



Save the Dates!

Reconciliation Week - Wednesday
27 May - 3 June.

Ordinary Council Meeting - Thursday
4 June, 5:30pm, Shire Council Chambers.

Toodyay Minitaure Railway - Sunday 7 June,
10am - 2pm, Duidgee Park.

Toodyay Farmers Market - Sunday
21 June, 9am - 1pm, Stirling Park.

Community Morning Tea for World Elder Abuse Awareness - Tuesday 9 June, 10am - 11:30am, Toodyay Community Resource Centre.

For World Elder Abuse Awareness

The Older People's Rights Service in partnership with Bendigo Community Bank and Toodyay CRC invites you to a free community education event for seniors.

10am MORNING TEA
10.30-11.30am PREVENTING FINANCIAL ABUSE AND AVOIDING SCAMS

- The warning signs of financial abuse
- 10 common types and what to look out for
- Protecting yourself and avoiding scams
- What to do if you've been scammed

SOCK Week 2026 - Friday 3 July, Toodyay Community Resource Centre.

My Future Care - Tuesday 28 July, 10am - 12:30pm, Toodyay Community Resource Centre.

Kids Club - Every Thursday during school term 2:30pm - 4:30pm, Toodyay Community Resource Centre.

Thursdays during the school term
2:30 pm - 4:30 pm
At the Toodyay CRC
67 Stirling Terrace
Ages 5 - 15
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For more details please visit the 'Events' page on the Shire's website toodyay.wa.gov.au.

Have you got an Event within Toodyay?

Have you got an event you would like to plan in the Shire of Toodyay? The Community Development Team has updated our event application process. To access, please visit 'Planning an Event?' section on the Shire's website toodyay.wa.gov.au.



THINK BEFORE YOU BURN

Just because you're allowed to burn, doesn't mean you should.

Bush fire volunteers are traditionally busy this time because people don't always burn responsibly.

- Prepare and resource your burn space properly
- Do not burn prior to rain thinking its safer, sometimes unpredictable winds come before the rain
- Do not leave fires unattended

Please burn responsibly WWW.TOODYAY.WA.GOV.AU

Thank You!

NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK
18-24 MAY 2026

Thank You

Thank you!

THE TOODYAY VISITORS CENTRE HAS NEW OUTDOOR SEATING THANKS TO THE TOODYAY MEN'S SHED.

Wheatbelt Women Connect

The Toodyay Visitors Centre hosted the Wheatbelt Women Connect Introduction Sundowner in early May. President Sarah-Jane Simonetti opened the evening before inviting local businesswomen to share insights from their work. To learn about upcoming WWC events, visit www.wwib.org.au.

WHEATBELT WOMEN CONNECT

1 Year Anniversary

We're proud to celebrate the Community Development Team's one-year anniversary. Over the past 12 months, their dedication has strengthened partnerships, supported local initiatives, and made a meaningful impact in our community. Here's to continued growth and positive change in the years ahead!



Library Update

The Library has enjoyed a busy and creative start to May. We were delighted to host a special Rhyme Time visit from a local children's author Sandy Wessley, who is launching her book 'Honkey Nut World'. The children enjoyed the interactive storytelling session and it was wonderful to see so many young readers excited about the book and the Honkey Nut bushland gifts. In celebration of Mother's Day, the library held a special craft activity where the children created a thoughtful handmade gift and cards for their mums and special loved ones. Adding to the seasonal spirit, Library staff have also prepared the front garden beds with poppy seeds kindly donated by Terry Turner, which we hope will provide a beautiful display of colour in the coming months.



Visitors Centre Hours

Our new opening hours are **7 days a week, from 10:00am to 3:00pm**. The Toodyay Visitors Centre continues to provide the same, high-quality service, and we look forward to your continued support. **Please note** the Visitors Centre will be closed on **June 29 & 30**.

Visitor Centre - Showcase Space

The Toodyay Visitors Centre showcase space is available for the month of June. If you would like to showcase your business or works, please contact Michelle Duke on (08) 9574 9380 or visit her at the Visitors Centre 7 Piesse Street, Toodyay.

SOCK WEEK 2026 FLUORO FRIDAY



ON FRIDAY JULY 3, DRESS UP IN YOUR BRIGHTEST CLOTHING AND ACCESSORIES TO PROMOTE SOCK (SAVE OUR COUNTRY KIDS) WEEK AND THE IMPORTANCE OF SAFE DRIVING!

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Council Decisions

At the May Council Meeting, the following items were considered:

- Council approves the development application for an Industry - Extractive land use at Lot 3 (No. 826) Clackline -Toodyay Road, Hoddys Well, with conditions - *carried*.
- Council approves the erection of an outbuilding at 13 Arthur Street, Toodyay - *carried*.
- Council notes the community outcomes from initiatives funded through the 2025/26 Community Funding Program - *carried*.
- Council gives local public notice stating that it proposes to make Shire of Toodyay Activities in Thoroughfares and Public Places and Trading Local Law 2026 - *carried*.

For all details of the items considered at this meeting, please visit the 'Council' section on the Shire's website toodyay.wa.gov.au



Cancer morning teas on our calendar

Country Women's Association
Elizabeth Mansom

WE WERE fortunate with the weather for the Moondyne Festival.

Our hall was open for people to come in and revive, perhaps over a jam and cream scone, before going back out to find further delights around the town.

In the chase to apprehend Moondyne the police turned up just in time to rescue Joe and his mates from the wooden spoon wielding Country Women's Association (CWA) ladies indignant at having their peaceful space invaded by such louts.

The next day four of us had enough energy to drive out to Jennacubbine for their annual Fun and Friendship Day. It's always a relaxing day after the exertions of Moondyne.

It's a lovely drive, the food was luscious, there were bargains galore on the sale table and everyone came home with at least one raffle prize.

When planning functions for the year members decided that instead of holding our



Country Women's Assoc members Kathy, Val and Elizabeth on a bench the Men's Shed fixed for the CWA who say a big 'thankyou'.

own cancer morning tea, we would patronise any being held by other organisations in town so on May 14 seven of us attended the morning tea at the Baptist Church.

What a delightful morning the ladies put on for us.

Dainty cup, saucer and plate sets, scrumptious food, interesting talks from cancer survivors, and an array of plants for sale that meant everyone left with bags sprouting greenery.

If you are holding a cancer morning tea do let us know so we can add you to our calendar.

Every year CWA of WA awards bursaries across the education spectrum.

This year our state office has approved five lower secondary bursaries totally \$3,750, three upper secondary bursaries totalling \$4,500, four tertiary bursaries totalling \$8,000 and three nursing scholarships totalling \$13,500.

The nursing bursaries encourage further nursing skills, training and professional development particularly involving the care of children for the benefit of rural, regional and remote communities.

Not bad for an organisation with a reputation largely associated with tea and scones.

We had advised that care should be exercised if using our bench on Charcoal Lane because the extremes of weather had warped the wooden seat.

This is no longer the case as The Men's Shed have done a sterling job of repairing it and we are very grateful.

We meet on the fourth Thursday of the month at 1pm for a general meeting and on the second Thursday of the month at 10am for a relaxed coffee morning.

Our hall is air-conditioned and accessible for walkers and gophers via Charcoal Lane.

We do ask if you come on a gopher, you leave it on the veranda as they can become a hazard inside the hall.

Margot takes the hall bookings and can be reached on 0405 067 591.

We look forward to welcoming you.



This Wiggly Worm train driver welcomed all aboard the Lions Club's popular train.

Wiggly Worm attends multiple events

Toodyay Lions Club
Clint Fricker

AS USUAL, your Lions Club has been very active in the community these last few months.

As we do each year the club provided the Gunfire Breakfast on ANZAC Day, and then the following day entertained children with our little train, the Wiggly Worm, at the Flying 50s in Northam.

Our main event was of course the Lions Jumbo Auction and its record result, reported in the last edition of *The Herald*.

We also ran the Wiggly Worm at this year's Moondyne Festival with its record crowd.

On the donation side we supported numerous worthy organisations in Toodyay with the funds from the auction.

We have also supported two young lads on their personal endeavours; one to go on a week-long trip on the STS Leeuwin, and the other to attend a dirt bike rally in the

Northern Territory.

We have also donated to Camp Quokka, a WA Lions initiative for children with diabetes.

Christmas in July is becoming more and more popular and we will be supporting this by selling Lions Christmas cakes and puddings at the Farmers' Markets in June.

We are also organising some food stalls and a coffee van for Avon Descent spectators on the Saturday morning, just a small affair to provide some warm refreshments on what is usually a chilly morning.

More information on this in the next edition.

We have had a number of new members join us this year to enjoy the fellowship of other like-minded people and feel the warm inner glow that comes from supporting the local community.

If you think you'd like to be a part of that contact Clint Fricker on 0423 226 898 or at toodyay.wa@lions.org.au

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All welcome to drop in and join in Morangup Progress Association

Daryl Cooper

THE annual general meeting (AGM) of the Morangup Progress Association (MPA) was held immediately before the monthly drop-in night on the last Friday in April.

A low number of members in attendance at the AGM was followed by a good attendance at the drop-in, which would seem to indicate that members are satisfied with what the association is doing for the community.

Otherwise, we would have expected larger numbers at the AGM, there to express their dissatisfaction, and less attendees at the drop-in.

In his report to the AGM, the chairperson described the past year as another successful one for the MPA.

He noted the completion of the outdoor barbecue area at the rear of the community hall and the installation of postal lockers as major achievements.

Additionally, the association held a number of well-attended community events.

These events included a scam seminar, a quiz night, a wine tasting, a Christmas market, and more.

The last Friday of the month drop-ins also continue to be well attended and are providing a great opportunity for Morangup residents to get together to socialise in a very informal setting.

In her report, the treasurer noted that securing community grants and donations has supported the provision of the above activities and thus the association's finances remain in a sound position.

The election of office bearers and committee saw existing members re-nominating for their positions and with no positions contested all were re-elected.

There being no further business, the chairperson thanked the committee for their work during the past year, and members for their attendance at the AGM, and closed the meeting.



Sauerkraut workshop was a roaring success with local facilitator Jeanelle from Feather and Gum leading the session.

Ferment to be: workshop draws a crowd

Joshua van Helsdingen

THE Toodyay Community Garden kicked off on this year's workshop program with a sauerkraut workshop and it was a roaring success.

Ten people joined us at the CWA hall, with local facilitator Jeanelle from Feather and Gum leading the session.

We are very grateful to CWA Toodyay for allowing us to use their hall and kitchen, and to Jeanelle for running the workshop.

Together, we learned the basics of fermentation preservation, and each of us took home a jar of our own caraway-infused sauerkraut.

Successfully growing and processing one's own food is an empowering skill.

It comes with many health benefits by choosing fresh, tasty, nutritious and locally grown produce.

There are also financial benefits once you set up a resilient and low-maintenance system and get the hang of growing healthy plants with modest inputs.

But best of all, are the mental health and community benefits that come from connecting and sharing with our friends and neighbours.

Our committee is working hard to provide a sustainable, central and accessible site to establish the Toodyay Community Garden, a place where people of all backgrounds and ages can learn, connect and share.

In the meantime, we have many more exciting interactive workshops to come this

year.

The June workshop is plant sales, followed by pasta making in July.

We have had many expressions of interest for our affordable IBC Wicking Bed workshop in September.


Express your interest by emailing us at toodyaycg@gmail.com.

Our next committee meeting is the evening of June 10. Join us to learn and grow together.

Finally, we wish to express our deepest gratitude to our membership and workshop attendees for your continued support.

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Greg Warburton was a big supporter of many community groups in Toodyay and a regular feature of the Moondyne Festival in his homemade convict outfit. (Pic: Beth Frayne).

Life in the swinging sixties

Toodyay Historical Society
Dr Robyn Taylor

ONE thing we learn through the study of history and life in general is nothing stays the same.

The quality of life we enjoy in Toodyay is greatly enhanced by the efforts of our volunteers and their commitment.

Many of our members belong to several groups and we value their willingness to take on committee positions to ensure continuity.

All is sweet until we lose them and their expertise, leaving gaps to be filled.

There were many tributes and farewell gatherings last month for Greg and Vicky Warburton who left Toodyay after many active years to go east for family reasons.

They promise to return. Greg was a member of our society, and many others, and a notable figure at the Moondyne Festivals.

Dressed up in his convict outfit Greg successfully fundraised for our society.

Who could resist having their photo taken with such a scruffy looking ruffian.

We continue to have speakers at our monthly meetings and sessions where members are encouraged to 'bring and tell' about intriguing items they own, which have a story or may need to be identified.

Our last speaker was Allan Ralph sharing his 'Bejooring Memories'.

This was illustrated with an invaluable collection of small black and white family photos that are familiar to many of us who have our own collections passed down through the generations.

No doubt we will see more, and early colour photos, at our next meeting in June.

The topic 'Life in the 1960s promises to be a fun night given these were times of significant cultural change and most of our members lived through them.

Who can forget the swinging sixties with its pop music, shocking hemlines and the outrage over bikinis, countered with the sobering experiences of the Berlin Wall, the Vietnam war, and the excitement of space exploration.

It was an amazing decade. For details about us: See Where and When.

Volunteers help bring our rail history to life

Toodyay Museum
Barry Keans

WE WERE pleased to be able to help with the new *Railways of Toodyay* Exhibition at the Old Gaol Museum which opened last month.

In addition to helping collect exhibits and arrange them in the exhibition room with Margie Eberle, the museum curator, we were able to provide funds from shingle sales to cover laminating costs and a morning tea at

the exhibition launch.

Beth Frayne, wearing both her Toodyay Historical Society and museum volunteer hats, produced some excellent literature relating to railway personnel of the district, which can be read on site.

The exhibition runs for the rest of 2026, and we do hope that many Toodyay residents will take the time to visit and learn what railways have done for Toodyay. Admission is free for residents, opening 10am to 3pm daily.



Museum volunteer member Beth Frayne with a book she created to help tell the story.

October sees our 107th anniversary

Toodyay RSL Sub-Branch
Max Howard

WORK has been moving more slowly for members of the sub-branch after the Anzac Day celebrations.

However, a couple of weeks ago we did hold our annual wood raffle at the IGA.

This was an outstanding success with the Toodyay community once again supporting our cause.

Our thanks to our regular supplier of wood.

The work on our new building has slowed considerably at the moment due to a delay with roofing materials and workers to install it.

Hopefully, this will be completed in the not-too-distant future.

We are attracting more people wishing to become members, which is great news.

If you are interested both as a service member or an affiliate please contact the secretary, on 0475 724 233.

Recently two of our members attended

Northam RSL sub-branch for their 110th anniversary celebration which was an outstanding success.

Northam sub-branch is the oldest sub-branch in Western Australia with 110 years since they received their charter way back in 1916.

Toodyay sub-branch is not too far behind as we will be celebrating our 107th anniversary in October this year.

It is only a couple of months away, and on August 8, 2026, the sub-branch in company with Theatre 180 are presenting the *21 Hearts* live performance in the Memorial Hall.

This will include a special performance for the school children on Friday August 7, and two performances on the Saturday.

The matinee commences at 2pm and the evening performance at 7pm.

Participating sponsors are Bendigo Bank, Toodyay Op Shop, and the Moondyne Men.

The *21 Hearts* performance tells the story of the nurses who were murdered by the Japanese troops in WWII on Banka Island, Indonesia.

It has already had sold out sessions both in Western Australia and other states including ACT.

It is a compelling true story of women's strength, love and hope in the face of adversity, with only one of the 21 nurses surviving, that being Vivian Bullwinkel, after whom our federal electorate is named.

This incident also involved one of our own, Alma Beard, for whom our medical centre is named.

Thanks Toodyay community for your continuing support.

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RSL members Mary Tucker and Charlie Carabott on the annual wood raffle stall.

Learning with a six-season garden

Bolgart Primary School

BOLGART students had an adventure to Bilya Koort Boodja, which is situated on the edge of the Avon River in the Wheatbelt town of Northam.

The Cultural Centre Bilya Koort Boodja means river, heart and country.

This is an immersive educational experience for anyone visiting or living in the region.

The teachers planned this trip to support the school's cultural program and their developing six seasons garden.

We learnt that there are many more plants that we can plant and grow in our garden like the bush tomato (ruby salt bush).

We also learnt about the fish and animals in the Avon River and don't forget about the wood ducks.

Did you know that the Noongar name for the Avon River is Goguljar Bilya?

We also learnt that the Black Swan is native to Australia, but the White Swan isn't.

Seagulls have eggs that are camouflaged.

In the centre there was an interactive museum with touch screens that gave us information about the Wagyl (the Noongar creator of the rivers and lakes) and the six seasons.

Students then had a craft session where they got to decorate a wooden boomerang.

This boomerang was not designed to fly.



Students looking at the interactive screen re the Wagyl and the creation of the land.

Preparing pathways for students for the future

Toodyay District High School
Shelly Maes

TOODYAY District High School (DHS) was delighted to recently welcome regional Vocational Education and Training (VET) coordinators from across Western Australia, recognising our school as a leading example of excellence in VET and student pathways.

This visit provided a valuable opportunity to showcase the innovative, student-centred work taking place in our secondary setting, and to share how we support each student to achieve meaningful and individualised post-school pathways.

Led by our pathways coordinator, Shelly Maes, the visit highlighted the strength, depth and impact of our programs.

Shelly's leadership, passion and commitment to student success have been central to the development of our high-quality VET and pathways approach.

In recognition of this hard work, Shelly has been invited to present at an upcoming WA VET Forum in Perth, where she will share Toodyay DHS's pathways model with over 50 district high schools from across the state.

This invitation is a reflection of the innovation and dedication to student success that is evident in our school community.

During the visit, our team proudly showcased key programs that underpin our approach, including the Authority Developed Workplace Learning program, structured workplace learning opportunities, and a range of Award Scheme Development and Accreditation Network courses.

These programs are thoughtfully designed to build employability skills, foster independence and provide authentic real-world learning experiences.

Importantly, they cater to the diverse needs, interests and aspirations of our students, ensuring that every young person is supported to find their pathway.



Toodyay District High School Deputy Principal Shelly Maes talking to students.

A strong focus has also been placed on our commitment to understanding each student as an individual.

At Toodyay DHS, pathways are flexible, responsive and carefully tailored to student goals.

Through close monitoring, strong partnerships with local businesses and industry, and personalised guidance, students are empowered to explore realistic future options with confidence.

Our approach ensures that students not only gain practical skills but also develop a sense of purpose and self-belief as they transition

beyond school.

We were incredibly appreciative of the positive feedback shared by our visiting colleagues, who acknowledged the organisation, innovation and genuinely student-centred nature of our approach.

It was a wonderful opportunity to connect, reflect and celebrate the important work being done across our region.

Toodyay DHS is proud to be recognised in this space and remains deeply committed to continuing this work - supporting every student to feel capable, confident, and well-prepared for their future.

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Avon Woodturners Group

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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.

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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 and Weavers

Every Wednesday; and the first and third Saturdays at Parker's Cottage, Showgrounds 9am to noon.

toodyayspinners@hotmail.com.

Toodyay Theatre Group

David Mitchell 0400 283 425.

CHURCHES

Anglican Church

Sundays St Stephen's Church 10am.

Catholic Church

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Bakers Hill Fellowship

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Email. pandctodyaydhs@gmail.com.

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

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St John Morangup Sub Centre

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St John Toodyay Sub Centre

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Toodyay Central VBFB

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

Toodyay State Emergency Service

Fourth Tuesday monthly 3 Wallaby Way Morangup. Jeff Venn 0438 490 331

toodyayseslocalmanager@gmail.com.

Toodyay Volunteer Fire and Rescue

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

ENVIRONMENT

Avon Valley Environmental Society

Wheatbelt Natural Resource Management Centre, 269 Fitzgerald St, Northam.

Third Friday monthly, noon.

avonvalleyenvironmentalsociety@gmail.com

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

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Toodyay Garden Club

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Toodyay Naturalists' Club

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Toodyay Seed Group

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SENIORS

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Butterfly Cottages Association

Secretary: Cheryl-Jean. Contact email

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Ida's Hideaway

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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

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Email: toodyay.wa@lions.org.au

Toodyay Masonic Lodge

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

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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.

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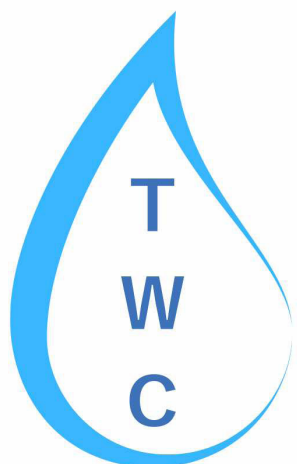
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Last Supper Lessons

Toodyay Baptist Church
Jenny McDougall

MAY was a busy month for the ladies of Toodyay Baptist Church who on May 14 hosted a Cancer Council Biggest Morning Tea.

Three wonderful guest speakers came and shared their cancer journey stories; we enjoyed a delicious morning tea, sold items on the jumble sale table and had fun trivia games.

The event raised \$1,400.

A huge thankyou to Jenni Carlin for organising the event and to everyone who supported the day.

In May, Pastor Luke continued our on-and-

off series Last Supper Lessons, learning from John chapters 15 onwards.

Some of Jesus' final teachings warn of hardship and grief, but he accompanies them with assurances of his goodness and victory.

We also had a wonderful Mother's Day service looking at the virtuous characters of Rebekah and Mary.

In June, Pastor Luke is introducing a new series "Why we do it".

Everyone is welcome to our Sunday 10.30am services.

Come and join us on Tuesday Mornings – Women's Bible study alternating fortnightly with Prayer Group. Joy 0432 470 771.

Monday morning – Men's Fellowship, Last Monday of the month. Steve 0488 594 768.

Calendar phishing

Computer safety
Phil Hart

PHISHERS are continuing to develop new tactics and a relatively new one is emails with a malicious calendar event.

Calendar events use .ics files.

Some email facilities automatically copy .ics content to your calendar.

Clicking on any link in such an event takes you straight to the phisher's website.

It can also automatically trigger the downloading of malicious apps.

Deleting the original email leaves the event in your calendar.

The recommendation is to treat all calendar events the same way as you would treat any email.

Treat anything that is unexpected as being suspicious.

If it feels unsettling, treat that as a warning sign.

If it feels urgent, take a deep breath, pause, and take your time before deciding whether or not to respond.

If in doubt, contact the alleged sender or organiser by separate means.

A telephone call or a walk along the corridor bypasses the risks associated with email.

You can also submit a report to ScamWatch at scamwatch.gov.au.

More information is available at bit.ly/4n13IU0.

National spinal health month backed by research

AUSTRALIAN Chiropractors Association (ACA) has selected June to become National Spinal Health Month with the theme, *A healthy spine supports a healthy mind* to minimise the occurrence of back pain and the impact chronic back pain has on the mental health of Australians of all ages.

ACA President Dr Billy Chow said the coexistence of back pain and mental health conditions were associated with impaired quality of life, while the increased risk of developing chronic musculoskeletal disorders (MSDs) poses a significant financial burden on sufferers particularly as the cost-of-living bites.

In launching its month-long Spinal Health Month campaign, ACA has released Australia's first clinical research study that explored the feasibility and acceptability of adding an online, psychologically informed pain management program to the usual healthcare provided by chiropractic musculoskeletal clinicians.

The clinical research study examined how the mind and body communicate when integrating therapies for psychology and physical health.

The ACA also released new data from an independent national public survey by a global research company.

The data, demonstrated a concerning increase in back pain, the mental health consequences for sufferers and how the cost-of-living is preventing patients from seeking medical treatment.

How to help in the colder months

Toodyay Locals Care

THE weather is finally changing and the colder months are on their way.

We have access to firewood for pensioners who are unable to collect or chop their own.

If you are on a pension and need assistance, please text Roz on 0427 744 352.

We are also pleased to welcome some new volunteers to the garden. Thank you to Mal and Marie-Anne for your help and enthusiasm.

We recently held a short meeting to discuss the crops for the coming season and the compost heap is being revitalised with last summer's corn stalks and other garden vegetation.

If you would like to lend a hand in the garden, please contact us via text or email at toodyaylc20@gmail.com.

Lorraine continues to do a wonderful job caring for our beautiful Silkie and Pekin/Old English Game cross chickens.

Silgies are excellent winter layers and

their cute little eggs are available in our 24/7 fridge on the front veranda.

The fridge is also stocked with goodies thanks to Woolworths, SecondBite, and CBH-sponsored goods from Foodbank.

Meals are available in the freezer, and fresh fruit and vegetables from Woolworths can be collected on Monday afternoons from 1pm onwards.

We have noticed an unprecedented demand for meals recently.

Please remember to take only what you need so there is enough available for others in the community.

Roz underwent cataract surgery in late May and early June which put her out of action for a short time, but nothing keeps that woman down for long.

Finally, thank you to everyone who donates to Toodyay Locals Care.

Whether you contribute money, food, clothing or other goods, your generosity helps support people in need within our community.

Bike safely with hi-viz at night

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Desraé Clarke

THE responsibility to wear a safety helmet when riding your bike is important.

The devastation of an accident resulting in head injuries, because of not wearing a helmet, is unthinkable.

Educating children on the importance of wearing a helmet, when initially teaching them to ride their bike, is time well spent.

When out riding clothing that can assist with protecting hands, wrists, elbows, knees and feet in the event of a mishap is worth thinking about.

A pair of light gloves, a long-sleeved top, jeans and joggers are protective.

However, thongs can be a nasty trap and are a most unsuitable footwear for riding.

If riding early morning or evening/night wear light-coloured or high-viz gear that can be seen by other road users.

Don't forget to have reflectors put on the back of your bike and in the wheel spokes.

Even if you have a front light there is every possibility that someone driving behind you will not see that front light.

Checking statistics on push bike accidents it was stated that many accidents occur when crossing from one side of the road to the other.

If needing to cross the road, dismount and check the oncoming traffic before crossing.

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Fresh notes and new voices wanted

Toodyay Community Singers
Anne Millar

THE Toodyay singing group had a good day performing at the Moondyne Festival on the May 3 and we are looking forward to the festival next year.

We had a nice audience who sang along with us – which was lovely.

If you're local to Toodyay and you would like to be part of the events held in our community, we are now in rehearsals for the Toodyay Agricultural Show which is usually held the first Saturday in October.

If you would like to come and join us we rehearse on Mondays from 4pm to 5.30pm at the CWA hall on Stirling Terrace.

It would be nice to see a few new faces and some new voices.

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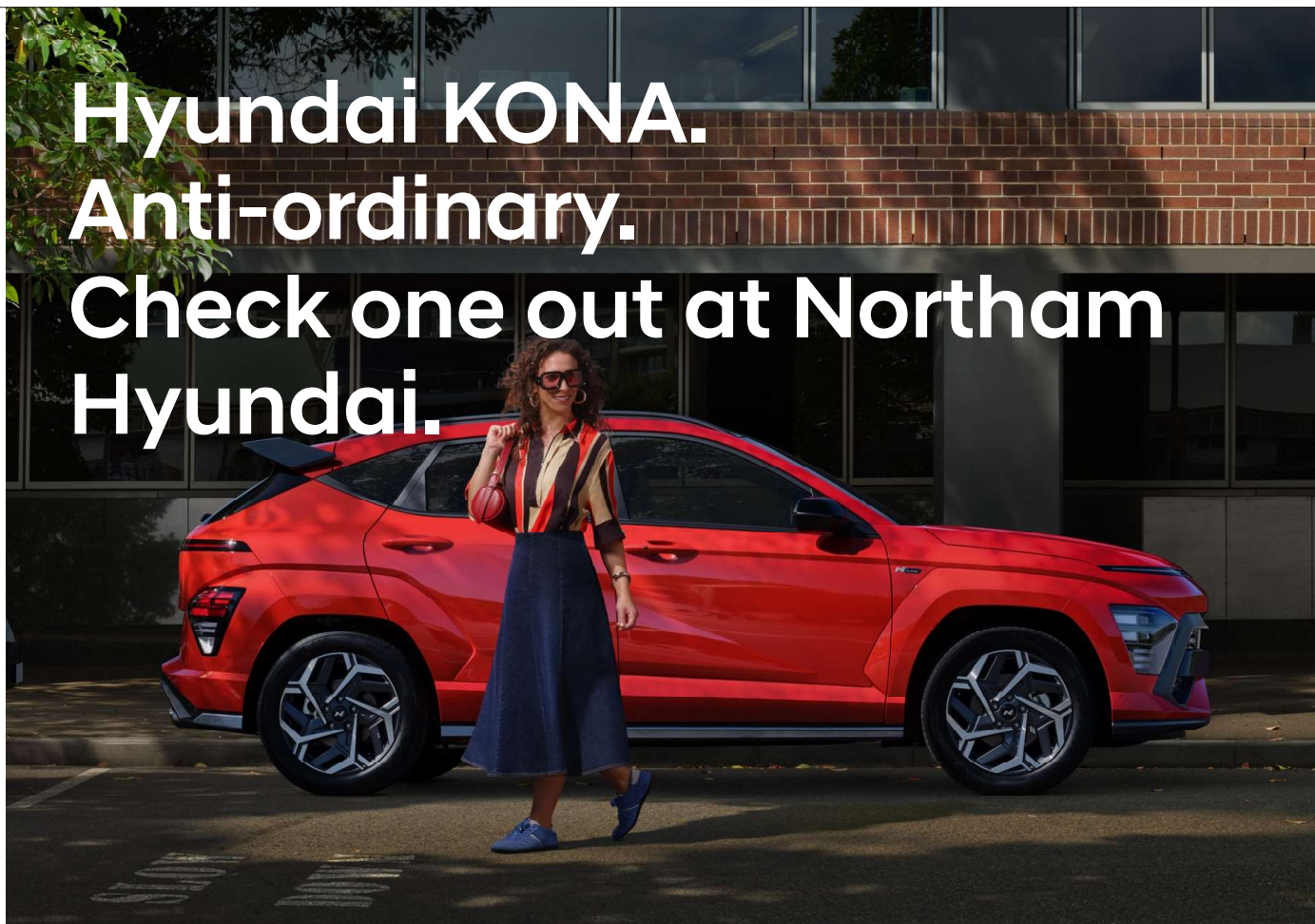
KNOWN as the orange army, SES volunteers are there when communities need support most, responding to cyclones, rescues, road crashes storms and floods and last month they were thanked in a special way. Wear Orange Wednesday (often called WOW Day) is an annual national day of appreciation in Australia dedicated to the thousands of State Emergency Service (SES) volunteers.

This year WOW Day was held on Wednesday May 20 to say thank you to the 1,955 SES volunteers across 64 units who generously give their time, skills and commitment to help keep our communities safe across Western

Australia. SES volunteers have protected the community for 67 years putting in countless hours at a moment's notice during emergencies. While they are best known for their response during natural disasters, SES volunteers also help the WA Police Force with land and air searches and provide logistical and communications support to other emergency services. Northam and Districts SES volunteers are dedicated to protecting and helping their community, and have been doing so for over 40 years. Their volunteers have been sent to many locations throughout WA, and Australia, to help other units in times of need. The storm over the recent long weekend

holiday was, as we all know, very severe. However, we were very fortunate in Northam that no major damage was reported so your Northam and Districts SES Volunteers had no local callouts. This is not what they expected as they did anticipate there would be some damage caused by the storm, so they were on standby in preparation to help the community for the three days of the storm. As they had no local callouts, they were asked to support SES Units in the Perth Metropolitan area, due to the extent of the damage caused by the storm in that region. Perth had over 800 callouts. SES volunteers can be deployed anywhere in Western Australia, and in fact Australia, if the need arises, and they

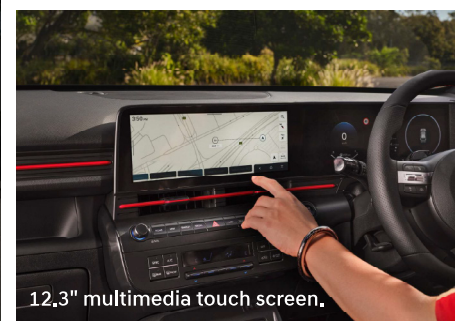
wish to go. In this particular case it was "just down the hill" to City Beach and Marangaroo. Northam and Toodyay SES volunteers combined, and went to City Beach and Marangaroo to assist the SES Units in those areas. Northam and Districts SES volunteers were also on standby for part of Sunday night, to support the Mundaring SES Unit. Mundaring's SES Unit had several callouts and they asked Northam and Districts SES if they would be able to help them, if required. In the end they were not required, so ultimately had a quiet night. If you would like to join this exciting team or learn more about Northam and Districts SES call 0499 362 990.



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ENVIRONMENT

Black swans at the red banks

Bird of the month
Desraé Clarke

THE Black Swan measures up to 1.4 metres in length with a wingspan up to 2.4 metres.

Its body is entirely black with white outwring feathers.

The male bird (cob) has a slightly brighter bill and eye and a longer neck than the female bird (pen).

The species has a long, orange to red bill with a white bar near a white horny hooked nail at the tip that is used for ripping submerged aquatic plants, with the long neck adapted to reaching underwater plants while upending.

Inside the bill there is a set of long combs used for draining water from plant food.

The webbed feet are dark grey and the eye changes from white to red in the breeding season.

The musical trumpeting sound of the Black Swan is used in contact and display with the male having a deeper and longer trumpet than the female.

The alarm call is made with the neck held erect and the bill raised.

The swan can breed at around 18 months with most having bred within their first three

years. Nests are constructed of reeds, grasses and aquatic vegetation mounded in reed beds, tall bushes or on small islands.

Four to six pale blue-green eggs are laid and incubated by both parents over a period of 40 days.

The hatchlings, or cygnets, are grey when they fledge and gradually change through a dusky grey brown to black at their first moult.

The moult is from September to February with the bird losing all its flight feathers at once rendering it completely flightless.

The flightless birds gather in large flocks seeking safety in numbers while the feathers regrow over approximately one month.

Young birds breeding for the first time usually form a pair until a clutch is produced when one partner leaves the other to rear the young.

The pen may leave up to four broods in the one year, but older birds can form permanent partnerships.

To take flight the swan skims across the water with its neck outstretched and its wings beating heavily before becoming airborne with a group frequently flying in a 'V' formation, a beautiful sight.



Black Swans at Red Banks, Toodyay courtesy Wayne Clarke.

Noongar families – a day of celebration



Yorga (women) watching the Ceremony: Larissa Wilson, Aunty Kath Davis, Dawn Garlett and Sonia Stack

Dudja Waangkiny
(Toodyay Yarning)



Noongar Kaartdijin Aboriginal Corporation (NKAC)
Helen Shanks

RECENTLY, the Noongar Kaartdijin Aboriginal Corporation (NKAC) held a special day of culture and celebration at Boyagerring Culture Camp in Toodyay.

This was a meaningful gathering of Moort (families) who hold cultural and historical connections to this boodja (country).

The day marked the recent acquisition of this beautiful bushland at the junction of Gugulja (Avon River) and Boyagerring Creek, along with the completion of key cultural features including the yarning circle, mia shelter, six seasons walk, flora and fauna path, and natural amphitheatre.

The gathering centred on cultural ceremony, song and yarning.

Following a Welcome to Country by Elder Trevor Stack, Senior Noongar Elder Uncle Ben (Cuimara) Taylor led the smoking ceremony.

Noongar musician Phil Walleystack, together

with Trevor, and the Goolamwiin dancers, shared powerful expressions of culture.

Hands-on cultural activities were led by Dakota Barker, including building a mia, tool making and spear throwing.

These activities were enjoyed by both adults and children, bringing learning and connection to life in a relaxed and engaging way.

The day concluded with old-fashioned family games, including a lively tug of war, bringing laughter and a strong sense of community to close the gathering.

We thank both Yued and Ballardong Aboriginal Corporations for having representatives at our day, along with the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries, Department of Creative Industries, Tourism and Sport for helping make the day happen.

Looking ahead, NKAC hopes to hold an official public cultural opening later in the year to welcome supporters and the wider community to experience this special place on Country.

While the Boyagerring bushland is available for general community access, NKAC warmly encourages Noongar Moort and their community groups to connect with us to use the space for cultural activities and on-Country learning.

For more information, visit the NKAC Facebook page or website.

Hiss-tory of a wheatbelt python

Herpetofauna
Desraé Clarke

MEMBERS of the Toodyay Naturalists spent time at the Armadale Reptile and Wildlife Centre to see a collection of herpetofauna included lizards, skinks, snakes, dragons, frogs, a saltwater crocodile, pythons, turtles and legless lizards.

There were several wonderful specimens of my favourite python, the Woma, also known as Ramsay's or Sand Python; its scientific name is *Aspidites ramsayi*.

The Woma was common in the wheatbelt area up till the 1950's but, with agricultural clearing and suspected feral animal predation, sightings are rarely seen south of Monkey Mia.

Its classification in the southern part of Western Australia is that of either critically endangered or extinct.

Suspected sightings within the Shire of Toodyay have not been verified because of lack of a photograph for positive identification.

In the southern part of the state the Woma's main body colour may be pale brown, yellowish-brown, reddish-brown to pale olive and marked with irregular darker brown to reddish-brown banding that is faded in older animals; the belly is cream to yellow

with brown blotches.

Animals found in the north of the state have a golden ground colour in contrast to the brown ground colour of Womas found in the southern areas.

When the well-known herpetologist, Dr David Pearson, visited Toodyay Nat's members he brought with him a female Woma found at the WA/Northern Territory border east of Broome with the colour as mentioned above.

This docile nocturnal creature, of up to two metres in length, shelters by day in deserted animal burrows, hollow logs and in thick vegetation.

As with the python species, it is slow-moving and will freeze if disturbed or threatened.

However, it will move extremely fast to capture its prey of small mammals, ground birds and reptiles, including venomous snakes.

According to Dr Pearson the tail is known to be used as a lure and has been noted to be damaged.

To maintain an even temperature, while incubating her five to nineteen eggs for the two-to-three-month incubation period, the female coils her body around them and will shiver to increase her body heat as required.



Photo: Desraé Clarke.

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 dca.wa.gov.au/westernshield or contact your local Parks and Wildlife Service district office.



Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions



Ecological surveys and a special presentation

Julimar Conservation and Forest Alliance
Melissa Adams

WHILE the cyclone threat and forecast rain forced the cancellation of our March surveys, four members were able to conduct plant and bird surveys in early April.

The group targeted a portion of a recent prescribed burn area (PHS260) before the burn to establish a baseline for future comparison surveys.

While the vegetation results are still being collated, we successfully recorded 21 bird species.

Kelly Sheldrick, the Citizen Scientist Program Manager at the Conservation Council of WA and ecologist working in the bat conservation field, was recently contracted by Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions to survey bats in Julimar State Forest.

Despite a few rainy days, Kelly and her team caught 17 bats across four species (one recapture). Most were young adults, with the exception of one older individual.

As expected for this season, males were entering mating condition.

The species recorded included: 10 Southern forest bats (*Vespadelus regulus*), 3 Lesser long-eared bats (*Nyctophilus geoffroyi*), 1 Chocolate wattled bat (*Chalinolobus morio*), and 2 Gould's wattled bats (*Chalinolobus gouldii*).

Our next surveys are scheduled for Saturday, June 20.

If you are interested in participating in a

plant, bird or insect survey, or would like to join us for some night spotlighting, please get in touch at julimarforest@gmail.com.

We also welcome any experts interested in leading a survey in their field.

In other news, at the Shire meeting on May 7, JCAFA presented a formal proposal to the Shire of Toodyay to upgrade Julimar State Forest to National Park status.

The council gratefully received the document, which acts as a reference for local government to help protect the region's biodiversity.

The full, detailed proposal for Julimar National Park can be found on our website at bit.ly/julimar-proposal.

Lastly, as they begin the next chapter of their lives in New South Wales, we would like to recognise Greg and Vicki Warburton's legacy, defined by three decades of dedicated advocacy and on-the-ground work to conserve our wonderful local environment.

Both Greg and Vicki have had a deep connection to Julimar State Forest, having lived on its doorstep.

In June 1999, Greg participated in a trapping survey in the Julimar State Forest and has participated in and led multiple surveys, excursions and busy bees in the Forest ever since.

Vicki has been a firm advocate and supporter, attending meetings, helping with our resource document, and assisting us in the field on numerous occasions.

We wish them all the best.



Vicki and Greg Warburton with Rob Boase and Wayne Clarke. The Warburton's were presented with a wildflower print by Rica Erickson by the naturalist's club's patron Rob Boase.

A natural farewell

Toodyay Naturalist's Club
Lynn Phillips

WITH an immense sense of gratitude tinged with sadness, the members of the Toodyay Naturalists' Club said farewell, last month, to two of our greatest stalwarts.

Vicki and Greg Warburton had been residents of Toodyay for close on 30 years and were members of the Toodyay Nats as well as Friends of the River and the historical society for much of that time.

As a show of appreciation by all three groups, Vicki and Greg were presented with a beautiful print of a limited-edition wildflower painting by Rica Erickson.

Since Rica was a renowned West Australian environmentalist who frequently visited this area, this was a particularly fitting gift.

On a happier note, 10 club members enjoyed an excursion to the Armadale Reptile and Wildlife Park on Saturday May 17.

At the entrance to the park, we were welcomed by a large aviary filled with a myriad of brightly coloured finches noisily going about their business.

On entering the main building, we were presented with display after display of amazing reptiles and amphibians from the smallest of frogs to enormous pythons with lots in between – not recommended for those with a fear of snakes.

There were squeals of delight when our illustrious secretary, Desrae was offered a cuddle of her favourite snake of all time, the Woma.

And out the back there was more.

A lone estuarine croc sat motionless beside his pool, until he finally moved to the excitement of the patient onlookers.

Turtles swam around in their ponds, kangaroos and emus meandered in their enclosure, while a very well-fed dingo slept in the sun on top of his den.

There was also a large array of native birds, familiar and not so familiar.

It was a very interesting day and I believe everyone would have learned something new about our amazing wildlife from the informative signs on the displays.

On Saturday June 29 and Sunday June 30, the club is planning to visit two Konnongorring properties.

Maitland Davey has revegetated areas on his block over a long period and would enjoy showing the results of his lifelong passion while club member, Lindsay White, has fascinating wetland areas on his farming property that he is equally happy to share.

The club is hoping to incorporate the property visits into a weekend getaway with a pub meal and stay at the Wongan Hills Caravan Park.

With the wide distribution of *The Toodyay Herald*, the Toodyay Nats find it very rewarding to have people from the wider area sending emails and photos of creatures they have observed and wish to share that observation.

This also adds to our understanding of the distribution on these animals.



Shire presentation. L-R: Councillor Michelle Dival with Melissa Adams and Lynn Phillips from the Julimar Conservation and Forrest Alliance, and Councillor Steven McCormick.

Show preparations in full swing as new online options roll out

Toodyay Agricultural Society Inc
Noeleen Stewart

PREPARATIONS for this year's show are well underway, with organisers confirming that entertainment has largely been locked in and equestrian events and sponsorship are progressing well.

Expressions of interest are now open for food vans, ground space and the community participant program, with organisers encouraging people to keep an eye on the show's website and social media pages for updates.

A weekly historical wrap-up is also being shared on socials, alongside information about the many ways people can enter the show, including explanations of the different classes and sections.

A new online payment system is also being rolled out, allowing entrants to complete and pay for their entries in one place.

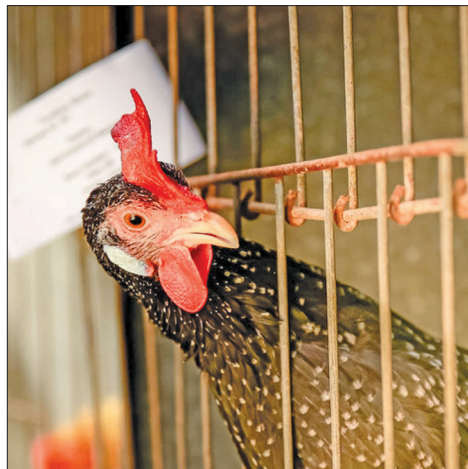
The system will also make it easier for visitors to buy tickets and memberships online.

A new email address for the Toodyay Agricultural Show is now active: admin@toodyayagshow.com.au

but don't worry, all the other emails are being forwarded.

Organisers said they are still looking for a few more committee members to help with the show.

Anyone interested in joining the organising committee is encouraged to contact our admin officer Noeleen on the admin email.



A previous Ag show contestant.

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HEALTH

A state-wide legacy continues

Staying in place

Hamish Dobie

WE WELCOMED a distinguished visitor to our office with the arrival of Helen Morton last month.

Helen previously held the post of Mental Health Minister in the WA Government and, after her retirement, was responsible for the creation of the Staying In Place system.

After she retired, she returned to her farm down south and subsequently became aware of the distinct lack of services available to the elderly with home care packages (now Support at Home packages) in Pingelly.

She decided to do something about it, setting



Helen Morton. about finding locals to become contractors to support those elderly people.

That was just over five years ago and now there are more than 60 country towns throughout Western Australia that have Staying In Place organisations that provide services to locals by locals, filling the void that once existed, and improving each town's sense of community.

Helen has always been available to provide advice when we needed it, and it was good to thank her in person.

It also gave our most recent committee members, Cheryl Jean and Barbara Smith, a chance to learn the early history of Staying In Place.

As Staying in Place Toodyay Districts continues to get larger each month so we needed to find a second case manager, and we are pleased to welcome Beth Falconer to the position.

Beth lives locally and has the background and experience that will prove to be an asset to SIPTD. As the client numbers continue to increase, so does the need for support workers, especially for house cleaning and gardening work.

So, if you want to get warmed up on these cold mornings, get out and about and help look after some of our older residents.

You'll find it very rewarding in many ways. Susan and Beth have been adding their touches to the SIPTD office, at 94 Stirling Terrace, and, with the addition of tea and coffee facilities, can now welcome clients and potential clients for a chat in a welcoming setting, so come along and meet them.

If you think you or your partner may be eligible for a Support at Home Package, then please contact case manager Susan Burley 04 94 085 790. Email: casemanager@stayinginplacetoodyay.org.au

Pearly whites for our furry friends

Heartlands Veterinary Hospital
Dr Olivia Fruzynski

DID you know dogs have 42 teeth and cats have 30 teeth?

Our furry friends use their teeth to eat, play and show their emotions so it's really important they are kept healthy and clean.

There are a few options available to do this, some of which are very easy and fun to do.

The most effective option is teeth brushing. Slowly introduce brushing to your pet's routine by first playing around with their lips and mouth (make sure it is fun and you reward them with treats and toys).

You can then move to using a cotton tip or pet toothbrush to lightly brush the teeth, making sure to get the very back molars.

Make sure not to use human toothpaste because it is toxic to dogs and cats.

Pet toothpaste or chicken broth are good substitutes – it's the physical act of brushing that is helping to clean their teeth.

If you notice any redness, pain or bad breath in your dog or cats' mouth, make sure to talk to your local veterinary clinic.



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SPORT



Sensei Kylie who donated her time to coach, with medal winners Eli, Casey and Joe.

Bringing home a haul of medals

Avon Valley Shotokan
Nat Kielbasa

COLD and flu might be doing the rounds, but here at Avon Valley Shotokan (AVS) it has been an exciting month regardless.

Students of many ages were invited to Perth to attend training and seminars hosted by the Shotokan Karate Club (SKC) and led by Shihan Keith Geyer.

The feedback was wholly positive with students remarking that the sessions were both challenging and very helpful.

Shortly afterwards on May 24, a team attended the Goju Kai Open in Jolimont, returning with an amazing haul of medals and earning 8th place overall among clubs from all over WA.

During the kata events, Joe earned a silver medal and Casey brought home gold after performing three gorgeous katas.

Later in the day our AVS students had enormous success during the sparring (kumite) events.

The adult matches were first, where Joe won a gold medal.

Then Casey and Eli fought in the same division, where Casey won his second gold medal of the day and Eli earned his first tournament medal with a well-deserved

bronze medal.

Rayna, who will be representing WA in July at the National Championships, fought beautifully for her gold medal and Kayden won many tough rounds and emerged victorious with another gold for the club.

Later Helena earned her silver medal, demonstrating excellent technique with great roundhouse kicks before Victor ended the day with a silver medal against a very intimidating opponent.

We are incredibly proud of everyone who competed and grateful to Sensei Kylie and Maciej who gave up their Sunday to coach and Chandre who volunteered as a table official for the day.

The next tournament will be the Karate WA League Perth Open on July 14 and we ask students who are interested to see Sensei Kylie for information on the entry requirements.

In local news, we will be holding a sausage sizzle fundraiser at Bunnings in Northam on June 27 from 9am to 4pm so if you are in Northam we would love for you to come and say hello and support our students.

The door to the dojo is always open to everyone, just drop your shoes at the door of the youth hall on Wednesday from 4pm to meet new people, give karate a go or even to come and see what our students learn.



Avon Valley Shotokan's Eli and Casey win medals at the Goju Kai Open in Jolimont.

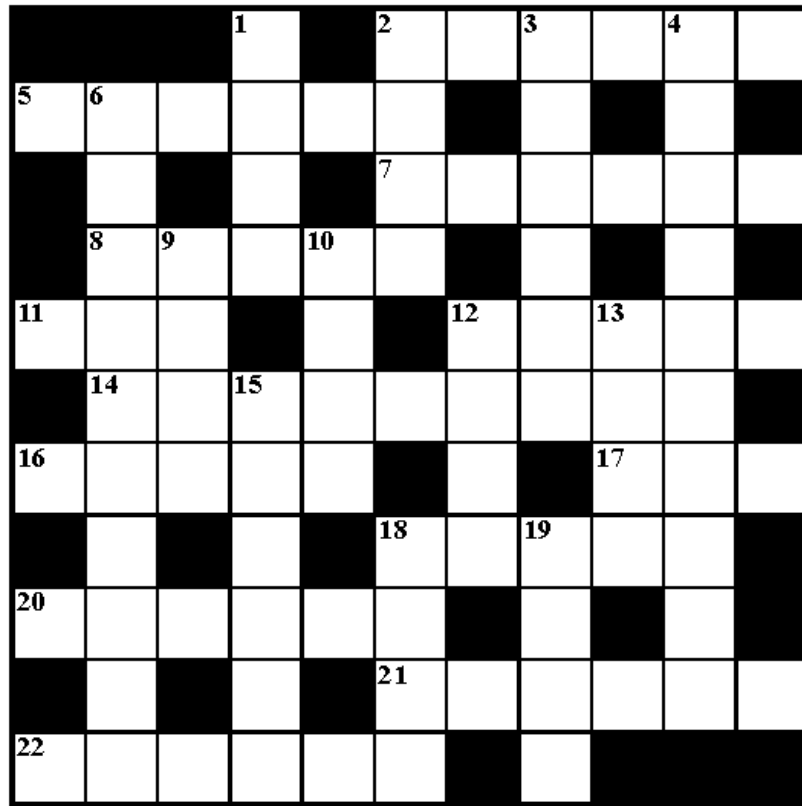
Combo Crossword

ACROSS

- 2. Way of standing
- 5. Wine holder
- 7. Be in plenty
- 8. Cut in two
- 11. Star sign
- 12. Attack
- 14. Birds
- 16. Throw back
- 17. Farm vehicle
- 18. A dance
- 20. Abyss
- 21. A vegetable
- 22. Suffering loss

DOWN

- 1. Tea shop
- 2. Place to sit
- 3. High point
- 4. Competitor
- 6. Go faster
- 9. Circle
- 10. Prevent from action
- 12. Greek letter
- 13. Piece left over
- 15. Sorrow
- 18. A clan
- 19. Companion



Cryptic Clues

ACROSS

- 2. Good man uses cane in standing
- 5. Vehicle with one iron drink holder
- 7. One leap can be very prevalent
- 8. Musical symbol to start an opening
- 11. A simple outcome with a zodiac sign
- 12. Be ready to attack
- 14. Gaudy birds like store display
- 16. Peer left out to force back
- 17. Put engine inside small truck
- 18. Fellow graduate shows a lively dance movement
- 20. Narrow valley right before a creeper
- 21. Container, one to show a vegetable
- 22. Wager about arbiter deprived of possession

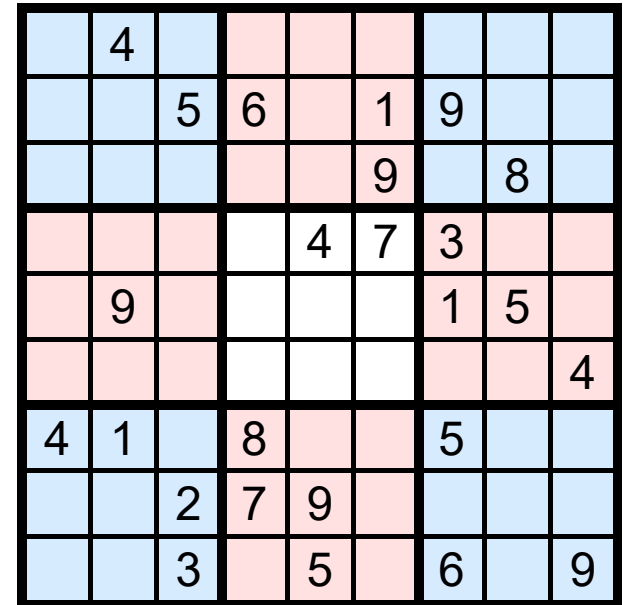
DOWN

- 1. Facelift in place for light refreshment
- 2. Politicians stand for such a place to sit
- 3. Go ape about direction for outmost point in orbit
- 4. Ten cats not used by one in the race
- 6. Car ace let change direction to pick up speed
- 9. Waterhole back in the ring
- 10. Frustrate backing for a mirror
- 12. Be thankful it seems for a Greek letter
- 13. Projecting part left in a chequebook
- 15. Be fretful about deal possibly
- 18. The month for a clan
- 19. Friend in new team

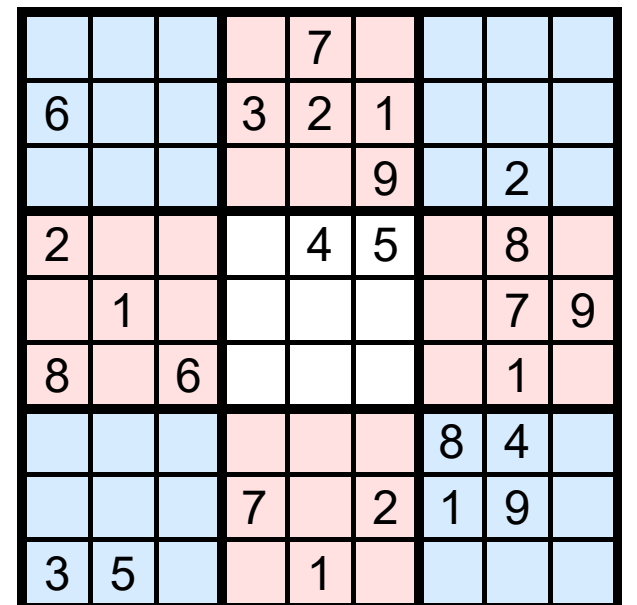
Sudoku

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

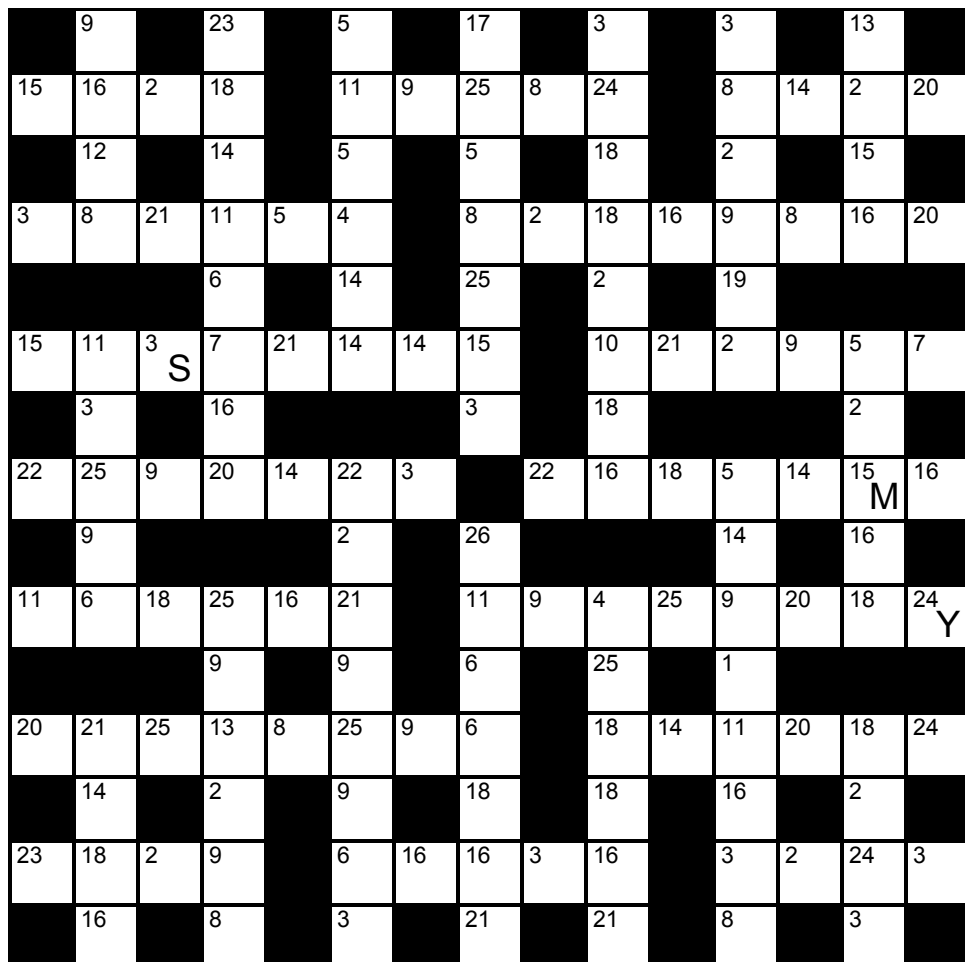


Hard



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.



1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
		S										
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	M									Y		

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

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Sudoku Easy Solution

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This month, we've been on the hunt for our next Sales Administration Officer, following some big changes in the office.

Jess has spent the past month enjoying her honeymoon and has made the decision that it's time for a new chapter, choosing to focus on family and the exciting things ahead. While we're sad to see her go, we're incredibly grateful for everything she has contributed during her time with us.

We will certainly miss her around the office and wish her all the very best for the future. With this change comes an exciting opportunity to welcome a new team member, and we're looking forward to introducing them to you soon.

If you've been to The Rec Toodyay - you would have seen their awesome new uniform which has a great little yellow logo featuring a house, besides the Rec logo. *Isn't it cool?*

In the office this month:

- **Breanna** has finished the first section of her business course.
- **Zonelle** is so close to finishing her course. Will she be a fully qualified Property Manager and Sales Representative by the next Herald edition.
- **Jemma** received a lovely gift from a tenant this week, thanking her for being a wonderful property manager.
- **Kayleen** enjoyed her Birthday with her hubby and son by her side. Even got a cheeky mothers day lunch in too.
- **Jess** has unfortunately left us. She's onto her next chapter, and we wish her all the best.
- **Sam** currently working 8 days a week and getting busier by the minute.

This month, I've been navigating stepping back into Sales Administration tasks to help keep everything running smoothly around the office.

It's been a good nine years since I was last doing this sort of work, so it's definitely been interesting getting back into the swing of things - although some habits come back quicker than expected.

At the same time, we've also been preparing for a very exciting new addition to the team arriving in September... Yep, that's right - a baby is on board. It's already been such a special time, and we're looking forward to balancing all the excitement of a growing business alongside a growing family. Safe to say there's plenty happening both in and out of the office at the moment!

Until next month,

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