



SHIRE NEWS

Toodyay Skatepark hosts Skating Competition

Goodwill Gesture

In a heartwarming display of neighbourly kindness, a local gentleman visited the community office with an unusual yet charming proposal. He sought contact details for his neighbour to offer his sheep as natural lawnmowers for their overgrown grass.

Not stopping there, this considerate neighbour also expressed his willingness to repair their fence at no cost. "I just thought it would be a win-win" he said with a smile. "The sheep get to graze, and the grass gets trimmed. Plus, a sturdy fence is good for everyone."

This act of goodwill is a refreshing reminder of the simple, generous gestures that strengthen our community bonds. In times when such stories are rare, it's comforting to know that neighbourly love and support still thrive among us.



Proposed Construction Works

Proposed Construction Works For Private Sewer Pressure Main Servicing

Toodyay Caravan Park

The Toodyay Caravan Park on Railway Road is implementing a number of projects to upgrade the facility. One project is the installation of a sewer pressure main along Railway Road (in the verge on the railway side of the road) between the caravan park entrance and Duidgee Park. The project is due to begin on 8 July 2024 and will take approximately six weeks to complete. The contractor will be working generally between 7.00 am and 5.00 pm Monday to Friday. Local traffic access will be maintained for properties along Railway Road, including waste collection and emergency services. Traffic controllers will maintain a one lane two way vehicle flow around the work front, with speed control and warning signage at the appropriate distances either side of the work front at all times when the contractor is working the site. A traffic detour will be implemented during working hours for all non-local traffic including traffic going to and from the Toodyay Waste Transfer Station. The Shire of Toodyay urges all road users to be patient and take precautions to obey all traffic controls in the area during the works to ensure safe transport for everyone. Always remember to drive to suit the road conditions.

Earthworks Planned

The Shire of Toodyay advises the commencement of earthworks adjacent to the Toodyay Recreation Centre. These works are part of bush fire mitigation activities designed to reduce the impact of bush fire to the Recreation Centre and adjacent properties in the River Hills Estate. These works are occurring with financial support from the Federal Government's 'Disaster Ready Fund', which is part of a three year program to mitigate Bush Fire risk on shire owned property. Works are expected to take two-three weeks, subject to weather. If you have any queries please contact our Reserves Management Officer or Community Emergency Services Manager on (08) 9574 9360.

The Toodyay Skatepark is set to become the epicenter of excitement as it hosts an exhilarating skating competition during the Toodyay International Food Festival on August 10th.

With a prize pool of up to \$3,000, the event promises to be a highlight of the festival and a significant opportunity for local youth to showcase their skating skills.

The competition is part of a broader initiative by the Shire of Toodyay to activate community spaces and encourage local engagement.

The Shire aims to get as many local kids involved as possible, urging them to enter the competition as soon as possible.

Skating is a fantastic way for young people to express themselves, stay active, and build a sense of community.

The Toodyay International Food Festival, already a beloved event in the region, will be further enriched by the skating competition.

Families can look forward to a day filled with diverse culinary delights from around the world, alongside the high-energy performances at the skatepark. The festival also includes a fabulous selection of musical entertainment across two stages, an animal farm, children's entertainment and so much more.

Participants in the competition will be judged on a variety of criteria, including creativity, technical skill, and overall performance. The impressive prize pool of \$3,000 will be distributed among the top skaters, providing a significant incentive for competitors.

Registration for the skating competition is open now. The

Shire encourages all interested young skaters to sign up as soon as possible. This is an excellent opportunity for local kids to demonstrate their skills, gain recognition, and potentially win fantastic prizes.

To register, participants can visit <https://liveheats.com/events/246788>. Early registration is highly recommended.

Mark your calendars for August 10th and join the community at the Toodyay Skatepark for a day of fun, food, and fantastic skating at the Toodyay International Food Festival.

For more information and to register for the skating competition, please go to <https://liveheats.com/events/> or contact Kim Hardie, Economic Development Coordinator on 9574 9395.

Toodyay supports Road Safety for Sock Week 2024

The last week of June (24-30) was an important one for country towns, as we spread awareness for road safety through the Save Our Country Kids (SOCK) initiative. SOCK

Week is now a significant event for the Toodyay community, aiming to inform and educate road users by promoting safe, legal, and responsible driving. Some of the

impactful initiatives that were organised throughout the week: Toodyay Hotel and Victoria Hotel offered free soft drinks for drivers, Toodyay Tyre and Exhaust provided basic car maintenance lessons for the Year 9 and 10 students at Toodyay District High School, 'Cuppa with a Copper' on had a wonderful turnout, Fluoro Friday was a great success. We thank all of the organisations and businesses who provided their support for SOCK Week 2024. We have now jumped into our next lot of events for the school holidays: Aim of the Game on Fri July 5, Minecraft Day on Mon July 8 and a Magic Show and Workshop on Thurs July 11. To book or for more information, please contact the CRC on 9574 5357 or email crc@toodyay.wa.gov.au.





Gonneville Project Update

Answering your questions



Since launching the Gonneville Project community Facebook page we have identified a few key questions that the community have about the Gonneville Project:

Q: Is the Gonneville Project located in the Julimar State forest?

A. No, the Gonneville Project does not include a mine in the Julimar State Forest.

The Project is located on Chalice-owned farmland to the south – this land is already approximately 56% cleared from previous agricultural use. The Gonneville Project does not restrict community access to the State Forest.

Q. What will the mine look like if it goes ahead?

A. The Gonneville deposit starts at surface, therefore an initial open pit mine is proposed on Chalice-owned farmland. In later years, the Project may progress into an underground mine. Both open pit and underground mining options continue to be investigated.

Q. Where can I find more maps and information about the Gonneville Project?

A. There are many places to find more information about the Project. The home for all information is on our new community website: www.gonnevilleproject.com.au.

Community members can read the latest updates and ask questions directly via our community Facebook page; www.facebook.com/chalicegonnevilleproject or by visiting the Chalice Toodyay office on Thursday mornings between 8.30am and 11.30am – 5 Charcoal Lane, Toodyay (near IGA).

Since work commenced on the Project in 2020 Chalice has consulted the community via many channels including face-to-face, community newsletters, information sheets, local newspapers, events and the Voconiq Local Voices independent community survey program.

Q. Is there work for locals and local businesses at the Gonneville Project?

A. The Gonneville Project is currently in the Feasibility and Permitting stage which involves mostly engineering, desktop studies and regulatory processes. This means there are currently limited opportunities for staff and suppliers on site.

Chalice will prioritise local employment and local businesses wherever possible and expects these opportunities will grow significantly when the Project reaches construction and operations stages. Construction is currently estimated to commence in ~2027.

Respondents to the Local Voices community surveys have told us that the following is important to them:



Local Water Resources

- » There is no existing piped water infrastructure at the Gonneville Project, so water will need to be brought in to supply the mine.
- » Multiple corridor routes for water pipelines are being considered and investigated in consultation with Water Corporation and other stakeholders.
- » Chalice is undertaking baseline ground and surface water surveys to understand and manage any impacts to water resources from our operations.
- » Groundwater is being monitored to develop baseline models of the groundwater system and understand water quality.
- » Surface water is monitored throughout the year to understand surface water flow rates and water quality.
- » Chalice recognises that water is a critical shared resource that must be managed efficiently and responsibly.



Biodiversity

- » Chalice has made a biodiversity commitment of no net-loss of species or habitat diversity as a result of the Gonneville Project.
- » Chalice has been undertaking extensive environmental studies since 2020 including flora and fauna surveys to understand the health, diversity and location of species in the area.
- » This work has included surveys for threatened and priority species such as black cockatoo and chuditch, and native vegetation species.
- » Informed by the data from these environmental studies, Chalice has commenced on-the-ground restoration work to connect areas of remnant habitat in the area.
- » Further environmental studies and trial restoration projects will continue over the coming years. We will share more about our biodiversity and restoration projects as they progress.



Follow the new **Gonneville Project community Facebook page** for regular updates and the most recent information about the Project. Scan the QR code with your phone camera to visit the page.

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

Visit our new website
 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

'Nanna Bingo' is one of a kind

Toodyay DHS P&C Association
Heather McGlasson, Treasurer

NANNA Bingo is what you get if you put a game show, comedy night, disco and 30 years of nicotine dependency into a blender – with equally messy results.

Nanna Bingo is one of a kind, comedy and music that has performed to sold out crowds around Western Australia and we have been able to secure a date for Toodyay – confirmed for October 12.

Lock the date in your diary as this event is one you will not want to miss.

Whether it's dancing, singing or sharing embarrassing stories, Nanna will encourage everyone to embrace their inner kid and let loose.

This is 18 years plus event so dress as your coolest Nanna and more information will be following early in September.

We will be looking for volunteers to help with the set up and pack up on the night so if you have a spare hour let us know when booking your tickets.

With the above said, we are ending the school term on a positive vibe and with a dedicated P&C committee team, although we remain keen to find that elusive person to take on the role as president.

If the role piques your interest, please contact us on 0418 930 721.

The president is the face of Toodyay DHS P&C, helping us with ideas and decision making, joining a team that works well together.

Next term we are trying something different with book week. We are going to have our own book fair with new and used books for sale price ranging from \$1-\$5.

The book fair will be on display in the library at lunch times from Monday to Friday July 29 to August 2.

On Thursday August 1 the book fair will only be open before and after school.

Parents are welcome to come and check it out and children are encouraged to buy as many books as they can read.

If you have any books collecting dust which would benefit another child we are open for donations.

Donated books can be dropped off at the office during school hours.

Toodyay DHS P&C will be hosting a sausage sizzle at Toodyay Boshack Rodeo on Saturday August 17.

If you are at the Rodeo please support us with a good old fashioned BBQ sausage, onion and sauce in a hotdog roll.

Help is always appreciated so if anyone would like to assist on the night please get in contact with Dani Xuereb.

We hope everyone has a wonderful school break and we look forward to term 3.

Now is the time to buy your Xmas cakes

Lions Lines – Toodyay Lions Club
Heather McNamara – Secretary

THE TOODYAY Farmers Market in May was a great way for your Toodyay Lions Club to meet and greet our community members and we had our Christmas Cakes and Puddings on offer.

The Lions Australia Christmas Cakes and Pudding program commenced in 1965 and has raised over \$70 million that has been distributed to many important community programs and causes across Australia.

Your Toodyay Lions Club has a variety of items for purchase ranging from \$2 to \$20.

If you are interested in supporting this wonderful program email toodyay.wa@lions.org.au and treat yourself to a little Christmas spirit in July this year.

We will also be at the Toodyay Farmers Market on July 21 so look forward to seeing you there.

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 6.30pm for 7pm start.

Like us on Facebook and visit our website for more information.



The Lions Club display and stall at the Toodyay Farmers Market.

Dyeing fabric with nuts and leaves

Ragbags Quilting Group
Kerry Gregory

HOW LOVELY to have the rain and see the paddocks all looking wonderful in shades of green with crops and pastures.

After the torrid long summer we experienced this year we are not complaining of the cold.

As the school holidays are upon us, I was asked about activities for children and was reminded of long-ago days in Canberra when we would rug up in our parkas and go foraging for interesting bush material to make experimental dyes.

Australian flora has an interesting array of browns, yellow/orange, and greenish tones to be found.

By experimenting with different bark and some nuts and leaves and even some in combination, including the use of a little heat from the microwave oven and other vegetable material one can achieve some subtle tones in white fabric.

There are no hard and fast rules, and these colours may be supplemented with the addition of other vegetative materials for more vibrancy, including boiling the skins of red and brown onions, beetroot juice, mulberries and even making a dye from rich purple Louisiana Iris.

I have experimented with all of these at different times and this is an activity requiring adult supervision or undertaken by teenagers with no guarantees for the outcome, particularly if the fabric is only soaked in the dye for a short period.

My preference is for longer steeping of bark and soaking of fabric.

Using a lightweight cotton fabric interesting results can be achieved in fairly short time.

The results of my experiment this past

week have been achieved by soaking bark for two to three days and then soaking the fabric, which is heavier than desired, for a day and a half.

For this experiment, the most impressive of my dye came from the very dark and rough bark of a eucalypt but unfortunately, I cannot identify any of the specimens used.

Bear in mind that all the colours will dry lighter than the jar of dye.



The results on fabrics after using the 'dye' produced from the leaves and bark.

With the resulting fabric a number of easily achieved little projects including draw-string bags of all sizes, triangle zip bags for pencils, carrier bags for PJ's and teddy for littlies sleep-overs and organic shades of fabric for appliqué can be machine sewn by teens with little supervision.

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

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

For Contact details see *Where and When* on Page 28.



Examples of leaves and bark used for this experiment, before steeping



A selection of old and collectible items: household, tools, machinery and vehicle manuals even a rowboat!

To be held at 9:00am on Saturday 27th July (viewing at 8:00am).

Venue: RSL shed, 5 Clinton St, Toodyay, 6566.

For a catalogue of items, view our web page at www.toodyayrsl.org.au

or e-mail at toodyayrsl@gmail.com

Morning Tea & refreshments available.

Offering more social interaction for Morangup residents

Morangup Progress Association
Daryl Cooper, Chairperson

BESIDES advocating for more and/or improved facilities for our locality, the Morangup Progress Association (MPA) is also focussing on providing residents with more opportunities for social interaction on a face-to-face basis.

While interaction on social media is a useful tool, it is through face-to-face contact with our neighbours that we can develop a true sense

of community, of belonging, and having a mutual interest in the area in which we live.

In rural areas such as Morangup, most events and venues for social interaction are at a considerable distance and to access them means a long drive by car, as there are no public transport services the area.

To ameliorate this situation the MPA is offering a number of events for Morangup residents, centred on the community hall which we are upgrading as funds become available.

Upgrades include a new audio/visual system and installation of an improved security system and a new outdoor passive recreation (ie barbecue) area which are in progress.

Our most recent innovation is a "Drop-in Night" which is held on the last Friday of each month.

Residents are invited to drop by the Community Centre from 5.30 pm, bringing their own food and refreshments to enjoy in the company of fellow "Morangupians".

At time of writing, the first of these evenings

has been held and was very successful. Despite a notional closing time of 7.30, it was closer to 10.00 pm before everyone had left.

Upcoming events scheduled are a Movie Night to be held on July 13 aimed at school students in the area, and a Quiz Night on September 7, fundraising for our local volunteer groups (Firies, SES, St. John Ambos and MPA).

It is hoped that these activities will all contribute to making Morangup a great community within which to live.

A pleasant wander followed by cake

Toodyay Friends of the River
Hugh Rayner

ON A FINE autumn Sunday May 26, the Toodyay Friends of the River held their first significant 30th anniversary year event.

More than thirty members and friends attended the opening of the latest walk to be added to the Toodyay walking path network, the West Toodyay Wander.

A collaboration between the Shire of Toodyay and TFOR, the Wander is a gentle 3.3km stroll from a well signposted start on Toodyay Street along to the Bolgart rail line, then back along the edge of the river to the showgrounds.

The new walk was officially opened by Greg Warburton, who provided background to the project, then off we went.

So that everyone could be involved, TFOR provided shuttle transport for those only able to walk halfway.

The early history of the first part of the walk as a rail line was evident in the rail spikes that a few lucky walkers were able to pick up as a lasting memento and useful coat hook back home.

After the pleasure of the walk there was ample opportunity for conversation and reminiscing about the history of TFOR.

This was aided by the chronological photo display of thirty years of activity.

The first article in *The Herald* announcing the intention to form the group is a gem.

With a display panel for each decade a comprehensive history of TFOR activities is readily accessible.

This display will be on show at several locations around town in the coming months, so do take time to have a look.

You might be surprised at the faces in some of the early photos, many of whom are still active.

Following a healthy and tasty barbecue lunch came the 30th anniversary cake.

Viv Read, the Patron of TFOR, gave an interesting speech highlighting the need for the group and their significant achievements over the years.

He made the point that with the grants in the early years drying up, active community involvement with environmental issues is ever more important.

The cake was cut by four of the founders of TFOR, still active members.

We were favoured by a mild, sunny day, but everyone was looking forward to the approaching rain and anticipating the life



Founding members Bob Frayne, Desraé Clarke, Wayne Clarke and Patron Viv Read cut the 30th Anniversary Cake. Photo: Bridget Leggett.

it will give back to the river.

Gum boots might be needed for the Wander over the next few months.

TFOR's next busy bees are on Sunday July 14, meeting at the gravel section of

Drummond Street at 9am for some planting, and on Monday July 15 also at 9am behind the Anglican Church for some planting and weeding at the Pelham Brook Outlet.

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Frogs living in a frog pond – part two

Python Watch
Desraé Clarke

Obtaining tadpoles

TO OBTAIN frog eggs or tadpoles for your garden there are very special considerations.

Firstly, frogs or tadpoles must never be removed from, or released into, a natural wetland including streams or brooks.

They may, however, be removed if eggs have been laid in a swimming pool or in a temporary roadside puddle.

They can also be removed from a nearby area that is about to be cleared for development.

One will then ask what is 'nearby'.

A general guiding principle would be the distance a frog may move and it is possibly 5kms for the larger creatures and 3kms for the small species.

If someone has a 'frog friendly' garden that has too many tadpoles they can be shifted but no more than the above distances.

Secondly, frogs must not be transferred

from the coastal plain to the Darling Range or vice versa.

There are unique species in both areas and relocation could result in inter-breeding problems.

As was said in part 1, there needs to be shallow water available for a frog to lay its eggs and/or the tadpoles to develop into tiny froglets.

With the pond partly sheltered from the sun, a thick surround of grasses, sedges and ground covers will harbour insects to feed the growing frogs; they will also be able to hide and have a greater chance of survival to grow to an adult.

Frogs feed only on live prey which means all the creepy crawlies such as spiders, beetles, moths, snails, slugs, etc..

However, the prey cannot be hairy, too large or too hard.

Garden lights attract flying bugs so if they are placed in the vicinity of the frog pond the frog can just sit and wait for something to pass by then its long, thin tongue whips

out to grab the insect.

It is swallowed whole as frogs have weak jaws and tiny, or no, teeth.

Although frogs have lungs, they mainly breathe through their skin but the skin must be moist so shelter also prevents the skin from drying out.

They do not require the ground to be wet underfoot as they may burrow into the soil.

They also like to sit beneath a rock or at the base of a clump of grass or a plant to keep their skin moist and not be dried out by the sun.

Protection is also required to prevent predation by a range of birds including the Kookaburra, White-faced Heron, Raven and Magpie and also reptiles such as the Black-tailed Monitor (racehorse goanna).

Placing chicken wire across the frog pond will allow the frogs to move about but restrict the predation.

If you have queries or worries about frogs that may be on your property please contact the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions.



A Motorbike Frog. Photo David Maifredi.

After a decade of hard work run-down garden transformed into flourishing greenery

Toodyay Garden Club
Jan Ackroyd

IT WAS a lovely drive to Bolgart last month when we went to visit Pauline and Trevor Pinker's property.

To see all the paddocks turning green after a long hot dry summer reinforced how wonderful nature is when she provides us with some rain.

We last visited Pauline and Trevor five years ago and were interested to see what they had done with their garden since then.

When they bought the 17-acre property in 2013 it was run down and there was a big task in front of them to create some garden areas near the house.

Pauline thought she would have a cottage garden but when that failed dismally she realised the only way forward was to plant succulents and native species.

The idea was to create 'garden rooms' and she has successfully defined areas around groups of existing trees, planted there and added sources of interest with garden art.

All the objects are from recycled material

and her pride and joy is 'Old Gus', an antique FJ Holden ute given to them by a friend.

More recently she has acquired a very large windmill blade which is standing upright on the ground anchored to a tree and an old windmill stand found at the tip.

Their beautiful Plymouth Rock hens and



Old Gus, the antique FJ Holden Ute given to Pauline and Trevor Pinter.

a very handsome rooster, Spartacus, were much admired; they also have Wiltshire sheep and put a crop in each year for feed.

At the back of their house, there is a very comfortable undercover area filled with flourishing greenery, hanging baskets and ferns, all testament to Pauline's green thumb.

It was a lovely area to congregate for both morning tea and lots of catch-up chats for the 60 plus members who came out for the visit.

This month we will be revisiting a property here in Toodyay. We were there six years ago in mid-2018 and once again look forward to seeing how their garden has progressed.

We do enjoy revisiting gardens but are always on the lookout for new venues so if anyone has, or knows of, an interesting

garden whose owners would be happy for us to visit, we would love to hear from you.

You can contact Judy Rowston, our Events Organiser on 0477 077 875 or email us at toodyaygardenclub@gmail.com.

Finally, with the change in the weather, it's time to go out into our gardens and take stock of what needs doing.

It's been heartbreaking to watch our plants dying over the past harsh summer, so you will probably want to cut back or replace those that haven't survived.

Remember to source drought tolerant species for best chance of success as climate change brings warmer longer summers.

Then there will be the weeding to look forward to a task that any dedicated gardener can get into..

Lucky honey possum saved after being found in water gauge

Marsupial Mamas and Pappas
Brian Foley

LAST month I wrote about kangaroos being hit and not reported. Well again this month, same old same old – I ask why drivers cannot call us?

On Saturday June 22, I got a call from a motorist who was passing a large adult male kangaroo hit on Folewood Road.

We know this road is notorious for kangaroos and speeding drivers, so just slow down.

A few pinky joeys have been rescued, but the rescue of the month was a honey possum that was found inside a rain gauge.

Luckily it was found before the rains by Roz from Toodyay Locals Care and transported to our possum carer Belinda.

After feeding with high quality food for a

week it was good for release.

However, to keep this animal care going, we need funds, animal rescue costs money.

I am asking all local businesses and any individuals who can spare a few dollars to please contact us.

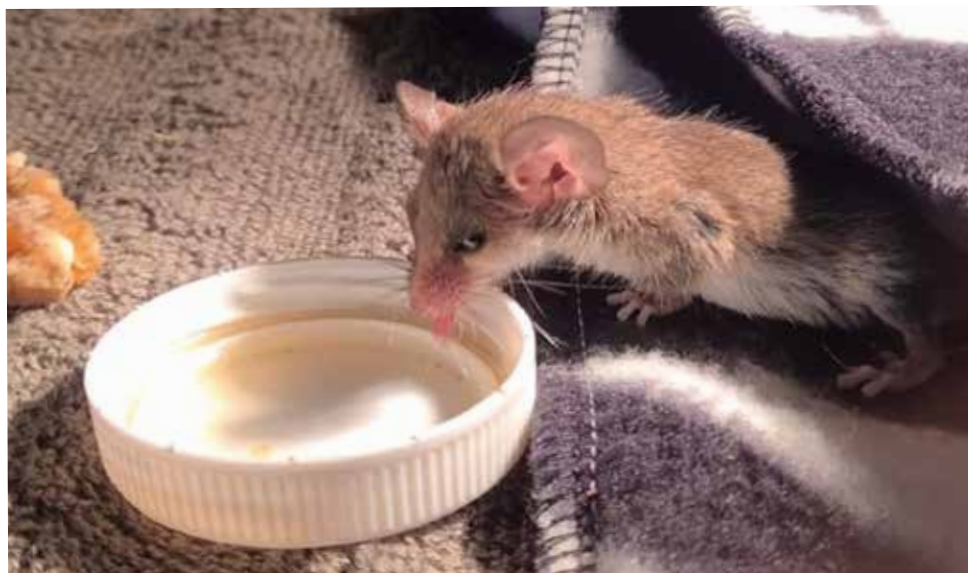
We can offer some recognition and any donation over \$2 is tax deductible.

We have a new phone number for 24-hour rescue 0493 613 427.

Please add this to your phone contacts so 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 at any time by EFT to Bendigo Bank 633000, Account 175516319.

If you would like a tax deductible receipt, then the account is 186438040. Just make contact with an email address and a receipt will be sent to you.



The Honey Possum which was found, but after a week of feeding has now been released.

Shire of Toodyay

Electors' General Meeting

s.5.29 of the Local Government Act 1995

Council decided at their June 2024 Council Meeting to set the date for the above meeting to be Wednesday 7 August 2024 at 6.00pm in the Shire of Toodyay Council Chambers, 15 Fiennes Street, Toodyay 6566.

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

1. Declaration of Opening/Announcement of Visitors;
2. Records of Attendance and Apologies;
3. Officer Report – 2022/2023 Annual Report;
4. General Business; and
5. Closure.

Copies of the 2022/2023 Annual Report are available on the Shire's website at:

<https://www.toodyay.wa.gov.au/documents/annual-reports>

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

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

- Via Email: records@toodyay.wa.gov.au
- Via Post: Shire of Toodyay, PO Box 96, Toodyay WA 6566
- In Person: Shire Office, 15 Fiennes Street, Toodyay WA 566

The closing date for questions is 4.00pm on Wednesday 31 July 2024, however you will still be given the opportunity to ask questions at the Electors' General Meeting.

If you have any queries regarding the above, please contact Maria Rebane, Executive Services, on (08) 9574 9305.

Tabitha Bateman
Acting Chief Executive Officer



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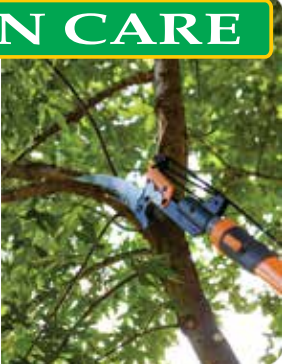
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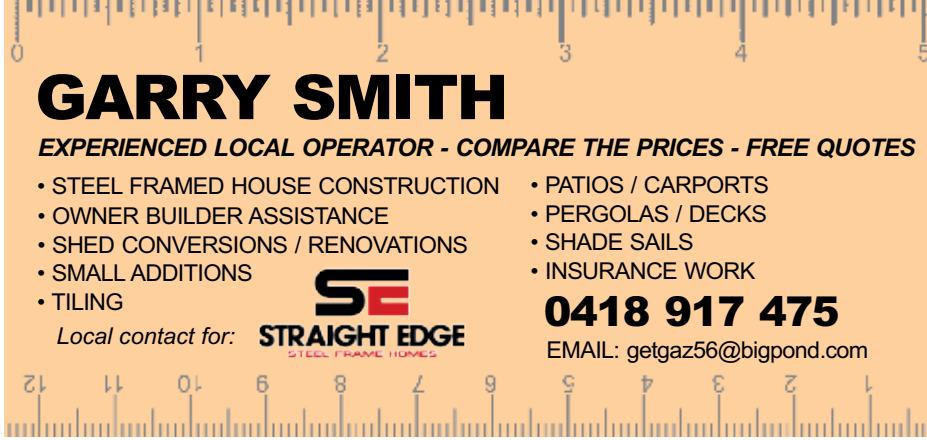
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Even laughing kookaburras are ‘feral’

Toodyay Naturalists’ Club
Desraé Clarke

THE JUNE general meeting welcomed our guest speaker and Nat’s member, Jacquie Lucas, to present her knowledge and work on the feral animal problem with her district coverage from Geraldton to Esperance in the south.

What does the word ‘feral’ cover?
‘Existing in a wild state, especially describing an animal that was previously kept by people’.

Animals and birds mentioned as ‘feral’ were the red fox, rabbit, cat, camel, donkey, goat, pig, long-billed corella and laughing kookaburra.

Foxscan, catscan, and rabbitscan have been developed from reports of these feral animals and marked on the map of Western Australia.

However, the density shown on the maps is far from a true number.

Why care about control of feral animals?
Foxes target mammals weighing under 5kgs with ground-feeding and nesting birds at risk, as are the young of Chuditch, reptiles, echidnas.

The fox may carry mange that can infect farm working dogs.

Rabbits compete for food and also threaten flora species.

Cats carry Toxoplasmosis that causes abortions in sheep and can affect humans.

The cat may carry Sarcosystis, an organism that results in cysts found in the meat of sheep.

As the sheep graze, an infected cat may have defecated in that area.

The cat can carry ringworm.
There is an agricultural impact from corellas and galahs on cropping, kookaburras take nestlings and the birds compete with the endemic species for nesting sites.

Jacquie spoke on ‘prey switching’ – a problem resulting from rabbit extermination and no coordination with the cull of foxes and cats simultaneously.

The scarcity of rabbit and a lack of ready prey for the fox and the cat results in the increase of preying on native animals and birds.

It is necessary to program the cull of the three species of feral animals at the one time.

Methods of culling include working with registered Shooters Associations, 1080 baiting, and rabbit control with the spread of Calicivirus.

This biocontrol is necessary when the young kitten rabbits are not in the warren as they are not affected by the virus.

Phostoxin tablets are used to gas rabbit warrens.

All methods of feral animal control are strictly monitored with the shooters’ associations educating their members and the 1080 and Phostoxin strictly controlled.

Trapped feral animals must be treated humanely.

A Toodyay Nat’s excursion to the wetlands south of Mandurah will occur in July.

Thank you to those community members who contact the Nat’s members with interesting observations and stories together with photos – these reports are valuable.

Contact can be made on email: secretary@toodyaynats.org.au or 9574 5574.

Stocky Sittella loves bugs and bees

Bird of the Month
Desraé Clarke

THE STOCKY little Black-capped Sittella, of 12 to 13cm, prefers well-forested woodlands avoiding desert and rainforest areas.

Although it is not a common bird in our shire it is reported periodically.

The females’s black cap covers the crown, forehead and cheeks while the male has a black crown with a white forehead and side of the face.

The back of the male and female bird is plain grey-brown, the wings black, underparts white and the tail is black with white tips.

It has a yellow eye ring, a yellow bill, with a black tip, and yellow legs and feet.

The call of the Sittella is a high drawn-out double whistle.

As the birds move in groups to seek prey of beetles, bugs, spiders, bees and caterpillars in crevices of trees and beneath bark, they chatter to keep in touch.

The Sittella commonly works down a tree trunk for its prey whereas the similarly sized Rufous Treecreeper works up a tree trunk.

Breeding is September to December in the south of WA with the group assisting with nest building high in the fork of a tree.

From the ground it is difficult to see as loose bark and pieces of lichen are attached to the outside as camouflage.

The deep, cup-shaped inner nest is lined with plant down and spiders’ web and cocoons woven together.

The female incubates a clutch of two to three eggs for 18 to 20 days with the group



The Black-capped Sittella. Photo: Jennifer Donegan.

assisting with the feeding of the incubating female and the young.

The nestlings fledge in about 20 days and are fed for up to 11 weeks following fledging. Two broods may occur during a season.

The Nat’s Club is grateful to receive natural history observations, sightings, etc. from the community to include on its data base.

Visitors are welcome to call in to Drummond House, the home of three Toodyay Community groups, that is open from 10am till noon on a Saturday.

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The cat, is an unwanted visitor captured on a sensor camera at various times in the evening and one visit at 12.05am.



The laughing kookaburra was originally found only in eastern Australia but was deliberately introduced into Western Australia 123 years ago by a group of misdirected colonists who had the aim of introducing animals they thought would improve the country. The story of the Western Australian Acclimatisation Society formed in 1896 is perhaps for another edition of the Herald but suffice to say the “laughing jackass” is known as an “ambush predator” preying on smaller native birds, reptiles and frogs.
Photo: Sean Hefferon.

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Safe and Scenic Toodyay Roads
Bethan Lloyd

THE COSTS for the upgrade of the 27km of Toodyay Road from Dryandra Road to Toodyay were projected to be \$100 million in 2019.

Safe and Scenic Toodyay Roads (SASTR) has been seeking information on how much of this budget has been spent to date on the road and how much is left to complete the remainder of Main Roads WA's grandiose plans for this road.

We have asked Shane Love, our local Member of Parliament, to ask for this information in Parliament.

The costs must have gone up considerably as revealed in the recent state budget.

The development of the section around Salt Valley and Sandplain Roads was estimated to cost \$45 million.

This means that almost 50 per cent of the upgrade's projected budget would be spent on a section of up to 3km in length.

This does not make sense considering more cost effective and environmentally sustainable options are possible.

In last month's *Toodyay Herald*, we presented one of our alternative suggestions for this section which we estimate would cost much less and reduce the clearing of native bushland by many hectares.

This would be spending public money much more responsibly and minimising the upgrade's environmental footprint significantly.

Recent driving on some of Toodyay's shire roads prompted the thought of what a difference it would make if even only 10 per cent of the money allocated for the Toodyay Road upgrade could be diverted to shire roads.

If one looks at a map of accidents within the shire on roads other than Toodyay Road between 2019 and 2023 it shows that many shire roads have a far greater history of fatal and severe accidents.

The reasons are not hard to see including poor edges along much of Julimar Road within the Shire of Toodyay, as well as dangerous bends with no protection if you should run off.

In addition to the above, rumble strips are lacking but once you get to the Chittering Shire section suddenly the road improves.

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Crumbling road edges are especially dangerous on bends and crests. The above road is one of many in the Shire of Toodyay requiring maintenance work.

Many other roads need some attention and I would not like to be driving down some of the local roads at night if I were not familiar with their idiosyncrasies.

It is easy to imagine what an enormous difference it would make if just \$10 million from the allocation for Toodyay Road was to be spent on shire blackspots.

Even more could be saved if possible low-cost options on the Toodyay Road were adopted, instead of the planned huge landscape rearrangement.

Many millions of dollars could be used on other roads in need of upgrading and replacement of important road infrastructure, such as bridges and wildlife crossings.

As previously reported in *The Toodyay Herald*, Toodyay Shire needs a further \$1.6 million to replace Slaughterhouse Bridge at a total cost of up to \$8 million.

Many thanks to those who continue to donate to our cause and volunteer to keep us going.

Costs of insurance, maintaining the website and email are our main expenses.

We were very appreciative of a \$500 donation from the Toodyay Op Shop.

Many people ask us at our information stall at the monthly Toodyay Markets when the big clearing at the Salt Valley and Sandplain Roads area will start.

We fear it may be later this year, possibly in November 2024 – so have your last look this winter and spring at that magnificent Wandoo woodland with its beautiful wildflower understorey before we lose it all.

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WHERE AND WHEN

ARTS/CRAFTS/HOBBIES/HISTORY

Arts Toodyay

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

Avon Valley Vintage Vehicle Association

Third Saturday Old Engineer's Quarters next to Northam Railway Museum, Fitzgerald St Northam 10.30am. 9622 5932.

Avon Woodturners Group

Every Sunday and Wednesday, Toodyay Junction, Railway Pde 9am-noon. Hamish Dobie 0423 115 204.

Morangup Social Craft Group

First and third Tuesday monthly, Morangup Community Hall 10am-12:30pm

Ragbags Quilting Group

First and third Wednesday monthly, St Stephen's Hall 10am-2.30pm. 9574 4503. Bring your lunch.

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 pandctodyaydhs@gmail.com.

Toodyay Playgroup

Tuesdays, Thursdays 9-11am. Wednesdays Bubs Play 10am-noon. Jessica Donovan 0407 128 105.

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Bejoording VBFB

Third Friday monthly 5.45pm, Bejoording Fire Shed.

Coondle-Nunile VBFB

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

Morangup VBFB

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

Second Tuesday monthly Toodyay Fire and Emergency Services Centre 7pm.

Toodyay State Emergency Service

Fourth Tuesday monthly 3 Wallaby Way Morangup. Jeff Venn 0438 490 331 toodyayseslocalmanager@gmail.com.

Toodyay Volunteer Fire and Rescue

First Monday monthly, Toodyay Fire and Emergency Services Centre 7.30pm. ENVIRONMENT

Avon Valley Environmental Society

Wheatbelt Natural Resource Management Centre, 269 Fitzgerald St, Northam. Third Friday monthly, noon. Janet Wilkinson 9574 5947.

Earth Solutions - Avon Valley

Second Tuesday monthly (not Jan) Old Northam Railway Station, 425 Fitzgerald St Northam 6pm. Karen Ducat 0438 223 886.

Julimar Conservation and Forest Alliance

Julimarforest@gmail.com.

Marsupial 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. Email info@toodyayfor.org.au.

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.

Toodyay Race Club

Secretary Brooke on 0468 685 425. Like us on Facebook and Instagram @toodyayraceclub.

HEALTH

Australian Breastfeeding Association

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

Child Health Clinic

Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Bree Byfield. 9621 0100

Forget-Me-Not Memory Café

Second Tuesday monthly, Toodyay Bakery. 10am-noon.

Mr Perfect

Toodyay Mr Perfect BBQ first Sunday monthly from 10.30am to 12.30pm at Duidgee Park. mrperfect.org.au also Mr Perfect Community Group on Facebook.

Toodyay Medical Centre

Stirling Terrace. Monday-Friday 9am-4pm. 9545 7101. Pathology Mon-Fri 9am-1pm.

Toodyay Men's Shed

Monday, Thursday, Saturday Harper Rd 8.30am-noon. Secretary 0499 403 830.

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

Liz Boston, JP

lizboston3160@gmail.com, 0428 742 349 Leave message if no answer.

Jacquie Lacy, JP

januaryjac@gmail.com. 0429 959 179.

MUSIC

Toodyay Community Singers

Thursdays CWA Hall, Stirling Terrace 7pm. Anne-Marie Millar 0408 364 918.

Toodyay Music Club

Second Saturday monthly, CWA Hall 1pm. Joe 0400 862 694.

SENIORS

Autumn Club

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

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

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 at 1pm, coffee mornings second Thursday monthly, 10am CWA Hall. Bookings Margot Watkins 0405 067 591 or 9574 2823.

Moondyne Men

Mondays & Thursdays CRC, 67 Stirling Terrace 8-10.30am. Breakfast 1st Saturday monthly. Colin Bird, Secretary 0424 195 003.

Morangup Progress Association

Chair Daryl Cooper chair@morangupmpa.com.au. www.morangupmpa.com.au.

RSL Toodyay Sub-Branch

Meetings at the RSL Shed, Clinton Street. Meetings 2nd Monday bi-monthly from February. Secretary Mary Tucker 0479 100 970. Email: marytuckerbs@yahoo.com.au.

Safer Toodyay Inc

Meetings announced in Herald column. secretary@safertoodyay.org.au, 9574 5574.

Toodyay Lions Club

First and third Tuesday monthly, Freemasons Hotel. Clint Fricker, Secretary 0423 226 898.

Toodyay Masonic Lodge

Fourth Thursday monthly, Masonic Hall Fiennes St 7.30pm. Mick Tock, 9622 8990

Toodyay Red Cross

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

Toodyay RoadWise Committee

Second Wednesday monthly, Toodyay Police Station 9.30am. Bob Neville 0419 853 160.

SPORT

Avon Valley Adult Riding Club

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

Avon Valley Shotokan Karate Club

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

Mortlock Pony Club

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

Toodyay Bowling Club

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

Toodyay Golf Club

Mixed comp Sundays noon; Ladies Wednesdays

1.30pm. Roma: 9574 5534. Men's scroungers Thursdays 2pm. Bruce 0417 028 089.

Toodyay Soccer Club

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

Toodyay Tennis Club

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

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Situations Vacant

TOODYAY Bottlemart is seeking a person to unload on Tuesday (start will vary due to unknown time the truck arrives). toodyaybottlemart@outlook.com.au or drop off your resume at the store.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Annual General Meeting

Moondyne Men Inc Annual General Meeting to be held at 9am on Saturday 3rd August 2024 at the Community Resource Centre, 67 Stirling Terrace, Toodyay. All Members welcome.

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Toodyay International Food Fest

Saturday 10 August 10am - 4pm

Catch all of the action of The Avon Descent on the banks of the Avon River while enjoying our International Food Fest and Family Fun day. Over 33 food vans, 2 stages of entertainment, huge skatepark competition and so much more.

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BRAIN TEASERS

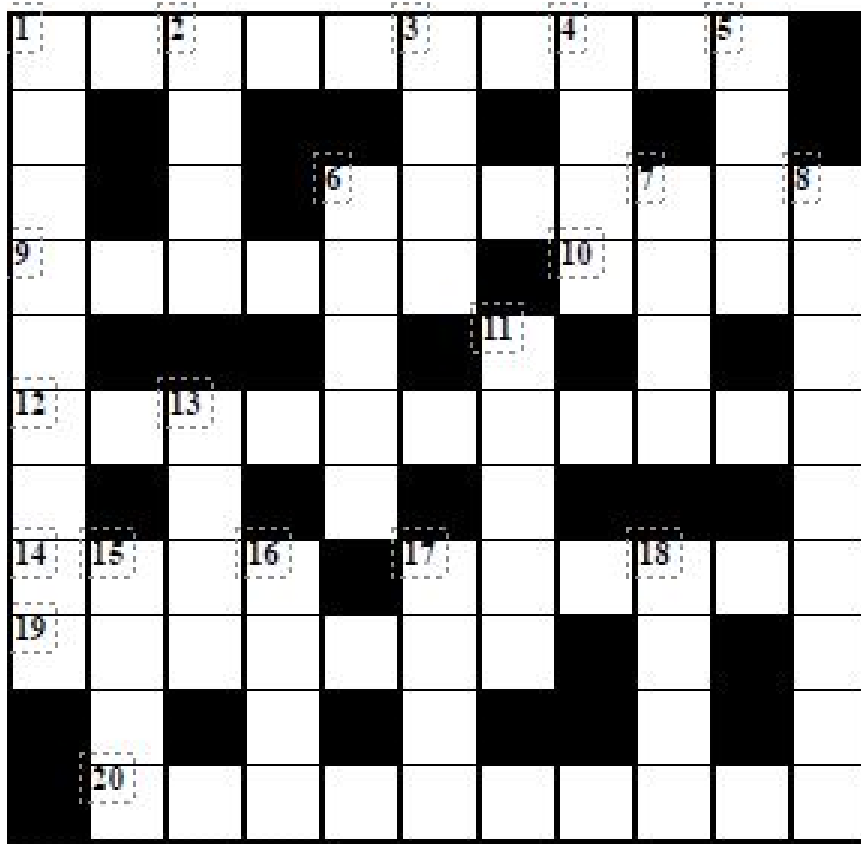
Combo Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Group of Comrades
- 6 Centre of boat
- 9 Mood
- 10. German "Mister
- 12. Rules
- 14. Voices against
- 17. Reprieve
- 19.Larger
- 20. One Sewing Things

DOWN

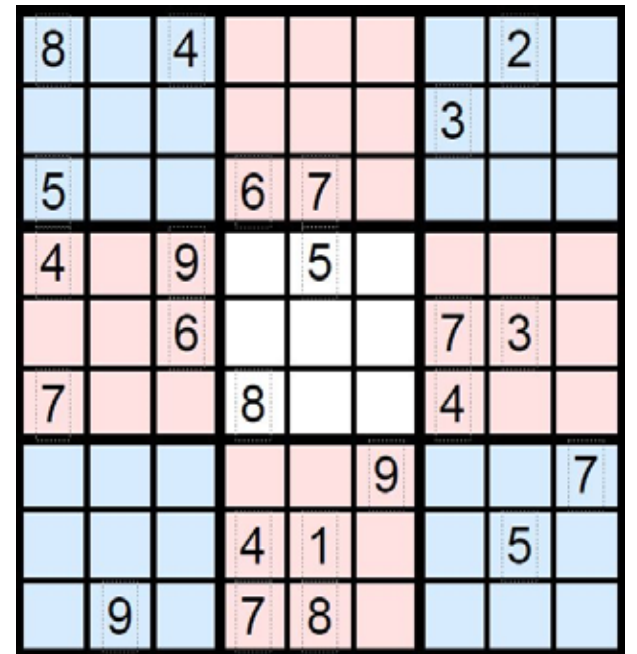
- 1. Becoming ulcerous
- 2. Rich Soil
- 3. A dam
- 4. Rough Food
- 5. A couple
- 6. Repasts
- 7. Brace Person
- 8. Those in Gaols
- 11. Flower Oil
- 13. Happy feeling
- 15. Mineral aggregstes
- 16. Epic tales
- 17. Writing implements
- 18. A bird



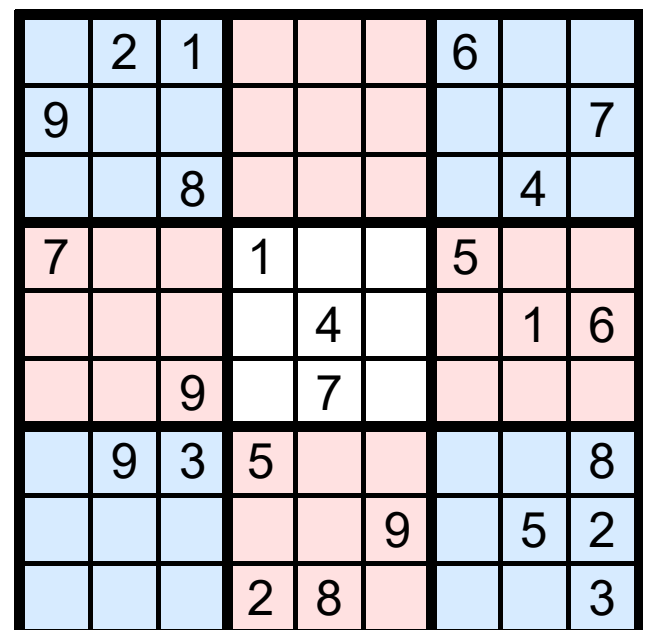
Sudoku

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



Cryptic Clues

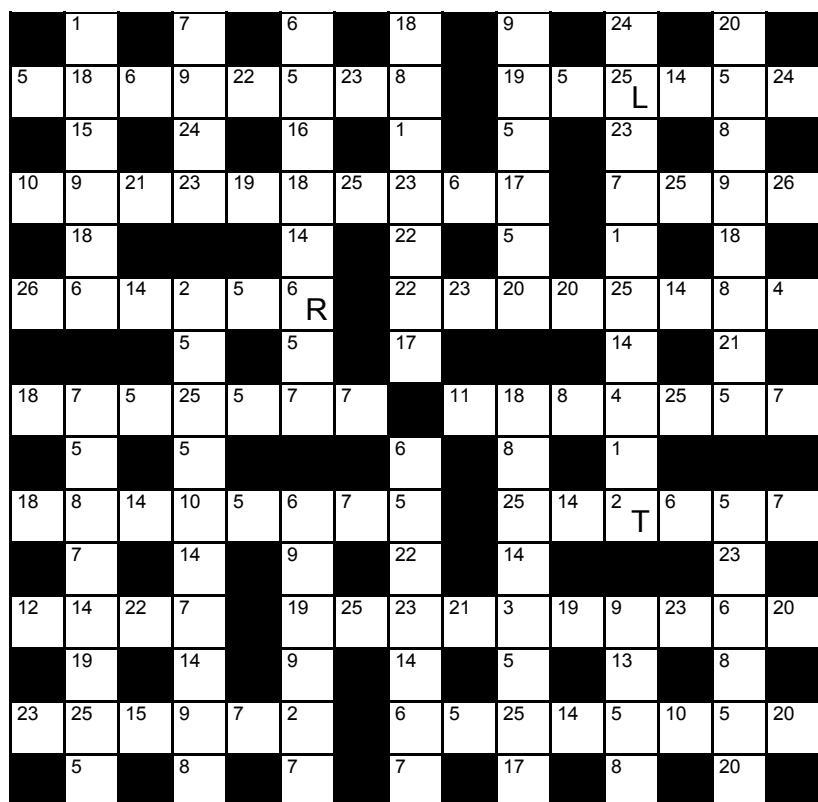
ACROSS

- 1. Communion of members one man on vessel
- 6. strangely dims joint in centre of vessel
- 9. Moderate state of mind
- 10 The lady is with right man in Germany
- 12. Acts to control using role at random
- 14. Negative votes back in use on bad move
- 17. Equality in value put on forgiveness
- 19. More powerful kitchen implement heard
- 20. Sewing woman has sewn line with strain

DOWN

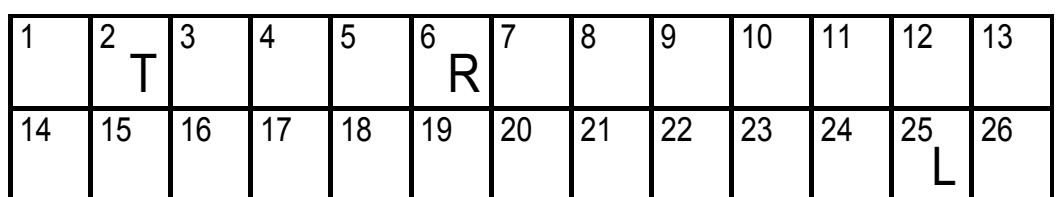
- 1. Bad reef sting causing suppuration
- 2. Rich soil starts looking old and mean
- 3. Wire put around a river dam
- 4. Keyboard symbol has hard following
- 5. Tree fruit heard for two
- 6.. Males make food taken at regular times
- 7. Principal character with ring belonging to the lady
- 8.. Iron press sued for those in custody
- 11. Essential oil at type of pitch
- 13. Exultation at type of singing club
- 15. Rose out of metal-bearing rocks
- 16. Sink down with a piece of Norse prose
- 17. Writes in enclosures
- 18. Member of the pigeon family is one who favours peace

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



A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z

Notes

HEALTH

Beware the silent killer

Warrior Wellbeing

The Regional Men's Health Initiative

SADLY, lots of blokes don't have their blood pressure (BP) checked because we don't visit our GP for check-ups and/or the GP has not done a blood pressure test.

In fact, a lot of blokes don't know what the blood pressure readings mean.

High BP is a main risk factor for heart attack and stroke.

Having high BP isn't a good thing and may become more common as we age.

High BP isn't inevitable, nor unmanageable if we have it, but controlling high BP is critical in protecting our long-term health and wellbeing.

Our bodies contain about five litres of blood which the heart pumps continuously around an intricate network of blood vessels.

Our blood pressure depends primarily on two things; the amount of blood pumped by the heart and how easily the blood can flow through the arteries.

Blood pressure readings are given in millimetres of mercury (mmHg) and consist of two numbers. The top number - measures the pressure in your arteries when your heart pumps - systolic pressure and a bottom number measures the pressure in your arteries when your heart relaxes - diastolic pressure.

The cause of high BP can be linked to genetics, poor diet, being overweight and or lack of exercise.

The effects of some medicines being used to treat varying health conditions can also be a factor along with underlying health disorders that we may have.

Overtime high BP can overload the heart and blood vessels which in turn make us more susceptible to heart attack and stroke.

Do you know cats can have bladder problems?

Heartlands Veterinary Hospital
Dr Olivia Fruzynski

LIKE humans your pet cat, in fact any cat, can be affected by urinary tract infections.

Our feline friends can also become victims of a blocked bladder which can be life-threatening and unfortunately cat owners may not be aware of this disease.

Male cats that are desexed and live indoors are most at risk of bladder problems.

Signs to look out for are frequent trips to the litter box, straining with no urine passed (sometimes they can look constipated), yowling when urinating and bloody urine.

If your cat is showing these signs veterinary attention is required immediately.

We will gather a history from you and perform a full body exam and may collect some urine to better understand what is happening.

Treatment for your cat can then include pain relief and antibiotics.

At home changes will also be suggested, including feeding them lots of wet food alongside dry biscuits.

Slowly change to any new food over 1 to 2

To help manage high BP many people need medicine but by making healthy lifestyle changes including eating less fat and salt, exercising regularly, reducing or ceasing alcohol intake blood pressure can be lowered.

It is possible to have high BP for years without knowing it, which is why it's called a silent killer and is most often discovered during routine physical examinations.

Remember, be proactive and make an appointment for with your GP and always have BP on your checklist for your GP to check.



Blocked bladders can be seriously life-threatening and male cats who are desexed and live indoors are the most at risk.

weeks and keep food bowls away from litter trays or busy areas.

Also ensure there are multiple bowls with fresh clean water available for your cat, bearing in mind that cats like ceramic bowls more than metal.

When it comes to litter boxes have one per single cat plus one so two cats should have three litter boxes available. Also offer different litter substrates.

When it comes to environments that cats thrive in, they love enrichment such as toys and playing, scratching areas, hiding places, and plants.

Feliway is a calming hormone that helps reduce stress which can be of benefit in these cases.

If you have any further questions, please get in touch with the team at Heartlands Vet Hospital.

PUZZLE SOLUTIONS

8	7	4	9	3	1	5	2	6
9	6	1	2	4	5	3	7	8
5	3	2	6	7	8	9	1	4
4	1	9	3	5	7	6	8	2
2	8	6	1	9	4	7	3	5
7	5	3	8	6	2	4	9	1
3	4	8	5	2	9	1	6	7
6	2	7	4	1	3	8	5	9
1	9	5	7	8	6	2	4	3

Sudoku
145 Easy

4	2	1	7	3	8	6	9	5
9	3	6	4	5	1	8	2	7
5	7	8	6	9	2	3	4	1
7	6	4	1	2	3	5	8	9
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2	9	3	5	1	7	4	6	8
8	4	7	3	6	9	1	5	2
6	1	5	2	8	4	9	7	3

Sudoku
145 Hard

H	S	R	U	O	F	D
E	U	R	O	P	E	A
M	F	O	H	E	A	N
V	O	C	A	B	U	L
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S	I	O	P	I	A	
Z	I	P	S	B	L	A
B	I	O	T	E	X	N
A	L	M	O	S	T	R
E	N	S	B	M	N	D

CrossCode
Solution

F	E	L	L	O	S	H	I	P
E	O	E	A	A				
S	A	M	I	D	S	H	I	P
T	E	M	P	E	R	H	E	R
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G	R	E	A	T	E	R	O	E
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Combo
Solution

Shire of Toodyay

Application For Public Comment

PROPOSED EXTRACTIVE INDUSTRY RENEWAL – CLAY QUARRY, LOT 11 CHITTY ROAD, HODDYS WELL

The Shire of Toodyay has received an application from Land Insights on behalf of Midland Brick for the renewal of an extractive industry at Lot 11 Chitty Road in Hoddys Well. The applicant is seeking approval to excavate clay material from the site. It is expected that 200,000 tonnes/year over a twenty-year period.

The proposed extractive industry operation on Lot 11 Chitty Road seeks to meet continuing market demand for clay material for building and construction purposes. The pit operation is proposed to occur within the property totalling approximately 49ha.

The extractive industry will operate in the following manner:
The proposed hours of operation for this site: Monday to Saturday 7:00am – 6:00pm (excluding Public Holidays).

Your views on the proposed extractive industry are encouraged and welcomed. The proposal is available for inspection at the Shire of Toodyay Administration Centre, Old Court House, 15 Fiennes Street, Toodyay, during office hours. The proposal is also available for viewing in the Shire's website at

[https://www.toodyay.wa.gov.au/Profiles/toodyay/assets/moduledata/publicnotices/428fbd9f-185c-486f-bb9d-db8fd62b29bd/1.3/1134-Hoddys-Well-Bardya-Quarry-Clay-Excavation-Complete-LR-Rev1b-May24-\(1\)_Redacted.pdf](https://www.toodyay.wa.gov.au/Profiles/toodyay/assets/moduledata/publicnotices/428fbd9f-185c-486f-bb9d-db8fd62b29bd/1.3/1134-Hoddys-Well-Bardya-Quarry-Clay-Excavation-Complete-LR-Rev1b-May24-(1)_Redacted.pdf)

Submissions on the proposed development may be addressed in writing and lodged with the CEO, Shire of Toodyay, PO Box 96 Toodyay 6566, or by email to records@toodyay.wa.gov.au by 4.00pm **Friday 2 August 2024**.

Further information on the above proposal is available by contacting the Shire's Development Services on 9574 9300.

Tabitha Bateman
Acting Chief Executive Officer



Things to do when a mate is in need

Sean Hefferon

MR. PERFECT'S tagline is "Mental Health's Mate" and more so than ever we try to embody that ethos and support at our BBQs across the country.

But how can you do that one-on-one with a mate? You have probably read and heard all sorts of advice of what to do or say when a mate has become distant or may be in need, such as struggling with their mental health.

Different people are equipped differently with the depth of skills and communication tools or means they have at their disposal.

What may seem helpful at the time may in fact be the opposite. Or perhaps you feel paralysed in these moments and say or do nothing at all.

So we asked our Mr. Perfect community what words or actions they believed would be most helpful to a mate that may be in need. Here are the top five suggestions

Your actions as a mate are much more powerful than your words. Shout them lunch,

a drink or go do something you both enjoy but most importantly, lend them your ear and LISTEN.

I do my best to not give advice. If a mate has become distant I just reach out. Not even to invite, just to say hey. Or send a memo they would find funny!

Check in and see how they are going, trying to get them to open up and identify what is happening in their life that has them withdrawing. Spending an hour with a mate over a coffee and discussing what's happening can help a lot, discuss speaking to a GP or someone they feel comfortable with to seek help.

Find a way to stay connected with at least one person who cares about you. Even via texts. Regular contact and checking in with someone can often be the difference between slipping or staying afloat. Knowing someone cares helps you remember to keep trying.

Try and figure out the reasoning behind it, chances are there is something underlying that needs addressing.



Checking in when a mate is having a bad time is one way to help.

Picnic Race Day 'on-track'to be a winner

Toodyay Race Club
Stephen Ferguson, Chairman

WE ATTRACTED 6500 people to the Club's 150th anniversary meet in 2015, and will perhaps exceed 7000 this year.

All 20 bays in the long marquee sold early and demand for smaller 3 x 3 and 6 x 3 marquees is very strong.

The track looks amazing after a little rain, and I would personally like to thank Racing WA for aerating the track in preparation for us to seed it with ryegrass.

We have recently seeded the track and I request locals who exercise their dogs at the course to please use the area in the middle so the track lawn can grow.

We have removed the inside running rail in preparation for the replacement with new, safer plastic rails which is being funded and carried out by RWWA.

Adding to the overall appearance of the course, and enhancing the jockey safety, we have replaced a couple of sections of damaged outside running rail.

The committee and I would like to thank the supporters who have given freely of their time and professional services to ensure we keep to the tight schedule for race day.

Last month we started on the makeover of the Livery Restaurant by painting the surrounding railings and oiling the deck.

New curtains have been sewn and are ready for hanging, but the Livery is still a work in progress with lots more to do.

Two other major projects have been completed.

The Tote building under the main roof has now been demolished and the area cleared to allow TABTouch to bring in the mobile betting caravan.

The inside track area has now been cleared with the Volunteer BFB completing the task of burning the heaps of debris which was postponed because of unfavourable weather.

The committee still has a lot of hard work leading up to race day to ensure that Toodyay stands out as the most attractive and picturesque country track in WA.

I have left the most exciting news to last.

We have now erected the safety isolation fencing around the Tote and Bar area so that work can begin on removing the old roof and installing the new one.

Weather permitting work is scheduled to start on June 26 and be completed by the end of July, and I thank the shire council for its foresight in funding this project.

If you would like to enquire about club membership, sponsorship opportunities or any other race day matter, contact our club secretary, Brooke on 0468 685 425.

Like us on Facebook and Instagram @toodyayraceclub.

Mid-air 'Jackie Chan' kick scores a goal

Toodyay Football Club
Patrick Thompson

THE TOODYAY Football Club enjoyed its biggest day of the season on June 22 when it hosted Gingin and celebrated a combined premiership reunion marking the 50, 20 and 10 year anniversaries of the 1974, 2004 and 2014 premierships.

A feature of the day was the 'Classic Clashes' country footy scoreboard truck stationed on the wing, which filmed, commented, conducted interviews and live-streamed the league match.

The reserves kicked off the day in a tightly contested match with a four goal lead to Toodyay in the third term vanishing as Gingin took the lead in the final quarter.

A late final quarter five minute surge by Toodyay to kick the final three goals saw them run out winners 12.6.78 to 9.9.63 and move to equal top of the ladder.

As it came time for the league match, the crowd had built nicely around the pavilion and the league team was ready and focused to put on a good performance in front of the past players.

The first quarter was tightly contested but Toodyay gained control in the second with consecutive goals to Connor Toop and went

into the main break holding a 37 to 24 lead.

At half-time the Toodyay Aus kickers put on a dazzling display in front of the pavilion.

In the second half Toodyay didn't hold back and extended their lead to win 14.12.96 to 9.9.63.

Connor Toop kicked four goals and Seth Clark was named Best on Ground by the commentary team.

Goal of the day went to Ben Jenkins with a final quarter 'Jackie Chan' kick out of mid-air from a goal square ball up.

The mood was joyous after two wins and it continued into the evening function.

We watched old highlights and listened to the premiership coaches Max Viskovich (1974), Rob Steele (2004) and Chad Broughton (2014) recount their memories of the premiership matches.

A highlight of the night was the induction of Adam Pearce to Life Membership.

It was a brilliant day with some even saying it was the best day at the Toodyay Football Club they could remember.

A big thank you goes out to everyone that helped setting up and contributing to the day and evening function.

There are no home matches in July.

The next and final home match for the season is on Sunday August 4 v Dowerin.



The team runs onto the ground in front of a large home crowd.



Chanre, Joe and Armie (Chanre and Armie will advance to brown belts—awesome news).

Kumite an important aspect of karate

Avon Valley Shotokan Club
Nat Kielbasa

DO YOU ever find yourself struggling for motivation to try something new?

Perhaps it feels too late to act on those New Year's resolutions to improve your health, or to become involved in the community?

You are not alone in feeling this way and being only July there is time to decide to act and take care of yourself.

Fear of the unknown is a common reason to avoid trying something new.

We love welcoming new faces, so for those considering karate here are the answers to some questions you may have.

Will I have to fight people or perform solo? Students perform solo during club challenges and may during grading but there's no pressure until you feel ready.

Kumite (or sparring) is an important aspect of karate and teaches students the application of the moves they learn in their katas in a safe and controlled way.

The focus of sparring is technique, precision and self-control with little contact.

Club challenges are held at end of term and we encourage anyone anxious about sparring to watch students doing just that.

You will see it is not as intimidating as you may imagine and we have a lot of fun.

How do I know which class to attend?

Children must be aged five or above with classes on Monday (held at Clackline), split into two classes with the peewee and junior (aged 5 to 16) class starting at 5pm and the seniors and adults at 6pm.

On Wednesday classes are held in Toodyay at the youth hall with peewees 4 to 4:45pm, juniors 5 to 5:45pm, advanced juniors 5:45 to 6:15pm and then adults and seniors from 6:30 to 7:30pm.

Friday classes, at Clackline from 6:30pm, are open to everyone.

How much does it cost to start karate?

Our club is kidsport approved for eligible students aged 5 to 18 and starter packs for new students are \$200 which includes gi, term fees, insurance, club shirt, mitts, belt and badge.

If you want to know more email avonvalleyshotokan@gmail.com or drop into the dojo and say hello.

Lastly, congratulations to the students who attended grading on Sunday June 23.

The judges consensus was that you all showed fantastic effort and there will be new belts for Shihan to present.

We hope everyone enjoys the school holidays and a well-deserved rest and we look forward to seeing you all (and perhaps even some new students) in term three.

Scroungers golf nine-holes not nineteen

Toodyay Golf Club
Dave Duncan, Captain

A REMINDER, Sunday golf has a noon tee-off and Thursdays the nine holes Scroungers a 2pm tee-off and for details, contact Club President Bruce Shaw on 0417 028 089.

Now to the results from recent sessions.

May 26 Leo Ailing Trophy 27 holes Stableford event, sponsored by the Boston family.

1st Murray Riseley 55points, 2nd Aaron Boston 55points, 3rd Bruce Shaw 49points.

June 1st Battle Golf, Stableford Match play

sponsored by Complete Building supplies WA.

1st George Murray 34points, 2nd Dave Duncan 32points, 3rd Aaron Boston 31points.

June 9th String Ball, Stroke Event sponsored by Connect Real estate.

1st John Jaworski Nett 67, 2nd Nick Hocking Nett 70, 3rd Aaron Boston Nett 73.

June 16th Range Cup, Stableford Event sponsored by Murray Hasson.

1st John Jaworski 41pts, 2nd George Murray 39 pts, 3rd Bruce Shaw 35pts.

Shire of Toodyay

Request for closure of Public Road

Portion of unconstructed Lovers Lane Road Reserve running through Lot 3 Lovers Lane Morangup

Land Administration Act 1997

The Shire of Toodyay has received an application requesting the permanent road closure of an unconstructed portion of Lovers Lane Road Reserve that runs through Lot 3 Lovers Lane, Morangup.

Your views on the proposed road closure are encouraged and welcomed.

The proposal is available for inspection at: the Shire of Toodyay Administration Centre, between 8.30am and 4.30pm Monday to Friday, or the Shire's Visitor Centre weekdays between 9am and 4pm, or on the Shire's website at <http://www.toodyay.wa.gov.au/Profiles/toodyay/assets/moduledata/publicnotices/65dacf58-d466-dff-91bd-3cf8a1882841/1.2/Lot-3-Lovers-Lane-Road-Reserve-Closure.pdf>.

Please lodge written submissions on the proposed development addressed to the Chief Executive Officer as follows: Via email: records@toodyay.wa.gov.au, Via Post: Shire of Toodyay, PO Box 96 Toodyay 6566, in person: Shire Admin Centre (15 Fiennes St, Toodyay) or the Woodyay Visitor Centre (7 Piesse St, Toodyay WA 6566).

The deadline for submissions is 4pm Friday 9 August 2024.

Further information on the above proposal is available by contacting the Shire's Development and Regulation department on 9574 9300.

Tabitha Bateman
Acting Chief Executive Officer



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It has been a very interesting month for Tony. Lots of trips to the doctors and even a hospital visit and so far, still can't work out what is wrong with me! But slowly coming good again. Certainly, do not like getting older!

State of the Market

Down again to 3212 properties. Simply put, it is still a sellers' market and probably will be for some time yet. I just heard from some friends that are trying to buy a house in the suburbs of Perth that there was 70 people in the queue to view the home. Certainly, a change from a normal market!

The Ongoing Court Case

I know you are all not going to believe this but guess what.... it has been adjourned again! Yes, the magistrate notified my lawyer on Friday before the Monday hearing that he is adjourning it once again until the 21st of August. I am just amazed that anyone could do this to another human being. You get yourself prepared for another court day both physically and mentally and suddenly you are dropped like a bag of crap by the magistrate. Not sure that I am happy with this but you have no avenue of complaint. I certainly think our legal system needs some attention. Any how, you will all have to wait another 2 months for an outcome, and so will I.

Now! Inside the Office

Zonelle

Well, her cute little puppy has turned into a massive slobber dog! But he is still cute and she is the best receptionist ever! Love this girl!

Jemma

Did you notice that she had her hair cut and straightened? I did!! Brownie points for the boss and she is brilliant at her job!

Jo

She had an emergency flight to Queensland for family business but back now and our office is back to laughter and smiles!

Faith

Now this girl has just secured herself the best commercial property in town with an excellent long-term tenant. Big things in the future coming for this smart cookie!

Jess

Now here is breaking news! Guess who has just got engaged! Wow, we are all so happy for her and Brenton, just the best couple ever! Proud office moment here!

Sam

Well, we finally talked him into having a day off a week and sometimes he actually has one! Just an unstoppable selling machine our Sam!

Tony

Well, the crop is in and growing, so that part of farming is done. The cockies have done some damage this year, but that is farming. Doing some work on the sheds on the farm during these rainy months. Perfect timing, loving the sound of rain on the roof.

Who are we? What do we do? What can we do for you? Thinking about selling your house? Thinking about buying a home? Thinking about buying an investment property and need efficient property managers? If you said yes to any of these, then we can help you?



6 Harcourt Street, Toodyay - \$529,000



13 Reserve Street, Toodyay - \$659,000

Until next month
Tony Maddox



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