

SHIRE NEWS

SHIRE OF TOODYAY NOTICES

Shire of Toodyay Fire-Break Notice

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

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

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

Failure to comply may result in a fine or prosecution

1. All land less than or equal to 1 hectare

1.1 All land with an area less than 1 hectare (2.47 acres) are required to be fire hazard reduced by ensuring:

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

2. All land greater than 1 hectare

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Additional Restrictions during the Limited Burning Times

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

Carrying of Fire Extinguishers during the Limited Burning Times

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

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

Pursuant to Regulation 38A(1) of the Bush Fires Regulations 1954, and applicable to all persons during the Restricted Burning Period and Prohibited Burning Period, the Shire of Toodyay prohibits the operation of any internal combustion engine model aircraft when for any day, or any period of a day, the fire danger forecast by the Bureau of Meteorology in Perth in respect of the locality of operation is "high" or above. Operation is permitted during forecast fire danger of "moderate" or below where; fuel load being over flown is less than

1 tonne per hectare or maximum 100 millimetres grass height; and a fire-break cleared of all inflammable materials 3 metres horizontally (wide) and 4 metres vertically (high) fully surrounds the over flown area; and three abled bodied persons with ability to extinguish a fire are present; and two fire fighting vehicles of capacity not less than 500 litres each with minimum 20 meters long 19 millimetres diameter hose capable of delivering minimum 120 litres of water per minute at 700 kilopascals are present.

The above notice does not withstand any other subsequent declaration made under Regulation 38A(1) of the Bush Fires Regulations 1954, or declaration of a Total Fire Ban.

Shire of Toodyay Bush Fire Control Officers

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

Craig Stewart (Chief Bush Fire Control Officer), Nicholas Griggs (Deputy Bush Fire Control Officer 1), Martin Aldridge (CESM & Deputy Bush Fire Control Officer 2), Garry Forsyth, Ian MacGregor, Charles Wroth, Jeffrey Venn, Peter Brennan, Kevan French, Samuel Roberts, Joseph Tenardi, Summer Roberts, Ebony Francis.

Aaron Bowman – Chief Executive Officer
Shire of Toodyay



A Busy August at the Shire of Toodyay Library

IT HAS been an action-packed fortnight at the Shire of Toodyay Library, with the team hosting two major events - National Science Week from 9–17 August and Book Week from 16–23 August.

THE LIBRARY welcomed a wide variety of visitors, including students from Toodyay District High School, members of the homeschooling community, and families from the local baby and toddler Rhyme Time program.

BOOK WEEK proved especially popular, offering something for all ages. Activities

included two lively scavenger hunts, a balloon photo booth, and a "guess how many bookworms in a jar" competition. Children and families also contributed to decorating the library through an adventure postcard competition and colourful bunting displays. A range of quizzes and games rounded out the celebrations, ensuring plenty of fun and learning for everyone. BOTH WEEKS highlighted the library's role as a vibrant hub of creativity, education, and community connection in Toodyay.



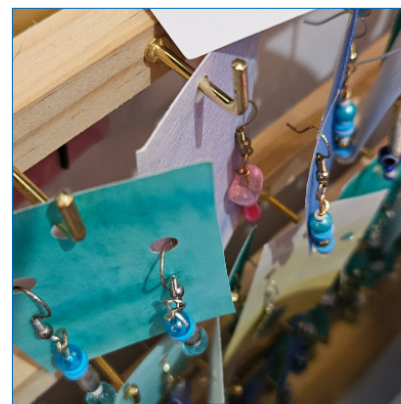
Some of the Library Team L-R: Jasmin as Room on the Broom, Heidi as Gangsta Granny & Lindy as the Queen Pirate.



Lincoln and Callan – having fun with the human body model for Science.



Koby Hodgman, aged 6, the underground miner – winner of the Book Week costume on Tuesday 19th August.



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It don't mean a thing if it aint got that swing

Toodyay District High School
Sharon Anderson

Wanneroo Secondary College Band

OUR STUDENTS have seen what amazing things are possible when it comes to learning musical instruments after a visit from one of Wanneroo Secondary College's music bands.

A total of 37 students performed a delightful 'concert' for our primary school students and worked across the day with our instrumental music students who engaged enthusiastically.

A measure of this was the fact that they even practised their instruments across lunch time so that they could be their best during the collaboration.

Music is fast becoming one of Toodyay District High School's flagships and we are proud and excited to provide such opportunities that enrich our students' school experience.

Farewells and welcome

LAST week we farewelled Mr Vaughn Lipman who has been at our school since 2016.

Mr Lipman welcomed his second child early this year and was on leave for the first half of the year.

He has attained a position at a school not far from his home for the remainder of 2025.

This will enable him to spend more time with his young family.

We wish him well with his move back to the city but have our fingers crossed that he may return.

We extend a warm welcome to Dayna

Maxwell who has accepted a position in Year 4 working alongside Mrs Ashworth.

Ms Maxwell comes to us from St Joseph's School in Northam.

Aside from her classroom teaching, Ms Maxwell has many other specialties under her belt, including being a teacher of Auslan and the arts. Welcome to TDHS.

Yalagan incursion

TOODYAY District High School recently welcomed Yalagan Group for an exciting and hands-on career incursion that gave students a real taste of working in the trades, quite literally from new heights.

The Yalagan incursion, held last week, was part of the school's ongoing commitment to career and pathway learning, helping students explore vocational opportunities and gain practical skills.

The Yalagan Group is known for its work in employment and training across construction and infrastructure and they delivered an engaging session that combined career education with a live demonstration of 'Working safely at heights.'

Students from Year 9 participated in the incursion, which included:

- Interactive career talks about pathways into construction, infrastructure, and trade industries.
- Hands-on safety demonstrations using harnesses and scaffolding equipment.
- Real-world insights into what employers

- look for in apprentices and trainees.
- Q&A sessions with industry professionals who shared their own career journeys.

Muresk Visit

STUDENTS from Toodyay District High School recently had an exciting opportunity to attend a 'career taster day' at Muresk Institute.

The students dived into a range of hands-on experiences that opened their eyes to the possibilities of future careers in agriculture, technology and trades.

From the moment they arrived, students were immersed in practical activities that sparked curiosity and enthusiasm.

They tried their hand at sheep shearing and

sheep handling, gaining insight into the skills and care involved in working with livestock.

The automotive station gave them a chance to explore mechanical systems and tools, while the drone and VR technology sessions showcased the cutting-edge innovations shaping modern industries.

This dynamic day wasn't just about trying new things. It was about connecting learning to real-world applications and helping students discover pathways they might not have considered.

The feedback from students was positive, with many excited about the hands-on experience and the industries represented.

Fundraising for student programs

Toodyay District High School P&C
Emma Thompson, Treasurer

TERM three kicked off with a meeting last month where we approved over \$3,500 in funding for some fantastic student programs.

These included the Zero2Hero mental health forum, new drums for the Drumbeat program, and brand-new flags for school sports and events.

There is also great news for our canteen. After hearing from our wonderful volunteers, we are bringing back the food donation bin at the local IGA.

The bin will show the items most needed, so next time you are shopping please drop something in to help keep our canteen running strong.

Our fundraising team has been on a roll this term. We started off with our Avon Descent food stall, serving up brunch in Duidgee Park.

A huge 'thankyou' to everyone who pitched in before and on the day.

Week five was packed with fun.

We had our second-hand book sale during book week. A big 'thankyou' to everyone who donated, especially the town library for

their generous contribution.

We also gave out book club vouchers to the winners of the book week dress-up parade so they could pick out a book of their own.

To top it off, we ran a successful sausage sizzle and bake sale at the Faction Athletics Carnival, always a crowd favourite.

Coming up later this term are our popular chocolate box sales, the Father's Day stall and the canteen for the interschool athletics carnival.

If you would like to get involved or find out more about what we do, feel free to contact Natasha Hof on 0457 556 397, or email us at pandctoodyaydhs@gmail.com



Wanneroo secondary college band.



Students attending the Drumbeat program.



Our Community Investment Program is open again.

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The Chattering Scouts recently upgraded their trailer with support from Chalice's Community Investment Program.

Lathes, chucks, tools and defibrillators

Avon Woodturners
Hamish Dobie

EVEN old dogs can learn new tricks.
The last month of winter was cold and wet, but an eventful time for the hardy band at Avon Woodturners.

Firstly, we went down to Perth to collect the lathe promised from the distribution of equipment from the Gosnells Club.

We returned with two, plus three chucks, a set of tools and a defibrillator.

This far exceeded our expectations.
I thought I'd have to use the defibrillator on a surprised Max when he found out.

The two lathes have now been installed and immediately put into use.

I'm glad to report that we now have a second young lad showing promise in woodturning.

He's getting plenty of practice under the watchful eyes of Max and Dave.

The attendance on Wednesdays and Sundays has increased so much that we have had to add a second table for the morning coffee time biscuit and cake fest.

On August 10 we had a visit from George Murphy, president of Woodturners Association of WA, and Jim Cameron.

Both are from the Wandu Club.
George and Jim came to the club to demonstrate correct tool sharpening procedures and brought with them a low-speed grinder that doesn't cause the steel tool to heat nearly as quickly as our inhouse grinder.

They showed us the correct way to set up each tool before sharpening, and how doing this incorrectly made turning more difficult.

The photograph shows George tutoring Beatrice in correct sharpening practice.

To put it bluntly, the sharper the tool, the easier it is to turn wood and produce an enhanced result that you can be proud of rather than one you would put in the back of a cupboard somewhere.

It was a worthwhile lesson for us all and we are now on the lookout for a low-speed 200 mm bench grinder to sharpen our tools and hone our skills.

The Avon Woodturners are located at Shed 1, Community Depot, end of Railway Road, Toodyay, and we are there on Wednesdays and Sundays from 9 am until noon.

For more information, please email me on hamishd2701@gmail.com, or call 0423 115 204.



George Murphy and Beatrice.

Vietnam veterans remembered at local service

RSL Toodyay Sub Branch
Geoff Brown, President

THIRTY two members of the Toodyay RSL Sub Branch and other guests attended a memorial service at the war memorial on Fiennes St in honour of Vietnam Veterans Day on August 18.

The historic day is commemorated on August 18 every year.

It was originally known as "Long Tan Day," to commemorate the soldiers of D Company, 6th Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment, commanded by Major Harry Smith.

Major Smith fought in the battle of Long Tan, on that day in 1966.

A total of 108 Australian and New Zealand soldiers fought a pitched battle against over 2,000 North Vietnamese and Viet Cong soldiers in a rubber plantation not far from the village of Long Tan, approximately four kilometres to the east of the Australian base at Nui Dat.

The Viet Cong had earlier made an attack on the base with mortars and recoilless rifles and the D company was searching for the attacking force.

Contact was mad and after four hours of heavy fighting the Australians were down to their last few rounds of ammunition.

They were saved by a timely ammunition

supply, delivered by Royal Australian Air Force helicopters, and the equally timely arrival of reinforcements arriving in M113 armoured personnel carriers.

Firing almost continuously, Australian, New Zealand and United States artillery had fired over 3,000 rounds in support and some came within fifty meters of the Australian positions.

Eighteen Australians lost their lives, the largest number of casualties, in one contact, since the arrival of the task force.

North Vietnamese and Viet Cong casualties amounted to 245 men killed.

On the third anniversary of the battle, a cross was raised on the site of the battle by soldiers of 6th Battalion, who were veterans of that battle and on their second tour of duty.

That cross is now in the Australian War Memorial, at Canberra.

A replica cross, placed at the site of the battle in 1989, is one of two foreign war memorials permitted on Vietnamese soil.

The other is to the French paratroopers at Dien Bien Phu, a battle described by one author as "hell in a very small place".

Any other foreign war memorials were removed after the war.

Popular support in Australia, initially in favour of the war, moved away from supporting that war and conscription.

There were large anti-war demonstrations

on the streets of Australian cities and many veterans were treated disgracefully on their return to Australia.

Many veterans believed Australian society did not respect or recognise their service.

In 1987, veterans received their "welcome home" parade.

That year, on October 3, after a dawn service at the Cenotaph in Martin Place, over 22,000 veterans – Australian New Zealand, United States and Vietnamese veterans – marched through the streets of Sydney.

More than 500 Australian flags, each representing an Australian serviceman killed in the Vietnam War, were carried by relatives and friends.

Over 100,000 people lined the streets, in some places ten deep.

Following the parade, Prime Minister Bob Hawke announced that Long Tan Day would be known as Vietnam Veterans Day.

Since then, it has been commemorated as the day when the service of all those men and women who served in Vietnam is remembered and respected.

The Sub branch would also like to announce that the annual general meeting of the Sub branch will be held at our headquarters at Clinton St on Saturday September 13 at 1pm.

We anticipate our next year's AGM will be held in our new headquarters building.



Veterans at the memorial service in Toodyay. (L-R): Luke Webber, David McKay, Lou Kidd, Daisy Day, Bruce Guthrie, Graeme Haywood, Charlie Carabott, Max Howard.,

Art, laughter and a community spirit

Arts Toodyay
Chelle Ellery Secretary

ARTS Toodyay has been buzzing with colour and creativity, thanks to the support of Bendigo Bank and the Shire of Toodyay.

Their recent funding has made it possible for us to run an exciting program of subsidised community workshops and our town is already reaping the benefits.

On Saturday August 15, our first kids' workshop filled the Toodyay Community Resource Centre with energy and imagination.

Eleven young artists rolled up their sleeves to create plaster bird sculptures, everything from blue wrens to a fiery phoenix, to galahs that were every colour except pink and grey.

The results were fabulous and the kids went home with huge smiles, and a little plaster dust.

That same weekend, the grown-ups had their turn.

Fifteen ladies gathered for a 'paint and sip' session, enjoying good company, a few laughs, and the chance to paint their own protea artworks.

The room was filled with joy, chatter, and the kind of connection that comes when people create together.

These workshops are just the beginning.

With further shire funding recently approved, Arts Toodyay will be able to expand its programs and bring even more opportunities for creativity and connection to the community.

Join the Arts Toodyay Facebook page to hear about upcoming workshops.

One of our planning conversations about future ideas drew big laughs.

When 'paint your pet' was floated, a lovely

lady thought we literally meant painting her horse and she admitted he might not be too keen on the idea.

We are proud of what's happening in Toodyay, but it wouldn't be possible without the ongoing support of the Bendigo Bank and the Shire of Toodyay.

On behalf of our members and participants, thank you for helping us make art fun, accessible, and a shared celebration of local talent.



Some of the participants in the first 'kids' workshop with their creations.



Telissa with her Bluebird.



The Paint & Sip session.

MISSING DOG - POPPY - MISSING IN NORTHAM SINCE 29/04/25



Missing since 29th April from the Country Club area.
She is completely unfamiliar with her surroundings as we are from Perth.

- Chihuahua only 2 years old & weighing 2kg.
- Very small like a kitten.
- Microchipped and desexed.
- Distinctive feature - Poppy has a kink in her short tail, it was broken before I got her.
- Wearing a pale pink body harness & pale pink collar with a blue name tag.

Please Help! Has anyone seen our Poppy girl?

We are offering a generous cash reward for her return or info leading to her return.
Maybe you know something? If you have her or found her, please understand she is very much loved and missed by her family. We are still hopeful someone knows something and will reach out.

Please phone or text the numbers below...

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Dragons breath & UFO's

Toodyay Spinner and Weavers
Chris Stokie

TOODYAY Spinners and Weavers have been busy crafting this month and at a recent meeting Tracey showed our members her latest completed project.

These socks have been made from a 'dyeing for ewe' fibre called Dragon's Breath.

You can definitely see where that name came from.

Tracey spun the wool and then knitted up these lovely warm, comfy socks that will definitely keep her feet warm during the rest of winter.



Traceys socks.

They look very cute on their little hangers which help block them into shape.

It is fair to say that most crafty people have a number of unfinished objects in their craft collections.

These 'UFOs' can hang around craft rooms uncompleted for years.

Then inspiration takes over and they actually get finished.

These skeins of mine are one of those types of projects, which I finally finished (we won't say how long it's taken me) at the most recent meeting.

They are a plied mix of a Bendigo Wools pink merino/silk fibre and a Bendigo Wools dove grey fibre.

Now of course the next question is, what to make with them?

Toodyay Spinners and Weavers meet at Parkers Cottage at the Toodyay Oval every Wednesday from 9am to noon and on the first and third Saturday of every month from 9am to noon.

New members are always welcome. Please feel free to drop in and meet the group for a coffee and a chat.

You may wish to learn new skills or just enjoy your current wool crafts in a friendly group environment.

Or you can come along and complete your own 'UFOs'.



Chris's skeins.

Our environment matters at the Toodyay Herald...



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Bootscooter celebrates 90th birthday

The Crooked Needle
Jean Melhuish-Hill

I AM sure many of you will know Sheila Bromley as a softly spoken, kind lady with a wicked sense of humour and we at our club celebrated her 90th birthday in August.

Sheila was born in the UK, five miles from Lancaster.

She was an avid swimmer at the baths (swimming pool) competing for her school.

She worked in factories and shops, and at one point Sheila was a burler and mender.

Back then, the fabric manufactured to make men's suits was finely woven and there were slight imperfections.

Sheila's job was to locate these and make minor repairs so no fabric was wasted.

After her marriage Sheila moved to Liverpool where they purchased a Victorian semi-detached home.

This was later converted into flats with tenants living above and Sheila and her family living in the flat below.

At the age of 44 Sheila's husband spent three weeks in Australia visiting his brother.

He returned with a glowing report about WA and it was decided the family would migrate.

This was a lengthy process and after two years they finally moved to Australia in 1981.

She first settled in Wembley Downs and some two years later moved to Woodlands then Osborne Park and Kingsley for some 15 years.

Her working career in WA was different to that in the UK.

Sheila worked as a Girl Friday doing typing and secretary work, wages, accounts payable/receivable and organising contractors for her brother-in-law's business Swan Irrigation.

At this time, she became conversant with computers and, at 90, she is still computer literate and uses a smart phone.

When it was time to retire, Sheila looked for a home with a block of land so she could keep her horse and the promise of a local swimming pool led her to Toodyay.

It was a basic block with no buildings, garden or water so she had some work to do.

In 1998 Sheila moved in and awaited the local pool.

Her horse needed company, so a little Shetland pony arrived, over the years, four cats (Sheila still has one) but still no pool.

Eventually in 2020 the long-awaited pool arrived and Sheila had more time on her hands.

So, she joined the Coondle/Nunile Volunteer Fire Brigade and was with them for six years.

She was also an avid boot scooter at Buffalo Barn which she found was an excellent form of exercise.

She spent 18 years in the WA Knit for Charity group that meets each Tuesday and in recent years Sheila has joined our Friday and Wednesday Craft Groups.

Before coming to Australia Sheila had

visited Majorca, Spain, Greece, Tunisia and Turkey.

Since being here, she has visited Canada, India, Egypt, Singapore, and Thailand.

She's been on a desert safari, stayed in a Bedouin camp and cruised on a yacht that was owned by the President of Portugal.

Sheila's significant birthday was celebrated with cake, lots of nibbles and her many craft friends, old and new, who attended a surprise birthday morning tea.

What a way to end the month.

If you are new in town or find yourself with some free time, pop along on any Friday, 9.30 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 the *Herald's* Where and When page.



(L-R): Phyllis McDonnell, Sheila Bromley our birthday girl and Jean Melhuish-Hill led a hearty song for the 90th birthday celebration.

Executed quilts replete with style, colour and creativity

Ragbags Quilting Group
Kerry Gregory

WE have certainly had an extremely wet month with paddocks of crops and canola flowering profusely, looking like large yellow and green quilts on the ground, so gloriously Australian.

The weekend of the recent Craft Alive and the WA Quilters Annual Competition and Exhibition of Quilts was very wet and stormy which resulted in fewer attendances.

Those who did attend were treated to a fabulous display of colour, styles, creativity and expertly executed quilts.

The small side collection of Toodyay Ragbags quilts, including the two large historic quilts (Toodyay Agricultural 150th Show and the school fire fundraiser quilts) were very prominent.

They received quite a lot of lovely comments, during the afternoon I attended.

There was also high praise and much appreciation from the WA Quilters Association for our participation.

As predicted, my little boat shed competition entry was an "also ran".

The very colourful little wall hanging depicting a trap-door spider in a garden was the winner.

Interestingly, there were only six entries, and all were small wall hangings.

The one designed like a wall with 'Ladies and Gents' convenience doors centrally placed was my pick of those entries.

Among the many absolutely beautiful exhibits displayed, there also seemed to be quite a number of 'scrappy' quilts utilising large quantities of seemingly scrap fabrics in very clever designs.

They showcased vibrant and extremely eye-catching colours.

It seems everyone is resisting the urge to throw away their scraps in line with the recycle and reuse mantra.

This is great to see.

Recently, I have been using scraps of fabric for a few projects.

It's very satisfying to find other ways to use them after completing primary projects.

We usually have those fabrics because we really like them and they go together beautifully; plus it reduces the size of the stash.

For those who are entering beautiful quilts and other projects in the Toodyay Show, particularly patchwork and quilting, here are some points to which the quilting judges paid particular attention:

- No thread ends or marking lines visible.
- Smooth, straight, pucker free borders.
- Binding even and filled with the quilt edge.
- Presentation of a clean, lint-free quilt to grab their attention and that of the viewers.

Don't forget there are lots of other areas of the show schedule for handcraft items,

especially in the needlework, knitting and crochet section, also the hobby craft section.

Give it a go and enter, you can be very creative.

New members are very welcome at the Ragbags Group.

Join us for a cuppa and a chat; bring along your blocks and sewing machine if you wish, some handwork or any craft activity you're working on.

We love to see your creativity, and we'll share your enthusiasm during an informal 'show and tell' of our projects.

The Ragbags Group meet at the St Stephens Anglican Church Hall, Stirling Terrace, Toodyay on the first and third Wednesday of each month from 10am to 2pm. Bring your lunch – we use the back door.



Examples of my recent use of stash scraps.

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Mens shed projects

Toodyay Men's Shed

Barry Keens

IT RAINED for the Avon Descent and our team of 'parking attendants' got wet at Extracts Weir until the sun came out late morning.

It was a busy time but we were able to sort the vehicles out so that we reduced the risk of them getting bogged, either coming in or going out.

Most drivers were well-behaved which made our job a lot easier.

We welcomed two new members to the shed this month, Paul and Kevin, and they have settled in well and contribute in different ways.

Two of our members will be going to the gala dinner for the Waste Sorted Awards, where we are a finalist, on September 11 at Crown Perth.

Let's hope we can bring another award back to Toodyay.

We continue to refurbish park benches for the shire, and our member's own projects include a seat for a miniature loco, a box for bits and a plant potholder made from a recycled tyre and pallet.

Using recycled pipe, we have made racking to store recycled and de-nailed wood and one rack is pictured.

This makes it easier to select wood for our

own purposes and to offer it to the Toodyay community.

The Shed is open 8.30am to noon Monday, Thursday and Saturday, (smoko at 10am) and visitors are welcome.

To enquire about membership or to hire our meeting room or kitchen, contact our secretary on 0499 403 830.



The new racking for the recycled wood.

Choosing the new & unusual

Toodyay Music Club

Jenny Edgecombe

FOUR times a year, music club members choose a theme for the songs that will be presented at a music club day.

One might think that the snow theme in August would have tempted busy folk to choose some familiar Christmas songs, but on the day there was scarcely a Santa or reindeer mentioned.

Over the years, our members have really taken up the challenge of finding new or unusual songs for these special days.

This time, there was an amazing variety of items for the theme of 'snow'.

Anne started the ball rolling with *In the Bleak Midwinter*, an evocative piece that is often featured in choral presentations.

One of Eileen's choices was the delightful *Snowbird*, which was well suited to her voice.

The inspiring song, *From a Distance*, was one of Collette's choices. It was well received as was the fascinating *Stopping by Woods* based on a Robert Frost poem.

Of course, it would not seem right to have a snow theme without a small touch of Christmas cheer and Eileen provided this

with *Winter Wonderland*, a song associated with the festive season.

Our blues guitarist, Phil, chose the lovely song, *Magnolia*, as one of his contributions.

Your faithful music club reporter was a late scratching for the August meeting due to an unexpected bug, so the report has been prepared with assistance from Joe.

Our next meeting will be held in the CWA Hall at 1pm on Saturday September 13.

You are most welcome to join us as a singer, guitarist (acoustic) or audience member.

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

Times are a changin'

Toodyay Community Singers

Anne Millar

THE SINGERS are in full rehearsal for the Toodyay Agriculture Show on October 11 but it's not too late to join us and be part of this community event.

The Agricultural Committee have put a lot of work in behind the scenes to make it a successful event.

If you can't find your singing voice, please support the event.

We are still rehearsing on Thursday evenings at CWA Hall on Stirling Terrace between 5pm and 6 pm.

Please note the change of times.

ENVIRONMENT

Understanding the language of your plants

Toodyay Community Garden
Rosemary Madasci

THE end of August and September is when we wander in the garden with a hot drink and consider, what are the leaves of our plants telling us they need now and for the next season.

It is worth remembering:
The notion that progress is bound to human mastery over nature is flawed.

Real progress comes when we master our impulse to dominate and learn to live as part of the landscape, not its conquerors.
Ayurveda

Plant now.
Even immature plants have effect.
Consider what you need.
Improve soil fertility with clovers, vetch, fava beans (board beans) and lupins to improve soil nitrogen that is needed for photosynthesis and plant growth.

Grow deep rooted chicory, dandelion, comfrey and daikon radish to break up hard soils and bring nutrients to the surface.

Slash grown plants and leave to decompose as a mulch.

All weeds are not enemies but assist in the creation and stabilisation of soil and nutrients.

Some are excellent food sources.
Heated nettles lose their sting and become a great green vegetable addition, common purslane (*Portulaca oleracea*) is a lovely crisp salad edition and the roots of marshmallow (*Althaea officinalis*), not our local mallow *Malva neglecta*, were used to create marshmallow and to sooth respiratory and digestive issues.

Embrace companion planting to reduce chemical dependency and costs.

Marigolds deter nematodes (the bane of tomatoes).

Strong smelling herbs like basil, dill and chives among Solanaceae species (potatoes, tomatoes, egg plant and capsicums) deter white fly and thrips.

Rosemary deters the cabbage moth and oregano and lemon grass deter mosquitoes.

Let herbs go to flower to attract pollinators.

Tree canopies reduce surface temperatures by 11 – 25°C,

Water vapour released during evapo-transpiration cools the air; however, evapo-transpiration significantly slows when temperatures exceed 34°C.

Toodyay’s hot easterly winds can be managed by planting fast growing, drought resilient and non-invasive species to buffer the home from hot winds.

Choose species with low flammability and avoid trees with a high oil content such as eucalypts, citrus, olives, lavender and rosemary near the house.

Interestingly, moss absorbs four times more CO² (carbon dioxide) than trees, grows without soil and helps cool surfaces.

It regenerates quickly when damp and is attractive in a garden setting.

It is worthwhile to consider first what you have and need to make summers more enjoyable.

Toodyay garden club visit a sunny “Merewana Park”

Toodyay Garden Club
Judy Rowston, Newsletter/Media

RAIN, rain and more rain, which is exactly what our gardeners in the garden club wished for.

A winter, cold and wet.
In saying that, the weather gods were kind to the garden club for our August visit to Peter and Carolyn’s Merewana Park.

The sun shone.
After days of rain, it was a beautiful sunny day to wander around a garden set right on the Avon River.

A line of *Eucalyptus Spathulata* trees took you down the driveway towards a rammed earth home, made to look like it was built with concrete.

Young eucalyptus trees that are self-seeded are dotted around the property along with grevillea, lomandra, ruby salt bush and the most magnificent prickly pear bush that stood tall and proud at the side of the home.

After removing an unused swimming pool and bringing in good soil, Peter and Carolyn put lawn, edging and hedged bushes off the deck.

They had a cozy spot to enjoy the Toodyay rolling hills and the river, making this a peaceful and relaxing place to sit.

A large area, fenced with cool room panels keeping vermin out, is where they have the option of growing many vegetables in raised garden beds.

Peter told the club that the Benedictine Monks named his grandfather’s Watheroo property ‘Merewana’ when they constructed a well at the property.

To honour that, Peter named his Toodyay property Merewana Park.

A tidy and glorious garden with lots to look at and enjoy.

Carolyn was happy to share cuttings with the 60 fellow garden club members who enjoyed her garden.

The raffle winners were Jan Hampel, Judy Rowston and Denise Garity.

Our September garden visit is to Wendy and Darryl Sofoulis property.

A guest speaker from Perth will teach us about bromeliads.

There will be bromeliads and homemade produce to purchase on the day.

For further details on our September visit please email the garden club on toodyaygardenclub@gmail.com or call our events coordinator Stephanie on 0429 888 314.



The Merewana Park garden.

Working bees, cleanups & Woody Weed Warriors

Toodyay Friends of the River
Hugh Rayner

TOODYAY Friends of the River (TFOR) have had an active month.

Maybe the flow of water and associated life bursting forth have something to do with it, even if much of that life is dreaded weeds on the plant side of things.

There was a working bee held on Sunday August 10 which was well attended by seven members.

Meeting at the picnic shelter at Millard’s Pool, the intention was to do a litter cleanup along that section of the Bilya Track following the Avon Descent the previous day.

However, the commendable behaviour by descent supporters meant that there was very little litter and most of our bags remained empty.

Well done to the spectators.
The members attending did, however, have a good chance for some socialising and to admire the flow of the Avon, which even rendered the Bilya Track crossing at Harper’s Brook rather damp.

There was also the chance to discuss some plans for track maintenance.

This year TFOR has decided to contract Avon Yard and Maintenance Services (Kai Shanks) to spray the Bilya Track as we have not been able to do it.

This is a big and seasonally sensitive task that takes an estimated three days to cover the 12 kilometres (both sides).

It is hoped that next year TFOR might be able to put together a team of member volunteers to get involved and do at least part of this task.

The Bilya Track is a great asset to Toodyay, both for locals and as part of the network of walks available for visitors.

The Woody Weed Warriors (a small group of members) have also been out on a number of occasions continuing the task of dealing with some of the larger woody weeds.

As discussed in earlier articles, these weeds are choking the flooded gums (*Eucalyptus Grandis*), as well as depriving them of water.

There is good progress being made with this activity with some of the gums already more visible in all their glory.

On the weed front, I forgot to mention last month the great work being done by TFOR members and the Toodyay school’s Landcare cadets clearing out the false bamboo growing below St Stephen’s church.

The cadets worked hard and evidently enjoyed working in a group with their school mates.

Some members are also attending a Toodyay Catchment Planning Workshop on August 31, 9.30-3pm, at the Toodyay Men’s Shed.

Mulloon Institute hydrologist Lance Mudgway will share practical options for improving rainfall utilisation using local examples.

While looking forward, others will also be interested in a bioblitz planned for the Julimar State Forest over the weekend from September 5.

Details here: <https://tinyurl.com/297rzbtd>
New members are always welcome.

Call in to Drummond House on a Saturday morning or come and join at the annual raffle.

This will be at IGA on September 26 (TBC) and we look forward to seeing you there.



Bromeliads in the garden.



The magnificent prickly pear.



Members enjoying a chat at the working bee at Extracts Weir on Sunday August 10. Photo: Bridget Leggett.

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Hundreds of tonnes of weed removed from lake thanks to vollies

Toodyay Naturalist Club
Greg Warburton, President

I MUST apologise to members and *The Herald* readers for the lack of a TNC article last month.

Now I'm back in Toodyay and feverishly catching up on all the happenings.

While I was away, Wayne Clarke phoned me to report on the results of the AGM.

He casually mentioned I had been voted in as the club's co-patron.

I thought he was joking.

Although I feel totally unqualified for the title, I'm very proud to accept the honour and sincerely thank the members for their vote of confidence.

I'm certainly in esteemed company given the legendary status of my fellow patrons.

Our indefatigable secretary Desrae grappled and navigated her way through the many challenges of securing a speaker for August.

Despite special dates scheduled and constant communications, the planned event did not occur.

However, our impromptu member's night, as always, was entertaining and informative.

Wayne presented his wildlife photos from a tour he and Desrae had done in East Africa in 2009.

Many spectacular locations and animals were featured including the Masai Mara

National Park, home to the greatest herds of grazing animals on the planet.

I then showed digitised 8mm movie footage of WA Naturalist Club's excursions and activities in 1974.

That movie was made for the club's 100-year celebrations last year and it offered a glimpse into a very different time. Not to mention a young and hairy version of myself.

Another highlight in the film was a huge community (and local government) project to remove a serious *Salvinia* infestation from Tomato Lake in Belmont.

This aquatic weed covered every inch of the lake in a thick layer that had completely killed the ecology.

Spearheaded by the WA Naturalists' Club the scale of the operation was truly immense.

The removal of hundreds of tonnes of bio mass required a fleet of machinery and an army of soaking wet and very muddy volunteers, working over several months.

The lack of safety during the work, compared with today's stringent requirements, was all too obvious.

However, the results speak for themselves. Today Tomato Lake is home to many species of water birds and other wildlife and a popular place for visitors.

Thank you to Sylvia Tetlow who as a teenage club member made these precious film records.

Sylvia is now one of the longest serving

members of the WA Naturalist Club.

Vale Douglas Blandford

I'D LIKE to acknowledge the contribution that Doug made towards our conservation campaigns in Toodyay.

He provided expertly researched submissions and articles on many of our environmental issues including Opal Vale, Helena and Aurora Range mining proposal, and Main Road's Toodyay Road upgrades.

More recently Doug helped with a 'Julimar for National Park' campaign.

Doug's profession was geology, and he was a remarkable man with a prodigious knowledge of earth sciences.

His work had taken him all over the world,

including Antarctica.

He was always entertaining, informative and willing to share his knowledge and insights.

Doug never failed to captivate his audience with mind blowing geological facts.

A few years ago, I worked with him to create a book and signage project on the geology of Pelham reserve.

He will be missed and always remembered by his Toodyay friends.

Our thoughts are with his family at this time.

Members are reminded of the upcoming excursion to Drummond Reserve on Old Plains Road on September 20.

Remember to visit our new website for information and to record sightings.

Brown-eyed bird likes water views

Bird of the Month
Desrae Clarke

THE Little Black Cormorant is more common on inland waters than coastal.

However, it can also be found on coastal estuaries and is quite prolific in the southwest of the state.

The sexes are similar with the female slightly smaller than the male bird.

This small, slim cormorant, of approximately 60cm length, is all over black, but in the sunlight it is noted to have a metallic green sheen to the upper body.

During breeding the adult plumage may turn to a bronze colouring and its head and neck sparsely flecked white.

The Little Black Cormorant has dark purple-grey facial skin, brown eyes and black feet.

This species has a black, longer and more slender bill than the Little Pied Cormorant, giving it a slightly different and wider diet type.

Its prey is fish and rafts of the birds cooperatively herd fish into shoals.

Once out of the water it will perch on dead trees, sandbars or banks to dry.

It is fast flying, alternating in a flapping/gliding pattern.

The birds fly one behind the other, or in a 'v' formation, and can often be seen flying,

back and forth, along our river.

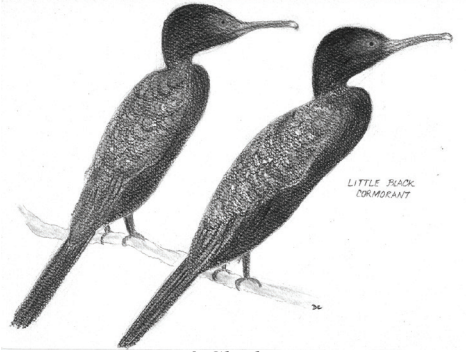
It is a communal bird.

It nests in colonies often with other species of cormorants, herons, ibis and spoonbills.

The nest is a platform of sticks, leaves, bark and other debris with a lining of feathers and constructed in trees over water.

The birds usually breed in spring/summer with a clutch of three to five greenish-white, chalk-covered eggs incubated over a three-to-four-week period by both adults.

The Little Black Cormorant is normally a silent bird away from the nest but will communicate with a rather guttural croak at the nest; the male also makes a ticking sound.



Drawing - Desrae Clarke.



Tomato Lake *Salvinia* Eradication.

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ART & CRAFT / HOBBIES / HISTORY

Arts Toodyay
 Fourth Wednesday of each month from 5.30pm at the Toodyay Hotel dining room.
 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 Parade 9am-noon. Hamish Dobie 0423 115 204.

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

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

The Crooked Needle
 Friday morning craft \$3.50 CWA Hall Stirling Terrace 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 4.20pm, Benediction 4.50pm, Mass 5pm. northam@perthcatholic.org.au 9622 5411.

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 pandctoodyaydhs@gmail.com.

Toodyay Playgroup
 Tuesdays, Thursdays 9-11am. Wednesdays Bubs Play 10am-12. Jessica Donovan 0407 128 105.

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Bejoording VBFB
 First Tuesday monthly 6pm, Bejoording Fire Shed. Lawrence 0447 253 320, Richard 0414 250 484.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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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 0467 964 872.

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. Dale D’Antoine President 0448 611 292. Email toodyaygardenclub@gmail.com for venue or Stephanie Bain 0429 888 314.

Toodyay Naturalists’ Club
 Third Saturday monthly. 9574 5574, secretary@toodyaynats.org.au.
 Website www.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
 moondynecommittee@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 second Sunday monthly from 10.30am to noon at Duidgee Park. mrperfect.org.au also Mr Perfect Community Group on *Facebook*.

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

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

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

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

Jacquie Lacy, JP
 januaryjac@gmail.com. 0429 959 179.

Jeff Roberts, JP
 roberts138@bigpond.com. 0499 403 830

Susan Pearce, JP
 susanpearce740@outlook.com 0427 957 425.

MUSIC

Toodyay Community Singers
 Thursdays CWA Hall, Stirling Terrace. rehearsals from 5pm to 6pm
 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
 Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays Youth Hall, Showgrounds 9am.

Silver Chain Social Centre
 Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays Toodyay Community Centre 78 Stirling Tce. 1300 650 803.

Staying in Place Toodyay Districts
 Contact Case Manager: 0494 085 790

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 RSL shed, Clinton Street 2nd Saturday every month between February and November, at 1pm. Secretary Max Howard 0475 724 233 email: toodyayrsl@gmail.com.

Safer Toodyay Inc
 Meetings announced in *Herald* column. 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.

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.

Springtime Spiders
What you need to know & how to stay safe

As warmer weather returns to the Wheatbelt, so too do some of our less welcome eight-legged neighbours. September usually sees an increase in spider activity, and knowing why-and what you can do-can help keep your home safer and more comfortable.

What Are Spiders?

Spiders are arachnids, not insects. Unlike insects, they have eight legs and two body parts. They help control insect numbers and are found everywhere from garden sheds to lounge room corners. Most local spiders are harmless, but some, like Red-backs and White-tailed spiders, can cause painful bites.

Why September?
 Spider activity slows in winter, but spring’s warmer weather and abundant insects bring them out in search of food and mates. Many also move indoors seeking shelter.

Prevention Tips

- Seal gaps around windows, doors, and vents.
- Remove webs promptly to discourage return.
- Reduce outdoor clutter such as firewood or garden debris.
- Limit outdoor lights near entry points.

What NOT to Do

- Don’t handle spiders with bare hands.
- Don’t ignore bites—seek medical advice if concerned.
- Avoid overusing household insect sprays indoors—they can be unsafe and often miss the hiding spot.

A Note on Control
 While some spiders are harmless, multiple sightings indoors or suspected venomous species call for professional treatment. September is the best time for preventative work—before breeding season peaks. It’s a good idea to contact your local pest controller. At Morris Pest and Weed Control, we know the local spider species and use targeted treatments that are safer for your family, pets, and the environment.

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Combo Crossword

ACROSS

- 2. Study plants
- 6. Linen colour
- 7. Not present
- 10. Lower in dignity
- 11. Gigantic
- 12. Greetings
- 15. Unprepossessing
- 18. Wild animals
- 20. Type of sausage
- 21. Identical
- 22 Way of speaking

DOWN

- 1. Skin disease
- 2. Writing table
- 3. A deal
- 4. Common food
- 5. Chant
- 8. Type of currency
- 9. Torments
- 10. Plate for throwing
- 13. Lounge around
- 14. Put upon another
- 16. Festive
- 17. Sailing vessel
- 19. Hind portion

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Cryptic Clues

ACROSS

- 2. Make records about plants turning into base ...
- 6. ...part of the crudest things in colour
- 7. Sailor posted away
- 10. Stingy of French going ahead to speak disparagingly
- 11. Very large clasp we finish
- 12. Speech openings to sultan is a variation
- 15. You, being foul, may finish not at all pretty
- 18. First two pairs make swine-like creatures
- 20. It's eaten in universal amiable manner
- 21. Originally seen as making each identical
- 22. Pierce a boil after normal score in way of speaking

DOWN

- 1. Skin trouble from use of cane
- 2. Table for government department possibly
- 3. A piece of business to go over a deed
- 4. Refusal on quiet food commonly
- 5. Perform some tunes in general show
- 8. Wallaroo in most of one continent
- 9. Irritates when treats hair sometimes
- 10. Endlessly talk about throwing metal plate
- 13. Hang loosely left on first two learners
- 14. Presume on patience of others I am to sit with
- 16. A convict returning in celebration
- 17. Deviate slightly left in a sailing vessel
- 19. Drink originally placed with a cut of meat

Sudoku

Sudoku is based on the logical placement of numbers. Sudoku doesnt 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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	8				5			
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Hard

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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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Solutions

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

Soduko
Easy
Solution

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

Soduko
Hard
Solution

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Crosscode
Solution

P	A	R	L	A	N	C	E	P
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Combo
Solution

ENVIRONMENT

Not a rock lobster (rock rock lobster) but a dragon

Herpetofauna
Desrae Clarke

IT IS so exciting to receive observations from those in the community interested in natural history.

This excitement escalates when the observation is unusual, infrequent, rare, educational or out of a known area.

The sighting of a Western Netted Dragon (*Ctenophorus reticulatus*) in the Toodyay area is one such sighting as Toodyay is the most southerly area in which this little critter resides.

Two such sightings within our shire in the past have been positively identified by the late naturalist, John Dell AM.

The Western Netted Dragon belongs to the group of rock dragons.

It is a little larger than others of its genus at approximately 11cm snout vent length (SVL).

This term is of the length from the snout to the junction of the back legs.

The total length of approximately 28cms includes the tail that is about 150 per cent of the SVL.

The Western Netted Dragon is found in the southern half of Western Australia

being south to the central Wheatbelt, eastern Goldfields, Nullarbor and to the western interior of South Australia.

It may also be found on Dirk Hartog Island.

This species favours heavy, stony soils in sparsely covered woodlands with minimum low ground cover.

It can be found beneath isolated stones, boulders, exfoliating granite, under logs, behind the bark of fallen trees or in a shallow burrow or depression.

Its broad, fleshy and sticky tongue is ideal for ambushing insects in the vicinity of the burrow entrance.

Its diet consists of approximately 75 per cent insects and 25 per cent plants and flowers.

The relatively common Western Bearded Dragon is found within our shire but as quoted by John, “do not live in burrows although the female will dig a short burrow in which to lay her eggs.”

The male of the species is a red colouring with black reticula (a net-like patterning), with the female lighter in colour and the

juvenile an olive-grey.

The dragon has strong, short limbs and dark-coloured claws.

It has obvious ear holes (Tympanum).

As with other dragon species the Western Netted Dragon lays eggs.

She may lay up to three clutches in a season with each clutch from two to six eggs.

The male will vigorously defend its territory.

It was noted by photographer, Lyn, that although she had protected the surrounding area of her visitor against being preyed upon by birds, she found the little reptile perched in the sun on a nearby stump.

The club members are always extremely interested to hear of your wildlife and flora sightings.

The sightings and observations are entered on the Toodyay Naturalists' Club data base that gives information as to the wellness of our surrounding environment.

Enquiries may be made to secretary@toodyaynats.org.au



Western Netted Dragon: Photo courtesy of Lyn Johnson Members of Toodyay Naturalists' Club

Your cat and the environment

Julimar Conservation and Forest Alliance
Wayne Clarke

THE DOMESTIC cat population in Australia is estimated to be over 5.3 million with around 33 per cent of all households having at least one pet cat.

Having a cat comes with responsibilities.

These include providing sustenance and veterinary care.

Keeping them safe indoors is also an important responsibility.

Wandering cats are subject to dangers, from traffic, dog attacks, poison baits, snake bite and feral cats.

Feral cats carry diseases that can be transmitted to your pet cat and to yourself.

These can include rabies, ringworm, roundworm, toxoplasmosis (symptoms include severe lung, brain or serious eye disease for a person with weakened immunity) and *campylobacteriosis* (a bacterial infection that commonly causes diarrhoea, abdominal pain, fever, nausea, and vomiting).

At night your cat can roam up to two square kilometres and up to ten kilometres in distance.

Keeping them indoors at night reduces their impact on native wildlife but during the day they prey on small lizards and birds.

Your cat may also impact on your neighbours and their animals.

Local governments get many complaints about wandering cats, including fights, spraying, digging and bowel movements in yards and gardens.

It's a myth that cats don't roam and cats living in rural areas roam further than in urban areas.

They are natural born predators, with innate hunting instincts that remain strong throughout their lives even if they are well fed.

Cats that are confined to the house or escape-proof yards live longer, particularly when they are provided with stimulation of some sort.

They need scratching poles and climbing areas and a place to hide.

They are adaptable and don't need to be outside to be content.

Building a cat enclosure is a great way to provide your cat with a safe environment.

You can also train your cat to go on a harness to be taken to places for a walk.

Owners of pet cats must comply with the *WA Cat Act 2011* and any requirements such as cat-prohibited areas designated by a local government local law.

The Act requires all cats to be registered [Clause 5], their registration tag is worn on their collar [Clause 6], microchipped [Clause 14], and sterilised [Clause 18] by six months of age.

Cat owners should keep domestic cats inside or have an outdoor cat enclosure.

If your cat is not microchipped and is found wandering on neighbouring properties or reserves, it is at risk of being designated as feral.

Feral cats are listed as a 'declared pest' under the *WA Biosecurity and Agriculture Management Act 2007* and an authorised shire officer may seize, impound and deal with the cat pursuant to the Act.

If you trap a cat on your property, the shire ranger can arrange for it to be taken to the shire's cat facility where it can be checked for microchipping.

Animals will only be released from the facility if certain conditions have been met (visit the shire's website and look under 'Resident services: our animals').

The Toodyay Naturalists' Club purchased two cat traps for community use.

They are available for loan to the community. Contact the secretary at secretary@toodyaynats.org.au



Cat on night trail camera at bird bath

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

Join the fight against pancreatic cancer

THIS September, Australians are being urged to come together to honour those who have lost their lives to pancreatic cancer and to stand in solidarity with those living with the disease, by taking part in Pankind's Remember September initiative.

The Remember September community will unite to take on a personal challenge to 'move it or give it up' for the month of September, to help raise funds for groundbreaking research and work towards improving survival rates for people facing this devastating disease.

Those who choose to 'move it', will walk 75 kilometres across the month in honour of the 75 Australians who lose their lives to pancreatic cancer each week.

Those who choose to 'give it up', will give up vices, such as caffeine or sugar, in support of those impacted by the disease.

Pancreatic cancer is the eighth most common cancer in Australia, and the third deadliest.

Look after your back Jack

Warrior Wellbeing

AS BLOKES we are all guilty of just wanting to get the job done and sometimes throw our bodies on the line without considering the potential consequences.

We see this with both young and old blokes and injuring our back is one possible consequence.

In fact, the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare suggests that 70 – 90 per cent of the population will experience lower back pain during their life.

Back problems can be caused by various factors ranging from a pre-existing issue or weakness we may have from childhood.

This includes wear and tear caused by the physically demanding jobs blokes undertake or just a fact of life due to our modern-day sedentary lifestyle.

That is hours sitting in trucks/tractors, office chairs and on the couch.

There are also situations where we push ourselves too hard.

It's important to recognise that our back is a precious commodity.

Ask anyone who has suffered a back injury resulting in chronic pain. It can be debilitating.

A lot of blokes have a neglectful attitude that can exacerbate many health conditions.

How many times have you heard a bloke experiencing pain say, 'She'll be right, I'll see how it goes,' and then put up with his issue for weeks, months and even years?

If we are lucky, we do five minutes of stretching and remember to sit up straight for the rest of the day, but that's about as far as it goes.

Proper back care should be part of our regular routine and there are simple steps we can take that will decrease the chances of back problems and benefit wellbeing.

We can exercise and stretch resulting in better body shape with a good range of movement to decrease the risk of putting our back under unwanted pressure.

Try some yoga.

Proper posture: whether it's sitting in a tractor, behind a desk or with our feet up enjoying Saturday arvo footy.

Our body is not designed to be in a seated position for extended periods.

Get up and stretch out as often as possible and don't slouch or slump in our chairs.

Place a rolled-up towel behind the lower back for good lumbar support.

Bulging belly: we can't all have a six-pack but losing a few kilos off the gut and increasing strength around our core muscles, (especially our pelvic floor) takes pressure off our lower back.

Lifting logically: we need to bend our knees, keep our back straight, and keep the load centred to our body.

Also, when we are helping our mate lift those heavy loads, or rearranging furniture for the wife remember that prior planning and communication prevents poor performance.

If back pain does not resolve itself with some of these basic back-care tips consult a GP or book in to see a physiotherapist for more specific treatment and back-care exercises.

Only three out of 10 people diagnosed with pancreatic cancer will survive one year after diagnosis and statistics show that people diagnosed with pancreatic cancer have a 13 percent chance of surviving at least five years.

Michelle Stewart, CEO of Pankind, said that by joining the Remember September community, you'll be supporting people impacted by pancreatic cancer and fulfil a mission to triple survival rates by 2030 and significantly improve the quality of life for those impacted.

"Every step walked, and every habit given up this September, is a powerful act of solidarity for the 75 Australians who lose their lives to pancreatic cancer each week," she said.

"Last year we united to contribute over \$1.9 million.

"This year, we are determined to go even further to fuel the research that could shift these devastating statistics and bring hope to future generations."

For more information or to sign up and take part in Remember September visit rememberseptember.org.au

About Pankind

PANCREATIC cancer is the toughest common cancer and, for too long, progress has lagged behind.

Survival rates have barely improved in decades, leaving people diagnosed feeling overwhelmed and uncertain.

We are determined to change this.

We are the only Australian organisation solely dedicated to improving outcomes for those affected by pancreatic cancer.

We can make progress a reality through groundbreaking research, compassionate support and tireless advocacy.

When the stakes are this high, action isn't just important, it's essential and urgent.

An itch that needs scratching

Heartlands Veterinary Hospital

Dr Olivia Fruzynski

DID YOU know that regular itching is not normal for dogs?

Scratching, itching and chewing can all be signs of an underlying skin condition that can be treated.

If you have observed your dog with the following behaviours, then it's probably time to get a check at the vet:

- Scratching at the ears or body, day and night.
- Biting, chewing or licking their feet, legs, body, rump or tail.
- Red stained fur on their feet.
- Unpleasant smell to the skin or ears.
- Red or darkened skin on their tummy.
- Losing fur or a thin coat.
- Greasy feel to the skin and hair or the appearance of dandruff.

There are a few easy things to try at home if you have an itchy dog.

The first is making sure they are given an external parasite medication that treats for fleas, ticks and mites.

There are many different products so take time finding what works best for you.

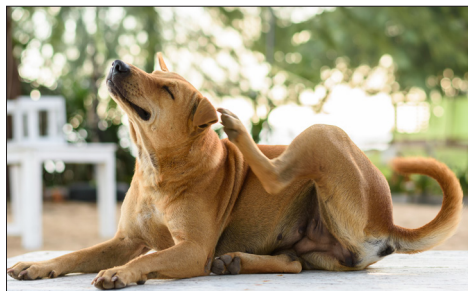
Washing your itchy dog may help remove dirt and allergens that the skin is reacting to.

A mild shampoo is ideal, followed by a good quality conditioner to restore the skin's protective barrier.

Itching can be super annoying for both pets and humans, leading to sleepless nights and annoying noises.

In recent years there have been many advances in the medical options we have to treat itchy pets.

Please contact your vet to help examine your dog for any signs of infection or allergies and so we can help find the right solution for them.



A humble BBQ for men's health

Sean Hefferon

MR PERFECT BBQs is an Australian initiative that organises barbecues across the country with the goal of supporting men's mental health.

These events offer an informal setting where men can meet, converse, and provide mutual support while sharing a free barbecue.

The BBQs are free, informal, non-clinical men's mental health events run by the not-for-profit Mr Perfect, established in 2016.

Held regularly in parks across Australia, their slogan "Mental health's mate" encourages open conversations about mental health without pressure.

As of 2025, the charity hosts BBQs at over 80 locations nationwide, including Perth Metro, Mandurah, Bunbury, and regional WA towns such as Toodyay.

How do these BBQs work?

Casual format: You turn up, grab a free snag, and chat, no registration needed.

Open to everyone: Men, their mates, families, partners and kids are welcome.

Not counselling: They don't diagnose or

treat mental illness but act as a bridge to other supports.

Run by volunteers: BBQs are hosted by local "hosts" who facilitate conversations and maintain a welcoming, inclusive vibe.

How can a humble BBQ help men?

Men often face barriers to seeking help, such as stigma, cultural norms of toughness and limited rural services.

Mr Perfect BBQs support men by:

Building Social Connection: They offer safe spaces for men, especially in remote areas, to connect without pressure.

Reducing Stigma: BBQs promote open, everyday discussions about mental health challenges.

Early Intervention: Regular contact supports wellbeing and can guide men to professional help before issues worsen.

Accessible and Local: Events are held in community spaces near where men live, ideal for regions with few mental-health resources.

The Toodyay Mr Perfect BBQ is held on the second Sunday of each month at Duidgee Park from 10.30am to noon.



Anyone for a chat and a BBQ?



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Toodyay Race Club
Stephen Ferguson, President

The 2025 event will feature:

- Live thoroughbred racing from noon.
- Fashions on the field with prizes from Rohan Jewellers, a horseshoe pendant valued at \$5,000 for the Ladies Heat, cufflinks valued at \$5,000 for the Mens Heat and a cash prize for the Children's Heat. Mens Heat kicks off at noon.
- Myles Wilson Dash for Cash registrations are required prior to race day via the club's website.
- Free kids' entertainment including the Vernice Sandpit.



Horses galloping down the straight towards the finish line at the 2024 Toodyay races.

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Simon Wallace

The individual winners were:
Bernard McGlashen from Tasmania
251.8 points 1st; Bailey Kight 229.8 from
Queensland on points was 2nd; Barry Knight

- Return transport is available from Crown Casino (tickets required) and free shuttle buses will run between the Victoria Hotel and the racecourse from 11am for an hour, and again at the end of the event.

Results at: bit.ly/4p5l5sC

Avon Valley Shotokan
Nat Kielbasa

Lincoln, Camden and Ashton Pope brought



A young Japanese competitor.

This was followed by a fun BBQ at Whittem Park, complete with homemade lamb sausages, chops and kangaroo, many dishes made by club members and of course

The joy, excitement and curiosity of our wonderful Japanese homestay students was infectious and reminded us why we chose to call Toodyay home.



Indira Rouw.

For anyone wanting to join our fantastic karate family we encourage you to come and meet the team or contact the club at avonvalleyshotokan@gmail.com to start your own karate journey.



Ashton and Camden Pope.



The competitors on championship day - a picture of global diversity.



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Strong competition in golf club championships

Toodyay Golf Club
Dave Duncan, President

THE TOODYAY Golf Club has seen some outstanding golf in recent weeks with competitive fields turning out for our major championship rounds and sponsored events.

Club Championships – Round 1
PROUDLY sponsored by Wayne Mastin:
The opening round of the Club Championships saw Ace Eddy take the honours with a fine nett 73.

Wayne Mastin secured second place on nett 80, with Nick Hocking close behind in third on nett 81.

Club Championships – Round 2
THANKS to sponsorship from Northam Skin and Body:

Round 2 produced some excellent scores. John Jaworski carded a winning nett 71, with Lindsay Slater second on nett 74, and Murray Riseley third with nett 75.

Lee Street Cup (Stableford)
SPONSORED by the Lee Street family:
This popular event saw Nick Hocking continue his good form, winning with 40 points.

Bruce Shaw followed with 37 points, while Dave Duncan finished third on 36 points.

The Gross Winner was Clay Smith, with 28 points.

Woodlands Cup – 27 Hole Stroke Event
THE GRUELLING 27-hole Woodlands Cup produced a close finish, with Lindsay Slater edging out the competition to win with a nett 112.5.



Nick Hocking with the Lee Street Cup.

Nick Hocking was just behind on nett 113, taking second place.

It's been fantastic to see such great competition and support from members and sponsors.

The Toodyay Golf Club thanks all players and sponsors for their contributions and we look forward to more exciting golf in the weeks ahead.

Junior tournament planning underway

Toodyay Tennis Club
Jenny Ash Secretary

THE TOODYAY Tennis Club's AGM was held last month and there were no changes to our executive committee.

We welcome our new general committee member Patrick Thompson who has a passion for community sport and a background in tennis. We are looking forward to his contribution and tennis enthusiasm in our club.

Planning is underway for senior/family social tennis and junior tennis coaching/match play.

We are planning a junior tournament in November, so kids get ready for a great season.

As a nod to our tennis past, we plan to name the event and present trophies originally allocated to Toodyay tennis champion boy and girl.



Groves Cup - Mary O'Reilly defeated Jan Ferguson 1969.



Dr Partick O'Reilly presenting Cup to Michael Wood.

The trophies are Groves and O'Reilly Cups and named after Dr Patrick J O'Reilly and Percy and Gloria Groves/

Both are active club/community members who offered to donate trophies in 1961 for junior members to encourage young tennis players.

Boys' singles is sponsored by the O'Reilly family and the girl singles is sponsored by the Groves family.

Our club/junior coach Renee Minnock is passionate about helping our juniors to progress to match play.

She says they have all come so far and will be ready.

Key Dates:
October 13: Junior Tennis Have a Go Day/ registration.

October 17: season opener – family fun night. All welcome.

October 20: Junior coaching/match play practice starts.

November 16: Toodyay Junior Tournament.
For more information go to: play.tennis.com.au

Toodyay running legends transcend

Toodyay Running Legends transcend
Kelly-Anne Murray

IS THERE a better way to spend a fine, sunny winter day than trail running in the Avon Valley National Park?

That's how 12 Toodyay Running Legends chose to spend their day on Saturday August 16 for the fifth annual transcend event.

It featured multiple run or hike distances, with an option of solo or team entries for a 65km ultra run, a 40km or 28km run or hike, a 6km distance and 1km kids' dash.

There really is something for every runner.

Transcend offers a special trail experience that will test you but offers a huge sense of accomplishment once you cross that epic finish line.

Just ask the fabulous Toodyay running legend 28km finishers what they thought.

Osaka 2025 marathon finisher Kale said, "It was next level."

"A gritty course of steep trails and not for the faint hearted," said Aimee.

Chris said, "The terrain was challenging and there were many unanticipated water crossings on account of recent heavy rains".

Raewyn completed the 40 km hike, which she said was, "a brilliant event to test your comfort zone and get that buzz from a sense of achievement".

Emma said, "It was an enormous mental and physical challenge in the most spectacular environment.

"It was the best feeling coming around the last corner to see my kids waiting for me and running over the finish line with them."

It was Katie's second time running the 6 km

event.

She said, "If you've just started trail running or want to give it a go, this course is a great introduction.

"There were a few more water crossings this year, steep rocky outcrops to navigate and elevation to get the heart pumping,"

Olivia said she's not sure if her almost 46-year-old body is up for another transcend 28km challenge unless she's more prepared and can train more next time.

Some highlights for all were the beautiful scenery and a sense of accomplishment that came from rising to the challenge.

Transcend is a well organised event with a great atmosphere at the finish line where you could warm up by the fire with a gin in your hand and a warm feed in your belly.

The support and encouragement for runners on the trail and at the aid stations were second to none.

A special mention must go to Toodyay Running Legends dedicated support crew, Ebony, who is always there to encourage and capture the finish line achievements.

What's next you ask?

Well, it's almost triathlon season so stay tuned for details about Toodyay's first community triathlon on 8 March 2026.

Until then, if you run, or would like to start running, the Newcastle Park, Park Run is a great place to start and is on every Saturday morning at 8 am.

You can also join the Toodyay Triathlon Club Facebook page, email toodyaytriathlonclub@gmail.com or call Kelly-Anne on 0406 585 716 for more information.



Toodyay Running Legends Transcend 28km starters.

The final countdown

Toodyay Football Club
Partick Thompson

THE 2025 season came to a crashing end on Sunday August 24, going down to Calingiri by 19 points, 12.15.87 to 10.8.68, in an elimination final.

It was a wet, windy and contested match, where whoever capitalised on the wind was going to win the match.

The scores were level at 50 a piece at three quarter time, but Calingiri took full advantage of the wind in the final term to take the win.

It rounds out a great season with new coach Russell Thompson, who's already committed to staying on and taking Toodyay deeper into the finals next season.

Earlier on August 16, we held the end of season windup at Coorinja Winery.

It was a stylish affair for a footy event with great food, drinks and live music and it was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone.

The full list of award winners for the 2025 season were:

Spot Watson Clubman Award
Ben Jenkins

League:
Fairest and Best: Layton Browne

R/Up: Harry Corderoy

Most Courageous: Bill Corderoy

Coaches Award: Brayden Roberts

Rising Star: Jaxon Crook

Leading Goal Kicker: Niklas White

Reserves
Fairest and Best: Nathan Welburn

R/Up: Patrick Thompson

Best Position: Winton Davey



League Winners (Bill Corderoy, Harry Corderoy, Jaxon Crook, Ben Jenkins & Layton Brown).

Coaches Award: Bart Carter

Netball:

Fairest and Best: Felicity Oliver

R/Up: Emma Anderson

Best Position: Winton Davey

Coaches Award: Sam Smart

We failed to get enough people to the annual general meeting at the final training session.

We will call another AGM later in the year.

We are always on the lookout for new committee members and office bearers.

Please don't be afraid to put your hand up and get involved next season.



Netball Winners (Felicity Oliver, Emma Anderson & Sam Smart).



Reserves Winners (Winton Davey, Bart Carter, Nathan Welburn & Patrick Thompson).



Principal's Pen

The Morangup Progress Association quiz night was such a fantastic evening. Lots of laughs, plenty of head-scratching questions, and while we didn't quite snag the win, we're pleased to say we weren't last either—so there's always something to aim for next year. We also learnt so many new fun facts.

What animal is commonly known as a 'Mountain Chicken'? No googling.

It's also been one of the busiest months we've had in a long time. We're officially out of homes to sell (just a couple of blocks remain), which is a wonderful milestone for our little community. Of course, that also means we're on the lookout for more listings, so if you or someone you know is thinking about selling, now is a great time to chat with us. In the office this month:

Zonelle – working hard completing her course plus working full time.

Jemma – Learning more and more every day. There is never a dull moment when you work in property management.

Jess – has listed a 400-acre farm in Nungarin – this girl will travel anywhere for a client in need.

Sam – joined the million-dollar club, selling his first home over \$1,000,000.

Tony – getting ready for a huge clearing sale coming up in October – check out our website for more details.

On a personal note, I've had a big month myself—I've recently moved house, and I can confidently say I won't be in a hurry to do that again! You never quite realise how much stuff you own until it all has to be packed and unpacked again.

It's been a great reminder of what our buyers and sellers go through during the moving process—it's exciting, but it can also be overwhelming. That's why we do everything we can to make the transition as smooth as possible, so you can focus on the joy of settling into your new home (and not just the endless boxes).

Until next month,

Faith Kelly



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