



Save the Dates!

Ordinary Council Meeting - Thursday
2 July, 5:30pm, Shire Council Chambers.

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

School Holiday Program: Scavenger Hunt -
Friday 17 July, 1pm - 3pm, Newcastle Gaol
Museum.



Toodyay Minitaure Railway - Sunday
19 July & 2 August, 10am - 2pm,
Duidgee Park.

Toodyay Farmers Market - Sunday
19 July, 9am - 1pm, Stirling Park.

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

Avon Descent Breakfast - Saturday 8 August,
7:30am - 12pm, Duidgee Park.



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
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on the Shire's website toodyay.wa.gov.au.



Batty Pass Estate Subdivision

The Shire of Toodyay is pleased to provide an update on the progress of the Batty Pass Estate in Nunile, with the first major work to commence next week. This will be the construction of a new road linking Raynor Loop to Burt Parkway.

Subdivision Progress:

- The current stage includes 17 residential lots for sale, along with road reserve allocations and two balance lots. The application is currently at the Department of Planning for subdivision approval.
- The extension of Rayner Loop is progressing, with the road corridor now pegged and construction set to commence shortly. These works will be undertaken by the Shire and are expected to be completed within approximately three months.

Diverse Housing Opportunities:

- The estate will offer a mix of housing options, including:
- Nine lots of approximately 800m² and a duplex lot within the R12.5 zoning
- Five duplex lots and one triplex lot on Murray Walkway
- A 10-unit grouped housing site on Jarratt Pass, proposed for over-55s living.

Funding

The project is funded entirely through secured grant funding, with costs expected to remain within the approved allocation.

Community and Environmental Considerations:

The Shire acknowledges the importance of balancing development with environmental stewardship and community expectations. Where practicable, existing trees will be retained across the site to preserve the local landscape character.

While the subdivision plan will be submitted to the WAPC for formal consideration, this update is provided to keep the community informed of progress and to demonstrate how prior community feedback has been incorporated into the design. Further updates will be provided to Council and the community as the project progresses. Media Contact: Shire of Toodyay, Paul Nuttall.



Emergency Services

Early last month, emergency services personnel and volunteers delivered a two-day safety program for Toodyay District High School cadets. Students gained hands-on insight into local brigades, SES and emergency management, and how they work together—thank you to TDHS, Coordinator Douglas McGhee and the students for their enthusiasm. As winter begins, review bushfire plans and prepare for storms and floods by clearing gutters, trimming branches, securing loose items and checking emergency kits. It's also a great time to join local emergency services and help strengthen community resilience.

The Shire of Toodyay has five volunteer bushfire brigades: **Bejoording, Coondle-Nunile, Julimar, Morangup and Toodyay Central** as well as the **Toodyay SES**. To be put in touch with your local brigade or unit, SMS the bolded brigade or unit name followed by your name to 0408 017 439.



Library Update

Thanks to a State Library of WA grant, two new public computers are now available. Visitors can also enjoy new outdoor tables and chairs for reading or relaxing. A Dementia Friendly Collection has been introduced to better support people living with dementia and their carers. Our children's programs have been full of creativity, with Rhyme Time featuring playdough, bag decorating and colourful craft activities. We're also planning a Christmas in July Quiz Night at the Memorial Hall and are seeking a local community group to collaborate with us. If you're interested, please contact the library—we'd love to work together!



Visitors Centre Hours

Our new opening hours are **Monday to Friday, from 9:00am to 4:00pm. Saturday to Sunday from 9:30am to 4:30pm.** We appreciate your patience during the shorter operating hours and are pleased to restore normal business hours.



A Storied Past

In the Newcastle Gaol courtyard is a wooden bench with a solar powered audio unit allowing you to rest and at the same time hear about some of the iconic characters and stories associated with the Gaol. Unfortunately, over the last few years the information label has increasingly worn away and the bench has been somewhat overlooked. We are really grateful to the Toodyay Museum Volunteers Shingle Fundraising Project in providing funds to enable a better, metal etched label to be manufactured. Our next task is to refinish the seat and apply a protective sealant or stain and the bench will be as good as near-new.



Council Decisions

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

- Council resolve to prepare Amendment No. 3 to the Shire of Toodyay Local Planning Scheme No. 5 - *carried*.
- Council receives the Monthly Financial Statements for April 2026 - *carried*.
- Council notes that, where appropriate, minor drafting amendments have been made to the Cat Local Law 2026 - *carried*.
- Council notes that, where appropriate, minor drafting amendments have been made to the Dog 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





Shed members Garry and Craig manned our stall at the Toodyay Farmers Markets.

It's more than just a shed

Toodyay Men's Shed
Barry Keens

THE cold snap didn't catch us too much by surprise.
We were glad we had reverse cycle air-conditioning in the meeting room and office.
The workshops were still cold, but we managed to get stuck into refurbishing a set of double doors and frames for a client.
We also have two bicycles under repair which we hope to complete very soon.
The meeting room was hired for a five-year old's birthday party and it seems a good time

was had by all.
Thank you for leaving the premises so clean and tidy.
The shed meeting room and kitchen are available for hire, separately or combined, with rates starting as low as \$10 per hour.
There are a mixture of day and evening slots available and for enquiries and booking please contact our secretary, Jeff Roberts on 0499 403 830.
We had a stall at the Toodyay Farmer's Market ably manned by Craig and Garry.
They had the opportunity to provide information on RUOK?® and Toodyay Men's Shed.

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Making woods work for you

Avon Wood Turners
Hamish Dobie

IT'S normal for someone to want to improve their skill in something they enjoy doing.
This goes for woodturners as well.
At the woodturners, we knock out pots, platters, candlesticks, and pens for gifts or to fulfil requests from family members (the fourth edition of a pepper grinder for my other half, for example).
However, sometimes we look to experts for inspiration.
To help us aspire to greater things, we have a large number of woodturning magazines.
Some of the items shown in these issues look impossible to achieve, but someone has done just that.
The challenge is to try to replicate them or as near as we can.
In the last few months, two of our crew have been entering the monthly state competitions with some success. This success is improving our skill level overall.
Congratulations to Beatrice and Dave who are leading the way.
We are always looking for donations of wood, preferably without cracks.
Unfortunately, because of the summer heat in the shed, the wood stored there dries too quickly and cracks appear.
I'm pleased to say that we received a couple of donations in the last month.
The first being a quantity of olive from a tree that was felled many years ago, and the second a quantity of jarrah and Oregon pine, that had been stored inside for years.
We can't use all the wood we receive but we do our best to make use of what we can so keep those donations coming.
Max and Millie are due back at the beginning of July after their holiday over east.
I'm sure Max will be up to his knees in wood shavings and leading us by example soon after he returns.
Finally, I'm pleased to note that we have yet another lady joining the club. The days of the shed being a male bastion are long gone.



If you're interested in joining, or just want to come along and see what it's all about, please drop in on a Wednesday or a Friday.
The Avon Woodturners are located at Shed 1, Community Depot, end of Railway Road, Toodyay.
We are there on Wednesdays and Sundays from 9am until noon.
For more information, please email me on hamishd2701@gmail.com, or call 0423 115 204.

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Nicola, winner of raffle with Toodyay Community Garden chairperson Gary Nemes

Sowing the seeds of success

Toodyay Community Garden
Rosemary Madacsi

THERE is much about winter that gardeners love.

Inclement weather can throw a spanner in the works as occurred on Saturday 27 June with the plant sales and Devonshire tea event. This was the second in the community garden monthly activities.

The intended crisp sunny morning in the Christmas shop courtyard for the plant sales and Devonshire tea morning became an indoor event at the dry and warmer CWA hall due to the rainy weekend.

Nevertheless, the transition was painless and the morning a resounding success.

Congratulations to Nicola and Pamela, who won the two hanging baskets in the raffle. Enjoy.

Our sincere thanks to all who supported the day, special thanks to Sean and Simon, the CWA and Damien from Makit Hardware for their support.

Also, recognition to Tass 1 nursery and Green Life Soil for their donations and all who assisted with their time, plants and Devonshire tea contributions.

The next event is the pasta making workshop on July 26, followed by a rose pruning demonstration on August 8.

The times and locations will be announced on the Toodyay Community Garden Facebook page.

A site for the garden is imminent thanks to a community offer.

The committee is now finalising discussions for a central, level site, with much needed amenities, which will enable our 31 members to start the construction of the garden.

During site negotiations we received an offer of three sites from council in early March.

Unfortunately, these still don't provide the key minimum requirements of being central, level and close to amenities.

One site, the Youth Park was central but the area of the park where the water tank and shed were installed left little space for the garden; while the remaining two (near the showgrounds and next to the old hospital) sloped a lot, had no amenities and had logistical problems for the elderly or infirmed.

Council has been informed these sites have been rejected and the ideal location is the Fiennes St tennis courts and to a lesser extent the old council depot.

Funding streams have been established to provide a cash flow to support establishment of the community garden, the monthly events and Containers for Cash C11758476.

Aside from a love of gardening, self-sufficiency or just a diversion from home, the social connections and fun derived from involvement in a community garden network cannot be understated.

Sew much to show

Ragbags Quilting Group
Kerry Gregory

DESPITE my vow to start early on items for the Toodyay Agricultural Show in October, it is now July and, other than a couple of summer preserves made earlier, I haven't done anything about any crafting or quilting projects for show entries.

It seems I will need to take my own advice from last month and decide on small projects to ensure I can achieve my goal.

The Toodyay Agricultural Show schedule has a vast number of categories and classes.

There is something for everyone, including children.

The success of our show largely depends on the efforts of our talented community members. They exhibit wonderful project items to make our annual show display a huge success and the envy of our region each year.

I encourage everyone to exhibit just one or two items such as a plate of scones, a few blooms or vegies, crochet or crafts.

Join in the fun, there is plenty of room for a host of new exhibitors.

There are recycled items and the fabric recycled class in the needlework section.

Recycling or repurposing has always been a lifelong activity for us Baby Boomers: unravelling worn jumpers for the yarn, cutting down coats for children or vests and waistcoats, making over hand-me-downs with restyled sleeves or new trims and buttons.

There has always been a passion for recycled fabrics to craft into beautiful quilts, table toppers, picnic rugs and the like.

Today the recyclers are often young folk who are more artistic and daring in their creations, which is so wonderful.

Everything old is new again; whereas in the past, recycling was practiced and encouraged for economic considerations, today it is the environmental mantra to save the planet that has so many enthusiastic devotees.

Robyn from our Ragbags group is passionate about recycling all manner of materials.

A classic example of Robyn's artistic talents is a recycled bowl drilled around the rim to enable embellishment with hand-dyed, hand-spun wool and pieces of coloured glass collected in the goldfields.

She was recently recognised as a runner-up at the Northam Art Awards. Heartfelt congratulations Robyn from the Ragbags Group.

New members are very welcome at the Ragbags Group.

Join us for a cuppa and a chat.

We love to see and share your creativity and enthusiasm.

Bring your beautiful handiwork, all craft projects are special, and we usually share a little *Show and Tell* session to admire your talents.

The Ragbags group meet at the St Stephens Anglican Church Hall, Stirling Terrace Toodyay (next door to the Cola Cafe), on the first and third Wednesday of each month from 10am to 2pm.

It's warm inside now that the weather is cooler; bring your lunch.

We enter through the door at the rear of the premises.



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Raffle winners, Lorraine Musielak, Murry Lee and Jill Johnson

Winter's garden glory

Toodyay Garden Club
Judy Rowston

IT WAS four degrees when I left home, on a very fresh cold morning, to head to our June Garden meet in Goomalling at the home of Geoff and Therese Wise.

The property is set high on a hill on the outskirts of town, with the most amazing view over the Goomalling countryside, greening pastures and an outlook that was breathtaking.

Being retired teachers and spending most of their teaching careers in the Wheatbelt, Golden Outback and Pilbara, meant taking cuttings from one garden to another.

Annuals were a preferred plant for Therese until they moved to Port Hedland where tropical plants were enjoyed.

Eventually they chose a 20-acre property in Goomalling where they could enjoy retirement.

They were still close enough to family, but with all of the facilities a town needs to offer with shops, hospital and bigger centres like Northam close by.

The bush was cleared for the house pad with the gravel being used to build the driveway up the hill.

Red loam for the garden was trucked up from the bottom of the block.

Pink, purple and white, being Therese's colours of choice, were used for her selection of planting with little pops of yellow to add colour to the garden.

Lush hanging baskets and pot plants adorned the verandah, with a healthy green lawn that tapered towards a path and blended in with the bordering shrubs.

Rocks from around the property were used to build garden beds and pathways with the idea being that the house garden would blend

in with the surrounding bush block.

Using bottle brush, grevillea, Eremophila and bougainvillea around the fence has achieved this beautifully.

Kangaroos come close to the house and Geoff and Therese are not bothered by them entering the house yard, but the rabbits and grasshoppers love the garden and create a big problem.

The property is currently on scheme water.

Having just drilled and finding fresh water, this coming summer the garden will enjoy a nice drink from ground water.

Geoff enjoys growing vegetables in a fully enclosed wired area off from the house.

It was a glorious day to enjoy a lovely winter garden.

Our next garden visit will be on August 6 to Suzanne Waters property in Northam, followed by our September 3 visit to Katrine.

Congratulations to our June raffle winners Lorraine Musielak, Murray Lee and Jill Johnson.

If you would like to learn more about the Toodyay Garden Club, contact secretary Lyn toodyaygardenclub@gmail.com or our events coordinator Stephanie on 0429 888 314.

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A+ performance

Toodyay DHS
Sharon Anderson

OUR *Toodyay Has Talent* event last Friday left me riding an incredible natural high that lasted all week.

This spectacular event was masterminded by our outstanding Year Six leaders, whose vision, enthusiasm and exceptional organisation brought everything together flawlessly.

The diversity of talent on display was truly remarkable, from karate, gymnastics and ballet to football fun, clever impersonations and show-stopping musical performances.

What impressed me most, however, was the confidence, character and courage demonstrated by every single performer.

Each student shone in their own unique way.

I couldn't be prouder of them all.

A special shout-out also goes to our staff, whose energetic line dance provided the perfect finale to a fantastic day!

Special visit from MLA Lachlan Hunter

On Friday June 19, we were delighted to welcome an impromptu visit from Lachlan Hunter MLA, Member for Central Wheatbelt.

Lachlan spent time with our Year Six class, who impressed him with their outstanding conduct and engagement.

Students asked thoughtful questions, standing to speak as they would in Parliament and expressed themselves with intelligence, eloquence and confidence.

Following the visit, Lachlan remarked that he had rarely seen a class so well-behaved and capable of speaking with such assurance during his travels across the Wheatbelt.



The year six class enjoyed engaging with Lachlan Hunter MLA, Member for Central Wheatbelt, during an impromptu visit to our school.

He also spoke highly of our school, describing it as a leading and quintessential Wheatbelt school, and commented warmly on the happy and positive atmosphere evident throughout.

We thank Lachlan for taking the time to visit and for his kind words about our students and school community.

Cadets inspired by local volunteers

Toodyay District High School recently

welcomed emergency services personnel, including volunteer firefighters, to work with our cadets.

The visit highlighted the vital role the cadet program plays in inspiring future community volunteers.

Community emergency services manager, Sam Roberts, joined the session, alongside firefighters from the Coondle-Nunile, Bejoording, Toodyay Central and Julimar

Bushfire Brigades, coordinated by Aurelie Zimmermann.

The school oval was transformed into an engaging emergency services showcase, with fire trucks and vehicles providing cadets with a hands-on learning experience.

The program continues to strengthen partnerships with local brigades, St John Ambulance, SES, police, the Shire of Toodyay and other community groups.



Toodyay's Community Singers out and about.

Do you have a singing voice?

Toodyay Community Singers

Anne Millar

WE ARE another month closer to the Toodyay Agricultural Show.

Our rehearsals are moving along nicely, and we have added some new songs to our repertoire for you to enjoy at the show.

But your help is needed.

Come along if you enjoy singing or maybe even try a little conducting.

Perhaps suggest some new songs.

If you have a voice and some musical knowledge it would be great to see you at rehearsals on Mondays from 4pm to 5.30pm at the Country Women's Association Hall on Stirling Terrace.

Singing through the chill

Toodyay Music Club

Jenny Edgecombe

SEVERAL members were unable to attend the June meeting, due to other musical commitments and some wintry ills.

Did that worry our performers?

Not at all.

It's simply meant that there was more time for the warm-up skiffle songs and a good chat over afternoon tea.

The skiffle songs chosen included *Hello Mary Lou* and *Da Doo Ron Ron*.

There was no particular theme this month, so the performers were free to choose some of their favourite songs.

Anne was in continental mode, with the melodious *Plaisir D'Amour*, sung in French. The Canadian songwriter, Stan Rogers,

wrote some very moving songs.

This month, Joe chose to sing *Man with Blue Dolphin*.

He continued this nautical theme with the delicate *Spindrift and Foam* written by Western Australian singer-songwriter, Bernard Carney.

Collette included the lovely *Fields of Gold* in her choices.

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

Please note that the July meeting will be held a week later than usual, due to member commitments elsewhere on our usual date.

It will be held in the Country Women's Association Hall on Saturday July 18, starting at 1pm.

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

Our P&C cook up a storm

Toodyay District High School P&C Natasha Hof

WE HAVE been incredibly busy over the last few weeks, with multiple fundraising activities.

Most recently, our P&C volunteers catered for the Toodyay Emergency Services Dinner, providing a three-course meal for over 140 volunteers at the Toodyay Town Hall.

This wonderful fundraiser raised over \$4,000 for our school community.

We would like to sincerely thank everyone who donated cooked food, gave up their time, contributed resources, and supported the fundraiser in any way.

A special thankyou to Toodyay IGA for generously donating roast beef and chicken, and to Toodyay Bakery for donating dinner rolls.

Community support like this is what makes regional towns so special.

A huge thankyou also goes to the amazing team on site, who worked tirelessly throughout the evening preparing, serving, clearing tables, washing dishes and ensuring everything ran smoothly.

Your hard work and teamwork did not go unnoticed.

Our bi-annual second-hand book sale was also a great success, raising just over \$600 for our school and students.

With books priced at only \$2 each, we are so pleased to have helped make reading accessible and affordable for all students.

Thank you to everyone who donated books and supported the sale.

If you missed out this time, keep an eye out for the next sale later in the year!

Our canteen is at risk of closing

Without volunteers, we simply cannot operate the canteen service on Fridays.

We understand that families have many commitments but even a few hours of help, or baking something from home, can make a huge difference.

If you can help in any way, please contact the school front office or the school's P&C Facebook page.

Please also help us spread the word.

Lastly, we would like to give a huge shout-out to all our wonderful P&C volunteers for your ongoing hard work and dedication.

Last week, we celebrated both National Volunteer Week and P&C Day, with this year's theme being Your Year to Volunteer.

To those thinking about volunteering,

perhaps this is your sign that it is your year to get involved.

We would love to see some new faces join our amazing team.



James and Baden Cameron helped at the Toodyay Emergency Services dinner.



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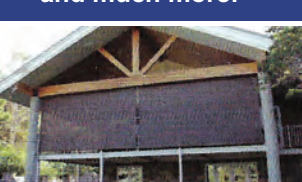
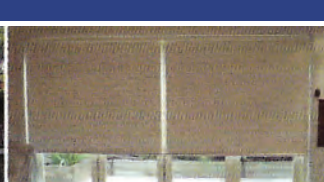


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Avon Valley Vintage Vehicle Association

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

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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 and Weavers

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

toodyayspinners@hotmail.com.

Toodyay Theatre Group

Vicki Haggarty, President
toodyaytheatregroup@gmail.com

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.

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Jessica Donovan 0407 128 105.

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Bejoording VBFB

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Third Saturday of the month, 3 Wallaby Way, Morangup, 5.30pm
Jan Drury 0474 550 544 or
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St John Morangup Sub Centre

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0418 741 971.

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. 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

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Toodyay Friends of the River

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Toodyay Garden Club

First Thursday monthly, 10am.

President Alison Guley 0419 955 099

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.

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Wednesdays Bejoording Community Centre

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Country Women's Association

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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

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Safer Toodyay Inc

Meetings announced in *Herald* column. 9574 5574.

Toodyay Lions Club

First Tuesday of the month Toodyay Hotel. Second Tuesday Social meeting. Clint Fricker (0423 226 898)

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

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Toodyay RoadWise Committee

Second Wednesday monthly, Community Resource Centre 9.30am.

Bob Neville 0419 853 160.

SPORT

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Fourth Saturday monthly Feb-Nov, Northam.

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All Welcome

Tax Ombudsman records 127% spike in complaints

AS THE end of the financial year approaches, the Tax Ombudsman has released her first complaints data snapshot, showing a dramatic rise in complaints in recent months and highlighting debt complaints as the most significant topic of taxpayer concern.

Tax Ombudsman Ruth Owen said in the year to date there has been a127% increase in complaints.

She said the complaints were mostly related to debt collection, penalties, and tax debt interest and payments.

"This can largely be attributed to the Australian Tax Office's increased focus on debt collection but also our efforts to raise community awareness of our service and how we can help taxpayers receive fair outcomes."

Ms Owen said the complaints snapshot was developed to communicate complaints insights to the community and demonstrate the important work her agency is doing to support taxpayers with tax and super complaints.

"Our data helps us to identify pain points in the tax system and determine matters that may warrant our further investigation," she said.

"This first snapshot gives us a clear picture of the emerging themes we're seeing in complaints, who is complaining to us, what they are complaining about, and the causes and outcomes.

"It also links to a new bank of case studies on our website about real people we've helped."

Ms Owen said her agency was not only focused on helping people to resolve tricky tax and super complaints but also working to improve

the fairness and integrity of their tax and super administration.

"In 31 percent of complaints about penalties and interest, we helped to achieve tax debt reductions or remittance (removal) of interest for our customers," she said.

"How the ATO manages interest charges was the subject of a recent review we published, where we recommended improvements in how the ATO considers removing interest charges where taxpayers are trying to pay their debts.

"These numbers represent the very real difference we can make to people's lives, helping to resolve or alleviate financial burden and the associated emotional stress.

"Our data also shows that giving our customers reassurance about the way the ATO has handled their matter can be just as important as receiving a positive outcome.

In 22 percent of penalties and interest complaints, we could provide our customers with an independent review and assurance that proper process has been followed.

"By tracking our data closely, we can predict trends, anticipate problem areas, and push for change.

The more we utilise our data, the more people we can help and ensure a fairer tax system for all."

The complaints data snapshot and a supporting explanatory document will be released quarterly.

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The Grey Butcherbird

Bird of the Month
Desrae Clarke

THE carnivorous Grey Butcherbird of around 27 to 30cms in length is found over many parts of Australia except the hot desert areas.

In the lower southwest it prefers the damper areas, the Darling Scarp and coastal areas as far east as Esperance.

The Grey Butcherbird has a black head, white throat, chest and underbelly with a partial white collar.

The back is grey, the wings are black and white, and it has a black tail with a noticeable white tip.

An immature bird is a little difficult to identify as it doesn't have the clear lines of the adult bird with its upper parts a dusky brown and its under parts are brown-white.

The adult bird's bill is a clear blue-grey with a black tip while the juvenile has a dull grey bill.

This handsome species builds a nest of loosely placed twigs lined with neatly woven grasses and fine twigs.

Breeding is between January and July when three to five dull green to light brown eggs, splotted red-brown, are laid.

Incubation is over 24 to 26 days during which time the female is fed by the male.

The young fledge at 28 to 30 days with both parents fiercely protecting the nest area as the fledglings are fed.

Prey of insects, small reptiles, mice and nestlings are favoured with larger prey wedged in the forks of trees to assist with dismembering.

It may also eat fruits and seeds.

The young stay with the parents and will assist in feeding the next season's brood.

Flight is swift and direct with rapid shallow wing beats to then glide with stiffly horizontal wings to land on a post or dead tree to watch for and pounce on prey.



Grey butcherbird, Drawing by Desrae Clarke

The call of the Grey Butcherbird is rich, varied and musical, and often sung in duet; it is also a mimic.

Western Bearded Dragon

Herpetofauna
Desrae Clarke

A WESTERN Bearded Dragon has been frequenting the back garden of an excited observer for approximately two years.

A photograph was emailed to well-known herpetologist, Brad Maryan, to ensure the identification was correct.

The species is found over a wide area of Western Australia including arid areas and coastal sand dunes to the thickly wooded south-west of the state.

It is semi-arboreal and will spend time on branches in bush as shown in the accompanying photo.

The Western Bearded Dragon has a snout vent length (SVL – from the tip of the snout to the area between the back legs) of approximately 15cm.

Together with the long slender tail, it can reach a total length of up to 60cm with the female generally a little smaller.

The large spines behind and below the clearly

defined ear hole, continue across the back of the head with a single row of spines along its flanks defining the upper and lower body.

Ground colouring of this species is a dark grey; the adult does not have a patterned skin.

The juvenile has a large dark blotch on the side of the neck together with banded limbs and tail.

The dragon can change its skin colour to a yellowish-brown depending on its mood and temperature.

Following excavating a shallow burrow it will lay two clutches of five to 11 eggs between October and February.

The diet of the Bearded Dragon consists of insects, vegetation, flowers, fruits and, occasionally, small rodents.

It may hiss if threatened by a predator.

The female of the species will often be found resting in sunny areas, on rocks or the road with the warmth assisting with the development of its eggs.



The Western Bearded Dragon
Photo: courtesy of Andy and Lynda Reavell.

Toodyay Ag Show excitement

Toodyay Agricultural Society
Noeleen Stewart

THE excitement is building as Show preparations ramp up with less than four months to go.

The entertainment is mostly booked and locked in. Keep an eye on social media for the entertainment for the 2026 Toodyay Agricultural Show.

Ground space vendors are mostly booked in and the food vendors are being wrapped up.

Work is being carried out to find space for everyone.

The schedule is also being finalised, giving exhibitors time to get cracking on their entries.

Whether it's growing, making or perfecting your baking, now is the time to get started.

We are still on the lookout for a community

group to take on the servicing of the toilets on show day.

Anyone who is able to help or who would like to know more about this job is encouraged to contact the admin officer admin@toodyayagshow.com.au.

A fantastic number of sponsors have stepped up to support the event and this will help make the show a success.

We thank all supporters, old and new, for their continued backing.

Volunteers will also be needed in the lead-up to the show and on the day itself.

More details to be shared soon on the website and social media pages.

The Toodyay Agricultural Society has once again sponsored a place at the Young Sheep Handlers Expo in July.

We hope that all the participants have a great time during the event.



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ENVIRONMENT



The Toodyay Naturalists Club enjoying lunch on a rocky outcrop in Wongan Hills whilst observing restored land : Courtesy Desrae Clarke.

The reaping of what we have sown

Toodyay Naturalists Club
Desrae Clarke

THE last weeks have been busy with the Nat's fundraising on Friday 12 and Saturday 13 June.

The group appreciates the incredible generosity from the community.

Fundraising is an important activity for all voluntary not-for-profit groups, especially to pay the all-important insurance coverage for members and precious goods they may require to successfully function.

A wonderful weekend away in the Konnongoor/Wongan Hills area was recently enjoyed by 16 Nat's members as guests of two farming families.

Following the immense areas of clearance of vegetation in earlier years there has been a devastating follow-on of those days of 'clear the land', which was a requirement of government policy at that time.

A follow-on from that requirement resulted in much damage done to the environment by water erosion, wind erosion, water-logging and rising salt that has rendered much country unusable.

Rising salt kills trees and to see very large specimens standing like dead sentinels was quite soul destroying.

The visit to the farms to see the incredible result in rectifying these damaged lands was a vital education of what is required to understand our land and its fragility if it is not cared for.

There were acres and acres of revegetation that is both a financial and man-power load on the farmer but there has been much success.

A visit to one of the homesteads was a surprise as the home was built several decades ago in a bare paddock.

However, over time it is now surrounded by native plants, a grove of fruit trees and a large and lush green lawn.

Visitors to the John Masters Bird Hide at Redbank Pool will notice the striking new artwork installed in June.

Featuring local bird species photographed at Red Bank and identified in Noongar, common and scientific names, the display celebrates the areas rich birdlife while complementing the existing Noongar artwork within the hide.

The Nat's annual general meeting is to be held as an excursion on Saturday July 25 with guest speaker, Mike Cook, presenting on 'tracks'.

Tracks of creatures are extremely interesting and Mike is going to include a quiz for the members to test observations.

Would you like to know more about fungi? A very special weekend over August 22 and 23 will have a presentation and excursion from fungi gurus, Roz Hart and Dr Laurton McGurk.

They will have launched their new fungi book that will be available at \$45.

For more information on the above two presentations contact the Nat's secretary per email secretary@toodyaynats.org.au or visit Drummond House situated next to the Bendigo Community Bank ATM open from 10am till noon on a Saturday.

The Nat's appreciate sightings and observations received from the community as these are entered on the database for future reference.

Please come into Drummond House for a chat or bring a photo or two for identification; you are very welcome.

Where the wild things are roaming

Julimar Conservation and Forest Alliance
Wayne Clarke

JULIMAR State Forest (JSF) is a haven for wildlife.

Many of the mammals that live there are endangered with some of them becoming critically endangered.

WA Museum records include many

recorded by the late Harry Butler while surveying for the Bindoon Engineers Training School (now known as the Bindoon Military Training School) and included the JSF.

A number of these animal populations have been decimated by feral cats and foxes with many becoming locally extinct.

The following fauna sightings were listed

by Harry Butler and supplemented by recent surveys.

MARSUPIALS – These include the Yellow-footed Antechinus or Mardo; the Tuan, Wambenger or Brush-tailed Phascogale; the mouse-like Common Dunnart, Fat-tailed Dunnart and the White-tailed Dunnart; the Western Native Cat or Chuditch; and the Brown Bandicoot or Quenda.

The possums include the Brush or Brush-tailed Possum; the South-western Pygmy Possum or Mundarda; the Honey Possum or Noolbenger; and the Ringtail Possum.

The larger marsupials include the Western Grey Kangaroo; the Western Brush or Black-gloved Wallaby; and some of the smallest wallabies the Tamar Wallaby; the Woylie.

MONOTREMES – Echidna.

BATS – Red Flying Fox; Yellow-bellied or White-bellied Sheath-tailed Bat; Little Bat; Gould's Wattled Bat; The Chocolate Bat; White-striped Bat; and the Little Flat Bat.

RODENTS – The house mouse; the Black Rat; and the Water Rat or Rakali along the waterways.

SENSOR CAMERA RECORDS – the Julimar Conservation and Forest Alliance (JCAFA) have been able to place movement sensor cameras at various points in the Forest to record fauna movement.

These cameras have successfully recorded feral pigs, cats and foxes, and native mammals including the endangered Woylie and Chuditch, along with the Tamar Wallaby.

A captive breeding program of Chuditch (*Dasyurus geoffroyi*) commenced at the Perth Zoo in 1989 and 23 of these Chuditch were released in Julimar in September 1992.

This was a successful program with a number of Chuditch now relocated to other reserves (including the Flinders Ranges in South Australia); they are extinct in four states and territories.

The JSF is within the historical distribution of Numbats, now believed to be locally extinct.

JCAFA conducted a Mini-Bioblitz in the JSF during June 2026.

Link (bit.ly/julimar-june-2026).



Sensor camera's in Julimar record sightings of many mammals and other native species.

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Common signs of dental disease include bad breath, drooling, difficulty eating or pawing at the mouth.

Regular veterinary check-ups and professional cleanings are crucial, as many dental problems begin below the gumline where they aren't visible.

Owners can help maintain their pets' dental health by brushing teeth daily with animal-safe toothpaste, offering dental chews and feeding a balanced diet that promotes oral hygiene.

Specially formulated dental diets or treats can also help reduce plaque and tartar build-up.

For farm animals, regular oral inspections by a vet are equally important to prevent chewing difficulties and weight loss.

Caring for an animal's teeth not only prevents discomfort but also supports longer, healthier and happier lives.

Food for thought

Warrior Wellbeing

The Regional Men's Health Initiative

WE ALL know that there is a mountain of information available about nutrition, diets and food.

The problem these days is deciphering which information is accurate and perhaps more importantly which information applies to us in our lives.

It's vital to our health and well-being that we get the right information and apply it consistently.

The thing to remember about health and well-being is that it is a holistic system, meaning that all aspects of our health have flow on effects to other important areas of well-being.

Eating the correct amount of the right food directly improves our energy levels, concentration, physical appearance, mood, immune system and sleep.

It also makes it easier to stay at a healthy weight and live longer without the adverse effects of high blood pressure, high cholesterol, a higher risk for numerous diseases and a weakened immune system.

While farmers and other physical workers who are often on the move may have higher energy requirements from their food than office workers who do very little physical activity, it is still clear that some foods cause us harm, regardless of how tasty they are or how much energy they give us.

Unfortunately, these foods often happen to be among the cheapest, the tastiest and, to some people, the most addictive.

While food science is constantly changing there are some things that have always been a good idea; that is to eat a lot of healthy fish, meats and vegetables, especially leafy greens.

Blokes have trouble with this sometimes, preferring meat with a side of meat, and highly processed food that comes with all sorts of additives and often excess salt and sugar.

The trouble, however, is that except for these staples, every time we look at a magazine, internet article or read a book on nutrition a large part of the public and scientific opinion seems to have changed almost overnight.

It certainly doesn't make things any simpler that everyone has their own individual requirements based on genetics but also on the daily activity.

The answer is that instead of dealing with nutrition as a group, individuals will have to discover what works for them personally so that they can take responsibility for their own wellbeing.

Ways to do that include asking advice from a GP, dietician or nutritionist, and getting blood tests regularly to determine what nutrients are lacking.

As well as regularly getting health checks to see if what we're currently doing is working for us, and of course trial and error, the fundamental principle of moderation in all things is at its heart.

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SPORT

Raining medals on our Toodyay competitors

Avon Valley Shotokan
Nat Kielbasa

EIGHT exhilarated competitors headed home to Toodyay early this month, fresh from competing at the WA Karate Leagues' Perth Open and proudly displaying the ten shiny new medals they had earned.

Bright and early on June 14 our small team, coaches, volunteers (and family cheer squads) arrived in Jolimont ready for a day

of fierce competition and a lot of fun. The day began with the kata events where Joe, Victor and Casey all took out bronze medals with some absolutely gorgeous katas. Later came Helena with more smashing katas and the first silver medal of the day. As the kumite events started, Victor and Helena both fought ferociously to earn gold medals. Later, after many challenging rounds, Joe and Casey each won a silver medal while Rayna took out the bronze in her event.

A huge shout out to Kayden who fought hard during his fights, even persevering through an illegal punch and blood nose to a well-deserved silver medal.

We are very proud of our competitors. A massive thank you also to our coaches and volunteer marshals for giving up your Sunday sleep-in to support our students.

As the end of term approaches, it is time for some of our students to show what they have learned, as they grade for a higher belt grade.

Good luck to everyone preparing for grading on June 28.

Speaking of the end of term and showing what you have learned, it is club challenge time again on Friday July 3.

Bring your family, friends, mouthguards and plenty of spirit to the dojo at the Toodyay Youth Hall at 5.30pm.

Get ready to cheer each other on in our tournament style friendly competition.

Shihan and Sensei Kylie will be presenting certificates and new belts to students who graded this term.

Please make sure to attend if you participated in grading this term.

Michelina has kindly volunteered to make her scrumptious soup which will be on sale for dinner along with snacks and hot drinks to ward off the cold.

In other news, a small group of sensei and adult students are travelling to Japan over the school holidays for intense training and grading.



Kayden with his hard earned silver medal.

We wish them a safe trip and look forward to hearing all about the trip in term three.

The Australian National Karate Championships are just around the corner.

Rayna will be flying to Hobart to compete as part of the state team; we are cheering for you.

Enjoy the school holidays and please try to make time to practice your kata to keep up your skills and fitness.

We are excited to welcome you all back in term three and perhaps even to see some more new faces willing to come and join the fun.



Medal winners. Kayden, Joe and Victor (back), Casey, Helena and Rayna (front).



The tournament team, with their coaches and volunteers who show up and support the team.

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On track for top honours

Toodyay Triathlon Club
Kelly-Anne Murray President

AS PRESIDENT of the Toodyay Triathlon Club, I'm honoured and humbled to share with our community that the inaugural Toodyay Triathlon event held on March 8, 2026 is a finalist for the Triathlon WA Annual Awards.

Triathlon WA is the governing body that oversees and promotes the progress of the sports of Triathlon, Duathlon, Aquathlon and Multi-Sport in WA.

The Triathlon WA Annual Awards will be held on Saturday July 25 to recognise excellence across the sport.

The Toodyay Triathlon 2026 has been selected as a finalist for Event of the Year.

Regardless of the outcome, we are proud of the club's efforts and grateful for the support of sponsors and the broader community.

A special congratulations to two club members, Brenton Walsh (aka the Dowerin Butcher) who is a finalist in his age group for the State Triathlon & Multisport Series award; and Dianne Griffin, also a finalist in her age group for the State Triathlon & Multisport Series award.

Brent and Dianne are both dedicated to their training and to competition.

They are an inspiration to our club, driving each week from Dowerin to join us for Thursday night run sessions.

On behalf of the Toodyay Triathlon Club, we wish Brent and Dianne all the best for the Awards Night.

The Club will celebrate all achievements following the Annual General Meeting to be held at The Rec Toodyay at 6.30pm on

Thursday August 13. Everyone is welcome to attend the AGM. Come and meet the crew.

If you'd like to know more about the Toodyay Triathlon Club please find the Facebook Group page, email toodyaytriathlonclub@gmail.com or call Kelly-Anne on 0406 585 716.



Brenton Walsh and Dianne Griffin.

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You may have heard about the new Anti-Money Laundering Laws coming to real estate, so we wanted to give you the rundown.

From 1 July 2026, new Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorism Financing (more commonly referred to as AML/CTF) obligations will apply to the real estate industry. These changes mean agencies will have additional responsibilities to verify identities and collect information to help prevent property transactions being used for illegal activities.

We understand that extra paperwork is never exciting, especially when buyers and sellers already have plenty to manage throughout a property transaction. We also understand the increasing costs that come with buying and selling property, which is why we have made the decision to cover these additional compliance costs for our clients.

These changes are designed to protect the property market and ensure transactions remain safe, transparent, and compliant — and we’ll continue to make the process as smooth as possible.

In the office this month:

- **Breanna** has been busy playing for the Goomalling Women’s Hockey Club, who are currently sitting 3rd on the ladder.
- **Zonelle** has purchased a new car and is finding any excuse possible to take it for a drive.
- **Jemma** has achieved a 0% vacancy rate — and within a week, secured a brand new listing.
- **Kayleen** attended the Telethon Mega Bingo and even made an appearance on 7 News.
- **Sam** has been smashing out around 4 home opens every weekend and meeting plenty of new buyers.

This month has been a bit of a mix of exciting and slightly chaotic. I’ve been busy setting up the nursery, which still feels very surreal (who knew tiny clothes could take up so much room?), while also juggling the fun world of preparing for the new AML laws and getting the team trained and ready.

A baby, new compliance requirements, and keeping the business running... apparently, I thought I needed a few extra things on my plate. Thankfully, we have an amazing team who continue to keep everything moving (and keep me sane along the way).

Until next month,
Faith Kelly



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