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Trail blazing



Carole Anne Wescombe is an artist in textiles, painting, acrylic and mixed media and she is pictured here with her beloved pet Dusty and her friend Joy Smith. (Pic: Rashelle Predovnik)

Rashelle Predovnik

A BIG storm may have drenched the region but it didn't wash away the record crowds that streamed through the inaugural Avon Valley Arts Trail on the June public holiday long weekend.

The trail's success has inspired some artists to start sketching plans on an even bigger canvas next year, with suggestions to partner with York and Beverly included in their feedback.

Traditional oil painter Henry Wood said the storm sent the trail's signage flying but it failed to dampen the enthusiasm of art lovers and visitors keen to enjoy a long weekend getaway in Toodyay and surrounds.

Mr Wood said he was on his own and he didn't get a chance to speak to a lot of people who came to his home.

Next year Mr Wood said he would make sure he had someone at his studio to help.

Watercolour collage artist Jessica Edwards Parker agreed working with others on the days was a recipe for success.

The artist, whose work hung at the Avon Valley Arts Society in Northam alongside other artists, said she strongly recommended partnerships for studios.

"We loved being able to help each other – it meant we could help each other and have breaks."

Ms Parker said, initially, she had gone into the weekend feeling a little despondent because lately her art sales had been slow at the Toodyay farmers market stall.

She wasn't even sure if anyone would turn up to their stop on the trail so she was delighted that over 70 people came each day with 84 visiting on Monday.

"The feedback I got from various people coming through the door was it's a lot to get through in one weekend so if we do extend it further afield it might need to be across two weekends."

Full time artist and owner of Earth Sculptures Pottery and Chalet Retreats Paula Greenaway said the weekend was a chance to down tools and invite people into her studio to enjoy the space.

"It wasn't about sales for me it was about opening up to support the art trail," she said.

"It was also a good excuse to clean up my studio and it was a really pleasant few days."

Artist Chelle Ellery, who was also one of the event organisers, said she was blown away by the results.

She said success was measured by the number of artists and venues involved, visitor numbers, community support and the general buzz around the trail.

"We had 27 artists across 20 unique locations, with some participants recording more than 70 visitors per day," she said.

"The response was better than we could

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Questions and answers

Q: Can the shire confirm whether Mr Aaron bowman is on currently on leave related to stress or other medical issues and if so when did that leave commence?

A: *Mr Bowman is on leave and I will not discuss the personal affairs of any employee.*

Q: If Mr Bowman is considered medically unfit to perform his role as the CEO of the Shire of Toodyay but he is still continuing to attend council meetings and undertake councillor duties in the City of Swan has the shire sought legal or governance advice.

A: *As I've already said, Mr Bowman is on leave from the Shire of Toodyay and I will not discuss the personal affairs of any employee.*

Q: What is the total cost to ratepayers of appointing a temporary CEO while Mr Bowman remains employed as the CEO – what is the combined total cost of the position?

Editorial note: The shire president was advised by staff that the CEO's salary was confidential.

But the CEO remuneration package (\$245,496) is recorded in council minutes that are publicly available online and dated August 2024.

The temporary CEO Alan Hart was appointed at a special meeting on May 12 and council agreed to pay him the cash component of Mr Bowmans salary package.

Eventually, these details will also be made public as by law the total remuneration package of a shire CEO must be recorded in a local government's annual report.

Q: Does Mr Bowman still have use of a shire vehicle and fuel costs paid for by the shire? If so, what deal has been set up for replacement after a certain number of kilometres has been reached?

A: *There's been no deal set up for replacement of the vehicle after a certain number of kilometres have been reached. It's part of his CEO package that we provide a vehicle for him.*

Q: What is the difference between a temporary CEO and an Acting CEO and why has Mr Hart been appointed in a temporary capacity?

A: *In a nutshell an acting CEO can be appointed for a period not exceeding six weeks but our policy states a temporary CEO then has to be appointed for periods greater than six weeks but less than 12 months.*

Q: When the law states that the appointment of a temporary CEO cannot be for more than a year, why has Mr Hart been appointed to the position for a year and a day?

A: *Well he hasn't. He's been appointed from 12 May 2026 to 12 May 2027 and the calculation of the time period does not include the 12th May 2026. I refer you to the interpretations act 1984 Section 61.*

Q: Why has the shire not issued a public statement explaining why a temporary CEO has been appointed for up to 12 months and a day? Does the council not recognise the failure to explain why a temporary CEO has been appointed is fuelling speculation and damaging public confidence in the council's governance?

A: *As I said before Mr Bowman is on leave and I'm not going to discuss the personal affairs of any employee while Mr Bowman is on leave. Under the council policy we need to appoint a temporary CEO.*

Q: What assurances can the shire provide that this situation is being managed transparently and in the best interests of ratepayers?

Q: Could you give me an example of what that assurance might be? I just wondered what sort of assurance you might wish to receive? I'm just asking for clarification.

A: *Well perhaps one of the assurances might be a detailed shire presidents address to the ratepayers by a media – probably The Herald – or something that will reach everybody. But at the moment its typical mushroom syndrome.*

A: *Well, I'm sorry, as I said before Mr Bowman is on leave and I will not discuss the personal affairs of any employee either in the Shire Presidents address or the Toodyay Herald or on Facebook.*



Deputy shire president, Shelley Dival congratulates newly appointed CEO Aaron Bowman in August 2024. Pic supplied Facebook.

On leave, on track? Question asked

Rashelle Predovnik

RATEPAYERS have sought clarity about the status of Toodyay chief executive officer Aaron Bowman who has been absent from the shire for months while a temporary CEO continues to fill the role.

Allan Henshaw, who served as shire president from 2001 to 2005, asked questions at the June council meeting, including the combined cost to ratepayers of paying for both the CEO and the temporary CEO.

In response, staff advised that employee salaries were confidential.

But August 2024 council minutes, that are publicly available online, confirm Mr Bowman's total remuneration package was \$245,496.

Last month, council appointed Alan Hart to be a temporary CEO from May 12, 2026 to May 12, 2027, during a special council meeting held on May 12.

In that meeting, council agreed to pay Mr Hart the cash component of Mr Bowmans salary package.

Shire President Mick McKeown said the appointment of a temporary CEO was required under council policy when a CEO was absent for an extended period.

Mr Henshaw also asked if the CEO still had the use of a company car paid for by the Shire of Toodyay.

Cr McKeown confirmed a shire-provided vehicle was part of Mr Bowman's CEO remuneration package and that he would not discuss the personal affairs of an employee.

Mr Henshaw told *The Herald* he asked questions because he wanted to find out what the situation was regarding the absence of the CEO and its effect on the shire.

"Ratepayers need to know what it's costing us," he said.

"I asked about the cost to ratepayers of effectively employing two CEO's because no end date for Mr Bowman's leave has been publicly announced."

Mr Henshaw said he was not interested in the reasons for Mr Bowman's leave, but rather the procedures and plans the shire had in place.

He said he wanted to know whether the

arrangement was likely to be long-term, whether the shire could afford to continue paying both the CEO and a temporary CEO, and what succession plans existed if the situation was not resolved soon.

"All questions which can be answered without impinging on the CEO's privacy," he said.

The former shire president said he was not impressed by the way the current shire president responded to his request for a public statement to be issued explaining why a temporary CEO had been appointed.

He said the shire's failure to issue a public explanation was fuelling speculation and damaging public confidence in the council's governance.

"I had to sit down in amazement after I asked the question about why the council was not keeping the public informed about the situation and the shire president's response was to ask me how he should respond.

"Frankly, if the shire president doesn't know how he should respond then perhaps he should be asking himself whether he ought to be in that chair."

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The Toodyay Herald

From the editor's desk

THIS month's edition of *The Herald* has plenty of good news.

The inaugural Avon Valley Arts Trail exceeded expectations, drawing strong crowds, despite the bad weather, and its success has sparked discussions about expanding the event's footprint next year.

Organisers are already reflecting on feedback and exploring ways to build on what has been a great start.

The town is also celebrating the opening of The Rec in one of the towns oldest buildings on Stirling Terrace, once named the Freemasons Hotel.

After a long wait, a countdown on social media and growing excitement, The Rec's doors finally opened with a free community party that drew big crowds throughout the day and night.

In this edition, we feature some photographs from the opening and the arts trail because both events are community milestones.

At the same time, strong communities also rely on the ability to ask questions and get answers.

This edition also includes a story about a ratepayer and former Toodyay shire employee who was the civil works and maintenance coordinator at the shire from January 2022 to November 2023.

Aldo Lamas, has repeatedly questioned what he suspects may be a significant overspend on the Bindi Bindi Rd project due to poor project management and council oversight both as a ratepayer and in his role as a community member on the shire's Works and Advisory Committee.

This was a road project that won a road safety award which he accepted on behalf of the Toodyay Shire in 2023. The same road also won another safety award in 2024.

Readers can form their own views about the concerns he has raised but this story highlights a broader issue: how easy is it for residents to get information about decisions made with public funds?

The Herald continues to experience similar challenges with none of the media enquiries we emailed in for this edition responded to, or even acknowledged.

Last month we were told media enquiries will no longer be answered by email and our questions should instead be asked during public question time at council meetings.

But council meetings only happen once a month, public question time is limited, and many residents can't attend at 5.30pm midweek meeting due to work or family commitments.

And in an age when most communication is done by email, why should they have to?

Good governance is about more than making decisions, it is also about explaining them.

As Toodyay celebrates new facilities, successful events and positive momentum, it is also worth reflecting on whether our access to information is keeping pace.

Rashelle Predovnik
Editor



LETTERS

Market miss for Moondyne visitors

TOODYAY is a wonderful town, and we visit whenever we have an opportunity to do so but mainly for the Moondyne Festival.

Despite many visits we have never been to the Farmers Market and we finally did last month.

So, a farmers market it is not.

A farmers market consists of fruit, vegies and produce.

Simply renaming this event as a Sunday market would be more fitting.

There were certainly no eager beavers, more looking than buying and very disappointing.

Frank and Kerry Cherry
South Lake

It takes two to tango at question time

THE 'editorial' and the page three 'opinion piece' (*Come dance with me, Toodyay Herald*, May 2026) were both extremely critical of the council's handling of public question time at the Shire of Toodyay's council meetings.

Whist it was probably amusing to draw an analogy with dancing to illustrate the alleged shortcomings of the shire president, it would have been a more balanced approach to also examine and report on the reasons why question's now regulated.

The Apostle Paul told us *A man reaps what he sows*, (Galatians 6:7), and a more appropriate parable would be hard to find.

For two years Cr McKeown answered question for up to an hour each month.

Often, some individuals would ask up to 20 questions each month.

It was clear that the purpose of these questions, the answers to which in some cases could be found on the public record, and some of which were repeated, was to

undermine and criticise Cr McKeown and other councillors who won office at that election.

People who stand for public office or take on senior roles in local government should be held to account, and the Local Government Act provides several ways of doing this. Public question time is one of them.

However, it is a two-way street and when individuals abuse the opportunity to question the council, and act in a disruptive manner, it is incumbent upon the chair to ensure the conduct at meetings is fair, disciplined and orderly.

Unfortunately, because of the persistent behaviour of a few, rules have been adopted to restore a sensible balance to what was becoming a travesty.

Geoff Appleby
Toodyay

(EDITOR'S NOTE: this still doesn't explain why the shire president will not answer *The Toodyay Herald's* media enquiries).

Calls to revive Toodyay's popular food festival

THIS year's Moondyne Festival was larger than ever with more on all levels.

Congratulations to the organisers and participants.

However, what are the reasons that such a marvellous experience for Toodyay could not be replicated at the Avon Descent with an International Food Festival (IFF)?

It used to be a huge draw card for Toodyay.

Thousands benefited one way or the other from this event until our shire, in its infinitesimal wisdom, decided to cancel it without public consultation.

Yet, the Swan Valley has an annual successful food festival, *Entwined in the Swan Valley*, and Toodyay's chief executive officer is also a councillor in the City of

Swan, which covers the Swan Valley: this is a two-faced situation.

Once the IFF has been cancelled (for a second year this year) and IF it is revitalised it will be extremely difficult to convince outsiders to come again.

Northam has a great festival at the start of the Avon Descent.

Thus, the question arises, why is it impossible for Toodyay to rise to the occasion with the IFF?

M Zechetmayr
Toodyay

Former councillor calls out accountability fails

WHEN I was on council, I regarded it as my duty to be open, transparent and accountable in all my words and actions.

Since February 2025 the president has chosen to ignore the 43 written questions that I submitted in six months: this equates to around seven questions a month.

From June 2025 all public questions were required to be submitted in writing before any meeting of council.

At the same time the asking of ad hoc questions was banned.

Additionally, anyone seeking to ask questions was required to be present in person to ask their pre-submitted questions.

Otherwise those questions were ignored rather than being answered by email.

At meetings and in minutes the president/CEO frequently gave answers that failed to address questions that were asked.

While ad hoc questions are now permitted, the sudden stopping of public question time discriminates against members of the community.

This behaviour by council denies the principle of open, transparent and accountable governance.

Phil Hart,
Morangup

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2021	0.03	17.3	137.3	11.1	121.7	30.4	154.2	70.3	39	61.6	2.2	0	645.13
2022	31.7	4.5	14	30.9	36.8	43	42.7	151.1	44	15.6	12	5.1	431.4
2023	0.1	0	54.9	29	21.8	74.3	42.4	19.8	32.3	2.9	7.4	2.0	286.9
2024	9.8	4.5	0	7.8	43.5	53.2	77	85.3	18.7	21.6	22	1.9	345.3
2025	3.7	0	27	47.6	15.2	23.8	65.7	118.9	28.3	43.4	2.5	0	183
2026	1.6	0.63	34.2	24.2	7.6	15							
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Dead wrong: council forced to dig up cemetery decision

Rashelle Predovnik

GRAVE mistakes have come back to haunt council after it was revealed a decision last month was incorrectly recorded as passed, when it actually failed to get the required number of votes needed to pass.

Last month, *The Herald* reported burial blunders and grave mix ups had been unearthed in a report to council urging action to deal with what has become a serious operational risk for the Shire of Toodyay.

The report dug into systemic problems at the Toodyay Cemetery revealing grave sites in older sections of the cemetery were not properly pegged, making plots hard to identify.

Council moved to fix the problem by directing the chief executive officer to contact people who already held reserved

plots to let them know their plots couldn't be guaranteed.

Council supported a temporary policy that would prioritise burials for people with strong ties to Toodyay.

Council also decided to pull \$50,000 from a reserve fund to do some preliminary investigations.

But the motion required an absolute majority vote, which means it needed the support of at least four councillors to pass.

Instead, the motion was recorded last month as carried 3-2 so council was asked to amend the April 2 council minutes to record the motion as lost.

The Toodyay Cemetery issue has still not been properly laid to rest as council amended the minutes but did not say when this item will come back to council for a decision.

Watchdog bites back at shire admin

Rashelle Predovnik

THE Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee (ARIC) had the shire administration firmly in its sights this month, accusing it of undermining the committee's independent oversight and overriding its recommendations in a report to council.

The oversight committee was established under the Local Government Act to receive and review reports, monitor risk, internal controls and compliance, and make recommendations to council.

In March, ARIC held a special meeting to endorse a new work plan that ramped up its scrutiny of the shire following a series of serious audit findings in 2024-25.

These included \$242,521 mistakenly paid twice, failure to complete monthly bank reconciliations for almost an entire financial year and an increased fraud risk.

The committee's endorsed annual work plan changed meetings to monthly instead of quarterly.

It also required the chief executive officer to provide more reports to ARIC on finance, governance, risk and operational matters.

ARIC's work plan was not welcomed by the CEO Aaron Bowman who said it would impose significant workload increases and administrative demands.

However, ultimately council was the final decision maker so ARIC's proposed reporting framework was included in the May agenda.

Instead of simply presenting ARIC's proposed framework for council to consider in a report, the shire put forward its own preferred option and listed ARIC's recommendation as the non-preferred alternative.

Nevertheless, council voted down the officer's recommendation in support of ARIC's proposed reporting framework (5-2) at the May council meeting.

In a series of strongly worded statements in the report to council this month, ARIC chair Natalie Mills said the report presented to the council in May tried to replace ARIC's annual work plan with an administration-prepared version.

The committee said its recommendations should be presented to council as the main governance advice, with staff comments provided separately and without bias.

ARIC said its independence was central to its oversight role, its recommendations needed to be presented to council unchanged and it should not have to compete against staff-generated alternatives.

The statements also raised concerns about governance, accuracy and transparency at the Shire of Toodyay.

ARIC asked council to direct the CEO to review internal report-writing protocols and provide a written update on any changes made to address the concerns raised at the next ARIC meeting.

Councillors voted unanimously to support all of the ARIC recommendations presented to council at the June meeting.





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WALGA President Karen Chappel presents a road safety award to the Shire of Toodyay in September 2023. The award was accepted by Aldo Lamas, the shire's coordinator for civil works and maintenance.

Seal of disapproval: former works boss challenges project costs

Rashelle Predovnik

THE shire's former civil works and maintenance coordinator has repeatedly questioned what he suspects may be a significant overspend on the Bindi Bindi Rd project due to poor project management and lack of council oversight.

And he is yet to get a complete response to his questions.

Aldo Lamas is concerned the shire applied a seal on section of the road that didn't need it, which could cost ratepayers anywhere between \$350,000 to \$700,000 depending on what seals were applied.

Mr Lamas told *The Herald* the first section was completed in the 2023-24 financial year, which included a primer seal and two-coat hot seal (14mm aggregate for the first coat and 10mm aggregate for the second coat).

The second section, which is less than a year old, received a 5mm chip seal as a temporary preservation treatment due to delays in the sealing works.

This was then followed by a primer and two-coat hot seal using 10mm aggregate for the first coat and 7mm aggregate for the second coat.

"Technically, this results in three coats of seal within a short period, and now additional coats are being applied to various sections of

the road," he said.

"In my opinion this is not required, as the road surface is in excellent condition with no visible defects.

"A seal of this type would normally have an expected service life of 10-15 years before renewal or resealing is necessary."

Mr Lamas' said he also believed there were several other roads in far greater need of sealing, which were not completed in the 2024-25 financial year due to the lack of Road to Recovery funding.

Including Hoddyswell Rd, Salt Valley Rd, Beejoording Rd, Davies Rd and Phillips Rd.

A history of asking questions

Mr Lamas' questions on the project span back to August 2024 when he was a community representative on the Works Advisory Committee.

He joined that committee because he believed his technical expertise would help ensure infrastructure projects were properly scrutinised on behalf of ratepayers.

In December 2024 CEO Aaron Bowman wrote to advise Mr Lamas council had resolved to disband the committee.

"We believe that the types of questions being asked at the committee level are best responded to via normal business correspondence, rather than through a committee or working group," he said.

"This approach will allow us to address your queries more efficiently."

But three months later Mr Lamas was told he was sending in too many questions, which had become a matter of significant concern regarding the volume and nature of his enquiries and service requests.

In a letter dated March 18, 2025, Mr Bowman said the disproportionate volume was placing an undue strain on the shire's limited resources.

He said it also impacted on the shire's ability to serve the broader community effectively.

But Mr Lamas said as a resident and a ratepayer, he was entitled to ask questions and he challenged Mr Bowman's claims the number of questions he asked was excessive.

Due to his technical background Mr Lamas worked at a high level of detail and asked questions he believed were necessary to understand projects, costs, risks and decision-making process.

He told *The Herald* he had asked between four to five questions a month.

He said his questions had piled up because they were simply not being responded to by staff, even though they had been taken as

questions on notice at council meetings held in September, October and December.

In his correspondence to Mr Bowman Mr Lamas said his questions stemmed from a growing community concern over administrative and council actions over the past year.

He said those actions had resulted in the resignation of 18 employees, the termination of two employees, union involvement and an appalling standard of work, or lack of completed work on shire assets.

He said his questions and the responses given at council meetings were also not included in the council minutes, despite this being a requirement under the Local Government Act.

He said if his questions had been answered in a timely manner, it would have led to less follow up questions.

In May 2025 Mr Bowman thanked Mr Lamas for his correspondence and said the shire would not be providing further comment in relation the matters raised in his letter.

Still asking questions

But Mr Lamas has continued to ask anywhere between two - 10 questions at the shire's monthly council meetings and responses taken on notice last month about the road seal were included in the agenda of the June council meeting.

The shire's response said the final seal was included in the 2025-26 mid-year budget review and was approved and funded by Main Roads WA (MRWA) as part of the Regional Road Group funding program.

"This is to complete the section of road." In response to *The Herald's* query asking Main Roads if they funded the works a spokesperson said Bindi Bindi Rd was under the care and control of the Shire of Toodyay.

Mr Lamas had also asked who made the decision to carry out these works and who approved them from the shire, as they did not appear to be included in this year's capital works program.

Those question were not answered in the shire's response.

Mr Lamas said up until the 2024-25 financial year, the budget was presented clearly and it allowed ratepayers to easily identify funding sources and municipal expenditure.

"But, in the current budget, this level of detail is no longer visible, and the relevant table appears to have been removed, making it difficult to understand how funds were being allocated."



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have hoped for, both in the number of participating artists and the visitors who came through the open studio sites."

She said the feedback from artists, visitors, and local businesses was positive.

"Local Toodyay businesses and venues also saw the value in bringing people into town, which added a lovely sense of energy across the whole weekend," Ms Ellery said.

"We could not have been happier with the amount of visitors that braved the awful weather with many comments about how pretty our region is.

"We are already thinking about improvements for future years, especially now that Bendigo Bank Toodyay and Northam have committed to supporting the trail for three years.

Ms Ellery said the 2027 trail already felt like it will be more organised.

"The dream is for the Avon Valley Art Trail to become a much-loved annual event, something people put in their calendars and look forward to every year.

"Long term, we see it becoming a strong arts and tourism event that still feels local, welcoming, and artist-led."

Mrs Ellery thanked the artists, venues, volunteers, businesses, sponsors, and visitors.

"Thank you to everyone who got behind the first Avon Valley Art Trail helped make it something really special," she said.

"And a special thank you to Bendigo Bank for their support and trusting the team with the inaugural event.

"We're proud of what was created, and even more excited about where it can go from here."

Bendigo Bank senior branch manager Kirsten Barrack said a thriving community was built on long term support.

"With this in mind, we are thrilled to lock in a three-year partnership with the arts trail to help launch and grow this fantastic initiative.

"By securing its future for the next three years, we are proud to help establish a new cultural cornerstone for Toodyay."

The shire of Northam provided \$1,750 in grant funding to match the funding given by the Shire of Toodyay.

Northam Shire communications manager Victoria Williams said the shire also invested in an advertising feature in the Avon Valley Arts Trail booklet and the shire would also consider supporting the arts trail again next year.

"The purpose of our community grants program is to strengthen the social fabric of the Shire of Northam community," she said. "This collaboration between Toodyay and Northam is an example of this."



Three generations of artists at this studio.



Great teamwork at this studio in Northam.

Farmers welcome council U-Turn on controversial rates plan



Rashelle Predovnik

THE Toodyay Agricultural Alliance (TAA) has welcomed a council decision to scrap a new rating system, which was supported by council in March, then reversed in May after legal advice.

Council voted to change the method of rating from differential rates to a uniform rate in the dollar for properties valued using Gross Rental Value (GRV) and Unimproved Value (UV) on March 5.

But the move left some rural property owners facing rate hikes of up to 21 percent, based on modelling done from last year's figures.

Groups like the TAA, who represent broadacre farmers who run large-scale winter cropping and livestock production, were directly hit by the change.

In a statement on Facebook, the TAA said recent letters in *The Herald* showed many residents – even those not involved in farming – understood the serious impact the shire's proposed "simplified rating system" could have on local agriculture.

"Most broadacre farms already pay \$30,000–\$60,000 a year in rates," the TAA said.

"With operating costs soaring and no relief from recent national policy changes, any

further increase places real pressure on farm viability.

"Agriculture is Toodyay's largest employer, and when farms struggle the effects flow through to local businesses, contractors, community groups, and the services that rely on strong farming families.

"This is not just a farming issue – it affects the whole community."

The alliance said it had asked the shire for a meeting to discuss the proposed rating model.

"Our aim is to work together toward a fair outcome that protects local food production and the economic wellbeing of the entire district."

In response, the alliance, which formed in 2015, to protect and support broadacre farming in the region, wrote to the shire outlining their concerns.

TAA chairperson Craig Stewart told *The Herald*, the alliance, which formed in 2015, historically had a good relationship with the shire.

"The main thing for most rural landowners is rates and roads and I don't think anyone understood the way the formula was going to be and how it would influence the rates."

"By our calculation it would have made a huge increase in rates to only a select group of ratepayers."

Mr Stewart said basically, the system wasn't broken and therefore it didn't really need to be fixed but the decision had been made.

Yet, weeks after making that decision, the shire sought legal advice on March 25.

The legal advice that came back on May 20 made council abandon the plan altogether at a special council meeting held to revoke the decision on May 21.

The shire's meeting with the TAA fell on the same day and by the time they met up the revocation motion had passed.

Mr Stewart said around 30 farmers turned up to that meeting and council's reversal of the rates decision was a good outcome.

He said the group appreciated the fact council still made itself available to have a more general meeting about issues more broadly affecting the TAA.

"Although the catalyst for the meeting stemmed from council's uniform rates decision it became an opportunity to meet with the shire in a positive way," he said.

"I think the outcome of the meeting was that people were pretty pleased that nothing is going to change and I think everyone left the room thinking it's good to get issues tabled."

The \$195,000 question yet to be answered

Rashelle Predovnik

A COSTLY mistake that left Toodyay ratepayers \$195,000 out of pocket is yet to be fully explained, with the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee (ARIC) still waiting for a report into the matter months after it was due.

In March, *The Herald* reported council had rejected a recommendation from the shire's administration to write off \$195,000 in unclaimed GST owed to the shire by the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) as a loss.

A report given to ARIC found no reconciliation of GST had been done to ensure all credits owed to the shire were claimed.

The report also noted this credit should have been picked up by management when preparing the annual financial statements each year, but this had not happened.

In response to questions asked at the December 2025 council meeting, the shire confirmed the loss of \$195,000 would reduce the funds available to deliver services to the community.

ARIC called for an investigation and a

detailed report to be provided by February this year.

That request was endorsed by council in December last year but, to date, this has not been done.

ARIC has now asked council to direct the CEO to provide the overdue report, along with all incoming and outgoing documents, external advice correspondence and communications with the Australian Taxation Office, to its next meeting.

Council unanimously supported ARIC's request at the June council meeting.

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Break-in news

IT WAS ‘lights, camera, forensics’ at *The Toodyay Herald* following a break-in that brought the police forensic unit into the drama last month.

Staff found *The Herald’s* office on 111 Stirling Terrace in Toodyay ransacked when they came to work in the morning on Wednesday May 13, and a small amount of petty cash stolen.

The forensic officers who attended the scene, Senior Constable Carr and Senior Constable Pearce advised on ways to improve safety to discourage thieves from coming back again, including installing wireless CCTV cameras that were affordable

and could be linked to a mobile phone.

More broadly, the Western Australian Police Force offers a number of safety and security initiatives for older West Australians including a rebate to ramp up home security.

Seniors can claim up to \$400 through The Safety and Security Rebate – a state government run program to help fund home security and safety items.

Including home alarm systems, security door and window screens, deadlocks, security sensor lights and mains powered smoke alarms.

For more information see here: <https://tinyurl.com/55cb5xsj>

Controlling and monitoring burns

Coondle-Nunile VBB
Aurelie Zimmermann

THE last couple of weeks have been particularly busy for crews across the Coondle-Nunile Bushfire Brigade, with members responding to numerous incidents throughout the shire.

Unfortunately, escaped burns are very common at this time of year and brigades have been called to all corners of the Shire at all hours of the day and night to assist in containing fires before they escalate further.

These incidents require rapid response, coordination across multiple crews, and careful management to prevent further spread in challenging conditions.

As the season continues, residents are encouraged to take extra care when conducting burns and to ensure water and firefighting equipment are readily available.

A burn may appear fully extinguished, but changing weather conditions and hidden heat in the ground can cause fires to reignite days later.

Please continue to monitor burn areas well after they have been extinguished, particularly during periods of wind or rising temperatures when conditions can change quickly.

In May, the brigade held its Annual General Meeting, with members electing office bearers for the upcoming year.

Bill Fletcher was appointed captain and training officer.

He will be supported by lieutenants Aurelie Zimmermann and Warren Mahar.

Aurelie Zimmermann will also undertake secretary duties, with Nicky Jones appointed treasurer and Glen Paine appointed equipment officer.

A heartfelt thankyou goes to all brigade

members and their families for the time, effort and commitment they continue to contribute to the brigade and community.

Whether attending callouts, participating in training, maintaining equipment or supporting operations behind the scenes, every contribution plays an important part in keeping the brigade operational and ready to respond.

The ongoing support from volunteers, families, employers, and the local community throughout the year is invaluable and deeply appreciated.

Brigade training recently included a planned burn exercise conducted on a private property in a controlled environment.

This provided members with a valuable opportunity to practise all aspects of a controlled burn, from preparation and ignition through to monitoring conditions and final mop-up.

The exercise was a worthwhile training opportunity allowing members to reinforce procedures, improve coordination and build confidence in safe and effective burn operations under realistic conditions.

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

Joining the brigade is a great way to learn practical skills, build confidence and gain valuable experience while giving back to the community.

We meet every Friday from 5pm at the fire station located at 775 Bindi Bindi-Toodyay Road near the old wheat bins, or you can contact coondle.nunilebfb@gmail.com for more information.

If you are unsure whether firefighting is for you, we encourage you to come down, meet the team and see what we are about.

Volunteering with the brigade is both rewarding and meaningful.



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What is your emergency fire plan?

Gayle Nelson
Julimar VBFB

MAY heralds the end of the restricted burning period and has always been a busy month for the Julimar volunteer bush fire brigade (VBFB). This year has proved no exception, with numerous callouts.

We are now well into the unrestricted burning period; however, everyone is reminded to be responsible and remain vigilant when lighting a fire.

Despite restrictions on burning being lifted, we have not experienced any significant rainfall during May. With the ground and vegetation still relatively dry, it doesn't take much for a burn to get away.

Before lighting any fire, at any time of the year, it's always good to ask yourself a few simple questions:

Do I have an adequate water source and delivery system available?

Is there a back-up water source on hand?

What is the weather forecast, particularly the wind forecast for the planned duration of the burn?

Do I have adequate resources to cover the extent of the burn or fire?

What are my plans to ensure the burn is fully extinguished?

It's not uncommon for a call-out to be the result of a prior burn reigniting due to wind and retained heat.

One further step that can assist volunteers is lodging your burn with the DFES

Communications Centre by calling 1800 198 140. While this is required under a permit during the restricted period, it can be done voluntarily at any time for any burn.

Having your burn registered with DFES helps reduce the number of false alarms.

During May, one Sunday saw a Julimar crew attend three callouts. This was followed only a day later by three more callouts in a single afternoon.

Many thanks to Reuben, who must hold some sort of record, at least for Julimar, attending six callouts over two days.

Living in Toodyay means being prepared, particularly when it comes to fire.

Do you have an emergency plan?

You can create one by visiting the Emergency WA website, where a step-by-step guide will walk you through preparing and putting your personalised plan into action.

Remember, you won't need it until you need it and if you don't have it by then, it will be too late.

By the time this article goes to press, Julimar VBFB, like all shire brigades, will have held its annual general meeting for 2026.

This will see a new leadership group and committee elected for the coming 12 months.

Congratulations to the newly elected leaders at Julimar and thank you to all our firefighters who have committed their time and considerable effort to helping keep our community safe over the past 12 months.

Wishing everyone a safe and enjoyable low-threat season.

Please enjoy fire responsibly.



Julimar VBFB members celebrating after a successful training exercise.

May callouts

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.



L to R: Local St John members Nicole Newman, Jennifer King and Michael Black.

Fundraising for our vehicles

St John WA Toodyay Subcentre
Michael Black

YOU may be aware that we have, very recently, celebrated National Volunteer Week.

It has been a delight to feel the gratitude and warmth from our Toodyay community.

At a recent assembly, Toodyay District High School showed their appreciation to many of the volunteer organisations in and around Toodyay with a wonderful homage and a morning tea.

A big thanks to all involved at Toodyay District High School.

It is always busy at the St John Toodyay subcentre – things to be done.

Our volunteers are probably best known for being available when people need us and making sure that people are safe and cared for in a time of crisis.

You may have seen the ambulances buzzing around the shire.

Keeping our vehicles in tip-top condition is of paramount importance.

They have to be dependable; there is no compromise on this position.

Our vehicles are checked on a regular basis and this is done by the volunteers at least

once and sometimes twice a week.

The equipment that we have onboard the ambulance has to be checked regularly to ensure that they work when we need them.

Are the batteries all charged? Are the tyres on the vehicle properly inflated?

Although many of the safety aspects of the ambulances are checked by outside agencies – brakes, tyres and the engine – it is the volunteers that organise and ensure these essential checks happen.

There are a lot of consumables on an ambulance.

Some are obvious; bandages, slings, masks, hand cleanser and so on, others not so much.

When these consumables are depleted, they need to be replaced and the stores on the ambulances are checked weekly to ensure there is plenty of stock on board in case of an emergency.

A big thankyou to those community members who stopped by our stall at the Moondyne Festival and purchased merchandise or made donations.

It is these donations and sales proceeds that go towards, and help us to fund and maintain, the day to day running of the ambulance service in Toodyay.

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Cobbler Pool will transform into a buzzing hub of energy on Saturday, August 22, as the Transcend Trails event comes to our region, showcasing incredible physical endurance and community spirit.

As a proud partner, Community Bank Toodyay & Northam is thrilled to support this signature event, specifically championing the **Bendigo Bank 12km Mental Health Hike and Run**. Serving as the centerpiece of the trail, the finish line will welcome participants, support crews, and cheering spectators from across Western Australia right to our doorstep.

"We are incredibly proud to bring our support to an event that so beautifully showcases our region's natural assets," says Senior Branch Manager Kirsten Barrack. "It is a fantastic, accessible distance that safely opens up areas of our spectacular landscape. Beyond the trail, this event brings a great boost to tourism, actively supporting our Toodyay businesses, cafes, and accommodation providers."



The event is designed to be an immersive, full-day experience for the whole community. Participants and spectators can expect a vibrant village atmosphere at the finish line, featuring local food stalls, entertainment, and a beautiful route highlighting the very best of the Avon Valley's natural environment. Whether you are running the course, walking with family, or simply cheering

from the sidelines, there is something for everyone to enjoy.

The Transcend Trails event will bring incredible energy to the Avon Valley. To find out more about **the Bendigo Bank 12km Mental Health Hike and Run**, view the course map, or to register your place, simply visit the official website at www.transcendtrails.com/12km-hike-or-run.

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Connection and reflection at a special emergency services dinner

Aurelie Zimmermann

THE Emergency Services Dinner in Toodyay has become a milestone event for local emergency services, bringing volunteers together from across the shire for an evening of connection, reflection and shared appreciation away from the demands of operational response.

What began many years ago as a small but meaningful initiative has grown into a valued tradition that continues to recognise the commitment and resilience of those who serve the community in times of need.

The dinner was originally initiated by Ian MacGregor, the captain of the Toodyay Volunteer Fire and Rescue Service, following a number of particularly difficult incidents that placed significant strain on volunteers.

The aim was simple but important: to create space for people to come together outside of emergency response, to support one another and strengthen the connections that are so vital in volunteer emergency services.

That early initiative has since evolved into something much broader.

Today, it brings together all emergency services within the Shire of Toodyay, including the five bushfire brigades, the two St John Ambulance subcentres, Toodyay SES, Toodyay Volunteer Fire and Rescue Service and Toodyay Police.

This wide representation reflects the strong sense of teamwork and cooperation that underpins emergency response across the shire.

The dinner continues to serve its original purpose of recognising volunteers and emergency personnel, while offering a chance to reflect and connect away from operational demands.

This year's event included speeches and the presentation of awards recognising individual contributions across the services.

The event also highlighted the important role of families and the wider community in supporting emergency service volunteers.

Behind every callout are hours of training, preparation and time spent away from home and the evening provided an opportunity to

acknowledge that ongoing support.

A sincere thankyou is extended to the sponsors whose support makes this initiative possible: Toodyay Bendigo Bank, Volunteering WA, Lotterywest, Toodyay Water Carting and CJ Contracting.

Appreciation is also extended to members of the community who kindly donated to the cause.

The evening was also made possible through the generous support of local organisations.

The wonderful food was provided by the Toodyay District High School P&C, while beverages were coordinated by the Toodyay Football Club.

Sincere thanks go to both organisations for helping make the night such a success.

As the evening drew to a close, the message remained consistent with the original intent established by its creator, that supporting volunteers is just as important as recognising their operational work.

Events like this continue to strengthen relationships and remind everyone of the value placed on those who give their time to serve.

It's a simple tradition, but its value is deeply appreciated across the emergency services community.

From all of us across the network, thank you Macca.



Julimar Volunteer Bushfire Brigade at the Emergency Services dinner.



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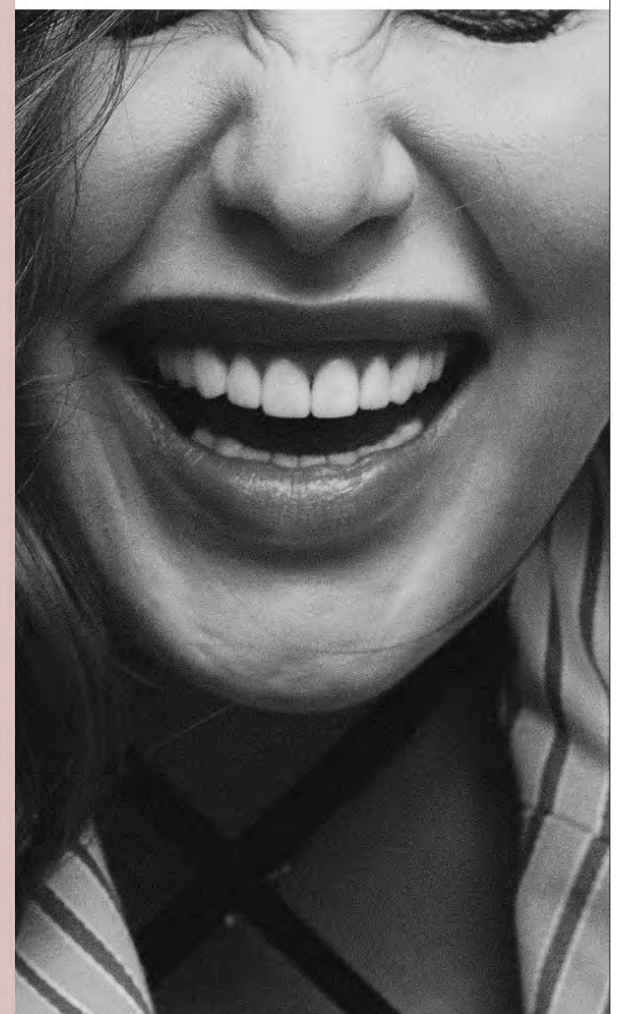
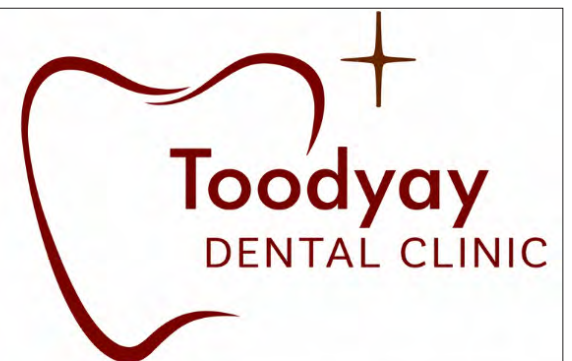
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Busy times smaller projects

Ragbags Quilting Group
Kerry Gregory

RECENT discussions with friends have highlighted for many of us the inability to find time to devote to designing, piecing and completing full-sized quilts.

The demands on our time, after household commitments, including farming activities, family commitments and assisting aging parents all seem to take precedent over quilting.

The need for self-expression and mindful benefits is still achievable if we down-size the projects.

There is no end to the range of small projects able to be completed in short sessions from wall hangings, lap quilts, table runners, mats, appliance covers, potholders, sewing project holders to serviette holders and pin cushions.



A collection of bright little quilted projects.

The possibilities are endless once you decide to aim for small projects to complete and the more small items completed ensure that your piecing techniques and quilting stitchery are once again enhanced.

The ability to add embroidery or embellishments enables some projects to be portable when required and contribute to a sense of achievement and well-being while providing bright, cheerful gifts.

Our group of Ragbags ladies have recently been collaborating with the Moondyne Men by providing two quilts and a large hamper box of winter warmer items; bed socks, heat pack, puzzle book, coffee, hot chocolate, biscuits and many goodies as raffle prizes for their fund raising.

Starting with their wood raffle in Toodyay on June 5 and 6, we hope you will join us in assisting this very resourceful and generous local group in their community work.

Thank you to our ladies for their generous contributions to this worthwhile community project.

The Ragbags group are delighted to welcome a number of new members these past couple of months and we are very happy to see two full tables of very crafty ladies engaged in a full range of wonderful craft projects.

New members are very welcome at the Ragbags Group, join us for a cuppa and a chat. We'd love to see and share your creativity and enthusiasm.

Bring your beautiful handiwork, all craft projects are special, and we often share a little show and tell session to admire your talents.

There is plenty of room to bring your quilting blocks and sewing machine if you wish.

The Ragbags Group meet at the St Stephens Anglican Church Hall, Stirling Terrace Toodyay (next door to the Cola Cafe), on the 1st and 3rd 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.



Sue's beautiful woven scarf.

Beanies, scarves and gloves

Toodyay Spinners and Weavers
Chris Stokie

TOODYAY Spinners and Weavers have had a very productive and busy month and our colourful stall at the Moondyne Festival was a great success.

The cooler temperature on the day certainly helped with the sale of woollen items – scarves, beanies and gloves were very popular this year.

The event had such a wonderful crowd. It was lovely chatting to the visitors and discussing our various crafts.

Sue was busy at a meeting weaving a beautiful scarf on her 48cm loom and she brought in the finished project to show us.

Sue used Fleur (Cleckheaton) acrylic for the warp and a variegated Vera Moda (Bouvardia) acrylic and wool blend for the weft.

The pattern was achieved by using two pick sticks. It will certainly keep her warm and the colours are just right for the autumn months.

Following on from last month's article, Denise continues to develop her needle felting skills with great enthusiasm.

This time she made a beautiful bag, showing her artistic side and her great eye for colour.

We would like to let all our members know that this year's annual general meeting will be held at 10am on July 18 at Parker's Cottage.



Denise's wonderfully coloured bag.

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

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

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

ADVERTORIAL

Local Voices invited on Chalice's Gonneville Project

The Voconiq Local Voices 'Pulse' survey returns this June, inviting community members to share their views on the future development of Chalice Mining's Gonneville Project, located on Chalice-owned farmland approximately 25km west of Toodyay. Now in its fourth year, Voconiq Local Voices continues to capture community perspectives on the Gonneville Project and related activities, while also providing an opportunity for locals to support community

groups across the region. Insights gathered through the survey will help build a clearer understanding of the potential impacts and benefits of a future mine, to inform decision-making and engagement as planning progresses. This year's survey will also explore key topics such as future infrastructure corridor considerations in the area. As a thank you for their time, participants who complete the survey can support local

not-for-profit organisations registered with the Local Voices Community Rewards Program. Each completed survey enables participants to allocate \$5 to a local charity, sporting club or community group of their choice. Simply put, more survey responses mean more funding for local organisations. The Local Voices 'Pulse' survey is completely confidential, giving participants the opportunity to have their say in a safe and independent process. Participation is entirely

voluntary, with no obligation to donate. The survey is independently managed by the Voconiq team and is available both online and in hard copy. Representatives from Chalice Mining will be visiting the community throughout May and June to share updates on the Gonneville Project and provide information on how to take part. Paper surveys and reply-paid envelopes will be available at the Chalice Toodyay Office, Toodyay and Chittering Shire offices, and the Northam Chamber of Commerce. To complete the survey online, visit: <https://voconiqlocalvoices.com/chalice> You can also view results from previous surveys on the website. Pic Caption: Complete the Local Voices survey online or pick up a paper survey and mail it off to Voconiq in the reply-paid envelope



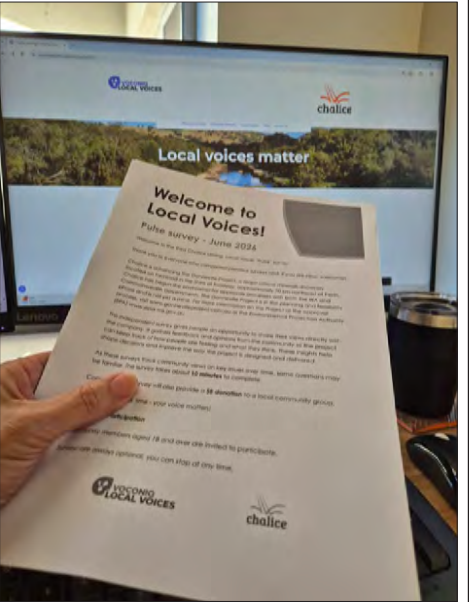
Have your say on the Gonneville Project.
Survey opens 2nd June,
closes 5th July 2026

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- Chalice Toodyay Office
 - Toodyay Shire Offices
 - Chittering Shire Offices
 - Northam Chamber of Commerce

To learn more and see previous survey insights visit:
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The main winner of this year's Toodyay Art Prize was local artist Margot Watkins.

Toodyay Art Prize celebrates record year of quality art entries

Arts Toodyay
Chelle Ellery

ARTS Toodyay is celebrating a highly successful Toodyay Art Prize, with record attendance, record sales and 93 participants taking part in this year's exhibition.

Held over the Moondyne Festival weekend, the exhibition brought together artists, families, visitors, volunteers and sponsors in a vibrant celebration of local and regional creativity.

Arts Toodyay is especially grateful for the collaboration and support of the Moondyne Festival Committee, which helped bring strong engagement and energy to the town across the weekend.

The exhibition showcased a broad range

of work across painting, ceramics, sculpture, photography, textiles, mixed media and youth categories.

The quality and diversity of entries reflected the strength of the creative community in Toodyay and the wider region.

The response from the community was outstanding. The local support this year was incredible.

"We had strong sponsorship support, outstanding attendance, wonderful feedback and record sales, which is a fantastic outcome for our artists.

"It shows how much appetite there is for local arts in Toodyay."

The youth exhibition was a highlight of the exhibition and shone from the Toodyay memorial hall stage showcasing all of our local up and coming artists.

Following the success of the event, Arts Toodyay plans to align with other regional towns and extend the Toodyay Art Prize in 2027, opening its doors for a full week.

Congratulations to all artists who entered and shared their work, this year's Toodyay Art Prize winners included:

- Art Prize Main Winner: Margot Watkins, *Whatever I Am*
- Runner Up: Rachel O'Shea, *Leaf with Human Heart*
- Emerging Artist: Kat Ferguson, *Genesis*
- People's Choice: Jesse Collins, *Exploring the Yard*
- Painting: Jenny Davies, *Storm Watch*
- Ceramics: Franka Reuter, *Mixed Clay Bowl Set*
- Sculpture: De Passey *White Queen Checkmate*
- Photography/Digital: Lisa Mitchell, *Rain Drop*
- Mixed Media/Textiles: Katie Sharples, *Are you bogged mate*
- Youth 12-17: Lulu Sporyz, *Dark Fantasy Cyber Punk City*
- Youth 6-11: Violet Sharples, *Chicken run*

Arts Toodyay thanks all sponsors, volunteers, artists, judges, visitors and the wider community for helping make the exhibition such a success.



Arts Toodyay artist winner Jenny Davies.

Intrepid woodturner's meet frosty mornings

Avon Woodturners
Hamish Dobie

IT'S getting really hard to get out of bed on these frosty mornings, but the woodturners still turn up in numbers each Wednesday and Sunday, albeit to switch the kettle on for an early cuppa.

Whether it be cold, wind, rain (we wish) or fog, our members turn up to continue with their projects.

Young Thomas has become a pen making machine, turning out well-made pens in various woods and acrylic.

Beatrice has gone to another level since winning a prize in her section a couple of months ago and is now working on an outsize bowl.

Dave has been trying all sorts of different techniques and Chris has been making a large chess set, piece by piece.

As for me, I've been trying to make a pepper grinder that's acceptable to my other half.

Everyone has their pet projects and one especially has been designed to alleviate their particular situation.

There have been many foggy mornings

out in Coondle recently, and Mike has been busy on a lathe, turning a lighthouse to help passing traffic.

Although the chance of meeting a ship on Coondle West Road is very slim, he should be commended for his efforts to ensure safe passage.

We always know when Max is planning a trip away as he knocks out several turned pens to give to people he meets along the way.

He's been at it again, so travel safe and we'll see you soon.

During the month we had a great donation of well-seasoned wood which had been kept out of the weather and showed no cracking.

This is ideal for turning projects.

Thank you Mark.

If you have any wood that you think we would be able to use, please give me a call.

I know it's cold, but you don't have to burn it all.

The Avon Woodturners are located at Shed 1, Community Depot, end of Railway Road, Toodyay, and 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.



The woodturners (and Ruffin the dog) get together on a weekly basis to connect and create.

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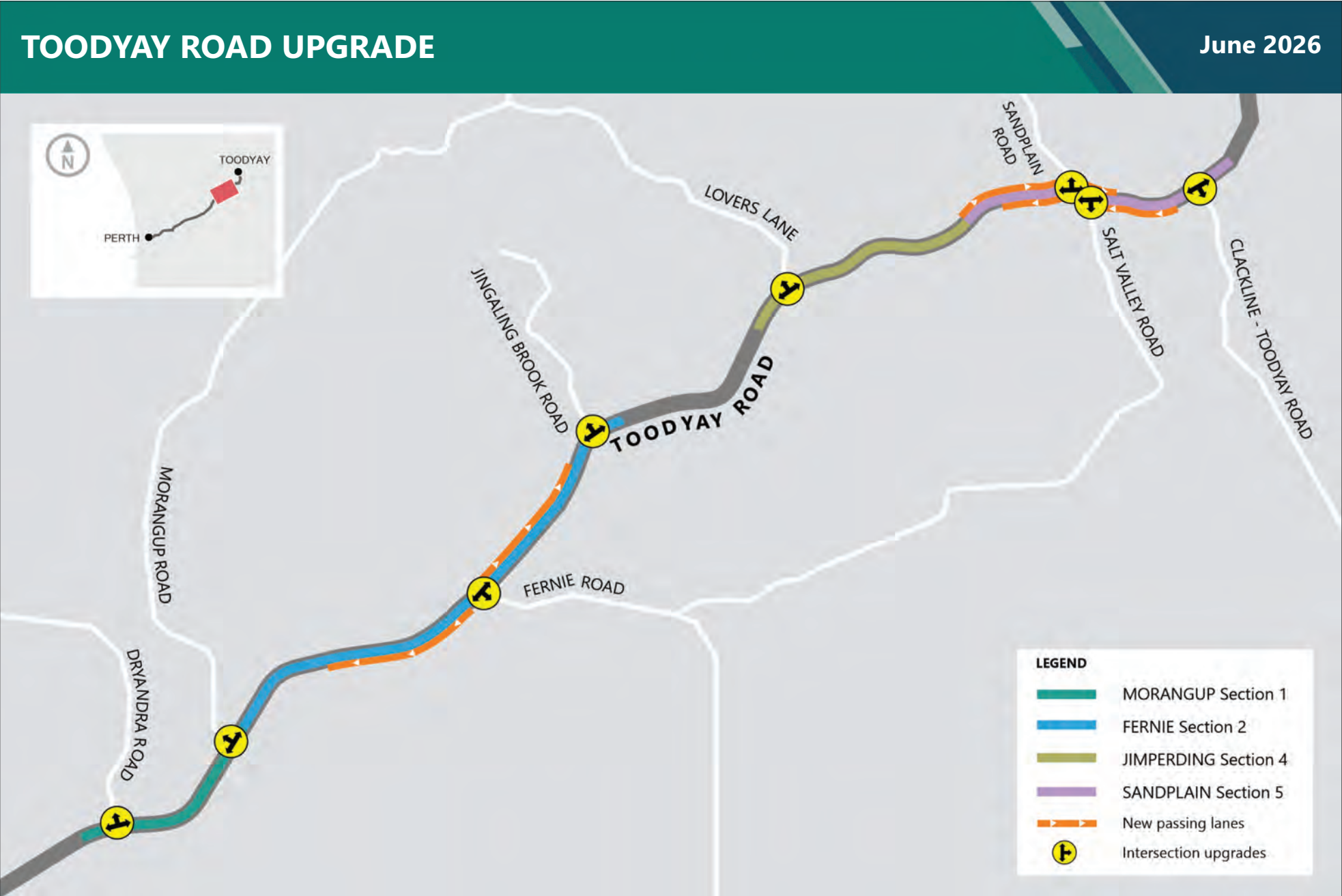
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Toodyay Road construction ramps up

Construction activity on the Toodyay Road Upgrade project is continuing, with earthworks and clearing on the eastern sections of the alignment between Dryandra Road and Jingaling Brook Road making good progress. In June, works will get underway in the section of the project between Lovers Lane and Clackline-Toodyay Road.

Works overview

Section 1 – Dryandra Road to Morangup Road

Vegetation clearing in Section 1, between Dryandra and Morangup Roads began in late May, along both sides of Toodyay Road. Clearing in this location will take approximately four weeks to complete.

Section 2 – Morangup Road to Jingaling Brook Road

Earthworks

Earthworks are underway in Section 2, which are required to construct temporary pavement between Morangup Road and Fernie Road, heading towards Toodyay. This temporary pavement will keep traffic flowing on Toodyay Road whilst the permanent upgrades are being constructed. Current works involve topsoil stripping, embankment construction, importing fill and compaction, along with the application of temporary sealant.

Vegetation clearing between Fernie Road and Jingaling Brook Road is substantively complete.

Temporary traffic realignments

Between Morangup Road and Fernie Road, there will be minor traffic realignments starting in June. As works progress and the temporary pavement is constructed in stages, traffic heading towards Toodyay will be moved onto this new alignment. Once traffic has switched onto the temporary pavement, the construction team can then safely construct the permanent upgrade works on the other side of the road.

Sections 4 and 5 – Lovers Lane to Clackline-Toodyay Road

Vegetation clearing will begin in Sections 4 and 5 in late May, along both sides of Toodyay Road. As these sections include the realignment of Toodyay Road, some clearing will also take place away from the current road. Clearing in this location

will take approximately 12 weeks to complete.

We understand that vegetation clearing is a key concern for many in the community, and we are committed to managing this work carefully and responsibly. Clearing will be kept to what is essential to complete the project safely and efficiently.

Before we undertake clearing, our team walk the project alignment with contractor NRW to identify opportunities to prune vegetation instead of removing trees wherever possible. We are also donating suitable branches to cockatoo rehabilitation centres, offering timber to local woodworkers and repurposing mulch for landscaping.

For more information on the environmental management considerations around the Toodyay Road Upgrade project, please view our Community and Environment Fact Sheet on the project web page.

Bridge construction

Construction of the new Jimperding Brook Bridge is well underway. Clearing in this area has been completed, and we have installed 16 bored piles, which will become the foundation of the bridge. The next stage of works in this location will include construction of pile caps, piers and abutments.

The bridge is being built 60 metres north of the current Toodyay Road alignment in pastoral land.

Traffic management

Traffic management will be in place in various locations as construction progresses along Toodyay Road. Please pay attention to signage and be aware of changing traffic conditions including realignments and temporary speed limits.

We thank road users for their patience and ask everyone to drive with care and courtesy while these essential works are underway.

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Further information

The Toodyay Road Upgrade will significantly improve safety and efficiency along the Wheatbelt section of Toodyay Road.

To find out more about the project, please visit our project webpage where you can sign up for project updates www.mainroads.wa.gov.au/toodyay-rd or contact on 138 138 or at enquiries@mainroads.wa.gov.au for project information.



The gathering at the RUOK breakfast at the Toodyay Mens Shed.

Building stronger connections in the community one shed at a time

Toodyay Men's Shed
Barry Keens

THE RUOK?® conversation convoy visited the Toodyay Men's Shed on May 27 and provided a free breakfast for the 37 people who attended.

The weather was kind so we were able to have the meeting both inside and outside.

It was a great opportunity for Toodyay residents to learn how to build stronger connections and better support people who may be struggling.

A short talk was given and printed support information was made available.

The convoy had stayed two nights in Toodyay and left late morning, after the breakfast, heading for their next stop in Merredin.

We thank them for coming to Toodyay and they say they enjoyed being here sampling the Heritage, The Bakery, Victoria Hotel and

The Rec Toodyay.

Pictured are a group who ate outside despite the chill in the air while others stayed inside.

The Shed has kept busy during the past month finishing off various projects and now hope to catch up on some shed maintenance and housekeeping.

We will, however, be having a stall at the June farmers market so do drop in and say hello.

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.

Our Shed is open Monday, Thursday and Saturday 8.30am to noon for members general activities and visitors, and potential new members are always welcome.

Hooked on helping: crafters raise funds

The Crooked Needle
Gail Squires

SOME of you may remember last year our members completed some button art for a display at the agricultural show here in Toodyay.

The art was subsequently displayed and then donated to the Toodyay Library to sell as a fundraising event for the library.

We have received a lovely thankyou card and have been informed that \$165 was raised from the sale.

The monies have been put towards resources for Rhyme Time.

Many of our members not only knit and crochet. We also have dressmaking, quilting, watercolour painting, diamond art, cross stitching, tapestry, embroidery and other craft being completed within the group.

As well as making items for family and friends, members are also extremely generous and donate numerous items to many organisations who distribute to the needy and sick locally and throughout our state.



Some of our members finished crafts.

Exploring a beautiful York garden

Toodyay Garden Club
Judy Rowston

OUR garden club members enjoyed a visit to York for our May garden visit, some travelling on the bus, some choosing to make their own way and stay on to have lunch and wander around the York townsite.

What a treat to have such a beautiful garden to explore. Spotted gums and Queen of the Night welcomed us at the front of the property and as we entered the driveway we were surrounded by lush green healthy native plants, some in a spray of colour.

Orange Jessamine, Kings Park Special, Acacia, Hakea, Wattle and Eremophila to name just a few.

Our host Paula collects seeds and propagates a lot of her own plants, having an assortment of potted plants and hanging baskets for our members to purchase.

Her husband Peter, who is very talented with old fencing wire and tin, had lots of 3D animals on display including a huge wire blue tongue lizard as a feature.

Two water ponds, creating a haven for frogs, were a special garden feature with water wise plants and water lilies, sadly not flowering on the day.

This was a relatively new garden as Peter and Paula only moved to York 11 years ago, but you can tell they are passionate and knowledgeable with their landscaping and planting.

This garden was a treat for our Toodyay Garden Club members.

The next garden visit will be to Therese and Geoff Wise's property in Goomalling, then on July 2 the garden club will host a gala extravaganza in the Toodyay Pavilion, 9.30am to 3pm.

We will have raffles, give-aways and four guest speakers, all talking on their special subject for approximately 20 minutes after which guests will have time to ask questions.



The Garden Club raffle winners.

Speakers include Ben from Bunnings, speaking and enlightening us on gardening tools and their uses, safely and care, Bee Boys, Greg and Wim, speaking on domestic and native bees, and Terry from Utopia Nursery will share his knowledge on succulents and neutrog fertilisers, while Brian will promote fertiliser and their uses.

Our July gala day will be open to the Toodyay public at a cost of \$15 for non-members, which includes entry, morning tea, a light lunch and our guest speakers will have some product to give away.

To secure entry please contact our events coordinator Stephanie on 0429 888 314 and please RSVP by June 18.

For more information about the garden club and upcoming events, please email toodyaygardenclub@gmail.com or contact Stephanie on her mobile.



The water ponds at the York Garden.



TOODYAY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY INC.



Chalice Mining continue to be the sponsor of our 'Community Participation' program. Local community groups, organisations, businesses and individuals are invited to register their interest in undertaking the following tasks at the 2026 Toodyay Agricultural Show.

Monetary remuneration will be donated by TAS for the following activities:

- **Exhibition Hall & Lee Steere Pavilion:** cleaning, prior to Monday 28th September
- **Facilities & Equipment:** assist with set-up, from 9.30am, Friday 9th October and assist with dismantling, from 7am, Sunday 11th October
- **Gates:** staffing & operation, from 6am to 4.30pm, Saturday 10th October
- **External Parking:** at Toodyay, Connor & Jubilee Streets from 7am, Saturday 10th October

For the following opportunities the group will retain the profits from the activity and make a cash or in-kind donation to (catering for volunteer lunch and judges' supper) to TAS:

- **Sports Pavilion Tearooms:** organisation & operation, from 10am to 4pm, Saturday 10th October
- **Youth Hall Kitchen:** organisation & operation, from 10am to 4 pm, Saturday 10th October
- **Terrace Bar:** organisation & operation, from midday to 9pm, Saturday 10th October

Please submit your Expression of Interest in writing by 27th June 2026, to the Administration Officer, Toodyay Agricultural Society Inc. via email at admin@toodyayagshow.com.au

May moon and night sky theme

Toodyay Music Club
 Jenny Edgecombe

THE club meeting in May was a theme day, with most of the musical items based around the theme of the moon and the night sky.

Before starting on individual theme items, the whole group warmed up with some well-known songs, *Down by the Riverside* and *Deep in the Heart of Texas*.

The afternoon was livened up by the varied combinations of singers.

Teddy joined Anne to sing that beautiful traditional song, *Kumbaya*.

Later, Anne, Collette and Teddy combined for the *Tennessee Waltz*.

Eileen's songs included *Blue Moon of Kentucky*, with Maurice providing lovely harmonies.

Maurice played a lovely guitar accompaniment as he sang the haunting

song *Vincent*.

There is something special about family members singing together.

Collette and her son, Gavin, demonstrated this when singing *Pilades*, with lovely harmonies.

Collette also included a spirited version of *Lonely Sky* in her own items.

Members always enjoy Phil's guitar work. This month, he presented an excellent version of *Wild Horses*.

Marg has been a welcome addition to our club days in recent months and this month her keyboard contributions included *Climb Every Mountain*, with the audience singing along.

You are most welcome to join us as audience member or performer for our next meeting.

Next Meeting: CWA Hall on Saturday June 13, starting at 1pm.

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

Nominations open to honour health heroes

TOODYAY residents are encouraged to nominate a stroke champion with nominations now open for the Stroke Foundation's national awards.

Now in its 18th year, the awards celebrate the achievements of survivors, carers, health professionals, volunteers, fundraisers, researchers and advocates.

The awards will be held in Melbourne and the Stroke Foundation will cover travel expenses for each finalist and one guest.

Finalists will be announced in August 2026 and winners in each category will be announced during the National Stroke Awards live on 15 October 2026.

Stroke Foundation chief executive officer, Dr Lisa Murphy, says the event is a special way to recognise and say thank you to those who make a positive difference in the stroke

community.

Dr Murphy is encouraging everyone in the community to step up and nominate.

The award categories are: Courage, Creative, First Nations Stroke Excellence, Fundraiser of the Year, Improving Life After Stroke, Stroke Care Champion, Volunteer of the Year, and Warrior.

Dr Murphy said if you know someone who has demonstrated courage in their stroke journey, creativity in their recovery, or perhaps a stroke champion who provided exceptional support and care when it mattered most, please tell us about them.

"So we can celebrate them," she said.

Nominations close on Friday July 31.

To submit a nomination follow this link: <https://tinyurl.com/ykvzxk8k>



LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1995

Shire of Toodyay Activities in Thoroughfares and Public Places and Trading Local Law 2026

The Shire of Toodyay proposes to make the abovementioned local law, the purpose and effect of which is:

Purpose

The purpose of this local law is to regulate the use of thoroughfares, public places and local government property in order to promote public safety, manage obstructions, protect the natural environment, ensure fair and orderly trading, and provide clear standards for activities such as verge treatments, signage, street trading, outdoor eating facilities, and other uses of public land within the Shire of Toodyay.

Effect

The effect of this local law is to provide a legal framework that:

- Prescribes the activities that require a permit;
- Sets conditions under which those activities may be conducted;
- Regulates trading, events and signage in public places;
- Manages vegetation, firebreaks, environmental protection and activities that may impact thoroughfares;
- Establishes offences for non-compliance, including prescribed modified penalties; and
- Enables the Shire to issue notices and take enforcement action to protect public health, amenity, safety and environmental values.

A copy of the proposed Local Law may be inspected at or obtained from the Shire's Administration Centre at 15 Fiennes Street, Toodyay between 8.30 am and 4.00 pm Monday to Friday or at the Toodyay Public Library during normal opening hours.

The Shire invites submissions by **4.00pm on Friday 26 June 2026**.

Please address your submissions to the Chief Executive Officer:

Via Email: at submissions@toodyay.wa.gov.au

Via Post: at Shire of Toodyay, PO Box 96, Toodyay WA 6566

In Person: At Shire Office, 15 Fiennes Street, Toodyay WA 6566

If you have any queries regarding the above please contact the Shire's Governance Coordinator on (08) 9574 9305.

Alan Hart
 Acting Chief Executive Officer



Broadway hit storms the stage

Toodyay Theatre Group
 Naomi Millett

WHAT could be more heart-warming on a chilly winter's night than supporting the arts, specifically, first-time director Sara Whincup's earnest, imaginative, yet faithful reworking of the 70s cult musical *Godspell*.

Written by Stephen Schwartz and John-Michael Tebelak, *Godspell* features a group of ragtag, hippy disciples, who follow Jesus through the New York alleyways.

A Broadway hit, it has retained popularity since 1971, almost equalling the success of its rival, *Jesus Christ Superstar*.

Godspell is a product of its time – Woodstock – but still entertains, with dialogue, puppetry and song, touching on Jesus' well-known wisdom from the Gospel of Matthew – turn the other cheek, forgive one's enemies, and so on.

After an attention-grabbing, discordant intro (with blue cloths waved to imply baptismal waters), it's curtain up on a cityscape, not the Big Apple, but King Street, Perth, (a nod to God) and a fashion outlet shopfront.

Here, a scruffy, patchwork-coated Dave Barwood, as proselyte John the Baptist, gathers rubbish in a shopping trolley, while a busker (Elvis Moody) plays didgeridoo in an unofficial welcome.

Barwood in strong voice sings solo *Prepare Ye, the Way*, before an atmospheric chorus awash with rainbows and glitter.

Theres a clown, a student, a surfer, a fairy, a punk, and Jesus (Maxwell Jones), who bounds onstage as an energy-filled teenager, clad in spandex soccer gear.

Under his guidance, they form a communal unit as events progress.

In *plays within plays*, actors switch dress from a stage-centre costume rack, using brooms, milk crates, ladders and bins in ingenious ways. Kudos to prop designer Amy Coulman here.

Creative license tweaks and localises the script, and the plot has a simplicity and openness which draws us in.

Even if you're not terribly religious, it's easy to get excited when you hear certain tunes.

In *Day by Day*, lead vocals are powerfully delivered by Jones and Lizzy Pollemans in

sweet harmony.

There's also a well-projected, a cappella solo by de Vos, and rousing team renditions of *All for the Best* and *Learn Your Lessons Well*.

An uplifting *All Good Gifts*, spotlights Rayanne Buchanan's sultry contralto, and a misunderstood *fatted calf* skit with Leisha Smith gets laughs aplenty.

In Act Two, *Godspell* becomes darker, outlining Jesus' final hours in the garden of Gethsemane, and the Last Supper.

Barry Vauses' evocative blood-red lighting adds depth to unexpected sci-fi scenes incorporating an ominous junk robot prophesying doom amidst crashing thunder.

On the Willows, Psalm 137, is sung beautifully by soloists and chorus, in sorrowful interplay.

Ultimately, *Godspell* reminds us how greed, selfishness and cruelty can destroy the fabric of society.

In an era when many of us are feeling disconnected and yearning for a sense of belonging and community, this message still needs to be heard.

That's the power of *Godspell*, brilliantly brought to life by the treasure that is our Toodyay Theatre Group.

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Save the Dates!

Reconciliation Week - Wednesday
27 May - 3 June.

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

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

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

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

For World Elder Abuse Awareness

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

10am MORNING TEA

10.30-11.30am PREVENTING FINANCIAL ABUSE AND AVOIDING SCAMS

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

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

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

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

Thursdays during the school term

2:30 pm - 4:30 pm
At the Toodyay CRC
67 Stirling Terrace

Ages 5 - 15

\$20 per term

canteen available

For more details please visit the 'Events' page on the Shire's website toodyay.wa.gov.au.

Have you got an Event within Toodyay?

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



Thank You!



Wheatbelt Women Connect

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



1 Year Anniversary

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



Library Update

The Library has enjoyed a busy and creative start to May. We were delighted to host a special Rhyme Time visit from a local children's author Sandy Wessley, who is launching her book 'Honkey Nut World'. The children enjoyed the interactive storytelling session and it was wonderful to see so many young readers excited about the book and the Honkey Nut bushland gifts.

In celebration of Mother's Day, the library held a special craft activity where the children created a thoughtful handmade gift and cards for their mums and special loved ones.

Adding to the seasonal spirit, Library staff have also prepared the front garden beds with poppy seeds kindly donated by Terry Turner, which we hope will provide a beautiful display of colour in the coming months.



Visitors Centre Hours

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

Visitor Centre - Showcase Space

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

SOCK WEEK 2026 FLUORO FRIDAY



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

SUBMIT A PHOTO OF YOURSELF IN YOUR OUTFIT TO CRC@TOODYAY.WA.GOV.AU OR COMMENT ON OUR FLUORO FRIDAY FACEBOOK POST ON THE DAY FOR YOUR CHANCE TO WIN A \$50 VOUCHER.

Council Decisions

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

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

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



Cancer morning teas on our calendar

Country Women's Association
Elizabeth Mansom

WE WERE fortunate with the weather for the Moondyne Festival.

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

What a delightful morning the ladies put on for us.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

We look forward to welcoming you.



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

Wiggly Worm attends multiple events

Toodyay Lions Club
Clint Fricker

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

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

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

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

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

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

Northern Territory.

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

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

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

More information on this in the next edition.

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

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All welcome to drop in and join in

Morangup Progress Association
Daryl Cooper

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

Ferment to be: workshop draws a crowd

Joshua van Helsdingen

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

year.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Life in the swinging sixties

Toodyay Historical Society
Dr Robyn Taylor

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

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

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

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

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

They promise to return.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

It was an amazing decade.

For details about us: See Where and When.

Volunteers help bring our rail history to life

Toodyay Museum
Barry Keans

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

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

the exhibition launch.

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

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



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

October sees our 107th anniversary

Toodyay RSL Sub-Branch
Max Howard

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

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

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

Our thanks to our regular supplier of wood.

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

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

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

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

Recently two of our members attended

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Thanks Toodyay community for your continuing support.



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

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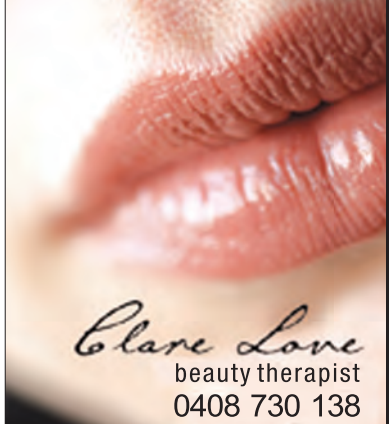
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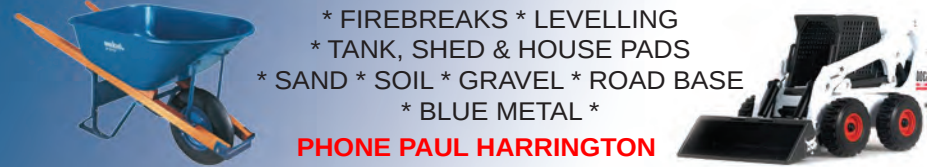
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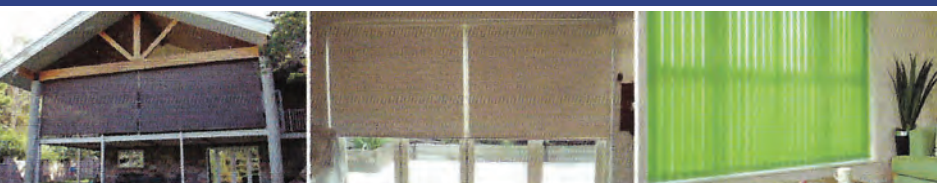


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WHERE AND WHEN

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Avon Valley Vintage Vehicle Association

Third Saturday Old Engineer's Quarters next to Northam Railway Museum, Fitzgerald St Northam 10.30am. 9622 5932.

Avon Woodturners Group

Every Sunday and Wednesday, Toodyay Junction, Railway Parade 9am-noon. Hamish Dobie 0423 115 204.

Morangup Social Craft Group

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

Ragbags Quilting Group

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

The Crooked Needle

Friday morning craft \$3.50 CWA Hall Stirling Terrace 9.30am-noon.

Jan 0407 083 079, Annette 9574 2332.

Toodyay Historical Society

Third Wednesday monthly (not Jan) St Stephen's Church Hall, Stirling Tce 7pm. Drummond House open Saturday 10am-noon (next to Bendigo Bank, Stirling Tce). Research Centre open by appt. Beth Frayne 9574 5971, secretary.2j.ths@gmail.com, www.toodyayhistoricalsociety.org.au

Toodyay Miniature Railway

Easter Saturday, thereafter first and third Sunday monthly until Nov.

Mark, President 0424 281 770.

Toodyay Spinners and Weavers

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

toodyayspinners@hotmail.com.

Toodyay Theatre Group

David Mitchell 0400 283 425.

CHURCHES

Anglican Church

Sundays St Stephen's Church 10am.

Catholic Church

Saturday Vigil 5pm. Wednesday Adoration 4.20pm, Benediction 4.50pm, Mass 5pm. northam@perthcatholic.org.au 9622 5411.

Bakers Hill Fellowship

Sundays Bakers Hill Primary School Music Room 10am.

Pastor Peter Booth 0417 945 725.

Toodyay Baptist Church

Sundays 18 Stirling Tce 10.30am.

Joy 0432 470 771.

Uniting Church

St Stephen's Church 10am.

EDUCATION / PLAYGROUPS

Bizzy Bees

Pre-kindy for 3-year-olds. Toodyay DHS. Jessica Donovan 0407 128 105.

Toodyay District High School P&C

Meetings held once a Term - find 'Toodyay DHS P&C' on Facebook for up to date info. Write to TDHS P&C at 46 Murray Walkway, Toodyay WA 6566.

Email. pandctodyaydhs@gmail.com.

Toodyay Playgroup

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

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Bejoording VBFB

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

Coondle-Nunile VBFB

Meet every Friday 5pm at the Coondle Fire Shed".

Morangup VBFB

Third Saturday of the month, 3 Wallaby Way, Morangup, 5.30pm

Jan Drury 0474 550 544 or

secretarymvbfb@gmail.com

St John Morangup Sub Centre

Volunteering, first aid kits, Benefit Fund memberships, 48 Wallaby Way, Morangup.

Monday and Wednesday 8am-4pm.

0418 741 971.

St John Toodyay Sub Centre

Volunteering, first aid kits and refills, Benefit Fund memberships, general enquiries, 120B Stirling Terrace. 9574 2390.

Emergency call 000.

Toodyay Central VBFB

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

Toodyay State Emergency Service

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

toodyayselocalmanager@gmail.com.

Toodyay Volunteer Fire and Rescue

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

ENVIRONMENT

Avon Valley Environmental Society

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

Third Friday monthly, noon.

avonvalleyenvironmentalsociety@gmail.com

Earth Solutions - Avon Valley

Second Tuesday monthly (not Jan) Old Northam Railway Station, 425 Fitzgerald St Northam 6pm. Karen Ducat 0438 223 886.

Julimar Conservation and Forest Alliance

Julimarforest@gmail.com.

Marsupial Mammals and Pappas

Wildlife Rescue 0467 964 872.

Safe and Scenic Toodyay Road

Andrew St John. sastr.com.au.

Toodyay Friends of the River

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

Toodyay Garden Club

First Thursday monthly, 10am. Dale D'Antoine President 0448 611 292. Email toodyaygardenclub@gmail.com for venue or Stephanie Bain 0429 888 314.

Toodyay Naturalists' Club

Third Saturday monthly. 9574 5574, secretary@toodyaynats.org.au. Website www.toodyaynats.org.au.

Toodyay Seed Group

Toodyay Junction, opposite Shire depot.

Email BethanLloyd_8@msn.com

FESTIVALS & EVENTS

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HEALTH

Australian Breastfeeding Association

Second and fourth Tuesday monthly, 3 Elizabeth Place Northam 10am-noon. Third

Tuesday monthly Toodyay Playgroup noon-2pm. Louise 9574 0229.

Child Health Clinic

Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Bree Byfield. 9621 0100

Forget-Me-Not Memory Café

Second Tuesday monthly, Toodyay Bakery.

10am-noon.

Mr Perfect

Toodyay Mr Perfect BBQ second Sunday monthly from 10.30am to 12pm at Duidgee Park. mrperfect.org.au also Mr Perfect

Community Group on Facebook.

Toodyay Medical Centre

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

Toodyay Men's Shed

Monday, Thursday, Saturday Harper Rd 8.30am-noon. Secretary 0499 403 830.

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

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

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januaryjac@gmail.com. 0429 959 179.

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susanpearce740@outlook.com

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MUSIC

Toodyay Community Singers

Thursdays CWA Hall, Stirling Terrace Rehearsals 5pm – 6pm Anne-Marie Millar

0408 364 918.

Toodyay Music Club

Second Saturday monthly, CWA Hall 1pm.

Joe 0400 862 694.

SENIORS

Autumn Club

Wednesdays, Toodyay Sports Pavilion 1-4pm. Glenyce Bosnjak 9574 4587.

Butterfly Cottages Association

Secretary: Cheryl-Jean. Contact email

butterfly2J@gmail.com.

Fitness and Fun for the Over 55s

Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays Youth Hall, Showgrounds 9am.

Ida's Hideaway

Saturdays Toodyay Baptist Church, Stirling Terrace 1-4pm. Ann Sinclair 0407 775 459.

Silver Chain Social Centre

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

Staying in Place Toodyay Districts

Aged Care Support

Contact Case Manager: 0494 085 790

SERVICE ORGANISATIONS

Bejoording Community Group

Wednesdays Bejoording Community Centre Bejoording Rd 6pm. Barry Grey, President

0428 742 149.

Country Women's Association

General meetings fourth Thursday monthly at 1pm, coffee mornings second Thursday

monthly, 10am CWA Hall. Bookings Margot Watkins 0405 067 591 or 9574 2823.

Moondyne Men

Mondays & Thursdays CRC, 67 Stirling Terrace 8-10.30am. Breakfast 1st Saturday

monthly.

Colin Bird, Secretary 0424 195 003.

Morangup Progress Association

Chair Daryl Cooper chair@morangupmpa.com.au. www.morangupmpa.com.au.

RSL Toodyay Sub-Branch

Meetings at RSL shed, Clinton Street 2nd Saturday every month between February and

November, at 1pm. Secretary Max Howard 0475 724 233 email: toodyayrsl@gmail.com.

Safer Toodyay Inc

Meetings announced in *Herald* column. 9574 5574.

Toodyay Lions Club

First Tuesday of the month Toodyay Hotel. Second Tuesday Social meeting. Clint

Fricker (0423226898)

Email: toodyay.wa@lions.org.au

Toodyay Masonic Lodge

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

Toodyay Red Cross

Second Monday Feb, May, Aug, Nov Anglican Hall 1.30pm.

Toodyay RoadWise Committee

Second Wednesday monthly, Community Resource Centre 9.30am.

Bob Neville 0419 853 160.

SPORT

Avon Valley Adult Riding Club

Fourth Saturday monthly Feb-Nov, Northam. Tina 0499 030 177.

Avon Valley Shotokan Karate Club

Wednesdays Youth Hall, Showgrounds. Peewees 3.45-4.30pm; Juniors 4.30-5.30pm; Seniors 6-7.30pm.

avonvalleyshotokan@gmail.com.

Mortlock Pony Club

First Sunday Feb-Nov, Goomalling.

Tanzi 0427 859 493.

Toodyay Bowling Club

Ladies Thursdays 8.30am. Liz Sullivan 0429 311 256. Men Fridays 3pm. Andrew

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Thursday 12.30pm. Liz Sullivan.

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Toodyay Golf Club

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Men's scroungers Thursdays 2pm.

Bruce 0417 028 089.

Toodyay Soccer Club

Mondays 4-5.30pm terms 2-3, ages 5-15yrs.

toodyaysoccer@gmail.com.

Toodyay Tennis Club

Toodyay Recreation Centre, Tuesday social 9am unless raining, Wednesday night social

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(L -R)Carol Kennedy, Jenny King, Bev Lee, Vivienne Freeman, Jenni Carlin and Robyn Ball.

Last Supper Lessons

Toodyay Baptist Church
Jenny McDougall

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

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

The event raised \$1,400.

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

In May, Pastor Luke continued our on-and-

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

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

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

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

Everyone is welcome to our Sunday 10.30am services.

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

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

Calendar phishing

Computer safety
Phil Hart

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

Calendar events use .ics files.

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

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

It can also automatically trigger the downloading of malicious apps.

Deleting the original email leaves the event in your calendar.

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

Treat anything that is unexpected as being suspicious.

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

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

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

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

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

More information is available at bit.ly/4nI3IU0.

National spinal health month backed by research

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

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

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

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

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

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

How to help in the colder months

Toodyay Locals Care

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Silgies are excellent winter layers and

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

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

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

We have noticed an unprecedented demand for meals recently.

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

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

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

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

Bike safely with hi-viz at night

Safer Toodyay
Desraé Clarke

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Enjoy your bike riding but make sure you wear your helmet, safety clothing and Hi-Viz gear.

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Toodyay Police 9574 9555
CRIMESTOPPERS 1800 333 000



Fresh notes and new voices wanted

Toodyay Community Singers
Anne Millar

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

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

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

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

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



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WOW Day tribute to the orange army



Northam and Districts SES
Lin Booth

KNOWN as the orange army, SES volunteers are there when communities need support most, responding to cyclones, rescues, road crashes storms and floods and last month they were thanked in a special way.

Wear Orange Wednesday (often called WOW Day) is an annual national day of appreciation in Australia dedicated to the thousands of State Emergency Service (SES) volunteers.

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

Australia.

SES volunteers have protected the community for 67 years putting in countless hours at a moment's notice during emergencies.

While they are best known for their response during natural disasters, SES volunteers also help the WA Police Force with land and air searches and provide logistical and communications support to other emergency services.

Northam and Districts SES volunteers are dedicated to protecting and helping their community, and have been doing so for over 40 years.

Their volunteers have been sent to many locations throughout WA, and Australia, to help other units in times of need.

The storm over the recent long weekend



holiday was, as we all know, very severe.

However, we were very fortunate in Northam that no major damage was reported so your Northam and Districts SES Volunteers had no local callouts.

This is not what they expected as they did anticipate there would be some damage caused by the storm, so they were on standby in preparation to help the community for the three days of the storm.

As they had no local callouts, they were asked to support SES Units in the Perth Metropolitan area, due to the extent of the damage caused by the storm in that region.

Perth had over 800 callouts.

SES volunteers can be deployed anywhere in Western Australia, and in fact Australia, if the need arises, and they

wish to go.

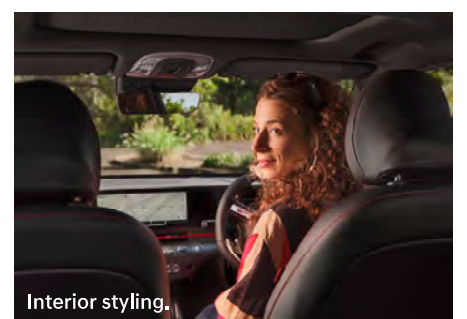
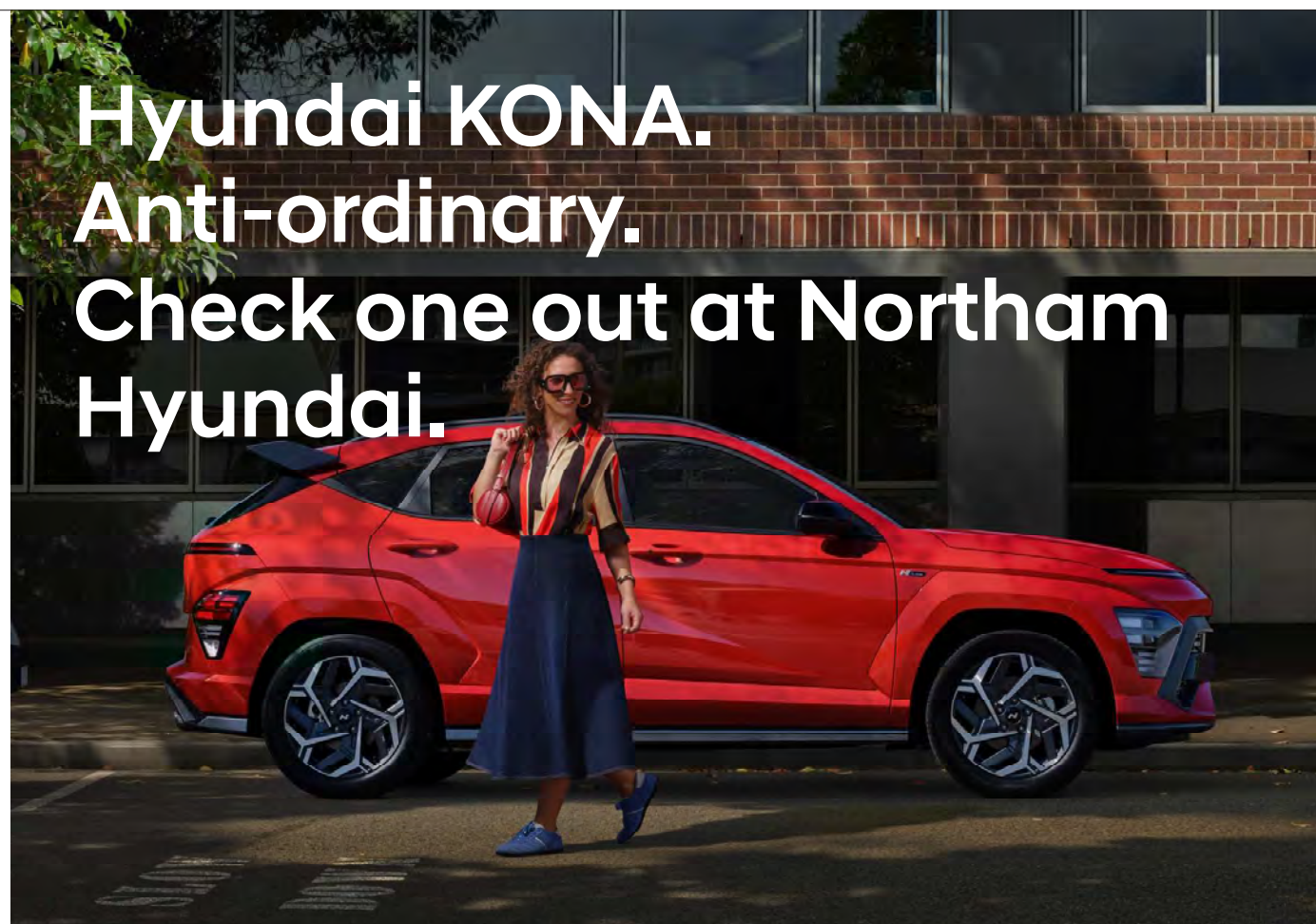
In this particular case it was "just down the hill" to City Beach and Marangaroo.

Northam and Toodyay SES volunteers combined, and went to City Beach and Marangaroo to assist the SES Units in those areas.

Northam and Districts SES volunteers were also on standby for part of Sunday night, to support the Mundaring SES Unit. Mundaring's SES Unit had several callouts and they asked Northam and Districts SES if they would be able to help them, if required.

In the end they were not required, so ultimately had a quiet night.

If you would like to join this exciting team or learn more about Northam and Districts SES call 0499 362 990.



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ENVIRONMENT

Black swans at the red banks

Bird of the month
Desraé Clarke

THE Black Swan measures up to 1.4 metres in length with a wingspan up to 2.4 metres. Its body is entirely black with white outer-wing feathers.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



Black Swans at Red Banks, Toodyay courtesy Wayne Clarke.

BAITING TO PROTECT NATIVE WILDLIFE

Under the Parks and Wildlife Service's *Western Shield* program, baiting to control foxes and feral cats occurs on more than three million hectares of conservation lands in Western Australia.

The baits used are toxic to introduced animals but not to native animals which have an evolved tolerance to the active compound (1080). All baited areas are signposted.

Baiting occurs on a regular and ongoing basis to protect endangered native animals including the numbat, western ground parrot and western swamp tortoise.



Attention pet owners: these baits will kill domestic dogs and cats. Baited areas must be considered dangerous for pet dogs and cats at all times.

For more information and maps on areas baited under *Western Shield* visit dbca.wa.gov.au/westernshield or contact your local Parks and Wildlife Service district office.



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Noongar families – a day of celebration



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

Dudja Waangkiny
(Toodyay Yarning)



Noongar Kaartdijin Aboriginal Corporation (NKAC)
Helen Shanks

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

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

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

The gathering centred on cultural ceremony, song and yarning.

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

Noongar musician Phil Walleystack, together

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Hiss-tory of a wheatbelt python

Herpetofauna
Desraé Clarke

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

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

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

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

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

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

with brown blotches.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



Photo: Desrae Clarke.

Ecological surveys and a special presentation

Julimar Conservation and Forest Alliance
Melissa Adams

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Our next surveys are scheduled for Saturday, June 20.

If you are interested in participating in a

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

We wish them all the best.



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

A natural farewell

Toodyay Naturalist's Club
Lynn Phillips

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

And out the back there was more.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

Show preparations in full swing as new online options roll out

Toodyay Agricultural Society Inc
Noeleen Stewart

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



A previous Ag show contestant.

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HEALTH

A state-wide legacy continues

Staying in place
Hamish Dobie

WE WELCOMED a distinguished visitor to our office with the arrival of Helen Morton last month. Helen previously held the post of Mental Health Minister in the WA Government and, after her retirement, was responsible for the creation of the Staying In Place system. After she retired, she returned to her farm down south and subsequently became aware of the distinct lack of services available to the elderly with home care packages (now Support at Home packages) in Pingelly. She decided to do something about it, setting



Helen Morton. about finding locals to become contractors to support those elderly people. That was just over five years ago and now there are more than 60 country towns throughout Western Australia that have Staying In Place organisations that provide services to locals by locals, filling the void that once existed, and improving each town's sense of community. Helen has always been available to provide advice when we needed it, and it was good to thank her in person. It also gave our most recent committee members, Cheryl Jean and Barbara Smith, a chance to learn the early history of Staying In Place. As Staying in Place Toodyay Districts continues to get larger each month so we needed to find a second case manager, and we are pleased to welcome Beth Falconer to the position. Beth lives locally and has the background and experience that will prove to be an asset to SIPTD. As the client numbers continue to increase, so does the need for support workers, especially for house cleaning and gardening work. So, if you want to get warmed up on these cold mornings, get out and about and help look after some of our older residents. You'll find it very rewarding in many ways. Susan and Beth have been adding their touches to the SIPTD office, at 94 Stirling Terrace, and, with the addition of tea and coffee facilities, can now welcome clients and potential clients for a chat in a welcoming setting, so come along and meet them. If you think you or your partner may be eligible for a Support at Home Package, then please contact case manager Susan Burley 04 94 085 790. Email: casemanager@stayinginplacetoodyay.org.au

Pearly whites for our furry friends

Heartlands Veterinary Hospital
Dr Olivia Fruzynski

DID you know dogs have 42 teeth and cats have 30 teeth? Our furry friends use their teeth to eat, play and show their emotions so it's really important they are kept healthy and clean. There are a few options available to do this, some of which are very easy and fun to do. The most effective option is teeth brushing. Slowly introduce brushing to your pet's routine by first playing around with their lips and mouth (make sure it is fun and you reward them with treats and toys). You can then move to using a cotton tip or pet toothbrush to lightly brush the teeth, making sure to get the very back molars. Make sure not to use human toothpaste because it is toxic to dogs and cats. Pet toothpaste or chicken broth are good substitutes – it's the physical act of brushing that is helping to clean their teeth. If you notice any redness, pain or bad breath in your dog or cats' mouth, make sure to talk to your local veterinary clinic.



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SPORT



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

Bringing home a haul of medals

Avon Valley Shotokan
Nat Kielbasa

COLD and flu might be doing the rounds, but here at Avon Valley Shotokan (AVS) it has been an exciting month regardless. Students of many ages were invited to Perth to attend training and seminars hosted by the Shotokan Karate Club (SKC) and led by Shihan Keith Geyer. The feedback was wholly positive with students remarking that the sessions were both challenging and very helpful. Shortly afterwards on May 24, a team attended the Goju Kai Open in Jolimont, returning with an amazing haul of medals and earning 8th place overall among clubs from all over WA. During the kata events, Joe earned a silver medal and Casey brought home gold after performing three gorgeous katas. Later in the day our AVS students had enormous success during the sparring (kumite) events. The adult matches were first, where Joe won a gold medal. Then Casey and Eli fought in the same division, where Casey won his second gold medal of the day and Eli earned his first tournament medal with a well-deserved

bronze medal. Rayna, who will be representing WA in July at the National Championships, fought beautifully for her gold medal and Kayden won many tough rounds and emerged victorious with another gold for the club. Later Helena earned her silver medal, demonstrating excellent technique with great roundhouse kicks before Victor ended the day with a silver medal against a very intimidating opponent. We are incredibly proud of everyone who competed and grateful to Sensei Kylie and Maciej who gave up their Sunday to coach and Chandre who volunteered as a table official for the day. The next tournament will be the Karate WA League Perth Open on July 14 and we ask students who are interested to see Sensei Kylie for information on the entry requirements. In local news, we will be holding a sausage sizzle fundraiser at Bunnings in Northam on June 27 from 9am to 4pm so if you are in Northam we would love for you to come and say hello and support our students. The door to the dojo is always open to everyone, just drop your shoes at the door of the youth hall on Wednesday from 4pm to meet new people, give karate a go or even to come and see what our students learn.



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

Combo Crossword

ACROSS

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

DOWN

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

Cryptic Clues

ACROSS

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

DOWN

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

Sudoku

Sudoku is based on the logical placement of numbers. Sudoku 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

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

Hard

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

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.

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

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

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

Solutions

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

Soduko
Easy
Solution

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

Soduko
Hard
Solution

S	T	R	R	S	T	E			
P	L	A	S	E	G	E	N	P	L
L	E	A	S	E	G	E	N	P	L
L	E	A	S	E	G	E	N	P	L
L	E	A	S	E	G	E	N	P	L
L	E	A	S	E	G	E	N	P	L
L	E	A	S	E	G	E	N	P	L
L	E	A	S	E	G	E	N	P	L
L	E	A	S	E	G	E	N	P	L
L	E	A	S	E	G	E	N	P	L

Crosscode
Solution

E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E
T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T
A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B
E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E
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This month, we’ve been on the hunt for our next Sales Administration Officer, following some big changes in the office.

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

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

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

In the office this month:

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

This month, I’ve been navigating stepping back into Sales Administration tasks to help keep everything running smoothly around the office. It’s been a good nine years since I was last doing this sort of work, so it’s definitely been interesting getting back into the swing of things - although some habits come back quicker than expected.

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

Until next month,
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