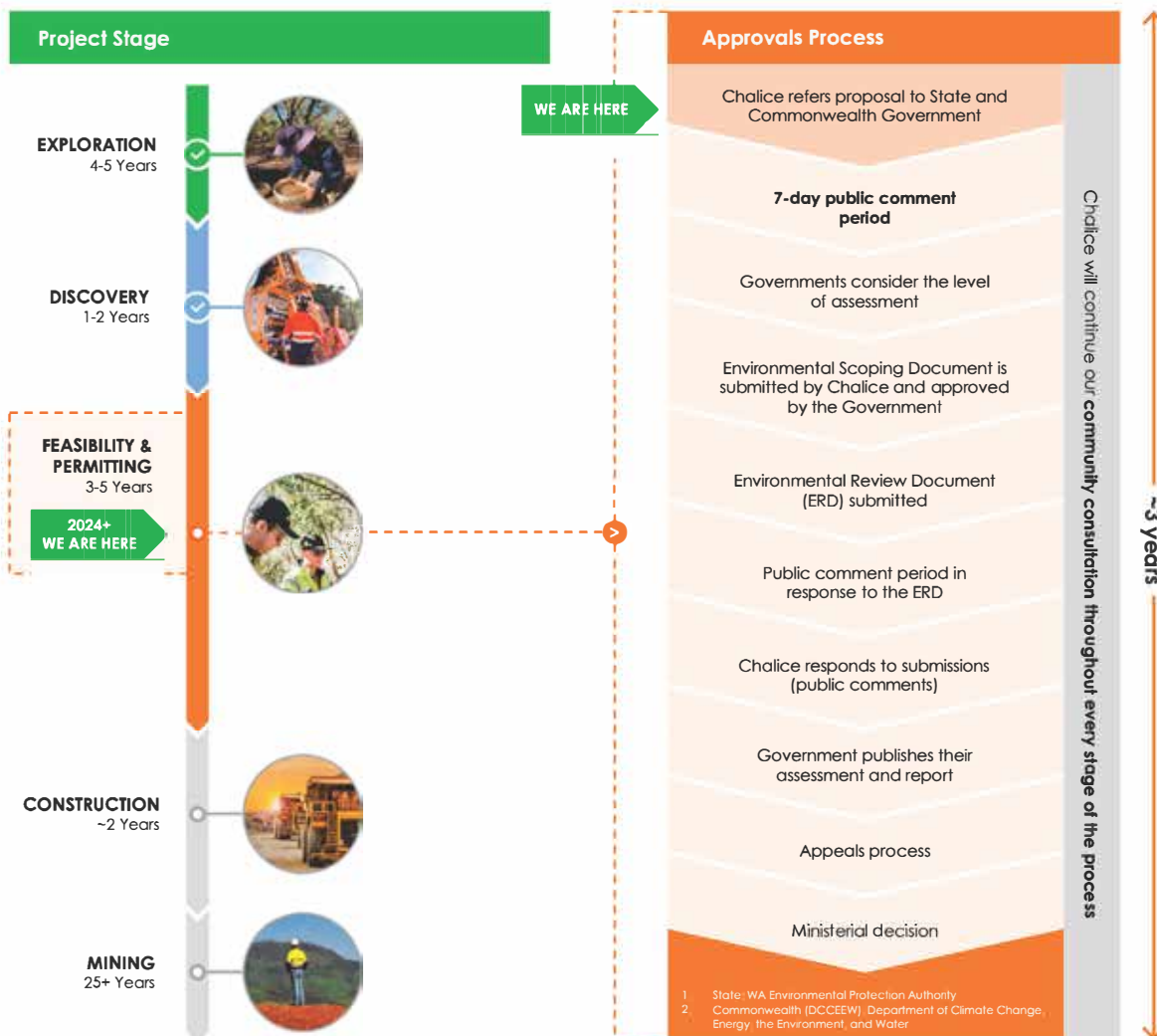
To read more about the Government approvals processes, visit:

WA EPA: www.epa.wa.gov.au/about-environmental-impact-assessment

DCCEEW: www.dcceew.gov.au/about/news/welcome-to-dcceew



To read our information sheets visit: www.chalicemining.com/community-information-sheets or scan the QR code with your phone camera.



Community Information Sessions

Chalice will be hosting community information sessions throughout the approvals process, to share more about the environmental approvals process and mine development proposal. Chalice staff will be available to answer questions and provide additional information about the Project.

To attend, please register for your preferred session:



Visit www.bit.ly/calendlyCHN or scan the QR code with your phone camera.

If you need help booking into a session, don't hesitate to get in touch with the team at community@chalicemining.com or **0487 371 961**.

If you cannot make it to a session, the Chalice Toodyay Office will continue to open as usual on **Thursday mornings from 8.30am - 11.30am** for community members to drop in and speak to the team.

Talk to us
Email community@chalicemining.com
Phone 0487 371 961

Visit our website
To read our information sheets visit:
www.chalicemining.com/community-information-sheets

Chalice Toodyay Office
Open 8.30am - 11.30am Thursdays
Shop 5, Charcoal Lane, Toodyay

After seven years in storage Roz's charity quilt is finished

Ragbags Quilting Group
Kerry Gregory

MOST quilters engage in the production of comfort quilts for good causes, either collaborating by producing blocks which are sewn together and quilted by others, or making whole quilts themselves.

These quilts, often referred to as charity quilts, are produced for a number of worthwhile causes including flood and fire victims, chemotherapy patients, blood banks, women's refuges, Australian Defence personnel serving overseas in cold climates, or even tiny quilts for premature babies.

The Ragbags group of ladies have produced many such quilts, often from donated fabrics over the years, and occasionally these quilts have a history associated with them.

The quilt pictured this month has been in production for a very long time.

Originally surfacing in a plastic bag, mostly in pieces, at the quilting group in Chittering where it was picked up by Roz Davidson.

She worked out the design and pieced some



The bright collaborative quilt for Toodyay Locals Care.

of the quilt.

Interestingly, the hexagon paper design pieces had been cut from the pages of a 1960-70's women's magazine.

It was then donated to the Ragbags group about six or seven years ago and sat in our

cupboard until Gabrielle completed much of the remaining hand pieced paper hexagons with the available fabric.

The quilt went back into our cupboard for a few years, looking a bit forlorn, awaiting a suitable border.

Then, at the end of 2022 a review of items in the cupboard saw it revealed again and Jane put her hand up to take it home with the remaining blue fabric and a soft blanket, also from our donated items, to endeavour to "sort it".

Following our Christmas recess in February Jane produced this wonderful, slightly unorthodox quilt for the *Show and Tell*.

The quilt has no wadding with the fluffy blanket as backing but brought applause and delight to the Ragbags ladies; well done Jane.

Now, with the approach of winter and our cooler nights, the quilt is to be donated back to Roz at Toodyay Locals Care for her to distribute to a deserving recipient.

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 creative projects and share your enthusiasm.

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

Celebrating 100 years and a new roof

Country Women's Association
Viv Street

OUR branch has been bustling in preparation for the grand reveal of our new roof in celebration of 100 years of the CWA of WA on Friday April 19.

Invitations have gone out to CWA branches, past members, anyone connected to the Toodyay branch and all who contributed to the re-roofing of the hall.

It looks as if we will have a good turn out on the day and we anticipate a very happy occasion.

April's coffee morning will be a morning of tidying and cleaning both in the garden and hall so that we will look our best on the day for all our visitors.

One wonders if back in 1927 the women who got together and formed the branch in this town realised what a significant impact they would be making.

Country women in NSW and Queensland had already started forming groups and by late 1923 the idea had spread to WA.

The first branch was formed in Nungarin in May 1924 and our neighbour Bolgart, still going strong, was the second branch to form a month later followed by Calingiri.

The *Toodyay Herald* already being a well-read paper, carried news of the CWA and the editor suggested that the Mechanics Institute might be a "restful" place for Toodyay's country women and children to relax whilst visiting town.

Local women had already been discussing options and approached the Road Board who agreed to the arrangement.

Plans were thwarted when the Road Board decided the building needed renovating for their own use.

So the Branch rented from the Road Board the room at the front of the Memorial Hall.

It was in these Road Board Chambers that the inaugural minuted meeting of Toodyay's CWA Branch was held on 18 June 1927.

This was just one week after a large group of women met in the same venue to discuss the formation of such a group.

Members worked tirelessly to raise money for their own Rest Rooms and in 1928 the new CWA Rest Room, formerly the delicensed Toodyay Wine saloon in Stirling Terrace, was formally opened.

The building was hired for six shillings a week with the first year's rent donated by the Road Board.

A large membership continued fundraising and in 1939 the present CWA hall, mostly rebuilt from the old Coondle Hall, was officially opened and furnished by the Bush Nursing Society. It was a place for expectant and convalescent mothers of the district.

How times and circumstances have changed since then, but the CWA Hall is still a place to gather for friendship and companionship.

We still strive to lend a helping hand to those in need as well as providing a "restful" place for the community to gather.

The Gathering of the Birds, hosted by Mt. Helena/Parkerville this year has mapped out the years events which include all sorts of celebrations in local branches for the centenary year of CWA of WA.

York is holding a Heritage weekend during the weekend of April 27 and 28, and the CWA Rooms will have a display of 100 years of CWA from 9.30am to 2pm.

Northam Agricultural show will have a CWA display on September 14, and Guildford Markets will be honouring CWA on September 15.

Our branch is donating the Centenary book, 'Women of Spirit', to the library so look out for a copy.

It has taken seven years to compile because so many inspirational women have contributed to WA's CWA history.

These are also available to buy if you are interested.

Our meetings are held on the fourth Thursday of the month at 10am in the CWA Hall.

Coffee mornings are held on the second Thursday of the month at 10am and new members are most welcome to join us.

Plenty of parking is available in Charcoal Lane.



Members of the Toodyay Autumn Club, farewelling visitors from the Hillview Lifestyle Village.

Chatter and laughs at carpet bowls

Toodyay Autumn Club
Michael Cox

I HAVE not been able to keep you up to date with our activities in the last few weeks owing to my hospital visits, but we are back and kicking.

I managed to get to a Wednesday meeting when we had a visit from the Hillview Lifestyle Village group.

We arrived at the hall at 8.30am to get morning tea and lunch ready for their arrival at 9.30 for this special meeting.

There were warm greetings when their bus arrived, and then we all sat down for morning tea.

Afterwards we got stuck into a few games with lots of chatter and laughs.

It was great to see so many of us and using three mats for the game of carpet bowls.

Lunch was prepared by the ladies in the kitchen, and after a raffle it was time for more games.

By then it was time to say our goodbyes to our guests. It was a great day, and we are hoping to see them again soon.

We have one birthday coming up in April, so 'Happy Birthday' Christine.

Our weekly get together is on Wednesdays in the Pavillion hall at the Showgrounds from 1pm to 4pm.

We play carpet bowls and enjoy a hearty afternoon tea.

You are welcome to drop in on any Wednesday and join us or you can contact our secretary Glenyce on 0409 378 655



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Lies, damned lies and road statistics

Safe and Scenic Toodyay Roads

Beatrice Laufer

TOODYAY Road has often been cited as one of WA's most dangerous roads due to its allegedly unacceptable safety record.

It is certainly true that Toodyay Road has had a history of serious accidents, including fatalities.

SASTR has always agreed that Toodyay Road needs to be upgraded as it has suffered for too long from poor maintenance, increasing disrepair, with crumbling hard shoulders and sub-standard road surfaces.

Is Toodyay Road's safety record, however, as bad as is made out by Main Roads Western Australia (MRWA)?

Equally important, does it warrant turning this beautiful albeit imperfect country road into the soulless highway envisaged by Main Roads?

In October 2022, the department stated that the 'Wheatbelt section of Toodyay Road has an unacceptable safety record' and cited 30 crashes resulting in death or serious injury between 2011 and 2021 as reason for that assessment.

Interestingly, Main Roads acknowledged accident numbers have declined in recent times but maintained the extensive, environmentally destructive development planned for the road remains necessary.

SASTR has long sought more detailed historical crash data for Toodyay Road to understand the extent and nature of accidents occurring on Toodyay Road as well as the road's safety record over time.

Main Road's Open Data Portal provides useful WA road crash data for the last five year-period and makes it possible for SASTR to prepare a more detailed picture on the crash history of the Wheatbelt section of Toodyay Road over the past ten or so years.

The results are interesting as they seem to reflect an improvement in road safety for Toodyay Road in recent years.

Year	Killed	Hospitalisation	Year	Killed	Hospitalisation
2011 - 2015*	4	12	2019	0	4
			2020	0	0
2016**	0	0	2021	0	1
2017	0	2	2022	0	1
2018***	0	4	2023	0	1
Total	4	18	Total	0	7

Sources:

* MRWA State and Commonwealth Offset Proposal – Toodyay Road Widening SLK 12.75 to 40.3, March 2018, p.4, <https://ftp.dwer.wa.gov.au/permit/7431/CPS%207431-1%20-%20Offset%20proposal.pdf>

** [Statistics 2016-2017] 'Police Beat', Toodyay Herald editions 2016 & 2017; MRWA Open Data Portal 'Historic Incidents 2016-2019' [accessed 26/03/2024]

*** [Statistics 2018-2023] MRWA Open Data Portal on Road Safety 'Crash Information (Last 5 Years)' [first accessed 12/02/2024]

Comparison of KSI (Killed and Seriously Injured) for 2014-2018 to 2019-2023 – Wheatbelt section of Toodyay Road between Dryandra Road and Toodyay.

Crash information for the Wheatbelt side of Toodyay Road shows that since the beginning of 2018, nobody has been killed in a road accident within the Wheatbelt section of Toodyay Road.

Furthermore, yearly accident numbers have been in the single to low double digits.

Between 2018 and 2023, 85 per cent of all accidents recorded for Toodyay Road occurred in the metropolitan section of Toodyay Road and only 15 percent in the Wheatbelt section of Toodyay Road.

In real numbers, this means that of the 217 crashes recorded for Toodyay Road for the period 1 January 2018 to 31 December 2023, only 32 occurred in the Wheatbelt section of the Toodyay Road while 185 crashes happened on the metropolitan side of Toodyay Road.

In the face of this apparent improved safety record of the Wheatbelt section of Toodyay Road in recent years, the proposed level of environmental destruction and Main Road's plan to turn this scenic country road into a bleak highway do not make sense.

It is unjustifiable to spend \$80 million on an over-engineered project with a substantial environmental footprint when there are

less destructive and more cost-effective alternatives that could be explored.

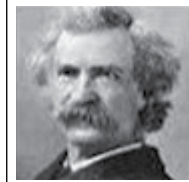
SASTR continues to demand an urgent review of the current project plans and, to this end, we have supplied a detailed submission to the Assistant Transport Minister.

Our submission suggested road improvements that can be accomplished in ways that minimise environmental harm and maintain both the biodiversity and tourism value of Toodyay Road.

After six weeks, we are still awaiting a response.

Perhaps labelling Toodyay Road as the most dangerous road in the State has been the most effective strategy in reducing the road toll.

Lastly, a big thank you to everyone who bought a ticket in our recent Easter raffle and congratulations to the winners.



There are lies, damned lies and statistics.
– Mark Twain

Old favourites keep feet tapping at skiffle sessions

Toodyay Music Club

Jenny Edgecombe

THE FUN opening 'skiffle' sessions at Music Club allow members to warm up their voices with a variety of tried-and-true songs.

It is a great pleasure to hear the varied voices blend effortlessly in the group with some providing impromptu harmonies for songs they know well.

The March skiffle included that perennial favourite *You Are My Sunshine*.

Our members gain great satisfaction from learning some new songs for the theme days, but they also enjoy the freedom of the intervening months.

Some love to revisit old favourites and others present new songs they have been learning without the restriction of a theme.

Anne started the individual items with a Scottish joke, but we forgave her for that when she moved on to sing the beautiful Stan Rogers song *Lock Keeper*.

Feet were tapping when Maurice revisited the old Dad's Army television series, singing *Who Do You Think You Are Kidding, Mr Hitler?*

Eileen followed with a moving rendition of *The Cowboy and the Lady*.

Audience members thoroughly enjoyed Collette and Brian's comical presentation of *Baby It's Cold Outside*.

Spencer dived back into early folk club days singing the stirring *Union Miner* song, in addition to the moving *Green Grass of Home*.

There were many other marvellous songs throughout the afternoon, with a break in the middle for the usual scrumptious afternoon tea.

The April meeting will take place in the CWA Hall on Saturday April 13 at 1pm.

Items are free choice so long as they are 'acoustic'.

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

For more information, give Joe a call on 0400 862 694.

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Expert turners whip it out easy at woodturning demo

Avon Woodturners
Hamish Dobie

A STREAM of cars and caravans flooded Toodyay on the weekend of March 16, as woodturners from various clubs across the state came for a weekend workshop in the Memorial Hall hosted by the town's own Avon Woodturners.

The audience watched three demonstrations of woodturning by expert turners and they made it look easy to produce bowls with lids, chess pieces and more in just a short time.

From my own experiences I know how long it takes me to make something similar, so I surmise these experts have a finished item in their back pocket and just whip it out at the end of the demonstration.

The club provided morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea for all attendees and we are grateful for the work put in by Brian and Lisa Slater.

They were ably supported by Dot and Millie, to produce and present such a sumptuous spread.

I thought we over-catered, but by the end of the event there was scarcely a crumb left – and well-fed turners going out the door.

Attendees came from as far as Collie and Busselton, and travelled by caravan to enjoy what Toodyay has to offer.

This included the Toodyay Market the following day, so we were also doing our bit for the local economy.

I'm pleased to say that many of the local businesses supported the event, which just underlines what a great town we live in.

These businesses included Cola Café, Home Hardware, Makit Hardware, Bottle Mart, Kate and Teds, Toodyay Garden Centre, Victoria Hotel, B & S Jackson, Barry at B-Vec, Coorinja Winery, Dunnings, Bunnings and MM Electrical.

A special mention also for Toodyay Caravan Park for their support in accommodating the caravaners.

After everyone had gone, we had to remove the lathe and other equipment and put all the tables and chairs away before cleaning the hall.

The temperature had decided to increase to 36°C by this time, so it was an arduous and extremely sweaty task.

This workshop only comes to Toodyay every second year, so the club stalwarts have ample time to recover.

We would love to get some new blood into the club, so if you are interested or just curious come along to Shed 1 at the Community Depot on Railway Road.

We operate on Wednesdays and/or Sundays from 9am until noon.



The Toodyay Memorial Hall, venue for the Weekend Workshop hosted by Avon Woodturners in March.

SHIRE OF TOODYAY

Toodyay Recreation Centre management contract between Clublinks and Shire of Toodyay to conclude

Clublinks has requested early termination from the Shire of Toodyay contract for management of the Toodyay Recreation Centre, effective 30 June 2024.

Clublinks will work with the Shire to agree on transitional arrangements and timeframes that will ensure minimal disruptions during the handover for sporting activities, making the transition as seamless as possible.

The Shire will be seeking feedback from the community regarding the ongoing management of the Centre.

As further arrangements are made, information will be communicated to clubs, facility users and the community.



ENVIRONMENT



Part of the collection of the insect collection of Andrew Wallace.

Bugs and beetles under threat when wetlands are cleared or altered

Julimar Conservation and Forest Alliance
Wayne Clarke

HELENA College Year 12 Student, Andrew Wallace, was the guest speaker at the Toodyay Naturalists' Club's February 2024 meeting. The young man spoke on 'Local invertebrates and how to get them into your garden,' and what an entertaining speaker he was.

Andrew explained that invertebrates related to any fauna without a spine and they comprise over 95 percent of all animals.

They include insects and spiders and many coral and marine animals.

Very few of the huge number of invertebrates discovered have been named, and until they are formally identified (and scientifically named) they have no protection.

Any number of them could be unique in the environment and serve multiple purposes.

One genus found in Julimar State Forest – the Castiarina or Jewel Beetle – has over 476 species in Australia, many of which can be found in Toodyay.

They pollinate many plant species including eucalypts, banksias, myrtles and quandong.

Bull ants or Sergeant Ants (Myrmecia species) use their large eyes to latch on to prey rather than smell (like most ants) and also play a part in pollination.

The bodies of both centipedes and millipedes are made up of segments. The difference between the two is that centipedes have one pair of legs per body segment while millipedes have two pairs.

Huntsman spiders have a squat body with two rows of small, flat (and hard to see) eyes running horizontally down their side with legs splayed outwards and angled down, whereas wolf spiders have two large forward facing eyes (that shine at night), with legs spreading outwards but not angled.

There are over 300 native species of termites in Australia that all belong to the cockroach family of which there are over 450 known species in Australia.

Andrew has a permit to collect invertebrates and his collection is quite extensive.

Specimens were well laid-out and painstakingly mounted, indicating his genuine enthusiasm for invertebrates and nature in general.

At least 87 species of aquatic invertebrates were collected at Julimar Claypan in October 2121.

This richness is typical of higher quality freshwater wetlands in the southwest of Western Australia and as high or higher than vegetated ephemeral claypans previously sampled.

An estimated 70-95 per cent of all clay-based wetlands have been cleared or altered (see Gibson et al., 2005, Department of Parks and Wildlife 2015) and clay-based wetlands are now listed as 'Threatened Ecological Communities' (Department of Parks and Wildlife 2015) with conservation status ranging from 'Priority 1' to 'Endangered.'

¹ Cale DJ, 2023, Julimar-Claypan Aquatic Invertebrate Survey, Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions, Perth.

SHIRE OF TOODYAY

ELECTOR'S GENERAL MEETING

s.5.29 of the Local Government Act 1995

Council decided at their February 2024 Council Meeting to set the date for the above meeting to be Wednesday 17 April 2024 at 6.00pm in the Shire of Toodyay Council Chambers, 15 Fiennes Street, Toodyay 6566.

All electors, ratepayers and residents of the Shire of Toodyay are welcome to attend. The order of business at this meeting is:

1. Declaration of Opening/Announcement of Visitors;
2. Records of Attendance/Apologies;
3. Confirmation of Minutes;
4. Annual Report 2021/2022;
5. General Business; and
6. Closure.

Copies of the 2021/2022 Annual Report are available on the Shire's website at: <https://www.toodyay.wa.gov.au/documents/annual-reports>

Alternatively, copies can be picked up from the Shire's Administration Centre, Toodyay Regional Library, and the Visitors Information Centre, or by phoning the Shire Admin Centre on 9574 9300 to have a copy posted.

This is your opportunity to submit questions to the Shire, addressed to the Chief Executive Officer as follows:

Via Email: records@toodyay.wa.gov.au

Via Post: Shire of Toodyay, PO Box 96, Toodyay WA 6566

In Person: Shire Office, 15 Fiennes Street, Toodyay WA 6566

The closing date for questions is 4.00pm on Friday 12 April 2024,

however you will still be given the opportunity to ask questions at the Elector's General Meeting.

Tabitha Bateman
Acting CEO



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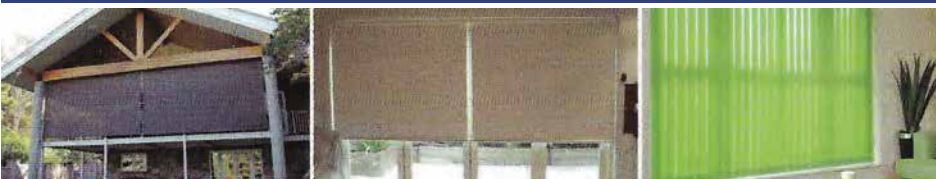
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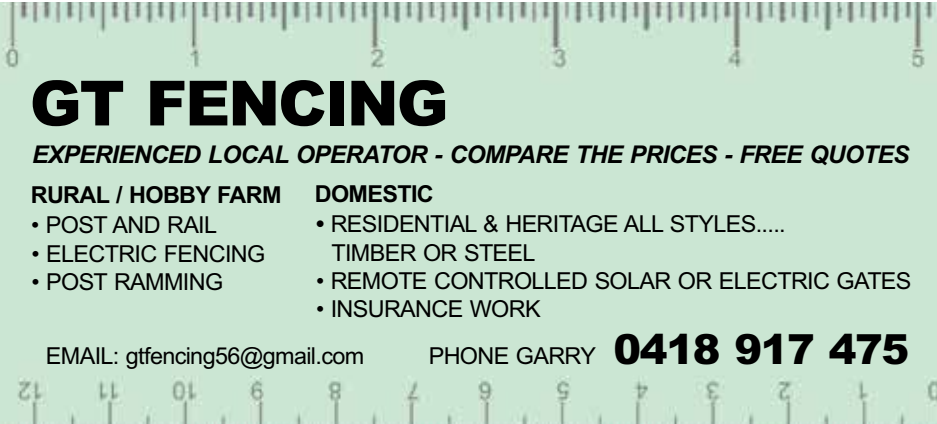
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Waterwise wisdom shared at successful Friends' forum

Toodyay Friends of the River
Hugh Rayner

ON SATURDAY March 9 about 50 people were lucky enough to attend the Waterwise Wisdom Community Forum, the third annual forum hosted by Toodyay Friends of the River.

Three knowledgeable and articulate speakers presented being Robert Miles, the Chairperson of Noongar Kaartdijin Aboriginal Corporation, Associate Professor Nik Callow from the University of Western Australia, and Dr Dimity Boggs from Wheatbelt Natural Resource Management.

Each presented distinctly different but complementary perspectives on how best we can live with our river.

After a warm welcome from Jenny White, the audience was treated to a heartfelt account of the spiritual significance of waterways by Robert who told us how families traditionally held access rights and responsibility for specific areas, which maintained a healthy river balance without exploitation.

This was, and still is, important because waterways provide cultural landmarks,

ENVIRONMENT



President Jenny White with guest speakers Nic Callow, Robert Miles and Dimity Boggs.

physical and spiritual sustenance, connection and natural pathways.

Robert was followed by Associate Professor

Nic Callow, who is also the university's chief drone pilot, and part of his presentation included the use of drones to increase our understanding of river systems.

With his major interest being geo-morphology, Nic offered a quite different perspective, but one which meshed closely with Robert's, that the river system is a living thing that deserves our respect and understanding.

He offered a bigger picture perspective including the vast challenges we face in saving the river. This included population pressure to the incredible damage of past policies.

He raised the interesting hypothesis that with most of the population living (and enjoying) the wide reaches of the lower Swan River, they have little or no understanding of the vital importance of the health of the Avon.

Water issues discussed by Nic included salinity, pollution, riparian cover, feral animals and sediment.

He concluded by saying that the focus needs to be on the river elements of highest value.

On this perhaps gloomy note, Dr Dimity Boggs took over the education of the audience with a fascinating and detailed account of just how this could be done.

Dr Boggs used the model adopted by the Wheatbelt NRM, but she pointed out that there are many groups and people out there working to help the river.

Dimity framed her presentation around the notion that, "There is no such thing as an environmental problem, there are only people problems."

Dimity has focused on riparian zone protection, and despite the challenges of lack of uptake and nature itself, there are nearly 300 hectares of revegetation contracts and 40 kilometres of fencing underway in the first two rounds.

Further, NRM have placed many nesting boxes in the catchment and worked on feral animal control.

After a sumptuous afternoon tea by Gary Payne, the well-fed audience returned ready for the Q&A session, preceded by the raffle draw which left many participants with interesting prizes courtesy of NRM.

The Q&A helped consolidate understanding from the day. It was clear that while coming from different perspectives all three speakers were aiming for the same outcome – the best possible reinvigoration of the Avon River as is essential for the spiritual and physical well-being of us all.

Our April working bees will be held on Sunday April 14 and Monday April 15.

We will be working to finish the West Toodyay Wander Walk Track.

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180g pinkie defying the odds

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Brian Foley

ANOTHER month has flown by.

I am sure there are less days in each month than there were 20 years ago.

I prepare a news article and it seems in a few days there is an email from *The Herald* reminding us it's time for another.

We have had a few joeys come in last month, sadly none have survived apart from a 180 gram pinkie that Becky kept alive—so, fingers crossed.

At that size they are only a probable survivor.

Many birds are also being cared for by Tash and Chris who are doing a great job.

Unfortunately, we lost a pygmy possum, we believe had been attacked by a cat – not only did this one lose its life but so did the four babies she had.

They were too small to even attempt to keep alive.

Playton the blind kangaroo with cataracts had corrective surgery but not all has gone to plan, so we will see what the outcome is and report next month.

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The pygmy possum and her babies, which sadly did not survive.



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Toodyay Garden Club
Jan Ackroyd

THE GARDEN Club AGM was held at the beginning of March at St Stephens Hall with 35 members in attendance.

This year we needed to elect a new President, Vice President and Treasurer and the positions were successfully filled.

The new committee was formed with Heidi Malone as President, Steve Sirs as Vice president and Hamish Dobie as Treasurer.

The remaining committee members positions are unchanged from last year.

Every great club has a great committee behind the scenes to make sure everything runs smoothly and TGC is no exception.

We thank our retiring members, Steph, Wendy and Hamish who have served the Club so well for many years. Hamish has a new role and we look forward to seeing Steph and Wendy at our visits during the year.

Our Events Coordinator Judy has organised a great variety of venues to visit during the year, including two bus trips when we will visit Gingin and Herne Hill.

March didn't bring the autumn rains we were all hoping for, but the weather has finally started to change with lower than 40 degree temperatures and plenty of humidity.

The countryside still looks very thirsty,



The new committee of the Toodyay Garden Club (left to right) back row Steve Sirs, Sue Rogers, Jan Ackroyd, Hamish Dobie, Russty Tayler, Liz Tayler. Front row Heidi Malone, Judy Rowston, Lyn D'Herville.

and the water carting trucks remain very busy looking after those who live beyond the town's scheme water infrastructure.

The Greens Waste area at the local tip has plenty of vehicles and trailers coming and going as many of us are having to cut back and dispose of a lot of dead vegetation.

As much as we are keen to get outside to start trying to rejuvenate our water starved

and wilting gardens, it really is still too early to replant, and it would be wise to wait for some soaking rain.

If you love visiting gardens consider joining the Garden Club, or you can come along as a visitor and pay \$5 to see if becoming a member would be of interest.

You can contact us at toodyaygardenclub@gmail.com.

Every reptile 'sloughs' its skin

Python Watch
Desraé Clarke

A RECENT find on the floor of our house was a small piece of fluff.

On closer inspection it was a 'sloughed' (pronounced 'sluffed') skin of a Reticulated Velvet Gecko.

All reptiles 'slough' their skins as do frogs and turtles.

The process is termed as 'a voluntary discarded skin'.

Reptiles have a dry outer skin, a layer of dead scales overlapping each other.

As the dead skin doesn't grow with the animal it needs to be removed, and this process is known as 'sloughing'.

Young creatures continuing to grow may slough once every three weeks, whereas a mature creature may slough one to three times annually.

Reptiles with legs such as lizards, monitors, skinks, geckos, etc. have a skin that sheds in pieces. Creatures such as python, legless lizard, snake, etc. shed skin in one piece turning it inside out as it sheds.

Examining the recent slough find very closely we found two small clear circles in the skin that covered the head; it is the scale that covers and protects the eye of the species.

As the eye lid is immovable the Gecko cleans the scale covering its eye with a rapid movement of its tongue.

This action has been caught on film – very much a chance sighting.

Like all reptiles the monitor sheds its skin regularly with some skin shedding in complete units while others flake off in small sections resulting in the old skin adhering to the throat, flanks and legs giving the individual a 'scruffy' appearance.

The 'scruffy' appearance has also been observed on the familiar Bobtail.

A frog normally sloughs on a regular basis. It avoids dry areas and dehydration by concealing itself in a cool area enveloping itself in a shed skin and mucous cocoon.

Turtles also regularly slough with the material resembling a piece of slime on the waterway.

The Toodyay Naturalists' Club are grateful to receive sighting information, which may be of birds, reptiles, frogs, turtles or plants, to add to its database.

Observations and photos can be emailed to secretary@toodyaynats.org.au or phone 9574 5574.

For reptile relocation contact the following volunteer community members: Brian Foley 0419 933 721; Ebony Francis 0403 335 348; (after hours/weekends).



The sloughed skin of a gecko. Photo: Wayne Clarke.

We love our birds and the birds love Toodyay



A variety of waterbirds and an unwelcome observer. Photo: Bethan Lloyd.

Bird of the Month
Desraé Clarke

THE PRESENTATION given at the March Toodyay Nat's meeting by noted amateur ornithologist, Max Howard, demonstrated his love of birds and the years he has enjoyed recording his observations.

It is known that the Shire of Toodyay has 193 bird species within the area.

This knowledge of such a diverse wealth of birdlife is an amazing result from years of monitoring.

Max has been a passionate birdwatcher and observer since he was a young lad and gives his knowledge gathered from his observations freely to those interested in this wonderful activity.

Toodyay Shire is fortunate to have multiple soil types and terrain resulting in a wide variety of plant species.

Ancient river gums and tea-tree forests grow along the winter flowing Avon River, its tributaries, and the mudflats of summer.

Areas of swamp, peat, shrubbery, heath, majestic and powder-bark wandoo trees, and multi-trunked jarrah all provide homes and nutrition for a great variety of both endemic and migratory birds.

Due to the drying climate our birds appreciate the bird baths that many enthusiasts provide, and it is the joy of observing the antics of birds at a bird bath that encourages 'bird watching'.

Baths in the vicinity or beneath shrubbery offer smaller birds including wrens, robins, thornbills, honeyeaters, and pardalotes protection as they fly down to the water to drink or bathe and then sit amongst foliage to preen.

Watching this activity is delightful. It is also obvious that birds of different sizes will take their turn in using the bird baths.

Larger parrots such as the ringneck and red-capped parrot do not usually visit the bird bath at the same time as smaller species, and black cockatoos wait their turn for a drink and a bath.

With the use of 'sensor' cameras there may be some wonderful surprises awaiting especially during the night when secretive species visit.

The Avon River and floodplain is an amazing area to observe both static and migratory species; as well as the small shore birds that fly back and forth across the water catching insects.

There are the larger waterbirds such as the heron species, kites and others that sit on high vantage points watching the water for an unsuspecting meal.

Others are found on the water wading or on the mud flats seeking a meal.

Toodyay is fortunate to have the beautiful John Masters Bird Hide situated along the Bilya Walk Track at Red Banks Pool; visit this exceptional hide to enjoy the experience.

Australia has such a rich bird species list, so make time to enjoy the gift we have.

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WHERE AND WHEN

ART & CRAFT / HOBBIES / HISTORY

Arts Toodyay
Fourth Wednesday of each month from 6pm at the Toodyay Bowling Club. Contact secretary.arts.j2@gmail.com.

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

Ragbabs 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 Jan) 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. 'Toodyay DHS P&C' on Facebook, write to Toodyay District High School P&C at PO Box 1624, Toodyay WA 6566. email pandctoodyaydhs@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-Nunille 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 secretarymrvbf@gmail.com.

St John Morangup Sub Centre
Volunteering, first aid kits, Benefit Fund memberships, 48 Wallaby Way, Morangup. Monday and Wednesday 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 7.30pm.

Toodyay State Emergency Service
Fourth Tuesday monthly 3 Wallaby Way Morangup. Jeff Venn 0438 490 331 toodyayselocalmanager@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 Mammals and Pappas
Wildlife Rescue Brian Foley 0419 933 721.

Safe and Scenic Toodyay Road
Andrew St John. info@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. Heidi Malone President 0451 127 413 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.lloyd_8@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
moondynecommittee@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 Café
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 Association
Secretary: Cheryl-Jean. Contact email butterfly2j@gmail.com.

Fitness and Fun for the Over 55s
Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays Youth Hall, Showgrounds 9am.

Ida's Hideaway
Saturdays Toodyay Baptist Church, Stirling Terrace 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 CRC, 67 Stirling Terrace 8-10.30am. Breakfast 1st Saturday monthly. Colin Bird, Secretary 0424 195 003.

Morangup Progress Association
Chair Daryl Cooper chair@morangupmpa.com.au. www.morangupmpa.com.au.

RSL Toodyay Sub-Branch
Meetings at the RSL Shed, Clinton St. Meetings 2nd Monday monthly. marytuckerbs@yahoo.com.au. Secretary Mary Tucker 0479 100 970.

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. Mick Tock, 9622 8990

Toodyay Red Cross
Second Monday Feb, May, Aug, Nov Anglican Hall 1.30pm.

Toodyay RoadWise Committee
Second Wednesday monthly, Toodyay Police Station 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. Peeewees 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 scroungers 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.

Public Notice

Bereavements

FELLOWES, Fred – The Toodyay Men's Shed regretfully record that our Shed Boss, Fred Fellowes passed away on Friday March 28 at the Northam Hospital.

Our members are devastated as they have lost a wonderful advocate for the Men's Shed.

Fred was there at the beginning and for the build of the Shed and a true Shed Man.

We will miss him immensely with his great wisdom, tenacity and fairness.

Our condolences to his wife Gail and family for their loss.

Classifieds

Birthday



HAPPY 100th birthday to our very special Grandma/Great Grandma, Mavis Rowles. We love you more than soap. Love Trevor's family, Craig, Erica, Billie, Callan, Archie, Roslyn, Dani, Danyl, Bryan, Claire, Shakura, Ethan, Harry, and Logan.



To book events in the Toodyay Herald courtyard email: courtyardcoordinator@gmail.com

BRAIN TEASERS

Combo Crossword

- ACROSS**
 1 Walked steadily
 4 Gambled
 7 Making of amends
 9 Print measures
 10 Relented
 12 Sly look
 13 Courage
 15 Oxidation
 17 Select few
 19 Hot drink
 21 Temperature register
 22 Cow's stomach
 23 Pried into

- DOWN**
 1 One doing crime
 2 Manages
 3 Sneer at
 4 Time of year
 5 Near
 6 Vanished
 8 Force forward
 11 Go inside
 14 Rats etc
 16 Gaseous fluid
 18 Type of spasm
 20 Last word

Cryptic Clues

- ACROSS**
 1 Walked backwards in parade caper
 4 Cut small when rolled the numbered cubes
 7 Ration spare arrangement making amends for injuries
 9 Print measures in emblem somewhere
 10 Gave relief when moved slowly and carefully
 12 A little look both ways
 13 Having winner vetted takes courage
 15 Become impaired with plant disease
 17 Best part of selected controlling group
 19 Note with a hot drink
 21 The term more used to give the temperature
 22 Animal stomach section for football fellows
 23 Snooped with a head part

- DOWN**
 1 Each favourite deserter or one committing crime
 2 Manages long silk mantles
 3 Pour scorn on red die upset
 4 Time for appointment
 5 Many are beaten not far away
 6 Red peas paid out when went out of sight
 8 Force ahead starting in my place each leg
 11 Go inside normal tree cultivation
 14 Never mind retaining disreputable things
 16 New mates seen leaving boiling water
 18 Altered spasm we have causes sunstroke
 20 Mean arrangement giving the final word often

Sudoku

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

Easy

Hard

Crosscode

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

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

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
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Toodyay Rainfall

Recordings and average commenced on 1/1/1877

YEAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
2019	1.8	0	5.8	15.4	8.7	125.7	128.4	66.3	13.4	15.2	6.0	0	386.7
2020	0	31.6	9.8	6.4	38.2	48.9	43.7	61.8	30.2	5.9	48.8	3.5	328.8
2021	0.03	17.3	137.3	11.1	121.7	30.4	154.2	70.3	39	61.6	2.2	0	645.13
2022	31.7	4.5	14	30.9	36.8	43	42.7	151.1	44	15.6	12	5.1	431.4
2023	0.1	0	54.9	29	21.8	74.3	42.4	19.8	32.3	2.9	7.4	2.0	286.9
2024	9.8	4.5	0										14.3
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

HEALTH

Toodyay Library goes purple for epilepsy awareness

Epilepsy WA
Emma Buitendag

IF YOU wondered why the Toodyay Library was lit up in purple at the end of March, the Library joined a record 50 WA landmarks for the annual Purple Lights 4 Epilepsy WA.

The Purple Month for epilepsy awareness event held last month shone the spotlight on epilepsy which affects one in 25 Western Australians, with one in 10 people experiencing a seizure in their lifetime.

Epilepsy WA CEO, Emma Buitendag, says the charity is grateful for the continued support from the Shire of Toodyay.

Other WA councils and organisations also participated in the purple lights event which provided comfort, a sense of unity and a colourful night out for WA families and individuals coping with the challenges of living with epilepsy.

Epilepsy needs to be brought out of the shadows as it's far more common than most people believe but is often hidden and not spoken about.

It can cause PTSD, injury from seizures, depression, anxiety and isolation.

Epilepsy WA works to reduce risks of injury and harm from epilepsy, offering practical strategies and assistance for anyone impacted. Courses in epilepsy management and seizure first aid training are also available.

Toodyay locals can access the charity's monthly online epilepsy support group via Zoom, as well as its state-wide epilepsy information hotline, compassionate ear service, online resources, seizure alert devices and children's books loan libraries.

For more information visit the Facebook page or www.epilepsywa.asn.au or call 1300 660 880.

Why call a mental health charity Mr Perfect?

Mr Perfect – More Than A BBQ
Sean Hefferon, coordinator

I AM OFTEN asked about the name of the BBQ that I host every month at Duidgee Park.

As one bloke at the last BBQ asked (and he drove down from Dowerin for the barbie), "Why call a mental health charity Mr Perfect?"

It's a fair question and at the time I mentioned it's really a way of saying that men are not perfect.

On reflection my answer was perhaps a bit brief and lacking in context.

I can confirm, however, that the name is not inspired by the superstar wrestler of World

Wrestling Federation fame, Curt Hennig – aka "Mr Perfect".

Perhaps telling some of the founder story behind Mr Perfect (the charity) may cast some light on the question.

In this case the Mr Perfect founder story starts with Terry Cornick.

Terry is a Sydney-based father of three young boys, working in the healthcare industry.

He also battles depression, anxiety and post-traumatic stress disorder.

After escaping the United Kingdom, his life in Australia on the surface looked ideal, so much so that his best mate called him "Mr Perfect" regularly.

But like many men, Terry realised he was not Mr Perfect.

In Terry's words: "In 2013 I was the height of what others perceived as "success".

"I was about to get married to an incredible woman in a stunning part of Sydney, I had peaked monetarily at work, we lived in a beautiful water-side apartment in Mosman, I had savings and truly could have done what I wanted – had I been in the right mental state".

For the previous three years he had a healthy competition with one of his best mates where they would engage in banter.

His mate would tease him, "Here comes Mr.Perfect."

Terry recalled how after such banter he would go home and break down, weighed by depression, anxiety and suicidal thoughts.

To cope with his personal battles Terry started writing his mental health story, later in 2014 creating an anonymous blog named Mr Perfect.

He also read reports from mental health organisations like Beyond Blue, showing the worrying steady decline of men post-30 to a potential life of isolation.

Isolation can be more common amongst men aged 35 to 49.

Terry recalls a pub chat with some mates about his mental health – which surprisingly saw them relate and want to team up to help others.

He hit gold when he organised a soccer game in a Sydney park that saw 40 men of all ages and backgrounds get together and then chat and connect after.

That game of soccer morphed into a monthly Meetup BBQ – leading to what we now know as the Mr Perfect BBQs.

I'll leave the final words, and the answer to the question to Terry – I reckon he sums it up well.

"Mr. Perfect is a sarcastic nod to the general male approach to mental health.

"Mr. Perfect is a metaphor for what the world expects us to be.

"And Mr. Perfect is the mask we wear."



Terry Cornick – Founder of the Mr Perfect charity.



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Cats tongues are remarkable

Heartlands Veterinary Hospital
Dr Kirsti Addison

THEY look cute but feel like sandpaper on your skin.

Why are cats' tongues so abrasive?

What makes them different from any other species?

The most distinctive feature of their tongues is the hundreds of papillae that line them.

These are little spines on the tongue made of keratin (same as our fingernails) and are an extremely effective hairbrush.

Fun fact – cats spend a quarter of their waking time grooming.

It is not only a handy brush for cleaning out any dust or loose fur, but their tongues also deposit saliva onto their skin to help them cool down.

In the wild these papillae assist cats by gripping the meat off the bones allowing them to make the most of their meals.

What else about the tongue makes it so unique?

Firstly, the shape of a cat's tongue is different in that the tip of the tongue can curl backwards and act like a spoon to lap up water—a process that uses surface tension

and is very efficient for drinking water.

A second differentiating factor is their taste buds.

Cats only have 473 tastebuds compared with humans who have 9000.

Cats have a reduced sense for sweet flavours which is why they tend to gravitate to savoury foods.

Cat tongues are remarkable and very well designed to suit their needs.

Next time you see your cat grooming itself you can be reminded of how exceptional your furry feline really is.



Cat grooming itself with hairy tongue.

Puzzle Solutions

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Crossword

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Crosscode

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Sudoku Easy

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Sudoku Hard

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SPORT



Henna, Helena and Tyler ready to give their all in kumite.

Students fight to win club challenge

Avon Valley Shotokan Club
Nat Kielbasa

TO SAY that our club has experienced a busy and exhilarating start to the year would be a huge understatement.

Students have travelled to New Zealand for a seminar with top notch instructors and enjoyed some spectacular sightseeing along the way.

We've welcomed many new students across all classes, enjoying watching as their skills and confidence develop, as well as being thrilled to have some older students return to the club.

Just now some lucky students are packing and preparing for an adventure of a lifetime to study karate and experience the culture in Japan for two weeks.

The club finished the term with a fun-filled evening of karate, laughs, cheers and food



Theon. The well-deserved winner of the Spirit Award.

at the club challenge in the Toodyay Youth Hall.

These challenges give students the opportunity to test themselves against one another in kata and kumite, practise tournament etiquette, and (most importantly) have an absolute blast.

We are proud of all of the competitors for their amazing efforts, especially the white belt students.

It can be very intimidating to perform for a crowd for the first time, so well done.

Congratulations to our club champions in each age division.

After enjoying some absolutely thrilling fights, Theon, Kayden, Henna and Camden earned first place for kumite.

The students in first place for kata were Theon, Kylah, Helena and Lincoln.

Theon also earned the Spirit Award and was presented with his own nunchucks.

This award recognises the student who gives their all throughout the evening, cheers on their classmates, works through nerves and tries their very best. Theon embodied exactly what the award represents, so well done Theon. Keep up your fabulous work.

It was so much fun to watch you attend your first club challenge and participate with such enthusiasm.

What an absolute star.

Classes return on Monday April 8 at Hombu (in Clackline) and Wednesday April 10 at the Toodyay Youth Hall.

Students, please note that classes resume early, and these dates are during week two of the school holidays.

As always, if you have any questions or want more information, please send an email to avonvalleyshotokan@gmail.com.

From all of us here at Avon Valley Shotokan, we hope you have a wonderful Easter.

Be safe if you are travelling and have a relaxing school holiday.

We look forward to your return in term two; come ready to learn and have fun.

Toodyay Lions v Dalwallinu on April 13

Toodyay Football Club
Patrick Thompson

PRE-SEASON training is finally over, and the 2024 Mortlock Football season is about to begin.

Toodyay's first game is away to Dalwallinu on Saturday April 13.

This is followed by a bye and then two consecutive home matches on Sunday April 28 vs Goomalling and then on Sunday May 5 vs Calingiri.

For all those long-suffering West Coast supporters in the community who have forgotten what it's like to follow a team that knows how to hit a target, lay a tackle or kick a goal – do yourself a favour and come along to our home matches and support the Toodyay Lions.

Off the field we have seen a change in the president role, and Ben Jenkins has stepped up to relieve Stephen Ferguson of the top job.

We thank Stephen for his contribution as president since 2016.

On the field we are pleased to announce Kieran Hug as league player-coach.

Having freshly claimed both the 2023 TFC and Morlock Football League B&Fs, we know Huggy will lead from the front and share his WAFL experience with the younger players.

In the reserves 'old stalwart', Adam Pearce, returns as player-coach.

Training is on every Tuesday and Friday at 6pm and we welcome anyone to come along and join in.

We are always on the lookout for new players to field both teams.

Lastly this season also marks the 10th, 20th and 50th anniversaries of our league premierships in 2014, 2004 and 1974 respectively.

We are busy planning a combined premiership reunion function to be held on Saturday evening June 22 at the Toodyay oval pavilion to celebrate the occasion.

Mark the date in your calendar and help us get the word out to all who were involved with the football club during those years. This promises to be a great night for the Toodyay Football Club.

Support from all quarters will get the picnic races running

Toodyay Race Club
Stephen Ferguson, Chairman

IF THERE was ever any question that support for the picnic race day is as strong as ever, contributions from far and wide have allayed any doubts.

I would like to start by thanking organisations and individuals who have been so generous in their tangible gifts of equipment and their displays of support.

The cost of hiring equipment for the race day is one of the big-ticket items.

Greyhounds WA has relieved us of some of the financial burden by donating a large selection of furniture and equipment, and we express our gratitude for their wonderful generosity.

The new plastic running rails and posts, courtesy of Racing and Wagering WA, have arrived in Toodyay. Contractors will soon start replacing the rails and we thank RWWA for covering the full cost of this mammoth and expensive exercise.

Last month I announced that new membership applications were now open and we were taking booking for bays in the long tent and marquees. At that time, I had no idea of the strength of support we would receive.

While we more or less have unlimited membership capacity, I would strongly suggest those considering getting a group together in the long tent or hiring a family marquee lodge their applications promptly.

We have been working hard at the racecourse grounds this last month, and it is amazing what can be achieved by a small but committed band of workers.

However, it is an ongoing and arduous task, and there is a lot still to be done.

We can always use extra help, so please contact me if you would like to be part of our vision. The next project is a complete revamp and restoration of the entry statement to the grounds.

This will announce our professional approach in promoting one of the oldest racecourses in Western Australia, and we believe it will put Toodyay firmly back on the map.

We have also held further meetings with the Shire – mainly discussing the roof of the Tote and bar area. Thank you again to everyone for their very positive and supportive efforts in facilitating the return of racing to Toodyay.

Current information is available on our website, www.toodyayraceclub.com.au and on our Facebook and Instagram.

Please 'like' us and provide feedback.



Race crowds and the horses running to the finish line in 2021.

Shire of Northam
Killara Seniors Day



Looking for fun day out?
Look no further than Killara Adult Day & Respite Centre Northam this April.

Tuesdays - Breakfast club
Every Tuesday at 9am from 9th April 2024.
Cost will be \$10.00 per person. Additional costs may apply.

Thursdays - Jurassic Themed Day
Every Thursday commencing 7th April 2024 from 10am to 2.30pm for the Month of April.
Cost \$20.00 per person (This includes Lunch). Additional costs may apply.

18th April - Mini Golf and Café
A Day out to Caladenia Mini Golf Park. Cost will be \$35.00 per person. Lunch will be an additional cost.

Call the number below for more information
Please RSVP no later than Friday 5th April

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Well, we are all anxiously waiting for the first rains to come and fill up our water tanks. Then the first shoots of green will come and our beautiful town of Toodyay will look stunning once again. Bet you all cannot wait for that first cozy night next to the fire. Ah the serenity!

State of the Market

So, we are still sitting at 3917 properties. So simply still a seller's market. I could not count how many times I have been asked when will it stop. The fact is simply too many people and too few houses, so what do you think will happen?

The Court Case

Yes, it is still on going. We were ready to get an outcome last court appearance, but the prosecution simply did not have their closing submissions ready until the actual court appearance so, the magistrate simply had to adjourn the case once more. It really is quite amazing that the state government solicitor did not have time to do their job. We did send ours in 4 days before the trial. If we can why can't they! So, the outcome is yet another day in court on the 18th of April and another days cost to me. Not happy Jan.

Now! Inside the Office

Zonelle

Wow, hasn't this wonderful girl become a great asset to our business. She is always busy and always happy to all our clients. Just fantastic!

Jemma

Studying hard at present and just had an amazing birthday party at the farm. Our girl has just turned 21! It was a great night. Jem is just a Gem!

Jo

What a terrific PM she is, she has been flat out. All the landlords and tenants just love her to bits. We all love our Jo!

Faith

Now here is someone that is going places. Not just little steps either. More on that later though. You will all have to wait!

Jess

Congratulations to our newest licensed sales representative. She is on fire with 6 sales already. One very driven girl here and utmost professional all the time. If you are selling give her a call. You will be very pleasantly surprised.

Sam

Flat out selling! One busy busy man our Sam. He will be taking a week off (about time) to go skydiving in Jurien Bay! We all love you Sam, please come back in one piece!!

Tony

Well, I seem to be getting bossier as I get older! I thought you were meant to slow down! It has been great having a bit of time off from the court case, but it is still hanging there and you just literally don't stop thinking about it! It drives you insane. But a heap of work keeps the mind on the business, so that is good.

Clearing sales in Serpentine, one in Henley Brook coming up on the 20th of April, and another booked for the 11th of May in Bailup. Plus, 25x Kalgoorlie Shire blocks to auction! So really there is never a dull moment.

Till next time,

Tony Maddox

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