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## Landfill battle intensifies

Michael Sinclair-Jones

THE battle is intensifying on several fronts to stop a massive Perth rubbish tip being built 14km south of Toodyay.

Objectors have a new deadline of Monday March 24 for public submissions to the WA Department of Environment Regulation opposing the tip (see advertisement Page 2, Letters, Page 4).

Morley waste management company Opal Vale Pty Ltd has applied to the DER for "works approval" to operate a 30ha landfill dump in Chitty Road.

The disused claypit is planned to take three million tonnes of rotting Perth rubbish over the next 20 years and add an extra 42 heavy trucks and road trains a day on busy Toodyay Road.

WA's State Administrative Tribunal granted conditional approval last year and the Environmental Protection Authority has rejected calls for a full environmental assessment.

However, in upholding the EPA ruling, Environment and Heritage Minister Paul Jacobs said it "should not be taken to infer that the proposal is environmentally acceptable".

And in an apparent swipe at Government inaction, the EPA said a strategic waste management policy to meet future demand "would be preferable to the continued ad hoc development of landfill proposals".

Even if the DER approves the landfill site, objectors can appeal further under State environmental protection law.

Local opponents are redoubling their efforts to stop the landfill site after sending a 4324-signature petition to State Parliament last October.

They want the WA Waste Authority to expand its review of Perth waste and recycling to cover fringe areas such as Chittering, Gingin, Northam, York, Beverley and Toodyay.

The current Perth and Peel Region review is not expected to be completed until mid-2014.

Local objectors want the DER to conduct a full and comprehensive investigation of the Toodyay landfill proposal, as promised by the Minister.

The department is currently facing strong public criticism for its regulatory oversight of the dumping of industrial liquid waste into the Serpentine River and serious contamination of neighbouring properties at Oakford.

Objectors' concerns about the Toodyay landfill site include:

- Contamination of surface and groundwater in the Avon River Catchment;
- Pit stability and seismic activity;
- Air quality – noise, dust and asbestos dust and fibres;
- Litter and visual amenity;
- Increased heavy trucks and road safety; and
- Community interest and public consultation.

Local WA Nationals MP Paul Brown,



Award-winning bakers Jason Marion, Andrew Brown and Jessie Knight

### Toodyay pies best in State

TOODYAY Bakery has taken out three top prizes in the prestigious annual WA Baking Show competition.

Using locally supplied produce, Toodyay's award-winning bakery won in each of the top categories of Gourmet Meat Pie (Madras goat curry), Pastie and Sausage Roll.

The bakery – which also won best Pastie in last year's competition – came second in the Plain Meat Pie category. "After winning Best Pastie last year, I decided to slightly

alter a few recipes and it seems to have paid off," baker Jason Marion said.

"Walking into the Show, I was a little stunned by some of the other entries – they were perfect, looking almost as if they had been airbrushed."

Mr Marion said the Toodyay Bakery team that created this year's winning entries consisted of himself, "head champion baker" Andrew Brown and "possible superstar apprentice" Jessie Knight.

who personally opposes the Toodyay tip, said he didn't think the DER review would be a short process.

"Petitioners want them to do their job properly," he said.

"I want to ensure the DER well and truly plays their 'A' game when they consider this application for approval."

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### Many to miss NBN link

HOPES for faster National Broadband Network Internet speeds in Bejoording, Morangup and Bolgart have been dashed by news that they are "too far" from five new NBN fixed wireless broadband towers planned for Toodyay this year.

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## OI' Blind Joe Wonders will never cease

### Stirling Hamilton

IT SEEMS that the WA Planning Commission (WAPC) has allowed radical elements within its ranks to promote an eminently sensible idea.

Responding to community demands for more affordable housing and rentals, the WAPC has altered its policy on Ancillary Accommodation (granny flats).

The Commission has removed the requirement that they can only be occupied by members of the same family and will allow folks to rent them out.

Our Council waxes lyrical in its aims and objectives about wanting to provide for a range of housing choices and to encourage creative planning and design.

Yet we have hundreds of overly restrictive building regulations such as the one that says an ancillary dwelling must be a similar design and appearance to the existing house.

We will end up like Perth at this rate. The flatlands appear as barren as a desert to the countryman's eye, offering nothing but the same fences and roofs instead of a horizon.

Why should we emulate them when the people of Perth are flocking to Toodyay on the weekend to escape from the mind-numbing sameness of Perth.

They love to see quaint old workers' cottages and tractors rusting in the sun with a windmill creaking lazily in the background.

We should be encouraged to build a mudbrick hut or a stone cottage with a fireproof cellar instead of another brick box.

A well-built stone cottage can withstand flood, fire and tempest.

I note that Cr Craddock moved that Council consider methods to encourage passive solar dwellings by waiving some fees and charges.

Toodyay should be exploring innovative ideas and solutions instead of harassing residents for possible infractions of pernickety regulations.

An inordinate amount of council time is taken up with deciding which particular hue of Colorbond fencing will be allowed or if the pitch of the verandah roof will be acceptable.

A number of contentious issues are currently up for public comment such as signage policy.

If you go to the Shire's new partially installed website, click on news, then Periodic Review of Local Laws, have a read and pick out what you think is unreasonable and write to or email the CEO by 17 March.

Here's one example: it seems you can cop a fine of \$5000 if you perform street theatre or play any musical instrument wearing dirty, torn or ragged clothing.

Moodyne Joe will be in the poo again and it's the end of live music in town.

I reckon someone let the 'Temperance

women' from the Moodyne festival write that policy.

It's ridiculous and frankly none of Council's business what sartorial fashion choices we make.

The Shire Council should consider the fact that its real strength comes from the community supporting it and stop trying to micro-manage every damn thing we do.

### Poor timing

IN THEIR infinite wisdom Council has seen fit to reschedule their meetings in future to the day after the *Herald's* deadline.

It seems they want a whole month to get their accounting in order and tidy up the end of period adjustments for the previous month.

The upshot of this is that, if something bothers you enough to then write to the editor about it, your letter won't be published another two editions.

That means more than two months between the original meeting and your response hitting the streets by which time the subject will be done and dusted, dead and buried. A poor effort.

### Council amalgamations

WA Premier Colin Barnett said he'd be coming for regional local governments once he's finished forcibly amalgamating the metropolitan ones.

As Parliament resumed, two Liberal Members voiced their support for his plan and another has called for Royalties for Regions to be scrapped.

While they haven't scrapped the Dadour provisions which allow for a referendum if the residents are opposed to an amalgamation proposal, they have found a loophole which is to simply change the boundaries between two councils and then they become one.

Barnett might have his little hobby farm out here but do you really think he gives a rat's about where our township is administered from.

Former Shire CEO Graham Merrick and his crew wanted us to merge with Chittering, just down the road a bit. Too easy.

Maybe Goomalling, seeing as how we're just next door with such similar interests.

Or Northam, being the biggest kid on the block could take us under their wing and make our decisions for us.

This is a debate about the right of citizens to self-government at a municipal level.

It is likely that only those amalgamations that are not seriously contested will proceed. Council would do well to reflect on this before further disengaging from the community.

*"I am a firm believer in the people.*

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# New top cop sends strong message

Michael Sinclair-Jones

TOODYAY'S new police chief says he has zero tolerance for crime and has served notice of a 24/7 crackdown on criminal activity to protect local community safety.

Sgt Warren Conder, who transferred from busy Geraldton Police Station last year, said he arrived to find Toodyay "inundated with a high level of crime".

The main offences were burglary, stealing, assaults, trespassing and anti-social behaviour.

The highly experienced police officer – who also served 13 years in Australia's defence forces – responded with a local law-enforcement blitz that resulted in "numerous arrests being made and well over 100 charges going to court".

"I have a zero tolerance for crime and I make no apologies for this," Sgt Conder told *The Herald*.

"Everyone in our diverse community has a right to feel safe at home or at work, day or night – and my staff and I intend to ensure this happens."

Sgt Conder is familiar with Wheatbelt policing, having spent part of his 15-year WA Police career at Wongan Hills before his more recent Geraldton posting.

He holds a degree from Edith Cowan University majoring in police studies and criminology, and served in both the Royal Australian Navy (HMAS Brisbane and HMAS Derwent) and the Australian Army (109 Signals Squadron) after lecturing in law and business studies at Edith Cowan University and working in WA Government industrial relations.

His police email signature includes a quote by Senator Robert F. Kennedy, US Attorney General, 1961-61, who was murdered by a gunman while campaigning in 1968 to be elected US President:

*"Every time we turn our heads the other way when we see the law flouted, when we tolerate what we know to be wrong, when we close our eyes and ears to the corrupt because we are too busy or too frightened, when we fail to speak up and speak out, we strike a blow against freedom and decency and justice."*

Sgt Conder is joined at Toodyay Police Station by Snr Const. Nicky Turner (also previously at Geraldton and Wongan Hills), First Class Const. Lea Arnold, Const. Greg Bingham (previously at Northam), Const. Chris Milonas and long-time Toodyay resident, Community Service Officer Lee Pollard.

Const. Bingham was involved in youth



Toodyay police officers (from left): Sgt Warren Conder, Const. Greg Bingham, Community Service Officer Lee Pollard, Snr Const. Nicky Turner, First Class Const. Lea Arnold and Const. Chris Milonas.

group activities in Northam and has launched similar new programs in Toodyay.

First Class Const. Arnold also has a Wheatbelt background from a previous police posting at Kellerberrin that included Wheatbelt basketball and other youth programs, and Const. Milonas is active locally in sport and community events.

Sgt Conder said they join CSO Pollard in sharing an excellent local knowledge of Toodyay and its surrounding areas.

The new station chief describes himself as a family man with a community focus who enjoys working with the community at all levels.

"I encourage people in the community to come and speak to us here at the station," Sgt Conder said.

"I have an open-door policy to promote open communication.

"Everything is confidential, and the smallest piece of information could be the last piece we are looking for in an investigation puzzle."

Sgt Conder said that if the Toodyay Police Station was closed, it meant local officers were either out on patrol in the Toodyay area or conducting inquiries.

"I provide seven-day coverage to our community, so please use the after-hours call button which will reach me 24 hours a day, seven days a week via Northam Police

Station," Sgt Conder said.

"Crime is not a 9-5 time slot.

"You will often see me patrolling the streets, or maybe parked down some dark side road in the early hours of the morning at different times during the week.

"I am going to be here for at least the next four years.

"I want to put those in our community who actively engage in criminal behaviour on notice."

## AvonLink business case heads for State Cabinet

A BUSINESS case to save Toodyay's AvonLink passenger rail service from closure is undergoing formal assessment before being presented to State Cabinet.

The Wheatbelt Development Commission and TransWA have prepared a detailed case to keep the rail service open following WA Transport Minister Troy Buswell's shock decision last year to close the rail link at the end of December.

A 3579-signature petition to State Parliament calling for the rail service to stay won the AvonLink a six-month reprieve until June this year.

However, Mr Buswell made it clear at the time that the AvonLink would still be axed to save money if was not better used by local residents and visitors.

Local politicians and authorities have combined to press for the service to be modified to make it more attractive to users, including by introducing weekend services, better timetables and easier ticketing.

A spokesman for the Wheatbelt Development Commission said the business case to retain the rail link had been presented to the WA Department of Regional Development for assessment.

This was needed because the plan called for access to Royalties for Regions money.

The Department would then make a formal recommendation to the Minister for Regional Development, WA Nationals Leader Terry Redman (Warren-Blackwood), who would decide whether to present the business case to State Cabinet.

His WA Nationals Party colleague, local MP Shane Love (Moore), described the process as "pretty well on track".

Mr Love said the business case had met a

submission deadline set for the end of last month and was confident it would reach Cabinet.

Meanwhile, Toodyay residents and visitors are being urged to use the AvonLink at every opportunity, including in combination with the free Midland Gate Shuttle bus service to the major shopping centre, Medicare office and local cinemas.

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## Business at the crossroads

IN THIS edition of *The Herald*, you will find stories about the butcher, the baker and – if we could find one – a candlestick maker.

Instead of the latter, we introduce you to Toodyay's new police chief and his busy team, and share with you his thoughts on "freedom and decency and justice" – and locking up crims.

There are also lots of important local news stories and pictures that you'll find only in *The Herald*, plus all your regular columns ranging from volunteer fire brigade reports and litter clean-ups to aged care, health and environment, and arts and crafts – the lifeblood of our vibrant local community.

We also want to use these pages to help celebrate the town's unique history, which has helped shape who we are and where we are headed.

The first *Herald* Editor, Charles Dawkins (pictured right), knew the importance of local business in supporting the Toodyay community so it could thrive and prosper.

That imperative continues to hold true today, now more so than ever before.

Toodyay faces two immediate and serious threats to its economic future – closure of the AvonLink passenger rail link and plans to dump three million tonnes of rotting Perth garbage 14km south of town over the next 20 years.

The main opponents of these impending disasters are a small group of local volunteers working unpaid from home, two WA Nationals MPs based in Geraldton and Northam, and the Toodyay Shire Council.

Local business – which has more to lose than most and should be playing a leading role to help save Toodyay – is missing in action.

That's because the local Chamber of Commerce is hamstrung by a lack of strong, representative leadership, sparse membership and little support across broad avenues of local trade and commerce.

Liberal Governments tend by political persuasion to be more attuned to the voice of business concerns than complaints by environmental activist groups.

Yet Toodyay has no local business leadership group capable of sending a delegation to Parliament to tell the Premier and his Ministers where to stick their stinking landfill tip.

To echo Shire CEO Stan Scott's words at last month's AvonLink public meeting, Toodyay doesn't need a bunch of Perth public servants sitting in a darkened room making decisions local people don't want.

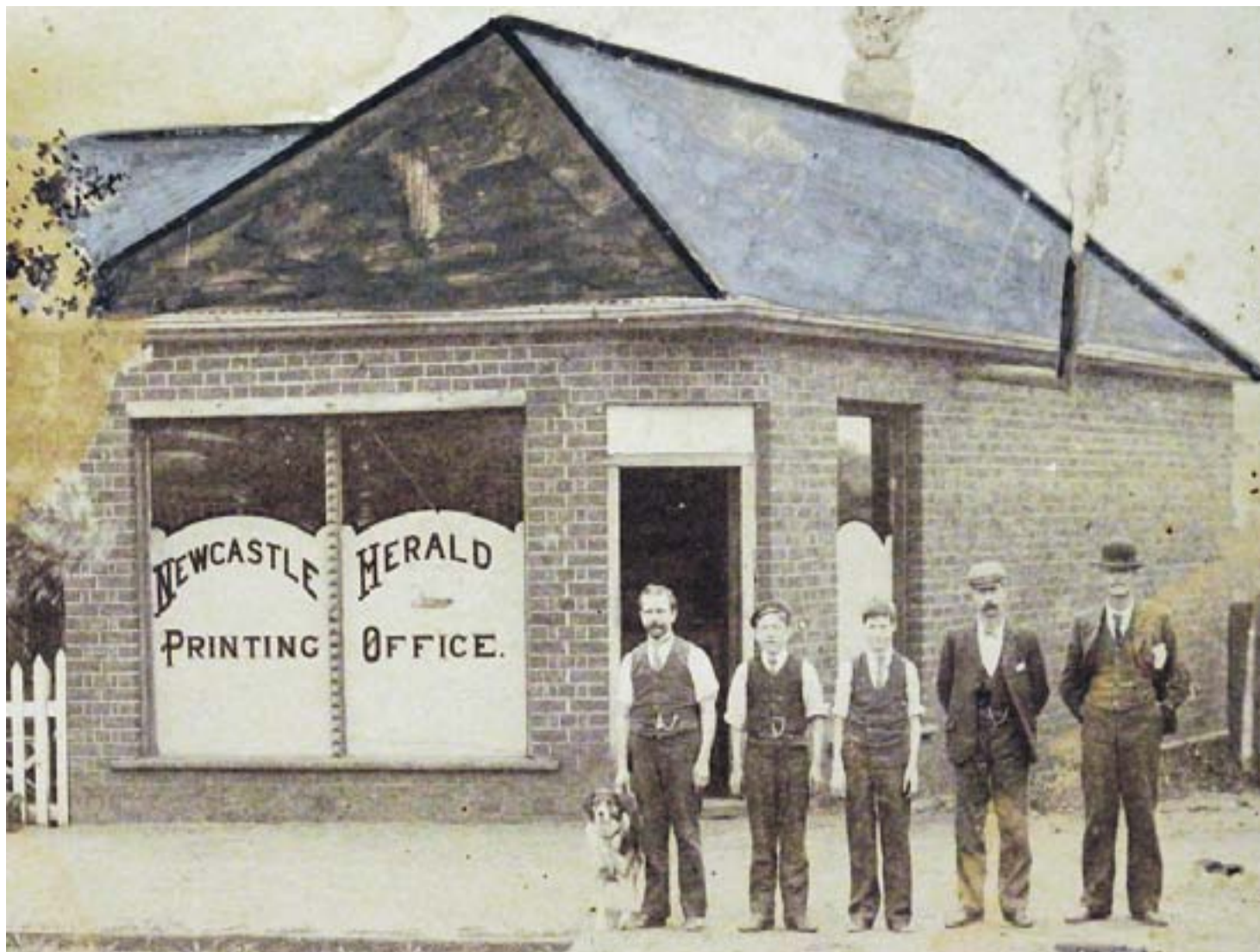
There is still time to save the day.

What remains of the old Toodyay Chamber of Commerce and Industry Inc. has called a Special General Meeting for 7pm Monday March 10 at the Freemasons Hotel.

The aim is to enrol new members, elect a new management committee and set a new business leadership agenda for Toodyay's economic future.

*The Herald* urges all local business owners and traders to attend that vitally important meeting.

Michael Sinclair-Jones  
Editor



1905: The way we were - our forerunner The Newcastle Herald at 104 Stirling Terrace, now an art therapy studio. Photo: Battye Library

## your letters

### 'Moronic mob mentality'

DO WE really need headlines such as that above last month's "Police Beat"?

Overly emotive language in large print, suggesting a single individual responsible, appeared more like something from a late night, B-grade, black and white movie.

In a relatively harmonious community, sensationalism can incite the bored, less rational among us into moronic mob mentality, spreading aspersions and playing at macho vigilante, usually steeped upon some undeserving, isolated soul who is an easy target.

Toodyay is by no means immune to this sort of primitive behaviour.

Intruders and burglaries occur everywhere. To single out and name one particular area can serve only to temporarily destabilise real estate values.

The first article in the column itself lacked any of the usual details such as dates, times and proximities.

If the true agenda is to apprehend these hoods, I fail to see the virtue in advertising tactics.

Roger Barker

### Cats dumped to avoid law

SINCE the new cat laws were introduced, environmental groups have documented increased numbers of stray cats in our shire.

They are easy to spot behind shops, along the riverfront, under bridges and scavenging through bins at the Refuse Station.

So-called 'irresponsible owners' are now threatened with punitive measures (ie: heavy fines) but I argue there aren't actually many irresponsible owners at fault – it is the dumpers that are causing the problem.

They probably cannot afford to comply with the regulations, thus the caring folk among us end up with even more cats.

We are often unable to catch them – let alone get them all registered, micro-chipped and sterilised.

Given their injuries and traumatised natures, the chances of these mangy strays getting rehoused are slim.



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Euthanasia, the only realistic option, is costly.

Fees for sterilisation are still high, though the discounted 'Snip and Chip' day in Newcastle Park last year was a move in the right direction.

Perhaps this event could be held every year and advertised more extensively.

Naomi Millett

### Bejoording left in the lurch

FIVE new National Broadband Network towers for faster local internet services in the near future, said the last *Herald*.

Up in Bejoording, I get no mobile phone or wireless internet reception.

At best, Telstra say they will send me a modem for my landline, offering something a bit slower than the old ADSL1.

Knowing the Shire of Toodyay supports all its citizens, and knowing they want to put us (those with small acreages) on to 'town' rates this year, I figured the Council would lobby hard for Bejoording – with about 100 families and lots of school kids – to get the benefit of a new tower.

I attended last month's NBN Co public information briefing in Toodyay to get more information.

There my hopes were dashed – I was told Bejoording will not get a new NBN tower.

Instead, we will have to wait for a new satellite to be operational which at best is still another two years away.

The reasons appear to be purely commercial, and nobody could tell me if my eventual satellite connection cost would be any different to those getting a tower signal.

Apparently, no consideration for a tower is given to communities with less than 200 homes.

It seems that our 'Infrastructure' Federal Government is still driven by financial return, not the public good.

Richard Hazlewood

### Paying more for stamps

AUSTRALIA POST is proposing to increase the cost of a stamp to 70c, a rise of 10c.

I am happy for this to occur if it guarantees the continuation of daily delivery.

Having lived in regional Australia I know how vital the local Post Office is to many communities.

Keeping these hubs open is also critical to ensuring towns and villages not only survive but thrive.

The organisation's further proposal to lock in discounts for concession card holders is a nice idea to help people on limited incomes.

Andrew Heslop

### Congrats on new look

WHAT A joy it was to read the February edition of *The Toodyay Herald*

The articles on the five radio towers, the AvonLink and the landfill were welcomed items and I look forward to updates on these.

Having news items all the way through the paper was brilliant – there was something on every page.

That darling photograph of four year old Emily being one of newest Aussie – so sweet.

This would be the first in a long time that I have actually read it from front to back.

Actually seeing the Herald volunteers' picture was also a delight, I didn't realise that so many people were involved.

Congratulations, look forward to the next issue.

Takeeta Daw

### Landfill submissions plea

THE BATTLE continues to stop the development of a massive Perth metropolitan waste rubbish dump at Lot 11 Chitty Road, 14km south of Toodyay.

The 30ha Class 11 landfill site is planned to take three million tonnes of household and food waste, asbestos and asbestos products, contaminated soils and biomedical waste over the next 20 years.

An application by landfill operator Opal Vale Ptd Ltd for works approval can be inspected at the Shire of Toodyay office or on the WA Department of Environment Regulation website: [www.der.wa.gov.au](http://www.der.wa.gov.au).

The Department is now advertising a call for public submissions on the application, which must be lodged with the DER by the cut-off date of Monday March 24.

The DER will review public comments on environmental issues such as air, water and land emissions before deciding if the works application should be granted.

People wishing to prepare and lodge public submissions against the landfill plan can contact Alice Bernal via email at [celestial-8@hotmail.com](mailto:celestial-8@hotmail.com) for further information and/or assistance.

You can also join a local network of people who oppose the landfill plan and receive up to date information via email as well as visit the Avon and Hills Environmental Protection Group facebook page.

We urge as many local people as possible to have a say about the proposed landfill site and lodge their submissions with the DER before March 24.

Together we can make a difference.

Alice Bernal

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# Uncaring owners blamed for stray cat 'chaos'

Michael Sinclair-Jones

IRRESPONSIBLE owners are to blame for a big increase in dumped and unwanted cats in Toodyay, according to Cat Appeal Toodyay co-founder Jenny Ferguson.

The volunteer cat carer believes many local owners are dumping unwanted kittens, pregnant females and unsterilised males to evade WA's new cat laws.

Avon Valley volunteer cat refuges have been unable to cope with the rising number of pleas to take in unwanted and stray cats.

New WA laws introduced in 2011 gave owners two years in which to sterilise and register their cats or face fines of up to \$5000.

The aim was to reduce WA's large number of unwanted and feral cats, with about 5000 a year being euthanised.

The Shire of Toodyay ran a half-price "snip and chip" day last year for cat owners to have their pets sterilised and injected with an indentifying microchip to comply with the new laws.

But Jenny says her phone has "run hot" since the new laws took full effect last November because cat owners don't want to pay the cost of sterilisation.

"It's been chaos," she said.

"Sterilising a cat needs to be done only once - there are no excuses, it's just laziness.

"People just drive their car into the bush and dump unwanted kittens which then become first and second-generation strays."

She said a single pair of unsterilised male and female kittens could produce up to 420,000 cats in six years.

"We've been able to sterilise 48 unwanted cats in four months but had to refuse another 35 because we have no room for them," Jenny said.

Toodyay's Heartlands Veterinary Hospital says it costs \$100 to castrate a male cat, \$195 to spay a female and a further \$78 to micro-chip (or \$60 if under anaesthesia for sterilisation).

Female cats in heat cost \$205 to spay and pregnant females \$215.

Seniors Card holders received a 10 per cent discount.

"We sterilise about 15 cats a month, plus some from Jenny Ferguson," Heartlands Veterinary Nurse Jordie Street said.

"Each sterilised cat is injected just under the skin between the shoulders with a microchip the size of grain of rice with an indentifying number linked to the owner's details which are registered online."

The veterinary hospital also charged \$135 to euthanise cats for home burial, or \$155 for disposal.

Toodyay Shire CEO Stan Scott said stray cats were an issue wherever there was bush because dumped cats adapted easily to living in the wild.

The Shire had not prosecuted anyone because its approach was to educate owners.

"A lot of people are still not aware of the new law," Mr Scott said.



Dumped kittens at Jenny Ferguson's cat refuge

## Property owners fined for firebreak breaches

MORE than 100 Toodyay property owners have been fined \$250 each for failure to create or maintain firebreaks on their land.

A further number have been issued with work orders to comply with firebreak regulations or face \$250 fines.

Toodyay Shire CEO Stan Scott said work orders were issued where owners had made an obvious attempt to comply.

Infringement notices with \$250 fines were issued only where no apparent effort had been made.

"About 130 infringement notices have been issued, which is slightly more than last year," Mr Scott said. "Some are repeat offenders but most are not."

Mr Scott said the Shire had employed an extra casual ranger for three months to help inspect every Toodyay property that was required to have a firebreak.

"I think the 2009 Toodyay fire has

sharpened everyone's minds about fire danger," he said.

"The main purpose of a firebreak is to enable access to a property to help fight a fire rather than to stop a fire.

"The community seems generally supportive of the Shire taking a tough line on firebreaks on private property.

"We get as many calls from people alerting us to the need for firebreaks as we do complaints."

People with a valid reason not to comply with a firebreak work order could apply to the Shire for a "Variation" to a Firebreak Order, Mr Scott said.

This included properties on steep terrain, where a common firebreak could be shared under a Variation order issued by the Shire.

"Once issued, Variation Orders are continuous and don't have to be renewed every year," Mr Scott said.

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NBN Co community forum in Toodyay

## Outlying areas to miss NBN link

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NBN Co used a community information session at Toodyay last month to announce that the new 40m-tall NBN towers were planned for sites in Coondle, Julimar, West Toodyay, South Toodyay and Toodyay.

But further inquiries by *The Herald* have revealed that the fixed wireless network towers have a broadcast range of only five to seven kilometres.

That means communities lying further afield will have to wait another two years for access to faster Internet speeds.

A spokesman for NBN Co declined to release maps showing the range of the five proposed towers on the grounds that planning approval had yet to be sought and obtained from the Shire of Toodyay.

The Shire of Toodyay has been generally supportive of the NBN roll-out, with CEO Stan Scott describing it last month as a

“significant win for Toodyay”.

However, Bejoording resident Richard Hazelwood – who has no home mobile phone or wireless internet reception – said NBN Co representatives told him at last month’s community information session that fixed wireless towers would not be built for communities of less than 200 homes.

NBN Co declined to comment further.

However, it advertises publicly that homes within range of the new towers will have wireless broadband access only if their roof-mounted receivers are in direct line-of-sight view of the new transmitters.

Some residents in Stirlingia Drive within two kilometres of a tower planned in nearby Drummond Drive said they were told they would not get NBN fixed wireless access because they are on the wrong side of an intervening hill and are too far from other towers located elsewhere.

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# Rubbish tip battle

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Mr Brown the DER could reject the application or set strict environmental conditions that could cause the applicant to abandon the proposal.

He said the WA Legislative Council had invited Principal Petitioners Alice Bernal, from the Avon Valley Environmental Society, and himself to present a formal submission to Parliament, which occurred in November.

The Legislative Council would now

call on Mr Jacob to lodge a ministerial submission addressing concerns raised by the petitioners before deciding whether to launch a full Parliamentary inquiry.

Opal Vale claims the Waste Authority review of Perth garbage disposal will have no impact on its Toodyay landfill plans and has told the Government that it is "unreasonable" to delay DER approval until that review is complete.



Water five metres deep covers part of where three million tonnes of Perth rubbish is planned to be dumped.



Toodyay Butcher George Johnson (right) with assistant Curtis Dunnachie

## George opens on Sundays

LOCAL butcher George Johnson has diversified his retail business to increase the range of products available for consumers in Toodyay and surrounding districts.

He has introduced certified organic beef and lamb – complemented by free-range pork, chicken and eggs – to provide high-quality local producers with a local outlet in Toodyay.

Mr Johnson said that under new management, he had been able to negotiate with local producers to obtain competitive prices that were designed to suit all customers.

He invited customers to take advantage of the new trading hours and try new lines such as biltong, fresh fish, free-range traditionally cured and smoked bacon plus many more creative selections.

"Customers will be pleasantly surprised," Mr Johnson said.

"Many years in the retail meat industry have taught us to look, listen and accommodate what clients are telling us in relation to their needs.

"Our aim is to achieve a high level of customer satisfaction so that people will keep coming back for more.

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# Illegally dumped litter risks \$1000 fine

## Toodyay Tidy Towns

Greg Warburton and Beth Frayne  
Toodyay Tidy Towns Committee

AN OFFENDER could be facing a \$1000 fine following a report to Toodyay Tidy Towns Committee of illegal household rubbish dumping at the Northam-Toodyay Road stand-pipe.

Authorities are investigating after a member of the public reported the offence to the Committee.

Sure enough, on inspection there was what appeared to be a trailer load of dumped household rubbish.

It was reported to authorities, which are investigating further.

The weekly Tidy Towns volunteer rubbish pick-up from the old Information Bay into

town continues with a haul of cans, bottles and cigarette packets, etc. gathered every time.

Illegal use of yellow Main Roads rubbish bins to dispose of household garbage sees Lloyd Reserve and the Information Bay often strewn with litter, made worse by crows attracted to rotting food.

Particularly distressing is people using the Information Bay as a toilet with toilet paper blowing across the area.

The Toodyay Tidy Towns Committee is working with the Shire to improve the approach and entrance to town.

We finally got the dilapidated signboard structure replaced and now we are campaigning for a new events sign (or signs) and the installation of an entry statement.

Not much to ask one might think but the



processes involved can be painfully long and somewhat exhausting for those involved.

The approach and entrance to our town should be a welcoming showpiece for visitors and residents alike rather than an avenue of thoughtlessly discarded garbage.

The Committee encourages road users to keep their rubbish in their cars until they reach a bin and also to secure loads properly.

Littering is against the law and penalties have increased under tough new legislation.

Throwing any form of litter – including cigarette butts – from a car can cost offenders up to \$500.

Toodyay has entered the Tidy Towns Sustainable Communities competition again and has registered as a 2014 participant.

Shirley, at the 'Tidy Towns Head Office', says that more than 60 communities have already registered and she expected the total to exceed the usual 70 by the March 1 cut-off date.

The Toodyay Tidy Towns Committee has changed the way it works to reduce the workload.

We will:  
• send minutes and emails only to

Committee members and no longer formally sign up supporters (old or new) as we did last year;

- we will not issue new Supporter Certificates for 2014 (but please keep displaying the old ones);
- we will ask current supporters if they wish to remain listed as supporters;
- we will continue to issue our Toodyay Tidy Talk newsletter to all current and new supporters; and
- we will be happy to add new supporters to our contact list.

Clean Up Australia Day was held on Sunday March 2.


The Committee supported the Toodyay Naturalists' Club's registered site on Toodyay Road, near the Morangup Nature Reserve.

Hopefully, Toodyay's Adopt-A-Spotters were out in force that day too. Our High School will also have done its bit after registering again for Clean Up School Day the previous Friday (February 28).

Our next Committee meeting is at 5pm on Wednesday March 19 at the Toodyay Shire Council Chambers, Fiennes Street, Toodyay.



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# New Toodyaypedia: recording online the way we were

Margie Eberle

Old Newcastle Gaol Museum

PEOPLE who search for 'Toodyay' on the Internet may have noticed a lot of new information about the town's historic landmarks appearing online in the popular global reference website Wikipedia.

In May last year, Toodyay Historical Society President Peter Robinson attended the launch of Freopedia – a project aimed at sharing information about sites in Fremantle.

Small signs with square barcodes called 'QR codes' had been attached to buildings and memorials in the port city.

Anyone with a smart mobile phone and a free app could scan these codes and be linked to Wikipedia articles written about them.

Peter thought this could also work well in Toodyay and approached the local Shire to see if it could happen.

In October and November, several introductory workshops about Wikipedia were run in Toodyay by Gideon, Vice-President of Wikimedia Australia

With his help, we decided to officially launch our own WikiTown project at the Toodyay Show and have since created about 35 articles on local historic buildings.

Links for two of these articles have appeared for several hours on Wikipedia's world-wide home page where millions of



Ellery's Arcade, now occupied by (from left) the Toodyay Butcher, Toodyay Op Shop, Tiffanyz Fashions, Brewbakers, Sweethearts Cafe, Wix a Glow and The Toodyay Baker

people 'land' every day.

Many of these articles need expanding. We also need help from the community to decide what other topics to cover.

More articles can be created about places and things, memorials and statues, or people.

In that way, Wikipedia world-wide will help us to preserve and share the unique Toodyay story.

Gideon and his fellow Wikipedians will return to Toodyay on Saturday March 8.

They are offering to provide free one-on-one instruction in the Toodyay Public Library during the afternoon while it is closed to the general public.

They will start at the Visitor Centre at 10am and plan to chat informally with locals and look around town before

heading across to the Library after lunch.

Anyone keen to learn more about Wikipedia is welcome to join us – there is no obligation to become involved with Toodyaypedia if you just want see what it's all about.

However, we hope you will be inspired to become involved, especially because you can contribute online to Toodyaypedia from home.

You can find out more about Ellery's Arcade (pictured) in one of our own Toodyaypedia articles featured at: [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ellery%27s\\_Arcade](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ellery%27s_Arcade).

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The colourful stepping stones purchased by the kindergym are helping the youngsters keep active and amused during the weekly play times.

While the new hospitals are not due to open until late 2015, local communities are already benefitting from their grants program that assists grassroots organisations with a focus on physical, mental or youth wellbeing.

Anyone interested in finding out about this year's round of grants should visit [www.midlandhospitals.org.au/community-wellbeing-grants/](http://www.midlandhospitals.org.au/community-wellbeing-grants/).

The new public hospital will serve the inner Wheatbelt, including Toodyay, whose residents will benefit from easier and increased access to health services closer to home.

The private hospital will offer even more choice through a range of medical and surgical services.

The Kindergym runs every Friday during school term in the Pavilion, Toodyay Oval from 9.30am till 10.30am. Call the president, Claire Moore, on 9574 4529 for more information.

by a photograph, a correct identification can usually be made. If there is any doubt the data will be sent on to the experts. The information will be added to the Club's database.

The Naturalists' Club's email address is: [info@toodyaynats.org.au](mailto:info@toodyaynats.org.au) and the website is: [www.toodyaynats.org.au](http://www.toodyaynats.org.au); T 6364 3609

## Care for pets in emergencies

### Morangup Progress Association

THE Morangup community would like to thank Mr Corry Munson, Toodyay Community Emergency Services Manager and Rachel Parkes, Community Engagement Co-ordinator for Midlands and Bush Fire Ready program.

A Bush Fire Information Session (Preparing your Family, Pets and Livestock for the Bushfire Season) was held at the Morangup Community Hall by the above mentioned, on Saturday February 8 and was attended by approximately 40 people.

The information available to residents included DVDs for Prepare, Act, Survive, an abundance of printed literature on how to transport, what to take and how to care for your pets in an emergency situation.

This was followed by some discussions and a cuppa, during which the subject of what the community could do to help and support the elderly and infirm in our area in the event of a bushfire.

The Morangup Progress Association (MPA) has decided to take this on board to see what can be done and we thank Peter Kirkland for bringing it to our attention. Anyone with suggestions please let us know your thoughts.

The MPA held its AGM on the following day.

The report by the outgoing president, Mr Petar Drazic, covered successful fundraising ventures by the association, Toodyay Agricultural Show, Moondyne Festival and our Christmas in July.

Our Neighbours helping Neighbours has been very successful in helping community members who need a little assistance.

The committee took the opportunity to thank outgoing president, Petar, and vice president, Debbie Larkin, for their contributions.

Thanks were also given to Ian Clifton-Shanhun for the dancing lessons which will be continuing this year, but with a change to the day. It will now be on Wednesday nights at the hall at 7 pm.

Elections for new Office Bearers and committee were undertaken with the results as follows:

President: Dave Mustchin  
Vice President: Ian Clifton-Shanhun  
Re-elected:

Treasurer: Fran Stephens  
Secretary: Geni Brown  
Committee members: Brian Allen, Mark and Heather Bates, Petar Drazic, Sam Earl, Sandra Harms, Ron and Debbie Larkin, Kathie and Rebecca Pearson, Hank Van Ouyen, Flo Danielle, Patricia Varney and Rhiannon Addams.

The incoming president gave a summary of the current progress on the Association's website which should be up and running very soon. ([www.morangupmpa.com.au](http://www.morangupmpa.com.au)).

Debbie Larkin gave everyone an update on the current works on Toodyay Road, an overview of existing and planned works by Main Roads.

A busy-bee was organised for Saturday February 22 to clean up around the hall with a wonderful turnout of happy enthusiastic volunteers.

To Peter and Veronica, thanks for bringing the Tim Tams.

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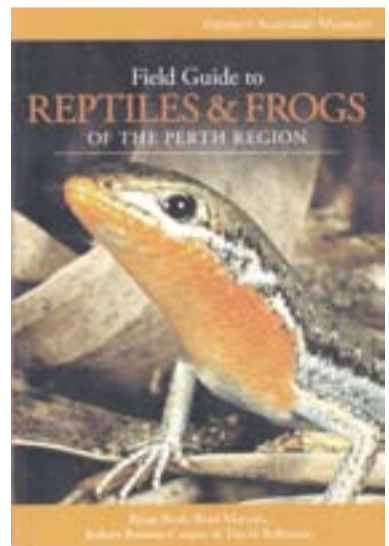
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## Herpetology A book of interest

**Python Watch**  
**Desraé Clarke**  
Toodyay Naturalists' Club member

THE February article written on the little Mountain Devil (*Moloch horridus*) resulted in a number of readers contacting me by email, letters and the receipt of some beautiful photos plus a disc of photos – how special is that!

It has also been absolutely amazing to find how widespread around the Shire of Toodyay the little critter is. Thank you SO much to everyone who has taken the time to report their sightings.

There are a number of excellent books available on species of herpetofauna. Some can be a little technical but valuable information will also be found.

Herpetology is the study of reptiles and amphibians.

In 1995, the University of Western Australia printed the first edition of 'A Guide to the Reptiles and Frogs of the Perth Region' with the light-coloured cover and ISBN number of 1 875560 42 4.

However, a revised publication has been completed in 2010 by the WA Museum with an ISBN number of 9781920843410; it has the cover with the orange-throated skink, West Coast Pale-flecked Morethia.

Although Toodyay is on the perimeter of the Perth Region the publication contains many herpetofauna of this area and is an excellent book to have on the library shelf.

You may discover the original light-covered book in a second-hand book shop – it is a valuable publication to have!

As has proven with the reports and observations of the Mountain Devil whereabouts within the Shire of Toodyay there appears to be a greater number of the species than previously recognised.

The Naturalists' Club Members are keen to receive observation data and, if accompanied

# 'The town that never was'

Richard Hazlewood

RICA ERICKSON the well-known historical writer used that phrase in her booklet entitled 'Notes on Bejoording' and there is no better way to describe this very unique place.

Every month I read *The Toodyay Herald* from cover to cover and although Bejoording is in the Shire of Toodyay and very significant in the history of Toodyay it rarely gets a mention except in monthly columns by the Bejoording Community Group and Bejoording Volunteer Bushfire Brigade.

When I decided to retire to somewhere in the Shire almost three years ago, no real estate agent ever mentioned Bejoording to me. No locals I spoke to ever mentioned the name and it had no presence in the local newspaper.

How lucky was I to find the acreage and cottage I now call home after 18 months of looking and that was by pure chance.

I had decided upon a rather nice home in Coondle and was about to make an offer when a good friend of mine came at my suggestion to look at homes in the Shire and on the first day he came up to look put a cash offer on a home I had chosen.

He didn't know it was supposed to be mine. It was just good luck for him and ultimately good luck for me too because it forced me to look further afield and I discovered Bejoording.

Why is Bejoording so different and, I believe, so special?

In 1838, the government declared a townsite at Bejoording in order to protect the locality's natural springs and watering places. It was 1280 acres – similar in size to Toodyay – and was one of WA's earliest planned sub-divisions with a well-planned grid of blocks of mostly 10 acres and land



Big Day Out at Bejoording

group activities taking place regularly, an impressive level of activity that would put many other country towns to shame.

Yet most of the few thousand people in Toodyay and its close surrounds would be surprised by the level of community activity undertaken by only a couple of hundred people in Bejoording.

The two main centres of social activity are the Community Group and the Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade; many residents belong to both groups, which between them account for most of the local community.

There is at least one 'event' every month except January and some months have two.

Many but not all take place at the Bush Fire Brigade shed which is shared with the

Community Group.

Every Wednesday of the year except January, the Community Group has a social gathering at 'The Shed', as it's known by all locals.



Mud fun

Here are some examples.

Every year one member of the community opens their home for an AFL Grand Final party, another will host a Bathurst Race Day party, and once a month at The Shed there's a 'Feast Night' with a different culinary theme every time, such as a seafood night, a curry and casserole night, a big breakfast night, a soup night, etc..

An annual 'Clean Up Bejoording Day' brings out a large number of adults and kids.

Reflective jackets are provided as well as garbage bags, and all the official roads in the 'town' are cleared of plastic, bottles, cans and many surprising things, all followed by a barbecue.

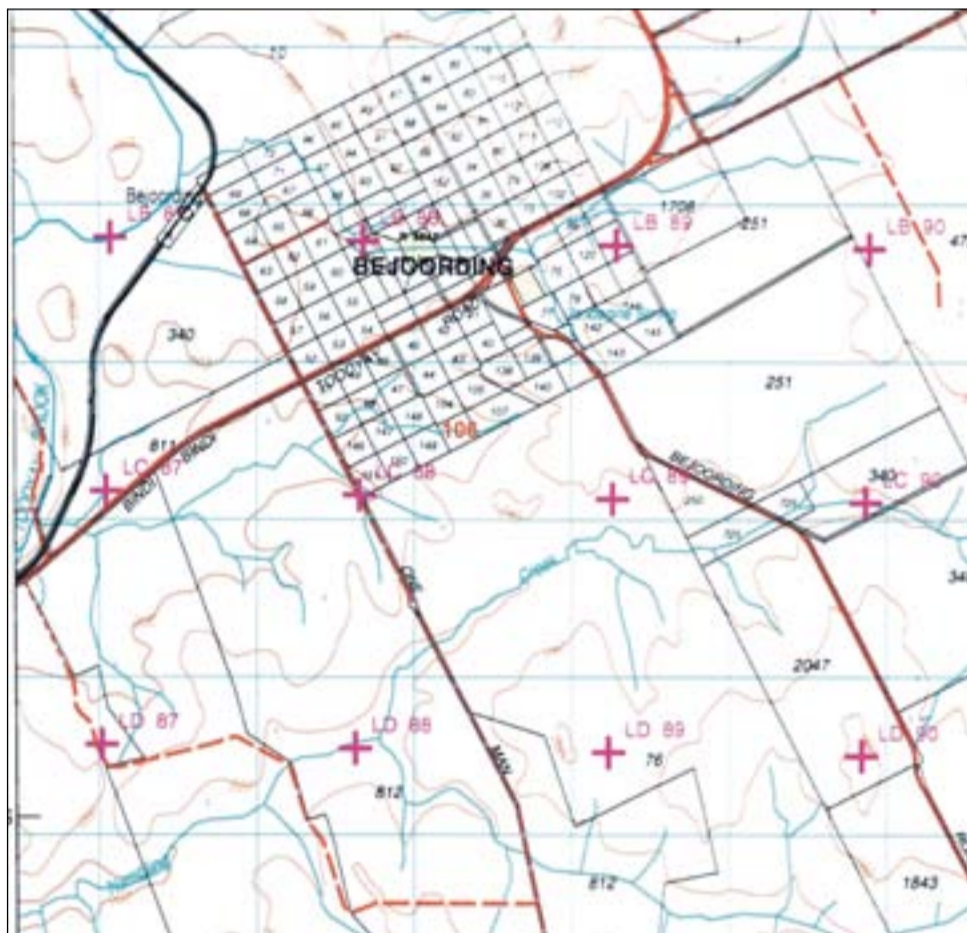
There's an annual car rally, a 4WD picnic, a Halloween Night party and even an 'Air Hockey' competition.

Many people have birthday parties and other special occasions at The Shed and most are open to the whole community.

The biggest event of the year – the 'Mud Footy' fixture on Boxing Day – is a sporting event to rival any other in the bush and each year attracts 100 or more people.

It's been running for more than a decade, and I'm guessing it's unique to Bejoording.

One member of our community has a large clay pan on his property, big enough for a game of footy, and spends all day flooding it from his dam so by around 4pm there's a field of sticky grey mud.



Original town site

set aside for public facilities such as a cemetery, public square, police barracks and school.

So everything was set for the creation of a whole new town – yet it didn't happen.

Only a few families took up blocks in the early days, so the critical mass of people needed for a town never happened.

The railway came through in 1909 which brought facilities at Toodyay and Bolgart within easy reach of Bejoording families. This eliminated the need to further develop the infrastructure needed for a town.

By the mid-20th Century, many of Bejoording's older families were selling their blocks.

Some were subdivided into smaller blocks and a broader population base started to develop.

The name still appeared on maps as a town – as it does today – and the area started to take on many of the characteristics of a town which, in a rushed sort of way, brings me to the present and the unique community that Bejoording is.

When you read *The Toodyay Herald* you have to be impressed each month by the many social and community

## The Toodyay Herald Local Writers' Awards

### Volunteer coordinator vacancy

*The Toodyay Herald* runs a short story writing competition for residents within our Shire. It was formerly called The Frank Venn Award and has been renamed as The Toodyay Herald Local Writers' Awards.

Entries for the competition which includes school-age children and adults are announced in July and close in October. Winning entries published in the December issue.

The Toodyay Herald Committee is looking for a coordinator willing to

undertake this role on a voluntary basis.

The position largely involves collating the entries, allocating them to a panel of judges and organising for the winning entries to be published and the awards conferred.

The co-ordinator would be expected to write a brief article commenting positively on the entries when announcing the winners. The Co-ordinator is also expected to write a short monthly report to the Committee. His or her input

Two teams of volunteers of any age or gender are rounded up and 'oldies' and 'youngsters' teams are selected to play four full quarters of footy in just shorts (girls wear tops, of course!) and bare feet, with liberally-interpreted rules and as many players as are willing to play.

It's a truly gruelling game, played hard and for real, and the following day is worse than a hangover for aching limbs and bruised bodies.

Every player is caked in mud from head to foot and a plunge in the dam at the end is a necessity.

So that's a snapshot of Bejoording. It's a close-knit community where everyone willingly supports everyone else when needed, where newcomers like me are embraced, where friendships are made forever, where everyone actually knows their neighbour by name, where 'dropping in for a cuppa' is just like it was 50 years ago, where all the kids know each other and where old fashioned values are the norm.

How I got here is irrelevant now, I just know I'm never leaving.

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regarding the successful outcome of the Toodyay Herald Local Writers' Awards would always be welcome.

For more information, please phone Maree Lewis 0409 520 527, or email toodyayherald@westnet.com.au.

Alternatively, you can visit The Herald Office during opening hours to find out more. Applications are to be in writing, and emailed to toodyayherald@westnet.com.au no later than Monday 24 March 2014.

## emergency services

# Newbie finds amazing support to help rock a firey's boat

**Coondle Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade**  
Rory Davin

WELL WE all hear about how wonderful the fireys are, racing around all summer putting out fires here, there and everywhere.

But it is not until you meet, work with and get to know this unique group of people that you realise just how amazing they really are.

I have had that opportunity by recently becoming a member of this merry band. I felt after living in Toodyay for the last ten years that it was time to give back.

I must admit that racing off to face a fire front doesn't exactly rock my boat, but the support and encouragement you get from the team is truly amazing.

I remember coming back in on the truck after my first fire where we had to clean

down and totally prepare the unit for an immediate call out (as we are the 000 first call out number).

You would expect that just your rostered crew would be there, but that is not the case with this crowd. There were people everywhere and it doesn't matter what time of day or night it is.

They know you have been out, so the whole crowd turn up to wash the units down and help to prep them for the next call out which could be in a day or five minutes' time.

Before I knew it, I had a drink and a meal thrust in front of me, a chat to see how I was and a slap on the back for support.

You have as much training as you want. Mark, the Captain will be at the fire shed whenever you want to go through anything you are unsure of.

You also have the DFESA fire courses which you have to do first up before going

to a fire. These are held in town and are very interesting.

So if you feel like you would like to give some of your time to a wonderful cause, come along to the Coondle fire shed on any Friday evening from 5pm.

You will meet a different crew each time as each crew is rostered on once a month from 5pm Friday until 5am Monday on a 24/7 call-out basis.

You will get to have a chat and see what it is all about. No obligation, no pressure.

Hopefully see you there at the Fire Shed on Coondle West Road, or just give me a call on 9574 4289 and I will put you in touch with the right person to chat to.

Stay safe, cool and alert.

## 'Big Kev' to soldier on with new unit

**Bejoording Volunteer Bushfire Brigade**  
From the desk of The Badger

SINCE our last column went to print in February the brigade has had two monthly meetings and there's been no shortage of news.

The biggest news was announced by Captain Lawrence Hayward who said Bejoording will soon get a new fire engine.

There are still discussions being held with the responsible authorities as to which type of unit best suits the conditions most commonly faced in the Bejoording and surrounding areas, but a decision will be made soon.

'Big Kev', as our existing 1.4 unit is affectionately known, has served us well and been in service beyond the usual life span. With continuing TLC it will hopefully continue to serve us alongside our new unit.

Another exciting announcement was that we are progressing positively toward the establishment of a Cadet Group by the end of this fire season.

We have a number of young people in the right age group in our community and a cadet program offers many positives.

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It's educational, promotes awareness of bush fires and risk minimisation and like other cadet/youth programmes it will encourage and develop soft skills such as teamwork, responsibility and leadership.

Bejoording Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade had some excellent PR during February when Captain Lawrence was interviewed on Radio West, and was also featured and pictured in the front page article on the Hills fires in the Advocate. Well done, Lawrence.

Well done also to Alan Jelly and Eric Meehan, two of last year's new recruits, who were presented with their Bush Fire Fighting Certificates.

Finally, a big thank you to Fiona Glossop for her continuing efficient management of rosters and operational news distribution.

With a number of our members working away from home, or on fly-in fly-out rosters of their own, it's a constant challenge to ensure there are enough people available all the time during what has started as an active fire season with a long way to go yet.

So far Bejoording and surrounds have been relatively lucky this season but a serious call-out is always just around the corner.

The Bejoording Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade asks you to remember to always plan and prepare before lighting any fire for any reason, and have a clear contingency strategy in place should things get out of control.

Even at the safest times of the year fires can pose a risk to people and property, whether it's burning off on your acreage or a backyard bonfire, so take care. Advice is free, but getting it wrong can be expensive.

Don't forget fire bans are now in effect for the rest of summer.

If you have any questions remember you can contact Captain Lawrence Hayward on 9574 5106, or the Badger on 9574 4834. Please leave a message if we're not there.

Our next meeting is at 6pm on Tuesday 18 March.

## Fewer call-outs offer respite after busy summer

**Toodyay Central Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade**  
Desraé Clarke

DESPITE the high temperatures of the past month the Brigade had only two call-outs which gave members some respite from the previous few weeks.

On Sunday February 23 a 'radio training' session was held with a good attendance.

An 'Introduction to Fire Fighting' is to be held on Saturday 15 March at the Fire and Emergency Services Centre commencing with Training Officers, Heather and Brent.

The course will run from 8.30am till 5pm, with lunch provided.

A date in March is to be confirmed for the 'Burnover Blanket Use and Drill'.

Please contact Captain, Mick, to register your interest in the above training.

The next General Meeting will be held on Tuesday March 25 commencing at 7.30pm at the Fire and Emergency Services Centre, Stirling Terrace, Toodyay.

New members are made most welcome.

If you would like to join Central Brigade, enquiries may be made to Captain, Mick McKeown, 9574 2132, Secretary, Wayne Clarke, 6364 3609 or email 2jcentralvbf@westnet.com.au.

### Proposed Bush Fire Cadet Brigade

#### Expressions of Interest

The Bejoording Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade invites young boys and girls aged 11 - 15 yrs to express their interest in joining a Bush Fire Cadet Brigade which will be sponsored and administered by the Bejoording VBFB.

Being a cadet offers a chance to be properly trained as a fire fighter, to develop team and leadership skills, and to contribute to the community.

It will be open to young people from communities throughout the Shire and nearby. Enquiries and expressions of interest to Barry Grey on 9574 2149 or bgantennas@bigpond.com



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## Scrumptious Tucker



### Pastryless Asparagus Quiche

Desraé Clarke

I FIND this quiche one that I can whip up very quickly. I usually have chopped spring onions in the freezer and always a tin of asparagus in the pantry. As there is no fussing with a pastry base this delicious meal, hot or cold and together with salad, is one that can be on the table quickly.

#### Ingredients:

2 tablespoons wholemeal self-raising flour  
1 cup milk  
½ cup cream  
4 eggs  
¼ packet of dried soup e.g. Spring Vegetable or French Onion  
1 cup grated tasty cheese  
¼ cup chopped spring onions  
1 x 340g can asparagus pieces, drained

#### Method:

Lightly grease a 23-25cm quiche dish.  
Beat the eggs in a medium-sized bowl.  
Stir in the cream and half of the milk and mix well.  
Add the flour and mix until all the lumps are removed.  
Stir in the dried soup mix.  
Stir in the remainder of the milk and mix to a smooth consistency.  
Add the cheese and spring onion.  
Pour the mixture into the greased quiche dish.  
Arrange the drained asparagus pieces on top of the quiche.  
Bake in a moderate oven for about 35 to 40 minutes until the quiche is nicely browned and firm to the touch.  
Serve with salad and crusty bread.  
NB This quiche will freeze well.

emergency services

## New ambo volunteers share busy workload

### St John Ambulance Toodyay & Districts Sub Centre

DESPITE the festive season behind us and the school year back in full swing calls for our ambulance service have not slowed.

Our crews have been very busy with local jobs of all descriptions, as well as assisting the Northam crew with hospital to hospital transfers.

Fortunately we've been able to welcome on board several new volunteers to help with the load – all amazingly competent, readily available and, most importantly, kind-hearted and sympathetic.

There's a couple more newbies also joining the rostered crew as observers. Hopefully they too will fully join the ranks over the next couple of months.

Welcome Carolynne Haigh to the sub centre office as second Administration Officer.

Carolynne has become a familiar face around town and has settled in fantastically in the sub centre office taking care of all the paperwork associated with calls outs, finances, secretarial duties and general office stuff – a huge workload.

Carolynne only came on board just before Christmas and has rapidly become a guru on the St John Ambulance system and how to best help you with any ambulance queries you may have.

With Carolynne also now in the office office hours will resume Monday – Thursday, 9.30am to 2pm.

We do apologise for the haphazard hours that have been kept over the past couple of months.

#### A couple of "nice to knows"

THE call-out fee for an ambulance despatched from Toodyay, Morangup or Bolgart will cost the patient a minimum of \$380.

Check carefully that you have private health cover, to ensure you are covered for all levels of ambulance transport, not just "emergency transport".

Local Ambulance Benefit Fund membership will fully cover any ambulance transport required within WA, at the small price of \$48 for single or \$79 for family.

Benefit fund fees are retained by the sub

centre to help keep this vital service in your local area.

Toodyay & Districts St John Ambulance sub centre relies entirely on volunteers.

Feel free to drop in or phone the office if you would like further information about joining the Ambulance Benefit Fund or becoming a Volunteer Ambulance Officer.

SJA Toodyay & Districts Sub Centre, Rear 120 Stirling Tce (behind Toodyay Hair Studio), phone 9574 2390 or sjatooday@bigpond.com. Office hours: Monday to Thursday 9.30am to 2pm.

## Hanging out for cooler autumn weather

### Julimar Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade Tim Walker

ANOTHER month of hot and dry weather out of the way and it would seem most of us are really hanging out for the cooler autumn weather and the beginning of the seasonal rains by next month.

The month of February brought the trucks out on two occasions only. One was a non-event as the reported fire couldn't be located; the other was a pole top fire in Rugged Hills area which was very quickly dealt with.

One of our fire crews, as part of a contingent of trucks from this area was sent to the "Perth" fires last month to assist firefighters in controlling this devastating fire and were back home at 3am next day. That is indeed a supreme effort in endurance. Well done to all fires involved. There has been some concern expressed in leaving our region without enough fire fighting capacity should there be an outbreak at "home", I believe most people would share this concern.

Captain Grant advised at our last meeting that the Brigade officers are well advanced in putting a series of operation procedures together so all members involved in the brigade will have written access to this information of what is expected and a format for referral purposes.

Congratulations to Ross Wilkinson on joining our brigade recently. He's very practical and with a long list of skills in operating machinery and heavy trucks. We all look forward to his involvement in the Julimar Brigade.

Onto other matters of achievement: congratulations to Jeff Porter on reaching his three score plus ten years on the 1st of February.

And finally a big thankyou to Cellarbrations in Karragullen for their donation of \$113.25 to The Julimar Brigade.

## TENDER

### Toodyay & Districts Sub Centre, St John Ambulance Ambulance Cleaning and External Building/Grounds Maintenance



Expressions of Interest are invited for a position with the sub centre to undertake weekly ambulance cleaning, ambulance shed cleaning and external building and grounds maintenance. All cleaning equipment, cleaning products and maintenance tools are provided by the sub centre.

Applicants require an ABN and will demonstrate their ability to ensure the high-grade cleaning of three ambulances and maintain a clean and well presented building and grounds.

#### Please submit your expression of interest by mail to:

The Committee  
Toodyay & Districts Sub Centre  
St John Ambulance (WA)  
PO Box 364  
TOODYAY WA 6566

Tender must be received at the sub centre office by **2.00 pm Friday 21 March 2014.**

For more information please contact the Sub Centre office, Monday – Thursday, 9.30 am to 2 pm.

Phone **9574 2390**, email [sjatooday@bigpond.com](mailto:sjatooday@bigpond.com) or rear 120 Stirling Terrace (behind Toodyay Hair Studio)

### Stressed and Depressed!!

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## Moondyne Arts Festival entries now open

Arts Toodyay  
Clive Eger

ARTS Toodyay will be holding their annual Moondyne Festival Art Exhibition once again this year.

The exhibition attracts entries from throughout the Avon Valley each year and all artists in the area are invited to submit works. Please contact Clive on 0401 966 153 or clivesmail@hotmail.com.

As usual, the venue for the exhibition will be the CWA Hall on Stirling Terrace so make sure you stop by on Moondyne Festival day; entry is free.

Meanwhile the members are looking forward to the cooler weather and the winter program of workshops and other events.

Margaret Sommerville is extending an invitation to all members of the arts community in Toodyay to become 'friends of Sommerville Gallery'.

She is hoping to help encourage creative fun and friendship and to provide an opportunity for people to come together and enjoy painting and fellowship.

The gatherings will be on one Monday morning a month at the gallery between 9am and 12.30pm.

All those interested are invited to contact Margaret at the gallery or by phoning 0419 941 823 or email at msommerville@westnet.com.au.

Arts Toodyay Inc. is a group of arts enthusiasts from the Toodyay area who meet to share their expertise and promote their work in the Toodyay area.

Members have diverse interests ranging from painting, creative textiles, jewellery and contemporary embroidery to creative writing, pottery, printmaking and sculpture. New members are very welcome.

Contact Clive on 0401 966 153 or at clivesmail@gmail.com.

# Packed program includes weekend at Fairbridge

Toodyay Historical Society  
Beth Frayne  
Events Co-ordinator

A PACKED Toodyay Historical Society 2014 program has been finalised and distributed to members after a successful planning meeting last month at Colin's home (many thanks, Colin).

Feature speakers will be presented at our monthly Wednesday night meetings.

We also intend to:

- visit Barn Elms sites;
- host a lecture by historian Professor Jenny Gregory at our Annual General meeting;
- clean up Nardie Cemetery again and discuss content for a cemetery walk;
- undertake an Avon industrial sites tour;
- spend a weekend away at Fairbridge Farm in Pinjarra;
- run a special day at the Toodyay Pictures Exhibition at the Newcastle Gaol;
- present the history of the former Oddfellows' Hall (old IGA/antiques store site); and
- celebrate the inaugural Foundation Dinner at The Vic Hotel.

Committee member Brian Shepherd was the feature speaker at our February 19 General Meeting on the topic 'Thinking about interpreting history in museums and heritage places'.

Brian illustrated his talk with photos of his recent work on a project at Albany's Strawberry Hill Farm (WA National Trust).

Our first members' monthly event on Sunday February 23 was an excellent dinner and entertainment (with slide show) about the old Toodyay Club building.

The event was held in the Club's former Billiard Room behind Vince's Italian Restaurant and Pizza Bar.

Various members shared their

experiences of the chequered history of this 1908 building.

Ten "Two-Minute Vignettes" included:

- Robyn's 'Architectural Anecdotes' about the building's architect Richard Dennehy;
- Colin's 'Club Member Musings' of the 1970s;
- Bob's 'Sleeping Rough' on the Billiard Room floor during the first Toodyay Folk Festival in 1977 before the room was incorporated into a new medical centre;
- Desrae's early 1990s 'Medical Memories' of visiting doctors and Silver Chain activities;
- Bob's experiences staying in the Toodyay Youth Hostel in the former Club Steward's quarters;
- Wayne's 'Camera Club Capers' in the X-Ray Room;
- Desrae's recollections of the opening of the Toodyay Art Gallery;
- Wayne on helping with the Madacsi renovations;
- Jenny on sleeping in the lovely River Valley Lodge quarters; and
- Beth, giving an 'Ice Chest Conclusion', covering which Toodyay Club artefacts are still in and around Toodyay today.

Beth, Milton and Faye volunteered to help with the Royal WA Historical Society photo exhibition at the Avon Valley Vintage Festival at Northam Recreation Centre on the weekend of March 1-2.

We are progressing our new website planning.

The Society's next general meeting will be at 7pm on Wednesday March 19 at Donegan's Cottage (at the Toodyay Showground).

President Peter Robinson will be the feature speaker on the topic 'Toodyay people included in the WA Bicentennial Dictionaries'. All welcome.

The next Society event will be a Barn

Elms excursion on Sunday March 30, leaving the Toodyay Visitors' Centre at 9.30am. Details to be confirmed.

For information about any matter related to the Toodyay Historical Society or how we may help you or your group, please contact:

- Secretary Desrae Clarke at desraec@westnet.com.au or 6364 3609;
- President Peter Robinson on 0417 957 378; or
- committee member Beth Frayne on 9574 5971.

The Society's headquarters at Donegan's Cottage are open to the public every Thursday from 1-3pm.

Membership is \$10 and mailing address PO Box 32, Toodyay, WA 6566.



Toodyay Club building in the 1970s (maybe), taken by Dawn Atwell, THS collection.

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# Life beyond the white line

## Bejoording Community Group From the desk of the Badger

GREETINGS from beyond the white line - what on earth does that mean, you say?

Recently my partner and I were enjoying a pleasant lunch at the Freemason's (plugs allowed I hope?) when we got chatting to an old timer, which is always a pleasant and informative experience. Inevitably he asked where we lived and when I said Bejoording his response was "Ah! You live in real country, beyond the white line".

Asked to explain he said he was referring to the white line down the middle of the Bindi-Bindi Road which disappears soon after the Dewars Pool Road turn-off. In future when friends tease me about moving to the 'back of beyond' I can now correct them and say I live 'beyond the white line'.

This brings me neatly to a matter of concern to the Bejoording Community. Are we also beyond the NBN? In last month's *Herald* there was an interesting and leading article on the proposed NBN towers and the importance of being in the 'line of sight' to get the high speed internet services.

Nowhere was Bejoording mentioned, and understanding the geography of our area, the sites that have been proposed, and others that are just rumoured at this stage, it seems likely that we will miss out on 'line of sight' connection.

The Shire is proposing that we pay town rates soon so I hope they are ensuring that a thriving community with small business operators, school children of all ages, and an essential Bush Fire Brigade Shed that has no mobile or internet reception, are properly looked after in this NBN plan for the Shire.

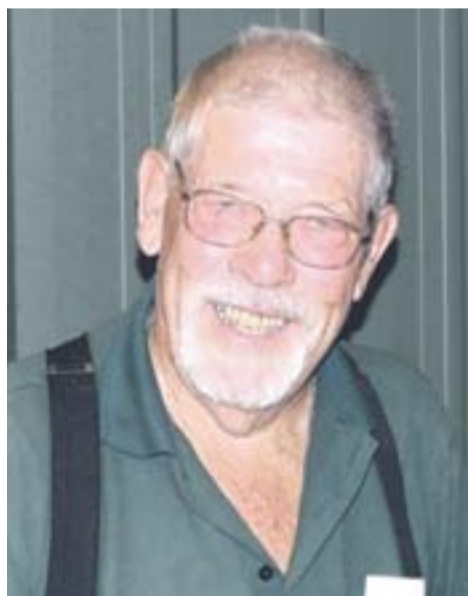
The Community Group welcomes new member Neil Fancourt. Neil is a retired Army veteran with many fascinating stories to tell, and he has a way of glamourising the unglamorous, and humorously describing his adventures along the way. The Badger will get one of his anecdotes in print before too long.



Mark and Whitney with newborn son Mason William

With our first three weekly gatherings out of the way we have set our calendar of social and community events for the year.

Our annual 'Hamburger Night' on 5th February was a great success, although most of us would have had difficulty fitting in breakfast the next morning! Macca's and Jacka's ain't got nuthin' on us! Wednesday 5th March will be our annual Taco/Mexican night, so here's hoping for a big turn-out.



Neil Fancourt

Finally we send our congratulations to Whitney and Grant Ferrie on the birth of baby Mason William. He joined our community on 12th January 2014, a healthy 5lb 11oz baby (I seem to remember we gone metric a few years ago - I wonder why everyone describes their babies in the old money?)

Mum, dad, baby and grandparents are all excited, and baby Mason has already been to his first Wednesday Shed night!

Your monthly reminder! We meet every Wednesday evening (except in January) at the Bejoording Community Centre which shares premises with the local Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade in Bejoording Road. Come along from 6.00pm, and leave when

it suits you. It's strictly 'come as you are' casual, kids are welcome, and there are fun events every month.

If you aren't yet a member, come along, we'd love to get to know you. If you want to know more you can contact President Barry Grey on 9574 2149, or call The Badger on 0414 250 484. Hope to see you soon!

## Top WA turners here in March

### Avon Woodturners

WELL, we have started off quietly at the Pavilion this year. We are still starting at 8am and finishing at 11am.

We are still busy with the March Woodturners day in Toodyay for 15 March.

If you would like to come into the Memorial Hall and have a look at what some of our State's top woodturners do then visit us on that day.

There will be demonstrations going on which are worth looking at. Most of this will be going on between 9.30am and 3pm.

There will be a stall at the day for the sale of secondhand tools and if one was interested in Woodturning it may be a chance to purchase some gear.

One of our newer members David Doye is becoming a great turner and on the 15 February at Wandi he won best novice and best overall.

Well done David. On Sunday 23 David showed us his latest which is a platter done by inside out Turning.

There seem to be some interesting things going on with the transfer of some clubs and organizations to the new depot area.

As we will have to move sooner or later it looks as if we may locate to this venue.

We are hearing though that there are problems with grants, etc. for this area so we don't know what is happening there. We are very happy where we are for the moment.

We are sad to say that there was a tragedy on the Toodyay - Northam Rd on the 19 February where our esteemed member Roger Stratified lost his life. We will miss Roger's humour and his irrepressible attitude.

## 87th birthday coming up

### Country Women's Association

WE HELD our informal planning meeting at the end of January and have noted down important dates for the year's events.

During the year we receive invitations from other branches to attend their functions so we have plenty to look forward to.

This week four of us were able to join Bayswater CWA, our sister branch, for their 61st birthday and shared a delicious lunch and enjoyable afternoon with the members.

It is our 87th birthday in July so we will be having a special International themed lunch to mark the occasion.

The first Branch to be opened in WA 90 years ago was Nungarin and there will be a gathering to mark that auspicious day at Nungarin on July 7.

On March 10 we will be attending the yearly 'Gathering of the Birds' for a fun day. This day replaces what used to be the Divisional meeting when all the CWA branches from Avon Division used to get together.

The venue is at the time of printing undecided, but it is always a great day and although the divisions have gone the friendships have remained.

We have decided to have some shared lunches for members' birthdays this year. Some very important ones are coming up so there is lots of planning going on to make the celebrations memorable.

Our usual Cancer Morning Tea will be held on May 26 with orders being taken the week before so your morning tea can be delivered promptly on the day. More details are to come nearer the time.

Later in the year we will be holding a white elephant stall on August 9 and an Op shop fashion parade and afternoon tea on September 11.

Dates to mark down in your diary. The AGM will have been held on 27 February and more dates will no doubt be added to our diaries. The difficulty is in fitting everything in.

The March meeting will start at 1.30pm in the CWA hall. There is plenty of parking in Charcoal lane and we always welcome new members.

## Card players wanted

### Ida's Hideaway

FIRSTLY I would like to thank all of our helpers at our street stall on 6 December 2013.

I would like to thank you all for your support. Christmas was another success. Father and Mother Christmas visited us, bringing joy and happiness with them.

Ida has returned from her trip to Holland. Welcome home, Ida.

We are looking for some card players, Saturdays 1pm to 4pm.

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# Spinners tackle fleece to jumper skills

## Toodyay Spinners

THE warm weather hasn't curbed the enthusiasm of our members.

We have all been busy with various projects. Carol W spun some Suri Alpaca wool and plied it with commercial yarn from our stores. Margaret knitted an adult vest, a child's vest,



gloves and a beanie from wool spun by Audrey. Carol D spun and plied a skein of lace-weight (very fine) grey Alpaca. Heather spun and plied a skein of Bendigo Elm. Ange spun and knitted a short-sleeved vest from commercially carded wool and Glynne spun some beige Alpaca.

We are now practising and getting ready for the Fleece and Fibre Festival on May 31 when a few will have another go at the Back-to-back challenge.

This is where we start with an unshorn sheep and end up with a knitted adult sized jumper. Last year it took us a bit more than 9 hours. We hope to do better.

Our Spinning Group meets every Wednesday from 9am to noon, and every third Saturday of the month at Parker's Cottage in the Showgrounds.

For further information on our Group please contact Secretary Ange Sturman, 9574 2507 or President Gretta Sauta, 9574 2868.

New members are most welcome, no experience necessary.

# Getting teeth into urban themes

## Toodyay Music Club Jenny Edgecombe

WE WERE back with a vengeance for our first club evening of the year, getting our teeth into a theme of Cities, Towns and States. The theme nights were started to provide some variety in our club nights and I wondered if the novelty would wear off. Years down the track, we still debate the topics enthusiastically and look forward to hearing people's choices on the night.

This month, the voices of our Kalamunda quartet blended beautifully for a plaintive 'Massachusetts', whilst the 'air maraccas' provided by Maurice for 'it's not Peter Allen's Rio' had to be seen to be believed.

I am not admitting who forgot to bring the box of assorted percussion instruments that usually travel in our car. In spite of this, the song was very successful, with Maurice providing the lead vocals.

It would be a mistake to think of our Hills members purely as, 'the group that does beautiful harmonies'. Their solos and duets this time included a lovely strong 'Durham Town' from Eileen and a delightful 'California Dreaming' from Peter and Moya.

The mood of the evening was enhanced further by two new performers: Ben with terrific guitar work on his own songs and Kris with some impressive folk singing. We look forward to hearing more of them in the future.

Leila added her own particular brand of fun and enjoyment with the double bass backing for items like Joe's 'San Francisco Bay Blues'. She also assisted in Spencer's 'The Rare Old Times' a style of song that particularly suited his voice.

The next theme night will be held in May. We all voted for 'Precipitation', in hopes that it might inspire some wet weather.

**Next month:** 7pm Friday 14th March.

Any style of singing or instrumental performance welcome so long as it is acoustic. Further Information: Teddy or Spencer on 9574 4492.

# Awards night roles out the red carpet

## Toodyay Theatre Group

Kristee Jolly

Toodyay Theatre Group

THE Toodyay Theatre Group rolled out the red carpet again for the 2nd Annual Toodyay Theatre Group Awards Night held on Saturday 18 January 2014.

This prestigious event asked guests to don their favourite mask and step into Venice for a night of entertainment, awards and delicious food supplied by the Toodyay Bakery.

The award recipients are:

- Out of Shell Award; Rebecca Vandapeear;

Rising Star Award; Charlie Flowers; Best Actor Award (Peer Voted), Jessie Ward; Best Actor Award (Audience Voted); Andrew Lee; Member of the Year – Graham Boston; and

- Life Membership–Secretary Liz Boston. Liz Boston, for her invaluable assistance for many, many years on the Committee, as well as the "Sound lady" for nearly every production since joining the Theatre Group. Congratulations to all of the very deserving winners.

The Toodyay Theatre's Annual General Meeting was held on Wednesday 29 January 2014. Our 2014 office bearers are: President-Dave Mitchell; Vice President-Jessica Shilcock; Secretary-Liz Boston; Treasurer-Andrew Lee; and committee members-Tanya Stuart, Graham Boston, Hannah Welburn, Jeanette Young, Sarah Shilcock and Kristee Jolly.

The Committee is looking forward to a fun and successful year and we can't wait to get 2014 underway.

**Quiz Night:** The Theatre Group have introduced Toodyay to Quiz Nights with a theatrical twist.

Guests were treated to a newly structured quiz, which involved a performance of the 'Grease' hit song, "Summer Nights", a "Guess Who" round with actors recreating a famous actor or singer and a round of "Were you watching?" based on the performance of the Rocky Horror classic, the "Time Warp".

Blind-folded piggies where doing obstacle

courses and a dance competition, as well as your usual quiz rounds – it really was a night you shouldn't have missed.

But have no fear, the Theatre Group plans on hosting this as an annual event, so best prepare yourselves for next time.

Congratulations to Sarah Shilcock and Lance Owen on a very successful evening. Thank you to all of the local businesses who donated prizes for this great night, and congratulations to Table 2 ("Team Google") for taking out the night.

Auditions will be announced shortly for the TTG's upcoming play, *Shakespeare – with a twist*.

If you want to express your interest, please contact President Dave Mitchell on 0400 283 425. If you miss it, you will regret it.

# Agricultural Society

WELCOME back to another year. Hope everyone enjoyed their Christmas and New Year break.

We would just like to thank everyone who attended the AGM on February 10 and welcome the new committee members. It's going to be a great year.

Reminder that the next committee meeting will be Monday 10 March at the Youth Hall starting at 7.30pm. The AGM for next year is 9 February.

Long Live the Toodyay Agricultural Show.

# Sandakan Scholarship winners announced

## Toodyay RSL of Australia sub branch

THE two students who were successful in winning places on the 2014 Tour are Olivia Ferguson and Sam Chitty.

This was a very keenly contested competition, with a total of six students all from the Toodyay District High School taking part.

Members of the judging panel were hard-pressed to make their decision.

As you are all aware the reason the RSL run this competition, is to endeavour to keep the story of the Sandakan Death Marches alive and to remember those individuals who lost their lives in the defence of our country.

These individuals are the three Dorizzi brothers, Gordon, Herbert and Thomas. The other member from our district was Reginald Ferguson.

We found out after the awards were made last year, that both of our students are related to Reg Ferguson.

Reg lost his life in Ranau Camp no. 1 on 23 March 1945, only a couple of months before the Japanese surrendered in Borneo in September 1945.

The winning students will be representing themselves and the Toodyay community.

They will be joining a delegation of approximately 30 individuals, organized by the Borneo Exhibition Group Inc (BEG) which will include eight other students, four of them from Borneo, who came through the partnership with Australia, Sarawak and Sabah school program (PASS).

The tour consists of a fourteen day program to visit many of the sites where these WWII events occurred.

The students and their guardians will depart Perth on Saturday 9 April 2014 and will fly to Kuching, the capital of Sarawak, via Kuala Lumpur.

They will spend a number of days in Kuching visiting various places before departing by air for Labuan via Miri.

Labuan is an island and it is where the War cemetery for Borneo is located.

ANZAC Day Services will be held in the War Cemetery on Labuan.

The students will then fly to Sandakan via Kota Kinabalu. In Sandakan they will attend a service close to the site of the Sandakan Prisoner of War camp.

They then journey to Ranau taking part in a rice carrying exercise to demonstrate a small part of the hardships the allied prisoners were subjected to.

They then visit the Kundasung Memorial Gardens which is an amazing memorial.

It is then onto Kota Kinabalu and a visit to the SANZAC School, before flying home again via Kuala Lumpur. This is only a brief outline of the itinerary.

On their return to Australia our students will be called upon to deliver a few presentations to our sponsors and the school to relate what they have seen and learnt.

We again need to thank our sponsors who have enabled us to send two students to Sandakan this year.

### Major sponsors

Our major sponsors are: The Toodyay Shire Council; Toodyay District Community Bendigo Bank; The Toodyay Lions Club; The Toodyay Op Shop; The Toodyay Dental Clinic; and you, the Toodyay community, for supporting all our fundraising events, raffles and other fundraising activities.

Mr Charlie Ferguson donates wood every year for our street raffle.

We have also had the support of both our Federal and State Members of Parliament Christian Porter and Mr Shane Love.

This year we will give our students a T-shirt which will spell out where they are from and their association to the Sandakan Death March. We must thank Vicki Wesley for her support in obtaining these shirts.

We hope that Olivia and Sam have a memorable trip to Borneo.

I don't know how many people know but Australian 9th Division was responsible for the defeat of the Japanese in Borneo.

When Sabah was called British North Borneo the 9th Division's T Patch appeared on their coat of arms. That is how much the people of Sabah recognised Australia support.

## ANZAC Day 2014 services details for Friday April 25

**Lou Kidd**  
Honorary Secretary/Treasurer

THE Toodyay RSL of Australia will conduct the following services on 25 April 2014.

As everyone will be aware ANZAC Day is 99 years old this year, but 2014 commemorates 100 years since the first contingent sailed for Europe. The first convoy formed up in King George Sound and sailed on 1 November 1914.

### Dawn Service

Location: ANZAC Park Corner ANZAC Ave and Clinton Street. Time: 0550 for 0600 start.

A Gunfire Breakfast follows hosted by the Toodyay Lions Club, at the Toodyay Shire's old gardeners' shed on Clinton Street.

We request a gold coin donation which goes towards Sandakan Scholarship Tour 2015.

### Parade and Main Service

Location: Form up outside the Memorial Hall on Stirling Terrace. Time: 0930 for 0945 step off.

The parade marches along Stirling Terrace then into Harper Road, under the subway turning right into ANZAC Ave to ANZAC Park.

We welcome all members of the Toodyay community to take part in these services.

*"The price of liberty is eternal vigilance"*

# Skin Cancer Van finds 12 life-threatening lesions

## Toodyay Lions Club

### Skin cancer clinic

TWELVE life-threatening lesions were discovered when 70 people were screened at the Lions Skin Cancer Van in Toodyay in December.

Of the total screened, 38 percent were referred for further treatment.

Lions wish to apologise for the short notice of the screening van coming to town.

This was due to late contact between the Lions Cancer Screening Unit and our club, and efforts are being made for a return visit. LIONS recently welcomed new member Dave (Duck Dave) King.

Dave has assisted Lions at many busy bees and Lions Auctions over the past several years.

We also welcome back to the fold previous members Nuala Ennis and Sharon Boxall.

Presentation – President Steele Williams presented Rachel with her 15-Year Chevron and thanked Rachel for her untiring work in that time, as well as for holding several offices – President, Treasurer and Secretary.

If any community-minded person is interested in joining the Toodyay Lions Club, please contact Lions President Steele on 9574 2903 or contact any current Lions member.

### Sandakan Scholarship

THE 2013 scholarship winner, Lia Bannister, gave a moving account of her trip to the Sandakan Prisoner Of War camp in Borneo in which several Toodyay residents were held captive during World War II and never made it home.

Lia's recounting of events and people she spoke to was most illuminating and showed the knowledge she gained of the times of the personnel incarcerated in the POW camp at Sandakan.

Lia thanked the Toodyay Lions and other sponsors for giving her the opportunity to attend the Sandakan tour, and also for the opportunity to talk about her trip.

Lia answered several questions and was asked to place a copy of her excellent paper in the Toodyay Library, which she agreed to do.

President Steele thanked Lia and Steve Bannister for attending and sharing their experiences.

The Scholarship is funded partly by Toodyay Lions, Toodyay RSL, Toodyay Op Shop and others.

This year, two Toodyay participants are

being funded for the experience.

Lia was also thanked by Lou Kidd from the Toodyay RSL who described her as a most worthy Scholarship recipient.

Club members unanimously approved Lou's request for help to support the next trip for two Toodyay recipients.

### Street Party fun

LIONS members had a wonderful time running the Wiggly Worm, selling ever-popular Lions Christmas cakes and watching children receiving bags of lollies supplied by Toodyay Lions at Toodyay's December Street Party.

### Donations

TOODYAY Lions have donated to the following worthy causes in the last several months:

- RSL Sandakan Scholarship – \$1500 towards the 2014 Scholarship.
- WA Lions Drug Education Foundation – \$200.
- Lions Typhoon Haiyan Appeal – \$1000.
- Lions NSW Fire Disaster Appeal – \$1000.
- Crossroads Healing Centre (founded by Pamela and Karl Walsh) – \$500.
- WA Cerebral Palsy Association – \$250
- Royal Flying Doctor Appeal – \$500.
- WA Lions Hills Bush Fire Appeal – \$2000; and
- Kenyan Nurse Education – \$810 (to cover teaching aids for Kenyan Nurse training).

### Corporate Bowls

A LIONS team has had mixed results in the Toodyay Corporate Bowls competition but good times have been had by all.

### Black Dog Ride

LIONS President Steele introduced Graham O'Grady and Lion Grant from Northam Lions Club who gave a presentation on the Black Dog Ride to be held on March 23.

They are holding two rides on the same day this year to split the numbers – one in the south and one in the Avon Valley

Last year's rides raised \$190,000 for LIFELINE, with the Alice Springs Ride raising a total of \$360,000.

The Avon Valley Ride will start in Northam, go via Beverley and finish at Stirling Park in Toodyay.

Graham thanked Toodyay Lions for agreeing to his request to provide traffic control and host a public BBQ for riders and spectators.

## public notices

### Annual General Meetings

#### Julimar Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade

The Julimar Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade will hold its AGM on Saturday 19 April 2014 at 'The Fireplace'. The meeting will follow the April ordinary meeting which begins at 5.30pm.  
BYO BBQ to follow.

#### Bejoording Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade

The AGM of the Bejoording Brigade will be held at the fire shed on Bejoording Road at 6pm on Tuesday 15 April.

All interested persons are welcome and refreshments will be served following the meeting.

Inquiries to Barry Grey on 9574 2149

### Births

Cameron and Meryka Wallis are delighted to announce the birth of their son Zane Kenneth on February 3rd, 8lb 9oz, delivered unexpectedly at home by dad. A little brother for Cheralee, Sapphira, Connor, Caleb and Harrison.

### General

#### Toodyay Junior Hockey Club

Registration Day  
Saturday 8 March, 2014, 9am-12pm, at Federation Square, Toodyay (near the Town Hall).

Players wanted for Under 11s mixed, U13s mixed, U17s mixed.

Hockey season commences 1 May, 2014  
For further inquiries please contact Clare Love on 9623 2392 or Katrina Elliss on 0418 675 774.

Changes in Mass times for St John the Baptist Catholic Church, Toodyay, are as follows:

Saturday Vigil 6pm  
Toodyay weekday Mass 5pm

### In Memoriam

#### JENKINSON Ray

1927 - 2013  
Ray a former resident of Toodyay passed away on December 18 in Kalgoorlie Hospital after a short illness.

Ray and Doreen lived in Stirlingia Drive for some years where Doreen taught leadlighting and they both made cement gardenware.

After Doreen passed away in 2004, Ray eventually moved into Butterfly Cottages and lived there for a few years before shifting to Kalgoorlie to be near his daughter Tracy.

A gathering of family and friends will take place at a later date to inter his ashes in the local cemetery.

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# Buyers and sellers to get ready for jumbo auction



*Last year's Lions Jumbo Auction set-up at Toodyay Showgrounds*

A JUMBO Auction will again be held this year at the Toodyay Showground on Saturday April 5, starting at 9am.

Sellers are invited to set their goods up the previous day (Friday) from 8am.

Registration forms for the Auction are available from Toodyay IGA, Tony Maddox Real Estate and the Freemasons Hotel.

Sellers need to present a completed registration form when they bring their goods in for sale on the Friday.

A fee of \$2 per Lot will be charged, plus a 10 percent commission on the price of all goods sold.

Toodyay Men's Shed will once again this year be selling food and drinks.

Dogs are not permitted at the event.

The annual event is a major Toodyay Lions Club fund raiser, with part of this year's proceeds to be donated to survivors of the Perth Hills Bush Fires

Toodyay Lions were overwhelmed by the generosity of Lions Clubs donations from around Australia for the 2009 Toodyay Bush Fire appeal and wish to reciprocate by supporting survivors of recent bush fires where homes have been lost.

#### **Important seller information**

A MAXIMUM of 500 Lots have been allocated for the entire event.

Lots will be accepted only on Friday April 4 from 8.30am onwards.

PLEASE NOTE: Sellers with 15-20 Lots (20 maximum) will be accepted only by prior arrangement by COB Friday March 28 (see contact details below). Delivery of these Lots will be on Friday April 4 after 10.30am.

Entry is at the Hockey Oval gates (not main gate).

No Lots will be accepted for sale on the day of the Auction.

Lots not sold must be removed by 5pm on the day of the Auction.

Auction of goods will start 9am Saturday.

#### **Important bidder information**

GATES open at 8am for viewing of Lots and to purchase a \$2 bidder's ticket.

#### **Contact details**

FOR more information contact President Steele Williams on 9574 2903

#### **Moondyne Festival**

TOODYAY Lions will again will be operating the Wiggly Worm Train at the Moondyne Festival on Sunday May 4, with a gold coin donation for each ride. The Wiggly Worm will be located in front of Vince's Pizza Shop

#### **Tibetan Gyuto Monks**

DEBRA Andrijich, Events Coordinator for the Shire of Toodyay, recently spoke to Lions about a visit by the Tibetan Gyuto Monks, proposed for June 21-29.

This will be a Community Event with seven Monks visiting Toodyay for a week.

They are promoting Peace and Happiness, and will be available to talk about any topic.

A local resident has provided a farmhouse for the Monks' accommodation, with advertising being organised by the Shire of Toodyay.

Debra said support from other sources include Bendigo Bank and Toodyay Op Shop.

Toodyay Lions agreed to add \$1500 in support, thanks to a contribution from Targa West.

Debra thanked the Club for its support.



## Toodyay Lions Club Inc.

# Annual Jumbo Auction

## Toodyay Showgrounds

### Saturday 5th April 2014 - 9.00am

Goods for sale to be delivered with registration form on Friday 4th April from 8.30am

1. There will be a maximum of 500 lots for the entire event;
2. Lots will only be accepted on Friday 4th April from 8.30am;
3. Entry is at the Hockey Oval Gates (not the main gate);
4. NO lots will be accepted for sale on the day of the auction;
5. Lots not sold must be removed by 5pm on the day of the auction;
6. Sellers' donation is \$2 per lot plus 10% commission on the sale amount;
7. Gates open at 8am for viewing lots and purchasing of \$2 bidders' ticket;
8. NO DOGS are permitted on the oval during the two day event.

Further information, contact details and registration forms available from Freemasons Hotel, Tony Maddox Real Estate, Toodyay Community Resource Centre, Toodyay IGA and Toodyay Club Inc.

Food and drinks available supplied by Toodyay Men's Shed.

**PART PROFITS RAISED WILL BE DONATED TO WA PARKERVILLE BUSH FIRE APPEAL**



# Our Shire News

February 2014

## President's Report



Thanks to all who helped with Australia Day celebrations on 26 January 2014.

Toodyay Men's Shed members assisted with setting up of marquees and catering equipment, Councillors cooked breakfast, Parks and Gardens staff again put in a tremendous effort, along with Visitor Centre and Administration personnel who did most of the prior planning that allowed the mornings events to proceed relatively smoothly. Toodyay St. John's Ambulance and Fire and Rescue services along with Toodyay Singers, Venturer Scouts, other community groups, an extremely talented band and creative vegemite art and face painting were also part of a successful event. As often is the case hot weather prevailed and forward planning for future events will

consider better use of available shade. Congratulations to all award nominees and winners and also to the Weir family who were sworn in as Australian citizens.

It was also very heartening to read that the late Dr Richard Walkey has been awarded an Order of Australia medal in the Governor - Generals 2014 Australia Day Honours List. Dr Walkey's impressive list of achievements are well documented in the February issue of the Toodyay Herald but I personally think his stand out achievement was simply that he was regarded as a friend by all in the community.

Today, the 18th February 2014, a soil turning ceremony in Northam marked the start of construction of the Wheatbelt Super Clinic. Access roads and associated infrastructure have already been completed. This project will be a major contributor to health care

throughout the Wheatbelt and adjacent communities.

I applaud the Councillors who attended training courses relative to council procedures and governance during February. Some of these Councillors have indicated that they are working toward a Diploma of Local Government.

The Shires Capital Works Program is progressing with the recent completion of reconstruction and primary sealing of 3.2 km's of Dumbarton Road. A concrete footpath along Drummond St connecting Telegraph Road to the existing asphalt path to the Toodyay School will be completed early next week. Work is continuing on Julimar Road with the emphasis on widening several small sections to conform to Main Roads specifications prior to line marking.

## Library Ch@t

### Author Presentation/Workshop Thursday 13th March 2014 at 10am

We are thrilled to announce Karina McRoberts shall host a workshop/Presentation at Toodyay Library on Thursday 13th March 2014. Karina resides in the nearby town of York and recently launched her book "Chelandra". If you enjoy HARRY Potter, Frodo Baggins, and Indiana Jones, Karina's style of writing shall definitely delight you.



Filled with fantasy, adventure, mystery, humour and romance, Chelandra follows the adventures of young Chelandran woman Galla Jenari as she travels through mystical lands of ethereal beauty.

Originally from San Pedro, California Karina is a retired teacher and scientist with a PhD in wildlife disease ecology. In an interview with the Avon Valley Advocate Karina was quoted in advising she wrote Chelandra for an audience wishing to be entertained, enlightened and given some intellectual grist for their mill".

"I first started to think about writing this book as a result of my experiences as a university student and later as a qualified scientist," she said. "As I studied, I was appalled at the way the scientific establishment disregarded the rights of people and animals."

Chelandra is the first of a trilogy and Karina doesn't want people to automatically assume it is a children's book. "The main hero of the story is a young woman of 16 and obviously more things are going to happen to her as she becomes an adult" expressed Karina.

Although Chelandra is fantasy, set in a pre-industrial society, the book is certainly topical for the real world of today. To secure your place in attending this

fascinating presentation, please either pop into the Library or contact us direct on 9574 2323 / library@toodyay.wa.gov.au

### Morangup Library Afternoon Tea Tuesday 24th March 2014 2.30pm-4.30pm

Calling all residents in the Morangup area!! Morangup Library has come a long way- Do you remember when this photo was taken?

AND LIBRARY SERVICE FOR MORANGUP



Morangup library will be celebrating its longevity and commitment to the community by holding an afternoon tea on Tuesday 24th March 2014 and cordially invite new and existing members to come and share some coffee and cake with us.

Morangup Library has over 1000 books available for loan and is open every second Tuesday between 2.30pm - 5.30pm.

Is there a certain facility or genre of reading material you would like to see at the Library? If so, please complete the brief Library survey form available at the afternoon tea and we shall do our utmost to make it available to you.

Also, should you have a favourite author or particular subject that is not currently on the shelves then please have a word with a member of our friendly staff who will endeavour to order it via our Inter-Library Loan system,

The Morangup Library has plenty of room for all to enjoy including FREE Wi-Fi facilities, ideal for downloading eBooks, research and homework.

### Regular Events for March 2014

Morangup Library  
11th & 25th March  
2.30pm - 5.30pm

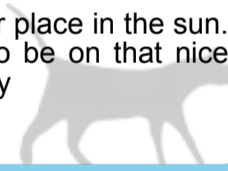
Many Minds Discussion  
13th & 27th March  
10.00am - 12.00pm

Creative Writing Group  
6th & 20th March  
10.00am - 12.00pm

Baby Rhyme / Story Time  
Every Wednesday  
10.30am - 11.30am

### Pause for Clause

Cat Law No. 47: Find your place in the sun. Especially if it happens to be on that nice pile of warm, clean laundry



## Planning & Development

### Proposed Temporary Road Closure for Toodyay Moondyne Festival Sunday 4th May 2014

An application has been received from the Toodyay Moondyne Festival Committee, proposing a temporary road closure on the 4 May 2014. The proposed road closure is as follows.

Road closure; Stirling Terrace, from Oddfellow Street to Piesse Street 7.00am - 5.00pm

Further information and maps of proposed temporary road closure are available at the Shire of Toodyay Administration Centre and on the website [www.toodyay.wa.gov.au](http://www.toodyay.wa.gov.au)

Comments and submissions from the public are welcomed and should be presented in writing and will be received until 4.00pm 2 April 2014 at the Shire of Toodyay Administration Centre, 15 Fiennes Street (PO Box 96) TOODYAY WA 6566.



## Environment Matters

### DrumMuster: Rinse them out, round them up and run them in!

The next DrumMuster in the Shire of Northam is scheduled for the 12th March 2014 at the Old Quarry Landfill site in Northam. To participate in the Northam DrumMuster please contact Susan Burley at the Shire of Northam on 9622 6113 to arrange a drop off time and advise the number of drums you will be delivering.

DrumMuster is aimed at recycling clean and dry drums from growers, farmers and chemical users throughout Australia. Eligible containers are those with the DrumMuster logo, and they must be clean i.e. triple rinsed or cleaned with high pressure and left with lids off to dry.

Once the containers are received, they are crushed or shredded and transformed into practical items such as plastic cable covers, wheelie bins, bollards and irrigation pipes. More information is available from the drumMuster website at [www.drummuster.com.au](http://www.drummuster.com.au)

### Free Showerhead Swap

The Water Corporation, in conjunction with the Shire of Toodyay, are offering residents FREE water efficient showerheads for your home. All you need to do is bring us in your old shower head, fill out a form, and take home your new 3 star rated water efficient shower head. Please contact the Shire for more information, or to request a form. Please note water efficient showerheads may not be suitable for your individual home due to water pressure or usage of an instantaneous water heating system. You are advised to read the form prior to removing your old showerhead.

### Toodyay Farmers Markets AND Toodyay Community Garden

The Shire of Toodyay's Environmental Officer is initiating a local Farmers Market and Community Garden in conjunction with communities help. Both of these scheme's aim to bring the community together for a common cause that will not only benefit the health of people but also the environment. If you would like to know more, or get involved, please contact Karla Hooper at the shire – 9574 2258 or [eo@toodyay.wa.gov.au](mailto:eo@toodyay.wa.gov.au)

### Environmental Education – Topics of Interest?

Are there any environmental, property management or sustainability topics that you would like more education on? The Shire of Toodyay's Environmental Officer is keen to introduce more education programs and would like to hear your thoughts on topics. If you have any suggestions please let Karla know by calling the shire on 9574 2258 or emailing [eo@toodyay.wa.gov.au](mailto:eo@toodyay.wa.gov.au)

## Events

### BLACK DOG RIDE Sunday 23 March 2014

Black Dog Ride began in 2009 as one man's ride to raise awareness of depression, evolving into a national movement of thousands of Australian motorcycle riders who have raised over \$1,100,000 for mental health services, and fostering mental health awareness around the country. Join Steve as he continues his ride for awareness.

The Black Dog Ride 1 Dayer is a nationwide motorcycle event to raise awareness of depression and suicide prevention. For more information on the Avon Valley ride, please head to [www.blackdogride.com.au](http://www.blackdogride.com.au)



### SKATE BOARDING CLINIC Saturday 5 April 2014 10am - 5.30pm

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Clinics	10.00am - 12.00pm
FREE BBQ Lunch	12.00pm - 1.00pm
Clinics	1.00pm - 3.00pm
SKATE/Best Tricks	3.30pm - 5.30pm

Skate Boarding Australia will be running the clinics with LOADS of give aways and prizes to be won! For more information please contact Jo Buegge, Avon Be Active Coordinator on 9574 2258



### LIONS JUMBO AUCTION Saturday 5 April 2014 10am - 5.30pm

The Jumbo Auction encourages members of the public to submit lots for sale to raise funds for the community. Funds raised from the auction are directed back to the community or to specifically nominated projects or appeals.

## Newcastle Gaol

### What are QR codes and what do they have to do with our two museums?

QR code (abbreviated from Quick Response Code) is a trademark name for a type of bar code. It was first designed for the automotive industry in Japan.

In museums QR codes can give you much more information about an object or an exhibition if you wish to investigate further - by directing you to a web page with text, pictures and sometimes videos.

Perhaps you might wish to see how a hand operated sewing machine works as well as looking at one on display. Or you might wonder about the camels that carried metal water containers such as the one in the Explorers exhibition.

Imaging devices such as smart mobile phones or tablets are able to decode them once a reader is installed. At the front entrance of the Newcastle Gaol there is a link to a website where a free reader can be downloaded. QR codes have already rolled out in the Newcastle Gaol, and more are coming in Connors Mill. They are easy to make and quick to change as exhibitions develop – what more is waiting to be found out?



Scan this QR Code to find out more!

## Ranger Services

### RANGER RELOCATION!

Please be advised that the Shire of Toodyay Ranger Services are now based at the Shire of Toodyay Works Depot, Lot 301 Railway Road.

If you need to contact the Rangers, please do so by calling 9574 4555. Payments for Ranger related items still need to be made at the Shire of Toodyay Administration Office.



## Be Active

### Toodyay Sporting Precinct Master Plan

The Shire of Toodyay is moving forward with its Master Plan with a consultant being appointed to complete the design of the new precinct. We will be seeking community input for the Master Plan and are currently looking to include (but not limited to);

- AFL/Cricket Oval
- Hockey/Soccer/Rugby field
- Basketball/Netball Courts
- Aquatic facility
- Pavilion/change rooms/function rooms
- Provision of land for future sports
- Passive Recreation (foot paths, nature play and more)
- Land allocation for future events/annual shows etc

### Kidsport

Changes have been made to how a club can register for Kidsport. All clubs now who wish to receive funding through KidSport must register their club on the website and register for the clubs online. <http://clubsonline.dsr.wa.gov.au/kidsport> For more information please contact Jo on 0428291302 or email [beactive@toodyay.wa.gov.au](mailto:beactive@toodyay.wa.gov.au)

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## NEWS FLASH!! NEW WEBSITE LAUNCHED

### NEW SHIRE OF TOODYAY WEBSITE LAUNCHED

Shire of Toodyay is pleased to announce the release of our new website; <http://www.toodyay.wa.gov.au>

The website has a fresh new look and has been upgraded for a more user friendly navigation.

Although this is still a work in progress, we would like to remind residents that updates are ongoing and we would appreciate if you could notify us of any information that is incorrect.

If you have questions, comments or suggestions, please contact Kristee on 9574 2258 or email [eso@toodyay.wa.gov.au](mailto:eso@toodyay.wa.gov.au)

## when and where they meet

**AAFC 708 SQUADRON**

Australian Air Force Cadets ages 12 ½ to 17, male and female Building J1, Northam Army Camp Grt Eastern Hwy. Friday 6:30-9:30pm during school term. 708squ@cadetnet.gov.au

**AFRICAN DRUMMING**

Thursdays (adults) 6 - 7.30pm at The Factory Baptist Church All instruments provided. Enquiries: Heather on 9574 5463.

**ARTS TOODYAY INC**

Meets 1st Tuesday 8pm, The Old Police Station, Duke St Sth. Interested in arts/crafts workshops call Wendy 9574 4172

**AUSTRALIAN BREASTFEEDING ASSOCIATION**

Breastfeeding information & company of mums. 2nd & 4th Tuesday, Salvation Army Support Centre, 3 Elizabeth Pl Northam 10am-noon. 3rd Tuesday at Toodyay Playgroup 12-2pm. Call Louise for details 9574 0229

**AUTUMN CLUB**

Every Wednesday 1pm to 4pm Toodyay Sports Pavilion Contact Glenyce Bosnjak 9574 4587

**AVONGROVE TAI CHI**

Promoting Health Fitness & Relaxation Classes at CWA Hall Mondays & Thursdays 9:30am to 11:00am. New members receive two free intro classes Contact Peter Millar 0408 364 917

**AVON VALLEY ADULT RIDING CLUB**

Meets 4th Saturday (Feb - Nov) at Northam. Contact Tina 0499 030 177

**AVON VALLEY ENVIRONMENTAL SOC.**

3rd Friday at Wheatbelt Natural Resource Management (WNRM) transportable, Dept of Agriculture and Food, York Road, approx 500m past Cunderdin turnoff, noon.

**AVON VALLEY VINTAGE VEHICLE ASSOCIATION**

3rd Thursday 8pm at the old engineers quarters next to Northam Railway Museum Fitzgerald Street Northam Ph 9622 1192

**AVON WOODTURNERS GROUP**

Meet every Sunday and Wednesday 9am-12 noon Wool Pavilion Toodyay Sports Ground

**BUTTERLY COTTAGES** 1st Monday of every 2nd month.

Contact Secretary on 9574 2698.

**BEJOORDING VOLUNTEER BUSH FIRE BRIGADE**

Meet at Bejoording Fire Shed, 3rd Tuesday 6pm

**CHILD HEALTH IMMUNISATION CLINIC**

For the next immunisation clinic please call Sheree on 9574 4577 for details and book an appointment.

**COONDLE NUNILE VOLUNTEER BUSH FIRE BRIGADE**

Meets 2nd Saturday from October to April, June and August, 5pm at Coondle Fire Shed.

**COUNTRY WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION (CWA)**

General meeting - 4th Thursday 1.30pm C.W.A. Hall. New Members very welcome. Hall bookings and enquiries contact Viv 9574 4871

**CUBS, JOEYS & SCOUTS** (only during school term)

Youth Hall, Showgrounds, Cubs & Joeys 4.00pm - 5.30pm Scouts, Thursday 6pm - 8.00pm Ph: 9574 2363

**EARTH SOLUTIONS - AVON VALLEY**

3rd Tuesday 6pm at PB Kirby Centre, cnr Gordon & Wellington Sts, Northam. New members welcome. Contact Caroline Barr on 9622 8043 or Belle Moore on 9622 5203 for information.

**FIRST STEPS PLAYGROUP INC - TOODYAY****MONTESSORI**

Monday 9.30 - 11.30am Playgroup Room Community Resource Centre Enquiries call Felicity 9574 4254

**FITNESS AND FUN FOR THE OVER 55's**

Wednesday 9am, Sports Pavillion.

**IDA'S HIDEAWAY**

Every Saturday 1-4pm Butterly House Call Ida Edwards 9574 2858

**JULIMAR VOLUNTEER BUSH FIRE BRIGADE**

Meets 3rd Saturday 5.30pm Julimar Fire Shed followed by BYO BBQ. Training Sunday following meeting 9am Julimar Fire Shed.

**MOERLINA**

Every Tuesday and Thursday Toodyay Sports Pavilion

**MORANGUP PLAYGROUP**

Morangup Community Hall, Lot 3 Wallaby Way, Morangup. Every Wednesday 9.30 to 11.30am (excluding public and school holidays). Emma Whately 9572 9376, Julie Slater 9572 9914 or Chere Rothwell 9572 9298

**MORANGUP VOLUNTEER BUSH FIRE BRIGADE**

Meets 3rd Wednesday at 7pm Saturday mornings 8am at 3 Wallaby Way, Morangup, new members welcome. Call Cheryl Mustchin 9572 9556

**RAG BAGS QUILTING GROUP**

1st, 3rd Wednesday, 10am CWA Hall

**RSL TOODYAY SUB -BRANCH**

1st Saturday February, April, May, July, September (AGM) & November at 2pm at the Bowling Club. Contact John on 9574 5681

**ST STEPHEN'S MOTHERS' UNION/GUILD**

3rd Tuesday Anglican Hall, 2pm from March to November

**SHIRE OF TOODYAY COUNCIL MEETING**

3rd Tuesday Council Chambers 9am

**SIMPLY MUSIC**

Piano lessons for all ages Anglican Church Hall (next to Cola Cafe), Thursday afternoons and Friday mornings. Phone Jan 0416 054 942.

**SOCIAL TENNIS**

Tuesday 8.30am ladies and senior men

**TOODYAY 4WD CLUB**

Meets 3rd Saturday, location & time - Dave Isbill 95744035

**TOODYAY BALLET SCHOOL**

Classes in Classical, Jazz & Tap held at 507 Julimar Rd, new studio. Ages 4yrs to Adults, girls and boys 9574 4459 Saturdays 9am-3pm (except school holidays)

**TOODYAY CENTRAL VOLUNTEER BUSH FIRE BRIGADE**

4th Tuesday 7.30pm at the Toodyay Fire & Emergency Services Centre. Training 3rd Sunday

**TOODYAY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY INC**

Meets 3rd Monday Toodyay Club, 5.30pm. Contact Phil Perkins 9574 4810

**TOODYAY/CLACKLINE KARATE CLUB**

Wednesday 3.30-4pm, under 8, 4-5pm under 11, 5-6pm under 14, 6-7.30pm seniors. Friday 3.30-4pm Peewees, 4-5pm juniors, 5-6pm intermediate, 6-7pm seniors at the Youth Hall

**TOODYAY COMMUNITY RADIO 105.3fm**

Meets 1st Tuesday 7-ish (or as soon as the coffee is ready) Phone 9574 4554 for this month's venue. New members and volunteers to help run the station welcome

**THE TOODYAY COMMUNITY SINGERS INC**

Meet at CWA Hall, Stirling Terr at 7pm each Thursday night. Contact Margaret O'Sullivan 9574 2183

**TOODYAY COURTYARD MARKETS**

Last Sunday of month. 9am - 3pm. Enquiries phone Trish 0466 285 164

**TOODYAY DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL P & C**

Every 3rd Wednesday (except school holidays) School Library 7pm

**TOODYAY DISTRICTS HORSE & PONY CLUB**

1st Sunday Feb-Nov Northam Equestrian Centre call Tanzi 0427 859 493

**TOODYAY FRIENDS OF THE RIVER**

3rd Sunday Duidgee Park (near Newcastle Bridge) 8am October to April and 9am May to September. Enquiries 9574 2578

**TOODYAY GARDEN CLUB (Inc)**

1st Thursday 10am call Peggy 9574 4534 for next club venue.

**TOODYAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

3rd Wednesday 7pm Donegan's Cottage

**TOODYAY IRISH DANCING (Inc)**

Fridays (except school holidays) 3.30-7pm Anglican Church Hall call Alison 0409 295 369

**TOODYAY KINDERGYM**

Kindergym Fridays (except school holidays) Toodyay Sports Pavilion call Claire Moore (President) 9574 4529

**TOODYAY LIONS CLUB**

1st & 3rd Tuesday Hotel Freemasons

**TOODYAY MASONIC LODGE**

3rd Friday (except Jan) Masonic Hall Fiennes St 7.30pm

**TOODYAY MEN'S SHED (Inc)**

Meets 6176 Toodyay Road Monday and Thursday mornings 8.30am - 12 Phone Fred 9574 5795

**TOODYAY MINIATURE RAILWAY (Inc)**

1st and 3rd Sunday commencing Easter Sunday. Enquiries 9574 4462

**TOODYAY MOONDYNE FESTIVAL**

Meets 2nd Monday 5.30pm Toodyay Club. New members always welcome Contact Jasmin 9574 4068 or email moodyndycommittee@gmail.com

**TOODYAY MUSIC CLUB INC**

2nd Friday 7pm CWA Hall call Teddy or Spencer 9574 4492

**TOODYAY NATURALISTS' CLUB**

Meets 3rd Saturday Venue found in the article under 'Environmental Matters. Enq to President 6364 3609, Vice President 9574 2578 or email info@toodyaynats.org.au. New members and visitors are made very welcome.

**TOODYAY NEIGHBOURHOOD/RURAL WATCH**

Enq 9574 9555 or Desrae 6364 3609

**TOODYAY PLAYGROUP**

Tuesdays & Thursdays 9.30-11.30am Playgroup Hall Community Centre contact Gina Large 0423 607 267

**TOODYAY RATEPAYERS & RESIDENTS ASSOC (INC.)**

General Meetings: venues and times, please contact Chris Ballam (Chairperson) 9594 3167 email ttrainc@gmail.com

**TOODYAY RED CROSS**

2nd Monday February May August & November Anglican Hall 1.30pm

**TOODYAY ROADWISE COMMITTEE**

3rd Tuesday, Shire of Toodyay Works Depot, 10am. Further details: Max Heath 9574 2069

**TOODYAY SPINNERS**

Wednesdays and 3rd Saturdays from 9am in Parkers Cottage, Showgrounds. President: Gretta Sauta 9574 2868; Secretary: Ange Sturman 9574 2507

**TOODYAY SWIMMING POOL ACTION COMM**

Please contact Bethan Lloyd on 9574 5882 for details of meetings.

**TOODYAY TOWN WALKS**

Walk around our beautiful town. Monday & Friday (varies). Contact Prim on 9574 2490

**TOODYAY TOY LIBRARY**

Tuesday 9.30-11.30am Toodyay Community Centre next to Toodyay Playgroup. Contact Moni Thornton 0437 655 901

**TOODYAY VOLUNTEER FIRE AND RESCUE**

1st Monday Fire Station 7.30pm

**UNITING CHURCH**

10am St Stephen's Church, Toodyay

**YOGA**

Friday 9am, Monday 6pm Toodyay Community Resource Centre 9574 4184

**TOODYAY RAINFALL**

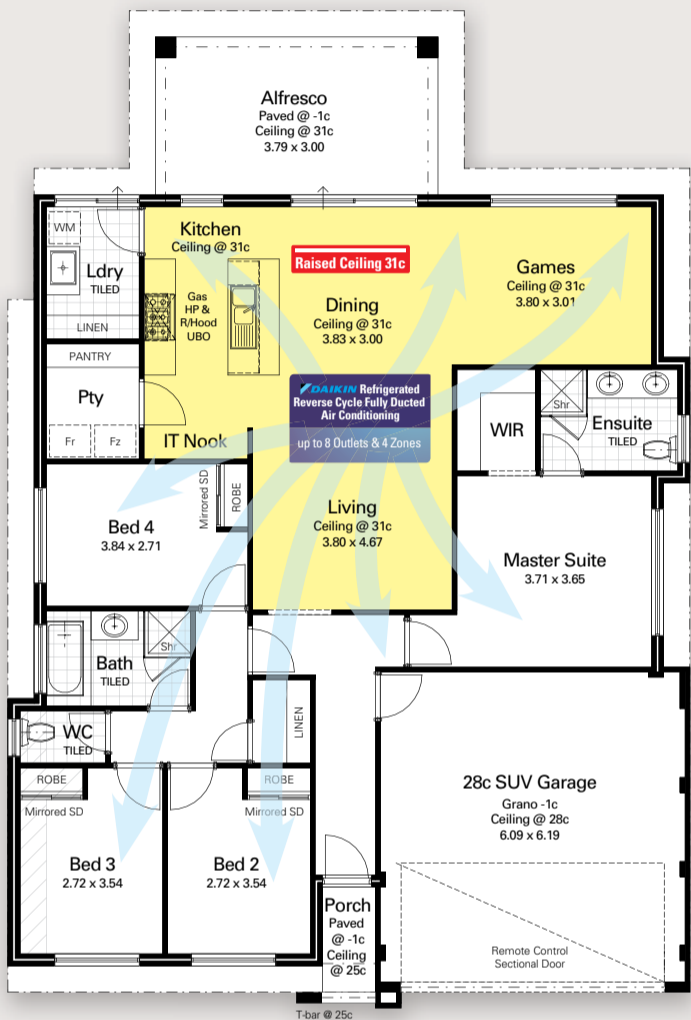
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2004	2.2	2.4	3.4	4.2	73.6	93.2	63.8	82.8	28.6	21.2	35.0	0.8	411.2
2005	0.0	2.2	25.2	10.6	86.0	135.6	43.6	71.6	51.0	22.6	9.6	4.6	462.6
2006	119.5	16.6	3.0	21.2	19.0	29.8	54.8	88.8	73.2	15.6	13.8	9.4	464.7
2007	16.4	26.6	10.2	34.0	58.2	43.2	121.0	74.0	70.4	39.2	0.0	57.6	550.8
2008	0.0	10.8	9.8	76.8	38.2	62.8	146.2	8.4	50.6	43.0	31.0	3.4	481.0
2009	8.0	8.0	9.0	32.6	39.2	83.6	115.0	76.2	56.2	17.2	30.2	2.6	478.2
2010	(No recordings taken)						69.4	36.2	12.0	3.4	7.2	21.4	149.6
2011	24.2	15.4	14.2	10.4	36.6	52.6	92.0	70.2	65.0	57.4	18.8	29.2	486.0
2012	0.0	42.3	0.0	11.8	23.6	106.2	13.8	51.9	59.7	3.6	52.1	29.0	394.0
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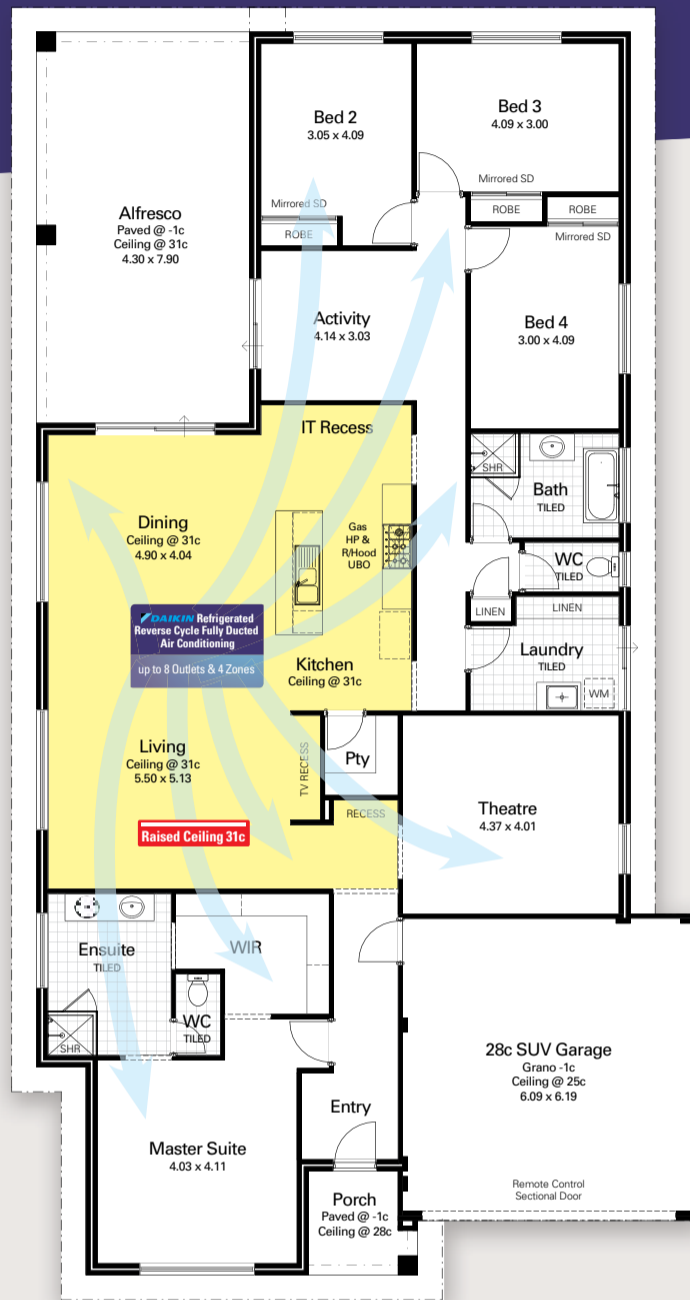
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# Landholder information packs on local agenda

**Toodyay Land Conservation District Committee**  
Greg Warburton

ONE of Toodyay's several environmental groups is the Toodyay Landcare District Committee (LCDC).

First established in 1989, the committee has attracted over \$300,000 in external funding for environmental projects within the Shire.

LCDCs are statutory bodies formed under section 23 of the Soil and Land Conservation Act (1945).

They operate within defined land conservation districts and are formed by an 'Order of the Governor in Council' on the advice of the Minister for Agriculture, Food and Fisheries and administered by the Commissioner of Soil and Land Conservation.

One of the many functions of the LCDC is to manage projects and carry out acts that prevent, mitigate or remedy land degradation processes.

The LCDC attracted funding in 1997 for a Landcare Officer (employed by the Shire until 2001), and in 2002 the LCDC employed the Landcare Officer through a landcare service charge (on the rates).

The service charge no longer operates, but the LCDC continues to be active in a fully voluntary capacity with support from the Shire and with Council representation.

Project ideas discussed at the last meeting of the LCDC include: landholder information packs on subjects like stocking rates, firewood collection, fencing, weed control, pastures etc; a dedicated meeting and storage facility for Toodyay's environmental groups; and small farm field workshops.

Toodyay LCDC PO Box 427 Toodyay 6566 Ph 9574-5445 or email at secretary@toodyaylandcare.org.au.



February planning meeting for Toodyay Community Garden

## \$20,000 sought for new community garden

**Karla Hooper**

IT IS WITH great excitement and enthusiasm that I write to you about the Toodyay Community Garden.

A \$20,000 grant has been applied for to get the garden underway. The Shire is helping to start the project but ultimately it will be community run.

Regular meetings will be held on the third Monday of each month. The next meeting will be on Monday 17 March at 5pm.

At this stage meetings will be at 13 Clinton Street (the Youth Park, opposite the Old Goal Museum) as this is an identified site for the garden.

All of the community are invited to these meetings.

I understand some people might ask why Toodyay needs a community garden when there is such an abundance of land in our own backyards. Here are some reasons

why: The community garden can be used for **education and demonstration** purposes. By demonstrating a range of garden bed types and growing techniques, people can get ideas on how to get started in their own backyards.

- Focusing on **heirloom variety plants** (edible and ornamental). To keep in the theme of Toodyay's diverse and interesting heritage, the garden can be focused on heirloom varieties of plants – the sort you no longer see in the shops
- **A place to come together to share** ideas, seeds, cuttings, memories, knowledge, fun, laughter and happiness.

And the list goes on.

Want to know more? Please come along to this month's meeting and be part of the co-creation.

For more information please contact Karla Hooper on eo@toodyay.wa.gov.au or 9574 2258.

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# Migratory finch numbers dwindle

**Toodyay Naturalists' Club**  
Desraé Clarke

THE first meeting of the year welcomed Gillian Basnett as guest speaker on her work in the Kimberly region on fire regimes and the Gouldian Finch.

Gill's specialty is fire ecology; she also has a keen interest in wildlife, particularly birds.

Following her great list of educational achievements Gill completed her Masters thesis 'developing models to predict the impacts of fuel reduction burning on habitat complexity, ground-dwelling mammals and understory birds'.

The importance of fire and regeneration of plants included the difference between the 'early dry season' fires and the 'late dry season' fires.

Intervals between fires are necessary to allow the regeneration of plants which may be from seed, resprouting plants, lignotubers, and a few others.

For instance, Spinifex needs at least three years between fires to grow properly. Some plants are completely killed.

It would be appreciated that small animals are greatly affected by fire but the large monitors, lizards and raptors benefit from the death of other creatures.

Survival of the Gouldian Finch depends on the main food source of the seed from the grass, Sorghum.

It is a highly migratory little bird and the loss of its food source causes it to move further afield.

It appears the numbers of the Gouldian Finch in the wild have decreased dramatically over the past decades but it is difficult to estimate exact numbers as they are migratory.

At this point in time, it is estimated numbers to be approximately 2,500 birds.

Gillian's team have been radio-tracking the birds for movement and trapping to check nutritional status.

The Saturday 15 March meeting at the CWA Hall, commencing 7pm, will have guest speaker, Dr Stephen Davies, with his presentation on 'Magpie Geese'.

**For the diary:**

PRESENTATION by Leighton DeBarros, cinematographer, at CWA Hall Saturday April 26.

Please phone secretary, Wayne Clarke, 6364 3609 if you have any queries. Everyone is welcome.

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The Gouldian Finch

## Mid-year start seen for market

**Karla Hooper**

IT IS with pleasure I announce to the community that the Toodyay Farmers Markets has an official committee and money in the bank.

A big thank you goes to Toodyay Festivals Inc for allowing us to come under their umbrella and the Toodyay Op Shop for getting us started with funding.

The Shire of Toodyay is also very supportive for which we are very grateful. We are now ready to charge ahead.

The Farmers Market team consists of Chairman: Peter Robinson, 0417 957 378 or email rope771@gmail.com.  
Secretary: Karla Hooper, 9574 2258 or email eo@toodyay.wa.gov.au.  
Treasurer: Rachel Byrne, 9574 9319 or

records@toodyay.wa.gov.au.

Committee Members are Andrew McCann and Gary Payne.

Regular meetings are held fortnightly, the next one being at 5pm on Thursday 6 March 6, at the Toodyay Club (Bowls Club) and then fortnightly. Everyone is welcome.

If you would like to be part of the committee please come along or contact any of the above mentioned people.

It is hoped the first market will be held mid-year and venues in town are now being looked at.

Please let us know if you're interested in having a stall or are able to provide lovely fresh produce to be sold.

Stay tuned for more updates on this exciting venture.

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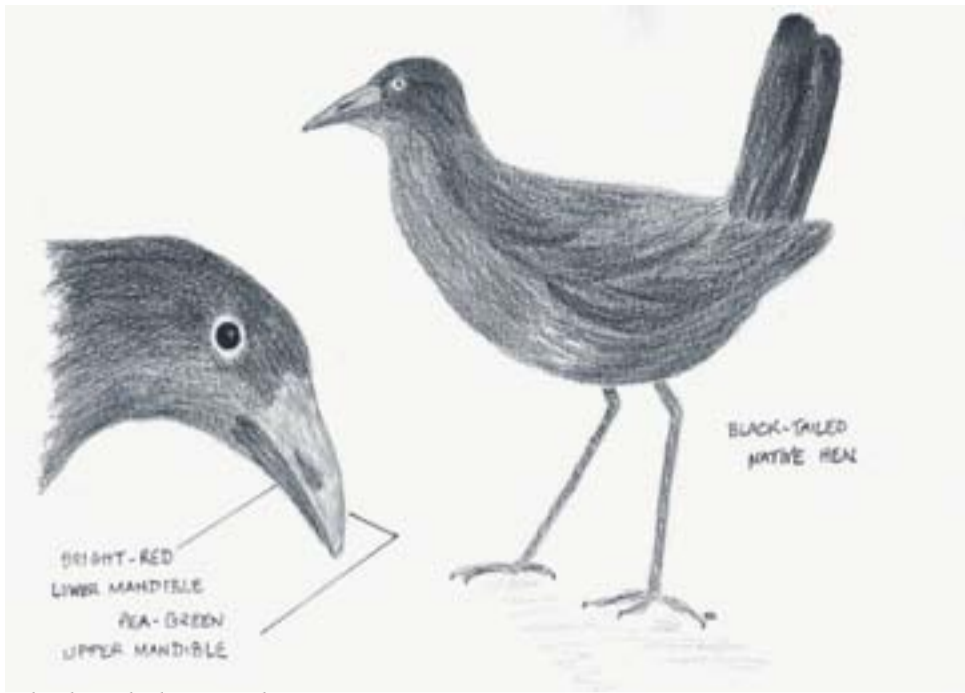
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Black-tailed native hen

# Rare visitor appears in Avon Valley waterways

**Bird of the Month**  
Desraé Clarke

ALTHOUGH rare in the Avon Valley the Black-tailed Native Hen has been sighted along the Avon River and adjoining waterways.

It is found throughout the Australian inland, is highly nomadic and follows rainfall and flooding for breeding on either saline or fresh water; it is a highly 'eruptive' species and breeds anytime after flooding rains.

A significant rain event in the drier regions of Australia results in dramatic food and invertebrate growth.

This attracts the birds in great numbers to feed and breed. This can occur at any time of the year and in any given area and may not happen again for a decade or more.

As the food source is depleted the area is vacated.

This 35cm bird has a large black tail but overall, is of dull brown colouring. Its

underparts are dark grey with a bluish tinge; it has a few large white flecks on the flanks.

Its eyes are a bright, golden-yellow and its bill has a bright pea-green upper mandible and a red lower mandible; the legs and feet are coral pink. Both sexes are similar in size and colouring.

The Black-tailed Native Hen nests under cover on the ground and well concealed in dense vegetation close to water.

The nest is a cup of plant material lined with feathers. Five to seven dark green, spotted eggs are laid and the young chicks hatch a greenish black colour with a bill the same colouring as an adult.

It feeds both night and day on vegetation, seeds, snails, insects and small reptiles. It is usually a silent bird but may give a sharp 'Kak' or continuous 'Kak-Kak-Kak-ak-ak-' in alarm

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# Sizzling sausages at sundown

Ian Calderwood

WITH Christmas and New Year behind us the Toodyay Garden Club committee has been busy planning events for 2014 and all our members can be assured of an abundance of fresh and interesting activities in the months ahead.

Two events that will be occurring in March will be the annual sundowner and sausage sizzle, and the Annual General Meeting.

This year's sundowner will be at Russty and Liz Tayler's property in Horseshoe Road, Coondle at 6pm Thursday 6 March.

The garden club will be providing sausages and rolls together with local wines and soft drinks, members are reminded to bring a salad or a sweet to share, your own glasses and/or coffee mug and, of course a chair.

Last year's sundowner was hosted by Peter and Peggy Sapwell and was a huge success attracting in excess of 70 members and their guests so we're hoping for a similar roll-up this year.

Flushed by their success at the recent Meekatharra - My Kitchen Rules, garden club members Vern Wright and Francis Moran have agreed to cook for us again this year.

To watch these culinary twins toss their

onions and flip their snags is a spectacle not to be missed.

I'm advised that Vern and Francis will be pleased to take questions from experienced foodies on the finer points of barbeque cuisine!

### Annual General Meeting

THE Garden Club Annual General Meeting will be held at the CWA Hall Toodyay at 10.30am Thursday 13th March and all members and prospective members are encouraged to attend.

Members are reminded that annual membership fees are due, current and prospective members should complete their 2014 membership application at the AGM, or before - if they want to vote in the selection of office bearers.

Annual membership fees are unchanged at \$15 single or \$25 double.

Readers are reminded that the Toodyay Garden Club exists for the benefit of its members.

Members gather once a month to visit and appreciate the varied styles of local and nearby gardens.

In addition to organising the occasional specialised bus trips to places of horticultural interest where we socialise and enjoy the fellowship of good company.

You do not need to be an experienced gardener to join our club.

If you are keen to meet with others with a gardening interest, why not consider joining.

We are always looking for new members so, please contact our Secretary, Peggy Sapwell on 9574 4534.

The best time to plant a tree was twenty years ago, the second best time is now.

Have fun and happy gardening!



**2J IN 3D Sculpture Workshop with Pierre Three Sessions** - Thurs 6th, 13th and 20th March 10am to 12pm cost \$7pp (including materials) per session These classes will be spread over three weeks, where you will create a piece of art in the abstract style, repurposing basic, everyday items. Local artist, Pierre Capponi, a well-known sculptor will oversee the classes. Pierre has had numerous solo and mixed exhibitions and is earmarked as highly collectable. He is eager to share some skills and ideas, everyone is welcome. Please contact the TCRC to book ahead.

**Multifarious Monday** every Monday 10am - 12.30pm \$4pp (plus cost of materials used) Come in and enjoy a relaxed morning of art and craft over a cuppa. Sessions are run by the group and include a varying range of techniques and creations.

**3C'S (coffee, crochet, chat)** every Tuesday 9.30am-12.00pm \$3pp Just as the name

suggests! Everyone is welcome. A stress free morning with morning tea supplied.

**Career Advice and Information** - Free Wed 12th Mar 10.00am - 4.00pm A career advisor from Workforce Development Centre will be here offering FREE career guidance and assistance: making career choices, career planning, choosing training courses, RPL, looking for work, changing jobs, resumes, applications and interview skills. For information or to make an appointment

**First Aid Training** Wed 12th Mar Cost \$199.00. Discount for Concession 10%. We are offering a one day First Aid training course in conjunction with Silver Chain. It is facilitated by St Johns Ambulance Northam and is a recognised qualification. Bookings are essential

**Independent Living Centre** - Thurs 13 Mar 9am - 2pm - FREE The Independent Living Centre provides free information, advice and a trial of assistive equipment and technology to improve quality of life and participation experiences in daily living, school and work

activities. Visit Sophie on the day in the TCRC carpark to browse hundreds of pieces of equipment.

Please direct your enquiries to request specific equipment to Sophie Wittwer, Occupational Therapist on 1300 885 886.

### Are you over 50 and interested in meeting new people? Probus

- Wed 19th Mar at 7pm. We are holding an interest meeting for those who would like to be in at the beginning, of the Probus Club Toodyay. Probus is a worldwide association for active people over 50. With the chance to provide regular opportunities to expand your interests and enjoy the fellowship of new friends. There are outings and regular meetings with interesting guest speakers every month. We need approximately 20 people to get started so if you think this is interesting idea please join us.

Toodyay Driver Enhancement course Saturday 26th Apr - 9:30am - 1.30pm \$30pp Have you or your child just got their license or are you looking to enhance your driving skills? The TCRC are partnering with the

RAC to host a Driver Enhancement Course in Toodyay. The course is tailored to suit our country driving conditions and is designed to enhance drivers in understanding their own driving capabilities and the capabilities of their vehicle. Usually \$199 and delivered in Perth. Spaces are limited and priority will be given to "P" platers, please call us to book.

**Westlink Broadcasts** - March 2014 - FREE. Screening at the TCRC this month: Australia Council for the Arts, Ord East Kimberley Expansion Project Update, Food Sensations and Women's Health and Family Services. Contact the TCRC to find out session times. If you would like to attend any of these events, please book on 9574 5357 or call in and see Tenneille, Alison or Evie. Toodyay Community Resource Centre (TCRC) Email: toodyay@crc.net.au or visit us at 79 Stirling Tce.

Open Monday to Friday 9.00am to 4.30pm

# Asylum seeker hell-hole 'inhuman'

**Psychological Health**  
**Richard Taylor**  
 Clinical Psychologist

THE World Health Organization (WHO) has just organised a plan to improve mental health services worldwide. Notable is a shift to a recovery model instead of a medical model that predominates in much of the world, including Australia.

It involves a holistic approach where overall recovery is the focus and includes all aspects of the needs of an individual in the environment in which they live.

The WHO plan also has a focus on human rights, which is an area of particular concern to psychologists, and one that I feel compelled to share with readers of *The Herald*.

Human rights can suffer when conditions are not conducive to mental health. Having a mental disorder in a developing country can be grim as up to 85 percent of people in low- and middle-income countries receive no treatment (WHO, Monitor on Psychology, January 2014, American Psychological

Association).

Given this, you would have to ask why our politicians allow a hell-hole like Manus Island to exist at all.

The following appeared on the ABC news website on 12 December last year:

'Manus Island's detention centre has been described as cruel, inhuman, degrading and violating prohibitions against torture in a detailed report by Amnesty International.

The centre has been notoriously difficult for journalists to access since it reopened last year, but three Amnesty researchers and translators were allowed into Manus Island for a week last month.'

I emailed the member for Pearce Christian Porter and stated, 'I request that you consider speaking out publically and call for the immediate closure of the Manus Island Detention Centre'.

His response was not reassuring. I emailed the Member again and stated:

"I refer to my email correspondence regarding Manus Island. I assume that you did not consider taking any action on this issue".

Manus Island since its inception as a place for off-shore processing, has been a mental health death trap for asylum seekers.

The recent Amnesty International report sounded a dire warning. The asylum seekers have no chance of assimilating in Papua New Guinea.

They should be processed in Australia and the gulag shut down.

You will be aware of recent events on

Manus Island that tragically resulted in one death and many injuries.

In all likelihood the young man that was killed could have had a very bright future as an Australian citizen.

A communication received from GetUp yesterday was poignant:

"By now you would have heard about the tragic turn of events on Manus Island that left one person dead and 77 injured.

We don't yet know if this new tragic low marks a turning point, if it's part of Australia's new status quo, or if it will finally be enough to make our Government rethink our cruel treatment of asylum seekers, the very people who need our help most.

The truth is, we still don't really know what happened because the Government won't tell us. What we do know is that a young man lost his life in the most horrific way - while under our care, while detained in your name.

His name was Reza Berati, a 23 year old

from Iran. It was in July last year that he made the perilous journey by boat to seek refuge in Australia and instead of finding safety, he endured a nightmare.

Reza is not the first to die because of this policy. There are many others who have already taken their own lives while locked in Australian detention centres.


But rather than acknowledging our failure to protect them, Immigration Minister Scott Morrison sent an email lauding today as a "significant milestone" in the Government's "strong resolve on our borders".

The only 'milestone' reached this week was a new low for human rights in Australia.

We live in hope that this horrible tragedy will be enough to make Australia rethink our treatment of asylum seekers.

In the past Pearce has had an independent voice concerning asylum seeker policy however this voice now appears lost to career politics.

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## Survivors walk to 'beat the odds'

**Relay for life Avon valley**  
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MARCH 29 - 30 2014 at the Northam Recreation Centre Peel Terrace, Northam.

Have you or someone you know been blessed with surviving cancer?

Relay for Life honours people who have

recovered from cancer with the Survivor's Walk.

It is a joyous celebration of life which can help to inspire all those newly diagnosed with cancer and give them "visual hope" of a cancer free future.

Please encourage anyone you know who has or did have cancer to come along and join in the Survivors Walk for 2014 and help to show there is also a positive side of a cancer diagnosis - the one of hope, encouragement and determination to successfully "beat the odds!"

Wear the Survivors Sash with pride and show others that cancer is just a word and not a sentence!

Carer's are also most welcome to join in the Survivor's Walk wearing the Carer's Sash. For more details contact Fred Dymnicki dimmers@comswest.net.au 0407993036

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# Mates run relays to raise money for health

500 Relays which were in 2011 where 6 runners ran 500km in relay fashion over 4 days and in 2012 where the same 6 runners ran 1000km over 7 days.

The runners in these two events were Wayne Barnden, Paul Omodie, Heath East, Tim Lyster, Mat Johnston, and Anthony Stubberfield. This year three of the original runners Wayne Barnden, Paul Omodie and Mat Johnston will be attempting to run the full 11 days.

For us as an organisation, this event is important for the Increasing the Awareness of Mens' Health and Wellbeing.

This event gives us another very important tool towards both accessing blokes where they are and improving men's wellbeing.

This happens in the immediate short term and continues over time to stimulate both men and communities to take action to look after themselves.

This year the Aglime of Australia Mates 500 will continue to engage with men and community at the grass roots level.

You can't beat it. It is taking education

and awareness to the people with men's wellbeing events being held in 11 towns over the course of the relay.

The increase in awareness of men's health and wellbeing outcomes takes time and combined with the empowerment of people through education we can form a solid foundation for improving the disparity in men's health and wellbeing outcomes.

**Funds Raised**  
FUNDS raised are put towards projects that we don't ordinarily have funds to complete and aren't part of our core funding.

In the past we have put some of these funds towards making our educational DVD titled: "Making Their Mark" - The Challenges Facing Young Men and to purchase other educational resources such as books.

This year we are sponsoring a "Talk to a Mate" Men's Wellbeing round in the WACFL, which will enable us to touch base with an important demographic of men across the state.

All the best to the runners, support staff, many volunteers and sponsors who are making this year's event happen.

Should you wish to contact us please call 08 9690 2277 or email us at menshealth@4blokes.com.au. Cheers, Owen and the team.

## Warriors Wellbeing Wheatbelt Men's Health

THE Aglime of Australia Mates 500 Relay is a 1500 kilometre 11 day running event from Mukinbudin in the Wheatbelt to Manjimup in the Great Southern, commencing on Monday 24 March 2014.

A team of six runners per day will run one km per runner in relay fashion over the 11 days, with each runner averaging approximately 26 kilometres every day.

The beneficiaries of this relay are The Regional Men's Health Initiative (RMHI) and the Prostate Cancer Foundation (PCFA).

This year's event hopes to build on the \$120,000 previously raised as well as increase the profile of men's health and wellbeing issues in regional areas.

This event builds on two previous Mates



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## New School Chaplain appointed



Robyn Sinclair

MYNAME is Robyn Sinclair. I am the newly appointed Toodyay District High School Chaplain and I have lived in Toodyay most of my life.

I am married to Royston. We have three grown-up daughters and six delightful grandchildren and another one due in August.

I previously worked at the school for twenty years as an Education Assistant. I am a qualified Remedial Massage Therapist, Bowen Practitioner and Reflexologist and have worked in the health industry since 1994.

Both professions have afforded me invaluable life experience and immense satisfaction and given me a wonderful opportunity to work with and meet many wonderful people.

I have recently completed a Diploma in

Professional Counselling, which has been a long-term goal of mine.

My hobbies and interests are cooking, gardening, reading, singing and learning the guitar (when I get time), as well as travelling down South and spending time with our family.

I have a passion for working and interacting with people and have a deep desire to help foster positive relationships within families, the school and wider community.

I believe that being Chaplain is an ideal way to do this and I am grateful for the opportunity to be entrusted with this role.

**Toodyay youthCARE Council**  
Vivienne Freeman  
Secretary

WE AS a Council would like to welcome our new School Chaplain, Robyn Sinclair, to Toodyay District High School.

She will commence her role at the beginning of third term. We look forward to a happy association with Robyn. Congratulations.

Once again we thank our local community for your support of our raffle/stall held recently for Chaplaincy.

- 1st prize - red ticket D53, won by Freda,
- 2nd prize - blue ticket D02, won by Adele.

Thanks to you, we raised \$1137.05.

A reminder about our Quiz Night to be held on Saturday 27 July. There will be lots of prizes, raffles, auction items and a winning table prize of \$160. RoadWise quiz with \$200 prize. Lots of laughs.

Full details are in the Public Notices section.

Bookings are essential. Contact Vivienne Freeman, Secretary 9574 4915 or frees@iinet.net.au.

We look forward to your continued support of Chaplaincy.

## More vets come to Toodyay

THE Heartlands Veterinary team has expanded with the arrival of three new vets this year.

Dr Nicola Hodgson hails from the UK and has a keen interest in all things horsey.

Nicola is especially interested in equine dentistry and is very keen to become involved with the local pony/adult riders clubs in the surrounding districts.

Nicola owns a horse called Charlie and in her spare time can be found careering around eventing courses with him having lots of fun.

Dr Astrid King loves cows and small animal surgery.

Last year Astrid was involved in a program where vets travelled up north to provide veterinary treatment and sterilise animals in remote indigenous communities.

Prior to starting here, she travelled to Fiji to perform similar work as a volunteer.

Astrid has a cat called Poppy and in her spare time likes being in the outdoors and baking all sort of yummy things, which we are all pretty happy about at the clinic.

Dr Sheree McDonald worked at Northam for two years before joining us at Heartlands. Sheree is a Wheatbelt girl, having grown up on a farm in Newdegate.

She loves all aspects of veterinary mixed practice and in her spare time likes travelling, scuba-diving and riding her horse, Beau.

Sadly, we say farewell to Dr Seven Devery who is spreading his wings after spending two years at the practice.

Seven has been a very valuable member of the team and many of you will have experienced his exceptional veterinary skills as well as his empathy and compassion when dealing with your four-legged friends.

Please say hi to our new team members if you see them.

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# 'Old Codgers' fix Australia Day hiccups

## Inside the Shed The Scribbler

WELL Christmas has come and gone, and so has the New Year, along with all those New Resolutions - oh well.

We had a shortened end of year break this year because so many requested that we be open as soon as possible after New Year.

Surely an indication of the success of our Toodyay Men's Shed operation.

We said goodbye to John P and wished him and his family well on their move to Wagin.

He has sent back his regards and those who wish to keep in touch are welcome - the Secretary has the details.

Following the use by the Shire of the Toodyay Men's Shed Community BBQ Trailer at the Australia Day celebration, some hiccups were identified.

The Shed is now modifying the trailer to make it a more user friendly unit.

The trailer is for hire to community groups.

Speaking of Australia Day the Men's Shed workforce of "Old Codgers" jumped to and all was in place within 35 minutes, as timed by the Chairman. Such speed was only attained because we all looked forward to the free breakfast.

The Shire Members were however suitably impressed and we received a kind note from the Shire President thanking us. Good work Guys.

The resident Guru of Grind has departed for South Australia to hopefully catch fish and work on a houseboat.

What can you do on a houseboat that needs you to use a 9 inch Grinder?

Still morning tea has been so much more pleasant since his departure - there seems to be much less noise.

Our Wizard of Wood Turning has taken up the job of producing a Trophy Stand for a Loved Soccer Ball and it seems that the diameter of the ball is the problem. Never mind.

I'm sure he will conquer the circumference. He was last heard mumbling about mean Shed Bosses.

JB is still working on his doors for the new bookcases and it seems that for every step forward he manages two back.

I have heard this is because if he never finishes then he won't be lumbered with a new project.

Our monthly breakfast is coming up Saturday 22 February and following this one we will be trying out new locations for breakfasts to make the mornings more enjoyable, and to see if we can attract more



Men's Shed BBQ trailer in action at Duidgee Park on Australia Day

members to these days.

We have some generous folk in Toodyay who have donated much to the Men's Shed.

Recently we were given a saw bench and a generator - wonderful gifts and much appreciated.

We have another resident who has offered a bench and cupboard, plus some bikes for us to renovate and give to the Chaplaincy Fund.

This we will be doing as soon as possible. Coming up next on our horizon is the Lion's Auction.

So fellers put on your thinking caps about items for sale, either for yourselves or for the Shed.

Our resident "Chairman" has started renovating all the lovely old kitchen chairs and I believe they will be auctioned off.

We will be catering again this year so brush up on your cooking, and serving skills Lads and practise those big toothless grins.

As always the Toodyay Men's Shed wishes its members and the residents of Toodyay all the best for the coming month.

Inquiries for TMS, ring Fred on 9574 5795.

## Shopping, lunch and the movies

Mike Cox  
Autumn Club

WE STARTED the year off at the end of February with a trip to Midland Shopping Centre. Lunch and the cinema were on the agenda as well as shopping.

The last Wednesday in February was our monthly meeting.

Our monthly lunch party will be at noon on Tuesday March 10 at Wendouree Tearooms.

On March 17 we will have our clean up day, Telegraph Road, meeting at 8am.

We are inquiring into places to visit such as The Maze, Kings Park, Swan Valley strip and the Tivoli Theatre, plus a few other places.

Birthdays this month are Brian Bosnjak, March 7, Ida Edwards March 10, Wes Smith

March 15 and Christina Wright March 28.  
On behalf of all our members we wish you a very happy birthday.

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- Improvements in Infrastructure and services.

An Application for Funding can be obtained by contacting Maria Rebane on 9574 9307 or by visiting Council's website <http://www.toodyay.wa.gov.au/forms.aspx>

Submissions should be received by **4:00PM** on **FRIDAY 28th MARCH 2014** and should be addressed to the Chief Executive Officer, Shire of Toodyay, PO Box 96, Toodyay WA 6566. Submissions may be emailed to [records@toodyay.wa.gov.au](mailto:records@toodyay.wa.gov.au)

If you require further information or have any queries in relation to the above please contact Manager Corporate Services, Cherie Delmage on (08) 9574 2258.

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## PUBLIC NOTICE Bush Fire Advisory Committee 2014 Meeting Schedule

At an Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 18 February 2014, the Shire of Toodyay Council resolved to conduct its Council Forums on the second Tuesday of each calendar month and Ordinary Meetings of Council on the fourth Tuesday of each calendar month; commencing at 4.00 pm.

As a consequence of that decision the dates for the Bush Fire Advisory Committee (BFAC) had to be altered. The revised dates are as follows:

**Bush Fire Advisory Committee (BFAC)**  
**Meetings commencing at 6.00 pm**  
• 18 March 2014 • 6 May 2014  
• 15 July 2014 • 16 September 2014

Members of the public are welcome to attend. Meetings are held in Council Chambers, Shire of Toodyay Administration Centre, 15 Fiennes Street, Toodyay. Commencement time is at 6.00 pm. Access to the building will be 15 minutes prior to the start of the meeting.

Agendas are available 72 hours prior to the meeting date from either the Toodyay Public Library or the Toodyay Administration Centre between the hours of 8.30 am and 4.30 pm.

A public question time, as well as public submissions/deputations is included during each Committee Meeting. Public Question forms and Public Submission forms are available from the Administration Centre or alternatively, can be downloaded from Council's website at <http://www.toodyay.wa.gov.au/forms.aspx>

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## PUBLIC NOTICE Council Forums 2014 Meeting Schedule

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Council Forums open to the public. Members of the public are welcome to attend the following scheduled Council Forums. The meeting dates for 2014 are now as follows:

11/03/2014	12/08/2014
8/04/2014	9/09/2014
13/05/2014	14/10/2014
10/06/2014	11/11/2014
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## PUBLIC NOTICE Ordinary Meetings of Council 2014 Meeting Schedule

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Ordinary Meetings of Council are open to the public. Members of the public are welcome to attend the following scheduled Ordinary Meetings of Council:

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27/05/2014	28/10/2014
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22/07/2014	16/12/2014

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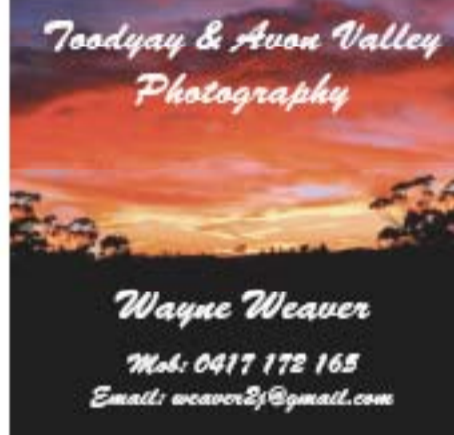
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## Toodyay cricket results

**Results-A Grade**  
Saturday February 1 Toodyay all out for 165 defeated Yongah Hill 99  
Batting: Damon Geary 37, Robbie Glover 33, Jayden Mawer 31 and Jack Dasborough 20.  
Bowling: Austin Logan 3/13 off 6, Kevin Wakefield 3/28 off 7, Jack Dasborough 3/34 off 6.  
Saturday 8 February  
Toodyay 9/130 lost to Grass Valley 7/223  
Batting: Damon Geary 56 and Chris Milonas 27.  
Bowling: Damien Higgins 3/56 off 6.  
Saturday 15 of February Toodyay all out for 81 lost to Grass Valley 140  
Batting: Tommy Towers 22, Damien Higgins 12 and Jayden Mawer 10.  
Bowling: Austin Logan 4/39 off 9, Robbie Glover 2/17 off 7, Damon Geary 2/17 off 4 and Damien Higgins 2/41 off 10.

**Results- B Grade**  
Sunday February 2.  
Toodyay 8/203 defeated Federals all out for 86.

Batting: Ben Jenkins 74, Paul Morgan no 39 and Alan Sibley 22.  
Bowling: Steve Gorbig 5/31 off 6, Alan Sibley 2/25 off 6.  
Sunday 9 February  
Toodyay all out for 162 defeated Grass Valley 110  
Batting: Paul Morgan no 69, Steve Gorbig 52 and Tommy Towers 20.  
Bowling: Mick Carter 3/27 off 8, Alan Sibley 2/11 off 4 and Tommy Towers 2/26 off 5.  
Sunday the 16th of February  
Toodyay won on a forfeit to Railways/Avon West.

**Country Week**  
JUNIOR Country Week was held from January 6-10. The following Toodyay u/16's boys represented the Northam Junior Cricket Association in the number one side in B Section: Kevin Wakefield, Lucas Nichol, Jayden Mawer, Ryan Mawer, Jack Morgan, Bohdi Tauder and Luke McGavock. The number one team had John Lucas as the

coach, Paul Morgan as the Manager and Kaz Morgan as the Scorer for the week. Melinda Lucas was the Scorer for the first two days in the number 2 team.  
GIRLS Country Cricket Carnival was held from January 8-10 in Perth. The Wheatbelt team, led by coach and manager Melinda Lucas, consisted of girls from Toodyay: Athena Barwood and Molly Dickson, Northam: Michelle Watson and Emma Flint, Kellerberrin: Jessica Cox, Mt Barker: Georgie Middleton and an under/15 Peel regional player: Gemma Cassidy. The girls played indoor cricket on the Wednesday afternoon, super 8 games on Thursday and T20 on the Friday. The Wheatbelt team finished fourth out of the six regional teams. Well done to the girls.  
SENIOR Country Week was from January 19-25 all over Perth. The Northam Cricket Association sent down two teams, with Toodyay representation in each team.  
The number one side in B Section included: Peter Dasborough, Jack Dasborough, Shaun Bazley, Damon Geary, Adam Lovegrove, Chris Milonas, Damien Higgins and Ryan Reid; the number two side in E Section, Mick Carter, Kevin Wakefield and John Lucas.

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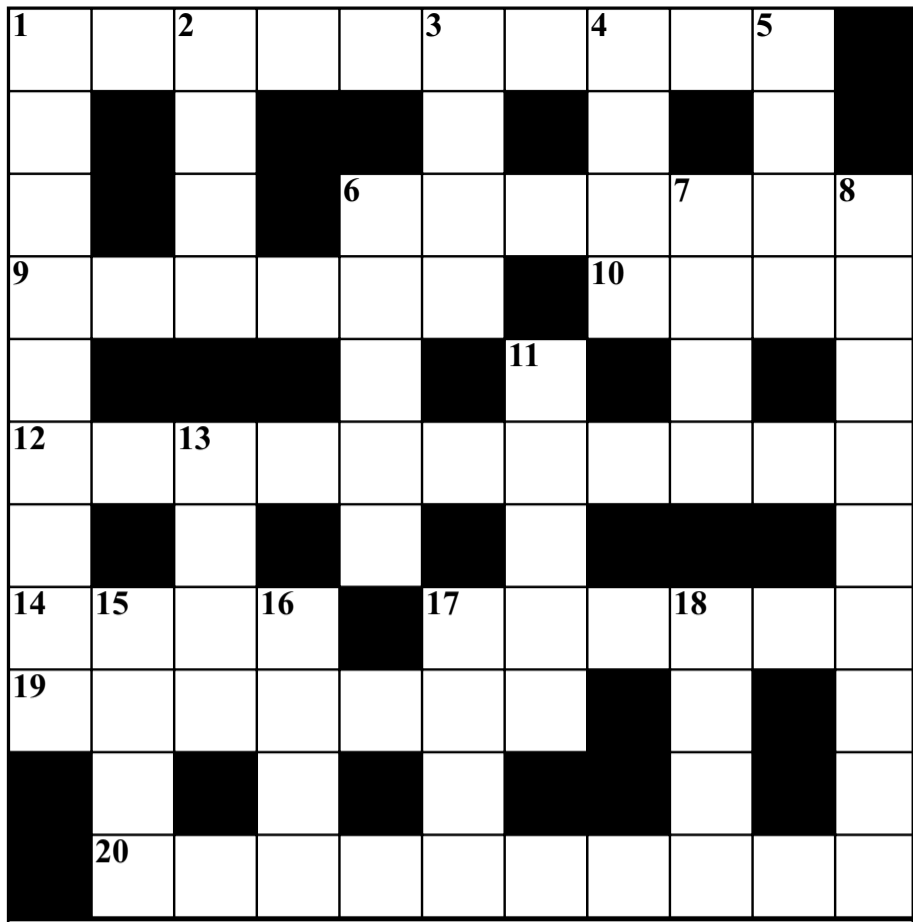
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  - 14 Magma
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  - 19 Built
  - 20 They produce allergies

- DOWN**
- 1 Skin eruption
  - 2 Organ of smell
  - 3 Want

- 4 Swamp grass
- 5 Small bay
- 6 Keepsake
- 7 Vexes
- 8 Outer layers of birds' ova
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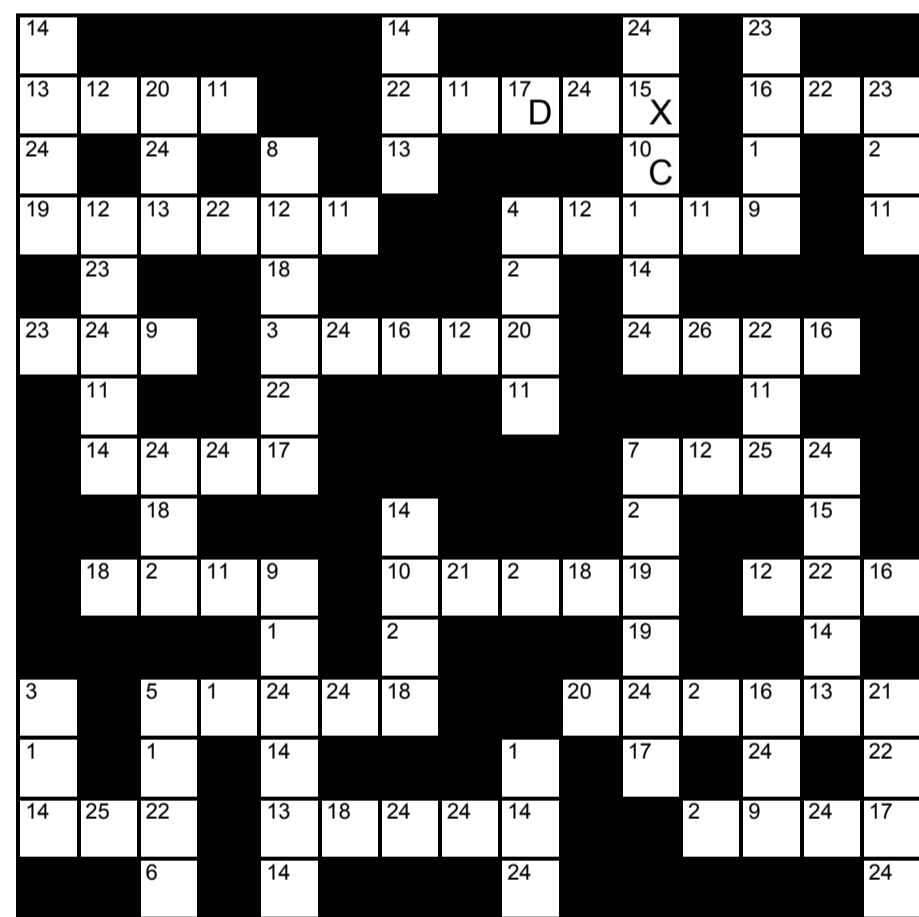
- ACROSS**
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  - 6 Get to take delivery of
  - 9 Devised a plan prepared by fermentation
  - 10 A small quantity from a doctor for example
  - 12 Those who practise self-admiration are vain people
  - 14 Balaclavas conceal that which emanates from volcanoes
  - 17 Earlier than being in the presence of
  - 19 Put together upright established tips
  - 20 Is this name provided to produce hay fever?

- DOWN**
- 1 Detailed carbon to a male relative for a rounded gemstone
  - 2 Sounds like one is aware of a proboscis

- 3 Have occasion for some fine education
- 4 Any of the tall water grasses used in certain wind instruments
- 5 A sheltered nook for a common bloke
- 6 A surviving memorial out of dereliction
- 7 Otherwise risk troubles
- 8 Urges on infernos to shards
- 11 Inquired about a desk
- 13 Some grovellers wander about
- 15 Part of the ear changes into a curved structure
- 16 Single spots on cards for highly skilled people
- 17 Punt on a second brightest star in a constellation
- 18 Ring some fellows for a prognostication

# Your puzzles page

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# Local contestants sought for Karate State Team trials

## Avon Valley Shotokan Karate Club

THE NEW Year has barely started but some members of the club have been busy over January preparing for 2014.

Our club storeroom has had a clean out so now we know exactly what we have, and, more importantly, what we need.

While the storeroom was getting a clean, 12 of the students were picking up rubbish from around the showgrounds as part of the Adopt-A-Spot program.

A couple of adults who were walking their dogs at the time commented on the fact that it was nice to see children going around picking up the rubbish.

Thanks to Kelly and the kids for making the trip up from Gidgegannup!

Classes started in the first week of February so we hope to see you all there refreshed and energised.

We had 75 registered students at the end of 2013 but there is plenty of room for more.

March 23 is the date of the first tournament in Perth. More details will be available soon, along with registration forms.

This year the AKF National Karate

Championships will be held in Perth at the Joondalup Arena, August 1-3.

Anyone interested in trying out for the State Team needs to talk to Sensei Helen as there are new qualifying guidelines coming out soon and students will need to start preparing now.

The club is also hoping to arrange for other students to attend as spectators.

Look out for the club fundraising activity each term and please help out with donations/time. Fundraising goes towards buying new equipment which everyone uses so the whole club benefits.

The next committee meeting is on Sunday March 9 at 10am, venue to be decided.

Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend so that the club knows what you would like to see happen. All ideas are considered.

Remember that private lessons are available at the Hombu Dojo on Thursdays, by appointment.

It costs \$30 for a private lesson, \$40 for 2 students and \$45 for 3 students. Please see Helen to book a time.

Toodyay classes are held in the Youth Hall:

Wednesdays:  
3:45-4:15pm 4-8yr olds  
4:30-5:30pm 9-13yr olds  
6:00-7:30pm Seniors

Fridays:  
3:45-4:15pm 4-8yr olds  
4:30-5:30pm 9-13yr olds  
6:00-7:30pm Seniors

Classes are also held at the Hombu Dojo:

Mondays:  
3:45-4:15pm 4-8yr olds  
4:30-5:30pm 9-13yr olds  
6:00-7:00pm Seniors

In Wongan Hills on Tuesdays:

3:45-4:15pm 4-8yr olds  
4:30-6:00pm 9-13yr olds and Seniors

All classes are held during school terms only.

If you would like to keep up-to-date with all that is going on at the club, email Helen at [helenbain@optusnet.com.au](mailto:helenbain@optusnet.com.au) and ask her to link you into the Avon Valley Shotokan facebook site.

Tuesday:  
3:45 Peewee Karate WONGAN HILLS  
4:30 Junior Karate WONGAN HILLS  
6:00 Senior Karate WONGAN HILLS

# Volunteers sought for Junior Football Club positions

## Registration Day

FOOTBALL registrations for the 2014 season will be held 10am to noon on Saturday March 15.

Club merchandise is available so come and grab new socks, shorts and a club T-Shirt for the new football season.

A number of positions need to be filled, as listed below.

## Junior coaches

WE ARE looking for expressions of interest for junior coaches for a number of age groups.

Coaching your children is a hugely rewarding experience and parents are invited to seriously consider this role.

Applicants who don't have a child playing in the club must have current working with children clearance.

## Umpires

WE ARE looking for two umpires to offer a few hours on a Saturday morning to assist the junior football club.

We host about six home games annually and pay umpires \$75 per game.

An umpiring course will be held prior to the start of the season.

The course will be funded by the club if people are committed to assisting for the season.

## Journalist/media person

REGULAR articles are required to be written about numerous junior football club events throughout the year for publication in local newspapers, including *The Toodyay Herald*.

We need the assistance from a member of the club or community to undertake this important job.

Junior players love seeing their names and photographs in the local newspaper.

Having regular written articles increases community awareness and support for our junior sporting club.

## First aid officer

ALL games require a first aid officer to be available.

The Club is seeking a parent from each age group to volunteer to be a first aid person and strapper.

Courses for strapping would be funded by the Club if required.

If you are able to help with any of the above positions, please write to PO Box 724 Toodyay WA 6566.

An email address is also available for those who wish to communicate electronically at [toodyayjuniorfootball@hotmail.com](mailto:toodyayjuniorfootball@hotmail.com).

For more information, please contact any committee member or call Greg Blankendaal (9574 4267), Sharon Ferguson (9574 4402) or Michelle Haycock (0439 754 144).

# Red and white for Valentines Day

## Toodyay Bowling Club

MaureenAdams (Secretary)

## Ladies' News

JANUARY was started with The Judith Walton Trophy held over four weeks.

The round winners of this event were, Marilyn Smith, Renata Grey, Gale Anderson and Lorraine Musielak. The overall winner was Kaye Rewell, runner-up Gale Anderson. Congratulations to all these ladies.

Toodyay entered two teams into the League Triples held in Northam on 4 February. It was a very warm and blustery day, which was trying for everyone. Congratulations to Northam for winning the day. The 8th Pennant day Bolgart v Toodyay; four points to Bolgart.

Club Social day on Wednesday 12th had the ladies dressed in red and white for Valentine's Day. Gale the ladies captain had the ladies playing Irish bowls, with the kitty being put down last.

The day was won by Heather Henderson,

and runner-up Lorraine Musielak.

Lunch time we had a card presented to us from a secret admirer. THANKS JOHN.

The 9th pennant day against York Gold gave Toodyay Ladies team 1/2 a point and 3 1/2 to York.

The ladies pennant season has now finished and Toodyay are not in contention this year for the pennant finals to be held in Northam. Good Luck to Northam Blue, York Blue, Goomalling and Bolgart.

The Club Social day on 19 February was a day of Bowls Exercises playing Off handed, and blind-folded as well as normal bowling, a good test for co-ordination. The winners were Renata Grey, and Sadie Gilpin.

New players are welcome. Contact Gale Anderson on 9574 4740.

## Men's News

THE new year started in Meckering for the Triples, and three teams entered from Toodyay.

Congratulations to Eugene O'Sullivan, Bronco Andrijich and Mickey Spence for

winning the day. Peter Healy, Peter Forward and Ken Adams won the morning round.

On February 1 it was back into Pennants, being the 10th pennant game. Both Toodyay division one and two gained eight each points against the Goomalling teams.

The Toodyay Men's Open Fours was held, and a good day was had by those who attended.

Congratulations to winners for the day, a Midland Morrison team, and a composite team came runner-up.

Bolgart held their two day Bolgart 3000 Classic on February 12 and 13, and several players from Toodyay entered the competition, but congratulations must go to Muckinbudin being the winners.

The 11th Pennant day gave Toodyay first division against Meckering and second Division against York eight points each.

A twilight Pennant game was held in Bolgart for first division for the twelfth Pennant game. Toodyay gained seven points and Bolgart one. Second Division gained seven points for the day.

Pennants: Toodyay First Division team is second on the ladder in the Avon Valley Bowling League and the second division team is fourth. Two more pennant games to go before the finals.

New members are welcome. Give Mickey Spence a ring on 95745016

## Corporate Bowls

CORPORATE Bowls started on February 11, being held three nights a week for six weeks.

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## Toodyay Netball Club 2014 REGISTRATIONS

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2014  
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<b>YEAR to DATE</b>	6	<b>Properties Transferred</b> Shire of Toodyay 2012-13 year	168
<b>Average Annual Growth Rate</b> Source: Landgate/REIWA 10 year AAGR:	9.3%	2013-14 Financial Year-To-Date	87

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