

170th Toodyay Agricultural Show on Saturday Oct 5

Toodyay Agricultural Society
Alison Wroth

THERE is only a month until the 170th Toodyay Agricultural Show on Saturday October 5.

The Show Schedule books are out late this year and we must apologise, especially to the members, for this delay.

The schedule programme is itself delayed but it will be uploaded to the website as soon as it is ready so everyone will have access.

The cost of the schedule has gone up to \$5 this year to cover the cost of printing.

Both the schedule and entry form can be downloaded and printed from our website.

Many do that now as the maximum number printed this year is 300 copies.

If you are a TAS Member the schedule will be mailed to you.

If you are not a member grab your book quickly from either the Visitors Centre, Toodyay Shire Offices, Makit Hardware or the Toodyay & Districts Community branch of Bendigo Bank.

Entry forms along with a bank receipt for your fee deposit can once again be emailed direct to our Show Recorder, which saves time for everybody.

If you do not want to take up this option you can still drop entry forms with the correct money in a sealed envelope at the Toodyay Visitors Centre.

Entry forms will be accepted up to noon on Saturday September 29; please lodge entries early.

Both the Facebook page and our website www.toodyayagsociety.com.au are ways of accessing the Society, especially if you have queries for a groundspace opportunity at the show in the trade or food van areas.

Now is the time when all the marvellous cooks in the district come out to bake the biscuits, that traditional show Schedule Cake or the President's Favourite Recipe, which this year is a "Dundee Cake".

I will give it another shot myself.

We've all got plenty of time to practice and

if you bake a cake you believe would win that gold "TAS Best Exhibit" sash, put it in the freezer and send in your entry.

Just make sure the exhibit is defrosted on show day.

The Bread section was bare last year, so if you have a bread maker, throw a mixture in the night before and see how it goes.

Bread makes for a wonderful exhibit and crowds love it at the auction later in the day.

Our stewards pre-show meeting will be held on Saturday September 14 at the Youth Hall at 9am, followed by morning tea.

The Show Recorder and Schedule Coordinator Brendan will be available, so if you are a steward please do attend. Brendan will be there to go through the judging file and will answer queries relating to data input and the collation of the file.

We have a few new stewards this year, so please advise me if you can't attend and we can catch up on another day.

I will be sending the regular bulk email around to all stewards to confirm the dates and meeting agenda in the next week.

I have not mentioned the historic bar building at the showgrounds in any of our articles as we are all thinking positive.

We are in a holding pattern and will wait to see what can be done with the builder and the Toodyay Shire so that the bar building will once again be in action for this year's big 170th Agricultural Show.

Steam Engines will again be strutting their stuff at the 170th Toodyay Agricultural Show on October 5.



Helping the elderly stay in place at home

Staying In Place Toodyay Districts
Hamish Dobie

STAYING In Place Toodyay Districts (SIPTD) is now operational.

The Staying in Place model helps older people in rural and remote WA by providing flexibility in provision of services.

By engaging with seniors who need help to stay comfortably and safely in their own homes, SIPTD helps develop a social support relationship while determining their individual needs.

Social benefits include prevention of loneliness and isolation by empowering our seniors with aged care packages.

This means seniors can remain living in their own homes with the support they need provided by local care workers.

SIPTD is a Toodyay based not-for-profit community organisation offering services to those who want a change from the traditional method delivered by aged care service providers.

With local care workers, SIPTD can reduce costs by reducing travel time charged to an aged care package by service providers.

Whether you already have an aged care package, or you think you may now be eligible for one, or even if you or your partner haven't considered seeking help with the everyday chores that have become much harder than they used to be, please contact SIPTD for information and advice.

You may be eligible for an aged care package to make your life easier and more enjoyable.

An example of the benefit the Staying In Place model can provide is as follows.

An elderly couple who are living in a regional town were finding day-to-day living more difficult.

The husband was working locally, although experiencing mobility problems and his wife, also had health issues.

These problems meant they were no longer socially active and felt isolated.

They contacted the local Staying In Place,

who came to their home and interviewed them, provided information on what help they may be entitled to, and arranged an assessment for an aged care package.

This resulted in the husband receiving a Level 3 package and his wife a Level 4 package from the federal government.

They were then able to afford to have support workers to clean and maintain their home, supply transport for shopping, hospital and social visits.

It also provided a gardener to maintain their large garden, of which the husband had always been proud but which had now become too much for him.

All the support workers were locals so they could discuss local issues, removing that feeling of isolation felt by the couple.

Local Toodyay support workers are engaged as independent self-employed contractors, registered, certified and supported through the Mable job platform

The platform also covers insurance and administration for support workers who earn more per hour, get local free training and work flexible hours.

This flexibility allows for part-time options such as working within school hours or for retirees who want to help someone in the community, whether to go for walks or do crafts and other activities.

Nursing assistance, home maintenance and gardening are examples of the assistance needed to help seniors to stay in their homes.

Local businesses are being engaged to provide services, such as pharmacy, hotels, meal preparation and delivery.

The revenue earned adds to the economic growth of Toodyay.

Charmeine Duri is the SIPTD Case Manager, and she will be happy to answer any queries you may have.

She will explain how this innovative flexible model works and the benefits for seniors, local workers and businesses.

For further information please contact Charmeine on 0494 085 790 or casemanager@stayinginplacetooday.org.au.

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'Pests' theme led to many fun songs

Toodyay Music Club
Jenny Edgecombe

THE ANNUAL General Meeting of the Music Club was held before the musical items in August, then it was 'on with the show'.

Music Club members had a great deal of fun with the 'Pests' theme.

The songs chosen covered four-footed vermin, annoying insects and some very irritating 'people-pests'.

Anne started proceedings with *To a Mouse*, a touching reflection on the destruction of a tiny rodent's home when a field was ploughed.

Eileen presented the lovely song, *My Tennessee Mountain Home*, with Maurice contributing very effective harmonies.

She also contributed a hilarious number, of *Not an English Country Garden*.

This was a great hit with the audience, detailing the nasty bugs which abound in a garden.

Brian opted for some old favourites, including a swinging version of *A World of Our Own*.

Audience members particularly enjoyed Spencer's song, *The Frog Went A-Courtin'*, which was originally a folk song telling the story of a French king courting an English bride.

Incidentally, this song has remained popular into more recent times with twentieth century singers of the song including Bruce Springsteen, Bob Dylan, Woody Guthrie, Pete Seeger and Burl Ives.

Maurice presented a delightful compilation of nursery rhymes about pests and was joined later by Collette for a most enjoyable rendition of *Run, Rabbit Run*.

Collette's own selection also included that haunting rodent song – *Ben*.

Sadly, your correspondent was unable to attend this most enjoyable day due to unexpected illness.

This meant that she missed an opportunity to screech "Where?" at appropriate points in *A Windmill in Old Amsterdam*, Joe's finale to an afternoon of excellent entertainment.

The September meeting will be held in the Toodyay CWA Hall, on Saturday September 21, starting at 1pm.

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

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

Victoria Plains Shire receives funding

Shire of Victoria Plains

THE SHIRE of Victoria Plains will receive \$179,885 in funding through the Community Water Supplies Partnership Program.

The Shire applied for the funding so that it could future-proof the emergency water supply to the Calingiri townsite and also undertake planning to have water cells built into their trucks.

Although the Water Corporation is responsible for the water supply to Calingiri, the shire has in place a separate water supply to assist during emergencies, for stock during dry conditions and community purposes, which includes watering of the Calingiri Oval.

The development of a water strategy will allow the shire to plan for more effective water resourcing at other areas within the shire as well as assessing further potential water resources between Calingiri and Bolgart.

Successful RSL auction in July

Toodyay RSL Sub-Branch
Max Howard, President

THE RSL auction on July 27 went off extremely well.

The weather was great and many locals and people from outside the Toodyay Shire attended.

In excess of \$10,000 was raised and will be put towards the building fund.

The Toodyay RSL Sub-Branch would like to thank all parties who donated to the auction, Tony Maddox and his team for their auctioneering duties, and the Toodyay Lions Club who assisted us with the administration, a great team effort.

On Sunday August 18 a small number of veterans and families attended the Vietnam Veterans' Day ceremony and the laying of wreaths at the War Memorial.

We were lucky with the weather as the rain held off during the presentation.

Afterwards a good number of those attending went back to the Toodyay Hotel for drinks and a meal.

The Annual General Meeting of the Sub-Branch will be held on September 14.

This year a number of the current executive retire from their positions leaving gaps to be filled for the next twelve months.

To create a strong sub-branch it is important to fill executive positions and I urge all members to consider nominating for a vacant position.

As I will be standing down from the executive after ten years, this is my final report as President, and I thank the Toodyay community for their strong support of the RSL and our sub-branch.

Your response to our major ceremonies and stalls throughout the year has been nothing short of amazing, and I thank you for your support very much.



Tony Maddox in action at the auction.



Some of the items for at the auction.

The Shire of Toodyay is offering the following abandoned vehicles for sale

- **Hyundai Getz** • **LDV**

Conditions of Sale: The abandoned vehicles are being sold on "as is – where is" basis.

No guarantees or warranty provided.

Highest bidder will take ownership of vehicle.

Photographs of the vehicles are available on the Shire of Toodyay website www.toodyay.wa.gov.au.

Written offers for purchase are required for all abandoned vehicles and can be made by stating your name, contact details, vehicle and offer to the Executive Manager Development and Regulation, Shire of Toodyay, PO Box 96 Toodyay 6566 or records@toodyay.wa.gov.au by 4.00pm on 27 September 2024.

Vehicles will be available for inspection at the Shire of Toodyay Depot, 335 Railway Road, Toodyay, Wednesday 11th, 18th & 25th September 2024 10am to 12noon by appointment only.

Please contact Development Services on 9574 9340 to book an inspection.



Aaron Bowman
Chief Executive Officer

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We are looking forward to presenting an exciting and eclectic program in 2025.

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SHIRE NEWS

Local Heritage Survey and Heritage List Review Underway

The Shire of Toodyay has begun a review of its Local Heritage Survey (formerly known as the Municipal Inventory) and Heritage List. This important project, led by Stephen Carrick Architects on behalf of the Shire, involves photographing and inspecting properties already listed as Local Heritage Places, as well as any newly nominated sites. The goal is to update Place Record Forms with the most accurate and current information.

Property owners and occupiers are encouraged to contribute any new information that could enhance the understanding of existing heritage sites. Your cooperation is vital in assisting Stephen Carrick Architects in their assessment.

The review is being overseen by the Shire's Executive Manager Development and Regulation, Hugo de Vos. After the review, all places will be evaluated for their cultural heritage significance. Property owners will be informed about the assessment process and invited to participate later in 2024.

For any submissions or enquiries, please contact Hugo de Vos at (08) 9574 9345 or email the Shire at records@toodyay.wa.gov.au

NEW LOCAL PLANNING SCHEME NO. 5 FOR TOODYAY

The Shire is pleased to announce that the long-awaited Local Planning Scheme No. 5 was gazetted on Thursday, 22 August 2024. This scheme replaces the previous Local Planning Scheme No. 4 and includes updated provisions for land use and development within the Shire and it marks a significant step forward in guiding the shire's future development.

The delivery of this important project has been the culmination of more than eight years of development and included consultation the community and all relevant stakeholders. The new scheme aligns with the recent State Planning Reforms and positions Toodyay at the forefront of sustainable development within the region.



Toodyay International Food Festival a resounding success

This year's Toodyay International Food Festival, hosted by The Shire of Toodyay, was a resounding success, drawing the largest crowds in the event's history. With the sun shining brightly, the festival was a vibrant celebration of culture, community, and culinary delights.

Kim Hardie, Economic Development Coordinator, noted the festival's growing popularity. "Each year, the festival gains more traction, and this time, the perfect weather made it truly spectacular".

The event, which coincides with the excitement of the Avon Descent, serves as a focal point for both locals and visitors. Sponsored by the Shire of Toodyay, Lotterywest, Chalice, and Bendigo Bank, the festival is a true reflection of what makes Toodyay special.

Emphasizing the international flair, Kim curated a diverse lineup of global-themed bands that energized the main stage in Stirling Park. Meanwhile, Duidgee Park buzzed with youthful energy as a second stage featured an array of youth bands, playing everything from classic hits of the 70s to today's chart-toppers.

The Skatepark was another major highlight, hosting a thrilling competition organized by Freestyle Now. Spectators were treated to an impressive display of skateboarding, BMX, scooters, and roller skating, with the competition welcoming skaters of all skill levels.

This year's festival also expanded with additional market stalls, increased seating, and an array of food vans that satisfied even the most discerning palates.



A captivating video of the festival, created by local videographers Swift Hound Media, is now available on the Toodyay International Food Festival Facebook page.

Were you part of the festivities? We'd love to hear your thoughts! Share your feedback and stand a chance to win a \$100 voucher to spend at The Vic Hotel, Toodyay, by participating in our survey via the QR code.



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Gonneville Project Update

The Important Work of the Dieback Working Group

Chalice is proud to be supporting the important work of the Dieback Working Group as a sponsor of the DIG Conference 2024. The conference is an important part of the Group's work aimed at expanding the understanding, training and recognition of dieback impacts throughout WA.

Chalice is committed to operating with the highest possible environmental standards across all our activities. Along with rigorous procedures and governing frameworks, comprehensive Dieback Management Plans ensure our exploration activities do not contribute to the introduction or spread of dieback in the south-west of WA.

The Green Card training developed by the Dieback Working Group ensures that Chalice staff and contractors have the essential skills and knowledge to take all the necessary steps to properly manage dieback risks across the areas where we work.

Earth Science Education Takes Off in Toodyay

Recently, through our partnership with the Earth Sciences Education Australia (AusEarthEd), we were able to bring earth sciences education to the Toodyay District High School.

AusEarthEd hosted an incursion at the school with years 7, 9 and 10, bringing specialist educators into the school to engage students in a range of topics such as renewable vs. non-renewable resources, rock identification in local geology, and careers that could come from earth sciences. Chalice technical staff also attended the incursion to add detailed, real-life examples of earth science work being completed in the local area through our work on the Gonneville Project.

Through the program students from the year 10 group also visited the Chalice site - hosted by various Chalice staff from different departments - to see earth sciences in action, helping them to understand how different subjects can apply to jobs in the region in their future. These incursions are a terrific way to further engage students with an interest in science subjects.

Visit the newsfeed on our website to read more about previous work we've completed through our partnership with AusEarthEd.



www.gonnevilleproject.com.au/news

or scan the QR code with your phone camera.

Next Steps for the Gonneville Project

The Gonneville Project is not yet a mine. The Project is currently in the 'feasibility and permitting' stage. We have commenced a Pre-Feasibility Study, which will include more detailed investigations into the key elements of the Project. In March, we formally referred the Project for State and Commonwealth government environmental approvals. This process is expected to take approximately 3 years to complete.

Chalice has chosen to complete environmental approvals processes alongside ongoing engineering studies to ensure community feedback and environmental considerations can be incorporated early in the Project plans.

If the Project receives all the required approvals, it is estimated that construction would begin in approximately 2027, for ~2 years, before commencement of operations in approximately 2029.

With operations targeted for the end of the decade, there is still a lot of work to do to understand the environmental and community impacts and opportunities of the Project.

For more information and regular updates on the Project status, visit our website, follow us on Facebook or subscribe to the community newsletter mailing list.



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FEASIBILITY & PERMITTING

3-5 Years

Feasibility Studies – Over the next ~2-4 years:

- ✓ Scoping Study
- Reconnaissance Drilling

Conceptual-level engineering and economic studies to further understand the key elements of the project

- Feasibility Study

The certainty of the Project increases with each stage and it is only at the Feasibility Study stage that the final mine design can be confirmed.

Approvals Process: ~3 years:

- State and Commonwealth environmental assessments

Studies have commenced to support environmental impact assessment by government environmental agencies including:

- Flora and fauna
- Air quality
- Noise
- Surface and groundwater
- Cultural heritage
- Greenhouse gases

CONSTRUCTION

~2 Years

- Construction of Mine
- Operational Readiness

OPERATIONS

~25 Years

- Extraction and Processing

CLOSURE

~5 Years

- Environmental Rehabilitation and Restoration
- Decommission infrastructure

Talk to us

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To find out more about the Gonneville Project, visit:

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Chalice Toodyay Office

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Shop 5, Charcoal Lane, Toodyay

Woodturners avoid hypothermia

Avon Woodturners
Hamish Dobie

IT'S NOT always fun and games at the woodturners' shed.

Like everything in life, no matter what, there is a cost involved.

There are always bills to pay, lease of the premises, electricity and consumables (not just coffee and cake).

We must raise funds throughout the year to cover the costs and keep the club afloat.

One of the ways we do this is by having a raffle outside IGA and in August we held the raffle with the very appropriate first prize of a trailer load of firewood.

Leaving a warm bed to face the closed-in fog and the cold temperature at 8 o'clock in the morning was a real challenge for the turners who manned the raffle stand.

After half an hour or so, it was decided that hot drinks from around the corner were required to avoid hypothermia.

When the fog cleared and the sun came out the outlook was much brighter, but under the eaves at the entrance to IGA the temperature remained stubbornly low.

Even after finishing our shift, it took an age to get heat back into our bodies.

However, the exercise was all worthwhile

and we'd like to thank the good people of Toodyay for supporting us by buying raffle tickets and our congratulations to the winners.

It's only a month until the Toodyay Agricultural Show so it's all systems go in the woodturners' shed, with our members striving to make items that can be entered into the various wood categories in the Show.

As a novice turner, my opinion of some of the things I make is not very high.

However, beauty is in the eye of the beholder, and if someone else appreciates my attempts to create, then it's all worthwhile.

I must also give a nod to Max and David, as they are always on hand to give advice and assistance whenever required.

Everyone is welcome to come along and try their hand at woodturning, whether or not they have had some previous experience with wood or whether, like me, they've spent their life as a pen pusher.

Please feel free to come down to Woodturners at Shed 1, Council Depot, end of Railway Road, Toodyay.

We are there each Wednesday and Sunday from 9am until noon.

There's always a warm welcome waiting.

If you're interested or want more information, please contact me by emailing me on hamishd2701@gmail.com.



Hamish Dobie, the lone ranger, selling raffle tickets for the Avon Woodturners.

Toodyay Community Singers rehearsing for the 170th Toodyay Agricultural Show

Toodyay Community Singers
Anne Millar

NOT LONG now to the 170th Toodyay Agricultural Show on October 5.

We are happy to be taking part in the show where we will entertain you with a new selection of songs.

These songs will include *Future Road*, *True Blue* and a few others.

In preparation for the show our rehearsals are in full swing although we did have a well-

earned break from rehearsals with a recent night out at the Victoria Hotel.

There is still time to take part as a community singer in the Toodyay Agricultural Show, so if you enjoy singing or are new to the Toodyay area come and join us on Thursday evenings between 5.15pm and 6.30pm at the CWA Hall on Stirling Terrace.

Everybody is welcome.

(Below) Our happy Community Singers enjoying a night out at the Victoria Hotel.



CWA centenary year is nearing an end but is as busy as ever

Country Women's Association
Vivien Street

SEPTEMBER is already here and only three more months in this centenary year left.

We have enjoyed visiting other branches and joining in their various celebrations.

Three members spent a great day at Gidgegannup branch last month with an interesting guest speaker, plentiful refreshments and the camaraderie typical of CWA branch members.

Our next outing is to Caversham Branch for a Friendship Day involving morning tea, lunch and everyone's favourite, a trade table and raffles to tempt us.

The Royal Show is also on our calendar and we are to man the Time for Tea stand again this year.

In what should be a special occasion two of our members have been invited for an afternoon tea at the Government House Ballroom in Perth.

They will meet with CWA patrons His excellency, The Honourable Chris Dawson, Governor of Western Australia, and his wife Mrs Darrilyn Dawson, who have asked to meet with members from regional and metropolitan areas.

Northam Show on September 14 will have a CWA display and the Toodyay Show on October 5 will concentrate on our centenary with three 100th birthdays to celebrate.

Netti our mascot will be outfitted to grace the display in an appropriate manner.

Normally we feature our current country of study which is Iceland but this year we will make a change.

We had a very interesting talk on the trolls, elves and ghosts of Iceland at our last meeting and heard about The Hidden People in which Icelanders still believe.

Did you know there are 13 types of elves in Iceland and that trolls are massive, moody and not the brightest creatures?

All part of this fascinating country which

we are enjoying learning about.

Our coffee morning last month was productive with a variety of Christmas cards assembled from old cards and bits and pieces we have collected.

These cards are given out at Christmas to community members who may need the comfort of knowing they are not alone.

We have been doing this for a number of years as well as donating toiletry items that are distributed to anyone in need in the community.

If you use the CWA hall and can make a contribution, please place items in the donation box on the piano.

The donations are sent to the CWA State Office for distribution throughout WA.

CWA also collects unused spectacles, a valuable item in those countries which are not as fortunate as we are.

Should you have unused spectacles please consider dropping them into the donation box and you can of course give them to any CWA member.

Last but by no means least, we are planning a Jumble Sale on Saturday October 19 and any group or individual who would like to hire a table for \$10 can book a space with Viv on 9574 4871.

We will be fundraising for our branch with centenary cookbooks, aprons, tea towels as well as jumble but the proceeds from your table go to you.

A chance to clear the cupboards of items not used and pass them on to someone else who needs them.

There will also be scones and jam to tempt you during the morning.

Notices to promote the event will be going up in town so keep your eyes peeled.

Our general meetings are held on the fourth Thursday of the month at 1pm and coffee mornings on the second Thursday of the month at 10am.

The CWA hall has airconditioning and is a comfortable place to meet.

We welcome prospective members, so please come along and see what CWA is all about.

Certainly not only scones and jam but we do pride ourselves on these.

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



Netti our CWA Toodyay mascot.

Our environment matters at the Toodyay Herald.
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Netti in her celebratory attire.



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'Sam's face is so expressive with wonderful smiling eyes'

Ragbags Quilting Group
Kerry Gregory

ATTENDING the recent Craft Alive and WA Quilting Association (WAQA) Quilt Exhibition for the first time since COVID-19 was a fantastic day out.

I hope many of our local quilters were able to attend and like me marvelled at the spectacle inspiring us with our own quilting projects.

I attended with a friend and we spent hours admiring the exceptional artistry of the colourfully quilted masterpieces, finding it extremely difficult to decide which quilt to nominate as our individual viewers' choice.

There were a great many high quality Traditional Quilts, a vast number of beautiful Contemporary Quilts, and amazing Art Quilts.

The latter are made where the artist uses scrappy pieces of fabric and stitches all over it with a sewing machine illustrating with thread images such as people and faces – an extraordinary skill.

My viewers' choice is the photo this month, of an art quilt illustration of a photograph entitled Sammy, by Caroline Simm.

She was a finalist in the 2023 Australian Quilt Convention Challenge "In Full Bloom", as featured in the WAQA Quilters Quarterly Volume 42, Issue 3, September 2023.

This skilfully crafted image depicting Sam's face is so expressive, full of character with wonderful smiling eyes consisting of fabric appliqué and free motion quilting.

The face, hair and beard embellishments are entirely made up of flowers although these are difficult to see in the photo.

This face spoke to me at the exhibition and I was disappointed to learn later that I didn't attend on the day when Sam was there in person.

Being able to see all the fabulous detail was very impressive, for I must admit the ability to craft an art piece such as this is way out

of my skill-set.

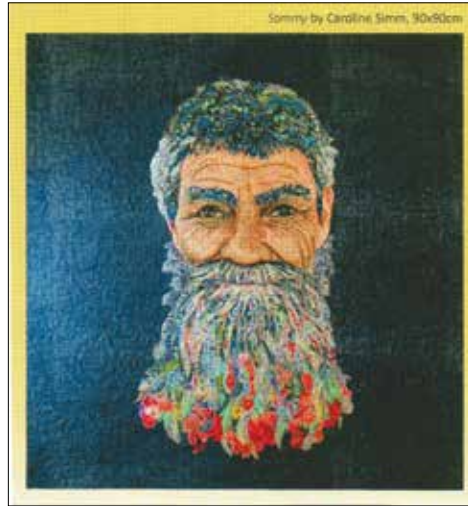
New members are very welcome to join the Ragbags Group's regular gathering; a cuppa and a chat are assured.

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 meeting information and contact details see *Where and When* on page 31.

Note we use the back door as it's too cold to have the big front one open and bring your lunch.



Art Quilt, *Sammy In Full Bloom*, by Caroline Simm.

Yarn bombs, crafting and classical tunes

The Crooked Needle
Jean Melhuish-Hill

THE END of July brought a conclusion to our Make a Toy for Charity challenge.

We had 12 entries, bears, dolls, soldiers, dogs, dinosaurs, a pirate and even a humpty dumpty, all of which will be going to a children's charity.

The Perth Royal Show has been looking for knitted or crochet squares to enable them to

Yarn Bomb the gates for the show.

If you go to the Royal Show this year, look for the Yarn Bombs – some of them came from Toodyay.

At our craft morning on August 9 we were asked by two talented local classical guitarists if they could practise on the porch of the CWA Hall while we crafted.

We invited them inside and spent the morning chatting, crafting and listening to some really lovely music.

Alan Banks has a Graduate Diploma from WA Academy of Performing Arts (WAAPA) and is a Postgraduate from the Royal College of Music.

Naomi Millett also has a Graduate Diploma from WAAPA, is a member of the local Music Club, a graduate from the University of WA (UWA) and a Mental Health Advocate.

Both tutor at UWA and WAAPA and have performed internationally.

It was a very pleasant interlude and enjoyed by the ladies.

Our own Toodyay Agricultural Show is coming up in October and many of the ladies are preparing entries for this year.

Some have been involved in making the 170th Anniversary Quilt to be displayed at this year's show.

This is a real community effort with ladies from three local craft groups and a couple of other talented locals working on the quilt.

Apart from the craft entries there will be cakes, preserves, flowers, art and produce entries.

There is often some light-hearted rivalry between us all which I expect will continue this year.

If you are new in town or find yourself with some free time, pop along on any Friday between 9.30am and noon and see if we can interest you in a new craft or you may be able to share one with us.

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Alan Banks and Naomi Millett playing for us during craft.



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We have two very small possums in care, one from Mundaring the other from Mount Helena.

Adult marsupials will throw the joey from the pouch if they feel threatened or stressed as their instinct is they will escape while the predator is occupied with the joey.

This happened last month when a young driver just clipped a female kangaroo which took off but dropped the joey.

It was picked up from the road and transported to us with a few injuries but it is doing well.

One of the possums arrived in similar circumstances.

A Silver Gull chick, a first for MMaP, was found by itself along the banks of the Avon River.

Our carer queried their diet and Kentucky Fried Chicken and chips were mentioned but I can assure everyone it is on a healthy diet.

Please put our 24-hour rescue number 0493 613 427 in your phone so you know what to do if you come across any injured native wildlife.

Our wood raffle held over the last weekend in August raised funds which will help to pay for the powdered milk needed by kangaroo and possum joeys.

We are so grateful and thank all who purchased a ticket or gave a donation.

The trailer of wood was won by Louise, a local lady and the second prize went to Toodyay Locals Care.

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The juvenile Silver Gull found alone on the banks of the Avon River. A most unusual (for MMaP) rescue.

Spring has finally sprung in the garden

Toodyay Garden Club Jan Ackroyd

IT IS now officially spring so hopefully our gardens are showing the benefits of the rain we have been getting this past month.

Although not enough in the eyes of those of us who depend on tank water to survive, the soil is pretty soggy which means we're often pulling up a fair bit of it when dealing with the never-ending chore of weeding.

Our garden outing last month took us on a bus trip to Gingin where we visited Kathy and Norm Gobbart's property, 'Fleurs de L'Amis'.

It was a pretty drive and the weather was cool and sunny as we arrived at the property situated on the northern side of the townsite.

The driveway to the house borders a formal grassed area with 80 florabunda roses in a wheel formation in the centre of the lawn.

After a welcome cuppa and morning tea, Kathy told us about her garden.

They bought the 2.5-acre property 14 years ago, built the house and started planning the garden.

Kathy previously had three acres with 1000 proteas grown for commercial purposes, so she wanted to include a variety of these in the new garden.

The proteas are planted alongside the house and include the beautiful King protea, Red Ice protea, leucadendron and leucospermum, many of which were in flower.

Kathy and Norm also love roses (and have 120 of them in total) and wanted a cottage garden which they established directly in front of the house.



One of the many species of Protea growing in Kathy's garden.

Kathy has developed a passion for succulents, now by far her favourite, and she has had a specific garden area built at the rear of the house for her collection.

She has also found how easy it is to propagate them and with the variety of plants she had for sale, we all had a chance to come home with some great and intriguing plants.

Kathy showed us Norm's collection of old farm implements he brought to the house when he sold his farm in Bencubbin.

These are displayed on a wall at the side of the succulent garden.

They ran a naming competition for us (with the entry coins going to charity) to see if anyone could identify all the items.

This had not been achieved before but one of our clever members Murray Lee knew all the answers and won the prize.

It is always enjoyable to finish a trip to a garden out of town by socialising over a meal and a drink in a country pub, so we followed our visit with a great lunch at the Gingin Hotel.

This month we are looking forward to visiting a garden in Northam and in October we will have another bus trip to Herne Hill with lunch in the Swan Valley.

Happy spring gardening to you all.



Murray Lee with the old farm implements display. (Above part of Kathy's front garden)



Toodyay Garden Club members enjoying lunch at Gingin Hotel.

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Just another Saturday scene in Toodyay town



Above and below: Food festival - stilt walkers in Duidgee Park, Stirling park crowd.

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Combo Crossword

ACROSS

- 2. Skin tumour
- 6. Evil habit
- 7. Thin
- 10. Sought alms
- 11. Excavation
- 12. Accusation
- 15. Sharpen
- 18. Indulge
- 20. Paper hankie
- 21. Makes a mistake
- 22. Tax worker

DOWN

- 1. Sagacious
- 2. Insubstantial
- 3. Garden improvers
- 4. Standard
- 5. Satellite
- 8. Annoy
- 9. A particular horse race
- 10. Shining
- 13. Witticisms
- 14. Bodyguard
- 16. Lubricates
- 17. Essential being
- 19. Nobleman

Cryptic Clues

ACROSS

- 2 A malignant growth from a crook meal, back on early March
- 6 In lieu of an immoral trait
- 7 Ran back to a noisy quarrel when limited in outlook
- 10 Scrounged for an egg in bed
- 11 The colliery belongs to me
- 12 The challenge of credibility of indictment
- 15 To trim in dishonesty
- 18 Cater to the sounds of a bear?
- 20 An interwoven mass otherwise suits Elizabeth 1st
- 21 The never-ending Royal Society goes wrong
- 22 A donkey mixes roses for an insurance worker

DOWN

- 1 YYYY??
- 2 Deficient in some agreements
- 3 Gardeners come down to earth with bad scrapes
- 4 Internally mean, or more average
- 5 Gaze idly at a heavenly body
- 8 Anger out of sacrilege
- 9 Roll about in a state of confusion
- 10 Quick-witted, cheerful, and full of promise
- 13 Double entendres turn up opposing directions
- 14 One who looks after a protector
- 16 Spoilsports conceal a painting medium
- 17 Inessential existence
- 19 A member of the peerage in each foot-

CrossCode

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
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N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z

Solutions

Sudoku Easy Solution

Sudoku Hard Solution

Crosscode Solution

Combo Solution

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 nine 3x3 boxes.

Easy

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WHERE AND WHEN

ART & CRAFT / HOBBIES / HISTORY

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

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

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

Morangup Social Craft Group
First and third Tuesday monthly, Morangup Community Hall 10am-12.30pm

Ragbys 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@inet.net.au. 9622 5411.

Catechesis Group, ages 3-12 School terms Tuesdays 4.30-5.30pm. St John the Baptist Church, Stirling Tce. Sharon Pegrum 0466 430 979. sharonpegrum@outlook.com.

Bakers Hill Fellowship
Sundays Bakers Hill Primary School Music Room 10am. Pastor Peter Booth 0417 945 725.

Toodyay Baptist Church
Sundays 18 Stirling Tce 10.30am. Joy 0432 470 771.

Uniting Church
St Stephen's Church 10am. Sunday.

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 pandtoodyaydhs@gmail.com.

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

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Bejoording VBF
Third Friday monthly 5.45pm, Bejoording Fire Shed.

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

Morangup VBF
Third Saturday of the month, 3 Wallaby Way, Morangup 5.30pm. Sharon Gamble or secretarymvbf@gmail.com.

St John Morangup Sub Centre
Volunteering, first aid kits, Benefit Fund memberships, 48 Wallaby Way, Morangup. Monday and Wednesday 8am-4pm. 0418 741 971.

St John Toodyay Sub Centre
Volunteering, first aid kits and refills, Benefit Fund memberships, general enquiries, 120B Stirling Terrace. 9574 2390. Emergency call 000.

Toodyay Central VBF
Second Tuesday monthly Toodyay Fire and

Emergency Services Centre 7pm.
Toodyay State Emergency Service
Fourth Tuesday monthly 3 Wallaby Way Morangup. Jeff Venn 0438 490 331 toodyaylocalmanager@gmail.com.
Toodyay Volunteer Fire and Rescue
First Monday monthly, Toodyay Fire and Emergency Services Centre 7.30pm.

ENVIRONMENT

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

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

Julimar Conservation and Forest Alliance
Julimarforest@gmail.com.

Marsupial Mammals and Pappas
Wildlife Rescue all hours 0493 613 427.

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.

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. Bloom Hearing available twice monthly for appointments.

Toodyay Men's Shed
Monday, Thursday, Saturday Harper Rd 8.30am-noon. Secretary 0499 403 830.

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

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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.

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

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

RSL Toodyay Sub-Branch
Meetings at the RSL Shed, Clinton 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. Heather Mcnamara, Secretary . 0436 019 991. Email toodyay.wa@lions.org.au.

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, Community Resource Centre 9.30am. Bob Neville 0419 853 160.

SPORT

Avon Valley Adult Riding Club
Fourth Saturday monthly Feb-Nov, Northam. Tina 0499 030 177.

Avon Valley Shotokan Karate Club
Wednesdays Youth Hall, Showgrounds. 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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ENVIRONMENT

The 'importance and value of citizen scientists & social media' in reporting plants'

Toodyay Naturalists' Club
Desraé Clarke

THE ANNUAL General Meeting was held on August 17 with Greg Warburton taking the baton from Sharon Richards, the previous office-holder.

Greg thanked Sharon most sincerely for her strong and dedicated leadership.

Guest speaker for the evening was post-graduate Curtin University student, Thilo Krueger, with his presentation on the carnivorous plant, the Drosera, with the common name of Sundew.

Thilo began his presentation emphasising the incredible importance and value of 'citizen scientists and social media' in reporting plants.

Of late this has resulted in the discovery, and re-discovery, of four new species of Drosera in the Drosera microphylla complex.

The Drosera microphylla complex has

terminal flowers on a free-standing stem with tiny leaf structures that entrap insects.

The flower is composed of cupped petals that are smaller than the surrounding sepals.

Each flower lasts for multiple days, opening in daylight and closing overnight.

The Drosera microphylla complex is found in the lower south-west of Western Australia.

A new species named Drosera koikyennuruff was discovered after its photograph was posted on Facebook.

This species occurs in the Stirling Range area and is extremely difficult to locate due to its small size and very sparse populations.

The photographed leaf structure lures the insect.

The very showy Drosera macropetala has a large white flower, of up to 2.5cm across, with a dark red centre.

It is found in the Dandaragan area and can grow to a height of 50cm.

It was only re-discovered in 2020 by citizen scientists via Facebook after having first been discovered and collected in 1851 by James Drummond, Western Australia's first government botanist.

Drosera rubricalyx is found east of Jurien Bay and was, likewise, first collected by James Drummond and re-discovered by citizen scientists on Facebook.

It has a small pink flower.

More interesting data can be found at <https://afdj.com.au/missing-plant-species-identified-from-social-media-posts/>.

The Nats will be fundraising at the front of IGA on Friday September 6 and Saturday 7, so please stop for a chat.

As stated above, the importance of community natural history reports cannot be underestimated.

Thank you to those community members who contact the Nats members as your reports are extremely valuable.

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



Drosera koikyennuruff. Photo: Thilo Krueger.

Friends kept active in August with busy bees and food festival marquee

Toodyay Friends of the River
Hugh Rayner

LAST month was very active for the Toodyay Friends of the River (TFOR) with the Avon Descent River race and busy bees.

We had a marquee at the International Food Festival as part of the Avon Descent and with the high water and sunny day the crowds were good.

Our volunteers had a busy morning sharing information about our activities.

The 100-year flood plain maps of Toodyay, Northam and York were particularly interesting, showing how big the river can be.

The flood markers on the bridge pylon opposite the marquee reinforced this.

Two busy bees were held on the Sunday and Monday after the race.

Perhaps the timing of too much on one weekend meant the numbers were a bit disappointing, only three on Sunday and just two on Monday.

Undeterred, good work was done spraying and weeding around Pelham Brook outlet.

It was especially rewarding to see last year's salt bush plantings doing well and holding their own against the weeds.

The weeds are a constant battle, especially in this beautiful growing weather.

Next month will see TFOR's major 30th year celebration activity, the photographic competition at the Agricultural Show.

This is an opportunity for the community to showcase the wonders of the Avon River and its tributaries within the Toodyay Shire.

The subject matter may be landscape, wildlife, flora or any aspect of life associated with the river.

There are two categories, one for 16 years of age and over and one for under 16.

Each category has a generous cash prize

Photos may be colour or black and white, with a minimum size of 8" x 10" (20cm x 25cm).

The normal requirements for photographic

entries to the Agricultural Show apply and can be found in the show schedule.

Everyone who likes to take a snap is encouraged to enter so we can showcase all the aspects of the community's interaction with the river, which is so central to life in the shire.

We are excited by this chance to showcase the river.

If you would like more information, drop by Drummond House on a Saturday morning and pick up a flyer.

Information is also displayed on the notice board outside Drummond House.

The next busy bee is September 9 meeting at 9am at the school carpark ready to do some pruning.

On September 10, we meet at 9am at Drummond House to get stuck into some weeding and tidying of the gardens and outside of the building.

New TFOR members are always welcome, drop by Drummond House on a Saturday mornings for a chat.



Toodyay Friends of the River at one of our previous planting days.

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Understorey plants of the Julimar Forest

Julimar Conservation and Forest Alliance

Sharon Richards

ONLY small portions of the 28,600-hectare Julimar Forest have truly been explored and those are mainly close to the tracks.

To date at least 500 plant species have been identified.

As you walk through the forest it is easy to identify the beautiful jarrah, marri and wandoo trees.

They stand like sentinels alongside the tracks with their contrasting rough brown and smooth creamy white barks.

Between the tall trees, the under-storey plants provide the ground floor greenery with a multitude of zamia palms, which are not palms at all, and the iconic Grasstrees, also known as Balga trees or Blackboys, of many shapes and sizes, the Xanthorrhoea.

The Xanthorrhoea are easily recognized with their rough blackened trunk and long thin fronds adorning the head.

It's quite a complicated tree. Some roots grow upwards into the trunk and have been used for woodturning producing exquisite bowls and lamp bases.

During a bushfire the Xanthorrhoea leaves can burn in an explosive fashion but it responds well to being burned.

It survives the fire and then sends up tall, thin flower spikes up to three metres high.



One of the many varieties of Xanthorrhoea trees in the Julimar forest.

The flower spikes provide nectar for butterflies and honeyeater birds in an otherwise blackened landscape.

When the nectar has finished, the small white flowers develop into hardened seeds and then the parrots enjoy a good feed.

Historically the Xanthorrhoea was a staple plant used by First Nations people as a food and material source.

The leaves produce a resin which softens when warmed producing a glue-like substance that dries hard and waterproof.

The resin was highly prized for waterproofing and also traded between different tribes.

The dead skirt of the grass trees has also been known to house such delightful creatures as the Western Pygmy Possum, providing a warm, protected environment for a nest as well as a banquet of insects who also live within its fronds.

With the constant deforestation of our environment the number of grass trees has decreased over the last 200 years.

In some forests the presence of dieback (*Phytophthora*) is a serious threat.

While it may have been growing for hundreds of years, a grass tree can be dead within a month if infected by dieback.

Luckily at this point in time, there is no known dieback in Julimar Forest.

As far as we were aware at least three species of Xanthorrhoea grow in the Julimar forest. *Xanthorrhoea preissii* and *Xanthorrhoea gracilis* have been found and documented.

A Toodyay Naturalists' Club excursion into the forest with an experienced environmental consultant and botanist in May 2024 resulted in observations of four species of Xanthorrhoea.

None of these match any named species (i.e. neither *X. preissii* nor *X. gracilis*), indicating a potential for six species in the area in total.

Further taxonomic research into these Xanthorrhoea has commenced (personal correspondence from an environmental consultant).

Depending on which area of Julimar you enter you will encounter these different trees, some taller up to three metres with slimmer trunks, others shorter, with wider, thicker trunks.

It can be very difficult to tell the species apart, with the shape of the frond at its base one of the indicators, whether it is more square or diamond shaped.

One thing we can say with surety is that Julimar has a great array of Xanthorrhoea to be enjoyed and all deserve our protection.

Gould's Hooded Snake

Python Watch

Desraé Clarke

A SMALL reptile of up to 55cm, the Gould's Hooded Snake (*Rhinoplocephalus gouldii*), is found over rocky outcrops, in heath vegetation, banksia areas, in termite nests, stick-ant nests, under logs and bark, rocks and dead grass trees.

Its ground colour may be orange-brown, pinkish brown or reddish brown.

The scales are small and glossy with each scale edged in black to give a reticulated pattern.

Its black hood has a tiny pale mark in front of its black eye and the species has a pearly-white belly.

It is active at night and observed on roads over June and July suggesting it may be quite cold tolerant.

It would be searching for its main prey of geckos, skinks and sleeping diurnal (daytime) lizards.

The Gould's Hooded Snake produces three to five live young in March and April.

This small reptile is quite docile but it may attempt to bite if handled. Fortunately the bite is not considered to be harmful.

The Toodyay Nats are most grateful to Lindy for taking the time to send us photos of two of these small snakes found beneath a large rock.

The photo was sent to Ron Johnstone from the Western Australian Museum for positive identification.

It is sighting and reporting such as this, particularly with an accompanying photo,

that allows further knowledge of natural history and environmental data to be stored for future reference.

Contact can be made with the Secretary or Toodyay Nat's members per email: secretary@toodyaynats.org.au or 9574 5574.



Gould's Hooded Snake. Photo: Lindy Connor.

The Osprey

Bird of the Month

Desraé Clarke

THE MAGNIFICENT bird featured, the Osprey, was perched on its 'lookout' in the Peel wetland area south of Mandurah during a weekend away by Toodyay Naturalists' Club members.

This large bird of prey, measuring 50 to 63cm in length, is found around coastal Australia and may be sighted in inlets and up the larger rivers.

As with all birds of prey, the female bird is larger than the male.

The Osprey has a white head and body with rich brown-coloured wings with both birds having a thick, dark brown marking through the eye and down the neck.

The female has a streaking of brown on her neck described as a 'necklace'.

Another name given to the Osprey is the Fish Hawk and, with its method of catching its food, the name is apt.

The bird will fly with a flap flap, glide –

flap, flap, glide – flight, quite high above the water and, on sighting a fish, will plunge into the water to snatch its quarry with its large talons.

It has a particular talon structure together with a rough surface area on the feet to securely grip slippery fish up to a metre below the surface.

Breeding in the southern areas of the West Australian coastline is around August to November with both birds assisting in nest building or repair work.

Osprey nests may be used for decades with new materials added annually to result in massive structures of sticks, seaweed, driftwood, bones and human debris.

When visiting the Abrolhos Islands an Osprey's nest had the embellishment of a washing machine hose.

Three large course-textured white eggs, with red blotches, are laid and incubated by the female for about five weeks.

The chicks are fed only by the female; the male does the hunting.

This bird species generally pairs for life.



The Osprey. Photo: Beth Walker.

BAITING TO PROTECT NATIVE WILDLIFE

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

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

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



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

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

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HEALTH

Visiting your GP tips for the average bloke

Warrior Wellbeing

The Regional Men's Health Initiative

WE OFTEN talk to blokes about the importance of a GP visit for a routine check-up regardless of feeling unwell or not.

These visits help you to stay health aware and if you have specific risk factors, such as a family history of a certain disease, then regular check-ups may help your doctor pick up early warning signs.

For example, high blood pressure may be an early sign of cardiovascular disease.

For a lot of blokes this visit can be a bit daunting and at times a confusing process.

First and foremost, there are benefits in having a regular GP that you visit.

It allows you to build a relationship over time, to the point where you are more comfortable talking openly.

Your GP gets to know you and will better understand your health needs and concerns.

Your medical history stays under one roof making it easier to keep things up to date.

With the average GP consultation time being 10 to 15 minutes it's important that you have a clear idea of what you want to talk about.

Write a checklist starting with the most concerning issue.

Often for two or more health issues you will need to book a longer consult time, so be prepared.

For a general health check, your doctor will want to talk to you about a range of stuff including your medical history, your family's history, your lifestyle, diet, weight and how

much you exercise.

Be honest about your health and your concerns and don't worry too much about being embarrassed.

Doctors are often difficult people to shock and likely have seen or heard it all before.

We all need to take responsibility for our own health and wellbeing.

A lot of guys have no idea of what their blood pressure is normally or what it means for that matter.

You need to get to know your normal parameters and other things like cholesterol and PSA (Prostate Specific Antigen) blood tests so you can engage in conversation with your GP about them.

It helps to keep your own record of results, a list of any medications you may be on and what they are for.

As we age, we encounter increased risk of developing health concerns such as prostate issues (over 40 years).

GPs are usually good at prompting us if needed but we need to be an active participant, so don't feel intimidated.

You have the right to request certain tests and question things the doctor suggests.

After all, this is about you and your GP working together.

We recommend that under the age of 50 you should have a routine service visit at least every two years and for those over 50 at least once a year.

When visiting your GP, be prepared. Take your own checklist and be involved.

It's your health. You are the expert on you.

Riding the waves with seahorses

Heartlands Veterinary Hospital

Dr Kirsti Addison

YES, THE myth is true, male seahorses get pregnant and give birth.

They are not the only creatures to do this as their close relatives, pipefish and sea dragons, do too.

A male seahorse has a pouch that acts like a uterus and contains a placenta that supports the foetuses, giving them oxygen and the nutrients they require for growth.

This is not the only unique thing about them, as when it comes to giving birth, the seahorse relies on its distinctive body structure and elaborate behaviours.

In studies done by the University of Sydney and Newcastle, it was found that males have three bones positioned in their pouch

associated with large muscles that control the opening of the pouch, allowing them to give birth.

This puts them in a different playing field from any other animal on the planet.

That is not the only interesting thing about seahorses.

They are also monogamous – meaning they mate with one partner for life.

Funnily enough they are not even natural born swimmers and their dorsal fin has to beat 30-70 times per a second to move anywhere.

Seahorses' biggest threat to survival is humans and their numbers have drastically declined due to non-selective fishing.

However, there are several conservation groups working to protect these quirky fish.

We are pretty fortunate to have such unique animals in our existence.



The monogamous and unique seahorse.

We all have first world problems

Mr Perfect – More Than A BBQ

Sean Hefferon, coordinator

WE ALL have them, first world problems.

Your smartphone shuts down just as you are reviewing your daily schedule, throwing you into a spin.

Or worse perhaps, the household power cuts out during a heatwave, causing your fridge to shutdown and your beer to get warm – and who wants a warm beer?

That said, 'first world problems' are important in their own small way, but it is so easy to let them snowball and become more than they are.

Without that iPhone we can always find a workaround.

After all think of the lifetime saved by not jumping onto Facebook to post that maybe not so funny meme.

As for the warm beer, well you had been thinking of cutting back anyway – at least for a few days that is.

Putting things into perspective helps loosen the grip of first world problems, as does a little bit of humour.

A light rain starts to fall during your morning walk.

A first world problem is that light rain could always be worse – it could be flooding.

Or you could be on life support without power.

It can always be worse (and not in the 'Four

Yorkshireman' you were lucky kind of way, for those familiar with the Monty Python comedy skit).

First world problems do often seem more significant than they really are.

Male mental health issues including depression are over-represented in developed countries.

These issues are not first world problems, but they are big problems of the first world.

These problems can be amplified by feelings of isolation and community disconnection, akin to cranking up the volume when only static is coming out of the speakers.

A humble BBQ with a focus on blokes getting together for a feed and a bit of community connection can help turn the volume down.

That's exactly what a Mr Perfect BBQ aims for, chilling out and putting things into perspective.

Mr Perfect is a community organisation connecting men across Australia over a relaxed free BBQ to chat about all things in life.

However, we are "more than a BBQ" with a focus on male mental health and online resources.

The free Toodyay Mr Perfect BBQ is held at Duidgee Park on the first Sunday of the month from 10.30am to 12.30pm.

I recommend putting those details into your smartphone.



John, Michael and Gez at a recent Toodyay Mr Perfect BBQ.

If in doubt see your doctor early

Cancer Council WA

Kaylor Andrews

GIVE yourself the best chance of finding cancer early by going to the doctor if you have symptoms.

Treatment will be easier and you can be around longer for friends and family.

A recent survey showed an increasing number of people in regional WA can now recognise cancer symptoms so Cancer Council WA has relaunched the *Give yourself the best chance* campaign through its Find Cancer Early Program after.

Adults over 40 who live in the Wheatbelt are urged to see their doctor if they notice anything unusual, like blood in their poo or wee, or have coughed up any blood.

If you have symptoms or notice unusual changes, it does not mean you have cancer.

In most cases, these symptoms will not be due to cancer but it is important that you discuss them with your doctor just in case.

It's important to remember bowel cancer screening kits, cervical screening and screening mammograms are designed for

people who do not have any symptoms.

The Cancer Council warns that waiting to participate in a cancer screening program if you have symptoms could delay your diagnosis and risk a worse outcome.

For more information about the campaign and symptoms visit www.findcancerearly.com.au or call the Cancer Information and Support Line on 13 11 20.

Where is this funny thing in Toodyay?

FIRST reader to state the location of the object in this pic and where it is gets a bakery pie and coffee on the editor.

Send your guesses to: editor@toodyayherald.com.au.

NOTE: Brendan Dabinett guessed the "funny thing" pictured in the August edition was an object on top of the Christmas 360 roof.



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'It's been a wild ride' but footy season is nearing the end

Toodyay Football Club
Patrick Thompson

A ROLLER coaster 2024 footy season is nearing the end and boy it's been a wild ride for our two teams.

A season of big wins, close finishes, some huge defeats, players in, players out, red cards, yellow cards, fractured bones and plenty of beers, goals and good times.

After all that, both sides finished top two on the ladder and contested a semi-final against Goomalling on Sunday August 25.

The reserves won comfortably 11.12.78 to 4.4.28 and booked their place in the Grand Final on Sunday September 8.

The league was undermanned and went down to a strong Goomalling side 24.19.163 to 4.9.33.

They'll be strengthened by the return of

some players and move onto play Dowerin in the Preliminary final on Sunday September 1 for another shot at advancing to the grand final.

The Mortlock Football League held its awards night on August 27 in Calingiri and Toodyay, represented well, winning the reserves association player (James Sullivan), reserves leading goal kicker (Luke Alexander), League Rising Star (Seth Clarke) and League Bendigo Bank player of the year award (Reece Richardson).

Our own end of year awards and AGM will be held from 7.15pm on Friday September 6 at the Toodyay Oval.

All are welcome and it will also be our final training run before the grand final.

We hope to have two sides in the grand final and would like to see plenty of supporters there.



Toodyay FC and Goomalling at the semi-final held on August 25.

Results are in for local golfers

Toodyay Golf Club
Dave Duncan, Captain

GOLF results for August are as follows:

On August 18 the 94th Lee-Steere Cup was held.

It was a Stableford Open Day sponsored by the Lee-Steere family and Quins Butchers.

Winner Aaron Boston 36 points.

2nd Adrian Rebane 34 points.

3rd Jeff Elefson 32 points.

1st Gross S. Graham 26 points.

2nd Gross Rod Anderson 25 points.

August 4 was the final round of Championships sponsored by George

Murray and was a Stroke event.

Winner Johnny Jaworski Nett 73.

2nd Nick Hocking Nett 74.

3rd Aaron Boston Nett 74.

The 2024 Club Champion is Aaron Boston gross 246.

The B grade champion is Lindsay Slater gross 289.

August 11 Woodlands Cup 27 Hole Stroke, sponsored by Candeloro Farms.

Best morning round Wayne Mastin Nett 36.5

1st Murray Riseley Nett 107.5.

2nd Nick Hocking Nett 113.5.

3rd Ash Grundy Nett 118.5.

A hall filled with 'laughter and enthusiasm feels like Christmas'

Avon Valley Shotokan
Nat Kielbasa

IT WOULD be wonderful if we could take our memories and allow others to share those moments with us.

Imagine a hall filled with laughter and infectious enthusiasm.

Young children, teens and adults jump hurdles, balance on wobble boards, throw medicine balls of all sizes, test out punching bags and race through obstacle courses.

That is our dojo and it feels like Christmas has arrived.

Karate isn't just about learning punches, kicks and blocks, it also encourages students to learn about respect.

Perhaps you've seen a demonstration or two and wondered why the students bow often.

Bowing is a sign of respect and the way of thanking teachers for their guidance and time, other students for their support and even bowing at the door shows gratitude for a safe space to learn and focus.

It is important to us to show our heartfelt gratitude to those who choose to support our club.

In particular, our new equipment is thanks to a grant from Chalice Mining that has allowed us to save funds so we are now able to give back to our members.

Currently we are running a photography competition for all club members.

Send in your best karate photo for the chance to have your fees paid for a term with second prize being your own break board and

third is a set of nun chucks.

We are excited to see what you can create and (for anyone wondering) the photos will be part of our yearly calendar which the community is very welcome to purchase.

Now back to respect and gratitude.

Whether it is a sponsorship, a grant or even when you purchase a snack at our stall at the markets, we are truly grateful for your support.

You are giving our club the resources to help our students of all ages to thrive.

From all of us at Avon Valley Shotokan, we send an enormous 'thankyou' to Chalice Mining and to the Toodyay community.



Hanna and Henna at the WA Karate Federation seminar held at the Northam Police & Citizens Youth Club.



Above: The group from Avon Valley Shotokan at the WA Karate Federation seminar held at the Northam Police & Citizens Youth Club. Below: (from left) Kingston, Ivy, Casey and Helena (back).



Calling All Local Trades People!

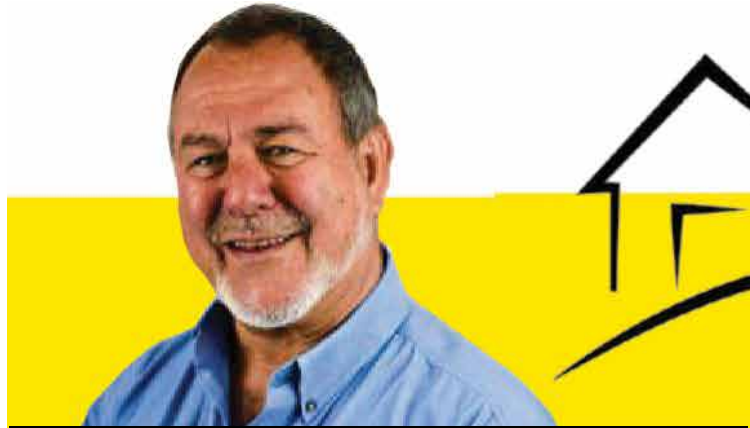
The Shire of Toodyay is updating its Local Trades Contacts Directory and invites all trades people to be a part of it.

Whether you're a registered or non-registered builder, structural engineer, draftsperson, electrician, plumber, earthmover, or work in any related field, we want to include your services in our directory.

To be featured, please send your business name, contact details, and a brief description of your services to records@toodyay.wa.gov.au.



Don't miss out on this opportunity to connect with our local community.



tony maddox

realestate

Your locally owned real estate

Principal's Pen

The year is flying past us all. Dowerin Field Days are once again on and 2 days later gone for another year. Avon Descent has been and gone. Where has this year gone?

State of the Market

Well, the magic figure hasn't changed from last month. So, at 3465 properties for sale it is still a sellers' market. Take advantage of this market whilst it is still hot!

The Ongoing Court Case

You guessed it! It was once again adjourned. Unbelievable. This is the 6th adjournment since we went to trial. The magistrate has all the trial details, all the transcripts of the trial, all the summations by both parties yet still adjourns the outcome. Just one question from me... Why? We all go back again on the 1st of November 2024. Stay tuned for yet another adjournment! Meantime my mental health suffers!

Now! Inside the Office

Zonelle

So, after her little accident her car was a write off, but now there is a new car in our carpark with Zonelle's name all over it!

Jemma

Huge news!! One very proud girl here! Jem is now a fully qualified property manager. An unbelievable achievement for a 21year old. We are all very very proud of her!

Jo

You know when she has a day off work because the office becomes a very quiet place, we all miss her happiness and laughter.

Faith

Always busy with property management and sales, she is such a trooper, we love our faith.

Jess

Very busy girl with both sales and sales admin plus doing Tony's auctions, never a dull moment for her in this office.

Sam

Selling, selling, selling at record prices and absolutely flat out! But loving every minute of it. He did have 2 days off with the flu. Not much of a day off he said!

Tony

Bad news health wise unfortunately but, just admitted to a new trial at RPH so fingers crossed for a recovery. Meantime the crew are handling the fort! They are all more than capable. Love having the best staff behind me! Until next month. Tony Maddox

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