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Shire rate rise nearly doubles inflation

Budget includes 30 per cent increase in employee costs, \$200,000 to upgrade Toodyay racecourse

Sean Hefferon

SHIRE rates will rise six per cent this financial year – nearly twice the Australian inflation rate.

An additional three per cent in local fees and charges compared with last year will also flow into the shire's coffers.

Toodyay councillors voted unanimously last month without debate or comment to approve the new increases.

Federal Government figures show that inflation was 3.5 per cent at the end of July.

Part of the higher rates and charges will be used to take over running the largely unused Toodyay Recreation Centre after management contractor Clublinks decided to end its contract six months early.

This year's budget also includes a council decision to spend up to \$200,000 to upgrade Toodyay racecourse for an event that gets held once a year.

Shire costs for 2024/25 are budgeted to increase by 12 per cent to \$15.5 million, with employee costs rising 30 per cent to \$5.3 million.

Much of the increase is due to new recreation centre staffing costs of \$353,000.

This follows the "council's decision to bring the centre operations inhouse, to enable the operations to better meet community requirements," the shire said.

Utility expenses for shire use of power and water rises by 40 per cent.

Materials and contract costs are budgeted to increase by 10 per cent to \$4.9 million.

Some of this is linked to a shire project to identify future housing options.

Major works planned for the 2024/25 year include upgrading the footbridge that links the town to the school at Newcastle Park.

Other projects include \$100,000 for CCTV security cameras.

Planned surface repairs to Bejoording Road costed at \$140,000 made the list of eight significant capital projects in the shire's 2024/25 budget.

Herald analysis of this year's budget appears to show an estimated \$1.2 million cut in spending on roads, footpaths and other public amenities.

Former shire deputy president Beth Ruthven queried it at last month's council meeting.

New Shire CEO Aaron Bowman said he would take her question on notice and respond at a later date.

Shire borrowings at 1 July 2024 totalled \$5 million, with \$4.5 million owed in recreation centre loan repayments.

Figures show that shire debt has increased by 65 per cent over the past 10 years.

Last month's agenda urged councillors to approve "a balanced budget developed to consider the Shire's overall financial position, asset maintenance requirements resulting from ageing infrastructure, continued supply chain challenges and inflationary pressure pushing up cost of materials and contracts."



Mother Nature came to the rescue with late rainfall providing plenty spills as these competitors found out at Extracts Weir at last month's Avon Descent. More pictures of the river race through Toodyay and International Food Fair fun, Page 5. Photo: S.Hefferon.

High water levels lead to a fast Avon Descent river race

THE DAY before the 2024 Avon Descent the water level at Extracts Weir outside of Toodyay looked too low for competitors to shoot over the weir.

Race day came around and Mother Nature saved the day with water flowing at a rapid rate of knots over the weir.

What had been dry riverbed barely 24 hours before was now under water and still rising as spectators jockeyed for viewing spots overlooking the weir.

The Avon River is renowned for rising rapidly, and just as suddenly dropping. "The weather gods were good to us

this year", said Greg Kaeding, Chair of Northam's Avon Descent Association.

On race day, the Avon was rising with ample water flowing over Extracts Weir.

More than enough to tempt competitors to take on the weir, and most successfully navigated the rock-laden torrent of water.

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New Toodyay Shire CEO keeps Swan council seat

Sean Hefferon

LOCAL shire councillors have taken the extraordinary decision to employ a sitting member of a neighbouring city council as Toodyay's new Chief Executive Officer.

City of Swan Cr Aaron Bowman started his new full-time job in Toodyay last month but will continue to live in the Swan Valley electorate he represents for at least another year.

Mr Bowman replaces former Toodyay Shire CEO Suzie Haslehurst who withdrew her request to stay in the top job despite a positive performance review after last October's shire elections resulted in new civic leaders heading the council chamber.

Toodyay Shire Deputy President Shelly Dival, who topped last year's poll on a platform of change, told *The Herald* last month that "a large number of applicants were considered for the CEO role".

Mr Bowman has spent 20 years working in a number of WA local government roles, including as the youngest-ever CEO at the Shire of Dumbleyung when he was 23, Manager of Governance at the City of Stirling and CEO at the Shire of Cocos (Keeling) Islands in the Indian Ocean, 2750km north-west of Perth.

More recently, he worked as a consultant/contractor and started work in Toodyay last month just two days after signing a new contract.

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Raygun zaps Paris

Dr. Christian Mauri

TAKE a moment to envision a *raygun*.

Until very recently, you and everyone else would have almost certainly thought of some kind of weapon from science fiction.

But that is the past. Pre-Paris Olympics.

With a twist and a hop, our contender for Women's Breaking changed the image of a word across the English-speaking world.

Now and likely for the rest of your life, the word *raygun* will recall a dancer and the reactions inspired by her performance.

Kids today, being raised on viral memes instead of old media like *War of the Worlds* and *Flash Gordon*, will grow up assuming a *raygun* has *always* been a dance move.

Before you know it, the Olympic origins of the *raygun* will fade from public memory, becoming a bit of quiz night trivia.

Let's call these curious turning points in the popular imagination *little watersheds*.

The idiom of the *watershed moment* was apparently lifted from geography (or was it geology?) in the 1850s to metaphorically describe turning points in history.

Now people the world over describe major events as *watershed moments*, quite unaware of its scientific origins.

For these folk, the metaphorical *watershed moment* has lost its original imagery.

It has joined the ranks of *dead metaphors* that so often go unadmired in our language.

Keep an ear out and you'll hear them everywhere: *skyscraper*, *deadline*, *dabbler*, *tall poppy* and, perhaps one day, *raygun*.

The origins and contemporary usage of such poetic gems are historically insightful. Seriously, consider the magnificent hubris of the word *skyscraper*, or what our easy grasp of *tall poppy syndrome* says about us.

But, to use a metaphor that isn't quite dead yet, I'm getting caught in the weeds.

Let's return to our latest little watershed – let's talk about *Raygun*.

Clearly, the B-Girl who flew to Paris to represent Australia in the new Olympic sport of Breaking has fascinated the world.

There have been plenty of takes, from indignation, outrage, and conspiracies, to confusion, celebration, and defence.

I'd like to offer a sociological perspective. Before I do, however, I should confess that I'm a lifelong fan of break dancing.

Over a decade before delivering my first lecture on the fathers of sociology in the largest lecture theatre of my old university, I performed there in a breakdancing crew.

I took breaking lessons with the Starlight Foundation.

I wore the sweat bands and was the kid spinning on his back at the school dance and later at parties.

There was indeed a culture of breaking that included true athletes who lived to master the techniques and champion the art.

But God knows if that scene remains or indeed ever was so connected to the rest of the cities or nation to constitute a singular 'breaking community'.

Yet, after *Raygun*, references to 'the breaking community' became abundant overnight.

My first observation is this: We've gotten into the habit of describing vast groups as single communities.

We do it with jobs, gender, sexuality, ethnicity, religion, nationality, the list goes on.

In most cases, these descriptions can largely be counted as *functional fictions*.

Fictions because they stretch realistic treatment of communities to breaking point.

Functional because they simplify, provide opportunities for spokespersons to emerge, and thus make for easier conversation, promotion, criticism, and identification.

This is not necessarily good or bad and like all habits, it's worth being aware of, even as the conversation invites us to indulge in it.

My second observation is this: the celebration of *Raygun* seen across Australia is a corollary of tall poppy syndrome, a phrase with many meanings.

What I mean by it is this, it is right to take people down a peg who treat themselves too seriously, or who give the impression of superiority.

This attitude is closely tied to the value of everyone being equal or, in other words, that no one is better than anyone else.

Think what this means for the Olympics.

Olympians, traditionally speaking, perform on the world stage as examples of excellence and seriousness.

They are living evidence that some humans are excellent specimens, with bodies superiorly suited to their sport.

Becoming an Olympian often requires extensive physical suffering, psychological discipline, and financial sacrifice – that is, they tend to take it all very seriously – yet *Raygun* contradicts this.

She owned that she lacked the fitness of every one of her opponents – a fitness required for the dazzling techniques breaking is known for.

She owned that she did not train as hard as the other Olympians but was celebrated all the same back home for having a go.

Far from superior, she was normal enough to see the average Aussie in.

People saw in her disregard for convention a reminder that we should not take things too seriously.

Not even the Olympics.

We have a word in Australia for a person who disregards convention: *larrikin*.

But the Olympics are international and few beyond our land, and ever fewer youths within it, could tell you what a *larrikin* is.

I'll suggest another word that *Raygun* brings to mind.

It's a beautiful word associated with Australian culture more abroad than at home: *irreverent*.

Perhaps that will be the new meaning of the word *raygun*, long after the dancer is forgotten.

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New Shire CEO – ‘wherever the wind takes me’

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He has also been a self-described “full-time” sitting councillor on the City of Swan since 2021 and made a failed bid to be elected deputy mayor of that council last October when he was defeated 14-1 in a three-way contest.

This was after coming third out of ten candidates in a general vote among all Swan electors vying to be the city’s new mayor.

Cr Bowman describes himself as a “Swan Valley boy, born and bred” and a third generation City of Swan resident with a wife and four teenage children.

His qualifications include accounting, and business administration.

Mr Bowman said he had a four-year contract on Cocos Island but left nine months early in December 2017 to provide his children with better educational opportunities on the mainland.

He was asked by the *Herald* to clarify another reason given for his Cocos departure that he posted last year on his Swan City Councillor social media page.

This was when he ran for Mayor at the City of Swan and said one of his reasons for leaving Cocos was over a disagreement with the “new council’s direction”.

Mr Bowman said the dispute involved an alleged breach of Federal law by a newly elected councillor – “The Feds didn’t want to do anything about it”.

He declined to comment further on the incident.

On return to Australia, Mr Bowman started contracting to local government and posted on his *LinkedIn* profile the saying “wherever the wind takes me” as a nod to the Cocos trade winds.

His subsequent local government consulting work included a stint at the Shire of Boyup Brook.

“I thought I was going there as Acting Deputy CEO and by the end of the week was Acting CEO”, with the previous incumbent retiring at short notice.

Mr Bowman said Boyup Brook had “a real number of issues going on for 15 years” and he fixed them in a day “as he knew what to do”.

He also did consultancy work for the Shire of Victoria Plains where he was the Governance Officer.

He won election to the City of Swan in 2021, with a key part of his pitch being that he would be a “full-time” councillor.

He then ran unsuccessfully last year to be Mayor of the City of Swan against ten other candidates.

He subsequently ran for Deputy Mayor in a three-horse race but recorded just one vote – out of an available 15 councillor votes.

When asked if he had expected more support, he responded: “probably not, because there’s a split on council and my view was to bring that split together”.

He added it would have been nice to bring that council together but that wasn’t the case. “Some local governments do horse trading in the lead-up to (elections for) mayor and deputy mayor but that’s not me – what you see is what you get,” he said.

Mr Bowman declined to rule out future political ambitions, saying “never say never” but described himself as not aligned to Liberal or Labor policies.

He said his first impressions of Toodyay as new Shire CEO was that there are “great opportunities to do some great things for the community”.



Deputy President Shelly Dival welcomes new CEO Aaron Bowman. Photo: Shire of Toodyay.

Key challenges include shire finances and “what we can do for the community” and “what (assets) we can utilise better,” he said.

“I’ve got staff at four different locations which is unique and comes with challenges and a cost.”

Mr Bowman said he would continue being a City of Swan councillor and attend council meetings in Midland for another 13 months.

Regarding any perceived conflict of interest, Mr Bowman said he would keep both roles separate and that the arrangement was “working fine, absolutely fine.”

Toodyay Deputy President Dival declined to comment on whether she had sought clarification from the WA Local Government Association (WALGA) about giving the

Shire of Toodyay’s top job to an elected member from another council.

WALGA told *The Herald* that it would not comment on the activities of an individual council and any inquiries should be directed to the employer – the Shire of Toodyay.

Swan City Mayor Tanya Richardson – who defeated Mr Bowman in last year’s ballot – declined to comment.

A WA Government spokesperson said State law did not prohibit a person from being an employee of one council and an elected member of another.”

Toodyay Shire President Michael McKeown was overseas last month but has been attending council meetings via video link.

Vietnam veterans remembered at Toodyay memorial service

Sean Hefferon

THE VIETNAM War was Australia’s longest military engagement of the 20th Century.

The nation’s involvement in the war began with the arrival of the Australian Army Training Team in South Vietnam during July and August 1962.

By the time the war ended, almost 60,000 Australians had served during a decade of conflict between 1962 and 1972 with 523 of them tragically dying and about 3000 wounded or injured.

Last month the Toodyay RSL led a service to commemorate the 55th anniversary of Vietnam Veteran’s Day.

Max Howard the local RSL President welcomed all who had gathered for the service including local dignitaries Acting Shire President Cr Dival, Cr McCormick and Lachlan Hunter Nationals WA Candidate for the electorate of Central Wheatbelt.

Mr Howard then led the Prayer of Remembrance:

“Today we remember with thanksgiving those who made the supreme sacrifice for us in time of war.

“We pray that the offering of their lives may not have been in vain.

“Today we dedicate ourselves to the cause of justice, freedom and peace: and for the wisdom and strength to build a better world.”

After the service veterans, families and friends went to the Toodyay Hotel for lunch and refreshments.

August 18 has long held significance for Australia’s Vietnam veterans as it is the anniversary of the battle that was Long Tan.

On that day in 1966 the Royal Australian Regiment (6RAR) engaged with the enemy in a rubber plantation near Long Tan.

Delta Company consisting of 108 soldiers held off an enemy force of over 2000 in a battle that lasted four hours, fought in wet and muddy conditions during a heavy tropical downpour.

They were assisted by ammunition supply from Royal Australian Airforce helicopters, fire support from Australian artillery, and reinforcements in armoured personnel carriers as night fell.

The Viet Cong withdrew at nightfall leaving behind 245 dead and carrying away many casualties.

By the end of the battle, 17 Australians had been killed in action and 25 were wounded, one of whom died a few days later.



Vietnam veterans at the Toodyay service (from L-R): Bruce Guthrie, Daisy Day, John Clarke, Paul Pescud, John Adams, and Max Hore.

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The Toodyay Herald

Balancing the books

THE SHIRE of Toodyay is aiming for a “balanced budget on June 2025 after carrying out normal operational requirements and an extensive capital works program”.

That is, with fingers crossed, the hope is that total expected revenues are equal to total planned spending.

Which doesn't leave much wriggle room for the unexpected budget hit – or for building up shire reserve accounts.

The quote from Thomas Sowell the American economist comes to mind, “Balanced budget requirements seem more likely to produce accounting ingenuity than genuinely balanced budgets.”

Not that anything untoward is being suggested even if the budget cloth to cut seems threadbare.

As it is, comparing the shire's forecast rate revenue for 2024/25 against last year shows an increase of six per cent.

This nearly doubles the July inflation rate all but guaranteeing that rate notices will be hard to digest for many local residents struggling with the high cost of living.

To add to the indigestion as they open up their rate notice is the realisation that fixed incomes only stretch so far.

Almost 40 per cent of Toodyay residents are over 60 years of age and many are on the pension.

A pittance compared against the never-ending march of rate increases.

Not that relief is on the horizon as the shire has a small ratepayer base with population growth at a glacial pace.

In the five years to 2023 Toodyay grew by 434 residents, over 85 per cent of them are aged 60 years or more – in those five years rates have increased by 22 per cent.

Shire debt has also grown 65 per cent in the last ten years and of course the elephant in the room is the recreation centre.

Still, it has to be recognised that the budget has held or reduced some fees relating to using the centre – this to encourage residents to use the venue.

Given what seems to be a planned cut to spending on road upgrades the drive to the centre may however be a bit bumpy.

We don't know as the shire is yet to clarify what appears to be a reduction of \$1.2 million in infrastructure spending.

New CEO

AARON Bowman started as the Toodyay Shire Chief Executive Officer last month.

His first impression of Toodyay as the new CEO is that there are “great opportunities to do some great things for the community”.

Presumably when he isn't busy doing great things for City of Swan residents as their councillor, a role he intends to fulfill until October next year.

Still his stated focus on utilising shire assets better is one that most Toodyay residents would likely support.

The Herald welcomes him to Toodyay and wishes him well in his new role.

Sean Hefferon
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The way we were: Eleven students from the Agricultural Division of the old Toodyay (formerly Newcastle) School in Duke Street North circa 1910/15 standing uphill from the school in an experimental wheat crop labelled Yandilla King, Cedar, Warren and Florence. Some of the boys' names are written on the back of the original photograph: (from left) first four unnamed, Peter Lee, Mateland (Mate) Lee, 'Lyner', Aub Leeder, Fred (Crusty) Lloyd, Wesley James and 'Tyer'. The old school was later used as a church and by local community groups before being sold to a private owner in 2007. Photo: Newcastle Gaol Museum collection.

LETTERS

In memory of Sandra Faye Harms*

I HOLD such treasured memories of our neighbourhood morning walks.

Sandra, Sue, and I would meet most weekday mornings.

Together with our dogs we walked the high roads and dusty bottom trails of Regal Hill, tracing a constant circle around our homes and catching up with all the latest news.

We would walk the same route each day, yet it was never the same for us.

Each day heralded new topics of conversation or new glimpses of unexpected beauty in old familiar places.

We shared our views on politics, books, all manner of good food, good wine, good men and gardening.

We chatted about our work and shared all the family milestones, the many joys and sorrows we encountered in the course of our lives over the past seventeen or more years of living as neighbours in our piece of Australian bush paradise.

We shared the dawns with black cockatoos, pink and grey galahs, and the local kangaroos.

And we never ceased to marvel at the magic of foggy mornings, the swirling waters of the winter creek, the tiny wildflowers in spring, and the clear blue of an early summer sky.

Our walks always ended with more chat at Sandra's bottom gate while the dogs played.

It became our place in time where the outer world and the familial could collide.

Once we had exhausted the topics of the day we would congratulate ourselves on sorting out all the troubles of the world, and in getting it all done before breakfast.

It became our standing joke before we parted ways and headed home.

Our walks were, and are, a source of companionship, especially in present days.

Sue and I continue to walk with our dogs, to carry on the tradition of circling, of providing a loving embrace around our homes, for those within and for those who have gone from us.

We walk, and remember with love the warmth, wisdom and wit in the companionship that Sandra gave us, forever grateful for having known such a good neighbour, true community spirit and dear friend.

From Kellerberrin to Köln

A life of art
In every bit of painted sky and bush
A palette of your heart
Forever etched
in ours.

Lydia Myburgh
Morangup

*Graphic artist Sandra Harms was Advertising Manager at the Toodyay Herald until her sudden passing in July.

Community proposals rejected by council

AT LAST months Ordinary Council meeting motion 9.4.1 “Expression of Interest to lease old Toodyay Tennis Courts” was deferred pending the facilities and building review for all of the shire's fixed assets.

There were two incorporated groups that responded to the shire's public notice for Expressions of Interest – the Moondyne Men Inc and the Toodyay Community Garden Inc.

A detailed conceptual outline was presented to the council for their consideration.

Submissions were again outlined by both groups at the beginning of the meeting.

It is disappointing that councillors voted four votes to three to uphold the deferral, without logical objections against the motion and no acceptance of an alternative compromise motion.

The new Toodyay Shire CEO Aaron Bowman advised that the review would take a minimum of six months to complete.

Judging from history it would be closer to a year to accomplish (note: the review is to be undertaken by a private consultant).

In my view the motion was not a deferral but rather a rejection of the two worthy proposals before them with the motion thrown into the black hole of proposal oblivion.

As chairperson of The Toodyay Community Garden Group I am impressed with the level of commitment and skills the members have exhibited.

They have a passion and a plan for a visionary garden designed for our drying climate.

It would be a place of meeting and friendship, a place of knowledge and be beneficial to the whole community.

It would ultimately be an asset to the shire's visionary aspirations.

Gary Nelmes
Toodyay

Sickening lack of courtesy

IT IS ONLY to the lack of courtesy and hypocrisy shown to my husband that I cannot help but put my thoughts to you after I heard about the recent St John Toodyay Sub Centre 80th Anniversary, celebrated on Saturday August 31 in town.

After viewing the gathering on Facebook I assumed Charlie had been invited or at least advised of the 80-year celebration.

Like other Life Members who were present in the photo and members of the Order of St John especially, he is deserving of a cuppa to celebrate the history of our sub centre.

For over 40 years he volunteered for and supported the sub centre along with many other dedicated volunteers, this would have been a small way that present members and management could have said thank you.

But you should never assume as Charlie received no such invitation to the sub centre building that he virtually helped to build.

He received no advice that the celebration was being organised, even though I clearly remember the sub centre committee at his Life Member presentation, stating he would always be welcome.

So couldn't the sub centre have invited him anyway?

As I have since heard from our friends still involved at the sub centre, St John Regional Management advised they still believe Charlie is unwelcome on the premises and a danger to those around him.

He has been told he is not to step foot on any St John property – this obviously includes an ambulance.

I had hoped this situation had been dealt with.

What am I to do if Charlie has an accident on the farm and he needs the ambulance?

This sordid tale that our family has endured with St John's terrible handling of Charlie's support of local volunteering still continues and I feel as sick about it now as I was when the issue first reared its ugly head.

Alison Wroth
Julimar

Toodyay Rainfall

Recordings and average commenced on 1 January 1907

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	77	85.3					281.1
Average	12.10	14.30	19.50	23.10	54.80	76.90	81.70	60.40	35.40	24.70	12.70	8.80	424.40

A great day in Toodyay with river racing and a colourful food festival

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Not a single competitor was seen by this writer to carry their watercraft around the weir and past the throng of spectators.

Those competitors that came to grief at Extracts with some cartwheeling through the air may in hindsight have preferred the carrying option.

These incidents unfortunately resulted in one powerboat and two minijet participants

sustaining non-life-threatening injuries shortly after entering the formidable whitewater rapids in the area.

The Avon Descent Safety Unit (ADSU) responded with impressive speed and efficiency providing immediate medical attention where required.

St John Ambulance services were also on-site, ensuring the injured participants received the highest possible standard of care and professionalism.

The competitors passed by the Toodyay International Food Festival en route to the overnight camp at Cobbler Pool, before finishing the race the next day.

The Food Festival was a busy event with both Stirling and Dudgee Parks packed with visitors, food vans, stilt walkers and bands pumping out renditions of covers and no doubt some original tunes as well.

The skateboard park was abuzz with a skating competition and many of the young

competitors were getting "air" with some landing to plan and others not so much.

On what was a fine and sunny day it would be fair to say August 10 was a successful day for Toodyay.

After all, it is only once a year that river racers pass through town, and crowds throng Dudgee and Stirling Parks, as well bustling down Stirling Terrace, all on the same day.

In a little less than one year Toodyay does it all again, and why not?



Local man charged with setting fire to ex-partners caravan

Police Beat

With Sgt
Jamie Boryczewski
Toodyay Police Station



search was conducted resulting in cannabis, methamphetamine and a smoking implement being confiscated.

Both drivers involved in the above incidences are due to appear in Northam Magistrate's Court in coming weeks.

We have also received complaints concerning people overtaking at double white lines which is a traffic infringement and worst-case scenario may lead to a car crash resulting in loss of life.

As stated above local police are targeting driver behaviour so please drive respectfully and within the law: and to road conditions.

Our officers are generally out on the road everyday and will not hesitate to approach drivers that may be doing the "wrong thing".

Last month police were called to Toodyay Holiday Park as a man was reported to be carrying a knife.

Gary Jenkins was subsequently arrested and charged for "going armed to cause fear" and later appeared in the local court where he was fined \$900 and court costs.

Toodyay police recently attended an incident in Coondle relating to a structural fire involving a caravan.

A local man was arrested on the night and it is alleged he deliberately set fire to his

ex-partners caravan resulting in him being charged with criminal damage by fire, an offence with a 14 years maximum jail term.

He has been remanded in custody and has a bail application hearing this month at the Northam Magistrate's Court.

We have also been active at local events which from a policing perspective have run smoothly with a case in point being the Avon Descent.

During that event, random breath testing was conducted with about 300 cars stopped

with nil offences which is a good outcome.

Other events which will have a local police presence include the Boshack Rodeo which generally has minimal issues.

On a final note I extend thanks on behalf of the local police team to you the general public regarding the firearms buyback scheme which ended on September 1.

After that date should you wish to surrender a firearm there will be no compensation.

During the buyback 200 to 300 firearms were handed into local police.

THE FOCUS on driver behaviour continues for the local police team especially with the sobering reality that the Wheatbelt has in recent months had several fatal crashes.

Speeding, drug or drink-driving and inattention are key risky driver behaviours linked to increased risk of car crashes – as is fatigue.

If we are aware of suspicious driver behaviour then we will take action such as occurred recently when local police conducted a vehicle stop on Stirling Terrace, Toodyay.

A vehicle search was conducted and officers found a quantity of dexamphetamine and a smoking implement.

Only days later after the above incident a driver was pulled over in Bejoording for random breath testing.

Due to the driver's behaviour a vehicle



Random breath testing.

Licence dispute between shire and Austral Bricks continues

Sean Hefferon

THE SHIRE of Toodyay case against Austral Bricks was due for mediation in Perth at the WA State Administrative Tribunal (SAT) on August 27.

The matter relates to Austral's application to have an extractive industry licence renewed by the shire that would enable the claybrick manufacturer to excavate clay at its Schist Pit in Morangup.

After several months of discussions between the two parties the application was rejected, against the shire officer's recommendation, at the June 2024 meeting of the Toodyay council.

The sticking point for the council that led to their rejection of the Austral application is the number of truck movements proposed by the company – particularly on Saturdays.

Austral trucks would be required to cart clay from Schist Pit along Morangup and Toodyay Roads to the Caversham factory.

At the July council meeting Crs Prater and Madasci raised concerns about the potential effects on tourism of these increased truck movements on a weekend.

The Herald understands the Shire of Toodyay advertised a "request for public comment" in October 2023 regarding Austral's renewal application.

Feedback from a Morangup resident is that community consultation was limited.

Comment was therefore sought from the shire's Executive Manager of Development & Regulation regarding the extent of community consultation.

However after multiple attempts by the Herald a response was not received.

Austral states that there have not been any pit operations or truck cartage since the licence expired on 19 November 2023.

The matter has now been relisted for mediation on November 26 at the administrative tribunal.

Hackers like weak passwords

Computer Safety
Phil Hart

PASSWORDS can be a weak point for social media accounts.

While an increasing number of organisations are using multi-factor authentication, such as an SMS to your mobile phone or sending you an email, social media giants still tend to use only a password for you to sign in.

Your social media account is at much greater risk than your bank account.

Hackers use something called a "dictionary attack" when trying to break into your account.

A dictionary attack uses common words followed by a few numbers.

Passwords with eight or fewer letters and/or digits are particularly vulnerable to dictionary attacks.

One example is "Robert12".

Re-using passwords from other accounts can make matters worse.

If you think your social media account has been hacked, it helps to change your password straight away.

Passwords with 12 or more characters are recommended.

The government of Victoria has a password strength tester at bit.ly/3Atqfd6.

It tells you the strength of your password, how long it would take to crack, and whether or not it has been found in a known data breach.

There are often telltale signs when somebody else's social media account has

been hacked.

It may be a request for money, or for your bank account details.

It may be very vague about what the money is wanted for.

It may be uncharacteristic of the other person.

The spelling may be from the wrong country – American English instead of Australian English.

Asking for specific details can soon unmask any hacker.

Asking a question about something that is known only to you and the account owner is also effective.

Calling or messaging the account owner achieves three things.

It confirms whether or not their account has been hacked.

It also alerts them to the need to change their password.

They can also alert everybody that the hacker has contacted.



Strong passwords are recommended.

Alcohol can harm the unborn baby

Safer Toodyay
Desraé Clarke

WITH September the ninth month of the year, it can make the nine months of a developing child a topic of conversation.

It is exciting to plan a family, but it is also a time to think about the toll the consumption of alcohol will have on the unborn child.

Taking alcohol when pregnant can damage a baby's developing brain and organs resulting in lifelong disabilities known as Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD).

The drinking of alcohol can also cause miscarriage, still-birth and premature birth.

For seeking help to limit, or totally

stop drinking, have a chat to your doctor, specialist or mid-wife.

Family and friends can also help if social get-togethers are alcohol-free, there is no pressure to drink and they do not drink in front of you.

If breastfeeding, continue to avoid drinking alcohol for your baby to develop free of the alcohol-related side effects.

The following link has many avenues of suggestions for a trouble-free pregnancy. <https://everymomentmatters.org.au/alcohol-and-pregnancy/com>.

Police: 131 444

Crime Stoppers: 1800 333 000 or crimestoppers.com.au.

Maddox case adjourned..again

Sean Hefferon

AFTER 18 months the case against Toodyay real estate agent Tony Maddox for alleged breaches of the Aboriginal Heritage Act was expected to have been finalised on August 21.

At least this was Mr Maddox's expectation with closing submissions being provided to the court several months earlier.

This expectation was not met when

the August hearing was adjourned by Magistrate Andrew Matthews with a new hearing set for November 1 in the Perth Magistrates Court.

To date the matter has been adjourned on six occasions.

The specific allegations against Mr Maddox relate to the construction of an all-weather crossing over Boyagerring Brook on his private property.

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Tips for Staying Healthy during the coming Flu and RSV season

St John Toodyay Sub Centre
Monika Williams

AS THE wintery season continues, our ambulance volunteers have noted an increase in callouts from people suffering from respiratory distress.

Health experts are warning the public to brace for an extended flu season coupled with a surge in Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) cases.

With both viruses posing significant risks, particularly to vulnerable populations, it is crucial to take precautionary measures for maintaining community health.

The flu season, which typically peaks between July and October, has shown signs of early activity this year.

Concurrently RSV, a common respiratory virus that causes symptoms similar to flu, is also on the rise.

RSV is particularly concerning for young children, elderly adults, and individuals with weakened immune systems, as it can lead to severe respiratory issues and hospitalisations.

Here are some tips to keep yourself safe. Get Vaccinated: The most effective way to guard against the flu is to receive an annual flu shot.

Vaccination is recommended for everyone six months and over, especially those with chronic health conditions or those who are pregnant.

Practice Good Hygiene: Regular handwashing with soap and water is crucial.

Avoid touching your face, especially the eyes, nose, and mouth, as these are primary entry points for viruses.

Use hand sanitizer with at least 60 per cent alcohol if soap and water are not available.

Avoid Close Contact: If you're feeling unwell, it's best to stay home to prevent spreading illness to others.

Maintain a safe distance from those who are sick and consider wearing masks in crowded or high-risk environments to reduce the spread of respiratory droplets.

Keep Your Environment Clean: Disinfect

commonly touched surfaces like doorknobs, light switches, and phones regularly.

This practice can help reduce the spread of germs in your home or workplace.

Stay Informed: Keep an eye on local health advisories and follow recommendations from health authorities.

Community-level data can provide guidance on how best to protect yourself and your family.

Special attention should be given to the most vulnerable groups, including infants, the elderly, and individuals with chronic health conditions.

Parents should be vigilant for signs of RSV in young children, such as wheezing, rapid breathing, and difficulty breathing.

For the elderly, ensuring they receive their flu vaccinations and monitoring any signs of illness can be lifesaving.

For more information about RSV, refer to the Australian Immunisation Handbook website.

In July our amazing ambulance officers completed 32 jobs, travelling 2292kms and our Community Transport Service drivers transported 13 passengers to their medical appointments in Perth Metro, Midland and Northam.

August was also busy, with 28 jobs, covering 1910kms.

The CTS drivers transported 14 clients to their medical appointments in Perth Metro, Midland and Northam.

Local MP retires

Sean Hefferon

LOCAL Labor politician and Member of the Legislative Council, Darren West will not be recontesting the 2025 Western Australian state election.

After being elected to the WA Parliament in 2013, 2017 and 2021 he will be returning to the family farm in Jennacubbine.

He currently holds the position of Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Energy; Environment; Climate Action.



Michael Black and Dianne Harper having completed their most recent training.

Begin preparing now for summer

Toodyay Central Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade
Peter Brennan

TOODYAY, it's that time of the year again with the unrestricted burning period due to finish on Monday September 30.

If you are burning as a final clean-up before summer, please do so responsibly.

For instance, during September 2023 we responded to seven callouts requiring 94 hours of volunteer time at the incidents.

During this final month, we often receive calls from residents asking the brigade to conduct a burn off on private property.

Our volunteer firefighters are just that.

We fight fires, but do not undertake fire mitigation unless specifically requested to do so by the shire.

For valuable fire related information, residents should visit the Shire of Toodyay website at www.toodyay.wa.gov.au.

Click on Resident Services, then Fire Information and you will find information including managing fuel loads, firebreaks, restrictions and permits, plus more.

From October 1 we move into the spring Restricted Burning Period which lasts until October 31 and anyone wishing to burn during this period will require a permit.

Permits will only be issued for legitimate mitigation outcomes or for primary producer requirements.

Permits are not issued for social occasions, burning of rubbish, or for burning which can

reasonably be deferred or avoided.

October is the time for property owners to think about getting firebreaks and properties prepared for the coming fire season.

Firebreaks do not just provide breaks between vegetation areas but are safe zones firefighting appliances can travel along.

Consequently, they need to meet the criteria laid down by the shire and must be maintained from November 1 through until April 30.

Please take note of the width, condition and clearance height required for firebreaks.

The shire conducts firebreak inspections and penalties do apply for non-compliance.

In the lead up to the coming fire season Toodyay Central Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade members will commence their annual refresher training program.

This training covers a number of key aspects including turnout and return procedures, map reading, radio communications, tyre changing, truck setups, drafting and crew protection drills.

All of this activity helps to reinforce safety on the fire ground.

Congratulations to new members Michael Black and Dianne Harper who have just completed their Fire Fighting Skills course.

This is one of two foundation courses new members must pass before they can go on a fireground.

The other foundation course is Bush Fire Safety Awareness, which Michael and Dianne also recently successfully completed.



(L to R) Roseanne Murfit, Shire Deputy President Shelly Dival, Thomas Leslie.

New Aussies welcomed in Toodyay

Sean Hefferon

AUSTRALIA welcomed two new citizens of our sunburnt country at a ceremony last month in the Toodyay council chambers.

Deputy President Cr Shelly Dival conducted the ceremony in front of the

recipients' families and elected members.

According to the Australian government since 2013-14 an average of 150,000 people become Australian citizens per year.

This is a far cry from 1949 when Australian citizenship was first granted to 2493 people.

Chalice answers forest access query

Sean Hefferon

LAST month *The Herald* questioned Chalice Mining about the miner placing the former Avalon Homestead up for sale.

Ben Goldbloom, General Manager Corporate Development said in response that the property was purchased to accommodate staff working at the Gonneville site.

At the time of purchase, site activity levels were much higher than now because of the focus on completing the resource drill-out.

He added, "The drill-out program has now been completed and, as a result of decreased activity and labour requirements, the property is being sold as the accommodation capacity is surplus to site requirements."

Further questions were also put relating to access to the Julimar State Forest.

Local feedback is that a road (off Keating Road, bordering the Julimar Forest and the Gonneville Project) that accesses the forest is signposted for "Authorised Persons Only".

A resident was concerned that road access

had been restricted by Chalice contractors.

In response Mr Goldbloom said the sign in question, "was put up by the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions when they were doing a controlled burn in that area in April 2023."

"The road was not closed at the direction of Chalice or by contractors engaged by Chalice", Mr Goldbloom added.

Chalice has said previously that the Gonneville Project located 100 per cent on Chalice-owned farmland does not restrict community access to the forest.

In response to a *Herald* question concerning whether the Julimar Project directly north of Gonneville, will impede forest access Mr Goldbloom said, "The Julimar Project is an exploration project that has not progressed beyond early-stage exploration work and does not currently have any drilling activity taking place," and that, "Chalice's activities do not restrict community access to the Julimar State Forest."



Upcoming first aid courses

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Price: \$170.00

When: Thursday 9 May - 8:30AM - 4:30PM
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Saturday 26 October - 8:30AM - 4:30PM
Saturday 30 November - 8:30AM - 4:30PM

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Noongar Trail years in the making 'operational' and free to access

Noongar Kaartdijin
Aboriginal
Corporation



Noongar Kaartdijin Aboriginal
Corporation

FOR THE past three years the corporation, through its volunteer trail team, has been busy developing the Noongar Trail which has eleven locations over 9 kilometres.

You can take a walk, self-drive or guided tour (when available) and learn about the rich cultural heritage of the Noongar people's connection to this boodja (land).

The experience takes you alongside bilya (river), across kaarta (hills), into museums and on ancient bidi (walk tracks).

While the Noongar Trail is now 'operational' and free to access by local and visitors alike, there are a few signs still to be installed.

The official launch with all sponsors will

take place in early 2025.

Brochures are now available at the Toodyay Visitor Centre, along with a 'Welcome' mural and a large trail map.

The trail highlights are many and include: foods from bush and waterways, trade and ancient practice, dark history since colonisation (a national award winning display at Newcastle Gaol Museum), traditional shelters, Aboriginal engagement in shearing and agricultural industries, Noongar night sky and Noongar spirituality.

Through exploring landscapes, sites and ancient paths, trail participants are invited to reconnect with boodja and gain an appreciation for the enduring relationship between the Noongar people and their environment.

After the official launch, the corporation will lead a tour for all sponsors and other persons who have been with us along this journey.

If you would like to book your own guided tour please contact 'Dudja Dreaming Cultural Services' here in Toodyay direct (dudjadreaming.com.au).

Toodyay is surely leading the way in trail



Latest signage along the trail near Boyagerring Brook.

experiences (both Aboriginal and European).

With the Noongar Trail project installations near complete, the corporation is now looking to provide regular Noongar information, theme displays, art works and activities within the centre of Toodyay town.

Do you know of a building that is available? Or are you a local business or service that has a 'room' available?

We are keen to set up an educational/awareness attraction, which we know will bring additional economic opportunity to other businesses in town too.

If you know of anything, please get back to our (volunteer) projects coordinator Helen Shanks on email: noongarkaartdijin@gmail.com to set up a meeting.

Toodyay's industrial heritage forgotten by many is worth seeking out

Toodyay Historical Society Inc
Robyn Taylor, Vice President

WHEN talking about Toodyay's heritage we can be forgiven for thinking 'old cottages and ruins in the countryside' and 'gold-boom pubs in the main street'.

Give a thought to another type of heritage that's not so visible, in fact almost entirely hidden from view.

Industrial heritage is often forgotten because of this apparent invisibility.

Often, it's only known through history books, old maps and above ground traces if you know where to look.

Sites in or close to town include Charcoal Lane, the carpark behind the IGA, with only the name giving a hint of where the early railway line for steam trains was located.

Also, the name of Extracts Weir, upstream on the Avon created to service industrial extracts for producing tannin from the sawdust of harvested wandoo eucalypt trees.

Toodyay has many remnants of old railway lines that were once essential for travel and transporting the produce of Toodyay farmers, wine growers and orchardists to market.

The ruins of one early railway bridge can be seen when walking downstream from Duidgee Park towards the Caravan Park.

This bridge carried the tracks leading to Bolgart.

A piece of the rail line is seen on the other side of the river, past the Showgrounds crossing the path on Toodyay Street.

The remnant was exposed and made safe for walkers as part of the Toodyay Friends of the River's 'West Toodyay Wander' created



Historical Society members at the site of the old Bakers Hill Railway Station. Photo: Vicki Warburton, 2024.

along the old railway embankment as part of a new walk track.

In July this year, one of our committee members and local farmer Brian Wood led us on an enlightening tour of discovery of railway remnants along the Clackline Road.

Brian grew up in Toodyay on the family farm that adjoins Coorinja and vividly remembers the railway that serviced local farms, including those taking a holiday at the renowned Key Farm guest house.

The 1917 map illustrates well-known stops between the town of Toodyay and Clackline: Lloyds Crossing, Key Farm, Coorinja, Hoddys Well, Lawnswood and Clackline

where it joins the line to Spencer's Brook to the east, and Baker's Hill to the west.

We made stops along the way, including a look at Ringa railway bridge near Coorinja winery, and walked off-road into the bush to look at industrial archaeological sites, such as the Hoddy's Well and Nanamoolan Sidings, remnants of rail lines and puzzling concrete structures, ending with a visit to the Bakers Hill Station site.

By then it was lunch time at the Summer Creek Restaurant and Brewery where we were given a pre-lunch talk on Summer Creek's history that dates back to 1884 when Edward Keen built his home and established

one of the first wineries in the state.

After a very generous repast and savouring a glass or two of excellent beer, we continued our journey to view the 1929 Clackline monument, erected by the pupils of Clackline to 'Commemorate the Centenary of the British colonisation of West Australia', and suitably depicting a recumbent British lion on top, and a black swan on the plaque.

We moved on to have a look at the Clackline Railway Station site.

A very big thankyou to our President Beth Frayne and Brian Wood for a well-planned excursion on a beautiful winter's day.

Instead of an excursion this month there will be a busy bee at Donegan's Cottage in the Showgrounds on Friday September 27 from 7am.

Bring rakes, gardening gloves and tools, dusters and other tools that may be useful.

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

Contacts: *Where and When* on page 31.



Clackline to Piawaning railway map, 1917. (Wikimedia Commons).



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A community effort has done much to prepare the scenic course for the September races.

Track is all set for the 2024 Toodyay Cup

Sean Hefferon

THE TOODYAY Cup and Picnic Race Day returns to Toodyay this year after being held at Belmont since 2022.

The winning horse in the 1988 Toodyay Cup was named "Bite the Bullet" and that is what the Toodyay Race Club has done in preparing for the Toodyay Cup to be held on September 22.

Chairman of the Toodyay Race Club Stephen Ferguson estimates that over the last several months \$500,000 has been spent on maintenance and improvement works on the track and course buildings.

With the support of the Shire of Toodyay there is a new roof over the bar area which itself has a newly refurbished horseshoe bar.

Earlier in 2024 the Toodyay council approved spending of up to \$200,000 on replacing the roof.

Racing and Wagering WA provided the plastic inside railing and the contractors to install it.

Other works have included the demolition of the old ablation block, TAB building and jockeys' room, as well as the installation of a number of general purpose demountable units.

However, this is by no means the full list of works that have been done out at the local racecourse.

All this work was challenging but would have been more so without the support of volunteers, and there is more work to be done.

Volunteers have been at the heart of what is a solid community effort and Mr Ferguson said that over the last several months some 25 to 30 volunteers have stepped up to help with all manner of jobs.

At least a dozen or more local companies have also assisted the race club by way of donations or providing work at cost only.

All this work hasn't gone unnoticed with the travel show *Destination WA* late last month presenting a story on the return of the historic Toodyay horse racing event to the Avon Valley.

Perth-based Rohan Jewellers has also come forward to donate bespoke jewellery valued at \$5000 for the winner of the Best Dressed Lady in the 2024 Fashions on the Field contest.

The hard work appears to be paying off and although the final proof of such may be on race day, Mr Ferguson said that the club wanted to make the course facilities "good enough for any event".

He added the club is open to other events such as showjumping or rodeos although this would require reviewing the current lease arrangements with the shire.

Giddy Up!

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SHIRE OF TOODYAY NOTICES

Shire of Toodyay Fire-Break Notice

Pursuant to Section 33 of the *Bush Fires Act 1954*, all residents and ratepayers within the Shire of Toodyay are required to comply with the requirements set out in this notice.

Due Date: 1 November Annually **Maintained Until:** 30 April Annually

NB: If you purchase land during this period you have 14 days from purchase to comply with this order.

Failure to comply may result in a fine or prosecution

1. All land less than or equal to 1 hectare

- 1.1 All land with an area less than 1 hectare (2.47 acres) are required to be fire hazard reduced by ensuring:
- grass height does not exceed 100mm; and
 - no tree crowns overhang the building; and
 - Total available fuel load is maintained at 2 tonnes per hectare or lower.

2. All land greater than 1 hectare

2.1 Land up to and including 200 hectares in size shall have a fire-break cleared and maintained within 10 metres of the external boundary.

2.2 Land exceeding 200 hectares in size shall have fire-breaks cleared and maintained so as to divide the property into parcels of land less than 200 hectares.

2.3 A fire-break shall be cleared and maintained within 15 metres from external walls of buildings and around haystacks, solar panels and fuel storage areas.

2.4 A 20 metre wide Asset Protection Zone (low fuel area) shall be maintained from external walls of buildings and around haystacks, fuel storage areas such that:

- grass height does not exceed 100mm; and
- no tree crowns overhang the building; and
- Total available fuel load is maintained at 2 tonnes per hectare or lower.

2.5 A fire-break shall be cleared and maintained immediately surrounding a stationary motor.

DEFINITION: Fire-break – An area cleared of all inflammable materials 3 metres horizontally (wide) and 4 metres vertically (high).

Additional Restrictions during the Limited Burning Times

Pursuant to Section 24G(2) and Section 25(1a) of the *Bush Fires Act 1954* and applicable to all persons, the burning of garden refuse and lighting of camping or cooking fires is prohibited within the Local Government district of Toodyay during the Prohibited Burning Period. Furthermore, pursuant to Section 24G(2) of the *Bush Fires Act 1954* and applicable to all persons, the burning of garden refuse is prohibited within the Local Government district of Toodyay during the Restricted Burning Period unless a valid permit to burn has been obtained from a Fire Control Officer. Section 24C (Terms Used) of the *Bush Fires Act 1954* contains definitions relevant to this notice.

Carrying of Fire Extinguishers during the Limited Burning Times

Pursuant to Section 27(3) of the *Bush Fires Act 1954*, and applicable to all persons, the Shire of Toodyay prohibits the operation of any tractor or self-propelled harvester without a fire extinguisher being carried within in the Local Government district of Toodyay during the Restricted Burning Period and Prohibited Burning Period. Section 27(5) of *Bush Fires Act 1954* and regulations 3 and 37(2) of the *Bush Fire Regulations 1954* contain definitions relevant to this notice.

Operation of Internal Combustion Engine Model Aircraft during the Limited Burning Times

Pursuant to Regulation 38A(1) of the *Bush Fires Regulations 1954*, and applicable to all persons during the Restricted Burning Period and Prohibited Burning Period, the Shire of Toodyay prohibits the operation of any internal combustion engine model aircraft when for any day, or any period of a day, the fire danger forecast by the Bureau of Meteorology in Perth in respect of the locality of operation is "high" or above. Operation is permitted during forecast fire danger of "moderate" or below where; fuel load being over flown is less than 1 tonne per hectare or maximum 100 millimetres grass height; and a fire-break cleared of all inflammable materials 3 metres horizontally (wide) and 4 metres vertically (high) fully surrounds the over flown area; and three abled bodied persons with ability to extinguish a fire are present; and two fire fighting vehicles of capacity not less than 500 litres each with minimum 20 meters long 19 millimetres diameter hose capable of delivering minimum 120 litres of water per minute at 700 kilopascals are present. The above notice does not withstand any other subsequent declaration made under Regulation 38A(1) of the *Bush Fires Regulations 1954*, or declaration of a Total Fire Ban.

Shire of Toodyay Bush Fire Control Officers

Pursuant to Section 38 of the *Bush Fires Act 1954*, the Shire of Toodyay advises appointment of the following persons as Bushfire Control Officers for the Shire of Toodyay.

Craig Stewart (Chief Bush Fire Control Officer), Nicholas Griggs (Deputy Bush Fire Control Officer 1), Robert Koch (Deputy Bush Fire Control Officer 2), Garry Forsyth, Ian MacGregor, Charles Wroth, Robert Scobie, Jeffrey Venn, Peter Brennan, Wesley Sutton, Shayne Willcocks, Joseph Tenardi, Ebony Francis.

Aaron Bowman – Chief Executive Officer
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Tick tock goes the old mantle clock

Volunteers of Toodyay Museums.
 Barry Keens

DESPITE the wintry weather there was a regular flow of visitors to both museums last month.

We now look forward to spring bringing even more visitors to our local museums.

It is interesting that we often get visitors coming to the Old Gaol Museum (OGM) before they get into Toodyay town itself.

We had a visit by a group from the Historical Society and we point out that all Toodyay and District groups are welcome to both museums at no cost.

Please let the Toodyay Visitor Centre know so that we can have staff on hand.

Mentioning staff, we need more volunteers to man the OGM during the week and enquiries can be made at the visitor centre.

One of the interesting items on display is a c1850 Mantle Clock donated by the Syred family, (see picture).

This is one of only three clocks in our collection and perhaps it is time that we asked if there are many of that age that may be donated to the museum?



The c1850 Mantle Clock donated by the Syred family.

The Bolgart bells

BOLGART'S version of the Swan Bells Tower in Perth is an example of country ingenuity and hard work.

For the Wheatbelt version local volunteers used a windmill base constructed with local rocks and topped with copper shingle made from recycled water heater tanks.

The bell and plaques were funded by donations from throughout Western Australia.

The tower was officially opened on 21 November 1999 by the Premier of Western Australia, Richard Court.

If in Bolgart to check out the tower the local Bolgart Hotel built in 1916 is worth a visit.

The community owned pub does great meals and serves a refreshing pint.



The Bolgart Bell Tower.

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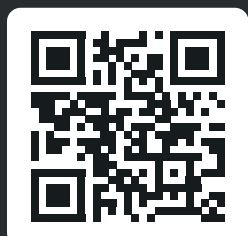
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Our 'Reading is magic' book sale raises over \$1000 for students

Toodyay District High School P&C Tash Hof

THE PAST few months have been fantastic at the Toodyay DHS Parents & Citizens (P&C) committee.

We've welcomed new members, hosted vibrant stalls, and explored exciting initiatives at our term meetings.

A magical & successful book sale
OUR RECENT "Reading is Magic" second-hand book sale was a great success.

The students' enthusiasm was contagious as they eagerly spent their pocket money to delve into new literary adventures.

By sale end we had raised an incredible \$1010 which will be reinvested in resources and events for our students.

The joy of reading truly shone through and we couldn't be more thrilled.

Carnival fun

AUGUST 16 Toodyay DHS hosted an unforgettable "Olympic" Faction Carnival.

The students gave their all in every race, on a day filled with energy and camaraderie.

The highlight for many was the Parent-Teacher-Student race, where the parents emerged victorious.



The Toodyay DHS "Reading is Magic" second-hand book sale, which raised over \$1000 for the school.

Our P&C treat stall was also a hit, bringing in over \$400 in profit.

The atmosphere was electric, showcasing the strong sense of community and belonging that defines our school events.

Looking ahead

THERE'S plenty ahead to be excited about

such as the Nana Bingo on October 12, a night for parents to let loose and have fun.

Then we host our Halloween Disco on November 1 where students can dance the night away in their spookiest costumes.

With so much to celebrate and look forward to these events promise to be highlights of

the year.

If you'd like to join our supportive P&C team and contribute to our school community, please reach out to the school office for more information.

We'd love to have you on board and as we know many hands make light work.

From choir voices to chopsticks

Toodyay District High School Tonia Demeur

Choir-Big Voice and new uniform
OUR CHOIR students looked amazing in uniforms inspired by a design from Emily Rose, one of our students.

We have created a look that truly represents our choir spirit

A big thankyou to Bendigo Bank Toodyay for your generous support.

The school choir went to Perth for the One Big Voice event at the RAC Arena in August.

A fantastic day with 157 schools participating over two concerts.

All choir students had the chance to apply for the coveted role of compere at this event.

Several of our students applied and Torah Pearce was chosen to speak at this event.

Well done, Torah, we are so proud of you.

The One Big Voice event was a very special experience for all involved.

Athletics Carnival
FRIDAY August 16 was the perfect day for our 'Olympics', a day that showcased a sense of community with families cheering on our enthusiastic competitors.

We are still in awe of those competitors who shone on the day and of those who kept doing their best even when it was tough.

The competitors demonstrated our two Positive Behaviour Support foci for the term - do your best and be proud of yourself and your school.

Kindy students "Going Japanese"
ON AUGUST 13, the Kindys dived into Japanese culture and language.

Thank you very much to Erina, Malik's Mum, for coming in.

The students learnt greetings, body parts, and how to write their names in Katakana.

They learnt the song 'Heads, shoulders, knees and toes' and an 'Obento box' sung in Japanese.

They then watched a clip on the Shinkansen, the bullet train and were fascinated with how fast it goes through tunnels under the ocean.

Erina and Miss de Ruiter dressed up in traditional dress, wearing a Yukata, a casual summer Kimono.

We then had a go using chopsticks to eat our fruit.

Bike Education
THE PRE-Primary students and their parents participated in a bike education workshop organised by Mrs Withers.

The bike safety awareness morning was supported by Rose Power from SDERA (School Drug Education and Road Aware).

The students also decorated their helmets, which looked amazing.

Congratulations to Aoife Butler and Leo Jenkins who won the best decorated helmets.

Congratulations to the Hurst and Harling families who were the winners of a 'raffle'.

First Ever Sport Report
Baden Cameron, Year 6

THIS year is flying by with two terms out the window.

During first term we had our swimming carnival held at the Toodyay Recreation Centre organised by our friendly staff, P&C, student prefects and faction captions.

Some of us were able to make the interschool competition, held in Wongan Hills and came back with a few medals.

Toodyay DHS has the honour of hosting the 2024 Interschool Athletics Carnival later this year.

Indonesia Comes to Toodyay
Baden Cameron and Kirra Cottam, Year 6.

THIS year we have had some awesome events, but the stand-out was the Indonesia lesson organised by Mrs Aliaga, our Indonesian teacher.

This included a short music lesson, where we learned to play the angklung.

This traditional Indonesian instrument is basically two to four hollow tubes on a frame, made of bamboo, which you play by rattling it from side to side.

Each angklung has a different pitch and playing the instrument is difficult because you have to rattle it quite fast.

We also learned Poco-Poco, a popular Indonesian line dance from the North Maluku province.

Finally, we learned how to make Dadar Galung, a delicious Indonesian pancake filled with coconut and palm sugar.

Terima kasih Mrs Ali for organising such an interesting event.



The Kindy students 'Going Japanese' and trying their hand at eating with chopsticks.

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Annual Car Cruise

Kevin Bradney

MY ANNUAL car cruise destination is usually a secret, but by writing for *The Toodyay Herald* most participants can probably guess where it will end this year.

My car cruise was first held in 2011 and has continued to be enjoyed by those who've come along each year.

This year it will be held on Sunday November 3.

It was born out of the idea that as I'd been on so many car cruises and attended so many car shows over a number of years I thought to myself, "Why can't I start something like this?"

In 2011, I had planned the cruise route from Cannington, touring around Perth to the finishing point in Gosnells.

The routes have an estimated run time of no longer than two hours and every year the

finishing point is different just to keep people guessing as to where we'll be going.

The cruise usually has a break somewhere around the middle of the route, mainly to allow people to stretch their legs.

A short stop allows any of the cars to cool down if need be and for any stragglers to catch up.

Goodie Bags are presented to each entrant and we have a barbecue and live entertainment at the destination.

A run sheet is given to all entrants so that they know route on the day and a lucky door prize is awarded at the end.

It's not about how much money people have spent on their cars but enjoying a social day out with like-minded people who happen to own a Ford Falcon.

Look at the video link <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vIhYWfLg0w&t=88s> for details of the 2023 cruise.

If you own or can borrow a Ford Falcon and

would like to join us for the cruise, please get in touch with me on 0402 752 488 or email locoman3830@optusnet.com.au.

I need people to keep on cruising with us each year just to keep it viable, so the more the merrier.

Anyone wishing to take part as a 'Camera car' entrant, please apply as volunteer whether or not you have a show car to drive – any make or model is OK.

Although I live in Armadale I'm often up at Toodyay on the first and third Sunday of each month as I'm a member of the Toodyay Miniature Railway which is always a great deal of fun.

I also have my own miniature train which I love driving as often as I can and for the technically minded, my train is similar to the 1st generation (A series) Perth suburban electric trains.

It runs off 2 x 12volt deep cycle batteries making 24volts in total to drive the two electric motors of 450watts each which make it move along the tracks.

I have to admit that I chose to bring the car cruise to Toodyay this year as the miniature railway will be operating on the same day so it should be a good day all round.

Don't be a specsaver donate them

Spectacle Round-Up 2024

Patricia de Soto-Phillips

ARE YOUR old spectacles cluttering up your drawers or other spaces?

Now is a good time to donate them to Lions Recycle for Sight.

Boxes for old spectacles will soon be placed around Toodyay including the IGA, Toodyay Pharmacy, the Anglican and Catholic Churches and Cash for Cans.

The boxes will then be collected on November 29 and 30.

With the help of Fr Stephen and Fr Reuben, the donated spectacles will go to the Lions Recycle for Sight Australia program.

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For any further information, please phone 9574 2122 or 0405 242 483.



If you own a Ford Falcon, please join us on the Cruise in 2024.

Annual fundraising wood raffle

Toodyay Masonic Lodge No 37

Charlie Wroth

IT WAS very satisfying to hold our annual fundraising wood raffle last month in our normal cold position of the IGA foyer.

Once again, we were overwhelmed with the support shown by the Toodyay community for our group, so thank you to each and every one of you.

I am pleased to say that the winner of the trailer load of wood was Shelley – ticket number E51.

The wood was delivered to Shelley's door and a happier winner I have never seen.

If anybody is interested in joining the Freemasons, we meet on the fourth Thursday of each month at our Lodge Rooms at 7pm.

For any further information, please contact Richard on 0431 134 673.



Shelley, the very happy winner of our wood raffle which was held in August.

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Grand opening of the Bolgart Community Op shop on 7th September

Bolgart Community News

Pam McGill

BOLGART will hold a Grand Opening of their own Bolgart Community Op shop on Saturday 7 September 2024 from 10am until 2pm.

The Op shop is set up to raise money to improve the Bolgart Community, so come along and visit our Op shop and have a browse.

Opening hours will be:

Wednesday Noon – 4pm
 Thursday Noon – 4pm
 Friday 10am – 2pm
 Saturday 10am – 2pm

Men looking after men & the community

Moondyne Men Inc

Colin Bird

FOLLOWING our monthly Saturday breakfast we conducted our Annual General Meeting, where elections took place for our new executive team.

A new chairperson Owen Webb and vice chairperson Peter Phillips were elected and existing treasurer Barry Squires and secretary Colin Bird were returned unopposed.

Again this year our group assisted the Toodyay Shire with traffic control and packing up for the International Food Festival.

We are still awaiting an outcome from the Toodyay Shire regarding the lease of the Old Tennis Clubrooms to have as our own meeting place, but we are very grateful for the use of the Toodyay Community Resource Centre as our current meeting place.

The process regarding the lease was supposed to have been finalised and a decision made at the August 2024 Ordinary Council Meeting.

However, that did not occur and a decision will only be made after a Building and Facilities review is undertaken and no definite time frame has been placed on this matter.

Moondyne Men Inc, are men looking after men and the community.

For further information please contact the secretary Colin Bird on 0424 195 003.

Bolgart School News

WELCOME back to Miss King - we hope you enjoyed your long service leave.

Students travelled to Wongan Hills to sing at the Music Feste which was hosted by Cadoux Primary School

A big congratulations to the students, Mrs Penrice and Mrs Fenney who worked hard to ensure the day was a success.

Students competed in the VPSSA cross country event held in Yerecoin.

Everyone tried very hard and pushed through to complete their race.

A special congratulations to Chloe French who was runner-up in her event.

Aussie of the Month Award went to Rocket O'Sullivan and Tyne Judson.

Merit Certificate went to Nicholas French, Loic Zimmermann, and Zoey White.

Country Women's Association

ON FRIDAY July 26, 85 people attended a lunch to celebrate Bolgart CWA's 100th Birthday.

Guests included CWA State President Felicity Edwards, Victoria Plains Deputy CEO Colin Ashe, Bolgart CWA members and their guests and CWA members from surrounding branches.

A lovely hot lunch was served, with sweets to follow, and the cutting of a 100th cake to mark the special occasion.



Bolgart CWA Members cutting the cake at their 100th Birthday.

Golf News

KATH Travers Memorial Trophy, sponsored by Mark and Rosie Travers was won by Pam McGill, runner-up Jenni Knowles.

Merle Manuel Trophy – winner Pam McGill, runner-up Nolene Kaszanski.

Renae Syme Trophy – winner Pam McGill, runner-up Serena Syred.

Adele Ludemann Trophy hidden partners sponsored by Sue Ludemann – winners Nolene Kaszanski and Vivienne Camerer, runners-up Serena Syred and Pam McGill.

Congratulations to all the ladies who travelled to Gingin Golf Club to compete in the Avon Valley Championships over three days.

Congratulations also to Nolene Kaszanski and Therese Chitty on coming runners-up in the 4BBB competition on the Wednesday.

Congratulations to Joy Hamilton on being runner-up to Nolene Kaszanski on winning the 36 hole Nett Championship Polly Whitfield Rose Bowl.

Nolene was also runner-up in the 36 hole gross Championship Bronze division.

Ladies Bolgart Golf Champion 2024 is Joy Hamilton – runner-up Jenni Knowles.

Nett Winner 2024 is Pam McGill – runner-up Jenni Knowles.

Men played their Championship rounds and Fairlea cup over two days.

Mens Bolgart Golf Champion 2024 is Todd

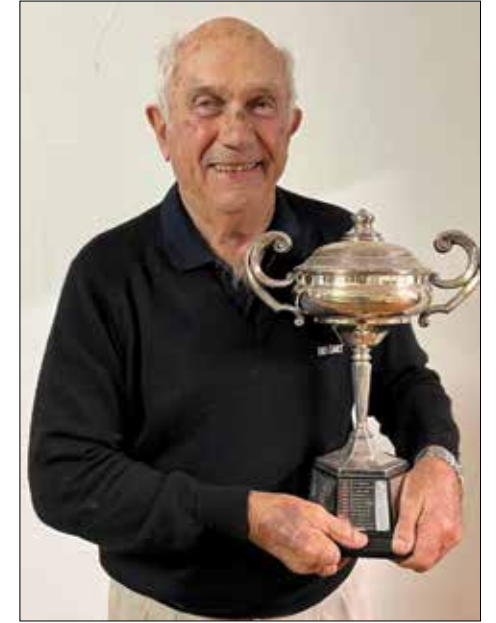
Meston – runner-up Justin Edmonds.

Fairlea Cup Winner is Geoff Ludemann – runner-up Todd Meston.

Thank you to our very generous Sponsors Lester and Pip Snooke – Bolgart Rural Merchandise.



Winner of the Polly Whitfield Bowl played at Gingin Avon Valley Ladies Golf Championship in Gingin – Nolene Kaszanski.



Fairlea Cup Winner 2024 Geoff Ludemann.

CBH Pre-Harvest Meetings

The pre-harvest meetings are an opportunity to get involved in planning for your local sites and hear about any important changes for the coming harvest. We encourage and welcome everyone to come along and provide input.

Date	Time	Location	Sites
18/9	9am	MECKERING SPORTS CLUB	MECKERING
18/9	12pm	GOOMALLING COMMUNITY CENTRE	GOOMALLING
19/9	9am	KELLERBERRIN REC CENTRE	KELLERBERRIN / DOODLAKINE / KODJ KODJIN
19/9	1pm	CUNDERDIN CRC	CUNDERDIN / TAMMIN / WATERCARRIN
24/9	10:30am	AVON CBH OFFICE	AVON / MEENAAR
24/9	3pm	CALINGIRI FOOTBALL CLUB	CALINGIRI
25/9	10am	QUAIRADING CRC	QUAIRADING / YOTING / MAWSON
25/9	3pm	YORK COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTRE	YORK / GREENHILLS

For more information, contact your local CBH office or visit cbh.com.au/harvest/pre-harvest-meetings



Climbing through canola can lead to being poisoned

Toodyay Agricultural Alliance
Kirsten Carrington-Jones

AS WE move into September, most broadacre farmers have finished spreading fertiliser and many are currently spraying fungicide on various crops.

You may have seen spray planes and even a helicopter that has been parked near the Toodyay tip.

One of the crops being sprayed is canola. This raises the annual reminder that there are issues with people climbing fences to take photos in canola flowers.

Firstly, it is trespassing, but more concerning is the fact that crops may have been recently sprayed and poisoning could occur if people climb through crops that have remnants of spray on them.

Concerning for farmers, are the potential biosecurity risks posed by people climbing fences into farms.

Please don't enter farming properties without express permission.

This is for the safety of all parties.

The recent rain has been a relief, but after such a dry summer we are still about 200mm short of median rainfall.

We would love to see some more between now and hay cutting.

At this stage most farms would be anticipating an average yield at best.

Hay cutting may start some time in September, depending on the weather.

You will see swaths in the paddocks, which will be turned and baled when they are ready.

Fingers crossed we won't have any rain on the hay paddocks during this time.

Sheep farmers would be keeping an eye on blow flies as wet conditions, green feed and flies are not a good combination.

Shorn sheep are less likely to suffer from fly strike. Others may be treated with a preventative treatment.

Livestock prices have started to gather some upward momentum, which we hope will continue.

You may have noticed a number of paddock-to-plate operations around the state, with at least one local Toodyay operation, Nugrove Grazing.

Paddock-to-plate is garnering support from consumers and farmers by 'cutting out the middleman'.

Usually the result is fresher, local produce at a reduced price.

You will have seen signs for the Dowerin Field Days and maybe wondered what it is.

The Dowerin Field Days is a two-day event that brings agricultural machinery, technology providers, bankers, government departments, and other suppliers to agriculture to Dowerin to showcase their wares.

Farmers from across the state attend this event and other field days to seek information, see demonstrations of new equipment and ideas in the agriculture sector.

There will be new machines revealed for the first time, results of trials held on cropping pasture and livestock management, and plenty of miscellaneous things to view.

This year is the 60th year of the field days, which started with a small group of locals in the 1960's.

No doubt, the size and array of machinery there this year would have been incomprehensible to the start-up committee in the 60s.

If you fancy climbing into a harvester, tractor or sprayer this might be your perfect daytrip.

The greed of a few sadly affects the many

Toodyay Locals Care
Jacquie Lucas

TO START the month off on a sad note, Toodyay Locals Care has made the difficult decision to keep the freezer and dry goods storage locked at all times due to the greed of a few.

People will still be able to access the food from these areas, but only during the times the building is attended.

Please knock/ring the doorbell and, if there, someone will come out and unlock it for you.

It is very frustrating that the actions of a few affect many but we cannot afford to keep replacing food when it is taken in large quantities by the same individuals.

Yes, you are on camera.

On the positive side, did you come and see us at the International Food Festival?

It was a glorious day and the place was buzzing with excitement and energy.

Thank you so much to the Shire of Toodyay staff who worked tirelessly to make the event such a success.

During August, Roz spoke at a local church to raise awareness of TLC.

Local churches have been extremely supportive of our organisation and we are very grateful.

We are also grateful for our vegetable patch which is growing like crazy and the milder winter weather meant even our tomatoes grew vigorously.

On the weekend of the August 24, two of our silkie chickens were entered into the State Silkie Show – read next month to see how they went.

Thanks to Animal Rescue Cooperative (ARC), we still have wet and dry cat and dog food available.

If you need pet food, please call Roz or send her a text (please don't leave a voice message), on 0427 744 352 to arrange a

mutually agreed pickup time.

Don't forget Friday nights at The Club. Remember you do not have to be a member initially and the capable bar staff will help sort out your queries.

After all where else can you get a delicious three course meal for \$25?

Keep an eye out on Facebook for the weekly menu.

Calling past Lions Club members

Lions Lines
Heather McNamara – Secretary

THE TOODYAY Lions Club was established in 1976, and is part of the worldwide family of Lions, the largest service organisation on the planet.

In 2026, the Club will be celebrating its 50th Anniversary.

Our Charter has the names of 29 Toodyay families, some of whom are still residing in Toodyay or surrounds.

One charter member, John Pearce, is a current active member and many are life members.

We are looking for past members and families to assist in the collation of memories of our Toodyay Lions Club and are interested in interviewing past and current members for our celebrations.

Any information will be of benefit; please contact Heather on 0436 019 991 or email toodyay.wa@lions.org.au.

You can also come to see us at the Toodyay Farmers Market on September 15.



A thriving canola crop, but please don't climb the fence to take photos from amongst the canola – trespassing, poisoning and biosecurity risks may arise if you enter these fields.



Roz Davidson with produce from the mushroom patch.



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