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Smoking ceremony launches 6km Transcend run



Johnny and Daniel Garlett welcome runners to the 6km trail running event at Cobbler Pool with a Welcome to Country and smoking ceremony. More on pages 8-9.

Austral Bricks hits council wall

Sean Hefferon

AUSTRAL Bricks has been brickmaking for over 100 years and is Australia's largest clay brick and paver manufacturer.

The company sources the clay raw material from its Schist Pit at Lot 1 Morangup Road in Morangup.

Or it was, as it has been unable to operate at



Aerial view of Austral Bricks Schist Pit on Morangup Road

the pit since their extractive industry licence expired in late 2023.

This licence which expired on 19 November 2023, was issued by the Shire of Toodyay and by order of the WA State Administrative Tribunal on 5 August 2014.

The company has put an application into the shire for a renewed licence for a 21-year term, a period allowable under local law, although recent approvals by the local authority have approved ten-year terms.

Discussions between the company and the shire have been ongoing since the original submission in 2023 with reasons for stalled progress on the application including the Christmas shutdown period.

The company has given a written undertaking to the shire that "there has been no pit operations or cartage throughout this time".

At last month's council meeting the shire officer recommended the council approve the "application for an Extractive Industry Licence at Lot 1 Morangup Road, Morangup" subject to a range of conditions including a ten-year lease.

However the sticking point that led to the council's decision to reject the application

turned on the number of truck movements proposed by the company.

Concerns were expressed by Crs. Prater and Madasci regarding the proposed truck movements on Saturdays and potential effects on tourism.

Trucks are intended to access Schist Pit as required throughout the year, driving from the pit to the Austral Bricks factory in Caversham and back, via Toodyay Road.

Approximately 160,000 tonnes of clay will be removed from the site annually which equates to 4,250 truckloads each year with cartage occurring over two separate carting campaigns per year of 3-4 weeks each time.

This equates to 531 truckloads per week during a campaign or during the months of October to May 89 truckloads per day and nine truck loads per hour.

Trucks used for carting clay are generally 27.5m prime movers with trailer and eight-wheel truck and dog combinations with gross weight of 64 tonnes and payload of 42 tonnes.

Austral Bricks was approached by the Herald for comment regarding the shire's decision and a response was not received before publication.

Picnic Race Day 'on-track'

ALL IS 'on-track' for September's Picnic Race Day featuring the Toodyay Cup.

The Toodyay Race Club said there is the possibility of the largest ever race crowd, perhaps exceeding 7000.

The club said that demand for smaller marquees is "very strong" and all 20 bays in the long marquee have been sold early.

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The power of parenthood and children changing their minds when reality hits

Dr. Christian Mauri

PETE'S children didn't have the best relationship with him when they were young.

The reason, Pete's eldest son Jack told me, was Pete had a high-pressure job and spent most months of the year working overseas.

Whenever he was home, Pete's priority with the kids was not to play, but ensure they were studying.

You can imagine how this might not endear a parent to their child and yet, not long ago, Jack asked me to write a book celebrating Pete on behalf of the whole family.

What do you think changed?

Take a guess before reading on and I bet a lot of you guess right.

What has changed is that Jack started a family of his own becoming the father of a healthy little girl and by experiencing the responsibilities of fatherhood firsthand, Jack now sees his old man in a new light.

Now that Jack knows how it feels to miss his own little girl while out at work, Pete's time away from the family has been recast as a major sacrifice.

Where Jack once dreaded Pete's attention to his studies, he now recalls it as the sincere concern of a father raising a family in a promising new country.

Now Jack understands the desire for social mobility – the wish for your kids to not have to make the same sacrifices you made to get by.

With this new perspective gifted by fatherhood, Jack wanted to show his dad that he finally gets it and his anger gave way to appreciation.

I was blessed to be present when Pete's family surprised him with the book – it was one of the most beautiful nights of my life.

I believe that for two generations to understand each other, a third generation must be born.

Age and parenthood have a wonderful way of humanising your parents, otherwise, it can be easy to take them for granted and lay blame at their feet.

Let's call this concept "*parental understanding*" - as in, "*the insight and empathy that parenthood grants to parents*".

It's by no means necessary for appreciating your parents.

Of course not, but it helps.

DID YOU know fewer people are having children?

What might this mean for parental understanding?

What stronger vote of confidence could one make in the future than electing to become a parent?

This is important, for the future is forecast to be rife with war, catastrophic natural disasters, and increasingly absurd inequality.

Seeking to understand the broken world they are inheriting; people will look to the past and they will ask how this was allowed to happen.

The answers will be, for lack of a better word, tense.

It is therefore important that we tend to relations between the generations with warmth and care.

My sociological bet for the month is that school kids across the country will be warned about ageism – specifically grievance-based prejudice against the older generations – before the decade is through.

No matter how effective these lessons might be, the tried and tested way for such anger to give way to appreciation will remain parental understanding.

But then, fewer people are having children.

IT'S BEEN recommended that I take a moment to reflect on why people are putting off parenthood.

On this I will speak for myself as I've always wanted to be a dad.

Before imagining my job of the future, or picking the skills I would study, or the countries I would one day visit, I knew that parenthood was for me.

Apparently, without even having to say it aloud, I give off the vibe of a father-to-be, with friends and family often saying they can't wait for it to happen.

I was delighted, then, when about a year ago, my partner came around to the idea and agreed that we could start trying... once we get a little more settled.

One condition was I put my other ambitions on hold, so we could have more time and energy for life's biggest commitment.

It was a fair call, so I called off my campaign for local council and heavily reorganised my work.

Then, amid the rental crisis, our landlord sold the house we had rented for five years.

Around us, friends with good jobs started to be made homeless due to the lack of available shelter and competition for properties hit an historical high as the cost-of-living climbed.

Asking prices for places in our modest range were exceeded by insane, unprecedented amounts.

We've been in what some economists call a state of 'survival mode' since and our horizon has narrowed.

We put our plans for parenthood on hold and in this, we are part of a growing demographic.

TO CONCLUDE I want to acknowledge the irony.

It's almost Monty Python-esque to say in one breath, "I want to start a family, feed the nation and maintain the species," only to then exclaim, "What?! In *this* economy?"

My work has taught me that every generation has its ups and downs.

Older folk tell me that you're never ready to have kids, but doing so will be the best choice of your life.

My heart is wide open to the possibility that this, too, may be one more beautiful example of parental understanding.

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The remarkable journey of columnist Christian Mauri

Sean Hefferon

"One of my great loves is rollerblading. I feel more myself in blades than in boots...." -Christian Mauri, Ph.D.

THE TOODYAY Herald's page two columnist Christian Mauri represents all that is good with family ties, and supporting the local community.

His drive for excellence is only matched by his love for rollerblading.

Born in Bournemouth, England with a diverse family heritage including Irish and Filipino roots, Christian is Aussie through and through having spent most of his life in Fremantle, Australia.

Leading up to becoming the youngest lecturer at Murdoch University, Christian lived a varied and full life.

Going back and forth between England and Australia in his younger years, he was exposed to diverse cultures ranging from the Swiss, Israelis, Italians, Aussies, the English, and others.

This background fuelled his curiosity in the people around him from an early age.

He was raised by an independent single mother who encouraged his curiosity, cleverness and initiative.

Around 12 years of age Christian got his first taste of responsibility at Underwater World in Perth, even though it was a long trek from where he lived.

Catching two buses and a train to feed his love for marine studies, the staff offered him a membership and the opportunity to feed the fish in the touch pool and answer the questions he'd learned by heart.

He was never without a job in his youth, spending weekends washing cars, and working at Pizza Hut, then the local Chinese restaurant, and then in disability services.

This work ethic, built from a young age, would serve him well in the world of academia and beyond.

He went to South Fremantle High School, but due to a severe medical error missed out on a lot of his TEE years, however, despite this setback, he was committed to going to university.

Taking along a folder of his best essays from high school, he went to speak to admissions at Murdoch University to make his case in person – it was a good pitch as he was gladly accepted.

Christian was unaware of sociology when he began higher education and the subject was brought to his attention by the mother of a friend, whose advice he admired.

He signed up for classes in this mysterious discipline going on to earn the Vice-Chancellor's Award for Excellence, all the while working in disability services, often going straight from campus to high-demand group homes, where he would study after the residents went to bed.

Working as a support worker with people with disabilities instilled in him a fascination with what he calls "the gaps."

The gap between how institutions understand their clients and how the clients understand themselves became the focus of his early research work.

During this time Christian's ability to appreciate the varied interests of strangers and clients continued to deepen.

Far from growing out of the childlike tendency to ask genuinely curious (if a little unusual) questions, he embraced it as his vocation: it is this earnest interest in other people that he is perhaps best known for today.

Asked to do honours after graduation, Christian jumped at the opportunity and completed his honours research in disability services for which he received numerous awards including the Australian Postgraduate Award and the Research Excellence Award.

Due to his academic success, Christian decided to go straight from his honours to study for a Doctor in Philosophy (PhD).

Before fully committing, however, two key members of his extended family convinced him to take a year off, leading to his almost foray into the Australian Security Intelligence Organisation or ASIO.

Instead, after some thought, Christian, at the age of 21, headed to China where he would work at the prestigious Hong Kong University assisting their Sociological Department as a research assistant on projects looking into sex tourism.



Christian hosts a monthly *Politics in the Pub* event where discussions over a range of topics can be had over a pub meal and a pint: good for the community and good for the pub.

He spent 90 days working in Hong Kong, making international friends from various cultural backgrounds and generations.

It was this experience that saw a new interest emerge in what he calls "intergenerational memory loss" – the idea that migrants and whole families gradually forget details about their parents' lives.

Then, when interest in their family's story resurfaces generations later, it is often too late to recall – a loss that Christian finds deeply regrettable.

Returning to Murdoch University, Christian, then 21, was tutoring 90 students and had his first directorial debut, a play being Woody Allen's *God*, which sold out five nights in a row.

For his PhD Christian researched and wrote *The Precariat, Ph.D.: On Disposable Academics and the University System* (2019).

Still interested in "the gap," this project

revealed the gap between what aspiring academics expect for their future, and the realities of the increasingly unstable higher education sector: his work on this topic is regularly cited all over the world to this day.

"Yeah, I was a young lecturer and students wouldn't believe that I was a staff member also some of the older staff refused to call me a colleague due to my age, however, to be fair, looking back, I think I was indeed a bit too young for the job – I had the credentials but lacked maturity."

After getting a PhD and teaching for about five years, Christian decided it was time to move on to other things, taking a huge risk that would pay off after a short rough start.

Returning to social services he did a lot of volunteering, such as assisting the elderly, Meals on Wheels, and teaching senior citizens how to use email and social media.

His work with the elderly sparked another pivotal turning point when a Sicilian woman

in her eighties, whom Christian had started having regular lunches with, noticed that her older brother shared more memories when he was around.

She asked Christian if he might create a document of these memories, so he created a hard cover book, complete with illustrations.

Seeing the book, people started asking if Christian would be willing to make one for their family, thus unintended proof of concept for what would become his business, *Family Tales*.

After six books and now working on his seventh, *Family Ties* has made a splash since its inception two years ago.

He has volunteered his talents to creating books for local community efforts, such as the *"Keep the CAT"* book, championing local public transport and his books are now in libraries, even businesses have started reaching out for him to write about their "professional family."

Christian stays active outside of work, running the monthly "Politics in the Pub" event as well as making music and art with his partner, Kaylene, herself a talented jazz musician and artist.

To be honest Christian could be in an Eveready Battery commercial for he also runs weekly chess nights, caretakes the local church, and is helping to revitalise the annual Italian Carnevale.

When it all gets too much, he puts on his rollerblades, an activity he describes as almost transcendental, providing moments of pure self-expression in unused carparks down by the Fremantle harbour.

From pub pints, politics, chess, church and Carnevale to community awards in early 2024 when Christian was jointly awarded Fremantle Citizen of the Year, an award recognising his generosity and kindness within the community, especially with the elderly.

This was followed by Fremantle community members whom Christian has helped over the years organising an informal ceremony for him: a coronation declaring him "King of Fremantle."

Christian's mission now is to shed light on the social principles that his work, life, and research has led him to sincerely believe in.

"These values that I'm trying to share with people... I've seen them all around the world.

They sound obvious – recall your curiosity, learn to really look, to really listen, to do good for others in person – but there are better and worse ways to go about it all.

I think the better way stand for something that are real and untrivial and I want to stand for them."

A man of the community and of the world at large, Christian always strives to be curious, learn and better the world around him.

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A chance

OUR LITTLE town was a finalist in the 2024 7NEWS Top Tourism Town Awards.

We didn't snatch an award, but we did compete and took a chance.

Toodyay needs to take more chances when it comes to promoting what the town, the area and most importantly the community has to offer.

The organisers of the Transcend trail event took a punt on the Avon Valley when they chose to launch their adventure running event a mere four years ago.

Last month the event saw over 600 participants descend on the local area to take part in the trail running event.

An event that saw some of the best trail runners in the country rise to the challenge to run 65km from Walyunga National Park to Cobbler Pool.

Around another 1200 people came along as either supporters of their mates or as spectators.

That's over 1800 people coming to the Avon Valley, on one day.

The Picnic Race Day including the Toodyay Cup is also fast approaching and indications are that a record crowd is possible on that one day in September.

We need more of the above events, including street festivals – that is, if the community support is there.

Is the community up to taking more chances?

A council snippet

TO BE BLUNT there is a perception that the Shire of Toodyay council is not gushing with the spirit of kumbaya.

That is to say, harmony and unity in that august decision-making body may at times be a scarce commodity.

Still, it was refreshing to see Crs. Madasci and Prater in rare agreement at last month's council meeting at least when it came to heavy truck movements on Toodyay Road.

It didn't last.

A local paper

READERS may have noticed a few 'glitches' in this edition of the paper.

Perhaps a comma isn't where it should be or even a glaring typo not picked up.

You see we have been short a few pairs of hands this edition, and as we know many hands make light work.

The Toodyay Herald has been printing local news and covering events since 1902 and is one of the few, perhaps the only, locally owned community newspaper in the country.

Thing is, without community support by way of more hands, the paper will become yesterday's news.

Sean Hefferon
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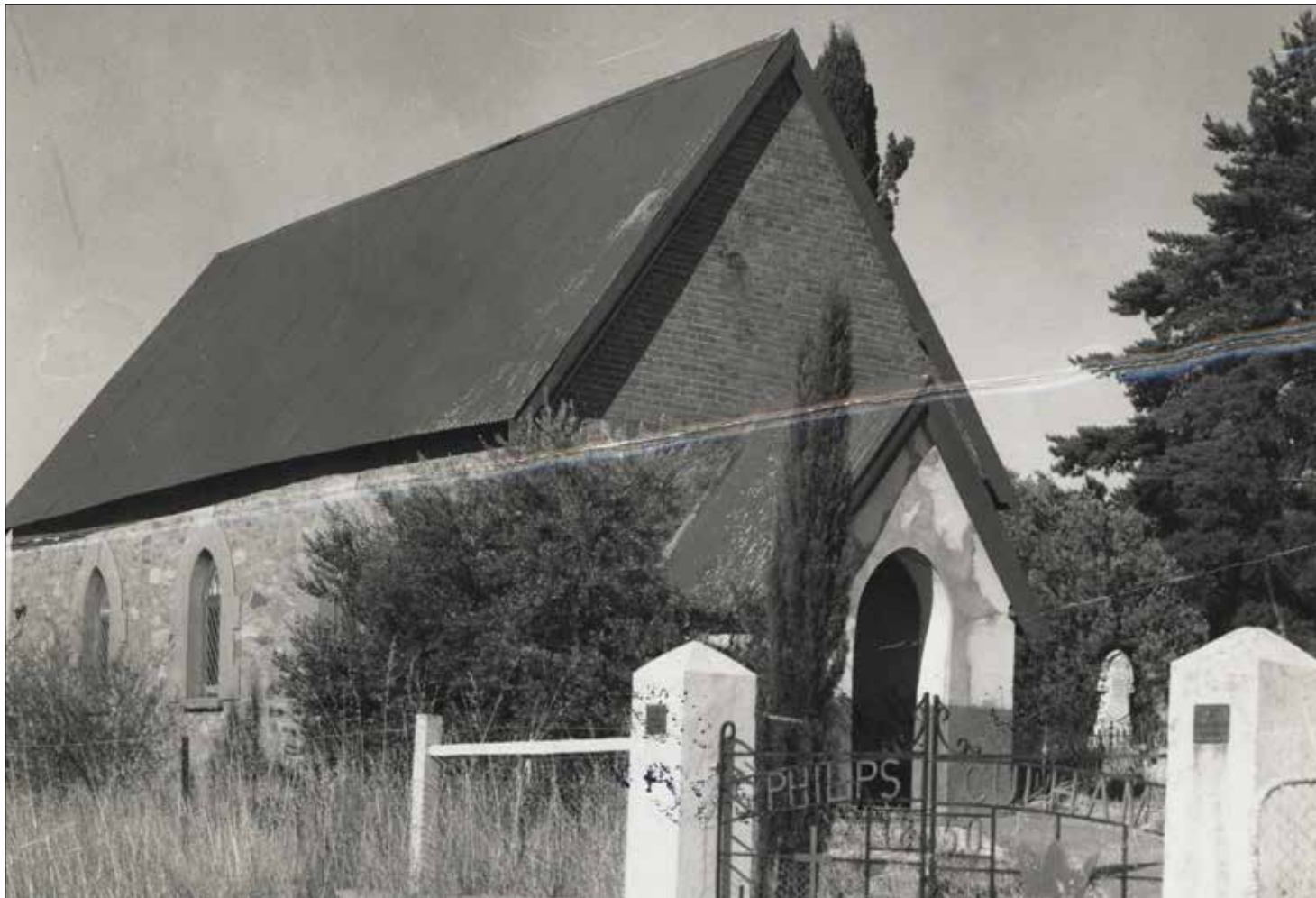
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LETTERS

Slowest shire in history

IN THE June newspaper we pointed out the death trap and injury risk of walking along Folewood Road hillside.

We were informed the Shire of Toodyay engineer assessed this area with the following words:

"I am aware that this not the area in question, but I believe the area identified has been mistakenly presumed that the road shoulder is a designated walk path, which is not so and therefore is not maintained as such.

"There is no formed and maintained footpath on Folewood Road beyond Rosedale Street."

Excellent, this is a marvellous and correct assessment of the walkway which by the way has nothing at all to do with Rosedale Street.

Folewood Road is a public road in the Toodyay Shire.

As a shire road by law it is to be maintained or in this case repaired to become a safe walkway and not ignored as a "believed" and "mistakenly presumed" "designated walk path".

It has to become a designated walkway without a dangerous canyon alongside the road endangering any walker.

This is even more so with rains wetting the area, and walkers are at risk as they have to slide into or step onto big rocks.

People have a legal right to have a formed and maintained footpath.

This has not to be "mistakenly presumed" but worked on to become a walkway.

An engineer is not a Human Service Department officer but an assessor of other issues rather than human health.

An engineer needs to have a rational assessment and not a "believe", which is an inappropriate emotional response.

It is like asking a whale to assess the grazing quality of a hillside for sheep.

Absurd? Yes. We hope this brings home a specific point.

Mid-June we reminded the shire and its councillors.

Result? One response.

Question: Where do shire councillors work?

Are they at home watching TV, napping on their couches and "let the world go by" unconcerned about how the public's revenues

are spent for the benefit of the citizens?

Shire activities, maintenance and observation starts with the president and includes all except one councillor.

We had also asked eight weeks ago for work on the corrugations of Nottingham Road and were told that it will be done in "due course" after school bus routes and other gravel roads are worked on.

Due course is long overdue here too.

Hallelujah to the slow-acting Shire of Toodyay, the slowest in history so far in our living in Toodyay.

Monika Zechetmayr and Peter Edwards
Toodyay

What's in a pub name?

I DISAGREE with Mr Sinclair-Jones' letter (Toodyay Herald, June 24) concerning renaming the Freemasons Hotel to the Toodyay Hotel.

The heritage of the building is unchanged and the interior has had a well overdue make-over.

With regard to the name change, it's not a corporate name.

Forgive me but last time I paid my rates, it was for Toodyay after which the hotel is soon to be named.

He asks for the hotel to be returned to its proper name; is that the historic name the Newcastle Hotel, or its latter name of the Freemasons Hotel?

"Be careful what you wish for" comes to mind.

If no one came forward to purchase this business, would it be permanently closed, become something else or left as a historic talking piece?

Ralph Walker
Dumbarton

Environmental assessment critical for mine

WE WOULD like to commend Doug Blandford for raising some concerning points in his article "Will Chalice mine leave an unwanted legacy?" which spanned the May and June editions.

Asbestos (mineral fibres), air and water pollution will be a dollar price to pay but will have dire consequences for the environment as well as our health and wellbeing.

The dust, light pollution and noise are already

the subjects of complaints from residents in close proximity to Gonneville.

If the mining project goes ahead, it will only get worse.

This is why the Environmental Protection Authority assessment is crucial.

Not only are they there to ensure that the environmental impact is kept to a minimum, but also to protect us, because we live in the environment as well.

Additionally, we would like to thank Doug for making us aware of what "mineral fibres" are – something Chalice said are managed routinely.

It is important that if the Gonneville project is to proceed, appropriate assessments are made; otherwise, it will certainly be an ill wind that blows no good.

Julimar Conservation & Forest Alliance

Hooray for Staying In Place Toodyay Districts

I WAS pleased to read in last month's Herald that 'Staying in Place' is being established in Toodyay.

This concept is in many Wheatbelt and regional towns and has been a success, helping elderly people with a Home Care Package to retain their independence while keeping connected to the local community.

Locals benefit by becoming contractors and are paid for the time they spend servicing the needs of these people, creating relationships with the recipients which in turn increases their social inclusion and reduces loneliness, the enemy of the elderly.

It will also be of financial benefit to the community by bringing in more money in wages earned which, when spent, will benefit local businesses.

This is a brilliant concept and I have no doubt that it will be of great benefit to Toodyay and the surrounding area.

To use a bit of a hackneyed phrase, "This is a win-win scenario".

Hamish Dobie
Toodyay

Letters to the editor are always welcome. If you have something to say email: editor@toodyayherald.com.au

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	7.8	43.5	53.2							118.8
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

Local youth on the right path for a very bright future

TIMES are changing in education and we know that the 'one size fits all' approach actually doesn't fit.

At Toodyay District High School, the staff have reimagined the secondary school to ensure there are a range of "sizes" available for students.

Sharon Anderson, school principal said the Pathways programme provides all students with opportunities tailored to their needs.

The programme is endorsed by the School Curriculum and Assessment Authority (SCSA) which is important as this organisation is responsible for the curriculum, assessment, standards and reporting for all Western Australian schools.

Practical activities, the use of IT, teamwork and collaboration, with literacy and numeracy threaded throughout are all part of the Pathways programme.

One aspect of the programme for the school's Year 9 and 10 students includes SCSA endorsed qualifications and certificates.

Students learn skills for the workplace from industry experts in what are called 'couch conversations', or during visits to worksites to explore opportunities.

This can be followed with work experience enabling Year 10 students to complete 55 hours of a work placement.

The local school has already had one student who has commenced her apprenticeship as a chef and another completing a traineeship through a registered training organisation.

Local businesses such as the Toodyay Hotel are onboard with the Pathways programme and the pub's manager Morgan Almasi said they are working closely with the school by providing placements.

For employers, the programme serves as



Toodyay District High School students Tay Williams and Kelly Thomson with Deb (Toodyay Hotel).

another way to find and train staff and has the added attraction of keeping local youth in the Toodyay area.

There are also more students waiting to begin such pathway opportunities.

"These initiatives have required flexible thinking and courage to reimagine our school," Ms Anderson said.

She added that the students are still well-prepared for a university pathway if that is what they choose and that importantly all

experience success at school.

"Students are proud to accept accolades and recognition, and the best part is that we are giving our students a head-start on their futures."

Some local governments moving to become Owl Friendly

Sean Heffernon

A NUMBER of local governments in the Perth area have moved or are moving to becoming Owl Friendly Cities by changing the types of rat baits they use.

Commonly used rodent baits are second-generation anti-coagulant rodenticides (SGARs) which can cause secondary poisoning to birds who eat already poisoned rodents.

The City of Fremantle is to investigate switching the use of SGARs to first generation anti-coagulants, which "require multiple doses" to be fatal to birds who ingest the poisoned rodent.

Pindone is one such first-generation anticoagulant that acts by blocking the synthesis of vitamin K-dependant clotting factors, which causes fatal haemorrhages in susceptible animals.

Poisoning with pindone can occur with a large single dose, but it is more effective when given as a series of smaller doses over a period of four to 12 days.

When contacted by the *Herald*, Greg Warburton, Reserves Management Officer from the Shire of Toodyay, said that the local shire does not use baits for rodent or rabbit control.

He said the current focus is on feral

pigs. However, from time to time the shire is approached by landowners regarding management of pest rabbits.

Mr Warburton stressed that when local landowners are considering baiting it should be done as part of a plan that also minimizes risks to non-target species and that the bait stations should be monitored regularly.

Pindone, which is available for purchase locally has, according to the WA Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development, been known to cause the deaths of kangaroos and bandicoots.

It is also toxic to a number of birds (e.g. parrots, eagles) and domestic animals including sheep, horses and cattle.

Shire of Northam fined for removing 300 trees

IN MAY 2017, a contractor was engaged by the Shire to cut down and mulch trees along 2.2 kilometres of Chinganning Road, in the Shire of Northam, as part of a road works program.

The Shire did not have approval to clear the native vegetation and the contractor cleared 300 mature eucalyptus trees.

The trees after being cut down were later estimated to be more than 25 years old and of local significance.

An assessment by the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation found that the trees were a habitat for threatened species Carnaby's Cockatoo, Baudin's Cockatoo and forest red-tailed black cockatoo, and were likely to be a significant breeding habitat for the endangered black cockatoo.

The Shire was charged under the Environmental Protection Act 1986 after it was confirmed the clearing was likely to have caused a loss of flora and fauna species of conservation significance.

In response to the clearing, the department issued a Vegetation Conservation Notice to the Shire in 2019 requiring the installation of nesting boxes for cockatoos.

In the Northam Magistrates Court on Monday 17 June 2024, the Shire was ordered to pay a fine of \$10,000 with \$788.30 costs: the maximum penalty for the offence is \$500,000.

Ruth Dowd, Executive Director of Assurance at the department, said anyone planning to remove trees should check to see if permission is required.

"In this case, it appears there was a misinterpretation about what was allowed under the Act," she said.

"Our officers can advise on what permits are required and I'd encourage anyone planning to remove native flora, especially if it involves hundreds of trees, to check with the department first."

"The Shire has implemented new procedures to ensure that it complies with its environmental obligations."

The retention of trees and increasing tree canopy is becoming increasingly important with Bureau of Meteorology forecasts that indicate a drying and warming weather pattern for the Wheatbelt region.



A Tawny Frogmouth.

Police investigate serious crash on Goomalling Road

Police Beat

With Sgt
Jamie Boryczewski
Toodyay Police Station



BEING aware of one's surroundings is a message that cannot be repeated enough as we currently investigate a caravan burglary at the Toodyay race track.

If you see anything that seems suspicious, contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

The words Look Lock and Leave are also something to be mindful of with local police investigating a report of a person wandering around Coondle properties opening car doors and stealing money.

In Toodyay we are luckier than many places when it comes to graffiti, but we do still have an ongoing issue, likewise with vandalism.

Recently, the team spoke to a person of interest in relation to a smashed leadlight window at St. Stephens Church and there have been several other incidents of vandalism in the last few weeks.

Credit card fraud also reared its head in town with a local hardware store being scammed of a sum of money – card misuse is something to be aware of.

Local police are targeting drugs, antisocial behaviour and drunk driving, all behaviours we don't want to have in the community.

Concerning driving as we are now in winter do your vehicle checks such as tyres, wipers and brakes and any concerns have your car checked by a professional.

Early last month Toodyay locals may have seen a helicopter overhead which was in



Above: Crashed car on Goomalling Road 13km from Toodyay. Photo: Michael Sinclair-Jones. Below: Senior Constable Jodie Howard.

relation to a car crash on the Goomalling Road, a matter that is being investigated by Northam traffic police.

Safe driving was the focus of SOCK Week or Save Our Country Kids and you may have seen the crashed motorbike displayed outside the Toodyay Police Station last week.

The aim was for locals to have a free Cuppa with a Copper and chat about road safety as well as to give the team a chance to do a little community engagement.

We had a few folks drop by for a cuppa and a chat and we thank the Toodyay Bakery for the delicious coffees (often leading to a pastry as well).

We thank the local Community Resource Centre for coordinating SOCK Week.

Finally, we'd like to introduce Jodie Howard Senior Constable at the Toodyay Police Station.

Jodie has been with the local team for the past four years as well with other postings including York and Fremantle.



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Road crash trauma affects many people

SaferToodyay
Desrae Clarke

TRAUMA from a road crash can affect so many people in a multitude of ways.

It may be from direct injury by the crash, from the loss of a loved one, from the ripple effect on families, friends, first responders and witnesses.

The impact of a road crash can still be felt long after the actual event.

Road Trauma Support WA is a free service and offers specialised counselling support and guidance through concerns and emotions that persist after the road crash regardless of when the crash occurred.

A referral is not required to access the service and for more information visit the webpage of www.rtswa.org.au or phone 1300 004 814.

If a situation appears to be suspicious or out of the ordinary call CRIMESTOPPERS on 1800 333 000 as soon as possible or go to crimestoppers.com.au

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Report graffiti 1800 442 255
goodbyegrffiti.wa.gov.au

A growing addiction

Computer Safety
Phil Hart

SOCIAL media addiction is a growing problem, especially for younger people.

The numbers vary between different studies, but it seems the negative impact of social media is somewhere between 24 per cent (bit.ly/4ciUbX7) and nearly 50 per cent (bit.ly/3XdBoYU).

Nearly 60 per cent of Australian parents and carers are concerned about the impact social media has on children (bit.ly/3Vdh0o6).

Like all technologies, social media can have both positive and negative effects.

An overview of these effects can be found at bit.ly/3XdBoYU.

Some people are switching from smartphones to "dumbphones" (bit.ly/4aW7POL).

A dumbphone is a smartphone with almost all the apps stripped out.

Dumbphones come with different apps so it pays to figure out what apps are really important to you before you go shopping.

All dumbphones can make calls and send and receive texts.

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NAIDOC Week – a celebration for all Australians

Sean Hefferon

NAIDOC Week celebrations are held across Australia each July 7 – 14 to celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

NAIDOC is celebrated not only in Indigenous communities, but by Australians from all walks of life.

This year's theme chosen by the National NAIDOC Committee, is "Keep the Fire Burning! Blak, Loud & Proud".

The theme honours the enduring strength and vitality of First Nations culture – with fire a symbol of connection to Country, to each other, and to the rich tapestry of traditions that define Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

"Keep the Fire Burning" symbolises the enduring spirit and rich traditions of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures.

The fire represents our cultural heritage and deep connection to Country: alive, warm, and vital.

"Blak," a reclaimed spelling of Black, emphasises pride in Indigenous identity.

"Loud and Proud" calls for the celebration of Indigenous culture.

Toodyay Indigenous business Dudja Dreaming is hosting a number of events leading up to NAIDOC week including arts-based activities.

The Noongar Trail which is easily accessible by walkers or guided tour provides insights into the cultural heritage of the Noongar people's connection to this boodja (land).

Gaining insights into the richness of Indigenous culture is a key aspect of NAIDOC Week.

The Noongar Trail includes the Bilya Walk Track which meanders upriver along the Avon River starting from the Toodyay townsite and is accessible for people of diverse ages.

Sights along the track include Redbank Pool where one finds the John Masters Bird Hide opened in 2013.

The Bird Hide features a display of Noongar artwork, Ngulla Moort (our family),

explaining the multiple uses of Redbank Pool prior to European settlement.

Some other trails in the Toodyay area with information signs that provide a focus on Indigenous and European history can be

found at Pelham Reserve and along the Avon towards Nardie Cemetery.

The Toodyay Visitor's Centre has brochures about the local walks including a display map of the Noongar Trail.



Some of the interpretive signs along the Bilya Walk Track that explain aspects of local Indigenous culture. The track is also a good place to walk the dogs.



Above: Unlike the European calendar, there are six Noongar seasons which are indicated by changes in local plants and animals. Below: Rob Miles from Dudja Dreaming hosted a school holiday program July 1 - 5 in the Herald's courtyard.



Become an Ambulance Volunteer Answering the Call of Duty

St John Toodyay Sub Centre
Monika Williams

IN EVERY community, there are unsung heroes who dedicate their time and effort to providing critical support in times of need.

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Toodyay ambulance completed 26 jobs and travelled 1278kms in June and the Community Transport Service drove 11 clients to their medical appointments.

Reach out to your local ambulance service to inquire about volunteer opportunities.

Call us on 9574 2390 or visit <https://stjohnwa.com.au/changelives/volunteer> and follow the links to find out more.

Toodyay visitor finds live 1942 bullet

Jason Rose

MY PARTNER and I spent two nights in Toodyay in the last week of June.

I bought my metal detector and I found several items (pictured).

The bullet is an old 50 calibre Remington 1942 shell.

It was still a live bullet so I handed it into the Toodyay Police Station.

They were very grateful that I did as it could be dangerous if it got into the wrong hands.

I also found a handmade horseshoe dating back to 1800's early 19th century, which must have been made for a large heavy workhorse.

There is a lot of history hidden in the hills. I currently live near Perth city.

I am originally from the UK but am always

out on adventures searching for historical items.



The live bullet.



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Toodyay runners 'rise above' and 'go beyond'



Katie 2nd female in the 6km event.

Sean Hefferon

THE LOGO of the Transcend trail event that was held last month in the Avon Valley is 'rise above' and 'go beyond' and this is what local runners and hikers did.

Toodyay had over a dozen runners as local residents took part in the event which isn't bad for a small town in the Wheatbelt.

Especially when the main event being the ultra-trail marathon sees runners test themselves against the Avon Valley that offers plenty of challenges with 2,700m of elevation over the 65km course.

Try getting that elevation change down on the flat-lands, you know that place on the coast called Perth.

The 65km course has a bit of everything, single trail, fire trail, steps, steep hills, goat trail, creek crossings, paddocks, ladders over fences and some rocky outcrops.

The diverse range of flora and fauna across the valley which all adds to the beauty of the region: also adds to the event.

The race organisers when they devised the event in pre-Covid times, felt "they could bring something special to Western Australia" and after negotiating "a convoluted web of 10 key stakeholders finally found a path through to Cobbler Pool from Walyunga National Park".

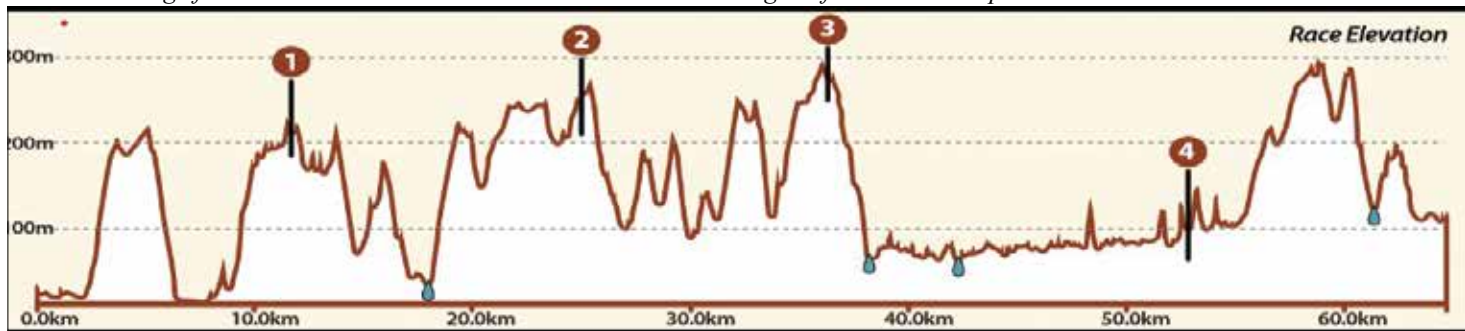
The 65km trail route connects two national parks, one regional park, a wildlife sanctuary, two local government authorities and four privately managed land holdings.

The area the route traverses also has a strong cultural association with the Whadjuk and Ballardong people as well as a historic background with early settlers in Toodyay including iconic figures such as Yagan and Moondyne Joe.

Dani a local parkrunner described



Above: Chris, Katie, Bec, Reece, Jess & Dani at the finishing chute. All are avid parkrunners as well running each Saturday at the Newcastle Parkrun: Transcend offered the experience of trail running on what can be described as 'goat trails'. Below: A schematic that shows the elevation change for the 65km trail runners with the numbers indicating the four race checkpoints.



Transcend as, "Absolutely Beautiful views with the challenge of tackling mountain goat trails up and down hills and the thrill and realization of having this all at our back door."

Not bad for an event that sits on the doormat of what many may describe as "sleepy old Toodyay".

Last month, one of those Toodyay runners described the remarkable opportunity that the town has to capitalise on the Transcend event, that is, if it wants to.

Cr. John Prater from the Shire of Toodyay visited the event village and said he was impressed by the setup and the atmosphere.



Nikkola and Kristy at the finish line of the 65km Ultra event.





PRIZE MONEY TO BE WON!

Freestyle Now Skatepark Competition returns as part of the Toodyay International Food Festival!

Toodyay residents are encouraged to enter

Saturday 10th August 2024
10am - 5pm

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Whether you are experienced on wheels or just starting out, the Toodyay Skatepark Competition welcomes participants of all ages and skill levels.

Registration is essential



<https://liveheats.com/events/246788>



Transcend trail event showcases Toodyay and the Avon Valley

Sean Hefferon

TRAIL running is growing in popularity and that was clearly evident in the faces of the 600 participants that took part in the Transcend trail running event last month.

Transcend is really several different events including trail runs of various distances, a hiking event, even a one kilometre dash for children through an alpaca farm.

The signature event is the Transcend Ultra that covers a 65km route to Cobbler Pool from Walyunga National Park.

For the 2024 Ultra runners the day started with a well-timed torrent of rain minutes before the race start, enough rain to make the trail ahead muddy and slippery in some sections.

Toodyay had seven runners in the 65km Ultra and Liv Wood who ran as part of a relay team said: "Such a fantastic and well organised event with amazing scenery as the reward.

"Running in the rain and dark was a challenge and 12.3km in wet socks."

For the Ultra runners the finish line was a welcome sight, although it was only reached by running the last 100 metres across an alpaca farm paddock, and uphill.

For Nikkola Palmer, "seeing all the other Toodyay runners at the finish line cheering was a total surprise and delight".

She added, "What a community", as many of the Transcend runners regularly participate in the Newcastle Park run.

There was also a 40km hike event as part of the Transcend and a couple of Toodyay parkrunners in Kayla Ringrose and Raewyn Elferson took out first place.

Toodyay local Chris Sharples came first in the 6km trail run setting a new course record of 32.58 minutes and given the goat trail nature of the course a more than respectable time.

"Parkrun has given me the motivation to get back into running, having not done much for ten years" Chris said.

He added, "Transcend was a great introduction into trail running, which is highly demanding but equally rewarding".

Race spectators could also experience the Avon Valley (without having to run) by participating in one of the HikeWest WA walks that occurred on the day.

Coondle resident Greg Warburton led one hike and added HikeWest is a great organisation to partner with if the shire wants to promote Toodyay as a bush walking destination given the many local reserves to



After a 65km solo run from Walyunga National Park to Cobbler Pool this Dad was greeted by his kids at the finish chute and they then shared the final uphill run to the line. Photo: Sean Hefferon.

explore throughout the area..

On event day the finish line at Cobbler Pool had a festival feel to it with over a dozen stalls, pop-up bars, food trucks and live music.

Toodyay animal care group Marsupials Mamas and Pappas had a presence at the event as did Morangup based gin maker Roam Distillery.

For Shahe the founder of Roam the day was

"brilliant and a great experience" and that he was looking to get back to do it again next year.

Transcend is in its' fourth year as an Avon Valley event and has grown year on year with the 2024 event having over 600 participants testing their physical and mental fitness in the local environment.

In trail running, Mitch Craig, Transcend Race Director said the rule of thumb is that for each participant there are two supporters.

This calculation suggests over 1800 people on the day of the 2024 event, a significant increase from the 2021 Transcend that had 300 participants.

The crowd at the event village reflects those numbers with the food vans and pop-up bars doing a roaring trade.

Given the success of Transcend 2024 Craig said that he and his fellow director Shane Johnstone are keen to see Transcend continue to grow and to use the event to showcase Toodyay as much as possible.

The Shire of Toodyay is open to discussions with the race directors to explore how the shire can contribute to the event, according to Shire President Cr.McKeown.



The kids' dash was an Alpaca paddock. Photo: Patrick Boere.



Nine Toodyay locals, many parkrunner locals participated in the Transcend 6km run.



One view of the Transcend event village showing the finish line.



The Toodyay 65km relay team (left to right): Josie, Jemma, Kylie, Emma & Liv.

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Major RSL Auction on July 27

Toodyay RSL Sub-Branch
Max Howard, President

THE SUB-BRANCH is gearing up for our major auction on July 27, which will be held at the RSL building in Clinton Street opposite the War Memorial.

Viewing will take place from 8am with the auction commencing at 9am.

Some items in the auction can be viewed on our website at toodyayrsl.org.au.

We hope the community will come along and you might find something of interest.

Tony Maddox has offered to be the auctioneer on the day, so thanks very much for that, Tony. It is good to have a well-respected person doing the job.

All auction proceeds will go into our building fund.

The community may have noticed a garden being developed next to the green shed, where our members are putting in a native garden which in a couple of years should look magnificent.

Our thanks go to Bruce, Elaine and Daphne for the time they have put in to create and beautify the area.

I would also like to thank members of the Toodyay community who have assisted with this project to date, namely Paul Harrington for assisting moving heavy items into the garden with his bobcat, and also for materials.

Daniel Hearn from Extracts Garden Supplies kindly donated the soil for the pathways.

Many thanks to these people for their generosity; it is certainly appreciated.

The community and members are invited to attend a social BBQ at the RSL building in Clinton Street on July 20 commencing at noon when there will be a sausage/pattie sizzle.

This will be the perfect opportunity for the community to view auction items prior to the day and drinks will be available for purchase.

The next Ordinary General Meeting will be held at 1pm at the Memorial Hall (Lesser Hall) due to the Clinton Street property being full of auction items.

Kaarak & Moorang – special animals on Whadjuk Noongar boodja in Mooroongap

Noongar Kaartdijin
Aboriginal Corporation



Helen Shanks

LATE June saw the unveiling of Morangup St John Ambulance sub-centre's "Acknowledgment to Country" recognising Whadjuk Noongar boodja (country).

The plaque features an image of the Kaarak, the red-tailed Black Cockatoo.

Kaarak symbolise strength and power and is deeply intertwined with Noongar spiritual beliefs and connection to the land.

The wearing of one of the red feathers traditionally denotes leadership.

At the unveiling, NKAC chairman Robert Miles said, "the corporation is appreciative of the Morangup sub-centre for acknowledging the cultural significance of the area and for reaching out in the first instance to start the conversation with our team".

Sub Centre Chairman Kim Maddrell thanked Robert and his team for sharing Noongar cultural knowledge of the Morangup locality.

The establishment of Morangup as a sub-centre began with community meetings in 2008, supported by the Toodyay/Bolgart sub-centres.

This led to an ambulance being based at the Morangup Fire Station.

After several years of hard work through local volunteers, a stand-alone facility was constructed in 2018 and Morangup became a sub-centre in its own right in 2019.

During discussions for the 'acknowledgement to country', our corporation highlighted that the location of Morangup (Mooroongap) is known as 'place of wallaby' after the Moorang - the black-flanked rock wallaby (*Petrogale lateralis*).

Moorang are well adapted to kaarta kich (rocky granite outcrops) and while listed as endangered can be seen in the nearby Paruna



NKAC Chairman Robert Miles (right) with St John Morangup Sub Centre Chairman, Kim Maddrell at the unveiling of the Acknowledgement to Country plaque.

Wildlife Sanctuary and Avon Valley National Park.

NKAC volunteer trail coordinator Helen Shanks, Mr. Maddrell, and Greg Warburton of the Shire of Toodyay recently met to identify Noongar and early settler heritage information for the Wallaby Reserve Walk track, where signage will be installed.

If you would like an 'acknowledgement to country' at your community space please email: noongarkaartdijin@gmail.com.

Celebrate NAIDOC with us July 7 with a static display of Noongar cultural information in the Herald Courtyard (alongside Christmas Shop) from 10am to 1pm.

We hope to see you there.

Bolgart Hall filled with love, laughter and cherished memories

Bolgart Community News
Pam McGill

A little excitement and love came into Bolgart on June 1 with the wedding of Arne Wallis and Sarah Barker, in the Bolgart Hall.

Although stormy weather was forecast, the sun shone on the bridal party, with the bride and bridesmaids arriving on the back of a 4x4 ute.

Arne and Sarah celebrated their marriage with a large gathering of family and friends, real country style.

They exchanged vows in a beautiful ceremony by candlelight surrounded by their closest family and friends.

The Bolgart Hall was filled with love,

laughter, and cherished memories.

Although issues with the lights made it necessary to have the ceremony by candlelight, this made the atmosphere even more romantic.

To everyone who celebrated with them, Arne and Sarah express their heartfelt gratitude, for travelling far and wide to celebrate their love.

Golf News

Bolgart Hotel Trophy sponsored by Craig and Wendy – Winner: Pam Meston, Runner-up: Joy Hamilton.

Ruth Taylor Putter sponsored by Ruth's daughter Janet Camerer – Winner: Vivienne Camerer, Runner-up: Nolene Kaszanski.

Five Ladies travelled to Wongan Hills



Winners of the VP (Victoria Plains) Cup (from left) Theo Camerer, Sean Fletcher CEO of Victoria Plains Shire, Ned Haywood, Vivienne Camerer, Todd Meston.

Open Day and the winner was Joy Hamilton from Bolgart.

Joy also scored a hole in one on the day, congratulations.

Club Trophy on June 13 – Winner Jenni

Knowles: Runner-up: Joy Hamilton.

Four Ladies travelled to Cunderdin to compete in the Holley Cup in a Canadian foursomes format.

Winners: Joy Hamilton and Nolene Kaszanski from Bolgart.

Runners-up also from Bolgart were Serena Syred and Vivienne Camerer.

Marion Colmer Memorial Trophy sponsored by Marions Daughter Kerry Duggan – Winner: Pam McGill, Runner-up: Jenni Knowles.

Rural Bronze in Northam sponsored by Golf W.A. over three days.

On Friday the Foursomes were played and Serena Syred and Pam McGill placed 5th.

Saturday 18 holes Nolene Kaszanski was runner-up.

Sunday 18 holes Jenni Knowles was runner-up

The Teams event was won by Jenni Knowles and Nolene Kaszanski, congratulations to everyone.

The VP Cup (Victoria Plains) inaugural event was hosted by the Calingiri Golf Club and was sponsored by the Shire of Victoria Plains.

This will be held as an annual event by one of the three towns in the Victoria Plains, Calingiri, Bolgart and Yerecoin.

Bolgart won the team event, represented by Vivienne and Theo Camerer, Todd Meston and Ned Haywood from Golf WA who was recruited for Bolgart on the day.



Arne Wallis and Sarah Barker with their 'guard of honour' of groomsmen and bridesmaids.

Land grants for 'rich, red, loamy soils' were sought by settlers

Toodyay Historical Society Inc
Robyn Taylor, Vice President

FOR THE benefit of newcomers to Toodyay the early decades of European settlement were centred at the locations of West Toodyay and the Toodyay Valley, as distinct from the Avon River Valley where today's town of Toodyay is located.

Toodyay Valley was formed by the Toodyay Brook that flows from freshwater springs in Bolgart (Boolgart) to the north.

This is where the sacred serpent, the Waugal, rests between its seasonal journeys down the Brook then along the Avon River to Burlong Pool in Northam.

In 1836, following the discovery of the Toodyay Valley in 1831 by Ensign Robert Dale and George Fletcher Moore, land grants were eagerly sought along its 30 mile (48+ km) length where 'grassy country, watercourses' and 'rich, red, loamy soils' could be found.

James Drummond the botanist was one of those who selected land he named Hawthornden.

A good map of the Toodyay Valley, produced by John Maslin using research by Rica Erickson, can be found in 'Toodyay Homesteads: Past & Present' (2006).

To continue the story (see May edition) about Toodyay's Resident Magistrates.

Following Captain Francis Whitfield's resignation as magistrate in 1840 the position was offered to retired Irish soldier, Captain John Scully.

Captain Scully arrived in the Swan River colony in 1839 bringing two Scottish shepherds and an Irish housemaid.

He settled in York while deciding where to take up his land grant.

The government offered remissions on the price of Crown land to retired officers.

Scully leased 'The Bye-en' (Loc. 5) in the Toodyay Valley from Thomas Yule in exchange for performing location duties.

In return he received 2,000 acres along its northern boundary.

As this land lacked reliable water, Scully purchased 160 acres of Crown Land (Loc. 37) near the Government Water Reserve at Bolgart Springs and built a cottage.

At the time, Scully's was the most isolated farm in the colony.

A decision was made between Scully and York's Resident Magistrate to make Northam townsite the boundary between their two districts.

The Government granted each an amount to undertake roadworks with Scully choosing to improve the track from Toodyay to Guildford.

Initially travellers had to use the road to York before Scully's predecessor Captain Whitfield began clearing a new line of road, eventually becoming the Toodyay Road.

The road passed through places such as Baylup, Wooroloo and Jimperding.

The names were provided by their Aboriginal guides and recorded on maps with water holes and other features noted.

Inevitably local Aboriginals objected to this takeover of their country that soon extended northwards to include Moore River.

When stores were stolen from farms and after the killing of a white settler, Scully requested protection and a 'Native Policeman' was appointed based in York.

The policeman was James Drummond's son John who had developed a close relationship with the Aboriginal people since childhood, learning their language and customs.

His job was to deal with offenders and his patrol area ranged from York to Moore River.

Drummond's preference on patrol was to stay with Scully even though there were barracks at the (West) Toodyay townsite.

In 1847 family reasons necessitated Scully's return to Ireland.

His successor was Lt Frederick Slade, a retired Naval Officer who had arrived in the Swan River Colony in 1840.

On Sunday July 27 we will be going to Bakers Hill to enjoy lunch at the Summer Creek Restaurant and Brewery.

For carpool meet 10am at Drummond House, or at the restaurant at noon.

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

Contacts: See *Where and When* Page 28.



Society members on an excursion to the "Old Bolgart" near the townsite of Bolgart. Photo: Beth Frayne, 2023.

Shakespeare 'funny as f**k' is coming to Toodyay

Toodyay Theatre Group
Barry Vause

WHAT if 'The Bard of the Avon' had been born today in WA?

What if we could take timeless prose and make it timely?

What if we could take the academically dense and make it genuinely accessible?

What if it was Shakespeare, but funny as f**k?

Toodyay Theatre Group is bringing the Bogan to town, that is "Bogan Shakespeare" which is a satirical retelling of the most iconic of Shakespeare's works.

Our first show this year is bought to us by CircuitWest Shows on the Go and 'Bogan Shakespeare Productions' with the assistance of Department of Local Government, Sport and Local Industries.

This show has something for everybody.

Fancy a love story? We got you.

Love your sport? So do we.

Like a cheeky murder from time to time? Who doesn't?

'Bogan Shakespeare' will give you everything short of a never-ending packet of Tim-Tams and believe me they tried that one too.

'Bogan Shakespeare' presents 'Romeo and Juliet' and tells the story of two households, both alike in dignity, in fair Ellenbrook where they lay the scene.

One a Dockers family, the other an Eagles family, on the eve of the fabled finals derby.

Ancient grudge breeds new mutiny, where civil blood makes civil hands unclean.

Basically, it's about to kick off – you get the idea.

Written, directed and produced by Dean Lovatt, we can't wait to host 'Bogan Shakespeare presents Romeo and Juliet' at

Toodyay Memorial Hall on Sunday July 28, so come along and have a laugh..

Mature Audiences (15 plus) recommended: tickets from Try Bookings <https://www.trybooking.com/1244684>.

Apart from looking forward to the Bogan version of Shakespeare your local theatre group has been busy this year streamlining our processes, making decisions on equipment upgrades and investigating marketing tools to renew our appeal to local audiences.

We are launching a re-branded Toodyay Theatre Group with an Instagram page, links to TikTok videos and a new logo all very contemporary and fresh.

We will be introducing member profiles as we ramp up to performance season and are always on the lookout for new members interested in treading the boards or lending a hand as backstage or front of house crew

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'Even carrying each other's packs when they struggled'

Toodyay District High School
Doug McGhee
Toodyay DHS Chaplain

CONGRATULATIONS to our latest group of amazing Toodyay DHS hikers.

We feel as though we are growing our school one hike at a time.

These wonderful young Toodyay people hiked 65 km on the Bibbulmun Track, from Albany Highway to Dwellingup, carrying all their means of survival on their backs and taking turns in leading the expedition each day.

The best part was they did it together, helping each other all the way to survive and succeed.

As I was walking along the Dwellingup train line, I saw a beautiful picture of our young hikers.

They were being led by three capable and determined young ladies, keeping their group together and motivated on the last 20km day, accurately keeping time for breaks and blowing their whistles, with a "Packs On!" call.

Our young hikers were walking together, talking all the way, encouraging each other and even carrying each other's packs when they struggled.

A few extra strong members carried two packs at once – one on their back, one on their front.

They were like one big family.

Then I thought: "My job here is done".

Feedback from our hikers:

"I gained friendship with the others and self-confidence with myself.

"It was a struggle to do the hike, but it was so worth it, to get to see beautiful places.

"I gained a sense of leadership and strength.

"The hike gave me memories that I will never forget, and I am grateful that I got to go and have this amazing experience.

"I gained lots of friends and I got closer with people I wouldn't expect I would.

"I found physical confidence in me that I thought I never had."

A big shout-out to my wonderful staff team of Kerry Fletcher and Tash Hof, who were so amazing.

Enormous gratitude to our sponsors, the Bendigo Bank and Toodyay Op Shop for again supporting this life-changing program.

Our celebration night was an apt time for our hikers to reconnect with each other and to share the experience with hiker families and the Toodyay community.

Watching the movie, awarding certificates and the journal, was a fitting way to celebrate and acknowledge their achievements.

I'm sure their parents are just as proud of this great bunch of Toodyay teenagers, as we are.

CBH visit at Cunderdin

OUR YEAR 9 students were lucky enough to have a tour of CBH at Cunderdin recently and learnt all about the different pathways available at one of Australia's largest grain handling companies.

Year 9 and 10 Enterprise Group

THE YEAR 10s are diving into their next Enterprise project to create hat and coat racks from reclaimed materials.

This project is a great way to raise money while allowing students to develop their workshop skills.

Walk Safely to School Day



Students investigating part of the CBH grain handling facility at Cunderdin.

FRIDAY May 17 was our walk to school day.

National Walk Safely to School Day is an annual event when all school children are encouraged to walk and commute safely to school.

It is a community event seeking to promote

road safety, health, public transport and the environment.

Our students were greeted by staff at Newcastle Park where they all walked across the bridge together to school.



Students on the Bibbulmun Track during their annual hike.



Walking across the bridge at Newcastle Park, while taking part in Walk to School Day.

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Acapella Mexican hat dance twists the tongues

Toodyay Music Club
Jenny Edgecombe

THE SECOND Saturday in June saw a happy crowd of Toodyay Music Club members gathering in the CWA Hall to sing songs old and new.

As always, we started with our skiffle session with everyone joining in singing some favourites from the 'skiffle books'.

This month's selection included *Singing the Blues* and the beautiful *Mull of Kintyre*.

Anne started the individual items with two melodious songs: *Rake* and *A Ramblin' Boy*.

These were something of a contrast to her whimsical *Always Look on the Bright Side of Life* after the tea-break.

A fascinating Celtic piece formed part of Naomi's selection of guitar music.

Phil then stepped up and his blues guitar contribution was also well received.

Maurice produced a varied and skilful selection of songs, which included an excellent *Longfellow Serenade*.

The mysterious *Bright Blue Rose* and the plaintive Australian country song, *Theresa*, were somewhat contrasting items amongst Joe's offerings.

Jenny provided an amusing interlude with an *acapella* version of the *Mexican Hat Dance*, which is quite a tongue-twister.

Please note that she did not demonstrate the actual dance, freely admitting to zero ability in that direction.

There were many more songs, both old and new, during a most pleasant afternoon.

Why not come along next month for an afternoon of friendship and music?

The July meeting will take place in the Toodyay CWA Hall, on Saturday July 13 starting at 1pm.

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

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

Toodyay Singers take notice

Toodyay Community Singers
Anne Millar

OUR REHEARSALS for the Agricultural show in October are in full swing.

We hope to surprise you all with our new selection of songs.

We have changed our rehearsal times to start at 5.15pm on Thursday evenings at the CWA Hall on Stirling Terrace.

We once again extend the invitation to all readers to join the Singers and perform at our local community events.

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Game changer for older rural residents launches

Staying in Place Toodyay Districts Inc

Susan Pearce, Secretary

The Staying in Place model is a game changer for older people living in rural and remote WA.

It provides flexibility, engages and develops a social support relationship with the client to determine their needs.

Significant social benefits of this model include prevention of loneliness and isolation in older people.

The model is operational in forty-two regional areas and is a not-for-profit organisation.

It offers services to those who want a change from the traditional method delivered by aged care service providers.

Staying in Place Toodyay Districts (SIPTD) is a community hub working under a legally binding agreement with approved aged service provider InCasa Country and directly



Staying in Place Toodyay Districts Case Manager-Coordinator, Charmaine Duri.

benefits the local Toodyay community by building economic capacity.

Staying in Place Toodyay Districts is delighted to introduce Charmaine Duri – Case Manager/Co-ordinator.

Charmaine's role is to assist in providing services to those with Home Care packages, using local workers and businesses.

These services include gardening, transport, cleaning, shopping, meals and allied health (nurses, physiotherapists).

The aim is to meet the needs of the client. Charmaine will:

- Work to establish connections and build relationships in the local community supporting seniors to age with grace and dignity while remaining in their homes.
- Provide support to access and register as an independent contractor on the Mable employment platform <https://mable.com.au>.
- Provide assistance in applying for an aged care package through MyAged Care.
- Answer concerns or chat on how this new innovative flexible model works and how it can benefit aged care clients, local workers and businesses.

If you, a family member or a friend is looking for care and support or is considering changing a current provider, or if you are a support worker/potential support worker and would like a few extra dollars per week, work your chosen hours, negotiate your rate of pay or top up your pension.

Contact Charmaine by email: siptd@outlook.com, phone: 0494 085 790.



Three-course meal at the Toodyay Club is a delicious deal for \$25

Toodyay Locals Care
Jacquie, TLC Secretary

JUST for a change it has been a busy month for Toodyay Locals Care.

Sadly, in amongst all rushing has been the loss of some of our beloved volunteers. Our condolences to their families.

We started the month catering for birthday parties and the shire consultation, which kept us from getting up to mischief.

Six loads of donations have been sent down to Shalom House.

Thank you to those who contribute to us and thanks to our volunteers who sort through all the donations.

The community garden is coming along, with vegetables planted in some of the wicking beds; the rest are being prepared.

In the middle of winter we have a broody hen and she now has some eggs to keep her content.

Fortunately, our other birds are laying well. Roz is busy housesitting again, another important fundraiser for TLC.

Speaking of fundraisers, have you been to the Toodyay Club on a Friday night yet?

For \$25 you get a three-course meal, freshly cooked by our volunteer crew.

You do not even have to be a member initially.

Come along on a Friday and get more details and a meal while you are there.

New hearing impaired coffee group to meet at Toodyay CRC

Yvette Webster

WOULD you like to meet other people who are hearing impaired or deaf?

Come and join us at the Community Resource Centre on the first Wednesday of every month from 10.30am to noon.

We are starting a coffee group to provide a safe space for socialising and peer support

where you can meet new friends and share in a fun and friendly environment.

Carers and support workers are most welcome.

We feel there is the need for this kind of group besides the Friendship Coffee group and the Forget-me-not-Café.

We are aware there are a number of people with hearing disabilities in the community.

Our aim is to help those with a hearing impairment feel more comfortable in the CRC building than being in an outdoor or noisy area.

The CRC is located at 67 Stirling Terrace.

Contact Wes by phone on 9574 9392 or email w.sutton@toodyay.wa.gov.au for more information.

We hope to see you there.



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Grab that jacket fellas' for 'Dancing through the Decades'

Toodyay Agricultural Society
Alison Wroth, Chief Steward

SEARCH through that wardrobe for a flash jacket, fellas, as those coming to our "Dancing through the Decades" Dance party will need neat threads to celebrate our upcoming 170th anniversary.

All know they will want to be seen on the night of Saturday August 31.

Come and make history just by being there. Dress code is Cocktail and even I'm dressing up for this one.

Enjoy the incredible food, photos, prizes and live music in the form of Tod Woodward returning to his hometown as both performer and DJ, so the Toodyay Memorial Hall will definitely be jumping.

If you haven't got your tickets yet prices are \$100 for a single, or \$170 for a double.

This is an excellent opportunity that doesn't come around to the Memorial Hall too often, so dress up and come and make some memories as we celebrate the upcoming Toodyay Agricultural Show.

To make sure that we're all ready to "Dance through the Decades" the show committee has organised a series of four classic dance lessons.

There are a few spots remaining and you are welcome to join us.

The lessons will be held on Saturday August 3, 10, 17, and 24 from 2pm until 4pm



The Toodyay Memorial Hall in full swing during the 2013 Toodyay Agricultural Society Ball.

at the Youth Hall, Toodyay Showgrounds.

Payment at each lesson is \$15 per head, with a cuppa and nibbles after.

The last time we gave dancing lessons a try, they were nearly as much fun as the 160th Anniversary Show Ball.

If you're interested, please send an email to our administration officer at toodyayagsociety@gmail.com.

Our wood raffle will be held on July 12 and 13 outside IGA of course – hopefully the wind won't be too Arctic-like.

Our \$10 TAS Showbags will again be on

sale and the raffle will be drawn at noon on Saturday.

Please come down and support the Toodyay Show again, buy a raffle ticket, have a chat and we'll tell you about a few of the items we have planned for the historic show in October, especially bringing back some of the popular team events.

I am still on the lookout for anyone interested in being a photography steward or even an agricultural steward.

This incorporates receiving entries from exhibitors, preparing the display for judging

and waiting on the judge during the Friday.

If anyone is keen on volunteering or would like more information, please contact me and I can answer your queries either over the phone or a cuppa.

Our sincere thanks must go to our major sponsors and individuals who have once again supported us to organise the 170th Show

These include the Toodyay & Districts Community Bank, Chalice Mining, Rio Tinto, CSBP, Dunnings, Toodyay Op Shop and the Shire of Toodyay who understand that the Toodyay Show is historical and worth supporting.

Without businesses like these or individuals donating a few dollars, small country shows like Toodyay's would have a battle surviving.

However, with your sponsorship, we will deliver an entertainment filled blockbuster show this year and into the future.

As we look forward to the Toodyay Show, it's the families, classmates and friends on the Terrace overlooking the oval and the smiles that give satisfaction to all the committee that the goal has been achieved.

To help us get to that goal, if you have any queries regarding ground space or food van applications contact the administration officer, or check our website at www.toodyayagshow.com.au for any further details on the upcoming show schedule, Avonlink tickets or trade display contacts.

Make a pull-along toy to drive your cat demented



The Caterpillar and another pull-along toy made by Frank Dymond shown at Avon Woodturners' demonstration last month.

Avon Woodturners
Hamish Dobie

LATE last month we had a welcome visitor from the Melville Woodturners, Frank Dymond, who gave us a demonstration of toy making and their other uses.

Frank's presentation was appreciated by the attendees: He is after all an expert woodturner, ex-teacher and college lecturer.

He brought samples of various toys he had made, some for small children and some for not so small children, such as disguised ring holders and toothpick holders.

One ring holder was made as a Russian doll, which would look good, for instance,

on any lady's dressing table.

For the dinner table a toothpick holder was made as an elephant, with the toothpicks coming out of its trunk.

Frank made things look easy and explained each step as he worked on a lathe which hopefully encouraged the non-members who attended to consider joining the club.

Some of the toys were ideal for small children and from the photo you can see pull-along toys that wiggle around.

These toys can keep a tot amused for ages and can also be used by people with dementia, as it's common for those with these afflictions to need something tactile in their hands as a calming device.

Of course, you can also use the caterpillar to drive your cat demented.

If caterpillars and mad moggies aren't your cup of tea perhaps a long rambling walk is.

With winter here rather than a wet walk on Wednesdays and Sunday mornings, come along to the Avon Woodturners Shed at Shed 1, Council Depot, Railway Road, Toodyay.

You'll stay dry, have a cuppa if you wish and spend a few hours making things you never thought you could.

There's also a big stock of wood just waiting to be made into something that your other half will love you for.

It's a win-win situation, with morning tea included – we hope to see you there.

Just one last thing, the Avon Woodturners AGM is scheduled for July 21 from noon.

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Ringling of the bells to celebrate 100 years

Country Womens' Association
Vivien Street

JUNE was a quiet month at our branch but hands were kept busy with our Knitathon Day and members arrived with bags full of bright knitted squares ready to sort and assemble into warm blankets.

Prizes were awarded for the most squares knitted and outright winner was Lynn who excelled herself.

Thank you, Lynn, for your help and for taking squares home to make into a blanket.

Gina was a close second with Kathy and Viv runners up.

The event finished with Gina's farewell and she was presented with a signed Centenary tea towel.

Gina has been a wonderful member and secretary at Toodyay CWA and will be missed – although next year's WA conference is in Albany and perhaps we will see her there.

This year's Centenary State Conference is at Joondalup Resort and will be a celebration of one hundred years of the Association's work of uniting women to work towards strengthening their communities, fostering

friendship and support and bringing education and advocacy to women.

If you are in Perth on July 7 look out for the city being bathed in blue as a tribute to the Centenary.

The Ringing of the Bells at the Bell Tower and the lighting up of landmarks will be quite memorable.

The live broadcast by ABC Radio of the Conference's opening on July 9 will be worth listening to.

The Premier Roger Cook will open the conference and there will be an official launch of the Women of Spirit Grevillea cultivated by Kings Park and Botanic Garden to mark this centenary year.

A cookbook compiled from members across WA will also be revealed.

A new Association Constitution will also be discussed at the conference, and hopefully accepted, this document has been a focus through the year at many meetings.

Toodyay hosted one of these and is proud to have been the proposers of a new award *The Branch Legend Service* award; the first recipient being our own Mavis on her 100th birthday.

Our present State President Anne Gething



At our our farewell to Gina were (from left) Viv Street, Kathy Haynes, Val Byron, Elizabeth Mansom, Gina Butler, Mavis Rowles, Evelyn Oliver and Rose-Maree Rootham.

has had a hectic year travelling across the State and she took the time last month to call into Toodyay to sign our branch tablecloth, the 16th State President to do so.

The tablecloth records the names of members past and present, Divisional Presidents from the days when we had State Divisions, Treasurers both State Divisional and Branch and interstate and overseas visitors.

Not many years until we turn one hundred and reach the same age as Bolgart who celebrate their birthday with a lunch towards the end of July.

Congratulations to their branch and also to Nungarin the oldest branch in WA who will celebrate with a weekend of events in July.

To sum up thank you to every CWA woman who for one hundred years has worked to improve the well-being of their communities and here's to the next hundred years.

We welcome new members and if you would like to be involved come along to our coffee mornings at 10am on the second Thursday of the month or to a meeting at 1pm on the fourth Thursday of the month.

We are located next to the garden centre on Stirling Terrace.

There's lots of parking in Charcoal Lane for easier access.

For hall bookings contact Margot on 9574 2823 or 0405 067 591.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Winner winner

Toodyay Farmers Market
Sue Wakka

A MASSIVE thank you from the Toodyay Farmers Market to all our wonderful stallholders who continue to support the market, bringing fresh produce and amazing home and handmade products to Toodyay every month.

The June market was a great success and the weather though starting out a little foggy turned it on again.

Last month was extra special with the winter raffle, all the prizes being donated by our stallholders.

Market volunteers were outside the local IGA in May and June selling tickets and were

well supported with the funds from the raffle going towards the markets running costs.

On behalf of the Toodyay Farmers Market we thank the Shire of Toodyay for their support which includes providing the venue and power for the market and gives us a wonderful affordable location.

The next market will be Sunday July 21 from 9am to 1pm.

Men looking after men

Moondyne Men Inc
Graham Hill

OFTEN as I wander around Toodyay I am asked, "Who are the Moondyne Men?"

A great question and the short answer is that the Moondyne Men is a group of men looking after men and the community.

The Moondyne Men is a fully incorporated body with a constitution and follows all necessary reporting procedures.

The main advantage the Moondyne Men has over a lot of organisations is that besides a chairman, secretary and treasurer every member is on the committee.

This means we have the commitment and support of every member, to get involved, have input and make decisions.

The name Moondyne Men came from our first project in supporting the Moondyne Festival in 2022.

Since January this year, we have completed 31 community projects and while some have been paid projects, we have the ability to donate several thousand dollars to such organisations as Butterly Cottages, St John

Ambulance, CWA and Toodyay RSL.

This brings us to our recent fundraiser our annual wood raffle held last month.

We would like to thank all ticket buyers and the winning ticket, after two redraws, as the prize was initially donated back, was blue ticket A019, J Clarke of Dumbarton.

We also thank Northam Bunnings for donating the two Ryobi batteries with battery charger.

It is, however, not all work as we often have guest speakers at our meetings on Monday and Thursday from 8.30am and on the first Saturday of each month we have a free breakfast for all members followed by our monthly committee meeting.

Our members also enjoy the occasional trip to the Vintage Car and Military Museums.

We have one such bus trip on July 11 and our mid-year lunch for members and partners

will be held at the Pavilion at the Toodyay Football Club on July 6.

This is a free event to reward our partners for their support to us Moondyne Men as we are often engaged on several projects during the year –including the International Food Festival in August and the Toodyay Agricultural Show in October.

Not only do we have diversity in fundraising and fun but also in our 44 members as they come from a cross-section of the community and with one common purpose: *Men Looking After Men and the Community*.

If you would like to join this proactive team, come along to one of our meetings at the Toodyay Community Resource Centre, 67 Stirling Terrace.

For further details please contact Secretary Colin on 0424 195 003.



Toodyay Shire President Cr Michael McKeown (right) drawing out the lucky raffle winner from the hat by Toodyay Farmer Market President Rebecca Brown.



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