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A bloomin' good show



Kerry Gregory, Alison Wroth, Brian and Di Cox have been working hard to bring back a much-loved tradition: the Toodyay Rose Show will once again become a drawcard for visitors.

Rashelle Predovnik

TOODYAY will soon have reason to stop and smell the roses again, with a once much-loved show set to blossom again on the town's event calendar next month.

Visitors can also enjoy a Devonshire Tea at the St Stephen's Anglican Church hall where the Toodyay Rose Show will be held on Sunday October 25 from 10am to 5.30pm.

Entry to the hall is a gold coin donation, while entry to the competition is free. Event committee member Alison Wroth said years ago flower displays were regularly held in St Stephens Hall.

She said in the past flower displays were also held in the CWA Hall and a lovely Dahlia Luncheon was put on by her late mother-in-law Elsie Wroth as a fundraiser at her own home.

"These displays gradually vanished over the years, so that reason alone was the initial motivation to hold a rose show at the end of October this year."

Mrs Wroth said the warmer weather in late October provided the perfect time for a competition of this type to be held.

"The Toodyay Rose Show gives gardeners or interested visitors, from near and far; the opportunity to enter and view varieties of roses on display in competition," she said.

"We were recently pruning and feeding up the 'Just Joey' bush roses in front of the St Stephens Hall.

"They now look like they will make a grand entrance for the hall during the Rose Show."

Mrs Wroth said people were coming down from Goomalling on a bus and they were going to have lunch and spend time at the Christmas shop.

"People will remember their childhood from this show – it will bring back memories of their own gardens and their own parents' gardens and around Bolgart and Goomalling."

Mrs Wroth said the interest and support shown already by many businesses and individuals was amazing.

"Those who have offered to become show sponsors in our first year has been overwhelming," she said.

"We send heartfelt thanks to the Toodyay Op Shop, The Toodyay Garden Club, Challice Mining, Toodyay Hardware and Farm and Toodyay Locals Care."

Rose Society of WA president Jillian Plester said she thought the rose show in Toodyay sounded fabulous.

"Anything that encourages people to grow roses and understand the different growing conditions in an area like Toodyay as opposed to soils in Perth is wonderful."

Mrs Plester said a love of roses has created a community where people learn and share knowledge.

Mrs Wroth said the event might become an annual event, or a bi-annual event depending on the level of interest shown next month.

"We'll see how this one goes and it will be lovely to see everyone there on the day."

For updates, follow the Toodyay Rose Show on Facebook.

Coming events

Tarmac West Rally
Toodyay's Picnic Race Day

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Celebrating a special life

THIS month Toodyay farewells one of its most treasured characters, Mavis Rowles. Mavis passed away at the remarkable age of 102, after an extraordinary 93 years of calling Toodyay home. A familiar face, much-loved friend and

proud Country Women’s Association member, Mavis was part of the fabric of Toodyay for generations. Her remarkable life included celebrating her 100th birthday in the same year the CWA marked its centenary and being

a guest of honour at the organisation’s celebrations at Government House. The family asked those attending her funeral on Thursday, September 10 at St Stephen’s Anglican Church, to wear happy, colourful clothes to reflect Mavis’s

bright personality – and it was a fitting farewell for a woman who brought so much warmth and character to the town she loved. **Turn to Page 7 for our special tribute to Mavis.**

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Shire Budget delivers major works program backed by more than \$5 million in grants

THE Shire of Toodyay has adopted its annual Budget, which it says outlines a strong program of investment in infrastructure, community facilities and essential services.

The budget adopted at a council meeting last month, provides for \$12.34 million in operational revenue and \$8.81 million in capital expenditure.

A significant focus of the 2026/2027 Budget is the delivery of capital works throughout the shire.

The largest investment is \$3.77 million for road construction and improvements on various roads across the district, in addition to funding secured through the Regional Roads for Safety Program.

It also includes a five per cent increase in total rate revenue for the 2026/27 financial year.

The minimum payment for the 2026/2027 financial year is \$1,570.

According to the Budget, more than \$5.01 million of capital works will be funded through external grant funding.

In a statement, the shire said this investment reflected the shire's commitment to maintaining and improving community assets while continuing to secure external funding to deliver projects that benefit residents.

"By leveraging more than \$5 million in grant funding, the shire is able to deliver significant projects while reducing the cost burden on ratepayers and continuing to invest in the future of the district," the shire said in a statement.

"The shire looks forward to delivering these projects over the coming financial year and continuing to build a safe, connected and vibrant community for residents, businesses and visitors."



Shire's bad debt pool deepens as Clublinks joins \$195,000 GST write off

Rashelle Predovnik

THE Shire of Toodyay will write off more than \$20,000 owed by former recreation centre operator Clublinks as a bad debt, adding to a mounting tally that already includes \$195,000 in unclaimed GST.

The ability to write off bad debt comes from Section 6.12(1) (c) of the Local Government Act, which grants councils the power to deem an amount of money as unrecoverable.

The disputed Clublinks amount, which totalled \$20,655.91, appeared on the shire's agenda this month as a debt considered unrecoverable.

The Toodyay Recreation Centre opened its doors to the community in October 2020 and Clublinks was appointed to manage the \$14 million facility next to Toodyay District High School.

The centre housed an outdoor 25-metre swimming pool, a multi-purpose sporting pitch, four netball and basketball courts,

four tennis courts and a pavilion with change rooms.

The bad debt relates to Invoice 1875, which was issued for profit share arrangements from 2021 and 2023, when Clublinks managed the Toodyay Recreation Centre.

Clublinks formally disputed the charges in correspondence dated May 2024, arguing the centre operated at a loss, in part, because of shire decisions.

In their letter dated May 31, 2024, Clublinks said delays in getting a liquor licence caused a \$18,654 loss.

In addition, council's decision to waive access fees for two user groups caused a loss of \$4,017.

The company said these circumstances contributed \$22,671 to its forecasted 2024 financial year loss of \$29,342.

Clublinks said, as most of its financial loss that year was caused by the shire's decisions, it wanted the shire to reduce or change the

amount it owed to make up for the impact those decisions had caused.

Clublinks asked the shire to confirm its position before the contract ended on 30 June 2024.

But the shire's response came two years later.

In July 2026, the shire wrote to Clublinks to advise a December 2024 council resolution had never been sent onto them.

That resolution agreed to let Clublinks invoice the shire \$4,017 but it still required them to pay \$20,655.91.

Clublinks did not respond to the shire's July 2026 email and has advised it now considers the matter closed.

The September council agenda said the debt had been referred to an external debt collection agency, the Cloud Payment Group who advised getting the money back would require expensive legal action that was unlikely to succeed.

Ratepayers dive into pool fee questions on socials

Rashelle Predovnik

RATEPAYERS have made waves on social media questioning the shire's annual swimming pool inspection fee, after some residents reported being charged despite having no pool or having only one inspection in more than a decade.

The Facebook discussion was sparked by a resident who asked why the shire was charging \$78 a year for pool inspections.

But the fee is part of a four-yearly inspection program set out in state law, with councils allowed to recover costs each year.

Those who joined the conversation, shared experiences that ranged from infrequent inspections to conflicting advice about fencing requirements and registration rules.

One resident said they had been charged despite not yet having installed their pool.

Another said they had only ever received two inspections in 15 years.

A spa owner said they continued to be charged even though their spa had not been filled for a decade and they were told the fee would remain until the spa was formally removed.

Others said they were confused about the rules.

Ratepayers who have been charged a pool inspection fee, for a property that doesn't have a pool, are being asked to contact the Shire of Toodyay to have the charge investigated.

The shire currently has 124 registered pools and spas, on a register that's included in its rates database.

Temporary chief executive officer Alan Hart said the register was based on past approvals for swimming pools.

He said a property could stay listed on that register after a pool had been removed or decommissioned if the shire was not told about the change.

Mr Hart said the shire did not believe an incorrectly applied pool fee was widespread on the current rates notice.

"We have received one complaint, which is currently being investigated."

Mr Hart said he would encourage residents who believe they have been incorrectly charged to contact the shire.

"We will be happy to investigate the issue."

Mr Hart said he strongly encouraged pool owners to contact the shire when they planned to remove their pool.

"We will be happy to assist with information on the requirements for removal and to subsequently remove the pool registration from the property."

Key shire Budget projects

Road projects

- Bindoon Dewars Pool Road
- Toodyay Bindi-Bindi Road (carried forward from the previous financial year)
- Fernie Road
- Salt Valley Road

Community infrastructure projects

- \$2.15 million for the Batty Pass Land Development.
- \$108,753 for the replacement of two water tanks at the Julimar Fire Station.
- \$110,000 for a new accessible public toilet at Newcastle Park.
- \$160,000 for standpipe upgrades and refurbishments.
- \$15,000 for electrical upgrades at the Toodyay Club.



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The Toodyay Herald

From the editor's desk

IT'S WONDERFUL to see events fill Toodyay's social calendar this month.

Tarmac West's rally will soon roar into town, offering families and children the chance to get up close to the action as cars roll in for a pit stop.

Later this month Toodyay's annual picnic and race day will again draw big crowds, cementing its place as one of the region's most popular events.

Racegoers, families and visitors from across the state will head to Toodyay for a day of country racing, entertainment and local hospitality.

Old traditions

Next month, another tradition returns: the Toodyay Rose Show.

The idea to revive this event at St Stephen's Hall has blossomed thanks to the passion of dedicated volunteers, and it's been well supported by local businesses and community groups who have helped the idea take root and grow.

The Toodyay Rose Show is also a wonderful reminder that traditions can be revived when people care enough to bring them back.

New traditions

This edition also delivered a plot twist no one saw coming.

The Toodyay Community Garden group (fresh from announcing a Memorandum of Understanding to transform an unused bowling green) suddenly found themselves offered a long term lease on a site council had previously refused.

The proposal for a five year lease, with a further five year option, has been welcomed by the group.

So, a garden may yet bloom on Fiennes St and we'll keep our readers posted as this progresses.

Toodyay treasure

We also farewell one of Toodyay's treasures: Mavis Rowles, who passed away at the remarkable age of 102.

Mavis lived 93 of those years in Toodyay, watching the town change and grow while she remained a constant: warm, kind and deeply connected to the people around her.

Her decades with the CWA reflected her belief in friendship, fellowship and service, values that shaped her life and enriched ours.

As rates notices land in mailboxes, shire spending has come into focus in this edition.

The decision to write off more than \$20,000 owed by Clublinks, on top of \$195,000 in unclaimed GST has budget implications.

Community snapshot

Taken together, these stories reveal something essential about Toodyay: we are a community that celebrates, questions, remembers and rebuilds.

We gather for race days, we revive old traditions, we plant new ones, and we honour those who have shaped the path before us.

We also look closely at how our shire is run because we care deeply about the place we call home.

If this month's edition shows us anything, it is that Toodyay is not defined by one story but by the way all our stories weave together.

Rashelle Predovnik
Editor

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LETTERS

A matter of fact

MRS Hart accuses me of asking frequent questions at shire council meetings over a number of years and asking repetitive questions, continuously. (*Toodyay Herald*, letter's page, August 2026).

Her assertions are incorrect, as are the other claims in her letter.

Her falsehoods have no basis in fact, and I question how she is able to make such allegations when the ordinary council meeting (OCM) minutes, since 2014, show she has never attended a meeting at which I have asked questions.

For the record, during the last twelve years I have asked a total of sixteen question at OCM's; none of which have been repetitive.

Eleven of those questions were asked at one meeting and concerned the inquiry into the Shire of Toodyay, submitted by the Toodyay Progress Association.

I don't consider an average of one question a year as being 'frequent', especially when considering some people have consistently asked up to twenty or more questions, some repetitive, at OCM meetings.

I considered those 11 questions were justified, and around that time a former editor of Toodyay Herald wrote, "None of this [the inquiry] would have been possible without the persistent efforts of the Toodyay Progress Association which pressed successfully for a State Government inquiry after years of council hostility."

"Leaders Larry Graham and Geoff Appleby deserve our community's thanks for their determination to achieve that goal."

At that time, I attended most OCMs because I wrote a regular monthly column for *The Toodyay Herald* reporting on council matters.

At no time have I ever suggested that question-time at council meetings is anything other than an essential part of our democracy; I have however stated it should be conducted in a sensible and civilised manner with respect for the chair.

My original letter (July 2026) was prefaced by the statement, "reporting is a legitimate function of *The Toodyay Herald*".

I did not write that "shortcomings" of the shire should not be reported, I merely observed that some facts, which I considered relevant, had not been included in some articles.

Geoff Appleby
Toodyay

Avon Descent's into disappointment

I AM writing to express my disappointment at the extraordinary lack of community atmosphere surrounding this year's Avon Descent weekend in Toodyay.

I grew up in Toodyay and, although I moved away as an adult, I have continued to return for many of the town's major events each year.

It has always been important to me that my children experience the same sense of community I grew up with and I have actively encouraged friends and family to visit Toodyay, often citing its fantastic community spirit, atmosphere and innovative events.

This year is the first time I have genuinely second-guessed my decision to bring guests to Toodyay for a major event.

The decision to no longer support the International Food Festival is particularly difficult to comprehend.

Whatever the reasoning behind it, removing an event that actively encouraged people to come into town, stay longer, interact with local businesses and spend money seems entirely counterproductive to the long-term growth and prosperity of Toodyay.

The Avon Descent brings people through the region: the food festival gave them a reason to make Toodyay itself part of the destination.

And that distinction matters.

Toodyay is and should proudly position itself as a tourist town.

Local businesses rely on major events to bring visitors through their doors, and successful events create benefits far beyond the event itself – for accommodation providers, cafés, pubs, retailers, artisans and other local businesses.

What was once a vibrant weekend that showcased the town and created a genuine sense of occasion felt remarkably flat this year.

It was incredibly disappointing to see an opportunity of this scale seemingly allowed to pass by rather than being used to showcase everything Toodyay has to offer.

Thank goodness for the efforts of the Lions Club in Duidgee Park. Otherwise there would have been nothing to show of the event.

At a time when regional communities are

competing for tourism dollars, now is not the time to scale back the very things that make people choose Toodyay.

It is the time to invest in them.

Toodyay has enormous potential.

It has history, character, natural beauty and, most importantly, a community that has traditionally made visitors feel as though something special is happening when they arrive.

But that reputation cannot simply be relied upon indefinitely.

It needs to be actively supported.

I sincerely hope the shire reconsiders its approach to major community events and recognises them for what they are, not simply an expense, but an investment in tourism, local businesses and the long-term economic health of the town.

Toodyay deserves to once again be the destination town it has been known to be, not simply somewhere people pass through on their way to somewhere else.

Annwen Burrows
Oakford

Rate expectations: a disappointing read

WE wrote to both the chief executive officer and the shire president to request an explanation about why the Shire of Toodyay Rates have gone up by 7.36 percent when CPI for 2025-2026 was 3.8 percent.

Last year the Shire of Toodyay Rates went up by 4.67 percent when the CPI was 2.4 percent.

It appears to us that these massive increases are due to the general incompetence of the shire and represents serious financial mismanagement of the shire.

We think that the state Local Government Minister Hannah Beazley should have a thorough look at the management practices at the Shire of Toodyay and make recommendations for major changes to the way the shire is managed.

We look forward to receiving a response to our concerns from the shire in a timely fashion, which has absolutely not been our experience in the past when writing to the Shire of Toodyay.

Assuming that all of you have also experienced a 7.36 percent increase this year (which is double the increase last year) we thought you might also feel like writing to the Shire of Toodyay to complain and ask for an explanation.

We encourage you to take some action against these extraordinary increases in shire rates.

Mark Dimmitt and Gary Payne
Julimar

Toodyay Rainfall													
Recording and average commenced on 1 January 1907													
YEAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
2020	0	31.6	9.8	6.4	38.2	48.9	43.7	61.8	30.2	5.9	48.8	3.5	328.8
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	76.5		25.3					
Average	6.7	8.36	39.6	22.4	40.6	49.9	45.2	84.5	32	25.2	15.8	2.0	370

Costs scaled back while shire grapples with staff pressures

Rashelle Predovnik

COUNCIL has rejected a request by temporary chief executive officer Alan Hart to spend up to \$12,000 on external legal advice to review the shire's compliance with new local government reform rules.

Instead, Mr Hart was directed by council to get a quote for a much smaller scope of works that included checking if several key council policies aligned with the new laws, in a motion supported unanimously at this month's council meeting.

Mr Hart told *The Herald* his request for legal advice (following a significant local government reform) would be considered normal practice for a shire that does not have inhouse legal advice.

But Mr Hart's bid for more money follows commentary in his reports to the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee (ARIC) about a lack of staff, the risk of burnout, staff turnover and workload pressures across the shire.

This month, Mr Hart asked council to approve a \$9000-\$12,000 quote from McLeod's Lawyers to review governance documents, check policies for legal

compliance and identify how the new laws would need to be applied.

The report said the legal advice itself would not require extra staff, but implementing any recommendations could add to a future workload.

The report said the recommendations may need staff to amend governance documents and business processes.

The *Toodyay Herald* questioned whether this legal advice request was likely to be the first of many external consultancy costs.

Mr Hart said the report tabled in the September agenda highlighted that any future changes would be considered by council through its budget process.

Although council rejected Mr Hart's original proposal, their latest resolution still involves seeking external legal help.

Council's decision comes as ARIC minutes show the shire has been dealing with staffing and workload pressures for months.

Extra reporting requirements for ARIC and the creation of a new works committee were also cited as adding pressure on the administration, in the CEO's report to ARIC in its July minutes.

Plot twist for community garden

Rashelle Predovnik

THE Toodyay Community Garden (TCG) group was pleasantly surprised – but blindsided – when council planted a long term lease offer on a site they had previously been refused.

The motion to council this month was raised by Councillor John Prater, just one month after TCG members appeared on the front page of the *Toodyay Herald* announcing a Memorandum of Understanding with The Toodyay Club to transform an unused bowling green into a community garden.

Cr Prater's motion, which was supported by council, offered the group a five year lease, with a further five year option, over a 3,100m² portion of Lot 264, 14 Fiennes Street, for a community garden.

The site, which is part of a 10,935m² civic reserve, includes hardstand and infrastructure from the former tennis courts and it sits between residential properties, the old basketball court and the shire's administration building.

The offer by council makes TCG responsible for all outgoings and maintenance and it requires the group to provide a response within 10 days of the council meeting.

If TCG accepted the offer, the shire would prepare a draft lease for council to consider.

The Fiennes Street site has been on the TCG's radar for two years but repeated submissions and meetings proved unfruitful.

The group was also surprised Cr Prater had raised the motion as historically he had voted against TCG using this location.

Cr Prater did not respond to questions from *The Herald* asking why he had not consulted with the group before tabling the motion.

Or why the offer included a ten day deadline rather than a longer timeframe.

TCG chair Garry Nelmes said the group was encouraged by the unanimous support for the motion but surprised they had not been told about it beforehand.

"To say the motion was unexpected would be an understatement as we were never informed or consulted prior to the council



Toodyay Community Garden committee members: Kim and Michael Noonan, Gary Nelmes and Cr Rosemary Madasci.

meeting."

But he welcomed council's decision and said a garden, with the right support and planning, would benefit a growing Toodyay community and it would be a long term asset to the town."

Mr Nelmes said the group would insist on being involved in drafting the lease.

"It is not yet a done deal and the devil is always in the detail," he said.

"We hope with positive input and consultation we can achieve a mutually agreeable lease agreement."

Assistance payment still available

THE Student Assistance Payment is still available to claim to support eligible families with school related costs, including books and uniforms.

Applications to lodge a claim are open until September 25, 2026.

The payment offers support to parents and carers of school-age children with \$150 for each Kindergarten and primary student, and \$250 for each secondary student.

The payment is available to students from Kindergarten to Year-12 who are enrolled in a WA public school or non-government school.

Mature aged students studying for a

Western Australian Certificate of Education can also apply.

Payment claims can be made through the ServiceWA app, which is the fastest way to apply for the assistance.

Claims can also be made online or by using a printable paper form.

Claims can be lodged by a parent, guardian or carer responsible for the student.

There are pop up support kiosks located at select locations across Western Australia.

For more information about accessing this payment go to: www.education.wa.edu.au/wasap/claim

TOODYAY ROAD UPGRADE

September 2026

Toodyay Road construction motors ahead

The Toodyay Road Upgrade project is making strong progress. After just six months on site, vegetation clearing is approaching completion and substantial earthworks are well underway.

The most striking changes along the 22.4 km worksite are occurring close to the intersections of Sandplain Road and Salt Valley Road, where Toodyay Road is being realigned to improve driver visibility. Earthworks in this location are changing the landscape, as fill material is moved from higher ground to lower ground in preparation for road construction.

Further to the west, significant progress is being made between Morangup Road and Jingaling Brook Road. The works include cutting into higher ground and building up lower areas along the new road alignment to create a more consistent road profile. This section of the project includes new passing lanes to provide safer overtaking opportunities, as well as the upgrade of the Toodyay Road and Fernie Road intersection.

In October, the first section of permanent road pavement will be constructed in this location,



Construction work in full swing at the Jimperding Brook bridge site

marking an important milestone in the delivery of a significantly safer Toodyay Road.

Jimperding Brook Bridge takes shape

Road users crossing the Jimperding Brook Bridge may have noticed the new bridge under construction approximately 80 metres to the north. The new bridge is starting to take shape, with pile caps and abutment walls complete and works underway to backfill the embankments on either side. The beams which will form the span of the new bridge will arrive on site shortly in readiness for installation in October.

Local partnerships support timber re-use

In recent months, our contractor, NRW, has been examining ways to ensure some of the timber cleared for the Toodyay Road Upgrade can be salvaged and re-used. The project has formed a partnership with Carbon Wood Australia, an environmental initiative and organisation focused on carbon

sequestration and waste reduction using Western Australian hardwoods.

Through a second partnership with the Karrakin Black Cockatoo Nature reserve, felled timber will be used to support Black Cockatoo rehabilitation prior to their release.

Meanwhile, the project is undertaking a grass tree salvage program – over 200 grass trees have been stored in local nurseries for re-use as part of the project's revegetation program. This is in addition to the 90 grass trees salvaged and translocated during earlier stages of the project.

Traffic management

There are changing traffic conditions throughout the area as work progresses along the alignment.

Traffic is now using our newly constructed temporary road alignments between Morangup Road and Jingaling Brook Road, with more temporary road realignments planned during the next couple of months. These changes, which will remain in place until project completion, will maintain two-way traffic flow, reducing the requirement for traffic light-controlled shuttle flow.

Speed is reduced through the work area from west of Dryandra Road to east of Clackline-Toodyay Road. 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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More 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 Road Upgrades or contact us on 138 138 or email enquiries@mainroads.wa.gov.au

Full Throttle into Toodyay



The annual Tarmac West rally will race into Toodyay this month for a pit stop that will showcase six decades of motoring, ranging from classic 1960s cars to modern Porsches.

Rashelle Predovnik

TOODYAY will shift into high gear when rally cars roll into town this month for a Tarmac West pit stop that gives families a chance to get up close to the action.

More than 70 competitors are expected to take part in this year's four-day rally event, with classic Datsun 240Zs and Ford Escorts lining up alongside modern Porsches.

The entry list spans six decades of motoring, from a 1964 Ford Anglia to a 2024 BMW M4, and this diverse field will roar into Toodyay on Saturday, September 19.

Competitor and event sponsor Kevin Bailey said he would encourage spectators to head into town to meet the drivers and crews when they return to the service park.

"One of the great things to see is the little kids who get really excited about sitting in your race car and they get photos," he said.

The service park will be at Charcoal Lane in town, next to the IGA.

That site will give families the opportunity

to see race cars up close, watch crews work and also meet the drivers.

The first cars are expected to roll into the Toodyay Racecourse from about 9.05am and these will be TSD (Time, Speed, Distance) competitors.

Unlike traditional speed-based classes, these drivers must complete each stage within a specific time, and they get penalties for arriving early or late.

T130 cars are expected from about 9.10am, followed by T165 and T200 competitors from approximately 9.23am.

The first cars should begin moving through the Toodyay service park between 9.25am and 9.58am, with competitors returning at various times throughout the morning.

Mr Bailey said the Toodyay leg was a great one for the competition, with the change in terrain providing a serious challenge for drivers.

He said it was also great to catch a glimpse of the residents who lined paddocks, roadsides and town streets as they raced through the region."

"Albeit, a brief glimpse."

Mr Bailey said he would encourage families to make a morning of it instead of just watching the cars drive past.

He said the rally brought competitors, support crews and spectators into town and

it was a great event.

Mr Bailey's advice to those who have never watched a Tarmac West stage before was simple: "get out and experience it."

For more information go to: <https://tarmacevents.com.au>



Max Trenorden remembered as a fierce advocate for the Wheatbelt

FORMER National's leader and Wheatbelt MP Max Trenorden served in State Parliament for almost three decades and he has been remembered as a fierce advocate for country communities, following his passing last month.

Central Wheatbelt MLA Lachlan Hunter paid tribute to Mr Trenorden, who served as the Member for Avon from 1986 to 2008, before representing the Agricultural Region until 2013.

"Max Trenorden was one of the great local MPs of our region," he said.

"He was a farmer, businessman, community man and, above all, a fierce advocate for country people."

Mr Trenorden unsuccessfully contested the seat of Avon for the National Country Party in 1983.

He tried again and won the seat in 1986, defeating Labor MP Ken McIver, who had represented Northam and Avon for 18 years.

In this inaugural speech Mr Trenorden spoke proudly of the Avon Valley, its history and its contribution to Western Australia, describing it as having a fair claim to being the State's "premier electorate".

Mr Hunter said he understood country communities because he was part of them.

"He understood farmers, families and small businesses, and he never lost that connection during his years in Parliament," he said.

"Mr Trenorden went on to become Leader of the Parliamentary National Party from 2001 to 2005, cementing his place as an important figure in the history of the Nationals and regional Western Australia."

Mr Hunter said he had the enormous privilege of representing many of the same communities nearly 40 years after Mr Trenorden delivered his first speech as the Member for Avon.

"My friend Max remained generous with his advice and encouragement long after leaving Parliament," he said.

"I was fortunate to visit him recently, and he was still full of advice about politics, representing your community and what it takes to be a good local MP."

Mr Hunter said Mr Trenorden's contribution went well beyond Parliament.

"Max loved his family, his community and the Wheatbelt, and he devoted a huge part of his life to serving them."

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A story worth telling

THOSE who love a good story are invited to celebrate the release of an inspiring new book by a local author at a free author talk this month.

Set in Australia, over 80 years, Kathleen O'Reilly's book *Johnno* tells the story of a Scottish child migrant who endured unimaginable hardships from the moment he was born and it's a true story of the strength of the human spirit.

He was ten months old when taken by a priest and passed to the nuns at Nazareth House in Scotland, during the Second World War.

At the age of seven, he was trafficked to Australia, at 15 he became slave labour and at 18, he joined the military. He was declared officially dead at 22, and later revived.

It was not until his 60s, in 2009, did Australia's then prime minister, Kevin Rudd, make a national apology to all the British child migrants.

Ms O'Reilly will discuss her book and what compelled her to write it, and this will be followed by a question and answers session on Wednesday September 30 at 6pm.

Books will be available to buy on the night and Ms O'Reilly is happy to sign copies.

Ms O'Reilly said while many were aware of the child migration program and how after the Second World War, thousands of children were shipped to Australia, little was known of the personal stories behind the scheme.

Ms O'Reilly has spent much of her working life supporting and mentoring youth at risk in the wheatbelt and she said she understands that the world is a dangerous place for a child when no one's watching.

"It's significant that *Johnno* is being released during Australia's Child Protection Week in September."

Johnno can be ordered through any good bookshop, also via Jenny at Blue Moon Crystals and Sally at the Toodyay Post Office

A lending copy can also be reserved at the Toodyay Library.

For bookings to attend this author talk, please telephone the Toodyay Library on 9574 9300.



Local author Kathleen O'Reilly will give a free talk at the library this month about her new book *Johnno*, a remarkable true story of hardship, resilience and survival.

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Much loved Toodyay local, Mavis Rowles celebrates a milestone birthday in 2024 with her friends and a family that spans generations.

Vale Mavis Rowles: a life lived and loved in Toodyay

The Rowles family

THE Toodyay community has lost one of its much-loved characters with the passing of Mavis Rowles, who died last month at the remarkable age of 102.

Mavis's connection with Toodyay began when she was just nine years old.

From that young age, Toodyay became home, and over the next 93 years she watched the town change and grow while remaining very much a part of its community.

Mavis loved Toodyay and Toodyay loved Mavis.

She was fortunate to have many wonderful friends throughout her long life, and those who knew her will remember her warmth, her kindness and her genuine interest in people.

For so many in the community, seeing Mavis was like catching up with an old friend, a familiar face who had been part of Toodyay life for as long as many could remember.

The Country Women's Association (CWA) was another very special part of Mavis's life.

She joined as a young woman and remained connected to the organisation for many decades.

The friendships, fellowship and community spirit of the CWA were clearly very important to her.

In 2024, Mavis celebrated her 100th birthday in the same year the CWA celebrated its centenary.

Mavis was invited as a guest of honour to the official CWA centenary celebrations at Government House.

Mavis joined fellow CWA members and dignitaries and she helped cut the centenary cakes, as a wonderful recognition of both her remarkable age and her many years with the organisation.

At the age of 100, Mavis was asked what she thought was the secret to living such a long and happy life.

Her answer said so much about the person

she was: "Lovely family, lovely friends and living in the best place."

Toodyay has been Mavis's home since she was a little girl, and she leaves behind a wonderful legacy of friendship, community and memories.

At 102, Mavis had lived through an extraordinary period of history.

Yet despite all the changes she saw happening around her, the things she valued most remained wonderfully simple: family, friends and the place she was proud to call home.

Mavis will be deeply missed, but she will not be forgotten.

Her memory will live on in the people who knew and loved her, in the friendships she made, in the CWA she supported for so many years, and in the town of Toodyay that she loved so dearly.

Vale Mavis: Thank you for sharing your 93 years with us.

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Michael Black

WE CAN’T totally prevent accidents from happening but what we can do is try to minimise the risk and make sure we are prepared should something unexpected happen.

In the car, boat, caravan or hiking having first aid kits can provide peace of mind.

Knowing that basic medical supplies are nearby can make people feel more prepared and confident.

Instead of panicking when someone gets a small injury, people can calmly find the appropriate supplies and provide basic assistance.

Being prepared can make an unexpected situation easier to manage.

In a serious situation, professional medical assistance may not arrive immediately.

Having basic first aid supplies available can

allow people to provide appropriate initial care while waiting for an ambulance.

A first aid kit does not replace professional medical treatment, but it can help people respond sensibly during the important first few minutes of an emergency.

Perhaps one of the good things about having a visible first aid kit is that it can provide an opportunity for a wider discussion with those around you about safety and what to do in an emergency.

What is the plan should something happen?

The Toodyay Agricultural show is fast approaching.

St John Ambulance will be there to support the visitors and provide a helping hand where needed.

We will also have first aid kits for sale.

Come along, say hello and have a chat about how you can support your local St John by purchasing a first aid kit.

Honouring those who answered the call

VBFB Toodyay Central
Peter Brennan

TOODYAY Central Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade (VBFB) has paid tribute to three outstanding members for their decades of service to the community.

Between them, the trio has dedicated more than 120 years to the brigade, both as firefighters and in vital support roles, and their contribution was recognised last month.

Brian Wood served as a firefighter, bushfire control officer, deputy chief bushfire control officer, chief bushfire control officer and brigade secretary.

Wayne Clarke served as a firefighter, bushfire control officer and brigade secretary and his wife Desrae, served as a firefighter and auxiliary media officer.

All three were members of the Red Hill Brigade which in 1996 became the Toodyay Central VBFB.

As a consequence, Brian and Maureen Wood and Wayne and Desrae Clarke, along with David Street, Millie and Max Heath, John and Lois Dival and Colin Kendall were the pioneers who played a central role in the establishment of the five Toodyay VBFBs as we know them today.

All three are also Central life members and in recognition of their retirement from the brigade they were presented with Certificates of Appreciation and joined those present in a post meeting celebration.

Further, Shelly Dival presented the Brigade with several old radio sets that her father John obtained and used to establish better

communications across the bushfire brigades in the very early days.

Captain Will Hort gratefully accepted the gifts on behalf of all present.

Finally, John Morrissey, who was overseas at the time of the May annual general meeting, was formally presented with his Brigade Volunteer of the Year award by Captain Will Hort.

Toodyay community please note: the unrestricted burning period is due to finish on Wednesday September 30.

During this period, we often receive calls from residents requesting the brigade conduct a burn off on private property.

Please note that our volunteer firefighters are just that.

We fight fires, but do not undertake fire mitigation unless specifically requested to do so by the shire.

For valuable local fire related information, residents should become familiar with the shire website at www.toodyay.wa.gov.au.

Click on Resident Services, then Fire Information.

From October 1 we move into the spring restricted burning period which lasts until the October 31.

Anyone wishing to burn during this period will require a permit.

Permits will only be issued for legitimate mitigation outcomes or for primary producer requirements.

Permits are not issued for social occasions, burning of rubbish, or for burning which can reasonably be deferred or avoided.



VBFB Toodyay Central stalwarts Wayne, Desrae and Brian with well-earned certificates.

A warm welcome for Dr Abdul

TOODYAY Medical Group has extended a warm welcome to their new GP Dr Abdullah Abdelkareem who brings a broad range of clinical knowledge and experience to the role.

Dr Abdul has worked across emergency medicine, intensive care and anaesthetics, including in a number of regional and rural communities across Western Australia.

He has a particular interest in urgent care, orthopaedics, sports medicine and paediatrics.

Throughout his career Dr Abdul has been committed to providing compassionate, evidence-based, and patient-centred care.

He values building strong relationships with patients and their families as he supports them through every stage of their healthcare journey.

Dr Abdul said he felt very fortunate to be joining the Toodyay community.

“I’m looking forward to getting to know the people and families who make this town such a welcoming place, both through my work and by getting involved in the community,” he said.

“I come from a Middle Eastern, East and North African heritage, and I’m proud of the diverse cultural background that has shaped who I am.

“I value connecting with people from all walks of life and appreciate the warmth, generosity and sense of community that you often find in country towns.”

Dr Abdul said he currently lives in Perth with his supportive wife.

“We are hoping to explore the possibility of moving to Toodyay one day and becoming more closely involved in the local

community,” he said.

“Outside of medicine, I love spending time outdoors and exploring new places.

“I enjoy hiking, fishing, beach activities and outdoor photography, particularly capturing landscapes, wildlife and the little moments that make a place unique.”

Dr Abdul said he was looking forward to discovering the beauty of the Wheatbelt, learning more about the local area and making the most of country life.

“Most of all, I’m excited to become part of the community and hopefully call this town home for many years to come.”



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Anouk enjoying a ride in the emergency services fire truck at the 2022 Open Day.

Brigades join forces for training

VBFB Julimar

TOODYAY’S annual All Brigade Training session will be hosted at Julimar next month. This session will bring local brigades together to practise the skills, teamwork and communication needed when responding to incidents on Saturday, October 3.

Julimar training officer Reuben said the training was an important part of getting ready before summer.

“All brigade training gives members a chance to refresh their skills alongside neighbouring brigades and make sure we are ready to respond together.”

After training, from midday, local community members are invited to drop into the station for a sausage sizzle and a chat.

It will be a relaxed chance to meet local brigade members, have a look around and pick up some practical preparedness information.

As the “new” station officially opened on October 2, 2022, it also feels like a good time to mark the building’s fourth birthday.

There might even be cake.

If you have ever considered giving back to the community, your local brigade has a range of roles.

Not everyone has to be on the back of a truck to make a valuable contribution.

Reuben said community connection was also part of being ready.

“Community preparedness is not just about trucks and training.

“It is about talking with people in a familiar setting, so everyone understands their part in making Toodyay safer during the bushfire season.”

It is a good time to ask: are you ready?

Personally, that means making time to talk about your bushfire plans and sharing them with the people you may rely on in an emergency.

For your property, it means thinking about firebreaks, fuel loads and access before the compliance period.

We are also getting ready for our annual appearance at the Toodyay Ag Show on October 10.

Visitors will be able to pop on some PPE (firefighter clothing) and try out their hose skills.

There will be local preparedness information on hand.

Our Captain, Wes, is currently away on an overseas deployment in Canada.

In his absence, the four Julimar lieutenants have stepped up to help keep things running smoothly at home.

Join us in wishing him all the best.

We look forward to seeing him back in town soon, ready for the upcoming season.



A spike in callouts sparks safety warning

VBFB Coondle Nunile Aurelie Zimmermann

IT HAS been a very busy winter, with a significant increase in callouts for the brigade.

During July and August last year, our volunteers attended just one callout.

Over the same period this year, that number has increased to eight.

This highlights the increased demand on our volunteers and the importance of remaining prepared and ready to respond when the community needs us.

A number of our recent callouts have involved structure fires where electrical equipment has been a contributing factor.

These incidents are a timely reminder of the importance of electrical safety around the home and workplace.

Avoid overloading power points or connecting multiple power boards and extension leads together and be mindful of how many appliances are running from a single outlet.

Regularly check leads, plugs and power boards for damage, wear or signs of overheating and replace anything that is damaged.

A few simple precautions can help reduce the risk of an electrical fault developing into a fire.

With the warmer months approaching and conditions beginning to dry out, now is the time to start preparing for the season ahead.

We encourage residents to prepare not only their properties, but themselves and their families for the possibility of a bushfire.

Take some time now to review your bushfire plan.

Discuss what you would do if a fire threatened your property and make sure everyone in your household understands the plan.

Preparing early means you have time to consider your options and make informed decisions, rather than having to make important choices under pressure when an emergency is already unfolding.

Don’t wait until the conditions are extreme or a fire is approaching to start thinking about what you will do.

A little preparation now can make a big difference for you, your family, emergency services and your community.

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

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

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

We meet every Friday from 5pm at the fire station, located at 775 Bindi Bindi–Toodyay Road, near the old wheat bins.

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

If you are unsure whether volunteering is right for you, come along, meet the team and see what we are about.

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

Every volunteer makes a difference, and every contribution helps strengthen our local community.

Farewell to a community stalwart

VBFB Bejoording Richard Hazelwood

THE Bejoording community, friends, family and many visitors from afar, came out in force to farewell the much-loved and admired local Colin (Col) Hoffman who passed away recently.

More than one hundred people attended a wake at the Bejoording Fire and Community Shed on August 15 to honor and celebrate Col’s life, friendship, and his many contributions.

Col, as he preferred to be known, and his wife Wendy have been in our community for the past eight years.

They quickly made themselves a firm fixture in community activities and Col was a stalwart of the Bejoording Volunteer Bushfire Brigade.

His contribution to the fire brigade was very much a reflection of his contribution to the community generally.

He was the epitome of what was expected of a volunteer firefighter and could be relied upon to attend fire events major and minor.

He brought a wide range of technical and trade skills which greatly assisted the brigade.

He was a mentor to new members.

He participated in countless hours of



training, emergency response, time on call, and support to others.

Col’s commitment to everything he did made a real difference.

He will be long remembered by us all.



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Moondyne Men members uphold their mantra 'men looking after men and the community.'

Moondyne Men make their mark

Moondyne Men

Graham Hill

WELCOME to the magnitude and magic of the magnificent Moondyne Men.

On Saturday August 1 the Moondyne Men held their annual general meeting.

As per our constitution every member is a committee member and everyone has equal voting rights.

Congratulations to our incoming office bearers:

Chairman: Peter Phillips.

Vice chairman: John Morrissey.

Secretary: Fred de Rooij.

Treasurer: Barry Squires.

Functions and events coordinator: Vic Leitis.

Catering officer: Charlie Carabott.

PR Officer: Graham Hill.

Thank you to all members who voted.

We now look forward to another successful year.

The Moondyne Men wish to acknowledge the special efforts of outgoing secretary Colin Bird.

Colin was our founding secretary and has been the main communication between us and the wider community.

Our team has been very busy cleaning a driveway for an elderly lady and cutting firewood for another local resident.

The Moondyne Men have recently been inundated with requests for firewood or log

splitting.

While we are committed to helping members of the community whenever possible, our primary focus is to help those who by circumstances are disadvantaged or less able to secure these services themselves.

The Moondyne Men do not intend to compete with other providers whose livelihood depends on delivering these services.

However, it's not all work and no play.

The Moondyne Men will visit a motor museum on August 27.

This event has been made possible by funds donated by the Bolgart Bush Christmas Market.

We thank them for their support.

Our members will also enjoy lunch at the Noble Falls Tavern.

The Moondyne Men are grateful for the support of the community and appreciate the fact we are the biggest and most proactive men's group in Toodyay.

We are proud of our mantra 'men looking after men and the community'.

If you would like to join us, we meet on any Monday and Thursday from 8.30am at the CRC building, 67 Stirling Terrace, Toodyay.

Our free breakfast and committee meeting are held the first Saturday of each month.

Come along or ring our Secretary Fred on 0488 554 931.

Legends, laughter and a little jumble

CWA

Elizabeth Mansom

OUR heartfelt thanks go to Sean from the Christmas Shop for giving us the benefit of his electrical expertise in the recent update of our hall air conditioning.

People can now shed coats as they enter rather than buttoning them tighter.

Our July meeting was sadly diminished by the passing of Evelyn Oliver.

In a previous issue we highlighted Evelyn receiving a certificate recognising 50 years of membership in CWA, 34 of them at Toodyay.

Evelyn never took up any office bearer positions but was the only catering officer most of us had known.

In an organisation known for its catering, Ev knew the importance of the kitchen and while most of us saw it as work, she enjoyed it and did it well and we are all very grateful.

At the June meeting Ev was the recipient of one of CWA's most prestigious awards, The Branch Legend.

Her achievement was recognised by rousing applause from those present at our 99th birthday celebration in July.

On August 23 we learned Mavis Rowles had passed away in hospice care following a fall.

Mavis was born in 1924 and came to Toodyay when she was ten.

She joined CWA in 1952 and appears on the Honour Board in the hall as having served as president and secretary.

She also filled the roles of craft officer and entertainments officer.

Much to her regret failing eyesight put a stop to her craft work but a highlight of every meeting was Mavis' quiz, which she always assured us was so easy.

However, no one can remember any one ever getting 10/10.

Mavis turned 100 in the same year as CWA and cut the birthday cake at the reception in

Government House.

She was another of our Branch Legends, the first in CWA of WA and in Toodyay.

Ev and Mavis take with them 120 years of CWA knowledge and expertise.

Everyone cleared out their cupboards for our annual jumble sale on August 22.

Sean joined the clear out with cartons of gift ware he needed to move to make room for more up to date merchandise.

Other outside sellers joined us selling their own items and making the hall a wonderful source of bargains and surprises.

It was a fun day with a great many items finding new homes and happy people leaving with birthdays and Christmas sorted for the year.

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.



Happy Birthday Maggie

Butterly Cottages

Cheryl Jean

A GROUP of the Committee of Management of Butterly Cottages Association met at the Cola Cafe to celebrate a significant birthday for our amazing treasurer Maggie.

A surprise visit from Jen, who was previously a secretary of BCA and who is

friend of Maggie, drove up from Mandurah as a surprise part of the celebration.

We at Butterly Cottages Association, thank you Maggie for your commitment to this association and your diligence in keeping track of our finances.

Happy Birthday Maggie.



Maggie's birthday gathering with her friends from Butterly Cottages at Toodyay's Cola Cafe.



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Toodyay Community Garden committee member Susan Pearce at the Avon Descent stall.

Committee springs into action

Toodyay Community Garden
Joshua van Helsdingen

THE committee is busy keeping community activities interesting and relevant, planning the garden site essentials and addressing funding.

Fundraising is strong with the monthly workshop agenda, the Containers for Cash and Susan Pearce’s preserves sales.

The Avon Descent Saturday gave a short respite from the rain to support a good result for Kim’s rose pruning demonstration and the bake sale in the Christmas 360 courtyard.

We thank Sean for providing the venue and the CWA ladies for sharing the space and great company.

Please note that Saturday September 26 is

an important date.

Josh will be running a wicking bed construction workshop at 9am at the Christmas 360 courtyard opposite Misty’s Café followed by the annual general meeting at 2pm at the Toodyay Community Centre.

Attendance is particularly important to provide a quorum.

Immediately following this, you are invited to contribute your vision of what the garden should contain or what it should look like.

The committee is now entering the design phase and needs your input.

In between these activities we are busy in our own gardens tackling the verdant growth, not all wanted, spring pruning and preparing for a very dry spring and summer thanks to the current El Nino.

Shedding some light on health and safety

Toodyay Men’s Shed
Barry Keens

FIVE members attended the Men’s Shed Western Australia Zone meeting at Wongan Hills in August and were warmly welcomed.

It was interesting to look at their shed and also talk with other shedders about their facilities.

We caught up with old friends and made new ones whilst enjoying an informative programme of matters relating to our ethos.

Dr Tony Mylius discussed maintaining heart health and Graham Mackellar reminded us of the importance of safety in our workshops and daily lives.

Alyson Elari from Road Trauma Support WA gave an insight into services that are available to help sufferers.

Mel White, Manager Shed membership, support and Insurance, and Beth Gow, NSW and ACT Shed support from Men’s Shed

Australia were also at the meeting.

They brought us up to date with matters that could affect us.

I enjoyed catching up with them again after first meeting them at the gathering in Brisbane.

The Shed welcomes Alcoholics Anonymous to hold meetings each week.

If you or anyone you know will benefit from a couple of hours socialising with like persons contact Grant on 0477 122 703 or Brad on 0467 267 955 for more details.

Lee has joined us after talking to us at the Toodyay Farmers Market.

We will be at the Market again on Sunday September 20.

Come and have a chat.

Finally, we remind all members that our Annual General meeting will be held on Saturday September 19 at 10am in the shed.

General enquiries can be made to our secretary on 0499 403 830.

A lion’s share of community spirit

Lions Club of Toodyay
Clint Fricker

DURING August, Lions organised the Avon Descent Breakfast in Duidgee Park.

Despite low water levels and inclement weather, the spectator turnout was sufficient for the food stalls to have a successful morning.

A big thankyou to all the volunteers involved, particularly Lion Liz Hughes whose tireless efforts brought the event together.

The co-ordinator of the Avon Descent Committee attended and thanked Toodyay for going to the trouble of organising the breakfast.

On the third Tuesday of each month, we have a social meeting.

Business is put to one side in favour of wining and dining and enjoying fellowship.

Now that The Rec is up and running, we returned to our old haunt in August and enjoyed a fabulous meal in the private dining room.

Lions WA have begun a new initiative; The Beacon of Light mobile van.

The van is a state-of-the-art mobile health

and wellbeing service, here to listen, support and help guide people to the right care services for their needs.

The van will be at the Toodyay Agricultural Show, which this year falls at the culmination of Mental Health week.

This is an ideal time to come and have a confidential chat with a friendly and trained volunteer.

Our club turns 50 on September 19.

We are holding a gala dinner at the Toodyay Homestead Motel on this Saturday September 19.

The RSVP date has passed.

There may still be a few tickets left.

Contact toodyay.wa@lions.org.au or Heather on 0436019991.

Our business meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month at The Toodyay Men’s Shed, 6.30pm for a 7pm start.

There is no charge and everybody is welcome to come along to a meeting to see what we do without any obligation.

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21 Hearts, one big hit

RSL Toodyay Subbranch
Max Howard

AUGUST started with a bang with the production *21 Hearts* performed by actors from Theatre 180.

This was a huge success with about 430 people viewing the three performances.

On the Friday 130 students from Toodyay District High School, Northam High School and home-schooled were given a free performance.

This was followed by the two Saturday performances which were booked out months ago.

Three hundred people viewed these shows to standing ovations.

This was followed by a service at the Alma Beard memorial on Sunday morning where about 50 people attended to pay their respects and lay flowers.

Our annual Vietnam Veterans Day was held on August 18, where a small crowd of 35 persons attended.

We even drew veterans from outside the Shire who stated Toodyay was the only place for miles where a dedication was taking place.

On Tuesday August 25 our new building was completed with only a few small jobs to do.

This was fantastic news for members and has taken almost 107 years for the Sub-branch to have its own home.

While there is still work to do with roads, parking bays and other jobs, we are hopeful this will be completed by our last meeting of the year in November.

Unfortunately landscaping with plants will have to wait until next year.

The official opening, however, will probably be early in 2027.

We would like to thank our sponsors, Bendigo Bank, Lotterieswest, and the Wheatbelt Development Commission for their monetary contributions.

This not only fulfilled our dream of a home but also a building that the community could make use of.

We also need to thank the Toodyay Shire for signing the existing shed and land over to RSLWA.

Without this gesture we would not have been able to apply for grants.

Saturday September 12 will be our Annual General Meeting.

We are looking for new people to serve on the executive to move the Sub-branch forward.

Prior to this meeting commencing, we will have a young student from Goomalling giving us a presentation on the Dorizzi brothers, former Toodyay residents, who died in the Second World War as prisoners of war.

September 18 and 19 will also see us having our annual street stall where produce, plants and raffles will be available.

A write good singalong

Toodyay Music Club
Jenny Edgecombe

WE STARTED the August meeting with the usual singalong to warm up the voices.

We do love an audience and this month we welcomed some regular visitors from the metropolitan area.

They enjoy taking part in the group

singing at the beginning and they stay for some of the individual items when the time permits.

The paper and writing theme in August brought out some new songs and others that haven't been aired at the club for some time.

Jenny balanced the sombre *Whisky Lullaby* with a tragi-comic *Melanie Saffka* song, *I'm Back in Town*.

The classic *Sounds of Silence* was one of Joe's selections.

He also included the sombre country rock ballad, *Louise*.

Maurice included some enjoyable new songs for the theme: *Kites and The Paperchase*.

Anne always entertains us with an interesting mix of songs.

This time her songs ranged from *Bad Moon Rising* to *Will Ye No Come Back Again*.

There were many other items and a cheerful afternoon tea break.

Why not come along in September to listen or to perform.

The group will meet in the CWA Hall on Saturday September 12, starting at 1pm.

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

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

Staying in place: what it could mean for Toodyay locals

Staying in Place Toodyay Districts
Hamish Dobbie

FOR many older people in country towns, the hardest part of ageing is not simply needing more support, it is the possibility of having to leave home to receive it.

Staying In Place (SIP) is a community-based aged-care model designed to change that.

Rather than expecting seniors to move away from familiar streets, neighbours and routines, care is organised around local needs and local providers.

For long-term residents, leaving Toodyay can mean losing everyday contact with friends, clubs, local shops, health services, church groups, sporting networks and the landscape that has shaped their lives.

A SIP approach recognises that wellbeing is social as well as medical.

The SIP Toodyay Districts Program is based on a "virtual village" concept.

Older residents can access the benefits often associated with retirement or lifestyle villages – companionship, support, security and peace of mind – without leaving their current homes.

Through government-subsidised Support at Home Packages, people may be able to choose practical supports such as domestic help, transport to social activities, personal care, meals, medication support or assistance to continue hobbies and community involvement.

Older residents may experience less isolation and greater confidence knowing support is coordinated close to home.

Families may feel reassured that parents or grandparents can remain connected while receiving appropriate care.

Local businesses could also benefit if services are delivered through nearby cafés, pharmacies, tradespeople, gardeners, cleaners, transport operators and care workers.

The model can also strengthen community resilience.

When a town builds systems that help older residents remain visible and involved, it preserves local knowledge, volunteering capacity and intergenerational connection.

However, success depends on reliable coordination, enough trained workers, transport options and strong partnerships between the Shire, service providers, community organisations and residents themselves.

In a rural community where relationships matter, that may be its greatest value.

On September 23, there will be an informative presentation on the Aged Care Sector in Australia, presented by Home Made and SIP Toodyay Districts.

This will take place at the Toodyay Community Centre from 10.30am until noon.

We hope to welcome a large number of those locals who care about their community.

Finally, the Staying In Place Toodyay Districts AGM will be held at their office, located at the rear of 94 Stirling Terrace, Toodyay, on September 16 at 5.30pm.

We encourage all those interested to attend.

If you think you or your partner may be eligible for a Support at Home Package or if you are interested in becoming a support worker or part of the SIPTD team, then please contact:

Susan Burley, Case Manager, SIP Toodyay Districts,

Phone: 04 94 085 790

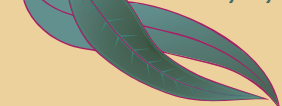
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WED, 23 SEP 2026
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VENUE:

Toodyay Community Resource Centre

67 Stirling Terrace

Toodyay, WA 6566

MORE INFORMATION:

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The session is aimed at those in our community needing care and also for those who are able to provide support services



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Visitors enjoyed a lovely afternoon tea at Stephanie Bain’s amazing garden in Bolgart.

A rock-solid garden getaway

Colin Roberts
Toodyay Garden Club

DUE to unforeseen circumstances, our Katrine Steading visit had to be cancelled. Luckily, Stephanie Bain stepped up and we visited her garden instead.

Stephanie moved here from Bolgart in January 2010 and she had lived on a farm there for over 40 years.

She retired from full-time work towards the end of 2014.

Stephanie’s block is 1098 square metres in size and the elevation from the road to the top of the block is 17 metres, so it is a bit of a climb to the top.

When she moved in, the patio area was done and there was lawn and roses at the front and roses beside the patio.

The rest of the block at the back was caltrop, double gees and too many other weeds to name.

Once she had removed the weeds, Stephanie decided the best way to improve the area, was to cover it with rocks.

So for the next two years she collected rocks that she found from all over Toodyay and slowly, section by section, she covered the

back area.

The existing large rocks couldn’t be moved, so she developed around them. This has created a lot of different areas in the garden and as you move through it, you find a garden seat here, steps and rails there, small areas to rest in and a multitude of different plants everywhere.

The front area had the lawn removed and the roses from beside the patio got moved to the front because they were not getting enough sun where they were.

Unfortunately, Stephanie has lost a lot of roses due to chilli thrip and she has not replaced them.

She says building the garden has been challenging at times but also been very rewarding and therapeutic.

Thank you Stephanie for letting our group come and visit your amazing garden.

The October garden visit is to Debbie and Kim Bywaters in Goomaling

November is the bus trip to Gingin, so if you want to get on the bus, please let Stephanie know, telephone: 0429 888 314 or email toodyaygardenclub@gmail.com

Also let her know if you want to be on the bus to Jennacubine for the Christmas lunch.



Stephanie’s garden prompted some lively discussions amongst its many flower beds.

Inquiry opens the door to a toxic herbicide ban

PARKINSON’S Australia has welcomed the establishment of a parliamentary inquiry into a government watchdog’s failure to ban a herbicide that is linked to Parkinson’s Disease and has been banned in 70 countries.

Currently, there are over 100 registered generic and brand-name products containing paraquat available for professional agricultural and horticultural use in Australia.

After three decades of reviews and mounting scientific studies, the Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority (APVMA) announced in June that it would not ban the chemical paraquat, opting only for tighter controls.

But, following Parkinson’s Australia’s advocacy campaign, a parliamentary inquiry into the decision will now happen.

This month Senator David Pocock successfully launched an inquiry into the APVMA’s decision to continue the use of

paraquat in Australia.

The inquiry will look into the evidence and relationship between paraquat and Parkinson’s.

Parkinson’s Australia chief executive officer Olivia Nassaris welcomed the launch of the inquiry and vowed to continue campaigning for a ban on paraquat.

“Parkinson’s Australia thanks Senator Pocock and is grateful for the support he received for this inquiry,” she said.

“We cannot bury our heads in the sand about the use of paraquat and the evidence that shows its toxicity in neurons.

“Why else have about 70 countries so far, including the UK, the European Union, China, and more recently India, all banned the use of the chemical?

“The incidence of Parkinson’s is projected to triple by 2050, putting pressure on the health system and economy.

“We have to do something to stop it.”

Driving home the road safety message

THOUSANDS of high school students across the state will be able to develop a better understanding of road safety thanks to the expansion of the Road Smart program.

The program aims to make Western Australian roads safer by shaping young people’s attitude towards driver behaviour in the critical years before they get behind the wheel.

The expansion will enable more regional students to participate and ensure young people have access to vital road safety regardless of where they live.

Delivered by the Road Safety Commission, the Road Smart education program provides high-quality road safety education for students in years 7 and 8.

It also offers interactive role-playing through virtual reality and other digital platforms for students in year 9.

Grants of up to \$5,000 are also available exclusively to schools participating in a Road Smart incursion to support student-led behaviour change initiatives.

Funding for the program is provided through the Road Trauma Trust Account, that sees 100 per cent of safety camera fines spent on projects that save lives and reduce trauma on WA roads.

Road Safety Minister Jessica Stojkovski said road safety doesn’t just start when people get the keys to a car.

“We know that young people are overrepresented in road trauma statistics,” she said.

“We are investing in our young people to develop positive and safe driving behaviour at school, and we are generating one of the best tools we can to help save young lives in the future.”

Minister Stojkovski said she welcomed the significant funding increase for the program.

She said thousands of students would get

a ‘kickstart’ into learning how to make safer choices on the road well before they got behind the wheel.

“Our schools do a great job in teaching students about life skills, and I encourage more schools to get onboard and take advantage of this life saving free service which is aligned to the WA curriculum.”

Schools can book the Road Smart KickStart and Interactive incursions via the Road Safety Commission.

For more information see here:
<https://tinyurl.com/yc4df2n7>



R U OK?Day: People across Australia have embraced a simple question

NINE in 10 people in Australia are aware of R U OK? Day but awareness alone doesn’t start conversations.

This month, the R U OK?Day team are focused on helping more people feel more confident to reach out when someone is on their mind.

Across homes, workplaces, schools, sporting clubs and communities, people are talking more openly about life’s ups and downs and the importance of staying connected.

Yet some people still hesitate to start a conversation because they’re worried about saying the wrong thing or aren’t sure how to help.

R U OK? CEO Lachlan Searle said that’s why building confidence is such an important focus.

“From the Torres Strait to Tasmania, people have embraced the R U OK? message and made it their own,” he said.

“They have helped create a culture where reaching out to someone you’re concerned about is becoming more and more part of everyday life.

Mr Searle said the movement never belonged to R U OK? alone.

“It belongs to everyone who has downloaded

a free resource, hosted a morning tea, shared a post, joined an event or, most importantly, made time for a meaningful conversation with someone who needed support, someone they are care about.”

R U OK? Day has become one of the nation’s most widely recognised awareness days and, together with year-round R U OK? activities, has helped more people understand the important role conversations can play in supporting mental wellbeing and suicide prevention.

With such high awareness of R U OK?, Mr Searle said the opportunity now is to help more people feel comfortable starting a conversation when it matters.

“Awareness matters because it helps create a shared understanding that reaching out to someone you’re concerned about is a positive thing to do,” he said.

“But awareness is only the beginning.

“We want people to show that they care and act on that concern by asking the question, ‘are you OK?’

A conversation doesn’t need to be perfect and you don’t need to have all the answers.

“Often, simply taking the time to ask and listen can make a meaningful difference and show that person that you truly care.”



Scroll, but with much caution

Computer Safety
Phil Hart

“I SAW it on social media, so it must be right.” Right?
Wrong.

Believing what you see on social media can have consequences ranging from embarrassment to death.

The quote, “no amount of evidence will ever persuade an idiot” is misattributed to Mark Twain.

Citing it as a true attribution can be rather embarrassing.

Parminder Singh recently ended his political career by repeating the falsehood that homosexual people are mentally ill.

He had seen it on social media.

The claim “5G towers spread Covid 19” originated with the Belgian practitioner Kris Van Kerckhoven in January 2020.

The claim has no basis in fact.

People have nevertheless committed arson on telephone towers and attacked communication workers.

The myth that highly concentrated alcohol could eliminate the Covid-19 virus had killed around 800 people worldwide by the middle of 2020.

Social media myths can arise from personal malevolence, stupidity, ignorance or carelessness.

Such a myth can also come from somebody creating satire and it being misunderstood by others.

Even well trusted sources such as Associated Press can be hacked and act as sources of misinformation.

There is no guaranteed way of avoiding misinformation on social media, but you can weed out most of it.

If you have any doubts about any claim, check it against independent sources of information.

Morangup puts the fun in fundraising



The room was abuzz with unanswered questions and brain-stretching fun at the Morangup Progress Association’s annual quiz night.

Morangup Progress Association
Daryl Cooper

THINKING outside the square, sound long term memory, as well as good general knowledge were all required of participants in the Morangup Progress Association annual quiz night held last month.

Sponsored by the Toodyay and Northam branch of the Bendigo Bank, the quiz was held to raise funds for local Volunteer groups on August 22.

It was well attended by both locals and their friends from near and far – even as far as Melbourne.

Teams of eight competed for the night’s cash prizes, while individuals could bid in between question rounds for various prizes generously donated by local businesses.

Quizmaster Ray Mills did a brilliant job keeping the evening moving along at a cracking pace.

The challenging questions and a round of

riddles provided plenty of head-scratching, brain-stretching fun.

Another part of the fun for the evening was the invitation to participants to come dressed in something to indicate their favourite sport.

There were many individuals wearing footy scarves and shirts.

A prize for “best dressed” went collectively to a team of ladies all dressed as Sharon Strzelecki (the famous netball lover and admirer of Shane Warne).

The Shire of Toodyay once again fielded a team led by Shire President Mick McKeown and to the chagrin of those who sometimes like to complain about the lack of mental capacity of our elected leaders, the team took out first place at night’s end.

Second place went to a team calling themselves ‘the misfits’, while third place went to a team called ‘exercise free zone’, proving, at least to some extent, that lack of exercise does not equate with lack of brain power.

As a result of the evening’s fun and

entertainment, the sum of \$4,725 was raised, and will be divided equally between Morangup’s volunteer groups and presented to them at a function later in the year.



The winning team of quiz masters celebrate.



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The winner of the Syred Cup: Jenni Knowles.

A hole lot of championship golf

Bolgart Community News
Pam McGill

DEEPEST sympathy is extended to all families on the passing of Brad King formerly of Wyening.

GOLF NEWS

Bolgart Ladies Golf Club hosted the Avon Valley Ladies Golf Association Championships over three days on August 7, 8 and 9.

This event is held every nine years by the Clubs in the Avon Valley.

Most the ladies attending stayed at the Boshack Outback Farmstay and enjoyed their stay there.

Bolgart Ladies would like to thank

everyone who contributed to this event, especially our Bolgart Men.

They, along with numerous ladies, worked hard to get the course ready.

The end result looked magnificent.

Thank you to all the sponsors, volunteers and everyone who helped in the kitchen, with the cooking and wherever help was needed.

Bolgart is proud of our very own Joy Hamilton who won the championship for her first time and received the 'Gold' Jacket to have her name added.

A very prestigious event to win and congratulations Joy.

Avon Valley Ladies Golf Association Golf Championships

Winners: Steph Hubble and Rachel Flint

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AVLGA Championship – Helen Ward Memorial Cup Closed 36 Hole

Gross Champion Joy Hamilton Bolgart 177.

Polly Whitfield Rose Bowl Closed 36 Holes

Nett Karen Pollard Gingin 141

Bronze Championship Carol Comley Jug Closed 36 Holes

Gross Winner Karen Pollard Gingin 187

Winner Sharon Richards Quairading 91

Participation Stableford event Closed

Winner Rachel Flint Northam 66

Club Days

Therese Chitty Trophy Stroke

Winner: Joy Hamilton 75 nett

Marion Colmer Memorial Trophy Stroke

Winner Therese Chitty 70 nett

Kath Travers Memorial Trophy Stroke

Winner Serena Syred 71 nett

Vivienne Camerer Trophy Stableford

Winner Pam McGill 38 pts

Syred Cup Trophy 27 holes Stableford

Winner Jenni Knowles 55 pts

Alyson McGuiness Trophy Stableford

Winner Jenni Knowles 39 pts

Adele Ludemann Memorial Trophy Hidden

Partners Stableford

Winners Joy Hamilton and Jenni Knowles

Men's Golf

The Men played their Open Day 4BBB Stableford in July with a great field of 22 pairs sponsored by CNE Ag Solutions – Dylan, Bryan and Karlene Crane.

Winners from Bolgart Father and Son combination Callen and Samuel Syred 52 pts.

A great field of 44 starters for the Ludemann Cup Trophy sponsored by the Ludemann Family played over 27 holes Stableford in July.

Winner Samuel Syred 64 points.

Congratulations to all winners and well done to Samuel on his great golf to win on both days.



(Left to right) winners 4BBB Par with sponsors: Karlene Crane, (sponsor) Samuel Syred, Callen Syred, Bryan Crane (Sponsor).



Pictured in the middle: Ludemann Cup winner Samuel Syred. Left is his father Callen Syred and right is his grandfather Phil Syred.



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Toodyay Today

Shire of Toodyay News & Community Updates

SEPTEMBER

Save the Dates!

Free 1:1 Business Advisory - Thursday 3 September, 8 October, 1pm - 2pm, Toodyay CRC.

Assisted Living Product Talk & Showcase - Thursday 17 September, 11am - 2pm, Toodyay CRC.

Tarmac West 2026 - Saturday 19 September, 8am - 1pm, Toodyay Surrounds.

Toodyay Farmers Market - Sunday 20 September, 9am - 1pm, Stirling Park.

Toodyay Miniature Railway - Sunday 20 September, 10am - 2pm, Duidgee Park.

Understand Aged Care - Wednesday 23 September, 10:30am - 12pm, Toodyay CRC.

2026 TABTouch Toodyay Picnic Race Day - Sunday 27 September, Toodyay Race Club.

Ordinary Council Meeting - Thursday 1 October, 5:30pm, Shire Council Chambers.

Just a Farmer Screening - Saturday 3 October, TBC, Toodyay Memorial Hall.

Toodyay Agriculture Show - Saturday 10 October, Toodyay Showgrounds.

Toodyay Farmers Market - Sunday 18 October, 9am - 1pm, Stirling Park.

Childrens Week - 18 - 26 October.

Boshack Rodeo - Saturday 24 October, Toodyay Racecourse.

Seniors Week - 9 - 12 November.

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

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

Volunteers recently joined Toodyay District High School students for a hands-on fuel reduction burn, providing a practical learning experience in bushfire prevention. Students observed fire behaviour, the heat generated by even small fires, the importance of reducing fuel loads, and the safety measures needed to prevent fires from escaping. They also gained insight into the role of local bushfire brigades and had the opportunity to ask questions and learn from experienced volunteers. The activity was coordinated by TDHS staff and the Emergency Management Officer, with thanks extended to the volunteers who shared their knowledge and expertise. Such experiences help young people develop a better understanding of bushfire risks, preparedness and community resilience. The Shire of Toodyay is supported by five volunteer bushfire brigades, Bejoording, Coondle-Nunile, Julimar, Morangup and Toodyay Central, as well as the Toodyay SES. Residents can connect with their local brigade or unit by SMSing its name and their own name to **0408 017 439**.



National Science Week at the CRC

The Toodyay Community Resource Centre celebrated National Science Week with a week of hands-on learning and discovery for the local community. On 15 August, community members enjoyed a special Stargazing Night with Perth Observatory, using powerful telescopes to explore the night sky and learn more about the stars and planets. A free sausage sizzle was also provided for attendees. The science fun continued during Kids Club on 20 August, with children taking part in a range of STEM experiments and activities. Heidi from the library also joined the session, sharing her knowledge as a former microbiologist and giving the children the opportunity to explore microscope slides and discover the microscopic world. The CRC would like to thank Perth Observatory, Heidi, the Kids Club team, and everyone who attended for helping make National Science Week a fantastic success!



Library Update

What a busy month at the library! A big thank you to everyone who came along to the Christmas in July Quiz, with special thanks to the Toodyay Theatre Group and Christmas 360 for their support. It's been a hectic month with Dental Week, Science Week and Book Week back-to-back! Retired GP John Whitelaw kindly helped us out during Science Week, and Smiling Starts Early Childhood Dental Program joined us at Rhyme Time to check the children's teeth and share the importance of good dental health. We really appreciate everyone who supports our library programs. The library looked fantastic for Symphony of Stories, and the local children looked fabulous in their costumes. We also enjoyed a lovely morning tea with our Rhyme Time families. Upcoming: Local author talk - Kathleen O'Reilly Johnson will be at the library with her book Johnston **Wednesday 30 September at 6pm**. RSVP with the library ladies.



Community Citizen of the Year Awards 2027

Do you know an active Toodyay citizen who has made an amazing impact within our community? Why not nominate them for Citizen of the Year Awards 2027. To nominate go to the below website <https://www.citizenshipawards.com.au/nominate/>
5 Categories to nominate for:
• Community Citizen of the Year
• Young Community Citizen of the Year
• Senior Community Citizen of the Year
• Active Citizenship (Group/Event)
Nominations close **31 October 2026**. More details to follow on the Shire website and facebook page. Award ceremony will be held on Australia Day 2027. Celebrating all the amazing achievements within our community.

Tarmac West 2026 - Road Closures

Tarmac West Rally is coming to Toodyay on the 19 September 2026. A friendly reminder that road closures will take place from 8:00am to 1:45pm. More information to follow on Shire website and facebook page.



Museum

Peter Salvaire was the Proprietor of a Motor and General Engineering Works in Northam and an early donor to the museum, after its opening in 1962. Among the items he donated was a group of objects associated with the United Ancient Order of Druids (UAOD). The original Druids existed in Iron Age Britain and Europe as a ruling order of priests. The newer organisation was established in 1781 in England evolving into a secular fraternal benefit society. Modern Druids are different again and follow an earth-centred, nature-focused spiritual path. Our newest mini display in the Newcastle Police Stables showcases four UAOD artefacts from the early 20th century - a stole, a book, a satchel & a certificate.



Council Decisions

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

- \$7.53 million for major road safety works: Council amended the 2026/27 Budget to incorporate \$7,534,994 in State Government funding for Toodyay-Bindi Bindi Road (\$3.56m) and Julimar Road (\$3.97m).
- Community organisations and events receive funding: YouthCARE (\$10,000), Lions Club of Toodyay (\$1,760), Toodyay Events Planning Inc (\$15,000), Avon Valley Vintage Vehicle Association (\$3,000), and the Toodyay Triathlon Club (\$3,000 plus \$1,500 in-kind pool access).
- Alfresco Dining Bays: Council supported delivering two additional permanent alfresco dining bays on the Stirling Terrace café strip.
- Old Depot Site: Council supported opening this site for large vehicle parking.

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



Land care students gain valuable fire safety skills

Toodyay DHS
Shelly Maes

YEAR 9 Landcare students recently had the opportunity to learn first-hand about safe land management and bushfire awareness during a practical session led by the dedicated members of the Toodyay Central Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade.

The session provided students with important knowledge about the role of fire in land management and the precautions required to ensure burns are conducted safely.

Brigade members shared their expertise on identifying potential risks, understanding weather conditions, using appropriate safety equipment, and reducing hazards when undertaking controlled burns.

Students also explored how emergency services respond to bushfires and learned what actions to take if they encounter a fire emergency.

The hands-on nature of the session allowed students to put their learning into practice,

gaining valuable skills and insights from experienced local volunteers.

For many students, the highlight of the day was the opportunity to work alongside brigade members and experience some of the practical techniques used in fire management.

The session reinforced the importance of preparation, teamwork and safety when working on the land, while also increasing students' awareness of the challenges faced by volunteer firefighters in our community.

As a school, we are incredibly grateful to the Toodyay Central Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade for sharing their time, knowledge and experience with our students.

Community partnerships such as these provide authentic learning opportunities and help students develop a deeper understanding of local industries, environmental management, and community service.

A special thank you to Aurelie Zimmerman for helping to coordinate and make this valuable learning experience possible and

to Bethan, President of Toodyay Friends of the River.

Her ongoing support enables our students to connect with local experts and gain practical skills that will benefit them well into the future.

Through experiences like this, our Year 9 Landcare students continue to develop the knowledge, confidence, and practical skills needed to become responsible stewards of the environment and active contributors to their community.

Culture, community and a country run

Bolgart Primary School
Sharyn Edgar, Principal

STUDENTS celebrated NAIDOC with an afternoon of activities, that included working in multi-aged groups and a rotation between classes to complete a range of activities.

With Mrs Davey, they learnt how symbols can be drawn to help tell stories before they painted some local seed pods.

With Mrs Glatz, they learnt about the importance of community and working together before decorating hands with Indigenous symbols.

With Miss Woodhouse, they learnt about the history of NAIDOC over the last 50 years.

Students then researched some of the themes used to represent the celebration every year and placed them on a timeline.

This is on display in the school office for all to see.

Cross country
On Friday, July 24, we all participated in a cross country event held at the Bolgart Golf Course.

Each student competed in their respective age group events.

The course presented some challenges for the older students, particularly with a steep hill to climb towards the conclusion of the 2000m race.

The day was enjoyable for everyone and there was ample encouragement for all competitors.

A heartfelt thankyou goes out to all the parents who provided delicious food for the day, Mrs Kesic for her amazing planning and running of the day as well as to those who volunteered to assist with marshalling and

other tasks throughout the event.

A big thankyou to Calingiri PS, Yerecoin PS, Cadoux PS, Goomalling PS, and Sacred Heart CS.

We would also like to give a big welcome to Kalannie PS for joining us this year.

We congratulate all of our students in their participation of the event including those who received medals.

Jacob – 3rd
Sophia – 2nd
Charlotte – 1st

Further congratulations to those students receiving certificates for placing in 4th to 10th places.

Ramsay – 10th, Kiahn – 5th, Oscar – 8th, Chloe – 5th, Tyne – 8th, Thea – 6th, Billie – 7th, Harley – 9th and Nicholas – 10th.



Year 9 Landcare students learning about safe land management.





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Patchwork in full bloom

Ragbags Quilting Group
Kerry Gregory

THE recent sunny days are a delight as the patch of self-sown paper daisies near my clothesline have burst into colour.

They are generally a cheerful reminder that spring has arrived at my back door.

If you don't have a patch of wildflowers at the back door then a little trip through the mid-west via Three Springs and Mingenew to Mullewa would certainly assure you of photo opportunities for wildflowers in bushland.

The Mullewa region is known for the proliferation of wildflowers and is close to Pindar where the wreath leschenaultia grows in the disturbed gravel shoulders of the roadside.

Alternatively, a little closer to home on the way to Green Head, the Lesuseur National Park offers lovely walks to view native flora and wildflowers in their natural setting.

The unique forms and colours of our Australian flora have long been favoured design subjects for embroidery and patchwork projects.

Our libraries all contain well-thumbed books full of patterns for these beauties.

The best of these books I believe is *The Australian Needlework Patchwork, Applique and Quilting* book by Margaret Rolfe and Val

Moore, series editor Jennifer Sanders. This publication contains the Adelaide Chronicle Quilts from 1933 with twenty-four Australian wildflower designs that were published individually each week for their quilt competition during the depression.

A multitude of Australian flora quilting fabrics are available these days enabling many fabulously designed and crafted quilts to highlight our unique flora.

These provide stunning Australian gifts, particularly for overseas friends and families.

This month's photo depicts an actual-sized appliquéd wreath leschenaultia cushion crafted by former Ragbags member Megan Ebdon.

As it is only weeks until the Toodyay Agricultural Show on October 10, a reminder to finish your projects.

Remember to check for stray threads and pet hair, and apply a temporary cover label over identifying labels. Also attach a hanging strip or tabs.

Good luck with your entries. They are a special and colourful part of the display at our much-envied local show.

New members are very welcome at the Ragbags Group.

Join us for a cuppa, a chat and a laugh. Sharing your creativity and enthusiasm is a special part of our gatherings.

We usually share a little Show and Tell session to admire your beautiful work and talent.

All craft projects are special. There is plenty of room to bring your cross-stitch stand, 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 is warm inside during this wintery weather. Bring your lunch.

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



Sew much to celebrate

The Crooked Needle
Jean Melhuish-Hill

WHAT have we been up to this month?

There have been some beautiful pieces produced and many items made for charity.

Julie Street and Lyn Waugh have been busy making bootees, beanies, cardies and soft toys for newborn babies.

These are being distributed through WA's Knit for Charity group of which two other members Gail Squires and Deb Day are also members.

One of our members has recently become a great, great aunt and has been working on a cotton blanket, a Lilly Lama cuddle bunny and asked Karen Lakeman to make a very special teddy from an antique fur coat which was over 100 years old.

Tilly Teddy was the result.

These three items have all been delivered to the lucky little lady who arrived safely during August.

It is about time for another group project. We are looking for some new ideas to keep our fingers and brains active.

With Christmas just around the corner, we will be starting on things like table centres, runners, stockings and decorations.

Each year at our Christmas Lunch each member provides a secret Santa gift which can be anything from a craft item to some jams or preserves, or a piece of art.

The only criterion is that it should be homemade.

With projects and Christmas activities we will all be busy through to the end of the year.



A wreath leschenaultia cushion by our former quilting group member Megan Ebdon.





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Throughout the day, artists spread out

It was a fantastic example of what can happen when local organisations work together, bringing artists, visitors and the wider community into town and creating plenty of buzz along the way.



Cue the evil laugh and cackles

Marvellous.

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Spinning a yarn of creativity

Toodyay Spinners and Weavers
Chris Stokie

TOODYAY Spinners and Weavers have had another busy productive month.
Carol brought, after a lot of work, a vest she has just finished to show to the members. She had hand spun a variegated Corriedale fibre in a lovely burnt orange and a variegated deep green Merino fibre.
Carol then knitted up a pattern of her own design.



Carol's variegated Corriedale and Merino fibre vest.

The buttons were up-cycled from an old dress bought at an op shop and provide a very stylish touch to this lovely garment.
Tracey brought in a recently purchased mini weaving loom.
Its small size fits handily into a handbag, allowing for on-the-go crafting.
Tracey is currently using it to weave small squares, which will be sewn together to create a jacket for herself.
We look forward to seeing the finished product.
Toodyay Spinners and Weavers will have a stall and a display of judged items at the Toodyay Agricultural Show on October 10 at our home base in Parkers Cottage.
Handcrafted items and garments, which have been made by the group's very skilled members, will be available for purchase.
Club members will be on hand to discuss and demonstrate various crafting techniques and answer any questions you may have.
We look forward to seeing lots of locals and visitors alike at this celebrated Toodyay annual event.
Toodyay Spinners and Weavers meet at Parkers Cottage at the Toodyay Oval, every Wednesday from 9am to noon and on the first and third Saturday of every month from 9am to noon.
New members are always welcome.
Please feel free to drop in and meet the group for a coffee and a chat.
You may wish to learn new skills or just enjoy your current wool crafts in a friendly group environment.

Dancing into a golden anniversary

Wheatbelt Squares
Gil Ackland President

IT HAS been a quiet couple of months for Wheatbelt Squares.
A number of dancers have been unwell, recovering from injury or have been travelling and this has affected participation numbers.
We have not been able to meet regularly.
However, some dancers joined the square at Gidgegannup with a host of different callers and sampled Rosemary's top scones.
Others travelled to Mandurah for the Dolphin's birthday celebration.
A couple of our dancers attended the Wild West themed Callers Ball – a thoroughly

enjoyable afternoon with many songs aligned to the theme.
Several dancers came dressed as gangsters carrying arms.
They were held in line and a dapperly dressed Sheriff Dew maintained the peace amongst the yahoos.
The club celebrates its 50th Birthday on Sunday September 20 at the Wongan Hills Civic Centre.
The day will also acknowledge and celebrate Robert's 50 years as a caller.
This is a remarkable achievement.
We already have several registrations of interest.
The event is on the Club.
Our secretary has been very busy obtaining sponsorship.
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The new sheriff in town: Dew, maintaining the peace at the Wild West Caller's Ball.

More GPs to support ADHD

MORE General Practitioners (GPs) have now completed specialist training to give better support for those with ADHD.
The ADHD GP Training Program was developed by the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners, with oversight from WA Health.
Once authorised by the Department of Health, trained GPs can assess, treat and provide ongoing

management for patients aged 10 years and older with uncomplicated ADHD.
This will help reduce reliance on specialist services and improve access to timely care.
More than a third of the newly trained GPs are based in regional and rural WA.
For list of trained ADHD GPs and more information see here: <https://tinyurl.com/4ckvzdrj>



Some turned items possibly bound for the Woodcraft section at the Toodyay Ag Show.

Wood you believe it?

Avon Wood Turners
Hamish Dobie

EVERY turner wants to make the best job possible.
Before we start a project, the challenge is to find the best wood available.
This can often take some time.
This is why I have previously included requests for wood in several of our monthly articles.
Normally, you would select a piece of wood because of the size you need and that there is no sign of cracking on each end.
When Mike selected a section of an olive branch to turn, he had no idea that when he had turned off the bark a spectacular pattern would appear.
The photo attached shows the pattern on the piece in the foreground.
Mike is still working on this piece and intends to make it the body of a lamp.
It has been a quieter month in the shed.
Several of our members have either been working elsewhere or have been escaping the cold mornings by holidaying in warmer climates.
However, we have been fortunate to have received a donation of a coffee machine

from St Johns (a big thankyou) and this is making the morning coffee break even more appealing.
The bitterly cold mornings have made it extremely appealing to have an early cuppa to warm your hands and your insides before you start.
The Toodyay Agricultural Show is just one month away and old rivalries are coming to the fore.
It is a matter of pride to be the turner who receives the most awards in the Woodcraft section.
This year the ladies will be challenging for the title and the Best in Show award.
Let the games begin.
We are always grateful for donations of good, dry wood suitable for turning.
If when cleaning out that old shed you find some long-forgotten timber that you will never use, give us a call.
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.

Find your agricultural show voice

Toodyay Community Singers
Anne Millar

IT HAS been very cold this last month especially in the mornings.
I hope everyone has been keeping warm.
The singers are still rehearsing for the Agricultural show on the second Saturday of October.
We have a nice selection of songs for your enjoyment.
The singers have been part of the

community for over 20 years and are in need of new voices.
If you have a voice, come join us and be party of community events.
We take part in the Christmas street party, the Moondyne festival, pay our respects on Anzac Day and the agricultural show.
We rehearse on Mondays at the CWA Hall on Stirling terrace from 4pm to 5.30pm.
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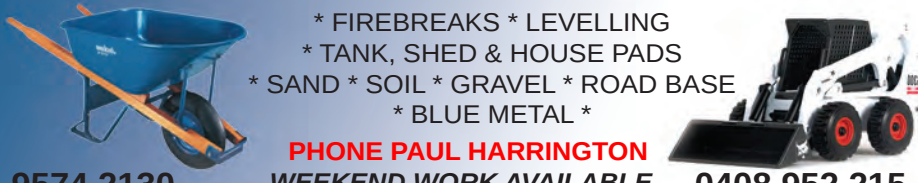
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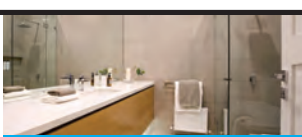
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Avon Valley Vintage Vehicle Association
Third Saturday Old Engineer’s Quarters next to Northam Railway Museum, Fitzgerald St Northam 10.30am. 9622 5932.

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

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

Ragbags Quilting Group
First and third Wednesday monthly, St Stephen’s Hall 10am-2.30pm. 9574 4503.
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The Crooked Needle
Friday morning craft \$3.50 CWA Hall Stirling Terrace 9.30am-noon. Jan 0407 083 079, Annette 9574 2332.

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

Toodyay Miniature Railway
Easter Saturday, thereafter first and third Sunday monthly until Nov. Mark, President 0424 281 770.

Toodyay Spinners and Weavers
Every Wednesday; and the first and third Saturdays at Parker’s Cottage, Showgrounds 9am to noon.
toodyayspinners@hotmail.com.

Toodyay Theatre Group
Vicki Haggarty, President
toodyaytheatregroup@gmail.com

CHURCHES

Anglican Church
Sundays St Stephen’s Church 10am.

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

Bakers Hill Fellowship
Sundays Bakers Hill Primary School Music Room 10am. Pastor Peter Booth 0417 945 725.

Toodyay Baptist Church
Sundays 18 Stirling Tce 10.30am. Joy 0432 470 771.

Uniting Church
St Stephen’s Church 10am.

EDUCATION / PLAYGROUPS

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

Toodyay District High School P&C
Tuesday of Week 5 each term TDHS staff room 5.30pm. ‘Toodyay DHS P&C’ on Facebook, write to Toodyay District High School P&C at PO Box 1624, Toodyay WA 6566. email pandctoodyaydhs@gmail.com.
Toodyay Playgroup
Tuesdays, Thursdays 9-11am. Wednesdays Bubs Play 10am-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 0474550544 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
toodyayseslocalmanager@gmail.com.
Toodyay Volunteer Fire and Rescue
First Monday monthly, Toodyay Fire and Emergency Services Centre 7.30pm.

ENVIRONMENT

Avon Valley Environmental Society
Wheatbelt Natural Resource Management Centre, 269 Fitzgerald St, Northam. Third Friday monthly, noon.
Janet Wilkinson 9574 5947.

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

Julimar Conservation and Forest Alliance
Julimarforest@gmail.com.
Marsupial Mammals and Pappas
Wildlife rescue. 0467 964 872.

Safe and Scenic Toodyay Road
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. Alison Guley 0419 955 099
Email toodyaygardenclub@gmail.com for venue or Stephanie Bain 0429 888 314.

Toodyay Naturalists’ Club
Third Saturday monthly. 9574 5574, secretary@toodyaynats.org.au. Website www.toodyaynats.org.au.

Toodyay Seed Group
Toodyay Junction, opposite Shire depot. Email BethanLloyd_8@msn.com

FESTIVALS & EVENTS

Toodyay Agricultural Show
www.toodyayagsociety.com.au
Toodyay Farmers Market
Third Sunday monthly, 0429 984 482, toodyayfarmersmarket@gmail.com.

Toodyay Moondyne Festival
moondynecommittee@gmail.com.

The Toodyay Rose Show
will be held on Sunday, October 25 in and around St Stephen’s Church Hall. Doors open on Sunday at 10am - 5.30pm. The entry to the Hall is a gold coin donation. Entry to the competition is free and rose show schedules will be available at the end of August. For more information contact: Alison Wroth 0437 099 960 or Lynlee Chitty on 0407 468 382

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.

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.

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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.
Butterly Cottages Association
Secretary: Cheryl-Jean. Contact email

butterly2J@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.
Secretary Fred de Rooij, 0488 554 931

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 Watson 0418 269 773. Mixed Winter Bowls Thursday 12.30pm. Liz Sullivan.

All welcome.
Toodyay Golf Club
Mixed comp Sundays noon; Ladies Wednesdays 1.30pm. Roma: 9574 5534. Men’s scrourgers 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 6.30pm October - April, Friday Night Community Tennis - October - November (Facebook for updates) or community court hire play.tennis.com.au . Facebook @toodyaytennisclub. Contact Jenny Ash Secretary 0417497972

CLASSIFIEDS

Toodyay Community Garden Inc.
notifies a change of date for its Annual General Meeting, to now be held at 2 pm, Saturday, 26 September 2026 at the Community Centre, 67 Stirling Terrace Toodyay. All are welcome.

The Annual General Meeting of Staying in Place Toodyay Districts Inc
will be held on Wednesday, September 16, 2026, at 5.30pm at the Staying in Place office 94 Stirling Tce. (Entry via rear steps.) The agenda will include the Minutes of the 2025 AGM, President’s Report, Treasurer’s Report, Case manager’s Report, General business and Election of Committee. The community are invited to attend. *Committee members are needed to support this innovative approach to aged care in the Toodyay community.* Please register interest by contacting the Chairman Hamish Dobie 0423 115 204

Make your
move towards
reducing stroke

THE Stroke Foundation has issued an urgent call to action, asking everyone to get moving this September to reduce their risk of stroke and other chronic conditions.

Data from Australian Institute of Health and Welfare shows that nearly two in every five Australian adults aged 18-64 do not meet the recommended guidelines for physical activity (37 per cent).

Stroke Foundation chief executive officer Lisa Murphy, says this was a concerning statistic.

“This equates to around 10.5 million Australians who are not getting the recommended amount of physical exercise,” Dr Murphy said.

“Being physically active is important for good health and wellbeing at any age, and is one of the most simple and effective ways you can reduce your risk of stroke.

Dr Murphy said Just 30 minutes of exercise five times a week can reduce your risk of stroke by 25 per cent.

To combat physical inactivity, Stroke Foundation has kicked off its Stride4Stroke campaign this month.

The month-long September challenge encourages Australians to get active, in any way they choose.

At the same time striders will be raising funds to help create a future with fewer strokes.

For more information on Stride4Stroke see here: www.stride4stroke.org.au

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Notice of Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of The Toodyay Herald (Inc) will be held on Saturday 26 October 2026 at 11am at The Herald Office, 111 Stirling Terrace, Toodyay (rear of Christmas 360).

The agenda will include Minutes of the 2025 AGM. Matters Arising, President’s Report, Treasurer’s Report, Editor’s Report. General Business and Election of Committee.

Financial members are invited to attend and vote at the AGM.
Enquiries Anne: 0418 904 322



Our lucky garden club raffle winners: Denise Garity, Daphne Lee and David Reading.

Digging this beautiful garden

Toodyay Garden Club
Judy Rowston

ON A perfect sunny August winters morning, the Toodyay Garden Club ventured to Northam to visit Suzanne and Adrian Waters' native garden.

Suzanne was very welcoming and so happy to host and show us around.

Having moved from a 22-acre property of wandoo bushland, Suzanne and Adrian found the perfect one-acre property on the outskirts of Northam.

They inherited mostly dirt out the back with a few privets, eucalypts, tupunas, melaleucas, cotton woods and gums created a great base for a new garden.

Suzanne fish scaled garden beds to mitigate water runoff from the sloping block and with a love of Eremophila and using tube stock plants in rich loamy clay, the garden was soon off and running.

The priority was some rare and endangered species which are flourishing.

They used pea gravel for the pathways and mulched mostly with canola straw, if they could get it, or pea or lupin straw to retain moisture.

The cottonwood hedging protects the garden from the hot easterly winds.

A gorgeous rock wall was a stunning feature with archways and paving to bird

baths, creating a platform of calm in the front garden.

Vegetables grown in raised garden beds were thriving and feature old machinery in the backyard offering visitors a chance to remember times of long ago when our forefathers did it hard on the farm.

A striking piece was the Sunshine Combine which Adrian found in great grandfather's rubbish tip.

The garden is definitely Suzanne and Adrian's sanctuary, and we thank them both sincerely for welcoming our garden club members leaving them all to feel inspired to create when they went home.

Our raffle winners this month were David Reading, Daphne Lee and Denise Garity.

The October garden visit is to Kim and Debbie Bywater's Goomalling property.

Please contact the committee if you would like to organise carpooling for this visit.

Stephanie will be taking names at the October visit along with payment for the bus trip to Gingin in November.

The club will then head to the Gingin hotel for lunch. Jean will sort the menu and costs, and arrange payment. Please check out the next newsletter for details.

If you wish to learn more about the Toodyay Garden Club, please contact Stephanie on 0429 888 314 or email Lyn, toodyaygardenclub@gmail.com

Season's greetings: Kambarang starts to bloom

Dudja Waangkiny
(Toodyay Yarning)



Noongar Kaartdijin Aboriginal Corporation

FOR Noongar people, the Six Bonar (Seasons) are understood through changes taking place across Boodja (Country).

The seasonal cycle moves through Makuru (Season of Fertility), Djilba (Season of Conception), Kambarang (Season of Birth), Birak (Season of the Young), Bunuru (Season of Adolescence) and Djeran (Season of Adulthood), before returning again to Makuru.

Unlike the English four-season calendar, the changing seasons are read through nature, using rainfall and temperature, flowering plants, water in rivers and wetlands, the breeding and movement of animals, and the availability of foods.

Together, these changes tell us when one Bonar is giving way to another.

Timing can vary from one area to another, and from year to year, depending on the conditions of that particular season.

Noongar Moort knew their Moort Boodja (family lands) intimately, carrying that knowledge through generations.

Here in Toodyay, Djilba – generally associated with August and September – is coming to a close.

We can already see Country preparing for Kambarang, generally associated with October and November.

Through Djilba, Boorong (rains) have replenished Country and filled our Bilya (rivers) and Kep-wari (waterways).

Plants have grown, orchids have flowered and acacias have brought increasing colour to Boodja.

Around the wetlands, Yanget has grown strongly, providing habitat for frogs, waterbirds, insects and other life.

Djidi-djidi (Willy Wagtails) have built their small cup-shaped nests, binding grasses and fibres with spider web.

Kulbardi (magpies) have paired and nested and are now tending their young.

As the days warm and Dangalang (pink everlastings) add their soft colour to the ground, another Bonar is approaching.

Mangati (Banksia), Mungart (Jam Wattle), orchids, everlastings and many other wildflowers will bring colour to the bushland.

Look for the tall flowering spikes of Balga (grass tree).

Thousands of small cream-white flowers attract insects and birds.

Flowers on the warmer, sunnier side may open before those on the cooler side, another way Country can be read.

As temperatures rise, Yoorn (bobtails) will soon become increasingly active around Toodyay, emerging from their cooler-season shelter. Noorn (snakes) will also begin moving about more.

Waterways and wetlands remain productive, providing habitat and traditional seasonal foods for Djilgee (freshwater crayfish), Yarkan (turtle) and Yerderap (duck).

Young Kulbardi and other woodland birds will grow rapidly.

Before long fledglings will begin leaving their nests and learning to live upon Country.

As Djilba draws to a close, look at the Country around us.

Notice what is flowering.

Listen to the birds.

Watch for young animals and Yoorn moving about on warmer days.

The change from one Bonar to another does not happen on a particular day.

Country tells us when it is time.

All around us, the signs of Kambarang are beginning to appear.



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Volunteers dig in to defeat feral olives

Hugh Rayner

DESPITE a terribly dry July and our poor river struggling to live up to that name, Toodyay Friends of the River (TFOR) have been making the most of the clear days to work hard at maintaining the health and pleasure of the river.

We have been primarily tackling the feral olive trees (*Olea Europeae*) growing alongside the Avon River near Extracts Weir.

There have been three busy bees on this project as the infestation is quite intense.

The olive is a species of subtropical evergreen tree in the family Oleaceae, originating in Asia Minor.

It is abundant throughout the Mediterranean Basin.

Investigations around the Bilya Walk Track revealed many large specimens and plenty of small seedlings, clearly showing its potential as a woody weed.

The larger trees are drilled and capsules of glyphosate are inserted, then a piece of dowelling is inserted to hold it in place.

You need to put one capsule at 10cm intervals around the trunk.

It takes about four months for the larger trees to die.

The very small seedlings can be hand pulled, and more advanced seedlings are cut near the ground and painted with glyphosate.

Olive trees are often selected as ornamental trees as they originate from similar climates to Western Australia so are very hardy.

The fruit they produce is spread by birds then they become weeds competing with our native species.

Olives should not be planted near bushland or waterways, and if planted they need to be managed and the fruit picked.

There are many local hardy alternatives if you just want an ornamental tree.

Landholders who would like advice to control olives can contact Friends of the River via our website.

Our river maintenance focus will now shift to dealing with false bamboo, but more about that next time.

On more routine matters, TFOR held their AGM on Sunday August 16 at the picnic shelter at Millard's Pool.

Fortunately, we were blessed with a warm morning and attendance was good.

Even more fortunately, there were people prepared to put up their hand to take on office bearer duties.

Congratulations to our new office bearers, Bethan Lloyd as president, Desraé Clarke as vice-president, Mary White as secretary and, continuing in this role, Nalini Robinson as treasurer.

We were also pleased to accept Ron Witt's offer to take on the project officer role, and several other members to serve on the management committee.

New members are always welcome.

You can either drop in to Drummond House for a chat on Saturday mornings or find out more about the group on our website.



Gary Payne, is ably assisted by pet dog Katy, while drilling olive weeds ready to poison.



The Julimar Forest forage for fungi was a well-documented and educational day out.

Fungi fanatics on a wild mushroom hunt

Toodyay Naturalists Club
Lynn Phillips

THE Toodyay Naturalists were treated to a visit by two renowned mycologists Laurton McGurk and Roz Hart at our club meeting last month.

They both confess their interest in fungi has become an obsession and it showed in their enthusiastic and detailed presentations at our meeting on Saturday August 22.

Ros talked about biosecurity and the importance of keeping foreign diseases out of Australia and in particular Western Australia.

She implored us not to buy foreign out-of-season fruit and vegetables which may carry disease.

Roz cited the example of a serious fungal disease affecting grape vines in the US which, if spread to our own vineyards, could be devastating for local viticulture.

Myrtle Rust is another example which, originally from SE Asia, has made its way into the eastern states of Australia.

Roz highlighted the actions we can all take to limit transportation of local fungal diseases such as Dieback.

She advised us to clean and disinfect our vehicles, boots and even our clothes if we have been in the bush particularly in wet muddy areas since fungi such as Dieback is often dispersed by water.

Another crucial fact is to avoid transporting soil from potentially infected sites.

On numerous occasions we were reminded of the benefits of iNaturalist which is a world-wild organisation aiding the identification of

plants, animals and fungi.

iNaturalist is particularly important in Australia due to the fact there is inadequate funding allocated to environmental sciences including mycology.

Disappointingly, our professional scientists are highly reliant on citizen scientists like us to find and record specimens.

Laurton went to great lengths to describe the different types of fungi, their different roles, unique structures or traits, different colours and smells and how they reproduce.

Laurton also explained the difficulties in classifying fungi before and since recent advances in microscopy and DNA technology.

The biggest take-home message for the day was *do not eat fungi collected from the field* and always buy your mushrooms from the supermarket.

On Sunday August 23, Ros and Laurton joined us in Julimar Forest to forage for fungi and see them with our own eyes in their natural habitat.

It was a brilliant experience and opened up a whole new world for many of us.

Upcoming club events include an excursion to Old Plains Road Nature Reserve, Bewmalling and Drummond Nature Reserves on Saturday September 19.

Our highly regarded Patron, Rob Boase, will lead the excursion.

We will be holding a fundraiser outside the IGA on August 28 and 29.

The funds raised will go towards our display at the upcoming Toodyay Agricultural Show.

Get the show on the road: schedules are now available

Toodyay Agricultural Society
Noelene Stewart

SCHEDULES for the Toodyay Agricultural Show 2026 are now printed and dotted around town.

They are available for anyone keen to plan their perfect show day.

Copies are available for \$5 each and members should have already found theirs waiting in the mailbox.

If your's has gone on an unexpected holiday, a quick email to the secretary at admin@toodyayagshow.com.au will sort it out.

This year comes with one noticeable change in the poultry shed.

Due to the detection of H5 bird flu in Western Australia, the society has made

the difficult decision not to hold a poultry competition.

While the prize ribbons will stay in the box for 2026, the poultry are not entirely off the program.

A special display will still be set up in the poultry shed.

Visitors are urged not to bypass the area.

The birds may not be strutting for points but they are still expected to put on a show just in a different way.

Online entries will open in early September and there is a shiny new feature that lets entrants enter and pay all through the same program.

For those who prefer old-school methods, entries can still be dropped off at the Visitors Centre or sent via the mail.

The deadline is October 3.

Organisers are firm: no late entries will be accepted.

As the saying goes, the only thing arriving late to the show should be the rain.

Once the paperwork is sorted, the fun really begins.

Lots of great food vendors will be at the show, along with sideshow alley and a bustling marketplace of stalls selling everything from honey to clothing to crafts and much more.

Whether you are chasing a craft prize, a blue ribbon for preserves or just the perfect sausage sizzle, there will be plenty to see, taste and do.

Organisers encourage everyone to head to the website, download the entertainment program, work out a game plan for the day and get ready for the Toodyay Agricultural Show 2026.

With the schedules in hand and the animals on display, all that is left to do is lace up the walking shoes and save room for dessert. See you at the show.



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ENVIRONMENT

A fallen tree is no dead loss

Julimar Conservation and Forest Alliance
Rueben Campbell

FALLEN trees are vital to woodland ecosystems in south-west Western Australia, providing essential breeding, resting and shelter sites for a wide range of fauna that rely on tree hollows and fallen timber for survival.

However, when prescribed burns or wildfires effect the areas it can be horrendous for the wildlife.

My colleague from the Wheatbelt Avon Bird Group, Allan Rose, in his former life was a ranger with the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation, and Attractions (DBCA),

While stationed in the Southwest he did a very thorough study of the Rufous Treecreeper in its habitats.

He made a report which was published in *The Corella* magazine and below is a brief version of his report.

“In an area of old unburnt wandoo woodland in the Stirling Range National Park, I was looking at the feeding zones of the Rufous Treecreeper from March 1993 to January 1994.

The survey involved following individually colour banded Rufous Treecreepers and recording the time that each treecreeper spent at either of the three feeding zones; Ground, Logs and Trees.

While doing this study I noted how important ground logs and branches are to fledge Rufous Treecreepers, where the adults would feed them.

As soon as the adults raised an alarm call or a predator was seen or heard, the fledged young would fly to shelter in either the fallen tree hollows, under the tree or branches.

Fallen logs and branches are more than likely to be burnt when control burns or definitely wildfires go through forest areas.

This was evident when I revisited the colour banded area I did in the wandoo woodland area of the Stirling Range National Park some years later.

Apparently, a control burn was undertaken sometime after I left the study area and only two Rufous Treecreepers were seen in my study area, with many logs and fallen branches missing.”

Julimar Forest has large areas of wandoo woodland where Rufous Treecreepers live



Rufous Treecreeper: picture courtesy A Rose.

and breed.

With a planned control burn by DBCA in some wandoo woodland of Julimar Forest areas in 2027, it is important to leave unburnt areas within planned burn plots for the continued survival of animals.

Too frequent fires will remove all the fallen logs and branches from the woodland floor, not allowing species that rely on this important habitat to survive.

Numbats (Western Australia’s animal emblem), possums, and many smaller mammals and vertebrates require these ground logs as emergency retreat areas for their survival.

We believe departments such as DBCA need to take this into account when prescribed burns are conducted in our forests.

This is especially so for Julimar forest where we believe the Rufous Treecreeper is an iconic bird of the area.

It’s ringing calls are a joy to the ear.

Meet Toodyay’s egg-eating snake

Herpetofauna
Desraé Clarke

THE Southern Half-girdled Snake is a harmless reptile that grows to a length of 36cms.

It is a resident of the Shire of Toodyay with several reported sightings by members of the community.

The top mandible of this small creature contains a protruding cutting edge tooth which it uses to break into reptile eggs, its exclusive diet.

It also feeds on skinks.

Its ground colour ranges from orange to gold to reddish-brown with brown, bandings

of equal width that do not completely encircle the body.

The belly colouring is cream to white.

It has a broad band across the snout to include the eye, slightly broader banding on the neck and narrow bandings along the body including the tail.

This small species may be found in cracks in the soil, insect holes, beneath logs, in stumps and termite mounds and beneath rubbish.

The Southern Half-girdled Snake lays three to five eggs in early summer.

For any reptile relocation the Wildcare Helpline is operated by volunteers 24/7 with the following contact number of 9474 9055.



This photograph is courtesy of ‘A Guide to Reptiles and Frogs of the Perth Region’.

Mistletoe magic: meet the bird that follows the flowers

Bird of the Month
Desrae Clarke

THE striking colouring of the Mistletoe Bird, a small species of 10 to 11cm, can be noted in areas of Wandoo/York Gum supporting the flowering native parasitic plant, mistletoe.

It does not favour the Jarrah and Karri forests of the lower southwest of the state.

The male bird’s plumage has a stunning combination of a blue-black upper body, a scarlet throat, upper breast, vent and undertail.

Under-parts are a grey white with a conspicuous black central band running from the breast to the vent.

In contrast, the female colouring is a grey-brown head and upper body, a grey-white underbody and a pinkish vent and undertail; the central vertical chest stripe is a dark grey black.

The Mistletoe Bird is a nomadic species following the flowering mistletoe.

It will also take insects and other fruiting plants.

The species defecate on the branches of trees leaving the mistletoe stone coated in a sticky substance adhering to the branch for the new parasitic plant to grow.

Breeding is between October and March with the building of a tiny pear-shaped nest well hidden in the outer foliage of a host tree.

A nest is made of fine grasses, lichen and the down of plants to be held together with

spider webs.

Two to three white eggs are incubated by the female with both parents feeding the nestlings that fledge within 15 days.

The call of the Mistletoe Bird is a high-pitched, sharp, whistled call plus several others.



Mistletoe Bird: courtesy Georgina Steytler.

Hop to it: Kangaroo hits the big screen

Marsupial Mammas and Pappas (Inc)
Becky Ingram, Chair

HAVE you seen the movie *Kangaroo*?

Marsupial Mammas and Pappas will be screening this film on Sunday October 25 at the Toodyay Memorial Hall to celebrate World Kangaroo Day.

Doors open at 5pm, with the show to commence at 6pm.

Tickets are on sale through www.trybooking.com at a cost of \$15 for adults and \$10 for concession card holders and children aged 12 and under.

Kangaroo follows ex-TV host Chris Masterman who, stranded in the Australian Outback, teams up with Indigenous girl Charlie to rescue and rehabilitate orphaned kangaroo joeys.

Inspired by the real-life work of Chris ‘Brolga’ Barns and filmed on location, it blends heartfelt drama, gentle comedy and stunning landscapes.

Praised for its sincerity, chemistry between cast and animals, and authentic local flavour, it offers a wholesome, family-friendly story that balances humour and warmth with cultural and environmental themes.

Our carers have been busy recently having rescued pygmy possums, orphaned kangaroo joeys and ducklings, amongst other wildlife.

One of the pygmy possums has survived and has been named Pipsqueak.

Although two-thirds grown he still only weighs 4.2 grams. He will be released soon when the native flora starts to blossom.



Orphaned Pipsqueak the tiny Pygmy Possum was rescued and weighs just 4.2 grams.



This beautiful crocheted Kangaroo will be the first prize in a raffle and tickets will be sold at the film screening on October 25.

There is a great sense of achievement when healthy animals or birds can be released back into the wild.

Fortunately for Western Australia there has still not been any mass sightings of birds or other wildlife being affected by the H5 Avian Flu.

If you do find any bird or other wildlife with neurological symptoms, avoid contact, record location, photograph if possible and report to the Emergency Animal Disease Hotline on 1800 675 888.

Marsupial Mammas and Pappas will still accept injured or orphaned wildlife, including birds, if they are not displaying neurological symptoms.

Donations to assist us are always welcome.

Direct deposit into our account at the Bendigo Bank (BSB 633-000 Account 175 516 319).

Donations over \$2 are tax deductible, and our Public Account is BSB 633 000, Account 186 438 040. Email treasurer@mmap.au with details.

Call 0467 964 872 any time, day or night, if you find any injured wildlife and put this number into your phone so it’s always there should you need it.

The high cost of highs

Warrior Wellbeing

GENETICS and the environment can impact on our health and wellbeing but we promote the belief that choice around our lifestyle is mostly up to us.

In the context of drugs and alcohol the choice is ultimately ours and the consequences of use and misuse are clear and so are the laws.

As a community we need to have an honest conversation on why people use and abuse drugs and alcohol.

Some reasons are risk taking, boredom, peer pressure, habit, addition or recreation.

People also take drugs to feel good and forget, to cope with difficult times in our life, to self-medicate and mask.

The reasons people take drugs are complex and varied.

Life can be challenging at various stages but people can learn better coping strategies that help them make healthier life choices when dealing with stress and challenging times.

Recent research reveals some alarming statistics around drug use: 46 percent use them for fun; and 54 percent used for self-medication.

Regarding using drugs for fun, surely there are many other things we can do that don't damage our body and mind.

The consequences of drug use are serious from several angles, including the purity of the drug is unknown and varied, and health effects can be permanent (psychosis).

There are many legal and financial implications for users, including relationships

becoming fractured.

With regard to self-medication, we need to acknowledge some of the stuff going on in our lives and some of the pain we may be suffering.

We need to talk about and ultimately deal with stuff in our life, not self-medicate.

Alcohol is our biggest societal drug of choice.

There is a lot of literature and research suggesting how alcohol is dangerous to our body when misused.

This usually focuses on the appropriate daily standard drinks consumption, links to various diseases such as cancer and then societal issues around binge drinking.

Alcohol is a mood enhancer; how do you behave when drinking?

We need to know what our safe limit is.

Have regular alcohol-free days.

The difficulty in life is choice.

Illicit and excessive use of drugs and alcohol is all our personal responsibility.

What then can we do, as a society, about the misuse/abuse of drugs and alcohol?

Primary care is standing up and saying no its not all right.

As a collective we can make a difference; whether that is in the family, community group and/or workplace you are not alone.

As peers we can make a difference whether it be in the school, workplace or footy club by saying no it's not all right.

We all have a right to a safe place.

The Regional Men's Health Initiative

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A little chip, a big difference: helping lost pets find their way home

THE Shire of Toodyay is reminding pet owners of the importance of ensuring their dogs and cats are properly registered and microchipped, with contact details kept up to date.

Temporary chief executive officer Alan Hart said while every pet owner hopes their animal never goes missing, pets can occasionally escape through an open gate, become frightened during storms or fireworks, or simply wander further than expected.

He said when this happens, having a registered microchip and current registration can make all the difference in helping them find their way home.

"When a Shire Ranger collects a lost animal, one of the first steps is to scan for a microchip," Mr Hart said.

"If the microchip is registered and the owner's contact details are current, rangers can quickly identify and contact the owner, often allowing the animal to be reunited with its family without the need for an extended stay at the pound.

"This not only reduces stress for the animal but also provides peace of mind for its owner."

The shire said all pet owners need to register their dogs, which is a requirement under the law.

Dogs and cats also need to be microchipped, and the owners contact details linked to the pet's microchip needs to stay current.

Mr Hart said if owners have recently moved house or changed their phone number, it is important to update your details with your microchip registry to ensure you can be contacted if your pet is found.

"Taking a few moments to check your pet's registration and microchip details today

could make all the difference tomorrow," he said.

"Responsible pet ownership helps keep our community's animals safe and gives lost pets the best possible chance of being reunited with the people who love them."

For more information about pet registration or your responsibilities as a pet owner, please contact the Shire of Toodyay on (08) 9574 9300 or records@toodyay.wa.gov.au



Cloudy the Border Collie is microchipped. Photograph is courtesy of Kayla Croeser.

The purr-fect protection

Heartlands Veterinary Hospital Dr Rianne Van Aar

FIV or 'Feline aids' are common terms that refer to a cat-specific virus that weakens the immune system.

FIV is spread via deep bite wounds where the saliva of an infected cat enters the blood stream.

This puts cats with outdoor access at the highest risk of contracting the disease.

Rarely, the virus has been known to transmit from Queen (mum) to kittens during pregnancy.

This means that FIV is not spread via the environment, grooming or sharing of food and water bowls.

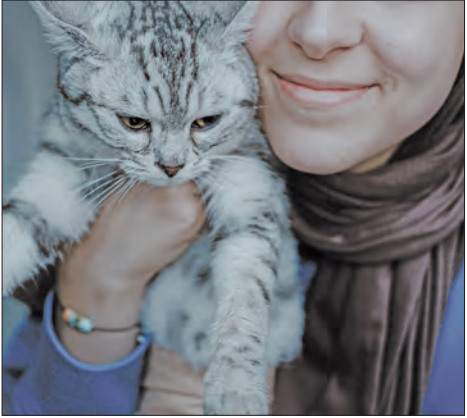
It is also important to note that FIV does not infect humans or other animals.

Although a FIV vaccination is currently available, it is important to note that it does not completely eliminate the risk of contracting the disease.

Keeping your cat indoors is the single most effective way to prevent this disease.

For FIV-positive cats, everyday germs pose a much bigger threat to their health because they are more susceptible to infections and illness.

However, with proper care – regular vet checks, up to date vaccinations and parasite prevention, a high-quality diet, and stress protection – they can live long and healthy lives.



Wu Tao - The dancing way

Wu Tao

the dancing way

Wu Tao classes now available in Toodyay

Classes at St Stephens Hall

Mondays

Day class 1.30pm - 2.30pm

Evening class 5.30pm - 6.30pm

Contact: Catherine de Vos

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Catherine de Vos

WU Tao is a modern healing moving practice created in Australia by a former Ballerina with the WA Ballet Company and natural therapist, Michelle Loch.

The practice is founded on Traditional Chinese Medicine, Australian specific composed music, breath work and gentle dance movements.

Wu Tao practices tone and it regulates the flow of vital energy through pathways in the body, enhancing physical and emotional well-being.

Wu Tao restores balance and calm through reconnection with one's inner systems.

There are five core dances in Wu Tao and each relates to one of five elements of nature; air, water, wood, fire and earth.

These dances are done through gentle stretching, focus on breath rhythm and are adaptable for all ages and abilities.

My personal practice of Wu Tao started in 2001 and I went on to do my instructor training in 2017

I invite you to join me in my love of teaching and sharing Wu Tao.

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SPORT

Avon Valley kicks up training

Avon Valley Shotokan
Nat Kielbasa

CHANGES abound at Avon Valley Shotokan. Ashton Sensei has returned from his study trip brimming with the most up-to-date techniques from Japan to share with our students.

Also, massive congratulations are in order for Ashton Sensei on his hard work and successful third Dan grading.

New class structures now offer students extra opportunities to learn and practise.

You can attend any classes you wish to at no extra cost.

Prepare yourselves because there are a lot of changes:

Mondays, the classes are held at 131 Gooch Road in Mokine.

The classes are:

White and red belts, 5pm.

Under 16 coloured belts, 5.45pm.

Adult class at 6.30pm.

Wednesdays, visit the Toodyay youth hall at the Toodyay showgrounds.

White and red belts, 4.10pm.

Yellow belts and above, 5pm.

Ashton Sensei leads students interested joining the tournament team in kumite training on the tatami mats as well as teaching mat etiquette at 5.50pm.

Can all students please bring their full competition bags.

Finally, the adult class from 6.30pm.

Join Ashton Sensei on Thursdays from 5.30pm on the oval next to the Toodyay Recreation Centre.

Friday, at Hombu in Mokine, welcomes students of all ages and all abilities at 6pm.

This is followed by training for students who are 2nd kyu and above for instructor/senior student training from 7pm.

Lastly, children aged seven to 12 (especially beginners) are encouraged to join Kylie Sensei at the Morangup hall from 9.30am.

After 10.30am, Kylie Sensei offers private lessons and we ask students who are interested to reach out to avonvalleyshotokan@gmail.com.

In other news, members braved the rain and early start to cook up bacon and egg burgers and a sausage sizzle at Duigiee Park during the Avon Descent.

We would like to thank the Toodyay Lions Club for inviting us and organising this event which proved to be a lot of fun and very successful as we raised almost \$1,000 for new equipment for our students.

At the Toodyay Farmers Markets some of our students and Kylie Sensei cooked sausage sizzle for a donation while demonstrating what they learn in their karate classes.

Thank you to all of our students and members who volunteered.

An upcoming event to look forward to includes the girls of karate sleepover where we will focus on team building, conflict resolution and resilience, and the very important issue of protective measures.

Don't worry boys, there are plans in the works for you too.

Until next month, don't forget to bring your record books and enthusiasm to class and get ready to learn lots of exciting new things.

For anyone with questions or those interested in trying out karate, feel free to pop in and see if karate might be the sport for you.



The team at the Toodyay Farmers Market after the cooking sausage sizzle.

Toodyay Lions roar into the grand final



Up there cazaly...the crowd's on your side.

Toodyay Football Club
Pat Thompson

SEPTEMBER brings finals footy and the Toodyay Lions are through to the Mortlock Football League grand final for the first time since the 2019 premiership.

Toodyay finished top of the ladder after defeating Gingin by 24 points in the 2nd semi-final played in Goomalling on Sunday August 30.

It was a tight contest all game with only one point separating the two teams at three quarter time.

Toodyay finished strongly and the final score was 11.11.77 to 8.5.53.

Kaden Elliot and Bradley Jetta dominated for the Lions.

They provided speed, toughness and silky skills to go with three and two goals each.

The grand final will be played in Goomalling on Sunday September 13.

The reserves are also still in the finals race.

They are due to meet Gingin in a preliminary final September 6 in Wongan Hills.

The reserves are in red-hot form after a string of big wins to finish the home and away season and claim third spot on the ladder.

In the 3rd v 4th elimination final on August 23, Toodyay defeated Calingiri 13.13.91 to 4.4.28.

Full forward Kade 'George' Thoroughgood continued his stellar form kicking 5 goals, following bags of 10, 10 and 14 goals in the final three matches of the season.

We look forward to receiving strong support during the final series and getting a big Toodyay turnout to cheer on the Lions in the Grand Final.



Some competitors at the Transcend Trail Running event in the Avon Valley.

Winter training for the upcoming Triathlon season

Toodyay Triathlon Club
Di Griffin

THE Toodyay Triathlon Club has been buzzing with activity in recent weeks.

Members have been embracing winter training, attending major events across the region, and preparing for the fast approaching triathlon season.

Thursday run training continues to be a cornerstone of the club's weekly routine.

Recent sessions have focused on interval sprint work and hill training, helping members build strength, speed and endurance ahead of upcoming races.

These sessions attract a committed group each week and new runners are always welcome to join in.

Saturday mornings are equally lively at Newcastle Park Parkrun, where club members are a familiar sight.

The weekly 5km event remains a favourite, offering a friendly and social environment to maintain fitness and enjoy the local community atmosphere.

Several members are also training for the 40th Anniversary Women's Classic Fun Run, taking place on September 20 in Burswood.

They will be competing in the 10km event, with Thursday sessions tailored to help build the speed and endurance needed for a strong performance.

On August 22, members took part in the Transcend Trail Running Event in the Avon Valley.

This multidistance event challenged runners and hikers with rugged, undulating terrain and spectacular scenery, taking them through national parks, regional reserves, wildlife sanctuaries and private lands.

Club representatives competed across various distances, demonstrating impressive endurance and determination in one of WA's most scenic trail events.

Taking part were:

40k Hikers: Shuba Johns, Nicoya Wheeler, Raewyn Elfverson, Kayla Ringrose, Nadine Negus.

65k Ultra: Simon Wheeler, Raoul Oehmen.

28km: Chris Sharples.

12km: Kelly-Anne Murray, Katie Sharples, Aimee Mourtiz.

6km: Rose Murfit (1st Female podium Winner), Tony Murfit.

A big shoutout to our fantastic support crew, Kale and Eb Francis, who cheered us on from start to finish.

Cycling achievements have also been prominent. On August 23, Brent and Di travelled to York for the Canola Classic, set among the region's vibrant canola fields.

Brent completed the demanding 93km course, while Di successfully rode the 53km course, both enjoying the colourful backdrop.

Earlier in the month, on August 8, Brent and Di headed north to Nabawa in the Chapman Valley for the Backroads Gravel event.

Brent tackled the gruelling 100km gravel race, battling wind, rain, cold, hills and mud to reach the finish.

Di completed the 65km race, achieving 4th place out of 18 competitors in her age group.

Excitement is now building as the triathlon season approaches, kicking off on September 27 with a Duathlon at Champion Lakes in Armadale.

To learn more about the Toodyay Triathlon Club, visit toodyaytriathlonclub.com or follow the club on Facebook for updates, training times and event information.



A group of hikers navigating the rugged terrain and spectacular scenery.

Combo Crossword

- ACROSS
- 2. Floral leaves
 - 6. Labyrinth
 - 7. Took offence
 - 10. Capsicum fruit
 - 11. Rip
 - 12. Produced decorative needlework
 - 15. Woody plant
 - 18. Stately residence
 - 20. Tranquil
 - 21. Largest of the deer
 - 22. Shut up

- DOWN
- 1. Soft, pulpy mass
 - 2. Underground room
 - 3. Suggestive of
 - 4. Elevator
 - 5. Sector
 - 8. Dread
 - 9. Dragnet
 - 10. Swindles
 - 13. Ale
 - 14. Followed in order
 - 16. True
 - 17. Comic screams
 - 19. Similar to

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Cryptic Clues

- ACROSS
- 2. Reshuffled collars and circle collections of petals
 - 6. A complex network of alphabetical extremes without me
 - 7. Displeased if given nourishment after May 1st
 - 10. A pungent fruit sounds quite cold
 - 11. Scratch some of the late arrivals
 - 12. Added fictitious detail to a story decorated with sewn designs
 - 15. A forest dweller is in control with ease
 - 18. A palace for the rook
 - 20. Composed within wiser energies
 - 21. The foreign aftershocks of N American moose
 - 22. Handy to Edward when shut away in private

- DOWN
- 1. Crush a popular TV program
 - 2. A dungeon where the salt is kept, perhaps
 - 3. Awakening memories of unusual semifinal increments
 - 4. Raise 51 feet
 - 5. A region found near eardrums
 - 8. Be afraid in safe areas
 - 9. The medico may move furtively to remove silt from the river bed
 - 10. He acts strangely, and practises deceit
 - 13. Live to the bitter end for lager, or the like
 - 14. Came afterwards when finally prosecuted
 - 16. Fair dinkum and genuine - honest!
 - 17. Ease forward with a heartless kiss for comical shrieks
 - 19. Identical to relish

Sudoku

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

Easy

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Hard

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CrossCode

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

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Solutions

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Soduko
Easy
Solution

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Soduko
Hard
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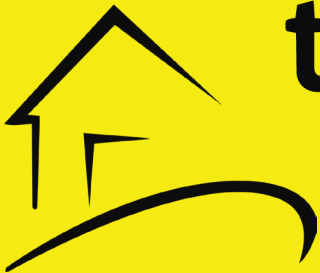
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Crosscode
Solution

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This month, the office achieved a zero per cent vacancy rate across both our Merredin and Toodyay rentals – a first for us, with both towns sitting at 0% vacancy at the same time. A huge well done to our Property Management team for making this happen.

With our rentals currently in such high demand, we’re looking for new properties to manage. If you’ve been considering a change in property manager, we’d love to have a chat about how we can help. Our team is always happy to welcome you into the office for a coffee and a chat – and, of course, we always welcome the fur babies too.

As promised, we can finally introduce our new Sales Administrator, Claire McGowan.

Claire joins us with experience in local government, having previously worked locally, and has been a long-term Toodyay resident for more than 20 years.

We’re super excited to have Claire on board and can’t wait to see what she brings to the team.

What’s Been Happening in the Office?

Breanna celebrated a friend’s 18th birthday – always a good excuse for a celebration.

Zonelle officially got her first listing under offer! She has also secured a beautiful new listing in Hines Hill. Things are certainly getting busy.

Jemma is heading over east with friends next month to see a comedy show. We’re sure there will be plenty of laughs.

Kayleen went wedding dress shopping with her friend – an exciting day filled with dresses, decisions and probably a little champagne.

Claire has survived her first month with the team and is still deciding whether we’re too crazy for her.

Sam completed a solo bike trip to Miling, getting back to nature and taking some time to reset before another busy month.

For me, this month has largely been about training Claire and teaching her the ropes, while also waddling around the office and preparing for maternity leave.

But don’t worry, I won’t be disappearing completely – I’ll still be working behind the scenes and available to support the team where needed.

It’s been a busy and exciting month, and with plenty happening, things certainly aren’t slowing down anytime soon.

Until next month,

Faith Kelly



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