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Toodyay Locals Care, Avon Valley Shotokan and Toodayay Lions Club members will cook up a breakfast on the Avon Descent weekend and a bigger event might be on the menu next year.

Rashelle Predovnik

COULD breakfast be the start of Toodyay's next iconic festival?

The historic town might be on the road to reclaiming its status as an Avon Descent weekend festival destination, with the Toodyay Lions Club backing a small community breakfast it hopes will be the first step towards creating another iconic annual event.

Particularly, if more people partner with them and other groups get involved next year.

The modest breakfast event in Duidgee Park will start at 7.30am on August 8 and it might just lay the foundations for a bigger celebration in the years ahead.

Some are hopeful it will help to restore the festival buzz lost when the Toodyay International Food Festival was axed after 2024.

That popular food festival was supported by Lotterywest funding and a contribution from council, as part of the Avon Descent race,

which powers through a number of shires.

In 2024 Lotterywest gave the Shire of Toodyay \$26,300 towards its Avon Descent family fun day festival.

This year, Lotterywest gave the Northam Shire \$30,000 for the Bilya Festiva which it holds during the Avon Descent weekend, as the town is the starting point for the race.

A Lotterywest spokesperson told *The Herald* the expected outcome of supporting these free community events was the creation of a stronger sense of community belonging.

The food festival would have celebrated a milestone 20 years, had council continued its support last year.

A spokesperson for the Lions said since the food festival was cancelled, the number visitors to Toodyay on the Saturday of the Avon Descent had dropped significantly.

"Many locals will tell you that their family and friends would come up to the food festival and then watch the boats and kayaks."

The Lion's spokesperson said the food festival, including a variety of entertainment for the day, was a big drawcard.

She said last year, when the food festival wasn't on, there were very few visitors to town.

The spokesperson said, in her opinion, Toodyay's reputation was severely damaged.

"Not only did people feel unhappy and disappointed that the festival was not on, they were disgruntled, particularly with the shire for having cancelled it."

"Funding for the Avon Descent was also withdrawn."

"This was also a disappointment to the Avon Descent organising committee and it does not reflect well on Toodyay's commitment to supporting events in Toodyay."

This year, the Lions Club decided something needed to happen on the Avon Descent weekend.

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Toodyay's Tri-mendous Success



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Bridging the divide: residents petition council to open safety access

Rashelle Predovnik

ONE hundred and fifty residents have signed up to a petition calling on the Toodyay Shire council to reopen Slaughterhouse Bridge.

Local residents said they were advised on November 13 last year that the bridge closure was only going to be temporary.

The petition, presented to councillors this month asked council to take immediate action to reopen the bridge to allow the passage of local and emergency vehicles.

Those who signed their support said the continuing closure of the bridge impacted local residents.

The petition said it made it impossible for people who used mobility vehicles to safely get to town and it added extra time and fuel costs for locals to get to work or to get children to school.

Lead petitioner Mick Bell told *The Herald* blocking vehicle access to the bridge was also a community safety issue.

“If a fire comes from the south or south west we cannot get out,” he said.

In May, *ABC News* reported the bridges’ closure forced residents to travel an extra 12km into town, through heavy haulage and gravel roads.

Those interviewed said the closure and extra 12kms has impacted the quality of life of the 500 nearby residents.

Residents demand action

Mr Bell said, despite raising concerns, there had been no consultation with the affected residents.

“The community would appreciate some sort of communication with the shire because it has been deathly silent from their end - hence the petition.”

Mr Bell said council just needed to get on with opening the bridge again for emergency vehicles and for local traffic.

“They can find the money to pay two CEO’s at the moment and that wouldn’t have been in the Budget.

“So find the money to get bridge open again.”

Shire says council is listening

Toodyay Shire president Mick McKeown said the original Slaughterhouse Bridge was destroyed in 1934 due to heavy rain that



caused serious flooding in Toodyay.

The shire president said the bridge was then replaced with the timber bridge that was now in place.

He said the shire had been listening to the community’s concerns about the closure of Slaughterhouse Bridge.

“There were concerns raised by the *ABC* about access for emergency services being limited to West Toodyay because of the closure of the bridge.”

But he said emergency services vehicles had already lost access to Slaughterhouse Bridge as there was a weight limited to 3.5 tonnes.

“So, they had been accessing West Toodyay via either Picnic Hill Road off

the Toodyay Bindi-Bindi Road or Toodyay West Road off Julimar Road,” he said.

“Travelling at the speed limit to access West Toodyay via these routes can take just a few minutes longer than by using Slaughterhouse Bridge.

Building a bridge

A spokesperson from the Department of Local Government told *The Herald* local governments were responsible for the maintenance of bridges on local government roads as well as the maintenance of its local road network.

A Main Roads spokesperson said the Shire

of Toodyay had successfully secured state funding in 2023-24, 2024-25, and 2025-26 to undertake design and development work on a replacement bridge.

But the shire president rejected that claim and said the shire had received no funding over those three financial years.

In December 2025 the Shire of Toodyay issued a statement advising residents council had endorsed a single-lane bridge with a footpath as the preferred option for the replacement of Slaughterhouse Bridge.

In that statement, the shire said MRWA would prepare a 50 per cent design for the single-lane bridge with footpath option, including updated cost estimates.

“This will then be presented to council for further consideration,” the statement said.

“Should council resolve to proceed, the shire will then be required to source applicable funding.”

“They can find the money to pay two CEO’s at the moment and that wouldn’t have been in the Budget so find the money to get bridge open again.”

Mick Bell
Petition organiser

A revised bridge plan

But this month, Cr McKeown said Main Roads was currently working on a 15 per cent design stage of the bridge design.

He said the 15 per cent design stage was a preliminary design stage that included investigation of feasible options and the suitability, general alignment, and basic structural configurations for the bridge.

“Once the design reaches a point that costings can be confirmed, the shire will be able to prepare an application for special project funding for a new bridge,” Cr McKeown said.

“The shire will then have to wait until the bridge design stage triggers an application request from the West Australian Local Government Grants Commission to apply for funding.

“So, the shire must wait for approval from these two State Government departments before building a new bridge.”

He said the shire had also approached Main Roads about the possibility of opening the bridge for pedestrian use.

“Last month MRWA approved that request and the shire is currently investigating what works are required to re-open the bridge as a pedestrian-only bridge.”

“This will require the installation of barriers that restrict traffic on the bridge to pedestrians only.”

“This work will commence in July and is expected to be completed by the end of July.”

Bridge blame game: Main Roads rejects shire’s claims over closure

Rashelle Predovnik

MAIN Roads WA (MRWA) has flatly rejected claims it was responsible for the closure of Slaughterhouse Bridge, saying it was the Shire of Toodyay who made that decision in 2025 despite having the option of repairing the bridge instead.

The dispute stems from comments made by Toodyay Shire president Mick McKeown, who said residents should remember it was not the shire that ordered the closure but MRWA.

The shire president told *The Herald* in the 90 years the bridge had been in use, gradual deterioration of the wooden structure had resulted in its recent closure by MRWA.

He said the closure has been gradual with decreasing load limits being put in place by MRWA over the last few years.

But Main Roads has provided a markedly different account, saying the shire had been warned for years about the deteriorating condition of the 90-year-old timber bridge and was repeatedly advised repairs were needed.

A Main Roads spokesperson said the Shire of Toodyay did structural repairs to Slaughterhouse Bridge in 2011, 2016 and 2019 with funding support provided by the State Government.

“Main Roads advised the Shire of Toodyay about its concerns with the bridge’s condition following a five-yearly detailed inspection of the bridge in October and November 2021,” the spokesperson said.

“Following a load assessment in March 2023, Main Roads advised the Shire of Toodyay to consider closing the bridge, restricting the load limit or undertake repairs.”

The Main Roads WA spokesperson said the

shire chose to install temporary steel props and imposed a nine-tonne weight limit.

“Regular inspections have been undertaken since September 2023 and in that time, Main Roads has requested the shire rectify the bridge props,” the spokesperson said.

“A further review in November 2025 led Main Roads to again advise the Shire of

Toodyay to consider undertaking repairs or close the bridge.”

The shire chose to close the bridge.” Main Roads WA also disputed any suggestion it had prevented repairs, saying it had not received any applications from the shire for funding to repair the bridge before it was closed in November 2025.

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Recipe for a revival? Breakfast fires up festival hopes

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The spokesperson said locals had made it clear they were still unhappy the food festival was cancelled.

“Our organising committee feels the same way and we feel it is important to have something happening this year, be it very small.”

The spokesperson said the opportunity to watch the Avon Descent with breakfast options close by was settled on.

“Cold early mornings waiting for the boats and kayaks to come through stimulates the need for a hot cuppa from the coffee van and some delicious food.”

“The original food festival included entertainment and that required considerable funding and organisation.

“There was no time this year to arrange that.

“So we are considering a bigger event next year but a decision is yet to be made.”

Former Toodyay Shire employee Kimberly Hardy knows full well how much work went into putting on the International Food Festival, because she was the event organiser during its last three years.

“One of my biggest goals was to make the most of both Stirling Park and Duidgee Park by ensuring each area was fully activated,” she recalled.

“Rather than concentrating all of the activity in one location, we worked hard to create reasons for people to explore both parks throughout the day.”

Ms Hardy said there was a strong focus on creating activities for teenagers, not just younger children.

“Alongside the traditional rides and family entertainment, we introduced a second stage showcasing talented local youth musicians and activated the skate park with competitions that attracted participants from both Toodyay and Perth,” she said.

“Encouraging local young people to get involved was incredibly rewarding, the skate



Toodyay’s iconic International Food Festival, held during the Avon Descent weekend in August, drew big crowds until it was axed in 2024.

precinct and youth musician stage quickly became one of the festival’s most popular attractions.

“We hired a DJ and local skaters from all ages came - it was so fun and the atmosphere was amazing.”

Ms Hardy said like many community events, the cost of delivering the festival increased each year, with insurance becoming a significant challenge in the final year.

She said council requested a review of the event, and discussions began around whether the festival should continue in its existing format, become a biennial event, or be replaced with several smaller community-focused events throughout the year.

She said, as part of that review, the shire spoke with many local businesses.

“While there was strong support for the festival and recognition of its value in bringing visitors to Toodyay, many

businesses indicated they didn’t experience a significant increase in sales on the day,” she said.

“This prompted broader discussions about how future events could continue to attract visitors while delivering greater economic benefit to local businesses and the wider community.”

The shire’s former economic development officer said she was happy to hear community groups wanted to introduce a new community event on the day.

Ms Hardy said she would be happy to help them with her knowledge of the previous family fun day event.

The International Food Festival started off as a very small event in 2005 when Toodyay councillor Rosemary Madácsi founded it with her husband.

Mrs Madacsi said the international food festival event aimed to be a celebration of

diversity.

It included home style cooking, dancing and a celebration of cultures.

Mrs Madacsi said the shire took over the event after three years and it grew into an iconic event.

“It just kept growing.”

The founder said she was very grateful to Kimberley Hardy for her innovation and energy during the last three years of the event.

“Kim had the passion for it and she did a fantastic job.”

“At least the festival went out with a bang.”

The Lions Club spokesperson said it was possible the breakfast event could grow.

“Toodyay has many and varied talented people, musicians, artists, school children, community groups, older citizens, all with something to offer to such an event.”

“There is certainly an opportunity for Toodyay to hold more festivals.”

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Brendon Grylls recognised in King’s birthday honours

Rachelle Predovnik

CENTRAL Wheatbelt MLA Lachlan Hunter has congratulated former Member for Central Wheatbelt and former state leader of The Nationals, Brendon Grylls following his appointment as a Member of the Order of Australia in the King’s Birthday Honours this year.

Mr Grylls represented the Central Wheatbelt in a parliamentary career, that spanned from 2001 to 2017 and included several ministerial portfolios

He served as leader of The Nationals WA between 2005 and 2013, and again from 2016 to 2017.

Mr Grylls successfully created and implemented the regional investment policy, ‘Royalties for Regions’ and he was recognised for his significant service to the community.

Royalties for Regions was a funding policy that redirected more Western Australian state government spending into rural areas.

The policy was funded by setting aside 25 per cent of the state’s mining, oil and gas royalty revenue.

According to the Western Australian Department of Regional Development, Royalties for Regions delivered \$3.67 billion to regional areas between December 2008 and June 2014.

In 2013-14 \$1.06 billion was invested.

The funding focused on core areas including health, education, infrastructure, emergency services, tourism and sporting facilities.

Projects included a \$40 million fund to install 113 telecommunications towers across the state in rural black spot areas.

In October 2014, Premier Colin Barnett stated the Royalties for Regions program had the biggest effect on regional Western Australia in our history.

“I don’t think there is anything equivalent to it elsewhere in Australia,” he said.

Mr Hunter said the honour was a fitting recognition of Mr Grylls’ decades of service to Western Australia and his enduring contribution to the Wheatbelt and regional WA.

Mr Hunter said Mr Grylls was one of the most influential political leaders Western Australia has seen in recent decades.

“As the Member for Central Wheatbelt, Leader of The Nationals WA, Minister of the Crown and architect of Royalties for Regions, Brendon fundamentally changed the way governments invest in regional



A line up of the the National’s top performer from L-R: Current leader of the Nationals WA Shane Love MLA, former National’s WA leader Mia Davies, former MLA Terry Redmond, Hon Brendon Grylls AM, Lachlan Hunter MLA, Max Trenorden, Hon Hendy Cowan AO.

communities.

Mr Hunter said Mr Grylls vision ensured that regional WA received a fairer share of the wealth generated in the state.

“Leaving a legacy that can still be seen in communities right across the Wheatbelt today.”

Mr Hunter said Mr Grylls remained highly regarded throughout WA for his commitment to local communities and his willingness to champion regional issues.

“Many of the opportunities and infrastructure projects that regional communities enjoy today can be traced back to Brendon’s determination to ensure the bush had a strong voice in Parliament,” he said.

“On behalf of the people of Central Wheatbelt, I congratulate Brendon on this well-deserved honour and thank him for his outstanding service to our electorate, regional Western Australia and our state.”

Grant expectations: go for gold

Rashelle Predovnik

A GOLDEN opportunity is up for grabs, with Toodyay community groups being urged to tap into Lotterywest’s grant funding, which is backed by expert support to help turn good ideas into successful applications.

The Moondyne Festival has been well supported by Lotterywest over the years, but much smaller free community events could also be eligible for funding support.

Lotterywest says it is keen to help local groups turn great ideas into reality and is holding information sessions across the state to show people how to access grants and prepare stronger applications.

Lotterywest’s Impact Café’s began in 2024 as a way to listen to grant seekers and better support their journey.

By 2025, the program had expanded and it uncovered 290 barriers that stopped applicants from being successful in their grant bids.

Since it’s inception, the café initiative has sparked a stronger collaboration between Lotterywest and the broader community.

A spokesperson told *The Herald*, if there was enough interest in Toodyay a free Impact Café event could be held in the town.

The event would aim to simplify and walk people through the funding application process and the hands-on session could also help people turn good ideas into fundable projects.

It’s an interactive workshop where local groups can develop project ideas, build partnerships and learn how to increase their chances of securing funding and measure their impact.

Lotterywest says their Impact Cafés help people prepare more compelling grant applications that align with funding priorities.

It also gives people the confidence to back an idea with a strong case for support.

A Lotterywest spokesperson told *The Herald* the success rate for people receiving funding was well over 90 percent.

To find out more about where Lotterywest’s Impact Cafés are being held see here: <https://tinyurl.com/4z5ye6sv>.

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Award-winning Andy Conlin has captured the streets and scenery of Toodyay in watercolour.

Easel does it at the markets

Chelle Ellery

IF YOU have recently spotted an artist set up around Toodyay with an easel, paints and a very focused look, you may have seen award-winning plein air painter Andy Conlin capturing our town in paint.

Andy's recent visit is a beautiful reminder of what makes plein air painting so special.

The light changes, the shadows move, the birds carry on, people wander past, and the painting becomes a little record of that exact moment in time.

Plein air, from the French term meaning 'in the open air', is the lovely practice of painting outdoors.

Instead of working from a photo or inside a studio, artists head out into the landscape, streets, gardens and riverbanks to paint what they see and feel on the day.

The Toodyay Farmers Market, in collaboration with Arts Toodyay and the Perth Plein Air Painters, will host a relaxed and creative Plein Air Picnic Day on Sunday August 16, with members of the Avon Valley Arts Society and the wider community also invited to take part.

The idea is simple: come along to the Farmers Market, grab yourself something

delicious to eat, or bring your own, then find a spot by the river, around town or wherever inspiration strikes.

Bring your sketchbook, paints, pencils or watercolours and have a go at capturing Toodyay in the moment.

You do not need to be an experienced artist or have fancy supplies.

Thanks to the kind support of the Shire of Toodyay, Arts Toodyay will have inexpensive watercolour kits available for just \$10 each from the Toodyay Visitors Centre from August 1.

They are a simple way to join in, try something new, and enjoy a creative day outdoors.

On the day, visitors can look forward to seeing artists working in and around the greater Toodyay area, each capturing their own view of our town, river, buildings, trees and country.

Plein air painting is not about perfection. It is about slowing down, looking properly, and noticing the beauty already around us.

So, pack a picnic rug, bring your art supplies or pick up a starter kit, and join us for a relaxed day of painting, sketching, watching and wandering.

All are welcome.



Plein air painter Andy Conlin's water colour image of the main street in Toodyay.

The stage is set for success

Toodyay Theatre Group

Daryl Cooper

A NEW and very enthusiastic committee, led by incoming president Vicki Haggerty, has hit the decks running this year.

It has started with a review of the group's constitution and a 'busy bee' to tidy up the group's property, including costumes, props and backdrops.

Simon Kohler has been recruited as the group's lights and sound guy.

Simon replaces Barry Vause after his ten years of outstanding service in the role.

Leisha Smith has stepped up into the role of secretary.

Barry and Dave Mitchell, who retired as president at the last annual general meeting, were given an emotional farewell after curtain call on the closing night of their recent production of *Godspell*.

Further activities planned for the rest of the year include a series of workshops, under the title of *Stage Coach*.

This will be offered to young people interested in learning skills for the stage.

The series is described as an empowering theatre course for young people which also prepares them for the real world (as Shakespeare wrote, "all the world's a stage.").

It will include guest speakers, theatre games and coaching galore.

Led by Leisha Smith, the series starts on July 21 and expressions of interest can be emailed to the theatre group.

Email: toodyaytheatregroup@gmail.com

Also in the pipeline is a youth production, scheduled for October, which promises to be a fun family event for all ages.

Following the huge success of *Godspell*, the group is hoping to present another big musical – a hugely popular one which has a cult following – next year.

It will be an ambitious rendering, with a spectacular stage setting and fantastic costumes.

The committee have not released further details (not even to this author) until funding arrangements are finalised.

Watch this space for a big announcement soon.



(L-R) Some members of the Toodyay Theatre Group's new committee: Sara Whincup, Simon Kohler, Danni Grundy, Chantell Bates. Front: Lynda de Ruiter, Vicki Haggerty.

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Winter sparks safety awareness

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AS WE are now in winter, operational activity has started to quieten down for the brigade.

Since the last edition, there have been two callouts.

The first was a false alarm while the second was a structural fire.

The structural fire was dealt with very quickly and brought under control efficiently.

Structural fires are more common at this time of year as conditions change and properties are more frequently impacted by heating and internal ignition sources.

We recently held a well-attended training session covering Rural–Urban Interface (RUI) operations, stand-off and traffic management.

RUI refers to areas where bushland meets residential properties, creating more complex firefighting environments due to the close proximity of homes.

The session focused on risk assessment and safe operational decision-making. Traffic management practices were also reinforced.

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Please slow down, stay alert, and give crews the space they need to work safely.

We recently participated in a community engagement event at Toodyay District High School alongside the other bushfire brigades.

The event provided a valuable opportunity to connect with local students and promote awareness of bushfire safety, emergency preparedness and the important role volunteers play in protecting our community.

As part of the day, students had the chance to try their hand at spraying water at witches’ hats using firefighting equipment, which is always a highlight.

The activity was met with plenty of enthusiasm, with students eagerly lining up for a turn and some even asking for a second chance to improve their aim.

It was fantastic to see such high levels of engagement from the students.

We thank the school and all participating brigades for helping make the day a success.

While winter brings cooler weather, fire



Some members of the Coondle-Nunile bushfire brigade supporting a Toodyay District High School event. (Photo by Aurelie Zimmermann.)

safety remains important.

If you are conducting a burn-off, ensure it is properly supervised, keep suitable extinguishing equipment nearby, and make sure the fire is completely extinguished before leaving the area.

Interested in joining?

The Coondle-Nunile Bush Fire Brigade is always pleased to welcome new members.

Whether you’re interested in firefighting, supporting brigade activities or simply becoming more involved in your local community, there is a place for you within the brigade.

Joining is a great opportunity to learn new skills, meet like-minded people, and contribute to the safety and resilience of our community.

We meet every Friday from 5pm at the fire station, located at 775 Bindi Bindi–Toodyay

Road near the old wheat bins.

If you would like to learn more, please contact coondle.nunilebfb@gmail.com.

If you’re unsure whether volunteering is

right for you, feel free to come along to meet the team and see what we’re all about.

We are always happy to have a chat and show you around.



Toodyay Central bushfire brigade members turned out in force at the annual general meeting.

No burn out here

Toodyay Central Bushfire Brigade
Peter Brennan

WE HAD a great turnout at our annual general meeting on May 12 where we confirmed both our leadership team and committee representatives for the new season.

John Morrissey was named our Volunteer of the Year for his outstanding contribution as a firefighter, committee chair and the numerous other tasks that he has performed.

More Certificates of Appreciation were presented to newer members, Aaron Robertson and Chris Stothers for their efforts during the year and to Brad Gardner, who over a four-year period served the brigade as a lieutenant, appliance driver and firefighter prior to leaving Toodyay at the end of the season.

We wish Brad and Hannah the very best in their new home.

The meeting was chaired by Craig Stewart CBFCO and attended by both Deputy Chief Nick Griggs and CESM Sam Roberts.

Captain Will Hort summarised the past season, reporting that over the past 12 months Toodyay Central VBFB logged 83 calls which is 10 less than previous season.

Of these, 45 resulted in a stand-down for Central.

Five of those callouts were to vehicle fires, five to structural, seven to reports of smoke, two to rubbish fires and two to escaped burns.

Overall, Central members responded to fires in the Shires of Toodyay, Chittering, Cunderdin, Goomalling, Mundaring,

Northam and York.

The most significant fires were November 30, McKnoe Drive Morangup (46 hours); December 9, Toodyay Bindi-Bindi Road (108 hours); December 13, Plunket Road Julimar (151 hours); December 15, Deepdale Road Toodyay (77 hours); December 18, Deepdale re-ignition (48 hours) and January 24, Bindoon Army Training Area (82 hours).

We also received a total of 12 callouts during the season for the 12.2 bulk water tanker only and had another 24 calls where crew attendance exceeded six hours.

Overall, our brigade members contributed 908 hours to fires attended and an additional 1891 hours to training, stand-downs, weekly crew changes, meetings, deployments, refilling shire fire water tanks and admin.

When costed at the Australian Bureau of Statistics volunteer rate per hour this comes to over \$153,945.00 worth of service to the Toodyay community.

The value to the community increases substantially when you consider the contributions made by the other five brigades in the shire.

Many thanks to those members who agreed to take on/carry on in the various positions/roles within the brigade for the 2026/2027 season. Your dedication is very much appreciated.

At time of writing, we have had 17 callouts just for the month of May.

We remain ever hopeful that this trend will reduce significantly over the coming months so that members can have some respite.



Upcoming first aid courses

HLTAID011 - Provide First Aid

Course type: Accredited | **Duration:** 1 day in class + Online learning

Price: \$180.00

When: Wednesday 20 May - 8:30AM - 4:30PM
Saturday 11 July - 8:30AM - 4:30PM
Monday 21 September - 8:30AM - 4:30PM
Saturday 21 November - 8:30AM - 4:30PM

Where: Morangup Sub Centre, 48 Wallaby Way, Morangup WA 6083



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Learn about first aid theory and action plans



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Practise CPR skills and how to apply a defibrillator.



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Treat and manage injuries in interactive training scenarios.



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Have a fire plan



(L-R) Members of the newly elected leadership group; Simon, Wes, Sue, Michael, Lucas, Karen.

VBFB Julimar Sue Cameron

FIRSTLY, can I take this opportunity to thank our committee members over the last 12 months.

Many have served the Julimar VBFB with distinction over a long period of time either as a member, in an official leadership role, as a committee member or all the above.

We thank them and look forward to their continuing relationship with the brigade.

Their experience will be vital to the success of the brigade and the development of our new members.

Outgoing Leadership Group: Captain – Dale Canning; Lieutenants – Wesley Sutton, Hans Bohlen and Lucas McLerie; Secretary – Gayle Nelson; Training Officer – Wesley Sutton; Equipment Officer –

Callum ApplebyJones; Treasurer – Corri Murcott and Chairperson – Simon Holding.

Incoming Leadership Group: Captain – Wesley Sutton; Lieutenants – Reuben Campbell, Maka Kemp, Lucas McLerie and Karen Dore; Secretary – Sue Cameron; Training Officer – Reuben Campbell; Equipment Officer – Michael Jarrad; Treasurer – Corri Murcott, and Chairperson – Simon Holding.

The Brigade thanks all members continuing into the new leadership group and appreciates their ongoing support.

In early June, the Brigade joined neighbouring brigades for a fire appliance and equipment demonstration at Toodyay District High School.

We hope this inspires students to consider volunteering with their local brigade as they move into adulthood.

Winter is the time to prepare

As winter settles in, the Toodyay community is encouraged to use the cooler months to reflect on the recent fire season and begin essential property preparations.

Now is the ideal time to review risks and make improvements.

Firefighting experts remind residents that mitigation is a shared responsibility.

The work you do now helps crews protect you more effectively during an emergency.

Safety for you and your family remains the highest priority.

A holistic approach to property maintenance is recommended, considering the home, sheds, carports and surrounding land.

Firebreaks are more than a legal requirement; they are critical access points.

Clear, wellmaintained breaks allow fire appliances to enter safely and begin suppression quickly.

Embers can travel long distances and

- ignite new areas.
- Reducing fuel loads and improving access greatly increases the chances of protecting lives, property and livestock.
- Here's how you can help:
- ✓ Ensure firebreaks meet the 3m x 4m clearance.
 - ✓ Reduce fuel loads by removing fine fuel deadfall.
 - ✓ Clear gutters on buildings.
 - ✓ Store wood and flammable liquids well away from structures.
 - ✓ Plan early for livestock relocation.
 - ✓ Keep water tanks as full as possible.

Have a Plan

Whether you intend to stay and defend or leave early, ensure you have a documented survival plan, a 'go bag' and a stocked first aid kit.

For further advice, contact your local brigade or the Shire of Toodyay.

Stay safe and stay prepared.



Foetal alcohol prevention workshop

Safer Toodyay Desrae Clarke

THE Mental Health Commission is presenting two workshops on Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) in Northam on Tuesday August 18, and in Moora on Thursday August 20.

These free training workshops only occur every second year.

Please share these dates with those who may be interested in attending.

The training involves learning about FASD, how to implement prevention activities and promotion of the valuable conversations of this training event.

By completing this training, you become

eligible to apply for up to \$10,000 with the Mental Health Commission.

As places are limited, please register your interest or queries as soon as possible with one of the following contacts:

Jessica Daniels, Wheatbelt and Other Drug Prevention coordinator – jdaniels@holyoake.org.au or 0488 754 390, or email FASDprevention@mhc.wa.gov.au

For further information on Holyoake's Wheatbelt Alcohol and Drug Service, visit www.holyoake.org.au

Crime Stoppers	1800 333 000
Police emergency	131 444
Toodyay Police	9574 9555
Graffiti	1800 442 255

Is it write or wrong?

Computer Safety Phil Hart

THERE has been an upsurge in the apps that are marketed as aids for writing.

This includes Artificial Intelligence (AI) that can write long pieces of text.

There are apps that claim to be able to check for pieces written by AI.

There are also "grammar improvers" that are claimed to make text more readable.

Plagiarism checkers are also available.

As with many things, the reality does not live up to the hype.

While AI can be useful for some parts of writing, every word produced by AI needs to

be thoroughly vetted before being included.

Apps that claim to check for AI being included in a piece can go spectacularly wrong.

One app (JustDone) claimed that 97% of this article was written by AI.

Grammar improvers can also interfere with the tone and the style of a piece.

Plagiarism checkers are also known for being unreliable.

A grammar improver suggested four changes to this article.

All were rejected.

In the end, there is no real alternative to writing all the text yourself and owning every word.

Searching for the right staff?

You need to advertise in the classifieds, it's easy
email: advertising@toodyayherald.com.au

Upcoming first aid courses

HLTAID011 - Provide First Aid
Course type: Accredited | Duration: 1 day in class + Online learning

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When: Saturday 20 June - 8:30AM - 4:30PM
Thursday 20 August - 8:30AM - 4:30PM
Saturday 17 October - 8:30AM - 4:30PM
Thursday 3 December - 8:30AM - 4:30PM
Where: St John Ambulance Toodyay, 120D Stirling Terrace, Toodyay WA 6566

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Toodyay Events Planning - Moondyne Festival
Arts Toodyay - Avon Valley Arts Trail
RSL Toodyay - "21 Hearts" theatre production
Toodyay Voluteer Fire & Rescue Services
Toodyay Agricultural Society - Fireworks
Avon Valley Showjumping & Pony Club Inc

Toodyay Football Club
Toodyay Golf Club
Bolgart Primary School
Northam Army Camp Heritage Association Inc
Vintage Sports Car Club of WA Inc
Toodyay Soccer Club
Toodyay Kindergym
Shire of Northam - Bilya Festival
Northam Country Club

Find out more. Call 9574 4077 or search Bendigo Bank Toodyay.





CWA member Val presented Evelyn Oliver with a well-deserved Branch Legend award.

Honouring heart and heritage

CWA

Elizabeth Mansom, Secretary

DURING June members from the 120 branches across the state gathered for the annual state conference.

In the early days country members used state conference as their annual holiday and shopping trip to the big city.

Today it is often a time when friends, who probably stay in touch electronically, get together for what our generation finds most satisfying, a face-to-face catch-up.

The June meeting of Toodyay branch marked our 99-year anniversary and we have invited surrounding branches to a celebration on July 9.

During the meeting members present were thrilled to see long-standing member Evelyn Oliver presented with a Branch Legend award.

Branch Legend is an award introduced in 1924 during the 100th anniversary of CWA of WA to recognise and express appreciation to long-term members for exemplary, loyal and exceptional service to the Association through contributions within their branch and community.

Mavis Rowles was the first ever recipient and she helped cut the 100th anniversary cake at Government House.

In addition to the certificate each recipient receives a badge which is a one-off with the name of their branch printed around the edge.

Ev's name does not appear on the honour board in the hall although when she retired from the job, she was the only catering officer some members could remember.

The citation for Ev's award ends with the words of William Wordsworth:

"The best portion of a good (woman's) life is (her) little nameless unremembered acts of kindness and love."

On Friday the Crooked Needle craft group, held a morning tea in the CWA Hall to raise funds for cancer research.

The hall was packed, the morning tea was plentiful and luscious, and the raffle prizes seemed never-ending.

Four members attended and we came away very well fed and wishing we'd brought more carry bags to transport our prizes.

The hall was once again in use on Saturday when the Community Garden Club held a plant sale and Devonshire tea.

It was a delightful way to spend a morning among plants and sitting around a table chatting over tea or coffee and handmade goodies.

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

We do ask if you come on a gopher that you leave it on the verandah 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.

Almost at home base

RSL Toodyay Subbranch

Max Howard, Secretary

AT LONG last the roof and the wall cladding have finally been completed on the new building, after delays in obtaining men and materials.

This means work can now commence on the interior with the electricians having already completed part of their work.

At this moment the sub-branch has been informed by the builders we should be able to take possession about the end of August, just in time for our annual general meeting.

Work is currently underway with grant applications to fit out the new building.

The eventual aim for the sub-branch when we move into the new building is to promote the league to veterans within and outside our community.

We now have a good meeting place for them to come and enjoy themselves with like-minded people.

We are hopeful to have access to an advocate who will be available to assist veterans with problems they may have.

One room in the building has been set aside where people can discuss problems with

advocates whilst not being observed by others.

It has been estimated there may be a couple of hundred veterans in the Avon Valley and surrounding areas.

Recently a number of members set aside their Sunday to assist with the cleaning up of the old shed which we currently use for meetings.

After the move into the new building the plan for the shed is to turn it into a small military museum in line with other museums in the general area.

Currently membership of the sub-branch is a service membership for all persons who have been members of the Australian Defence Force and associated world groups from western nations.

Secondly, we have affiliate membership for relatives of those mentioned above, plus members of emergency services such as Police, ambulance, and fire brigade personnel.

When settled in the new building we will be offering a social membership for interested people who may not wish to join the RSL but become involved on the social side of the sub-branch.

Our executive elected after the AGM in September will talk about this after that date.

A story of hope, courage, resilience and heart

RSL Toodyay are delighted to bring the *21 Hearts* theatre production to Toodyay.

It's a production the RSL says is relevant and important to Toodyay.

Tickets for the show is at the Memorial Hall on August 8 at 2pm and 8pm have sold out.

The production is an opportunity to see a play about the WW2 Bangka Island tragedy in which our nurse, Sister Alma Beard, is remembered.

Sister Alma Beard was one of the 21 nurses who perished in WW2 off Bangka Island, Indonesia.

RSL Toodyay would like to acknowledge the sponsorship given willingly by Bendigo Bank Toodyay, Op Shop Toodyay and The Moondyne Men.

The fantastic support and the enthusiasm shown by these organisations and individuals in Toodyay has enabled the show to be produced in Toodyay.

The event has also been sponsored by the Department of Veteran Affairs under its Saluting Their Service Commemoration grant.

For those visiting Toodyay to see the show

you might like to enjoy coffee or tea at one of our local cafes or a pre-show meal at either the Victoria Hotel or The Rec Hotel.



21 Hearts theatre production poster.

Some new Lion hearts

Lions Club of Toodyay

Clint Fricker

FIRSTLY, apologies to anyone looking out for us at the June Farmers' Markets.

Unfortunately, one of our organisers had to make an unscheduled (and unwanted) visit to the hospital emergency department.

For anyone after Xmas Cakes they are permanently available at the Lolly Shop.

We will be having our changeover dinner on the first Tuesday night in August.

The venue is yet to be finalised but will most likely be the Bolgart Hotel with a bus arranged for transport. All are welcome.

Please contact the secretary if you'd like to know the details once they are confirmed at toodyay.wa@lions.org.au or Clint on 0423 226 898.

The Northam Lions Club also had a

changeover dinner on Saturday July 4.

The theme was flower power: dress as a hippy.

We will have two new faces holding positions in the club this year: Arlene Foley as the second vice president and Margot Nicols as tail-twister. Welcome onboard.

After doing an amazing job for many years our treasurer Peter Edwards is stepping down and Michelle Scott will be taking his place.

As mentioned in the last *Herald* the Lions Club is supporting a breakfast in Duidgee Park on the Avon Descent Saturday August 8 commencing at 7.30am.

The Karate Club and Toodyay Locals Care will be selling their perfect-for-a chilly-winter's-morning tucker.

There will also be a stall selling scones and a coffee van.

We hope to see you all there.

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Down to Earth and Affordable

Before we come into your lives, why dont you come into ours?

We’re stepping into your home, your story, and often a significant chapter of your life, so it only feels right that you know a little about us too.

A little about Kimberley

I moved to Toodyay in 2020, after many years in Perth raising our children (and moving house more times than I care to count!). Before that, my husband and I ran a plantation in Carnarvon so I understand rural living, hard work, and the value of a good community.

I am also an artist and have been an active member Arts Toodyay for the last 5 years, assisting with treasury and art exhibitions.

Before moving into real estate, I built a diverse career across administration, farming and event management. As a temporary executive assistant in Perth, I worked across a wide range of industries, including legal firms, drug and alcohol services, and working for one of Australia's top Cardiothoracic surgeons at Perth Children's Hospital.

Once in Toodyay, I joined the Shire as an Economic Development Officer, where I had the privilege of delivering the last three Toodyay International Food Festivals. Managing those events meant juggling everything from food vendors and entertainers to logistics and community expectations an experience that sharpened my organisation skills and reinforced just how important people are in every process. Everyone was valued and always had direct access to me.

Quick Facts About Kimberley

What is your favourite pastime?

Champagne! Either in a plane, or at a picnic in Toodyay with great friends, and great music. I have a passion for vintage shopping, discovering unique fashion and homewares, and painting. I'm probably best known locally for my colourful artworks featuring painted chicken butts I also love visiting people's homes, hearing their stories, and discovering what makes each home unique.

What are you good at?

- People, I'm super friendly, accommodating, understanding and naturally seem to connect with people from all walks of life.
- I'm an ideas girly, I'm always coming up with inspiring ideas for properties.
- An extraordinary almost photographic memory of celebrities, musicians, and films from the 80's and 90's.
- Interfering with DJ's at parties if the music is crap.

What are you bad at?

- Falling in love with some of the homes I have sold and wanting to buy them.
- Interfering with DJ's at parties if the music is crap.

Favourite Food?

- Lamb Chops.
- Duck.
- My Christmas ham and seafood cocktail - Mines the best!



A little about Tess

I moved to Toodyay with my family as a young child in 2000 and have proudly called it home ever since. Over the years, I've watched the town grow and evolve while still holding onto the strong sense of community and country lifestyle that makes it so special.

I later married a true Toodyay local from multiple generations of local family ties, after what could probably best be described as a real-life "boy next door" story, and together we're now raising our own young family here in the community we love.

Country Realty gave me my start in real estate as a receptionist in 2015. Since then, I've worked across many areas of the industry, including administration, marketing, photography, sales support and property sales. In 2023, I joined Elders Real Estate, where I continue to grow my passion for helping local people navigate one of life's biggest milestones.

What I enjoy most about real estate is that no two days are ever the same. One day might involve photographing a rural property at sunset, the next helping guide buyers through an exciting new chapter, or working closely with local vendors to showcase not just a property, but the lifestyle that comes with it. Having called Toodyay home for so many years, I understand the lifestyle that draws people here — the space, the scenery, the community, and the slower pace of life. That local understanding helps me tell the story behind a property in a way that genuinely connects with buyers looking for that lifestyle too.

Quick Facts About Tess

What is your favourite pastime?

This is difficult as, as a mum of young kids I am often very busy and don't get much downtime! But I would have to say either spending time with my horses, out taking nature and landscape photographs, or simply spending time with my husband and family.

What are you good at?

- Planning holidays down to the very last detail — complete with folders, timings, kilometres, and fully itemised itineraries.
- Capturing beauty and stories that evoke emotion through the lens of my camera.
- Taking "just one more photo"

What are you bad at?

- Being spontaneous... if it isn't on the itinerary, it probably isn't happening!
- Taking "just one more photo"... and somehow ending up with over 100 to choose from.

Favourite Food?

- Potatoes in absolutely any form.
- Avocado.
- And of course... chocolate - lots of it!



Our Current Market Snapshot

- Average days on market: 19 days
- 11% average above asking price
- Strong buyer demand continuing across lifestyle and rural properties

Where do we see the market heading for the rest of 2026?

At this stage, we still see the market remaining strong moving into 2026. Toodyay continues to attract buyers looking for a lifestyle change offering space, scenery, and country living while still remaining within reach of Perth.

Compared to many other rural and lifestyle regions, buyers are still seeing great value in Toodyay, and we continue to see growing recognition of what the area has to offer With ongoing demand, limited housing supply, and more people prioritising lifestyle and flexibility, we believe Toodyay will continue to remain a very desirable market.

What's Different about Elders Toodyay?

- **Personalised Property Photography** – We work closely with our vendors to create photography that tells the story of their property.
- **Established Buyer Database** – An extensive network of active buyers, providing an invaluable advantage in changing markets.
- **People-First Approach** – Looking after everyone involved, because the best outcomes come from genuine care and open communication.



"So come and see us - we're located opposite the fabulous new Toodyay pub, The Rec."

Whether you're thinking of selling, buying, or simply wanting to chat about the local market, we're always happy to have a conversation. We love this community, we love property, and we genuinely enjoy helping people navigate what can often be a very significant chapter in their lives.

And if nothing else, feel free to stop in and test Kimberley's 80's music knowledge, or compare travel spreadsheets with Tess.

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Help support local families and their pets

Toodyay Local Care

Jacquie Lucas

OUR community support program continues to distribute food to local families through partnerships with SecondBite and Woolworths.

We are fortunate to have dedicated volunteers who travel to Northam each week to collect these supplies, but we would love to add a few more people to the roster.

The Woolworths collection takes place at around 10am each Monday.

The SecondBite pickup is usually around 11am, although times can vary.

Anyone who can spare a little time to help is encouraged to contact Jacquie on 0427 147 548.

We would also like to thank a young local volunteer who, after receiving support from our service, has generously offered his time to tackle the weeds in our backyard.

Acts of kindness like this make a real difference.

As winter continues, beanies remain one of our most requested items.

We are also seeking donations of blankets and warm winter clothing for those doing it tough.

If you enjoy knitting or crocheting, handmade beanies are especially appreciated and are often in greater demand than scarves.

A heartfelt thankyou goes to everyone who adds an extra item or two to their weekly shopping and donates it to our pantry.

Staple foods such as breakfast cereals,

baked beans, spaghetti, instant noodles, pasta and long-life milk are always welcome and greatly valued by those in need.

Looking ahead, if our beautiful front garden roses are blooming as expected in late October, we are hoping to enter the new Rose Show.

We encourage other local gardeners to consider taking part too.

We also have a limited supply of firewood cut into manageable pieces for people who are unable to collect or chop their own.

For information or to arrange collection, please phone Roz on 0427 744 352. Remember to send a text if she is unable to answer your call.

Finally, we are eager to organise another delivery of pet food through ARC, but we urgently need volunteers to make it possible.

Assistance is required to unload 20kg bags of feed from the delivery truck and stack them in our storage sheds at 20 Fiennes Street.

We also need volunteers on designated collection days to move the bags to the front veranda and help recipients load them into their vehicles.

Without this additional support, we are unable to continue providing much-needed pet food to local families.

If you are able to lend a hand, even occasionally, your help would make a significant difference.

Please contact either Roz or Jacquie if you can assist.



Roz and Lorraine from Toodyay Locals Care hope their support can extend to pets.

It's market magic weather

Toodyay Farmer's Markets

Sue Wakka

WHAT another great day to be at the markets. For the start of winter, we had a fabulous day's weather.

Although a little smaller in size, there was still plenty on offer from, veggies, fruit, honey, bread, cake and more yummy treats.

Also available were meat, chilli rubs, wine, gin, jam and, of course, always a gift line or two for the garden, home or personal.

It's a great way to support small business many of whom are locals.

We had a great little animal petting stall and you could get a coffee and something to fill the tummy.

We have a book swap stall to either swap out a book or a coin donation, a great way to pick up a book that you may have been looking for.

If you belong to a local group, think about how you too can utilise the markets be it an information stall or even a demonstration.

One such local group available at the last markets was the Toodyay Men's Shed; it's a great way to pop on down and find out what

they are all about.

Keep an eye out on Facebook to see who's joining us next.

We are introducing a few changes so keep an eye out for workshops or new information stalls.

We do try to keep variety as this makes for an interesting market.

If you have something very different which you do that we don't have, think about joining us.

Stallholders come and stallholders go and sometimes life means our stallholders change plans but many are very regular and all of them appreciate your patronage.

If sometimes your favourite is not there just pop on down to the market the next time and catch up or contact them directly or contact: toodyayfarmersmarket@gmail.com.

Please let us know if you have any questions or need some information.

Remember this market runs on volunteers like every community event and we need you.

Keep an eye on the Facebook page for what's coming up.

Next market: Sunday July 19.



Perfect weather for a Toodyay Farmers Market day.



Public Notice

Cat Local Law 2026

s.3.12(6) of the Local Government Act 1995

At a Council Meeting held on 4 June 2026, pursuant to section 3.12 of the *Local Government Act 1995* and Section 79 of the *Cat Act 2011*, Council adopted the Shire of Toodyay Cat Local Law 2026:

- The **purpose** of which is to regulate the keeping, identification, control and management of cats within the district, including matters relating to responsible cat ownership, cat confinement, nuisance behaviour, cat-prohibited areas, approvals for additional cats, and the operation of cat management facilities, as permitted under section 79 of the *Cat Act 2011*. It also provides additional measures to support the Shire in addressing cat nuisance and enhancing permit conditions, definitions, prohibited places and penalties.
- The **effect** of which to provide a clear regulatory framework for responsible cat ownership and the management of cats and cat facilities, protect environmental values, and enable enforcement of nuisance behaviours. It establishes obligations for cat owners, supports enforcement of the *Cat Act 2011*, and equips the Shire with the regulatory tools necessary to administer cat management within the district.
- The **justification** of which is that it provides the Shire of Toodyay with clear and effective regulatory tools to manage cat ownership and amenity issues within the district.

The **Cat Local Law 2026** was published in the government gazette, on Monday 22 June 2026 (No. 70). It will come into operation on Monday 6 July 2026.

The local law is published on the Shire's website here:

<https://www.toodyay.wa.gov.au/documents/25/cat-local-law-2026>

It is also available for inspection at the Shire's Administration Centre located at 15 Fiennes Street Toodyay.

Copies may be obtained by contacting the Shire on (08) 9574 9300.

Alan Hart

Temporary CEO

Dudja Waangkiny
(Toodyay Yarning)


NKAC

NKAC

OUR corporation is pleased to share recent initiatives that help tell the stories of this place and strengthen understanding of Noongar culture and history.

Many locals and visitors will have noticed the striking new artwork recently installed at Pelham Reserve Lookout.

Positioned to overlook the valley below, the installation invites people to imagine a landscape as it may have appeared before colonisation.

The artwork depicts rolling Kaarta (hills), a winding Bilya (river), and Booyi (smoke) rising from Kaarla (campfires).

The smoke represents the presence of Noongar Moort (families) living on and caring for Boodja (Country), reflecting a time when the valley below was home to generations of Noongar people.

The project was developed through conversations with Elders who shared their

knowledge of traditional life in the area. Their cultural knowledge and vision helped inspire the artwork, influencing the stories, landscapes and themes represented in the final design.

NKAC sincerely thanks artists Chelle Ellery and Sarah Miles for translating these ideas into a powerful visual representation of Noongar life on Boodja.

We also acknowledge the support of the Indigenous Languages and Arts Program within the Australian Government’s Office for the Arts, whose funding made the installation possible.

In Toodyay, National Reconciliation Week in early June provided an opportunity for local conversations and connection.

It was encouraging to see Shire President McKeown, Councillor Prater, Acting Chief Executive Officer Alan Hart and A/Executive Manager Community Services Michelle Duke visit the Boyagerring Yarning Circle to meet with NKAC chairman Robert Miles and members.

The visit provided an opportunity to learn

more about local Noongar history and aspirations for the future, while reinforcing the importance of working together towards greater understanding and reconciliation.

During July, visitors are encouraged to call into the Toodyay Visitor Centre to view a special NAIDOC and Noongar information display.

The display includes information boards, cultural artefacts, brochures and local fauna artwork by Chelle Ellery.

The artwork has been generously made available through Midland Brick, helping to

create an engaging space where visitors can learn more about Noongar culture, history, language and connection to Country.

NKAC thanks the Shire of Toodyay, Midland Brick, and Helen Shanks for their support in developing the display.

These projects form part of NKAC’s ongoing commitment to sharing Noongar knowledge, strengthening cultural understanding, and ensuring that the stories of this Boodja continue to be seen, heard and respected by future generations.



Toodyay Shire and Noongar Kaartijin Aboriginal Corporation representatives met at the Boyagerring Yarning Circle during Reconciliation Week (Photo by Helen Shanks).



Visitors will notice a new Noongar art installation at Pelham Reserve. (Photo by Helen Shanks)

Reflecting on WA’s defining moments

Toodyay Historical Society
Dr Robyn Taylor, Patron

MANY memories about growing up in the 1960s were shared by members at our June meeting.

Some were personal recollections of jobs and careers, others the excitement of new technologies in particular the introduction of television into our living rooms.

Not everyone could afford a television set at the time and crowds would stand in front of shop windows to watch the news, and children beg a friendly neighbour to let them watch Walt Disney’s Mickey Mouse Club after school.

Reference for the following highlights of the 1960s comes from the 175th anniversary souvenir published in 2004 by *The West Australian* as ‘WA’s Defining Moments’. The following are examples from Part 4 (1958-1970).

On October 16, 1959, the Gov. General Sir Charles Gairdner declared the television station TCW7 open at 10pm that evening.

Other channels followed, the ABC in 1961, Ch. 9 in 1986, Ch. 28 in 1988, and Ch. 10 in 1988. Colour arrived in 1975.

Major events were the opening of the Narrows Bridge on November 13, 1959.

For 1960, Rolf Harris *The boy from Bassendean* was chosen for his international success with his ‘wobble board’ and the ever-popular *Tie Me Kangaroo Down Sport*.

Given current revelations, it makes for interesting reading.

In February 1962 WA made national news when American astronaut John Glenn flew over Perth in his space capsule Friendship 7. He named Perth the ‘The City of Light’.

That year from November 22 to December 1 the Empire and Commonwealth Games were held at the new Perry Lakes Stadium.

The temperature rose to 41C degrees the hottest November day for 49 years.

A big issue during the early 1960s was the campaign to save the 1866 Barrack’s Arch at the top of St. George’s Terrace.

The historic Pensioner Guard building had been demolished for the construction of the Mitchell Freeway.

The Liberal government wanted the Arch removed so Parliament House would be the dominant feature at the western end of the Terrace.

In the end it was left to the people to decide and they won.

A major natural disaster that year to have far reaching effects was the Meckering earthquake that occurred on October 4, 1968.

A major man-made event that took place at the end of the 1960s was American astronaut Neil Armstrong being the first man to walk on the Moon on July 20-21, 1969.

Our July excursion is a visit to member Ian Stannard’s Newgain property in Dumbarton. Bring a picnic lunch to share.

For details about us: See Where and When.



The old Newcastle Gaol Museum opening ceremony after a restoration in 1962.



Public Notice

Dog Local Law 2026

s.3.12(6) of the Local Government Act 1995

At a Council Meeting held on 4 June 2026, pursuant to section 3.12 of the *Local Government Act 1995* and Sections 26 and 51 of the *Dog Act 1976*, Council adopted the *Shire of Toodyay Dog Local Law 2026*:

- The **purpose** of which is to provide for the regulation, control, and management of dogs within the Shire of Toodyay by providing clear requirements for the keeping of dogs, the operation of kennel establishments, the control of dogs in public places, and matters relating to impounding and enforcement, as permitted under section 51 of the *Dog Act 1976*.
- The **effect** of which to control the keeping of dogs; establish requirements for kennels; determine dog exercise and prohibited areas; provide for the impounding of dogs within the district and ensure that dogs are kept and managed in a manner that protects community safety and amenity, establishes obligations for dog owners, identifies dog exercise and prohibited areas, and provides for enforcement powers consistent with the *Dog Act 1976* and the *Local Government Act 1995*.
- The **justification** of which is that it provides the Shire of Toodyay with clear and effective regulatory tools to manage dog ownership and amenity issues within the district.

The **Dog Local Law 2026** was published in the government gazette, on Monday 22 June 2026 (No. 70). It will come into operation on Monday 6 July 2026.

The local law is published on the Shire’s website here:
<https://www.toodyay.wa.gov.au/documents/22/dog-local-law-2026>

It is also available for inspection at the Shire’s Administration Centre, located at 15 Fiennes Street Toodyay.

Copies may be obtained by contacting the Shire on (08) 9574 9300.

Alan Hart
Temporary CEO



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
67 Stirling Terrace
Ages 5 - 15
\$20 per term
Canteen available

For more details please visit the 'Events' page
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

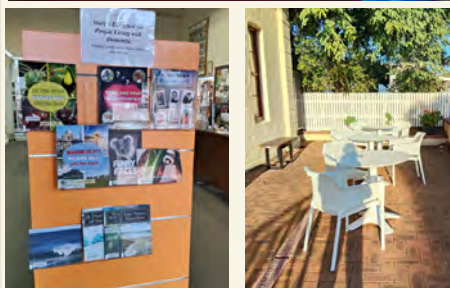
Early last month, emergency services
personnel and volunteers delivered a
two-day safety program for Toodyay
District High School cadets. Students
gained hands-on insight into local
brigades, SES and emergency
management, and how they work
together—thank you to TDHS,
Coordinator Douglas McGhee and the
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.

Our enviroment matters
at the Toodyay Herald..

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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.



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.



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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Pamela McGill

Golf News

Runner-up: Jenni Knowles.

Winner: Pam Meston 43pts and breaking her handicap.

Runner-up: Joy Hamilton 39pts,
Veteran: Serena Syred 33pts.



George and Vea Due at Cancer morning Tea.

Runner up: Therese Chitty, Veteran: Joy Hamilton.

Martin 25 pts.
Wongan Hills Ladies Open Day

Six Ladies travelled to Wongan Hills playing two events in conjunction with each other.

Winner of the Individual Stableford



L to R Dianne Edmonds (Bolgart) Marlene Andrich (Toodyay) at CWA Biggest Morning Tea.

Club Trophy Stableford:

Winner: Joy Hamilton 34 pts

Runner up: Vivienne Camerer 28 pts.

Congratulations to everyone on their great golf so far this season, and to some of us who keep trying hard.

Mixed Day Stableford sponsored by Brad Parker Aviso.

Winner: Jenni Knowles 35pts,
Runner up: Justin Edmonds 34 pts, Third:

Nolene Kaszanski 33pts.

Best of luck to Serena Syred and Nolene Kaszanski who have travelled to Augusta to compete in the Rural Bronze Tournament over three days.



*Winner of Ladies Wongan Hills Golf Open
Day Jenni Knowles*

Morangup Progress Association

Daryl Cooper

The wines were carefully selected to highlight the difference between wines made from grapes grown in cool climates and wines from the same variety grown in warm climates.

Over the course of the evening, three varieties of white wine grapes and three of red wine were examined.

Each variety had an example of one produced in a cool climate and one in a warm.

Most participants could detect the differences between the cool and the warm.

As expected, opinions as to which was better varied – and rightly so.

Personal preference is a major determinant of a good wine. Certainly, each comparison provoked much discussion.

Typically, wines from cool climates get described as elegant and lighter bodied, and wines from warmer climates as robust and full bodied.

The host caused laughter when he showed images created by Artificial Intelligence when it was asked to apply these terms to human bodies.

Across the evening, participants were challenged to show their knowledge of wine and winemaking through a series of short quizzes with prizes of a bottle of bubbly to the most knowledgeable.

One participant wrote (on Facebook) afterwards, “We learnt about how to taste and compare and the importance of climate.

“Not only was the evening informative but fun as well, and the opportunity to meet other local people who enjoy wine.

"This was an evening for everyone not just wine connoisseurs".

This illustrates why the Morangup Progress Association puts on events such as this – to offer opportunities for the community to get together and to get to know each other better.

The next big event will be a quiz night on August 22 to raise funds for our local community volunteer groups.

Bookings will open early next month.

A photograph of an older man with white hair and sunglasses, wearing a dark vest over a light-colored shirt, riding a vintage-style motorhome. The motorhome is silver with black accents and large spoked wheels. It is parked on a dirt path next to a field of tall green plants with bright yellow flowers. The background shows more of the same field under a clear blue sky.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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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,

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



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Toodyay Community Garden Inc.

notifies that it will hold it's

Annual General Meeting at 2pm,

15 August 2026 at the

Community Resource Centre,

at 67 Stirling Terrace Toodyay.

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 a 127% 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.

To access the latest version, visit www.taxombudsman.gov.au/reviews/complaints-snapshots.



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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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HEALTH

Pets deserve their pearly whites

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GOOD dental health is essential for an animal's overall well-being.

Neglecting oral care can lead to pain, infection and serious health issues affecting organs such as the heart, liver and kidneys.

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.



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

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.



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

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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Combo Crossword

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- 1. Very sad
- 6. Imaginary demon
- 9. Mischievous children
- 10. Certain
- 12. Unfortunate
- 14. Hardshelled fruit
- 17. Stern
- 19. Essential part
- 20. Horribly

DOWN

- 1. A spread
- 2. Soil
- 3. Containers
- 4. Musical work
- 5. Belonging to you
- 6. List of contents
- 7. Plant organ
- 8. Being seated
- 11. Condition
- 13. Obtains
- 15. Secondhand
- 16. Withered
- 17. A cloud of spray
- 18. Revered one

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Cryptic Clues

ACROSS

- 1. Many clean out divine state of depression
- 6. Imaginary evil spirit in little animal with us
- 9. Endless game in singular little imps
- 10. Certain to be finishing as you hear me
- 12. It's disappointing to rebel about poor target being retained
- 14. Amaze in return for some fruit
- 17. Staying within rules in most districts
- 19. Intrinsic nature of some perfume
- 20. Fear completely in a shocking manner

DOWN

- 1. Horse holds mixed grain in butter-like product
- 2. Good soil left on first morning
- 3. Disparages such containers
- 4. Work with us on musical composition
- 5. Finally reply to you over what you own
- 6. Indicator to adjust wages
- 7. Storage organ of plant could give light
- 8. Needs tray to be moved when continually seated
- 11. Speak about part of the country
- 13. Takes control of good set move
- 15. You miss the hand finally put to work
- 16. Dry piece of hose relined
- 17. What ruminants chew last to start a driving shower
- 18 I perform like original image

Sudoku

Sudoku is based on the logical placement of numbers. Sudoku doesnt require any calculation nor special math skills; all that is needed are brains and concentration. Every number from 1 to 9 must appear in each of the nine columns, nine rows and nine 3x3 boxes.

Easy

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Hard

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CrossCode

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

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Solutions

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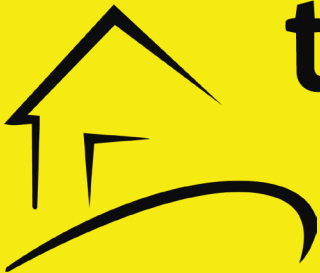
Sudoku
Easy
Solution

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Sudoku
Hard
Solution

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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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