



SHIRE NEWS

Our journey to tackle Climate Change



Catching Zee

We are very pleased to introduce to you the Shire's newest member of its Development & Regulatory Services team – Environmental Sustainability Officer, Zenab 'Zee' Azam.

Zee hails from a small farming village of Pasia in the Punjab region of Pakistan. With only 200 people, Toodyay will seem like a metropolis! Zee's family background is in farming and academia, and she has completed her Master of Environmental Science (specialising in environmental toxicity).

Zee's position is a shared role with the Shire of Victoria Plains – though she will be predominantly located in Toodyay at the Visitor Centre. Her initial project for both Shires is the finalisation of Local Biodiversity Strategies after which Zee intends to use her passion for agriculture and the environment to become a driving and prominent face of environmental sustainability initiatives and innovation for our communities.

When not working or studying – Zee loves to cook and has a passion for motorbikes and Toyota Hilux vehicles and has her sights set on having her own land with her mountain as soon as possible. So, if you see her in a G Wagon with a tiller looking thrilled you know she's feeling at home.

We have all heard about the greenhouse effect. What is it exactly? Scientists estimate with 95% confidence that the carbon (greenhouse) emissions from human activities within the earth's atmosphere insulate the planet from losing heat to space, raising its surface temperature, and contributing to climate change. Scientists tell us that carbon dioxide, from burning fossil fuels such as coal, oil, and natural gas, is one of the main factors in causing climate change; and if we don't slow down, it could mean catastrophe in our lifetime.

The dense science can be overwhelming, and politics often muddies the waters. The concern about climate change is not just the warming of the earth's atmosphere, but the speed at which it's happening. We're already seeing unexpected snowfall in deserts, European temperatures colder than the Arctic, and fierce wildfires. Islands are disappearing as sea levels rise and millions of people face food and water shortages. Even here in the Shire of Toodyay, the dry bed of the Avon River, the lack of rain, and intense,



prolonged summers paints the picture. This photo was taken in late February in the Rugged Hills Nature Reserve. It was an early report of rapid and mass die off of lower and mid story vegetation and covered several hectares in this location. By March 2024 we were seeing an alarming increase in the effects of drought stress on both native and non-native plant species across the Shire.

The reality is that we may not find a permanent solution, but we can do something. Despite global agreements and meetings, carbon emissions keep rising.

Countries like USA, Russia, and China are not setting stricter targets, while India, Morocco, and The Gambia are making progress on renewable energy. We all have a role to play. Simple actions can make a big difference such as sorting waste properly, recycling more, growing food without harmful fertilizers, planting trees, and advocating for our local environment. Expert advice highlights that the power to drive change lies with us, or else climate change will force change upon us. **Let's work together to make a difference for our planet.**

Hogwarts takes over CRC for Harry Potter Day

On Thursday May 2, Kids Club transformed into a real-life Hogwarts experience. The students practiced levitation with balloons, stole dragon eggs (jellybeans), and whipped up some delicious Butterbeer. The day ended with a Sorting Hat ceremony, with everyone



receiving an edible treat to reveal their true Hogwarts house. The CRC was buzzing with activity for the Moondyne Festival Flea Markets and Colonial Games. Kids enjoyed the traditional games like quoits, naughts and crosses, and making their own whirligigs to take home and chase away boredom! Shoppers at the markets could also browse a treasure trove of wonderful knick-knacks.

We would also like to announce that we were a successful recipient of the National Science Week 2024 Grant. Keep an eye out for a spectacular stargazing night coming to Toodyay in August.

Don't forget, SOCK Week is just around the corner! Check out our upcoming events and prepare for a fantastic Fluoro Friday, where you could win a \$50 voucher!



West Toodyay Wander

On Sunday, 26 May 2024, a large group of community members gathered at Donegan's Cottage, the headquarters of the Toodyay Historical Society for the official opening of the "West Toodyay Wander".

This is a new addition to Toodyay's expanding walk track network and incorporates several features of interest including a railway formation dating back to 1908.

The project has been the result of collaboration between the Shire's Reserve Management Department and the Toodyay Friends of the River Inc. who celebrate their 30th anniversary this year.

The 3.3-kilometre marked circuit starts at the new information sign board on the Toodyay Street foot path, then along the historic railway line route to the Bolgart rail bridge returning via the riverbank to the Show Grounds.

After the inaugural walk all enjoyed a superb lunch by TFOR's indefatigable caterer Gary followed by the cutting of his specially decorated 30th anniversary cake.

TFOR's President Jenny White highlighted the significance of the occasion and the group's achievements over the last 30 years.

We look forward to more community projects from this enduring and progressive local environmental group and congratulate them on their milestone.

Did You Know? The Development Journey in the Shire of Toodyay

Development in the Shire is guided by a framework that ensures alignment with the community's vision and the charm of our heritage areas. The Shire is committed to helping you realise your development vision. Our friendly and knowledgeable staff are available to offer advice on a wide range of topics, from selecting appropriate colours and materials to preserving heritage styles and identifying suitable land uses. We aim to make the development process as smooth and enjoyable as possible, ensuring that every project contributes positively to the community.

Whether you are a long-time resident or a newcomer, remember that we are here to assist you every step of the way.

Our Local Planning Strategy is Toodyay's future development blueprint, outlining long-term goals and identifying areas for growth, conservation, and enhancement. It is supported by our Local Planning Scheme, providing guidelines on land use, zoning,

and development controls. Additionally, our Local Planning Policies offer insights into design standards, and other various aspects of development. Together, these documents ensure that whether you're looking to build a new home, renovate a heritage property, or establish a business, your development is sustainable, culturally sensitive, and beneficial to the community.

Fire & Emergency services

The Shire ended the Restricted Burning Period on 15 May 2024, after which the Shire experienced a spell of warm weather. The Shire's Bush Fire Service commend the majority of residents for heeding the dry conditions message from the May Herald, with a lower number of callouts than anticipated in the first week following the easing of restrictions. However, the Shire continues to encourage residents to carefully assess and postpone burning where conditions are not suitable. Please ensure that any burns undertaken are carried out with proper preparation, understanding of conditions, and constant

monitoring. Remember burning before rain is not recommended. Don't be the one with the story of 'The one that got away!'. Finally, on behalf of members past and present, the Bush Fire Service notes with great sadness the passing of Bruce Cleasby who was a long-time supporter of local Bush Fire Brigades; supplying water to fire incidents for many decades. While the service has changed a lot over the years including water management; it was not uncommon for Bruce to offer his services even in recent times. For Bruce, this was a community service, not business. His presence at the fire ground will be missed

Community Standpipe relocation

The Shire wishes to inform residents that the Community Standpipe will be closed on the **13th and 14th of June**.

During this period, the Standpipe will be relocated to the inside of the Information Bay on Stirling Terrace.

We apologise for any inconvenience caused by these works and appreciate your cooperation while they are finished.



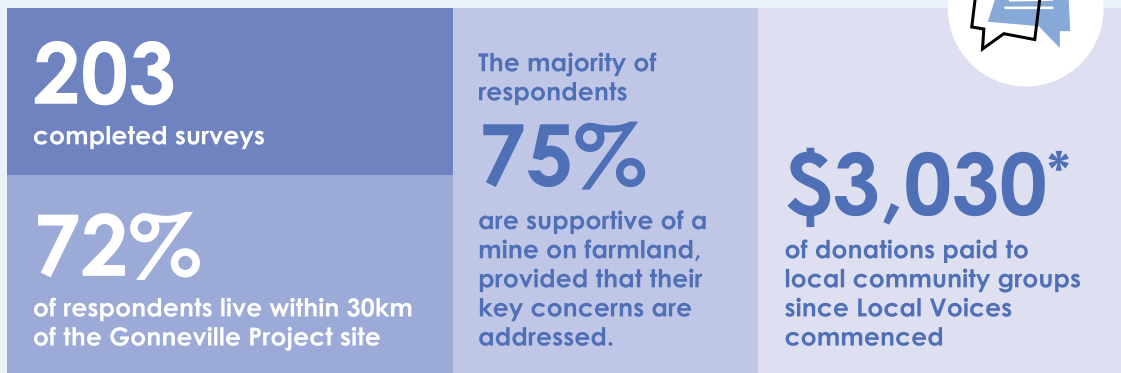
Gonneville Project Update

Voconiq Survey Results Are In

Chalice understands that community consultation will play a key role in all our planning and considerations for a potential future mine at the Gonneville Project. To help us better understand the concerns and priorities of the local community, Voconiq is undertaking the Local Voices community survey program.

The second survey in the Local Voices program - a shorter pulse survey - is now complete. Thank you to everyone who participated.

Voconiq have now analysed the results of the pulse survey. They told us:



*Some participants opted out of the rewards program and did not allocate funds

In the Local Voices 'Anchor' survey last year results found that **procedural fairness** (transparent engagement) and **the environment** were key drivers of trust. These topics were focus areas in the recent pulse survey, to help Chalice gain a deeper understanding of the key community concerns in these areas.

The recent survey results show that the key environmental management priorities are:

- Water Quality and Management
- Land Rehabilitation
- Fauna
- Air Quality

The full results will be published by Voconiq in their Community Summary and online Dashboard.

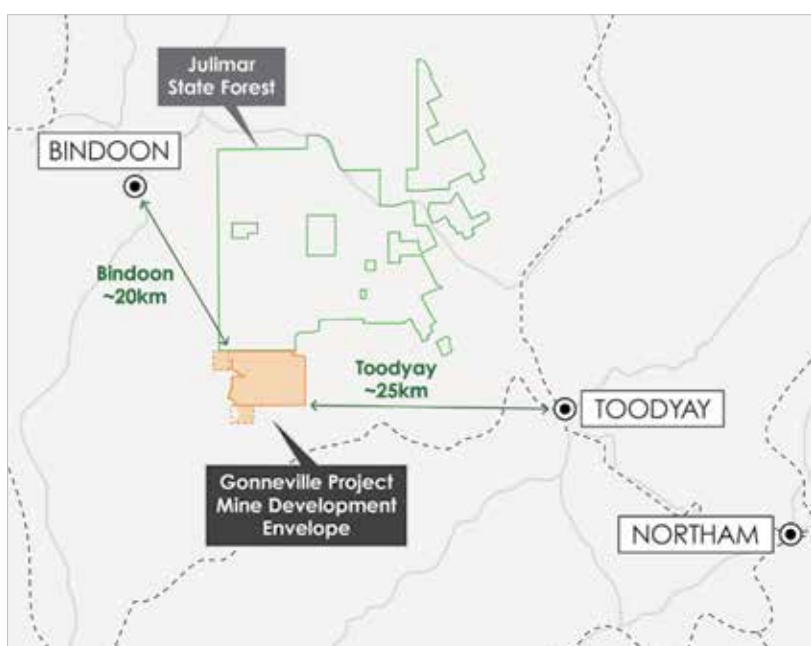


To see the full survey results and register of future surveys, visit www.voconiqlocalvoices.com/chalice or scan the QR code with your phone camera.

What we're doing with the feedback

Project Development Area

Chalice has listened to community feedback and made the decision to constrain the proposed Gonneville Project mine development area to Chalice-owned farmland only. There were a number of factors which influenced this decision, including community feedback on the importance of local biodiversity.



Gonneville Project Facebook Page

In the Local Voices community 'Anchor' survey last year, you told us that social media was one of the key places to access information. To help ensure that information about the Project is reaching you where it is easiest and quickest, we have launched the **Gonneville Project Facebook Page**.

The Facebook page will share information and stories you're familiar with from Chalice - like what we usually share with you in this news update - along with more frequent updates about Project activity and community initiatives and projects.



Follow us on Facebook to stay up to date. Visit www.facebook.com/chalicegonnevilleproject or scan the QR code with your phone camera.

Gonneville Project Community Website

In a further effort to make it easier for community to find the information they want, we have created the new Gonneville Project website. The website brings together all of the information most relevant to the community, including project activity updates, community investment and news, Local Voices survey updates and key contact details.



Visit www.gonnevilleproject.com.au or scan the QR code with your phone camera.

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 To find out more about the Gonneville Project, visit:
www.gonnevilleproject.com.au

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

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The Avon near Toodyay, May 2022. Photo: Bridgett Leggett.

Cash in with your river photos

Toodyay Friends of the River
Bridgett Leggett

THIS year Toodyay Friends of the River are celebrating 30 years of protecting and promoting the Avon River.

Over the years the river environs and the activities of the Friends have changed, so we would like to capture a moment in time of the Avon River and its tributaries.

We are doing this by sponsoring two special prizes in the photographic section of the Toodyay Agricultural Society's Show.

Winners will receive cash prizes and entrants will have their work featured in Friend's digital media and publications.

So as the chance of rain is increasing, now is the time to get out along the river and capture what you experience on your camera or mobile device.

You may choose to highlight the landscape, wildlife, flora, or any other aspect of the river environment.

Or you could feature human activity along the river – a celebration, a community activity such as river care work, or one of the highlights of the year, the Avon Descent.

Perhaps you already have a favourite photograph you would like to enter?

Photographs need to have been taken since the beginning of 2022, within the Shire of

Toodyay and feature the Avon River or one of its tributaries.

There will be one prize of \$200 for people 16 years and over, and another of \$100 for young people under the age of 16.

Photographs may be black and white or in colour.

Standard show entry requirements will apply, with the maximum entry size set at 20.5cm x 25.5cm (8" x 10").

The 2023 Show schedule has some excellent hints for entrants as to how to display their photographs and recommends professional printing to show photographs at their best.

Our next Working Bees will be held on Sunday 9 June and Monday 10 June, starting at 9am.

We are hoping to be planting, but that will depend on the weather.

Further information will be emailed to members and posted on the noticeboard of Drummond House, next to the Bendigo Bank.

All community members are welcome to participate.

June is also the month when we have our annual raffle, so look out for our volunteers outside the IGA on Friday 21 June and Saturday 22 June, drop by for a chat, and buy some tickets or perhaps donate while you are there.

The raffle theme this year is Rain.

Little activities help slow the mind

Ragbags Quilting Group
Kerry Gregory

AS OUR days have become so full and hectic the need to slow down and calm our mind and body seems more important than ever.

Activities to assist our mental wellbeing are often recommended on radio and TV, and published in newspapers and magazines.

Once we would have been encouraged to sit quietly and read a book, and for many that is still the panacea.

For others that is no longer their choice with the massive profusion of printed material online and constant emails demanding our attention.

Instead, pursuits that don't require high concentration and being able to go with the flow seem favoured.

Activities such as colouring-in for adults, where the rhythm of pencils or pastels on paper is almost hypnotic, have been shown in studies to provide the benefits of calming the anxiety and tension of Alzheimer's patients and reducing high blood pressure in others.

Other contemplative activities with similar benefits that may also be undertaken outdoors in the fresh air include art therapy, knitting, whittling (wood carving), and tending a few herbs or vegetables in a small garden.

These were undertaken by many people de-stressing in their patch during the Covid lockdown.

Many other activities can slow us down and give a feeling of well-being such as patchwork and quilting.

These have the advantage of not needing special materials to accomplish small projects.

Offcuts, even fabric from the ragbag will suit perfectly when only small pieces are required.

Examples of small projects are drawstring bags for dozens of uses including travel shoes, children's toys, Christmas hams, mug bags, wheat heat bags, jewellery holders, cosmetic brush holders, sewing project pockets, and dust covers for kitchen appliances.

These can all be achieved with no outlay using offcuts for yourself or gift-giving which will assist in reducing tension and engender true feel-good emotions.

Not every patchwork and quilting project needs to be as big or elaborate as a full-size quilt.

Little items offer the opportunity to try out a new block design or concept, particularly as it enables us to slow down and enjoy the creative process.

New members are very welcome to join our regular gathering of the Ragbags group with a cuppa and a chat.

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.

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, and bring your lunch.



Little ways to reduce stress.

Lions Cancer Institute biggest winner at Moondyne Festival

Toodyay Lions Club
Heather McNamara

YOUR Lions Club had a wonderful day at the Moondyne Festival and the weather contributed to that as well.

We had our famous Wiggly Worm ever-present that provided fun for all, young and the young at heart.

This year we held our first Mother's Day raffle with three prizes on offer, included some fantastic gifts for mum, and all proceeds went towards the Lions Cancer Institute.

Our community and festival goers didn't disappoint, we sold 352 raffle tickets at \$1 a ticket - amazing.

At our last meeting, it was decided to increase the donation to the Lions Cancer Institute to \$500.

The winners were super excited as well. Congratulations to our first prize winner Belinda from Toodyay, second Brian from Perth and our third prize winner the wonderful lady Manju from our next-door stall.

So where will you see us next?

Well, in June we will be at the Toodyay Farmers Markets and, as Christmas in July is just around the corner, we will have some of our Christmas cakes and puddings available for purchase. So come on down and meet some of the team.

If you are thinking of finding out more about who we are and what we do within your community, we meet on the first Tuesday of the month at the Toodyay Hotel at 6.30pm for a 7pm start.

You can like us on Facebook and visit our website for more information.



Toodyay Lions Club Secretary Heather McNamara and Belinda and her daughter.



TOODYAY RSL Sub-branch

It is an exciting time with the Toodyay RSL Sub-branch at the moment, with a potential new building on the way. Hundreds of thousands of dollars has already been raised with a small amount to come to achieve the dream which started back in 1919 when this branch was first chartered.

The new building would be available for regular social functions and will have a library, and a kitchen area. It will be available to community groups for their activities. The current green building will become a military museum.

The new building will have a private and secure Advocate's office. The Advocate will be available to assist Service members with any health, pension issues and other matters as needed.

We would like to see new Service and Affiliate members join us on the journey. Some people may be wondering what need I do to become an Affiliate Member. If you have, or have had, a relative serving in any conflicts either Australian, or the allied forces of both wars, Korea, Vietnam, Afghanistan, Iraq etc, or a current member of the Australian Defence Force you are eligible!

As a serving or past serving member of Australian Emergency services, namely, Police, Nurses, Fire Brigades (including volunteers in these services), you are entitled and welcome to join the RSL as an Affiliate member. Currently this will cost you \$20 per year.

If you are currently, or have been a serving member in an Australian or Allied Nations Defence Force you are entitled to join the RSL as a service member. You don't need to have served in a war zone.

Please address all inquiries to the undersigned on
avon.hill@bigpond.com, or 9574 2102.

Max Howard, President.

More than 5000 sign petition for Julimar National Park

Julimar Conservation and Forest Alliance

Sharon Richards

LAST MONTH the Julimar Conservation and Forest Alliance team presented a petition to local State MP Darren West for Julimar State Forest to be designated a national park.

The Environmental and Public Affairs Committee will consider the proposal, potentially contacting other local stakeholders for additional information.

Since October 2022 the JCAFA team has been attending many events in Toodyay and around Perth collecting signatures.

We have found a great deal of support for the proposal to make Julimar Forest a National Park, both locally and from the broader WA community.

We would like to thank all of you for that support.

At the Moodyne Festival this year there was a large number of people who were seeking us out to sign the petition and the final tally was 5,223 signatures.

To put that in perspective, in the last census the whole of the population of the Shire of Toodyay was 4,601.

A frequently raised question by people was about how being a National Park might change the way people could use and enjoy Julimar, so it seems an opportune time to dispel a few myths.

Within a National Park, all activity would need to be sympathetic to the conservation and protection of the native fauna and flora.

For instance, four-wheel driving is not excluded, but irresponsible bush bashing destroying flora would be.

A well-managed National Park would have maintained tracks and signage for the benefit of all users.

There would be an opportunity for future eco-tourism, with activities such as camping available in specified places – currently it is illegal to camp within Julimar State Forest.

Interpretive signage and educational activities for all would be possible and designated and managed walk trails could be established.



Petition being presented to local State MP Darren West.

Other ecotourism opportunities could be developed, guided forest bathing for instance, becoming more and more popular as people find their well-being in the open outdoors.

A stronger feral animal control program could be developed.

Currently, the only feral animal control undertaken is quarterly 1080 baiting for foxes

but there is nothing to control feral cats, leaving native fauna and flora wide open to injury and decimation.

Some trapping of feral pigs is occurring on abutting farmland but responsibility for this is left to the farmers.

In Western Australia mining is not necessarily excluded from National Parks, but the mining company would be held to the highest standards under Environmental Protection Authority guidelines to protect and conserve the National Park environment.

National Park status can only improve the management of Julimar State Forest, expanding opportunities for local ecotourism and potentially increasing the number of tourists visiting Toodyay.

Having celebrated the handing over of the petition, the Julimar Conservation and Forest Alliance team is now planning future activities designed to improve our knowledge of the Julimar Forest and promote its protection.

See Page 28 for more details.

Founding members help celebrate 30-year milestone

The Factory Toodyay Baptist Church Jenny McDougall

THIS year marks 30 years since Toodyay Baptist Church began and our church is blessed to still have our founding members Joy and David Street.

We plan to share this special milestone with everybody on 27 October 2024.

As we prepare for our 30th anniversary, we've had fun going through the archives, finding photos and information citing the church's journey.

Events such as the men's Saturday morning BBQs, wood chopping and general help for those in the community.

Also, women's retreats, organizing the fundraising concert following the devastating bushfires of 2009, family camps, baptisms in the

Toodyay Avon River and Lake Leschenaultia.

Other events were the Sunday kids ministry; youth groups for small local groups of up to 50 Toodyay kids, youth music team, ballet and dance classes and bible study groups.

These are just a few of the many highlights and friendships.

With the cooler evenings of May arriving, the church was happy to purchase and donate 20 Hypothermia Sleeping Bags to Roz of Toodyay Locals Care.

With school back, on Wednesdays The Factory is a hive of activity with about 80 homeschooled children gathering for a day of learning and fun.

Our fortnightly women's Bible Study is working through the Book of James, discovering who we are in God's sight.

Feel welcome to join us for a time of fellowship.

Or join the men for their monthly get-together

at our local cafes.

Our Sunday services are at 10.30am followed by morning tea/lunch.

Children are most welcome.

Contact: Joy Prangnell 0432 470 771.



Founding members Joy and David Street.

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The "Elephant cage"

Elephant cage helps keep out marauding parrots

Toodyay Garden Club
Jan Ackroyd

WHILE we are now officially in the winter season, it certainly doesn't seem like it for us gardeners.

Roses are still blooming, plants that should be dropping their leaves have begun to flower and the weather still isn't conducive for planting out new plants to replace ones that haven't survived the prolonged dry summer.

Last month we were fortunate to be invited back to Heather and Vern Wright's beautiful home in Dumbarton.

While still in Kellerberrin, they bought this property in 2004 and began building the house up towards the top of the hill to give them expansive views across the farm.

On Christmas Eve 2006, they moved in and Heather told us they laid the turf their son-in-law had given them as a Christmas present, that afternoon ready for Christmas Day.

The next two things they did were to have the swimming pool put in at the back of the house and to establish Heather's rose garden at the front.

Heather soon found out she had major competition with the parrots and the only solution was to have Vern build a large wire-

enclosed structure, which is affectionately known as the 'Elephant Cage'.

Unfortunately, it doesn't stop chili thrip and this year they managed to destroy the flush of autumn blooms Heather had hoped to show off.

Vern has finally got them under control with a cocktail of pesticides and they are now shooting new growth – roses are pretty indestructible in most circumstances.

Around the house, there is a netted orchard, veggie and herb gardens, Vern's shade house for his orchids and two magnificent bougainvilleas putting on a beautiful display of colour.

Further down the hill are 600 olive trees which usually supply them with oil, but like many of us this year, there is no fruit to pick.

While most of us are struggling with our gardens at the moment, Heather and Vern have been able to have a beautiful green expanse of lawn for us to stand out on to look out over the property and admire the view.

It was a lovely day and Heather enjoyed catching up with lots of old Garden Club friends from the past.

This month we are going out to Bolgart to revisit another property belonging to our long-standing member Pauline Pinker, and we are looking forward to a cooler day than the last time we were out there in December 2019.

A Frog pond or bog garden – Part one

Python Watch
Desraé Clarke

ALTHOUGH currently dry weather is persisting it is hoped that the rains will soon be here and frogs will be heard in dams, swamp areas, and your garden.

Frogs are divided into two types - tree frogs and large and small land frogs.

Species found within the Shire of Toodyay include the Motorbike, Slender Tree, Moaning, Banjo, Quacking and Spotted Burrowing frogs.

Frogs have a wide range of prey such as beetles, snails, slugs, slaters, woodlice, flies, spiders, mosquitoes, and moths.

To get to know frogs, building a small pond or 'bog garden' is a lot of fun.

The 'bog garden' is a pond that is practically filled with soil to retain moisture throughout the year.

Some shallow water needs to be available for egg-laying and development of tadpoles.

An ideal position to develop a frog pond is sheltered but will have a third of its area in sunlight for a good part of the day.

Too much sun will overheat the water resulting in a loss of oxygen.

If possible, an area of local native plants, suitable to your area and soil type, is best to make a frog pond or bog garden as they attract a wider variety of insects and invertebrates.

Larger suitable trees are Jarrah (*Eucalyptus marginate*), Swamp Paperbark (*Melaleuca raphiophylla*), and Swamp Peppermint (*Agonis linearifolia*).

The leaves of Oleanders and Pine trees, and those that are deciduous, break down in the water very quickly and can cause the pond water to become dirty or result in an 'algal bloom'.

Plants to grow in water are rushes and sedges such as Broad Twig Rushes (*Baumea preissii*), Pale Rushes (*Juncus pallidus*), Tassel Sedge (*Carex fascicularis*), Pithy Sword-sedge (*Lepidosperma longitudinale*), Knotted Club Rush (*Isolepis nodosa*) and Lake Club-Rush (*Schoenoplectus validus*).

What is an 'algal bloom'?

The Avon River occasionally experiences an algal bloom which is smelly, cloudy and murky green in colour (sometimes the water may be blue/green).

This is caused, in most cases, by excessive nutrients leaching into the water resulting in reduced dissolved oxygen.

This process, in turn, releases dissolved toxins into the water rendering it extremely dangerous to both humans and animals.

To find equipment to begin to make a pond or bog garden, visit garden centres, aquarium outlets and irrigation businesses that have a variety of prefabricated designs available.

However, a child's paddling pool or horse trough can be successfully used in a prepared hole.

Also, a heavy-duty, UV-resistant, and chemical-free polyurethane plastic of 0.5mm thickness, can be used to line a hole.

Frogs need somewhere to sit.

Randomly placed wooden sleepers, tree roots or rocks around the frog pond or bog garden provide it with space and can make the surrounding area quite rustic.

Take special care if purchasing water plants – most are exotics and cause devastating problems in our natural waterways.

Part two will encompass tadpoles, young frogs, frog disease, etc..

Further reading "Frogs of Western Australia" by Mike Tyler, Laurie Smith and Ron Johnstone and "Building Frog Friendly Gardens", published by the Western Australian Museum.



Spotted Sand Frog.

Time is precious to rescue the 'pink joeys' from car crashes

Marsupials Mammals and Pappas
Brian Foley

BIT OF a gripe this month because we are seeing a lot more road kills of kangaroos as they travel to areas away from their normal patch, crossing unfamiliar roads.

I cannot blame drivers for hitting them, but as in my case I live on a road with a speed limit of 110km/hr but I know where they normally cross, so I slow down if travelling at dawn or dusk.

Who I do blame, are drivers not reporting them so that we can deal with them.

A case in point was a kangaroo hit on Toodyay Road near the Chittering turnoff one morning, but it was not until 08:30 am that we got the call from a passing motorist.

Becky went out and dealt with it.

Now my point is there must have been many Toodyay residents who went past this kangaroo and did nothing.

It was lying down with its head up; all it takes is a phone call from someone.

We are getting many "Pinky Joeys" from these road accidents, but none are surviving.

Yes, they are small at this stage but in the past we have been able to keep them alive.

Now we are struggling to get them to feed and maintain their heat.

We are putting this down to the very dry conditions that their mums are dealing with and as with everybody, we hope the rains come very soon.

Mammals and Pappas have a new phone number for 24-hour rescue - 0493613427.

If you come across any injured native wildlife and you are unsure what to do, or if you want to be involved as a carer, ring that number.

Donations are welcome at any time by EFT to Bendigo Bank BSB - 633000, account number - 175516319.

If a tax-deductable receipt is required then the account number is 186438040, include an email address and a receipt will be sent to you.



A mum kangaroo and her joey are left lying on the side of the road.

BAITING TO PROTECT NATIVE WILDLIFE

Under the Parks and Wildlife Service's *Western Shield* program, baiting to control foxes and feral cats occurs on more than three million hectares of conservation lands in Western Australia.

The baits used are toxic to introduced animals but not to native animals which have an evolved tolerance to the active compound (1080). All baited areas are signposted.

Baiting occurs on a regular and ongoing basis to protect endangered native animals including the numbat, western ground parrot and western swamp tortoise.



Attention pet owners: these baits will kill domestic dogs and cats. Baited areas must be considered dangerous for pet dogs and cats at all times.

For more information and maps on areas baited under *Western Shield* visit dbca.wa.gov.au/westernshield or contact your local Parks and Wildlife Service district office.

Western Shield is generously sponsored by Alcoa Foundation, Tronox and Western Areas.



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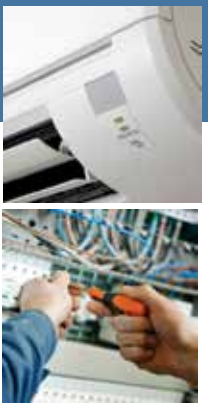
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It is found in eucalypt woodlands and open forest areas throughout mainland Australia but treeless deserts, the wettest forests and agricultural areas are avoided.

The head and back of the Weebill are olive/green to olive/brown.

There is an off-white stripe from the forehead and over the eye.

The chin and throat are a dull yellow/white and the chest and belly a pale yellow.

The wings are brown, edged with olive/yellow, and the tail is dull brown, dark banded and pale tipped.

The eye is a pale cream/yellow and the bill is pale grey.

Breeding is from August to February in the south of the country.

The female builds the nest in the outer pendulous foliage of trees from between one and ten metres from the ground.

Nests may be domed, globular, tall, or oval, complete with a side entrance.

It is made from fine grass, bark and other materials to be bound with cobwebs and lined with plant down and feathers.

The male bird attends to the female and will sing about the nest site but doesn't assist with the nest building.

The clutch of two to three cream/coloured eggs, with faint brownish spots on the larger end, is incubated by the female for approximately twelve days with the young fledging in ten to twelve days.

Two or more broods are raised annually. The robust, long, strong distinctive calls belie the tiny size of this busy little creature.

The call may be a sharp buzzing 'chizz', and, in song, a strong, high-pitched 'willie-weet, willie-weet' or 'willyweetee' or 'weebill, weebill' repeated several times.

The call of the Weebill is often the only bird sound heard during the heat of the day.

The Weebill may be observed flying with other small birds, such as Thornbills and the Gerygone, chattering as they feed from the mid to upper canopy of tall eucalypts, fluttering among the leaves gleaning lerps and insects from leaves.

This tiny bird is often heard before it is seen.

Tales of giant tortoises and black iguanas

Toodyay Naturalists' Club
 Desraé Clarke

LAST month's meeting was a club night with members showing photos and speaking of interesting experiences and observations.

The evening began with showing a beautifully made, but abandoned, nest of the Grey Shrike Thrush containing an egg.

The nest was donated to the club by a community member.

The intricate weaving of grasses, and bark and the use of spider webs to construct a nest are always one of great wonder.

Photographs and stories of visits to the Galapagos and the Alaskan areas of the Arctic Circle were fascinating.

The Giant Galapagos Tortoise has a high, open carapace allowing it to lift its head to feed on high vegetation while the smaller species have a closely fitting shell to ground feed.

The small, Black Iguanas huddle together on the coastal rocks for warmth while the large land species wander about the Island.

In the Alaskan area a small Walrus community, of about 15 animals, appeared to pose for photographs.

The large ivory tusks are used for pulling from the water onto ice-flows.

The Musk Ox is an individual species but closer to the sheep and the goat.

This large animal with a shaggy outer coat has the finest and most beautiful fur close to the body.

Further photography was of the antics of a female Polar Bear and her two youngsters and the Grizzly Bears in a river fishing for salmon.

Well-known author of 'Old Toodyay and Newcastle' the late Mrs Rica Erickson, had written her autobiography entitled 'A Naturalist's Life'.

The book was briefly discussed.

The next presentation commenced on a humorous note featuring a pair of white, decorated bloomers.

The bloomers referred to the many cacti and succulent plants displaying blooms and attracting such a great variety of birdlife species to enjoy the nectar and the nectar-attracted insects.

A member found a Silvereye at her back door sitting on the doormat.

As she passed it the little bird did not move and, with a closer look, found that it had a claw caught in the mat's wire structure.

While cutting the wire to free the bird it sat in her hand with the other foot clutching her finger.

When freed it suddenly flew away.

Driving about the state one club member spent time on a large cattle station south of Broome.

The photographed rock formations on the nearby coastline were stunning.

A stop at Port Hedland was to view the most exquisite artwork on the inside walls of three very large concrete tanks, the family home of three young children.

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'The Power of Trees' is a book by forester, Peter Wohlleben and following discussion it was recommended as well worth reading.

With the current dry weather, the next presenter was eager to demonstrate with photos, the worthiness of daily filling bird baths.

There is much to enjoy from large and small birds splashing about, preening themselves then returning to the water to



A Scarlet Robin

enjoy more splashing.

Saturday, May 25 saw a group of natural history enthusiasts meet in the Julimar Forest to see the magnificent grass trees with botanist, Geoff Cockerton, and earth scientist, Doug Blandford.

With the overnight rain, the trees were shining, and the birdlife was plentiful.

Next meeting of the Toodyay Naturalists' Club is to be on Saturday, June 15 for a 7pm start at the Anglican Church Hall.

Member Jacquie Lucas will be presenting 'Feral animals and their control'.

Visitors are very welcome to attend.

As can be noted in the second paragraph of this article the Nat's Club members appreciate receiving natural history objects of interest, observations, and photos from the community.

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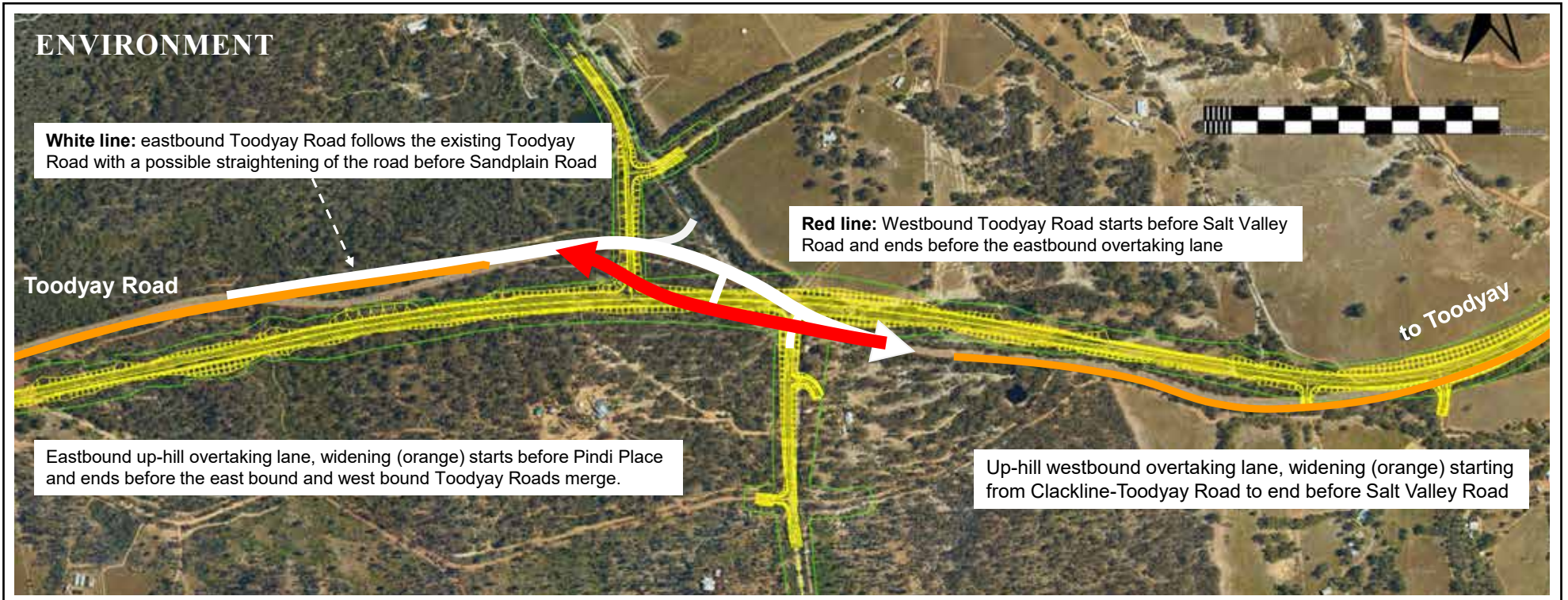
If that is you, the application package containing the position description for this role is available on our website at <https://www.toodyay.wa.gov.au/employment/> or by contacting the Records Officer on 9574 9300 or via email records@toodyay.wa.gov.au.

Applications should be marked "CONFIDENTIAL – Executive Support Officer" and forwarded to the Chief Executive Officer at the Shire of Toodyay by mail, in person, via email or through the Seek platform.

Applications close at **4.00pm on Friday 14 June 2024.**

Tabitha Bateman
Acting Chief Executive Officer





Alternative plan for the Sandplain and Salt Valley Road intersection drawn over the proposed Main Roads WA plans (shown in yellow).

Government rejects alternative road improvement plans

Safe and Scenic Toodyay Roads
Andrew St John

THE ALTERNATIVE plans for improvements to Toodyay Road submitted by Safe and Scenic Toodyay Roads (SASTR) have been rejected by the Government.

The proposal by SASTR, outlined in the May *Herald*, offered alternative designs at various points along Toodyay Road.

Accompanying this article is a diagram showing SASTR's proposal for the junction of Salt Valley and Sandplain Roads with Toodyay Road.

While SASTR retained the passing lanes in both east and westerly directions, we advocated for greater use of the existing road to further reduce the amount of clearing required.

We acknowledge that our collective knowledge of road engineering is limited and part of the government's response to our submission is, unsurprisingly, to criticise our design as being unsafe.

Both our submission and the government's response are on the SASTR website (www.sastr.com.au).

Meanwhile, while we are awaiting a restart date for the improvements one can only wonder about how much these will now be costing.

Our local Legislative Assembly Member and Opposition Leader, Shane Love, has been in the media recently commenting on the government's poor economic management of major projects including significant cost blowouts.

While the Toodyay Road improvement

program is relatively small compared to many of the projects being undertaken by Main Roads WA, one can imagine that the original cost of \$80 million is now well more than \$100 million given the cost blow-outs associated with other projects.

We have sought the help of Shane Love to obtain an updated cost for the project.

Given that SASTR has previously exposed that the business case to support the original cost of the improvements was fundamentally flawed, the subsequent and substantial increase in costs now makes that business case even more untenable.

It might be hoped that these increased costs would prompt the government and Main Roads WA to find ways to reduce the scope of the improvement project and bring it back into

the budget.

So far there are no signs of such a change in approach, but SASTR will continue to campaign for improvement plans that are of lower cost and reduce the amount of required land clearing.

Meanwhile, all of the community is waiting for much-needed improvements as sections of the road continue to deteriorate.

It will likely be nearly 2030 by the time all of the Wheatbelt section of Toodyay Road is brought up to a satisfactory standard.

It is not unreasonable to speculate that had the lower cost option for improvements been chosen by Main Roads WA instead of the more extensive and higher cost option, we might have seen the necessary improvements in a much shorter time frame.

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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

Ragbys 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@iinet.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 VFBF

Third Friday monthly 5.45pm, Bejoording Fire Shed.

Coondle-Nunile VFBF

Second Saturday monthly Oct-Apr, Jun, Aug 5pm, Coondle Fire Shed.

Morangup VFBF

Third Saturday of the month, 3 Wallaby Way, Morangup 5.30pm. Sharon Gamble or secretarymvfbf@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 VFBF

Second Tuesday monthly Toodyay Fire and Emergency Services Centre 7.00pm.

Toodyay State Emergency Service

Fourth Tuesday monthly 3 Wallaby Way Morangup. Jeff Venn 0438 490 331 toodyaylocalmanager@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. 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. or secretary@toodyaynats.org.au.

Toodyay Seed Group

Toodyay Junction, opposite Shire depot. Email bethan_lloyd8@msn.com.

FESTIVALS & EVENTS

Toodyay Agricultural Show

www.toodyayagsociety.com.au

Toodyay Farmers Market

Third Sunday monthly, 0429 984 482, toodyayfarmersmarket@gmail.com.

Toodyay Moondyne Festival

moodynecommittee@gmail.com.

HEALTH

Australian Breastfeeding Association

Second and fourth Tuesday monthly, 3 Elizabeth Place Northam 10am-noon. Third Tuesday monthly Toodyay Playgroup noon-2pm. Louise 9574 0229.

Child Health Clinic

Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Bree Byfield. 9621 0100

Forget-Me-Not Memory 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

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.

Butterfly 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.

Moodyne 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 Community Centre 9.30am. Bob Neville 0419 853 160.

SPORT

Avon Valley Adult Riding Club

Fourth Saturday monthly Feb-Nov, Northam. Tina 0499 030 177.

Avon Valley Shotokan Karate Club

Wednesdays Youth Hall, Showgrounds. Peepees 3.45-4.30pm; Juniors 4.30-5.30pm; Seniors 6-7.30pm. avonvalleyshotokan@gmail.com.

Mortlock Pony Club

First Sunday Feb-Nov, Goomalling. Tanzi 0427 859 493.

Toodyay Bowling Club

Ladies Thursdays 8.30am. Liz Sullivan 0429 311 256. Men Fridays 3pm. Andrew Watson 0418 269 773. Mixed Winter Bowls Thursday 12.30pm. Liz Sullivan. All welcome.

Toodyay Golf Club

Mixed comp Sundays noon; Ladies Wednesdays 1.30pm. Liz 0429 311 256. Men's scrungers Thursdays 2pm. Bruce 0417 028 089.

Toodyay Soccer Club

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

Toodyay Tennis Club

Tuesdays winter social tennis, Toodyay Recreation Centre, 9am unless raining. Members \$4, visitors \$8, includes morning tea. Racquets available. 0433 510 416, Facebook @toodyaytennisclub.

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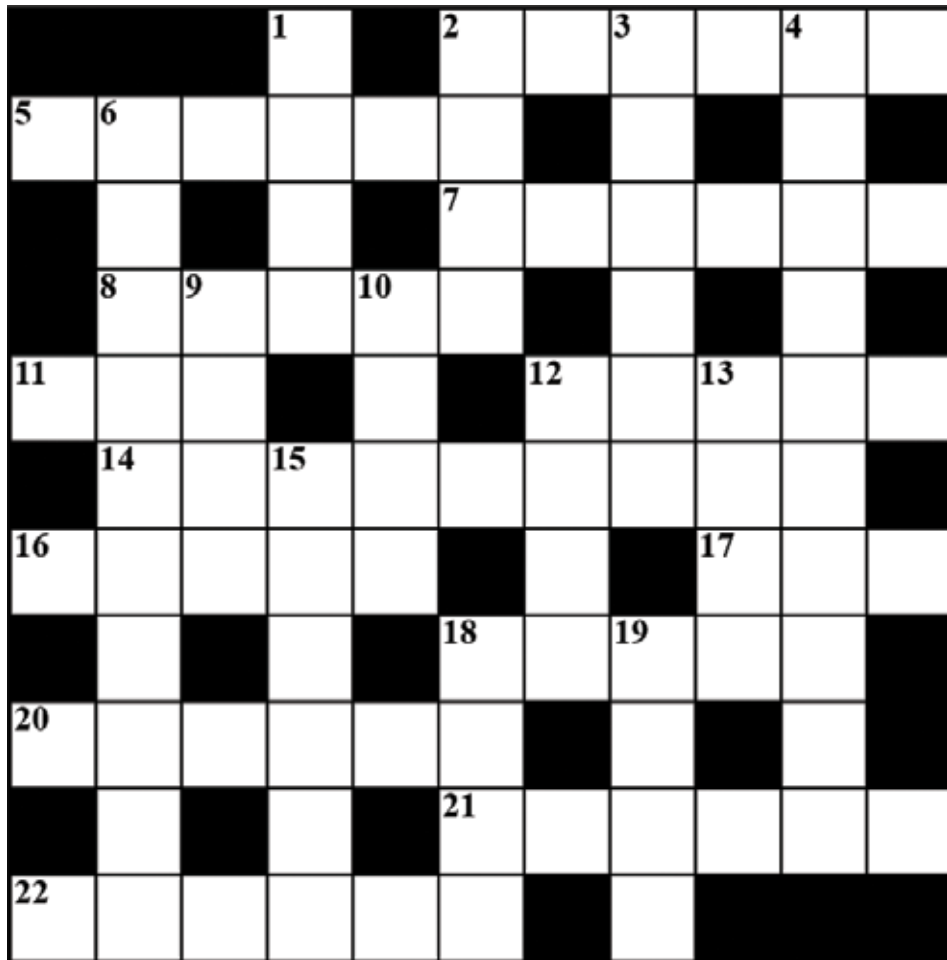
Deaths

CLEASBY, Bruce
Bruce William Cleasby passed away on 1 May 2024 in Northam Hospital. Thank you to all the people who came to celebrate Bruce's life before he was laid to rest at Toodyay Cemetery on 23 May 2024. Bruce was a local legend, born here and worked here all his life. He will be missed. RIP Bruce.

Combo Crossword

- ACROSS**
 2 Carrying case
 5 Lively dance
 7 Set free (3,3)
 8 Turning machine
 11 Set of gear
 12 Stroke on letter
 14 Someone of advanced years
 16 A herb
 17 Transgress
 18 Stopping device
 20 Figure of speech
 21 Keeps in boundaries
 22 Olden hero

- DOWN**
 1 Defeat
 2 Small rodent
 3 A note
 4 Enough
 6 A duty
 9 Grows older
 10 Greet
 12 Mix up
 13 Chance
 15 Being carried
 18 Leather strap
 19 Intentions



Cryptic Clues

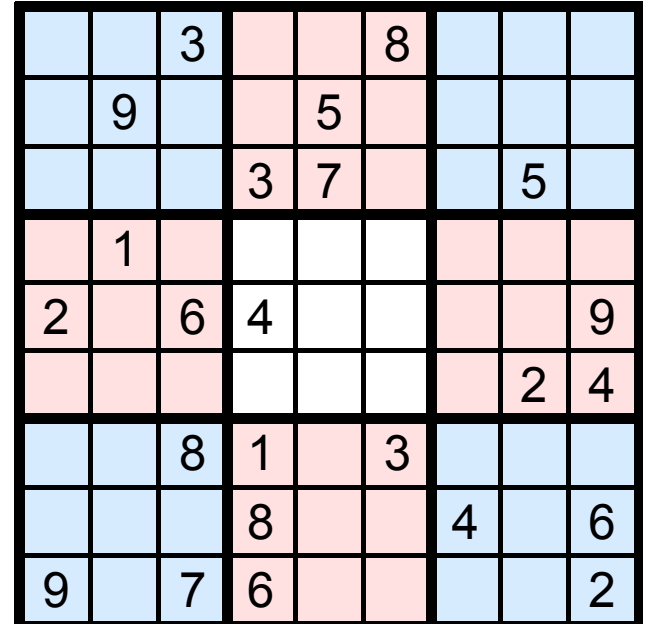
- ACROSS**
 2 Traveller's case is in poet's lower ground
 5 Half-book new role in lively Spanish dance
 7 Excuse to explode a firework (3,3)
 8 City with the machine for turning wood
 11 Fraudulently manipulate equipment
 12 Fires off small line on a letter
 14 Tragic ire - tragic when relating to older people
 16 Herb and another fellow
 17 Has inclination in part for transgression
 18 Attempt to stop in a thicket
 20 Figure of speech is back some distance
 21 Rations should not be overstepped
 22 Man who has been dubbed to create one on board

- DOWN**
 1 Overcome pulsation
 2 Rodent could be somewhat benevolent
 3 Written communication for one leasing property out
 4 Ample amount, if fine cuts used
 6 Binding requirement in duty
 9 Times shown as one gets older
 10 Shower of something to attract the attention
 12 Strongly affect its right to change
 13 Chance of injury in hazard
 15 British land division in act of being carried
 18 Strip of land first lost in wager
 19 Aspirations as I'm included

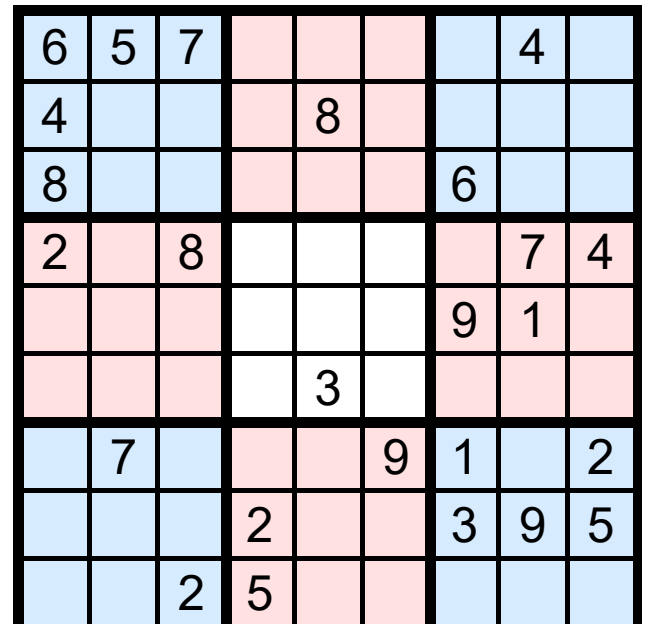
Sudoku

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.

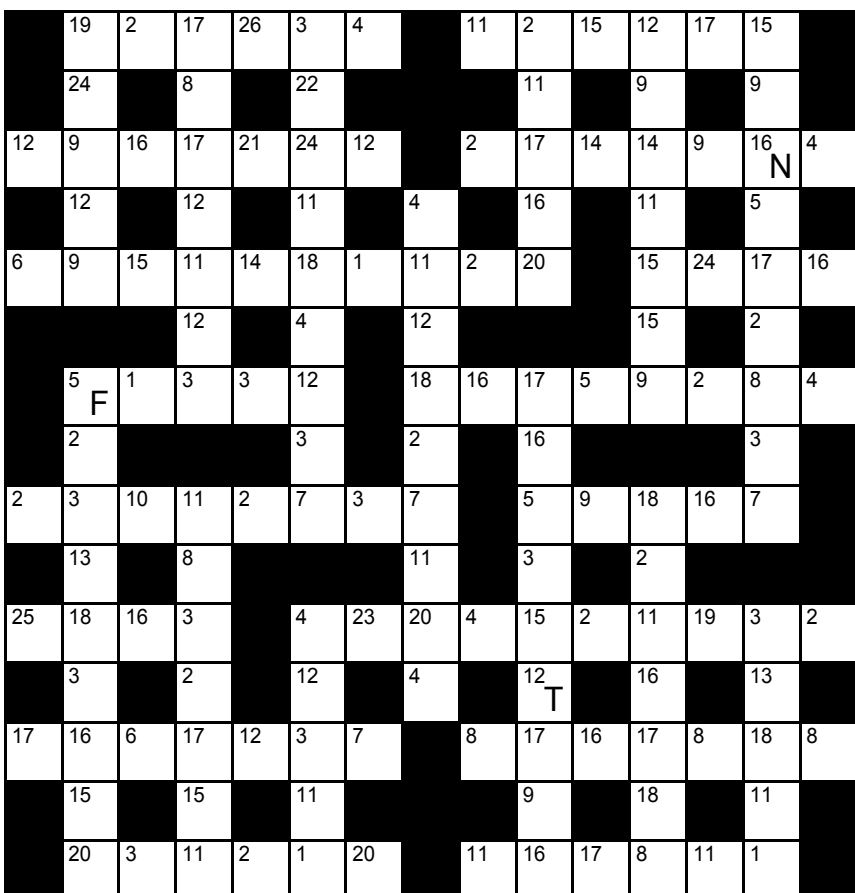
Easy



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.

Puzzle solutions Page 30

1	2	3	4	5	F	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	T	13
14	15	16	N	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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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	7.8	43.5								65.6
Average	12.10	14.30	19.50	43.00	54.90	77.10	101.60	60.40	35.40	24.70	12.70	8.80	402.80

Bunkai a fantastic activity

Avon Valley Shotokan
Helena and Nat Kielbasa

trying something new. According to Helena "Shihan has been teaching us Bunkai".

Bunkai is when there is someone in the middle doing their kata to fight off other people.

As a parent, this has been a fantastic activity to observe as it allows the students (and spectators) to learn what each move of a kata means and its practical application in self-defense.

If you haven't attended a Friday evening class, we encourage you to give it a go and further develop your understanding of the katas.

For those who have been unwell and missed lessons, please feel free to ask your teachers if you need help with your katas and keep practicing at home when you can.

Junior grading will be held on June 23 at Hombu.

One to two weeks before grading, students will receive their invitation if Shihan and your sensei believe you are ready to grade so keep training hard and doing your best.

To anyone considering joining karate, it is never too late in the term to begin, and we would love to meet you.

For more information, flick an email through to us at avonvalleyshotokan@gmail.com.

Classes are held at the Toodyay youth hall on Wednesdays from 4:30pm and any school-age students who want to come and watch are most welcome to join us, just please leave your shoes at the door.

WHERE on earth has the time gone? It has been yet another eventful and exciting month at Avon Valley Shotokan.

As always, the Moondyne festival was another massive success where our burger stall raised over \$2500 in funds for our students.

We enjoyed seeing so many locals dressing up for the event, and thankfully Moondyne Joe and his cronies didn't hold us up.

One of our junior students, Helena, had this to say about the day - "Casey, Victor, Ivy, and I went up and down the street drumming up business for our burger store."

Thank you for supporting the kids in our club. Our stall was lucky enough to be next to the Navy band so we got to try on the Navy uniforms and learned to salute which was great fun.

The parents who were cooking were also dancing to the music - "well I know my Mum was".

Thanks to the support of the Burton, Stewart and McEwan families.

The dojo also participated in the Bunnings Mothers' Day event held in Northam and chatted with people interested in learning more about karate.

The dreaded cold and flu season seems to have arrived, which has meant classes have been a little quiet lately.

For those who have been able to attend classes at Hombu, students have been enjoying



Club legend Adam Pearce celebrates his 250th match for the Toodyay Lions with family after a win against Dalwallinu on Sunday 26 May.

250th footy match a winner for Lion's legend

Toodyay Football Club
Patrick Thompson

A HIGHLIGHT for last month was club legend Adam Pearce's 250th game for the Toodyay Lions.

Goals are a rarity for the staunch back man but in a milestone game it's rude not to drift forward for a sneaky goal.

The umpires sensed the occasion of seeing Adam in unfamiliar forward 50m territory and awarded him a 50m penalty straight to the goal square thus ensuring that the obligatory milestone game goal could be celebrated.

That goal aside, after an unbeaten start in April, the month of May had its ups and downs for the league side as they recorded consecutive losses to Calingiri (14.9.93 to 9.8.62) and Gingin (18.12.120 to 17.7.109).

The boys regrouped and finished back on the winner's list with wins against Wongan

Ballidu (23.14.152 to 10.13.73) and Dalwallinu (10.12.72 to 6.9.45).

The 2024 Mortlock season is tightly contested, and Toodyay sits equally first on 16 points, shared with Goomalling and Gingin after round seven.

The reserves share the top spot on 20 points with Dalwallinu however they have already beaten Dally twice this season including an 80 to 35 win at home on May 26.

The reserve's only loss for the season came when player availability was low in an untimely away match against Gingin.

Upcoming home matches in June are Sunday 16th v Dowerin followed by Saturday 22nd v Gingin.

The Saturday, June 22 match is also our combined premierships reunion day/night function which promises to be the premier footy club event for the year.



Avon Valley Shotokan members at the Moondyne Festival burger stall.

Club gets full access in move to Rec centre

Toodyay Tennis Club
Rod Ash

WELCOME to Toodyay Tennis Club and our new committee.

After lengthy negotiations to secure full access for our members, we have finally made the move to our new home at the Toodyay Recreation Centre.

We will be able to host tournaments and visiting clubs will enjoy the new facilities.

Some of our members have been playing at the centre for the past 12 months.

It has been a difficult decision to leave behind a legacy of 100 years of tennis in one location at Fiennes Street.

A big thank you to our outgoing President Shelly Dival for her dedication to the club over the last few years.

All organised tennis now takes place at the centre including visiting clubs.

Junior coaching takes place on Monday afternoons in terms 1 and 4.

Social tennis can take place all year (weather permitting) on Tuesday from 9-11am and on Wednesday from 7-9pm.

All people are welcome, no matter their ability level.

We would like to welcome our accredited tennis coach and Toodyay local Renee Minnock, who will lead our coaching activities.

Cardio Tennis sessions will take place on

Monday from 6-7 pm (weather permitting) and this is fun, fitness and tennis with no experience required.

Private coaching can be arranged at tenniswithrenee@gmail.com.

Our plans included the purchase of a table tennis table and this initiative will be led by our in-house, self-described table tennis champ, Mike Edwards.

There will also be family tennis fun nights/days with a BBQ and tennis for the whole family.

Windbreaks are being planned for the east side of the courts and sponsorship is being actively sought.

Our thanks to Chalice Mining for their sponsorship which was allocated to subsidise our junior coaching fees thereby assisting families with the cost of junior coaching.

Club details are on our website - Toodyay Tennis Club

Golf club in full swing

Toodyay Golf Club
David Duncan

AS THE new golf season starts new members are welcome to join us with Sundays having a noon tee-off and on Thursdays 9 holes Scroungers 2pm tee-off.

For details, please contact Club President Bruce Shaw on 0417 028 089.

Now to the local golf results from last month's sessions.

The Opening Day on May 5 was sponsored by Makit Hardware and Farm.

Stableford - 1st Kim Rose 35pts, 2nd Aaron Boston 35pts, 3rd Bruce Shaw 34pts.

May 11 Ambrose sponsored by Scoungers Competition. 1st Aaron Boston/Mike Ryder net 63.25. 2nd Dave Duncan/Aaron Boston net 65.25.

May 19 - Stableford sponsored by Northam Glass. 1st Aaron Boston 40pts, 2nd George Murray 38pts, 3rd Ryan Sinclair 38pts.



Cardio tennis players at the Toodyay Recreation Centre.

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Expressions of Interest - Works Advisory Committee

Does community involvement inspire you? Do you have ideas on how to enhance our local infrastructure, parks, and community spaces? The Shire of Toodyay is calling on dedicated community members to express their interest in joining the newly established Works Advisory Committee; dedicated to providing oversight to the Council on the management of Shire assets and infrastructure. Your input will help guide the Shire's efforts to maintain and improve our community's essential services and public spaces.

Information about the new Works Advisory Committee is available on the Shire's website at this link:

<https://www.toodyay.wa.gov.au/https/wwwtoodyaywagovau/council/council-meetings-committees/council-committees/works-advisory-committee.aspx>

Please submit your expression of interest by **Tuesday 11 June 2024 at 12 noon.**

You can express your interest by completing a form available on the Shire's website at <https://www.toodyay.wa.gov.au/documents/> (Category Council).



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Principal's Pen

Well welcome to June! I cannot believe we are still waiting for some decent rain! Late start for our farmers this year. The Avon Descent might be the Avon walk this year.

State of the Market

We are still down at 3533 properties, so less than last month again. You wonder how this is going to change but it looks like this is the new normal.

The Court Case

I thought I would be able to let you all know by now either guilty or not BUT the magistrate adjourned it once again, from the 15th of May, we now go back to court on the 24th of June 2024 at 9:30am. I just cannot understand our legal system, how it messes with your mind is quite unbelievable. They obviously have no idea what they do to people or just simply do not care! Maybe I will have a verdict next month or maybe the magistrate will adjourn the case again.

Now! Inside the Office

Zonelle

We are a very lucky office to have such a professional receptionist on board. She is just a star this girl!

Jemma

Our little red head bombshell. She is just the most professional property manager assistant and always smiling. Great part of the team!

Jo

Just back from 2 weeks off looking after her daughter, so guess what, the office is active once again and the laughter has returned.

Faith

Busy, busy, busy, and finally has caught up with all her work!! We are gaining more and more properties. She loves a challenge!

Jess

Just back from a very successful auction in Demark last weekend, now straight back into the sales and admin of our busy office. Wonderful girl this one.

Sam

Still the number 1 sales rep in the district and achieving some record prices for his vendors. Sam is just unstoppable in the sales section. Want your property sold? Then Sam is your man!

Tony

Denmark was a huge auction with over 39 registered bidders on the day! Massive crowd. Now back home and hoping for some rain to put the crop in! Seed, fertiliser, and urea all ready on the truck to start seeding, all I need is rain! You have just got to love farming! The smell of the rich soil is the best.

Until next month

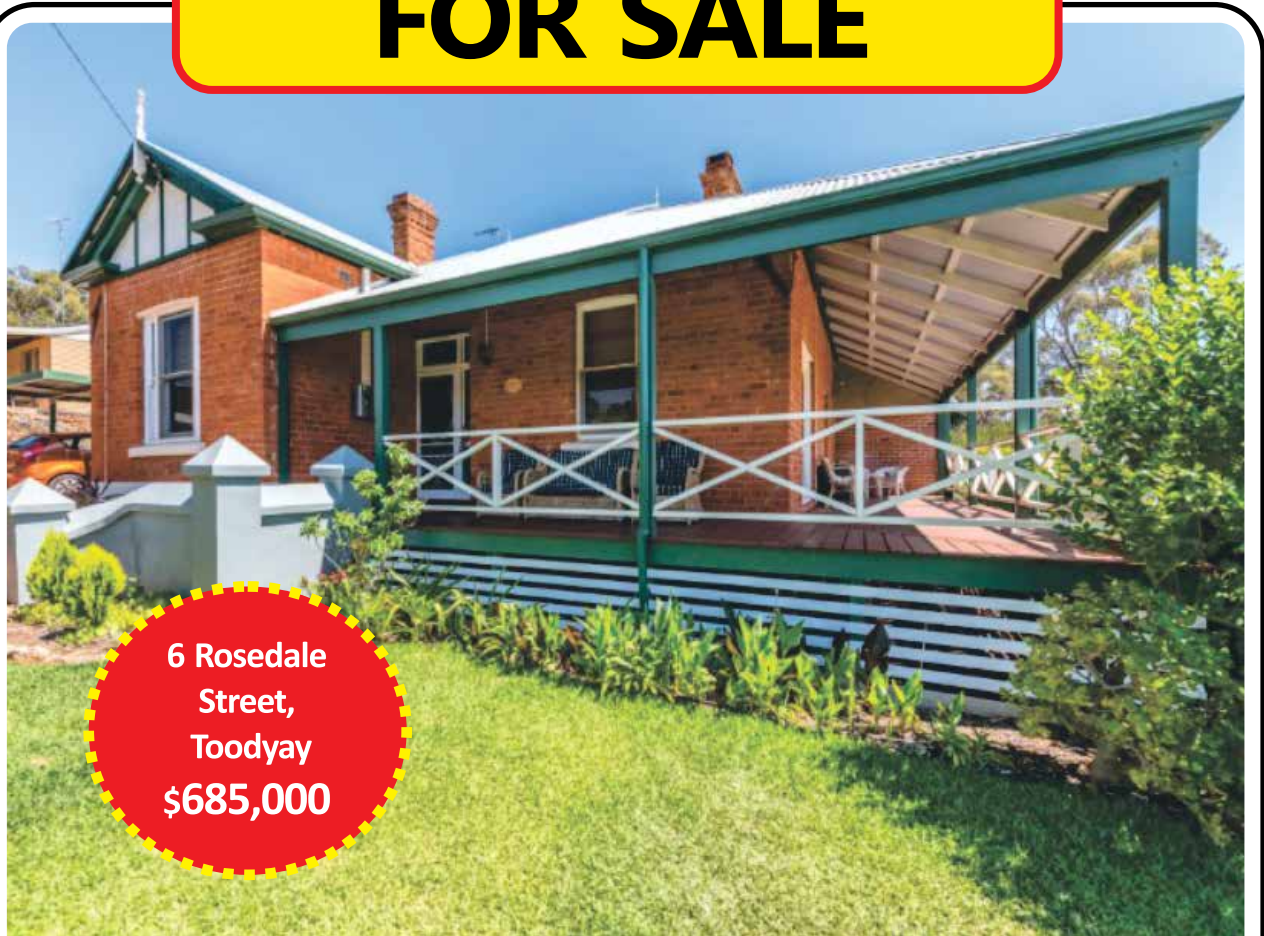
Tony Maddox



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