

## A term of memorable school experiences

**Toodyay District High School**  
Tonia Demeur

### Eventful Term

THIS has been an extremely busy and exciting term for our school.

Some of the amazing things that have occurred are: K-6 music incursion, P&C Second Hand Book Sale, Year 9 Rangers Incursion, Indonesian incursion, Questacon Year 7-9, Career Expo Year 9-10, School photos, Muresk Year 9 career taster, Science incursion Year 7-9, Athletics and Interschool Carnivals, Zero2Hero Student Leadership Day, Bookweek Parade, Bullying "No WAY" Day, One Big Voice Choir Festival, Year 9 farm visit, Year 10 Chalice mining excursion, robot racing for Science week, Basketball Clinic with Lauren Jackson, Wanjoo Incursion for primary students, Fremantle Literature Centre week long Incursions, Year 9 Barista Training, Cadets First Aid Training, Cadets "Operation Toodyay Cleanup", Bunnings Father's Day gift making for Kindy and PP, Talk Like a Pirate Day, Tournament of Minds and Country Week.

Whew, what a term.

### School Review Success

*Sharon Anderson, Principal*

ALLPUBLIC schools have their performance reviewed across six domains and I am proud and happy to announce our school was judged as high performing in all domains.

The review is very thorough and schools are required to provide evidence to support our self-assessment criteria.

The reviewers commented on the calibre of our students and our very hard-working staff and I concur with them on both counts.

For proof, you only need to look at the list of unique events and opportunities mentioned above to see what a difference they make to students.

And that's not considering the incredible difference our teachers make to their students in their core classroom teaching.

I acknowledge and celebrate our staff with heart-felt gratitude.

Our next review will not be for another three years.

### Tournament of Minds

ON SATURDAY August 31, a team of six students from Years 7 to 9 competed in

the 2024 Regional Tournament of the WA Tournament of Minds competition, held at ECU Joondalup.

The students worked for the six weeks leading up to the competition, to bring their long-term Lorax-themed challenge to fruition.

On the day, students first participated in the spontaneous challenge and were commended by the adjudicators for their unique ideas and great team cooperation.

The adjudicators were impressed by the teams fascinating presentation, which put a spin on the Lorax's backstory through some impressive narration and their teamwork was also complimented.

Congratulations to Abigail Harling and Owen Warde from Year 7, Isobel Davis, Travis Johnson and Curtis Xuereb from Year 8, and Jordan Phillips from Year 9, for proudly representing Toodyay District High School at the Tournament of Minds.

We are looking forward to the 2025 competition.

### Literature Centre Incursion

DURING Week 9, our school was lucky enough to participate in the week-long Storytelling in the Road Incursion, provided by the Literature Centre in Fremantle.

Each year-group had the opportunity to participate in a workshop, during which students were engaged with visual storytelling, First Nations stories, and flash fiction, through a series of drawing and writing activities.

Our presenters were Casey Mulder, who is a First Nations teacher, writer and creative learning associate of the Literature Centre, and Aska, who is a storyteller local to Perth.

Their incredible effort in designing and presenting the student workshops resulted in a highly enjoyable week of creativity.

Thank you to the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries, who funded this opportunity through their Creative Learning Partnership Program.

### Basketball Clinic with a Legend

A GROUP of our students participated in a basketball clinic at Northam with the legendary Australian basketballer, Lauren Jackson.

The clinic was put on by Basketball WA and "She Hoops" and was a memorable experience for our students.

## Books 'fly out the door' sales raise \$1040 for school

**Toodyay District High School P&C Association**

Heather McGlasson

THE P&C has had a very busy term.

At our book sale it was really good to see so many books in the hands of very excited children as they flew out the door.

We raised \$1040 and we are deeply appreciative and thankful for the donated books for the sale.

Our donors are so generous, and we had a variety of books to sell, suitable for all ages.

The cake stall at the school carnival and food stall at the Interschool Athletics were also very successful.

Our Fathers' Day stall held on August 30 was also very popular. The tables were laden with gifts and donations which made for a successful day bringing in \$794.

From Father's Day to rodeos and yes, you guessed right, our sausage sizzle at Boshack this year with a lot of helpers. including children also went well.

The atmosphere was absolutely fabulous with picture perfect weather.

Our canteen has shaken the menu up with a variety of options.

I have been a taste tester and I can tell you the ladies are really good cooks.

All of these activities have been run by volunteers with a few new volunteers who have helped this term.

We are grateful for any support you can give us even if it is just one event a year.

Next term we will be organising Halloween and Nanna Bingo at the Memorial Hall for the adults, and supporting the year 10's as they raise funds for their graduation,

These activities include a car boot sale and sausage sizzle, dress-up days, and maybe a few sneaky hidden surprises for the teachers.

Everyone will receive notice for the coming events so start your spring cleaning for the up-coming car boot sale.

Have a wonderful and safe school holiday and we look forward to a busy and fun Term Four.



At the basketball clinic held in Northam were (from left) Ashleigh Mawer, Evelyn Steward, Abigail Harling, Shiloh-Grace Wetherell, Lauren Jackson, Kira McConnell, Taimana Southern and Lulu Spooner (Basketball Assistant).



Tournament of Minds (from left) Abigail Harling, Jordan Phillips, Curtis Xuereb, Travis Johnson, Owen Warde and Isobel Davis.





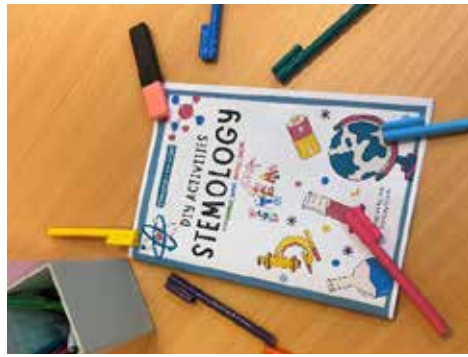
# SHIRE NEWS



## Stargazing and STEM Fun at the CRC

The Toodyay CRC brought the wonders of science to life during National Science Week in August. Local youth enthusiastically participated by creating a DIY STEM Activity Book filled with experiments and activities, sparking their interest in STEM subjects. Grab your free copy at the Toodyay CRC and Library.

The festivities continued with a Stargazing Night facilitated by StarTracks.



Although cloudy skies hindered telescope viewing, community members still enjoyed an engaging and educational presentation by astronomer Mark.

Get Online Week 2024 is coming up in October! Three fun and interactive events will be held to teach those over the young age of 50 the wonders of the digital world. For more information, please contact the Toodyay CRC on (08) 9574 9399 or email [crc@toodyay.wa.gov.au](mailto:crc@toodyay.wa.gov.au)



## REQUEST FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

### PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO EXTRACTIVE INDUSTRY

LOT 1 FOREST ROAD, NUNILE

The Shire of Toodyay has received an application from Vernice Pty Ltd for an amendment to its Development Approval and Extractive Industry Licence at Lot 1 Forest Road in Nunile.

This application seeks an extension of a gravel pit at Lot 1 Goomalling-Toodyay Road, Nunile, within the Shire of Toodyay. The applicant, Vernice Pty Ltd, seeks to extend the area for gravel extraction by an additional 10.82 hectares, over a period of 10 years, to meet the increasing demand for gravel in the region.

Your views on the proposed extractive industry are encouraged and welcomed. The proposal is available for inspection at the Shire of Toodyay Administration Centre, Old Court House, 15 Fiennes Street, Toodyay, during office hours as well as on the Shire of Toodyay website: [www.toodyay.wa.gov.au](http://www.toodyay.wa.gov.au)

Submissions on the proposed development may be addressed in writing and lodged with the Chief Executive Officer, Shire of Toodyay, PO Box 96 Toodyay 6566 or [records@toodyay.wa.gov.au](mailto:records@toodyay.wa.gov.au) by 4.00pm on **Friday, 25 October 2024**.

Further information on the above proposal is available by contacting the Shire's Development Services on 9574 9340.

Aaron Bowman  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

## FIREBREAKS

November 1 is the due date for compliance with the Shire's Fire-break Notice, which sets out owner/occupier legal responsibility in preparing/maintaining their property under Section 33 of the Bush Fires Act 1954. As advertised in the September Herald, the Shire Facebook page, website and mailed out with the rates notice. Inspections are conducted and penalties apply.

Not sure what your compliance requirements are? Visit the Shire website to see how you need to prepare and maintain your property before and during fire season. Want to talk to someone instead? Give the Rangers a call on 9574 9370.

Together, we all have a part to play for a safer Toodyay this fire season. The community, Emergency Services Volunteers, and Shire Rangers all contribute to preparing, maintaining, inspecting or using fire-breaks over the high-threat bushfire period.

## Vacant Positions

**PAYROLL OFFICER**

**ACCOUNTS PAYABLE**

Please find further information on the Shire Website or Seek  
[www.toodyay.wa.gov.au/employment](http://www.toodyay.wa.gov.au/employment)  
[www.seek.com.au](http://www.seek.com.au)

## Restricted Burning Period and Permits

Residents are reminded that the Restricted Burning Period commenced October 1. If you are wanting to burn during the Restricted Burning Period, you will need a permit, which you can apply for via the Shire's website. Any permit issued will carry conditions which must be fully complied with. Remember that penalties apply for not having a valid permit or breaches of permit conditions.



# PUBLIC CONSULTATION

## Attention Shire of Toodyay Residents!

We're excited to announce that our draft Local Biodiversity Strategy is now available for public review. This Local Biodiversity Strategy is supported by funding from the Western Australian Government's State NRM Program and WALGA, and it aims to enhance and protect our local environment.

### Review Period till October 25, 2024

Your feedback is crucial in making our strategy as effective and inclusive as possible. Please take a moment to review the strategy and share your comments with us.

*Together, we can create a thriving, sustainable future for Toodyay!*

Submit Your Comments: [records@toodyay.wa.gov.au](mailto:records@toodyay.wa.gov.au) or

Mail: Shire of Toodyay, PO Box 96, Toodyay, WA, 6566

Thank you for your participation!

**Shire of Toodyay**



natural resource management program





## Bolgart farewells valued couple

**Bolgart Community News**  
Pam McGill

BOLGART residents are sad to see two valued couples leaving the town.

Kevin and Merle Manuel and Glenn and Dale McGill were recognised by the Bolgart community at the local sports club.

Their contributions to local sporting bodies were acknowledged, including sponsorship, and playing in team sports.

They have held committee positions, including Bolgart Sports, Tennis, Bowls, and Golf Clubs, and have been great supporters of the Calingiri Hockey and Football Clubs.

They also played roles in the Bolgart Primary School over the years.

Over a lovely casserole tea, a presentation was made to them for all their dedication over the years they resided in Bolgart.

Best wishes and good luck from everyone.

From farewells to congratulations to Des Clarke on recently celebrating his 90th birthday in Albany with his family and relatives.

Des and Janet farmed in Bolgart with their family for a number of years.

The Bolgart Community Op Shop held their



*Celebrating the 90th Birthday of Des Clarke were (left to right) Malcolm, Gus, Kevin (front), Maureen, Des, Graeme.*

Opening on Saturday September 7.

Bolgart CWA Ladies held a cake stall and visitors came and went all day in what was a wonderful start for the shop.

A thankyou to all the volunteers for getting this up and running. It is very much appreciated.

Another event is the Bolgart Primary School P&C Association's Twilight Market to be held at the Bolgart Town Oval on Saturday November 9 between 3pm to 7pm.

Come along and enjoy food stalls, arts and crafts, face painting, and lots more.

### Ladies Golf Results

THE JOY Hamilton Trophy was won by Nolene Kaszanski with the runner-up being Pam Meston.

AVLGA foursomes hosted by Tammin Golf Club saw Joy Hamilton and Therese Chitty runners-up to the Gross.

St Guertrudes Cup winner was Pam Meston and the runner-up Joy Hamilton.

Country Week played at the Vines and Gosnells Golf Clubs - winner of the Sand Green Bronze Nett Serena Syred, runner-up to Sand Green Bronze Nett Pam Meston and runner-up to Sand Green Bronze Gross Jenni Knowles.

Brookton Open day runner-up Nett Vivienne Camerer, Gross winner Joy Hamilton, Best 1-9 Serena Syred.

Syred Cup played over 27 holes. Winner Joy Hamilton on a countback from Therese Chitty, Gross winner Vivienne Camerer, morning round winner Jenni Knowles, and afternoon round Pam Meston.

Congratulations to everyone on all your achievements.

Mixed Closing Golf Day held Saturday September 21 kindly sponsored by Rod and Chris Bowden - Ladies Winner Joy Hamilton, runner-up Nolene Kaszanski.

Mens Winner was Richard Walker and runner-up was Colin Guthrie.

## Chips to fly at Agricultural Show

**Avon Woodturners**  
Hamish Dobie

IT'S THAT time where the competitive edge comes out in most of the woodturners.

The entries for the show are complete, polished and at the showground for judging.

I'm mildly hopeful that I can get onto the winners' podium, maybe not for a first prize, but I'll accept any glory I can get.

Dave has been beavering away on various items for the show going full tilt to take the crown from Max this year.

However, Max is not taking his previous dominance for granted and has been 'head down, bum up' getting his exhibits completed in time.

The photos in this article are of Max's adjustable hat holder.

We were wondering what he was secretly working on and then it all came together.

Perhaps he is expecting a brand-new Akubra for his birthday.

Unfortunately, Peter won't be entering the magnificent pen he recently created as he's given it as a gift to an elderly relative.

The pen has a beautiful inlay and was finished to an incredible standard.

Good luck to our entrants, you've all done some great work through the year and should feel proud of showing your best pieces.

It's also great to see the ladies working so well on the lathes.

They're loving it, and their skill levels are increasing with every session as are their numbers, with another talented lady joining the club this month.

Thanks to the Toodyay Op Shop we will soon be wearing our new Avon Woodturners tee shirts and we are grateful for your support.

You do fantastic work and your generous support of the many clubs and projects makes a big difference in Toodyay.

October brings the new year for membership of the WA Woodturners and likewise for we Avon Woodturners.

Now is the best time to join and create things from wood that you never thought you could, while having a laugh up to your ankles in wood chips.

So why not come along to the Avon Woodturners at Shed 1, Council Depot, end of Railway Road, Toodyay?

We're there on Wednesdays and Sundays from 9am until noon both days.

For further information please contact me on hamishd2701@gmail.com or call 0423 115 204.

*Editors note: The person in the photo accompanying the September 2024 Avon Woodturners article was Peter Maxfield not Hamish Dobie.*



*Max Heath's adjustable hat-holder.*

# SHIRE NEWS

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**ONLINE week**  
2024

**MONDAY OCTOBER 14**  
10AM - 12PM  
DIGITAL BASICS - BEGINNERS GUIDE TO THE ONLINE WORLD

**FRIDAY OCTOBER 18**  
10AM - 12PM  
DIGITAL DISCOVERIES - LEARN ABOUT AI, GOOGLE EARTH AND MORE!

**SATURDAY OCTOBER 19**  
11AM - 1PM  
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ALL EVENTS WILL BE HELD AT THE TOODYAY CRC

You've got questions? We've got the answers. Bring your device and join the discussion.

Join us at these FREE events to discover the online world. Explore topics like the internet, online shopping, artificial intelligence and much more! All learning levels are welcome!

## Toodyay Recreation Centre Opening Hours for 2024 - 2025

### November

Monday 6am - 9am & 1pm - 6pm  
Tuesday 1pm - 6pm  
Wednesday 6am - 9am & 1pm - 6pm  
Thursday 1pm - 6pm  
Friday 6am - 9am & 1pm - 6pm  
Saturday 10am - 5pm  
Sunday 10am - 5pm

### December to March

Monday 6am - 9am & 1pm - 7pm  
Tuesday 1pm - 7pm  
Wednesday 6am - 9am & 1pm - 7pm  
Thursday 1pm - 7pm  
Friday 6am - 9am & 1pm - 8pm  
Saturday 10am - 5pm  
Sunday 10am - 5pm

### April

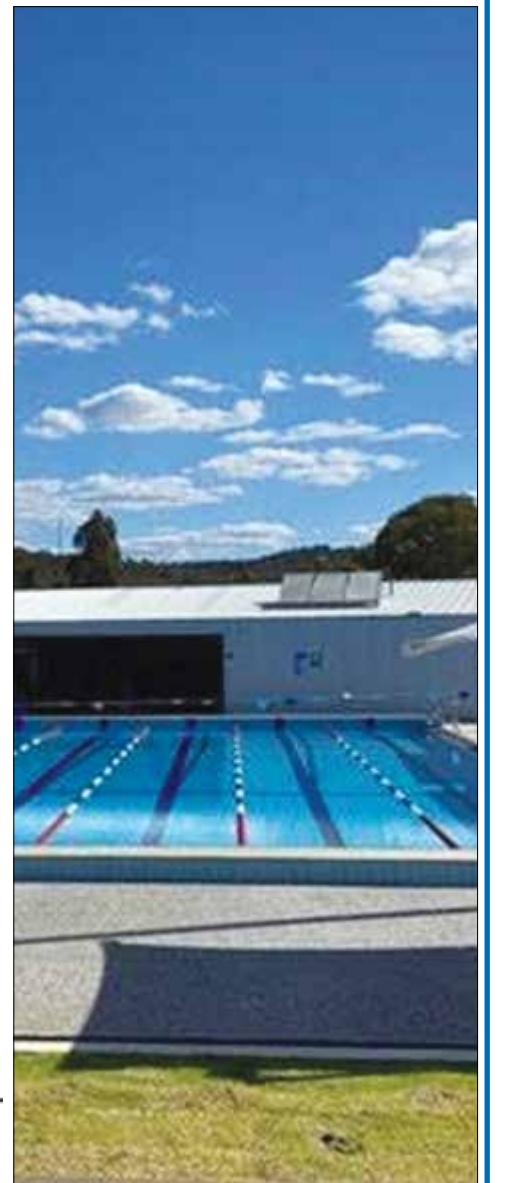
Monday to Friday 1pm - 6pm  
Saturday and Sunday 10am - 5pm

### Public Holidays

10am - 5pm

### End of Season

27 April 2025



**OPENING 2ND NOVEMBER 2024**



RSVP is appreciated. For more information contact the TCRC on (08) 9574 9399 or email [crc@toodyay.wa.gov.au](mailto:crc@toodyay.wa.gov.au)





# Gonneville Project Update



## Toodyay DHS Site Visit

It was a busy day at the Gonneville Project site when the Toodyay District High School Year 10 students visited. As part of the Australian Earth Science Education (AusEarthEd) Wheatbelt Engagement Program, Year 10 students had the opportunity to apply their classroom learning in the field. Hosted by Chalice Mining and supported by AusEarth Ed CEO, Jo Watkins, students were given a tour of the Project site and got the opportunity to participate in some hands-on activities.

The day started with the discovery story, understanding exploration methods used to discover the Gonneville deposit, then a rundown on project development studies, including the environmental approvals process. Students got the opportunity to do some water monitoring, understand flora surveys, recording plants in survey quadrants, see a drill rig and visit the core yard where they were able to log core. Chalice staff hosted and gave insight into the careers within the organisation and pathways to get into the various roles.

Shelly Maes, Toodyay District High School Pathways Coordinator and Deputy Principal said, 'Seeing the practical application of the things they have learnt about gives the students greater understanding and context to what they are studying at school. Information is easier to retain when it is relatable'.



## Have a question? Visit us at a community event

The Chalice community team will be attending two upcoming community events, ready to answer your questions and share information about the Gonneville Project.

Look out for the Chalice marquee at:

- **Toodyay Agricultural Show** at Toodyay Showgrounds - Saturday, 5 October
- **Bindoon Agricultural Show** at Bindoon Showgrounds – Saturday, 12 October

If you can't make it to these events, but would like to know more about Chalice activities or the Gonneville Project, visit our community Facebook page to follow us and ask a question.

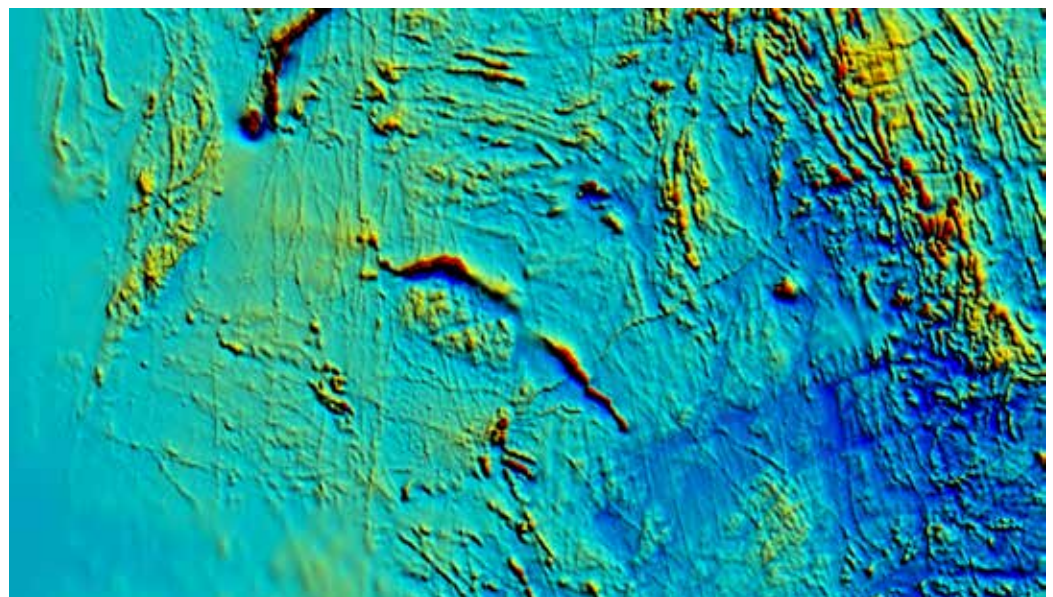


[www.facebook.com/ChaliceGonnevilleProject](https://www.facebook.com/ChaliceGonnevilleProject)

## How was Gonneville found?

Chalice's geologists discovered the Gonneville deposit in early 2020 after investigating publicly available geological data. The data showed promising geological features at the Gonneville location, consistent with an area that may contain minerals.

This prompted Chalice to apply for exploration tenements and complete further exploration activities. Initial drilling completed proved there are minerals at Gonneville, with the first drill hole samples showing high levels of nickel and palladium.



## Chalice Community Investment Program

Applications are now closed for the Chalice Community Investment Program August-September submission period. Thank you to everyone who applied. We are currently reviewing the submissions. Successful applicants will be notified in November.



# Making the most of your autumn years

## Staying in Place Toodyay Districts Hamish Dobie

THE OLD proverb “God helps those who help themselves” is never more relevant than when we reach retirement age.

Four years ago, I retired and moved to Toodyay after more than 30 years of living in inner city Perth.

I wanted to get out of the city where I lived closely surrounded by other people, but knew very few of them.

When someone retires, becomes unemployed or unwell, a feeling of isolation can develop.

The big city can be insular and people have busy lives and mostly don't participate in local events or join clubs.

Interacting with other people and having a social life is important to maintain your mental and physical health.

I wanted to spend my retirement in a relaxed environment, hoping to make friends around my own age and participate in local clubs and events.

I have joined several clubs and connected with others in the local community.

Toodyay has provided what I was seeking and I'm hoping to live here for as long as my health and fitness will allow.

I read once that one of the biggest mistakes you can make as you age is believing you can still do everything you could do when you were young.

As the years pass I have noticed that my physical abilities have taken a downturn.

It is not so easy weeding the garden or cleaning the gutters.

When I was told about the Staying In Place model operating in another country town and making a huge difference to the elderly in and around that town, I wanted to find out more, as it may be something I would need in the (hopefully distant) future.

As any local knows Toodyay has an ageing population and according to the 2021 census, the average age of the local population is higher than the WA average.



Planning ahead of time can help you stay in place in your own home and keep your independence.

I'm very happy to say that Staying in Place Toodyay Districts (SIPTD) is now up and running, joining many other regional communities who are now operating this successful model.

The Federal Government, after assessment, may provide an aged care package for individuals to support them to continue to live a comfortable life in their own home.

The difference in the SIPTD model is that it is a Toodyay based not-for-profit community organisation and is run by locals for locals.

The model aims to connect with seniors to determine their needs to remain safely in their own homes, while developing an

ongoing support relationship.

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

Services coordinated by SIPTD include cleaning, gardening, nursing assistance, help with shopping, transport to medical appointments, social support and meal delivery.

Providing employment for locals to help keep seniors socially connected and in their own homes keeps the revenue earned in the community which benefits local businesses and adds to the economic prosperity of Toodyay and surrounds.

Whether you already have an aged care package or think you may be eligible for one, or if you haven't come to terms that you are not coping as well as you used to with everyday tasks, please contact SIPTD for information and advice.

SIPTD thanks Rio Tinto for their grant in funding the purchase of medical equipment and the support provided by local Labor MP Darren West.

For information on how to become a support worker or apply for an assistance package please contact Charmaine on 0494 085 790, or email [casemanager@stayinginplacetoodyay.org.au](mailto:casemanager@stayinginplacetoodyay.org.au).

## A bath and scrub-up save baby dolls from the tip

### The Crooked Needle Jean Melhuish-Hill

HASN'T the weather been just wonderful?

Our bulbs and flowers are bursting with colour and the wildflowers are out around Toodyay, all this adding enthusiasm to our group with new projects being started.

A few of us have been on holidays, another boost to new works.

Kwan Stevens has recently been to Thailand to visit relatives and came back with a selection of children's cotton bonnets and beanies that her sister had made to add

to our charity works.

Teddy James, one of our long-term members, has been doing a bit of recycling.

There were two baby dolls in a nearby skip and after an initial look it was obvious to Teddy that these dolls were worth saving.

A bath and a scrub-up made the difference and all we need now is some clothes.

Teddy is an excellent craftswoman but in recent years she has had to deal with failing sight but that didn't stop her from knitting the beautiful outfits for her rescued girl and boy.

These babies will be donated to one of the

local family shelters and I am sure they will be loved by the recipients.

We are all looking forward to the Agricultural Show either as attendees or exhibitors.

Christmas is nearing and our next endeavours will head in that direction.

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

For contact information please see *Where and When* on Page 31.



Children's Bonnets and Beanies donated for charity.



Orphaned Dolls revived by Teddy James.



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HEALTH

# A man needs three things - love, meaning and hope

## Warrior Wellbeing

### The Regional Men's Health Initiative

A WISE man said to me the three things a man needs is: to love someone, to do something meaningful, and to have something to look forward to.

These things are a constant in a man's life whether we are in adolescence, mid-life, transition or retirement.

We need to remember these three needs and stay engaged as they are a conduit to

maintaining a healthy disposition and aid in building something else into our lives, other than just our work to identify ourselves by.

We often talk about our random capacity to deal with stuff in our lives (this varies from person to person).

Most of us operate within the bounds of a rubber band non-stretched and stretched.

This innate capacity often boils down to how we are individually hardwired and may also reflect our upbringing and/or events experienced through our life journey.

What we do know is that we need to unplug the dam to let some stuff out every now and then so that the dam doesn't burst and cause us to crash.

When we link the three things a man needs to our capacity to deal with stuff in our lives (i.e. stopping the dam wall from bursting), it helps our life to:

- maintain a sense of balance;
- make sense of some of the fundamentals in our DNA (our warrior attitude); and
- improve our individual capacity to both survive and thrive.

We need to be mindful of living in the present and connecting with others.

For a bloke, this connectedness is important and can be maintained simply by attending a local men's shed, playing sport or watching our preferred sport with a friend, having a cuppa with a neighbour or spontaneously dropping in on a mate.

So, remember to take time to laugh with others and enjoy what we men do.

Talk to a Mate® about our health and wellbeing and ask him how he is going plus make sure we block out some time at the end of our busy periods to have a break.

As our priorities change in life, we need to reflect on our own values.

Three of these are healthy living, having purpose and being connected to community.

These are important values to us at every age and stage of our lives and when we line these up with the three things a man needs, which are:

- to love someone – i.e. healthy living;
- to do something meaningful – i.e. purpose, sense of achievement;
- to have something to look forward to – i.e. connectedness to community.

Then life starts to make some sense.

We blokes need to recognise and talk about these significant aspects of our lives, so we can fulfil our potential and ultimately enjoy the journey.

Don't take anything for granted. We don't know what will happen tomorrow.

# 60's class reunion

## Northam Senior High School Alumni Norman Moore

THE NORTHAM Senior High School Alumni is organising a Decade Reunion for all former students who finished their secondary education at the school from 1960 to 1969.

Teachers or non-teaching staff who worked at the school during the 1960's Decade will also be welcome.

The Reunion will be a picnic lunch in Kings Park at the Kulbardi Pavillion and Lawn (corner of Saw Avenue and May Drive) from noon until 3pm on Friday 1 November 2024.

Attendees are requested to bring with them the necessary picnic items – food, chairs or rugs, drinks etc.. BBQs are available.

Last year the Alumni organised a Reunion for the 1940s and 1950s decades students in Northam which was very successful.

It is hoped to be able to organise a 1970s decade reunion in 2025.

Any 1960s decade students or staff requiring further information about the picnic are invited to call Norman Moore on 0417 926 326 or email the Alumni Secretary at [nshsalumnisecretary@gmail.com](mailto:nshsalumnisecretary@gmail.com).

# Toodyay Baptist Church to celebrate 30 years

## The Factory

### Toodyay Baptist Church

#### Jenny McDougall

THIS year the church celebrates 30 years since it began so please join us on Sunday 27 October 2024 at 10.30am as we celebrate this occasion.

The day will be one of Thanksgiving, as we humbly and graciously acknowledge God's hand upon this church and give thanks to Him for all He has done here in Toodyay.

Phil Bryant will be our speaker for the service after which we invite you to join us for lunch.

If you are in contact with any of the people who have been here over the years, but have now gone elsewhere, could you please pass this information on to them?

Alternatively, pass their details to Jenny McDougall.

We look forward to seeing you.

Please RSVP to Jenny McDougall by phone 0428 479 489 or email [rjmcdougall@westnet.com.au](mailto:rjmcdougall@westnet.com.au).



Toodyay Baptist Church Youth Music Team.

# What a honey



New Holland Honeyeater.

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## Wiggly Worm rides at the Toodyay Show

Lions Club Toodyay  
Heather McNamara

THE TOODYAY Lions Club recently had a wonderful social meeting with great food and banter as is usually the case.

So, what else have we been up to? The Toodyay Farmers Market is always a great day and this time we were promoting what we do for our community and how you can get involved.

It's always good to speak with people and share our stories and we did so at the Toodyay Races where we also had the opportunity to manage the merchandise stand, thanks to the Toodyay Race Club.

What a fabulous day and we are looking forward to next year's races.

Our next out and about will be Show day, where we will be coordinating the showground gates, with the assistance of our Friends of Lions, RSL and Coondle-Nunile Bush Fire Brigade.

We have fantastic community and volunteer groups in Toodyay. We always look forward to working with

them to make great things happen. The Wiggly Worm will be there and will be located around the oval.

Come on down to say hello and enjoy a ride on the worm and wave to the crowd.

If you would like to find out more about what we do please drop us a line at toodyay.wa@lions.org.au.



Lions Club Toodyay Wiggly Worm.



## Size matters Morangup at quiz night

Morangup Progress Association (MPA)

Daryl Cooper Chair

A PACKED Morangup Community Hall on a Saturday evening in September raised over \$4,000 for our local volunteer services at our fundraising quiz night.

The event which was run by MPA committee members Ray Mills as quiz master, ably assisted by Nat Mills and Geni Brown, attracted 110 participants.

These included Central Wheatbelt MLA Mia Davies, Toodyay Shire President Mick McKeown, members of council and new shire CEO Aaron Bowman.

Participants were grouped in tables of ten, with each group giving themselves a name, the dignitaries above labelling themselves "Better Late Than Never".

There were ten rounds of 20 questions, each round having a theme, for example Animals, Olympics and so on.

The round "Size Matters" (don't know if this round was inspired by current USA politics) produced some of the most puzzling answers.

None of these unusual and amusing answers is fit for publication in a respectable newspaper such as *The Herald*.

Thanks to the generosity of the many Toodyay, Morangup and Gidgegannup businesses who donated prizes – too many to be listed here, but who have been well acknowledged elsewhere – there were prizes for the first, second and third tables, plus a total of 36 spot prizes over the course of the evening.

First prize went to "Better Late Than Never", perhaps to the chagrin of the locals (who among us wants to admit that our chosen representatives are maybe smarter than we are?), beating by only one point "Wee-oh – wee-oh" and third prize went to the "Cunning Linguists" (cunning indeed).

Further events at the community hall organised by the MPA this year include a Grand Final day, a Melbourne Cup BBQ, and a morning market on November 17.

The latter is shaping up to be the biggest Morangup Market yet with a number of stalls already pre-booked.

Anyone still wishing to pre-book can email treasurer@morangupmpa.com.au.

### Advertorial

## Interstate Bush Poets to judge in Toodyay

WA Bush Poets and Yarnspinnners Association  
Bill Gordon

DAVID Stanley from NSW will be in Toodyay to compete at the annual WA Bush Poetry and State Championships to be held on November 8-10.

Tim Sheed and Christine Middleton from Victoria will judge the competitions.

The third judge is Terry Piggott, one of WA's best writers who has won many

awards in written competitions in the east as well as in WA.

Several of the best Bush Poets from WA will be aiming to take the title of Champion Poet and Champion Yarnspinner for 2024.

While competition promises to be fierce on the stage, off stage the weekend is one of the social highlights on the Bush Poetry calendar.

The weekend includes a dinner at the Toodyay Hotel on Friday, singing and

dancing on Saturday in the hall and a BBQ on Sunday night at the Riverside Caravan Park.

Bill Gordon, President of WA Bush Poets and Yarnspinnners said that everyone is welcome to drop in any time over the weekend to witness some quality family-friendly entertainment.

There will be walk-up opportunities for anyone who would like to stand up and recite a poem or to read a poem they have written.

All events are free to attend including a workshop in the CWA Hall in Stirling Terrace on Friday afternoon conducted by Australian Bush Poets Association President, Tim Sheed.

Full details of the program are available from the Toodyay Visitors Centre.

It would not be possible to run this as a free event if it were not for the generous support of the Toodyay Shire, Toodyay Op Shop and Bendigo Bank.



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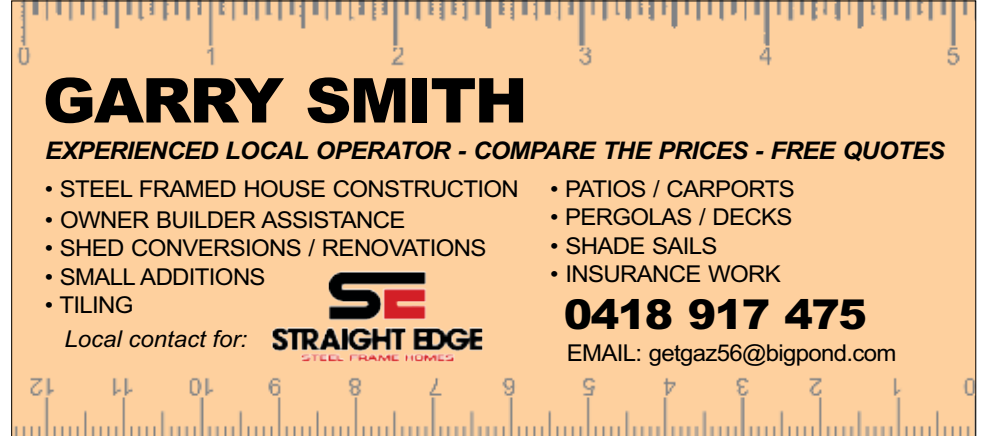
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## Friends join students in Landcare unit

**Toodyay Friends of the River (TFOR)**

Bethan Lloyd and Hugh Rayner

TOODYAY Friends of the River have recently formed a partnership with Toodyay District High School focused on assisting students with a Landcare unit.

This partnership started when the group was approached by teacher Mark Donnelly about the possibility of working with a group of students on the practical component of the unit related to the river environment.

As a result of that approach TFOR members Bethan Lloyd and Greg Warburton are now helping with delivery of this landcare project to a group of 11 Year 9 students.

The project site is from the lower crossing of Boyagerring Brook up to where the brook leaves farmland and as the site basically wraps around the school it is conveniently close for practical activities.

So far, the students have set up salinity monitoring points at three sites to develop an understanding of salinity levels in Boyagerring Brook, and how these vary at different flow times.

They have also installed a camera trap to monitor animal movements and to date have captured (on film) a fox, a bronze wing pigeon and several fantails.



Bethan Lloyd (second from left) and Greg Warburton (second from right) from TFOR with the TDHS Year 9 Landcare students out in the field.

In another aspect of learning about the river ecosystem, students are measuring the survival and growth of native seedlings planted this winter, including during earlier TFOR busy bees.

The group is undertaking essential and never-ending weed control activities and is learning techniques such as using solarisation to smother weeds such as oxalis and veldt grass.

Mark Donnelly said, "The highlight for many of the students was the woody weed removal with Greg Warburton."

In addition, they are tackling some larger weeds (that is something growing where you don't want it or where it is detrimental to the broader environment), cutting down and painting olive trees with glyphosate and injecting it into those trees too large to cut down.

The students are also learning the names of native species and weeds in the area and are pressing specimens to help with identification.

Future activities will include investigation of soil types and the collection, processing and sowing of native seeds, plus hopefully a bird watching walk.

Finally, safety when working outdoors is a major theme in the unit including sun protection, appropriate clothing and footwear, the use of gloves and being observant for potential risk factors.

Mark commented "Students have learned a lot about landcare aims and land management practices through the strong partnership we have formed with the Toodyay Friends of the River."

"They are always enthusiastic to take part in hands-on learning and are eager to attempt new tasks."

He added that, "It has been great to see young people regularly taking part in environmental activities and helping to maintain and improve the natural environment in the Toodyay shire."

It has been a great pleasure for TFOR working with these students, and we look forward to continuing in Term 4.

## Weepy eyes indicate Bobtail flu

**Marsupial Mammals And Pappas (Inc) (MMAp)**

Brian Foley

BOBTAIL goannas are being reported to us with the Bobtail Flu so keep a look out for these goannas as they come out of their winter brumation.

Affected bobtails present with classic flu-like symptoms such as weepy eyes, nasal discharge, oral discharge, increased sneezing, lethargy, and weight loss.

If we get these animals early with the correct treatments they can be cured and they will be released.

The virus is a death sentence for affected bobtails without human intervention.

Concerning marsupials, we have not received any joey kangaroos from local areas but we also support metropolitan based wildlife centres without 24 hour carers.



The endangered Black-gloved wallaby which arrived from a vet in Mundaring.

These groups tend to receive animals that are able to be cared for at the centres but marsupials require the 24 hour care we can provide, so we take them which was the case for three joeys last month.

A black gloved wallaby was handed into the Mundaring Veterinarian after the mother was hit by a car.

The vets contacted MMAp to take in and look after this endangered animal.

We are now full but will not turn away any injured or orphaned animals.

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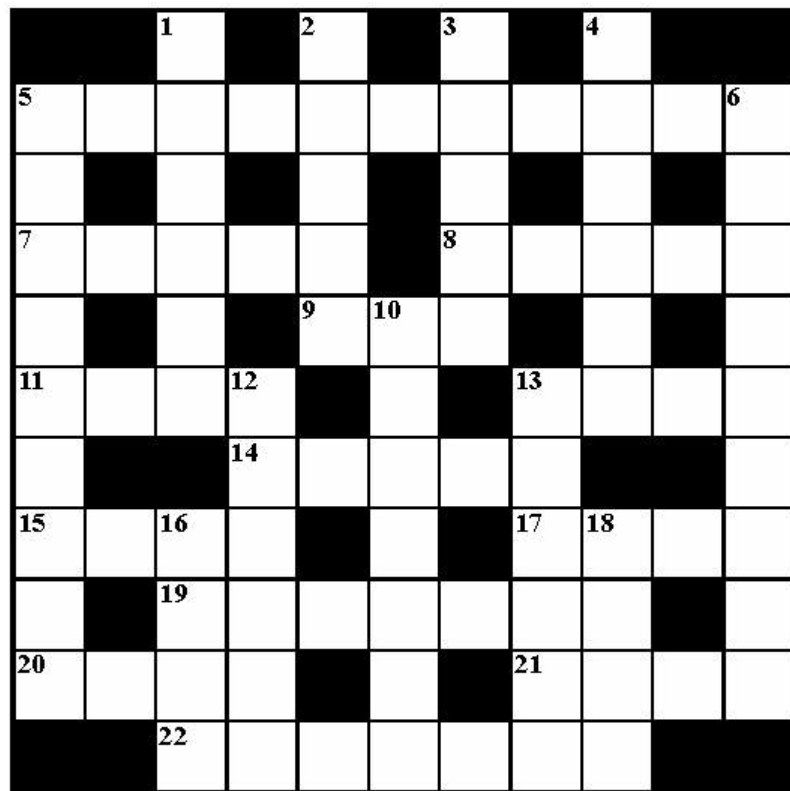
# Combo Crossword

**ACROSS**

- 5. Player
- 7. Mannequin
- 8. Bonds
- 9. Affirmation
- 11. Multitude
- 13. At this place
- 14. Red cosmetic
- 15. Otherwise
- 17. Evidence
- 19. Eagerness
- 20. Transmit
- 21. Irritates
- 22. Fundamental nature

**DOWN**

- 1. Deals in
- 2. Stupid
- 3. Relationships
- 4. Wheedle
- 5. Brochures
- 6. Insipid
- 10. Educated
- 12. Fashions
- 13. Frenzied
- 16. Of sound mind
- 18. Ancient musical instrument



**Cryptic Clues**

**ACROSS**

- 5. One who is actively involved with a member
- 7. Shortly, Geronimo delivers a poser
- 8. They're tied up with nautical distances
- 9. Certainly very essential inside
- 11. Compere a large number
- 13. Therefore in this place
- 14. A dreadful rogue produced facial makeup
- 15. In addition, feel secure within
- 17. An indication as to what this is
- 19. Concern over trepidation
- 20. Dispatch from outer space to the grand final
- 21. Vexes from a bad risk
- 22. The intrinsic feature of perfume, perhaps

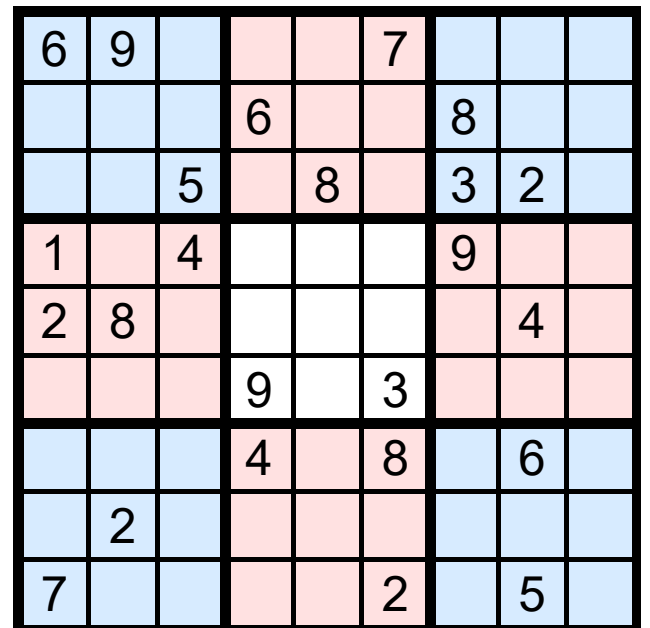
**DOWN**

- 1 Works at crafts
- 2 The window shelf is jolly close to being ridiculous
- 3 Golf course connections
- 4 Lace Jo up to persuade by flattery
- 5 Brief publications of circulars
- 6 Sample, to a smaller extent, when watered down
- 10 Learned to be in possession of a great deal of knowledge
- 12 Styles of general tendencies
- 13 Wild, when characterised by extreme activity
- 16 Rational seaside points
- 18 Sounds like a storyteller made an earlier Greek instrument

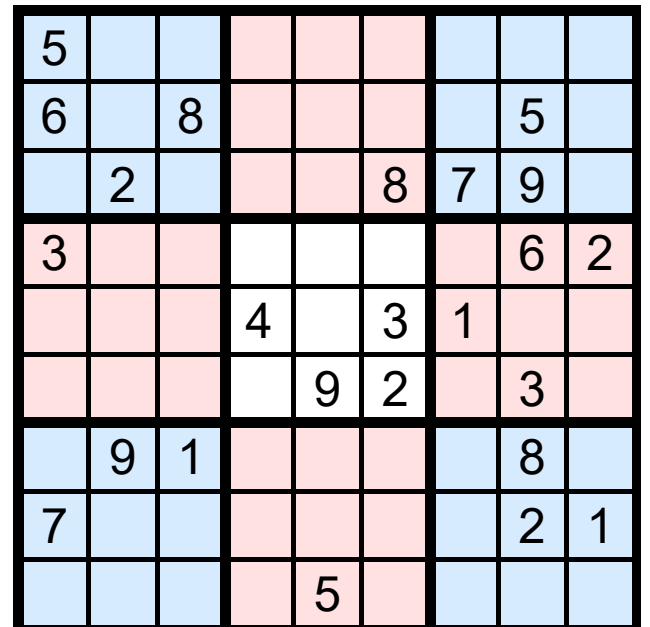
# Sudoku

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.

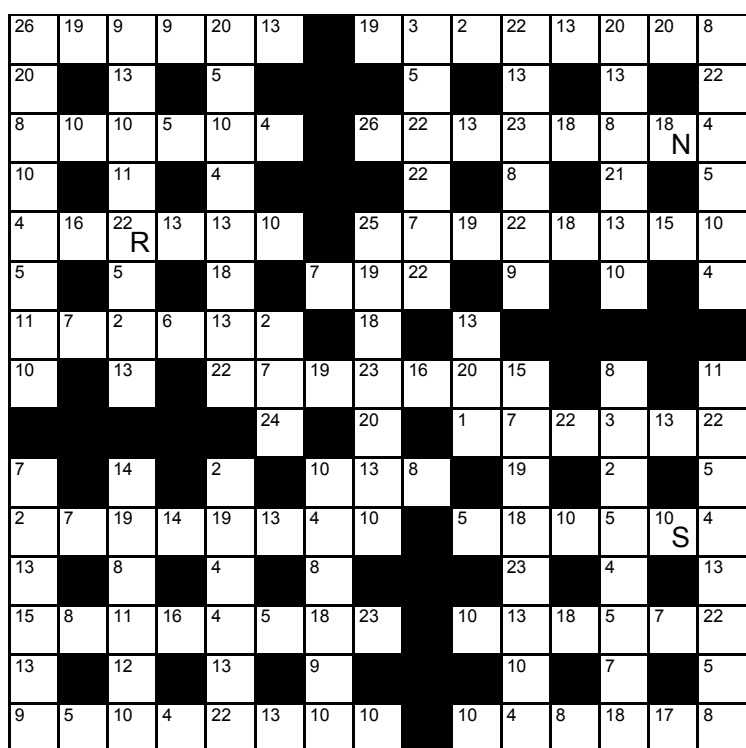
## Easy



## Hard



# CrossCode

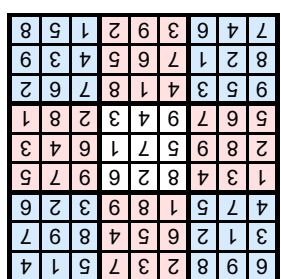


Crosscode is a logic puzzle. Each letter is a number. Begin by guessing the first word and placing the additional letters into the crosscode. Keep guessing words/letters until completed.

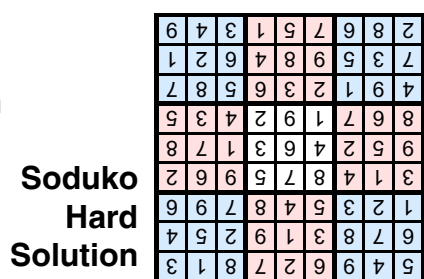
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A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z

## Solutions



**Sudoku Easy Solution**



**Sudoku Hard Solution**



**Crosscode Solution**



**Combo Solution**



## 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 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.

### 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**  
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**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 Brian Foley 0419 933 721.

**Safe and Scenic Toodyay Road**  
Andrew St John. sastr.com.au.

**Toodyay Friends of the River**  
Second Sunday monthly or following Monday, 9am (winter); 8am (summer). See TFOR noticeboard outside Drummond House. Email info@toodyayfor.org.au.

**Toodyay Garden Club**  
First Thursday monthly, 10am. Heidi Malone President 0451 127 413 toodyaygardenclub@gmail.com for venue or Judy on 0437 077 875.

**Toodyay Naturalists' Club**  
Third Saturday monthly. 9574 5574, info@toodyaynats.org.au. or secretary@toodyaynats.org.au.

**Toodyay Seed Group**  
Toodyay Junction, opposite Shire depot. Email bethan\_lloyd8@msn.com.

### FESTIVALS & EVENTS

**Toodyay Agricultural Show**  
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**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 Duidge 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.

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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.

### Butterly Cottages Association

Secretary: Cheryl-Jean. Contact email butterfly2J@gmail.com.

**Fitness and Fun for the Over 55s**  
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**Ida's Hideaway**  
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**Silver Chain Social Centre**  
Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays Toodyay Community Centre 78 Stirling Tce. 1300 650 803.

### SERVICE ORGANISATIONS

**Bejoording Community Group**  
Wednesdays Bejoording Community Centre Bejoording Rd 6pm. Barry Grey, President 0428 742 149.

**Country Women's Association**  
General meetings fourth Thursday monthly at 1pm, coffee mornings second Thursday monthly, 10am CWA Hall. Bookings Margot Watkins 0405 067 591 or 9574 2823.

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

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

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

**Safer Toodyay Inc**  
Meetings announced in Herald column. secretary@safertoodyay.org.au, 9574 5574.

**Toodyay Lions Club**  
First Tuesday of the month Toodyay Hotel. Second Tuesday Social meeting. 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.

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Mixed comp Sundays noon; Ladies Wednesdays 1.30pm. Roma: 9574 5534. Men's scrungers Thursdays 2pm. Bruce 0417 028 089.

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

**Toodyay Tennis Club**  
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# The Avon Valley welcomes the world

THE UNIVERSAL Shotokan Karate Union International Karate Championships and Cultural Exchange will be held in Toodyay in August 2025.

Excitement is building across the Avon Valley as we prepare to host the prestigious event which will bring together martial artists from around the globe for an unforgettable week of competition, cultural exchange and community spirit.

From August 19 to 27 next year the Avon Valley will transform into a global stage as karate practitioners from countries such as Japan, New Zealand, Malaysia, Sri Lanka, South Africa and more, converge to showcase their skills and immerse themselves in the rich cultural heritage of Western Australia.

This historic event will mark the first time the international karate spotlight shines on the region, offering our local community an incredible opportunity to experience world-class martial arts and vibrant cross-cultural interaction right in our own backyard.

The USKU International Karate Championships will feature top-tier competition at the Northam Recreation Centre where over 150 participants will compete in a thrilling display of athleticism, technique and discipline.

Alongside the adrenaline-fuelled action, the event offers much more than sport. It's a true cultural exchange.

Local families will open their homes to international participants through a special homestay program, fostering meaningful connections and lifelong friendships.

"This event is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for our community to not only witness martial arts mastery but also engage with different cultures from around the world" says Ken Bainbridge, Sensei of Avon Valley USKU.

"It's more than a competition. It's a celebration of unity, respect, and cultural understanding."

The event will kick off with a warming Welcome Party at Toodyay Memorial Hall featuring a traditional Welcome to Country by local Aboriginal Elders and performances that celebrate the region's Indigenous heritage.

From cultural storytelling to hands-on wildlife experiences at Caversham Wildlife Park, the USKU Championships and Cultural Exchange will showcase the best of what the Avon Valley has to offer to our international guests and locals alike.

With interactive workshops at local schools, cultural performances and a bustling competition schedule, there's something for everyone – whether you're a martial arts enthusiast, a culture lover, or just looking for an exciting family day out.

We invite local businesses, schools, and community members to join us in supporting this incredible event.

Whether it's volunteering, hosting international guests, or simply attending to cheer on competitors, your involvement will make this event an unforgettable success.

Tickets for the Welcome Party, Karate Competition, and Cultural Workshops will be available soon.

Stay tuned for more information and mark your calendars for August 2025. This is an event you won't want to miss.

For volunteer opportunities, or more information, please contact Ken Bainbridge Sensei, Avon Valley USKU on 0439 767 518, or email: avonvalleyshotokan@gmail.com; kenbainbridge99@gmail.com.

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**ENVIRONMENT**

**Trapdoor spiders intrigue visitors**

**Toodyay Naturalists' Club**  
Desraé Clarke

THE WEATHER was kind for a recent club members' visit to the Minivale district within the Wheatbelt Shire of Dowerin.

The main interest for the excursion was the presence of Trapdoor Spiders.

The beautiful wildflowers were also a drawcard and we were not disappointed.

The displays of the delicate Featherflower (Verticordia) in colours of rich yellow and others of delicate rose-pink were exquisite.

There was a considerable display of a rich purple shrub of the Starflower, Calytrix.

The presence on the flowers of a small attractive bug was noted.

It had a yellow body with black stripes across it and a touch of red – a very attractive little critter.

Another splash of purple-blue colour was that of the Dampiera.

There were many extremely delicate tiny flowering plants that are so beautiful.

The mauve Fringed Lily climbs up anything available like a stick protruding from the ground, low shrubbery, etc..

Other small plants found were tiny cushions of brightly coloured Triggerplants dressed in a golden yellow with orange markings and a buttercup so small it could easily be passed by.

Two species of Poverty Bush, Eremophila, were found with one having mauve-coloured small flowers, which interest small birds with a short bill, and a second plant species of a long tubular flower that the honeyeater species favour.

There were several types of hakea with spectacular pink blossoms and grevilleas with large yellow flowers greatly sought after by native bees.

One of the Grevilleas has a small black flower and is known as the Toothbrush Grevillea.

Thank you to those of the community who contact the Nat's members with reports of observations.

They are extremely valuable and contact can be made by email: secretary@toodyaynats.org.au or 9574 5574.

Last but not least, thanks to community generosity our September fundraiser was a success and the funds raised will go to our group insurance obligations.



The Starflower with a Calytrix leschenaultia beetle. Photo: Desraé Clarke.

**Red-capped Robin on Rottnest**

**Bird of the Month**  
Desraé Clarke

THE RED-CAPPED Robin is found across Australia in a great variety of habitats that range from eucalypt forests, woodlands, jam, mulga to home gardens.

Rottnest Island also has a small resident population.

The male is 11cm to 12cm with the female slightly smaller.

It has a brilliant red spot on its forehead in a jet-black cap and a matching brilliant red breast.

It has a white wing mark and white edges to the black tail with white flanks and underparts.

The female has a much paler cap and breast of a brick/red colour.

Its back is a buff/grey. The underparts are a dull white with white edges to the tail.

The Red-capped Robin watches silently from a perch ready to pounce on its prey of moths, beetles, wasps, ants or flies; it returns to its perch to consume its catch.

Breeding takes place between July and January.

The tiny nest, built entirely by the female, consists of soft grasses, bark and spider webs in the fork of a horizontal branch from one to three metres from the ground.

It may be re-used again in the same season if there is a second clutch.

Two to four blue or grey/green eggs are laid and incubated by the female for about fourteen days.

Both parents feed the nestlings who fledge within fourteen days with the parents continuing to feed the young for approximately three weeks following fledging.

If the bird is disturbed in the vicinity of its nest it will give rasping clicks and it will repeatedly flick its wings.

The call of the Red-capped Robin is a low, bubbling sound 'dit-dit-drrrr-it' resembling the call of the telephone.

It is a bird found within the Shire of Toodyay.



The Red-capped Robin. Photo: Lyn Phillips.

**Pelham Reserve wildflowers**



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## ENVIRONMENT

## Secret garden glistens between showers

Toodyay Garden Club  
Judy Rowston

IT WAS a very cold and wet Thursday for our Garden Club visit to Russty and Liz Tayler's Coondle property this month.

After a cancellation just a week before this visit, our members were thankful and appreciative that Russty and Liz stepped in to host the event at short notice.

The garden was looking just beautiful in between frequent showers.

Our 29 members and two visitors made the most of the small break in the weather to explore the many pathways leading to a bridge and pond.

We then ventured around to the new secret garden accessed through a fantastic gateway made by Russty.



The bridge and pond, which members passed as they made their way to the secret garden.

Metal art features adorned throughout the garden, with the inclusion of an old Singer sewing machine that Russty transformed into a very flash tractor.

With a lack of water and a lot of rock on the property, the garden has survived and evolved by moving a rock, planting a plant, a lot of horse manure and love.

Huge Yuccas, Callistemon, Protea, Daniella, Osteospermum and Hardenbergia adorn the property.

It's now time with this warmer weather and with blooms looking beautiful to start taking snaps of our spring flowers for the photo competition, which will be judged at the Christmas Luncheon.

Our next garden visit will be to Gomboc Gallery Sculpture Park in Middle Swan.

This is a bus trip so if you would like to book a seat please call Judy on 0437 077 875 or email the Garden Club at toodyaygardenclub@gmail.com.



The miniature tractor made by Russty from an old Singer sewing machine.

## Legless local may be a lizard after all

Python Watch  
Desraé Clarke

WITH the onset of warmer days herpetofauna begins to move about enjoying the change.

You may ask yourself, what is herpetofauna? Herpetofauna is a group of reptiles and amphibians.

So, what are amphibians?

They are creatures such as frogs, turtles, etc. that usually have some interaction with either water or moist soil.

With the change in seasons from cool to heat there is also the possibility of meeting a snake.

The following gives some differences between snakes and reptiles.

Some reptiles can resemble the snake, the legless lizard being one such animal.

**Tongues**

The tongue of the legless lizard is broad and used to clean its lips and its eyes.

The tongue of a snake is forked, long and slender and flicks in and out of its mouth.

The only lizard that has a 'forked tongue' is the monitor.

**Ear Holes**

Most legless lizards have quite noticeable ear holes.

A snake does not have ear holes and is sensitive to vibration and gathers surrounding dust particles with its flicking tongue to be analysed by the Jacobson's Organ in the roof of its mouth.

**Tails**

The legless lizard has an extremely long, slender tail.

A snake has a short tail.

**Regenerated Tails**

Most lizards can regenerate a damaged tail and the regrown tail is a different colour and un-patterned.

A snake also however, cannot regenerate a

damaged or amputated tail.

**Legs or Flaps**

The legless lizard has flaps where back legs would have been placed.

A snake does not have any hint of flaps or legs.

**Venomous or Not**

The legless lizard is non-venomous and harmless.

Snakes are venomous but pythons are not.

The Burton's Legless Lizard is a species found within the Shire of Toodyay in a variety of habitat types of low vegetation and rocky areas.

It preys, by ambush, on small lizards and occasionally small snakes.

It is the only known legless lizard to feed exclusively on other reptiles.

It moves about during the day in the cooler months of spring and autumn (diurnal) but is active at night during the hot summer months (nocturnal) when it lays its eggs (oviparous).

The ground colour of the Burton's Legless Lizard can be pale grey, cream, tan, rusty brown to orange and may have faint black longitudinal lines, or dashes, for the length of the body and the tail.

It is a large lizard of up to 30cms SVL (the length between the tip of the snout to the vent) with its tail approximately one and a half times the SVL.

It has a noticeably long, pointed snout and, although the ear hole is small, it is discernible as seen in the attached photo.

If you have an interesting natural history story, photograph, native plant or flower email the Toodyay Naturalists' Club secretary@toodyaynats.com.au to be included on the Nats' records as your observation could not only be interesting but could be extremely important.



Burton's Legless Lizard from Reptiles and Frogs of the Perth Region-Brian Bush et al.

## HEALTH

## "It's how you react that matters"

Mr Perfect – More than a BBQ  
Sean Hefferon, BBQ Coordinator

THERE once was a bloke named Epictetus who was born into slavery and then became a famous Stoic thinker.

Back in his day which was over 2000 years ago he had the radical thought that, "It's not what happens to you, but how you react to it that matters".

I use the word "radical" deliberately as in the society in which Epictetus strutted his toga (jeans hadn't been invented yet) many citizens felt that life was at the whim of the Greek gods and goddesses they worshipped.

And that a lightning bolt could come down from Mount Olympus at any moment to strike the unworthy or just be hurled downwards when god whats-his-name was bored.

Epictetus's quote goes to personal agency and its meaning is just as important now in 2024 as it was back then.

In effect what his quote says is we have choices concerning how we respond to an event.

We are not mindless automatons that just have a "click-whirr" response although much of the behaviour we see around us might suggest otherwise.

Yes, perhaps there are robots living

amongst us (joking, of course).

Or as Viktor Frankl said, "Between stimulus and response there is a space.

"In that space is our power to choose our response.

"In our response lies our growth and our freedom."

He should know, having survived three years in Nazi concentration camps, where his parents and wife perished.

After surviving hellholes such as Auschwitz, and after liberation from the Nazis he returned to his medical work (he was a psychiatrist).

Nowadays he is perhaps best known as the author of *Man's Search for Meaning*.

His 1946 book chronicles his time as a camp prisoner and builds on his observation that those who survived the camps were able to connect with a purpose in life.

It's not a stretch to state that having a life purpose can help one push through challenges.

When these challenges hit you perhaps it's also worth searching for that space between the stimulus (or event) and response.

In that space you choose how you want to react.

And I reckon that's a pretty good thing.

## Petition to have Julimar State Forest reclassified as a National Park

Julimar Conservation and Forest Alliance (JCAFA)  
Sharon Richards

IN MAY this year the alliance met with local State Labor MP Darren West, at Parliament House to present him with the petition to have Julimar State Forest reclassified as a National Park.

The petition was forwarded to the Standing Committee for the Environment and Public Affairs for consideration.

The Standing Committee wrote to the Minister for the Environment, Mr Reece Whitby, for his opinion and recommendation.

Disappointingly the Minister did not support the proposal, rejecting the opportunity to protect one of the last remaining Jarrah-Wandoo forests north of Perth and made the following comments:

"The petition calls for the entire area of 28,610 hectares of Julimar to become national park.

"This may not be achievable initially as State Agreement MLISA granted to Alcoa under the Alumina Refinery Agreement Act 1961 covers 7580 hectares of Julimar State Forest.

"The State Agreement provides Alcoa with development rights and interests over the area.

"There are currently existing and pending exploration licences affecting Julimar targeting minerals used in battery manufacture and green hydrogen technology adoption."

He also writes

"Julimar has been managed by the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions and its predecessors under the CALM Act for the protection of its significant flora, fauna, cultural heritage and landscape values since 1982.

"Due to its location, it is also subject to high public interest and recreational use."

Sadly, we know that Julimar is currently subject to a very low level of management.

In 1987 CALM's Regional Management

Plan recommended that Julimar be awarded conservation protection, again in 1999 and in 2000 the Conservation Park signs were erected, as Julimar awaited the resolution of its "mineral prospectivity" – Julimar is still waiting.

What management is in place for the critically endangered Woylie and the vulnerable Chuditch?

The Julimar Chuditch is currently breeding successfully and supporting the reestablishment of other populations of Chuditch around WA and SA.

How is one of the two largest breeding grounds for the Carnaby's Black Cockatoo being protected to support these iconic birds who have seen a significant decline in recent years and are now deemed endangered?

There is high public interest in Julimar and surrounds with over 700 people petitioning the Environmental Protection Authority to conduct the highest possible environmental assessment over the Challice Mining proposal which abuts the forest.

The WA Forest Alliance has also slammed Minister Whitby's decision.

Wafa senior campaigner, Jason Fowler, said, "Despite Julimar forest ticking all the boxes for conservation status and being proposed as a conservation park since 1994, Minister Whitby omits this fact from his response, ignoring his own department's forest management plan and capitulating to mining interests".

Fowler adds "There is a serious risk that the Cook government's commitment to finally implement over 200,000ha of already proposed protected areas like Julimar will fail".

In addition, the WA Government is committed to creating 400,000ha of new conservation areas in the southwest.

Mature ecosystems like those found in Julimar forest cannot be replaced, they rely on the geodiversity and biodiversity which has evolved over many thousands of years and once destroyed cannot be replicated.



A view of the Julimar Forest.



# Walking the dog reduces dementia

**Heartlands Veterinary Clinic**  
Dr Kirsti Addison

DID YOU know that the latest studies have shown that exercising old dogs can reduce their risk of doggy dementia?

Yes, dogs get dementia too. Now you may be asking yourself “What is doggy dementia?” and “How can we treat it?”

Doggy dementia (Canine cognitive dysfunction) is similar to Alzheimer’s disease in humans.

It normally occurs in dogs older than eight years but they can be as young as six years old.

It is a disease of the brain that comes with changes mostly attributed to ageing.

For example, dogs with dementia may get stuck behind furniture or forget where they are in the backyard.

They may sleep more and even become grumpy toward humans and other dogs.

They may pace at night and whine or bark without purpose.

How do we as vets diagnose doggy dementia?

This disease is hard to diagnose as there is no accurate, non-invasive test for it.

Like humans, dogs may have other diseases that can make a diagnosis complex and difficult to notice.

What can I do to reduce my dog’s risk?

There is recent research into exercise and ‘brain training’ to reduce the risk of dementia.

Things that are good for keeping your dog’s brain active and engaged are toys that stimulate your dog to think about getting rewards or taking your dog for regular walks.

There are even special diets that can help your dog’s brain.

What do I do if I think my dog has dementia?

The best thing to do is to contact your local vet to discuss your concerns around this topic.

Your vet may prescribe medications that can help reduce the signs or slow the disease and they may even give you tips and tricks to keep your dog’s brain active.

Unfortunately, there is no cure for dementia but caring for a dog with dementia is very rewarding and we can make a significant difference to their quality of life.

## The Canadian Foursomes golf event

**Toodyay Golf Club**  
**Dave Duncan, Captain**

GOLF results for September are as follows: Held on August 25 was the Arise Coffee Quota event, sponsored by Arise Coffee.

1st Bruce Shaw 37 points, 2nd Kim Rose 34 points and 3rd Dave Gordan 34 points.

The Canadian Foursomes event, sponsored by Hannaford’s was played on September 8 and the results were:

1st Mike Ryder and Wayne Mastin Nett 75.87, 2nd Murray Riseley and George Murray Nett 77.75 and 3rd Dave Duncan and Dave Gordan Nett 82.

Sponsored by Avon Valley Nissan the Avon Valley Nissan Fun Day was held on September 15, with the results being:

1st Ash Grundy, 2nd Nick Hocking and 3rd Murray Riseley. Well done all players.



An elderly dog may develop Doggy dementia.

# Get down early for karate demo

**Avon Valley Shotokan**  
Nat Kielbasa

SPRING has sprung, school holidays are here and that means the Toodyay Show is almost upon us.

Which is where you will find our students’ karate demonstration on show day at 9am on the oval.

We would be grateful to see the community come and cheer on our students who have been working hard on a special kata for you all.

Our burger stall will also be open so please come and support the club by grabbing a bite to eat.

Stall holders are welcome to contact us on [avonvalleyshotokan@gmail.com](mailto:avonvalleyshotokan@gmail.com) (before show day please) to place burger and drink orders and if you leave your stall location and details we will deliver your order to your stall at lunchtime.

In club news, two new events (kihon and team katas) were introduced to the end of term club challenge held last month.

The night began with kihon (meaning fundamentals in Japanese).

Kihon is an activity to practice the stances, blocks, kicks and punches – the building blocks of karate.

Congratulations to Ivy and Victor for first place in their divisions by showing excellent form and technique and well done everyone for embracing the new event.

Then it was time for students to show their best katas and how much they had learnt throughout the term.

There were four divisions based on belt levels and the club champions were Theon, Kira, Helena and Camden who all performed beautiful, spirited katas and it was impressive to watch every student try their hardest.

Next was the new kata event, where teams of students performed a synchronised kata with no verbal cues (very difficult to do).

It was brilliant to see students having a go, practising together during the term (and coming up with some very creative and unique team names too).

Casey, Helena and Victor (also known as ‘Da Glinga Gloongas’) earned first place with a demonstration of heian nidan, and likely deserved a ‘most random team name’ award too.

The night ended with deafening cheers as students donned their mitts and mouth guards ready for kumite (sparring).

A superb effort by all who joined in and congratulations to Ivy, Kingston, Theon, Kayden and Lincoln who were the club champions in each belt division.

Each term, Shihan Bainbridge presents the coveted spirit award (along with a nifty set of nunchucks) to recognise the student who has given their all throughout the term and shown enormous spirit in their training.

We are extremely proud of our winner, Tyler, who has tried his very best all term and continues to improve every single week.

We would also like to congratulate our newest member Shane, who enthusiastically participated in his first club challenge, tried every event, and impressively held his own sparring against brown belts.

In other news, it was fantastic to see the return and success of the Toodyay Races.

Our stall was a huge success thanks to the smell of the sausage sizzle and the tireless work of our volunteers.

Chandre surprised everyone with gorgeous new club stubby holders for the day which



Armie concentrating on his kata at the club challenge.

proved very popular and will also be available on show day for five dollars.

Lastly but very importantly, our senior students and sensei visited Northam Senior High School to support and spread the message of ‘RU OK’ day.

They ran activities to introduce students to the fun and health benefits of karate.

Being involved in your community clubs and keeping physically active are both proven ways to support your mental health.

We would love to be involved in your journey and welcome you to the friendly karate community.

The dojo door is always open and just waiting for you to make that first step.

Have a happy school holidays, stay safe and we look forward to seeing both old students and new in term four.



Adult members enjoying the club challenge as much as the kids.



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Some of our junior class and their sensei enjoying a bit of outdoor practice.



## More kids lacing on the boots

### Toodyay Soccer Club

Aurelie Zimmermann, President

THE TOODYAY Soccer Club had a fantastic season in 2024 with the highest number of player registrations.

We were also delighted to see more families joining us at our weekly training sessions on Monday afternoons.

All the training was put to the test against Northam Springfield Football Club on six occasions with game days evenly scheduled across the season.

Each week we were amazed with the confidence and skills the children gained.

From the newcomers to experienced players, they all did the club proud by their sportsmanship, fair play and respect through sport – champions all.

The scoreboard however did not always go our way. Nonetheless, the resilience and perseverance remained high.

Like many community sport clubs, the Toodyay Soccer Club is run by volunteers.

To our coaches, Yasmine O'Sullivan, Kyle Croeser, Dannielle Cilli and Dave Malone, you had the not-so-easy task of managing a group of children and building them into a team.

Joining us this year was also Isabelle Chilman, who directed a pre-training session on Mondays.

To all, we thank you for your efforts and the many hours you put in.

This year also introduced a near new committee.

A considerable number of actions are taking place behind the scenes to make all of this possible.

This season has been a bumpy ride at times with organising game days and training, chasing sponsors, donations, paperwork, decisions, set up and pack away, to let's not forget the frequent headaches with other agencies.

At our Annual General Meeting on September 7, we said farewell to Danni Cottam who was our president for a short year.

We also said goodbye to Yasmine O'Sullivan, our secretary.

On behalf of all, we wish you the very best for the future and will always be grateful for your contribution to the club.

Our AGM also meant the election of the committee for the 2025 season.

Aurelie Zimmermann was elected president, Jodie French our new vice-president while Steph White remains registrar and Shirley Howard becomes our treasurer.

Unfortunately, the secretary position is still undecided at the time of printing.

All the very best to the committee for the upcoming season.

This adventure is also possible thanks to our sponsors – Toodyay Bendigo Bank, Chalice Mining, Toodyay Op Shop, St John Toodyay Sub Centre, Bunnings Northam and Jaycar Ellenbrook.

We also thank the Toodyay Bakery, Northam Spudshed, Sportspower Northam, Midland Trophies and Football West for their contribution.

At half time the children were given oranges, kindly donated by Pete Wlazlowski.

Thank you Pete for giving the children the

sugar rush they needed to keep going.

We are also grateful to all our volunteers who stepped up on game day.

We could not have done it without the dedicated referees and helpers.

The Toodyay Soccer Club is open to all 5 to 17 year olds.

To keep up to date with next season and general information, join our Facebook page "Toodyay Soccer Club".

If you or your child is unsure about joining the club, we do hold a "Have a Go Day" prior to the season, a fantastic opportunity to meet new friends, meet the volunteers and have a feel about the game.

For now it is time to pack the goals and tubs away.

Kids, do not forget to clean those soccer shoes.

To all the volunteers, have a well-earned break and we will see you all next year.

## 3000 attend successful Toodyay races

### Toodyay Race Club

Stephen Ferguson, Chairman

THE 2024 TabTouch Toodyay Picnic Race Day was a huge success.

We couldn't be more proud and more pleased with the TabTouch Toodyay Picnic Race Day held on September 22.

With around 3000 people coming through the gates, we were delighted with how the day's proceedings unfolded.

At 10.30am the gates opened and the gate staff had massive lines to contend with from that minute onwards.

By 11am the bar staff were much the same with no slackening until late afternoon.

The Rohan Jewellers Fashions on the Field saw many gorgeous and elegant frocks that made the judges' job hard work.

Congratulations to the winners, Hannah James – Best Dressed Child, Fiona Schwarzwinger – Best Dressed Lady and Asher Copland – Best Dressed Male.

The 2024 TabTouch Toodyay Cup saw the racegoers crowding the fences to watch a great race.

Congratulations to Zaza Rock (number 3), Jockey Kyra Yuill and Belhus Racing on the magnificent win.

The Dash for Cash has expanded, now fielding a race for both men and women.

Congratulations to Nieve Walsh and Luke Lester for taking out the wins.

We hope everyone liked our new photo backdrop and mural.

If you missed it, head to our socials and check it out. Otherwise, book out the September long weekend in 2025 for a day at the races.

That's right we will be back next year.

Thank you to all the committee, sponsors, volunteers and patrons that made the day an absolute success.

We were so glad to finally share with you all our hard work and changes we have made to the track and surrounds.

We all hope that you enjoyed the day and for those that missed out this year, we will see you in 2025.



Bailey Donegan (2) and Chris Hasson (3) in action during the grand final game.

## Toodyay Reserves win Mortlock Football League Premiership

### Toodyay Football Club

Patrick Thompson

THE TOODYAY reserves capped off a brilliant 2024 season winning the reserves Mortlock Football League premiership by defeating Goomalling 10.15.75 to 3.3.21 in the grand final held in Goomalling on Sunday September 8.

A Toodyay reserves premiership was long overdue as it had been 15 years since the last one back in 2009.

Toodyay local Steven Cousins was the sole player to play in both the 2009 and 2024 premiership sides.

Toodyay entered the game as strong favourites but were challenged early by Goomalling who kicked three of the first four goals.

The match was evenly poised at half time with Toodyay holding a narrow two point lead 3.4.22 to 3.2.20.

After half time the midfield, lead by the Sullivan brothers (Jimmy and Ryan), gained ascendancy and Toodyay took control of the match kicking five third quarter goals to lead by 35 points at final break and eventually running out 54 point winners.

Patrick Thompson was awarded best on ground kicking three goals across wing and half forward.

Ben Corbey kicked two and was busy in the forward line, while Connor McBride intercepted all day across the half backline.

The week earlier, Toodyay's league side went down to Dowerin in the Preliminary final 12.13.85 to 11.7.73 to end their finals run.

On the awards front, Toodyay was well represented at Mortlock Football League awards night, winning the following awards:

League Bendigo Bank Player of the year – Reece Richardson.

League Rising Star – Seth Clarke.

Reserves Best and Fairest – Jimmy Sullivan.

Reserves Leading Goal Kicker – Luke Alexander.

The Toodyay Football and Netball awards night was held on Friday September 6 with the winners as follows:

League Best and Fairest – Reece Richardson and Bill Corderoy.

League Runner-up – Kaden Elliot.

League Most Courageous – Bill Corderoy.

League Coaches Award – Sam Chitty.

League Rising Star – Ben Corbey.

Leading Goal Kicker – Connor Toop and Noah Farrow.

Reserves Best and Fairest – Jimmy Sullivan.

Reserves Runner-up – Ryan Sullivan.

Reserves Best Position – Luke Alexander.

Reserves Coaches Award – Steven Cousins.

Clubman Award – Liz Ferguson.

Netball Best and Fairest – Sam Smart.

Netball Runner-up – Jemma Wood.

The AGM was also held on September 6 and the president, vice president and secretary positions were left unfilled for another meeting to be announced in October.

The club is looking for fresh people to join the committee and fill the positions for next season.

## New coach takes to the courts

### Toodyay Tennis Club

Jenny Ash

WE WELCOME Renee Minnock as a new committee member and club coach.

Renee is an affiliated coach with Tennis Australia and has coaching experience in Perth and the Wheatbelt.

Our club will also be able to cater for mobility issues and will soon have a tennis specific wheelchair.

See our website or Facebook page for more information.

#### Community Tennis

A FAMILY night where all are welcome on October 11 from 6pm with sausage sizzle provided BYO other food/drink and we supply playing equipment.

Contact club secretary for details.

#### Junior Tennis

ALL ABILITIES starting 6pm October 14 for eight weeks with membership/shirts available day prior.

Times vary with age group and fees are subsidised by Chalice.

Contact Junior Coordinator for details.

#### Adult Cardio Tennis

ALL WELCOME on Monday 6 – 7pm and equipment is available.

Contact coach for further details.

#### Social Tennis

ALL WELCOME every Tuesday 8am and Wednesday 7 – 9pm.

Equipment available and contact secretary for details.

#### Private Coaching

For all ages and abilities: please contact coach for further information..

#### Club Contacts

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### Principal's Pen

Well, the clear days are producing some very cold nights at present. Excellent weather to snuggle with your better half and enjoy some quiet time together.

**State of the Market**

There is still only 3471 properties for sale. A slight increase from last month. The market has had a very slight change from absolute frantic to slightly more relaxed. So, if you are wanting to sell I would suggest now is the time to act!

**The Ongoing Court Case**

Still not due until the 1st of November 2024 so I've got to wait another 4 weeks. Hopefully the magistrate will not adjourn it once again! Certainly, has caused a lot of concern in the community and a lot of division that is totally unnecessary.

**Toodyay Show**

Sorry all, but we won't be at our show this year. First year in I can't remember how long that we haven't been there but it is right in the middle of my hospital treatment so I'm just not available. Hopefully I will be back next year!

**Now! Inside the Office**

**Zonelle**

Our fantastic receptionist just had a week off camping down south but now back to the front desk. We all missed her smiling face.

**Jemma**

I think she had a great afternoon at the Toodyay Races recently! Now back to the ultimate professional PM that we all know and love!

**Jo**

Going through a tough time with some family health problems at the moment. We are all right behind her with all the love and support she needs!

**Faith**

Smiling because she has just booked a holiday overseas just before Christmas. We know she will enjoy it whilst she is away and the work stress will be gone for a week or so!

**Jess**

Had a long weekend away and loved it. Camping in the Aussie bush and exploring all the Wheatbelt highlights. There could have been some liquid refreshments along the way.

**Sam**

Our powerhouse! Listing and selling like there is no tomorrow. He is just unstoppable at present so Sam's your man!

**Tony**

We have just finished the first month of a 6-month trial at RPH. Hopefully we will see some results at month 3, so a long way to go yet. But at least we are trying. Lots of stays in hospital and days in MDU so I'm in and out of the office at present. The best part of having such a remarkable team behind me! Love them all!

Until next month, happy selling.

Tony Maddox.

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