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Djilba – yellow wildflowers, swooping magpies and abundant bush tucker



The flowers are already coming, and many local bush blocks will soon be carpeted as above in yellow Prickly Moses (*Acacia*

Pulchella), Egg and Bacon (*Eutaxia Obovata*) and delicate bush orchids, the first of which have already appeared in our shire.

It is the season of Djilba in the Avon Valley, home to local Noongar people for 45,000 years – read more about our community's

priceless Avon Valley legacy in this month's Noongar Waangkiny report on Page 11. Photo: Michael Sinclair-Jones.

Toodyay Club forced to shut amid rising debt

Michael Sinclair-Jones

THE TOODYAY Club in Oddfellow Street has been forced to close and a meeting will be held this month to decide its fate.

The club shut its doors in the middle of last month after a long period of rising debt.

Bowlers can continue to use the club's synthetic green but not its other facilities –

including a members' bar and commercial kitchen – both of which closed last month.

Keys to toilets and washrooms on bowling days must be now arranged in advance.

A club meeting has been called for 10am Saturday August 6 for members, bowlers and supporters to decide if they want the facility to re-open and if it is possible to keep trading.

The club pays a "peppercorn" rent to

the Shire of Toodyay which owns the land occupied by the club building, bitumen car parks and two bowling greens, one of which is not used or maintained.

The club's history dates back 117 years to when it started as a 'gentleman's club' in Stirling House, now occupied by the Toodyay Spice and Grill restaurant.

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Local man pleads not guilty to Afghan bashing charge

A TOODYAY man spent a night in Perth police lock-up before pleading not guilty to bashing an Afghan refugee at a local care centre for homeless people last month.

The injured man – also from Toodyay – told police he was collecting empty cans for refunds to send to his wife and two children in a Pakistan refugee camp when the incident occurred.

See Police Beat, Page 6.



Mission accomplished after more than a century of wrangling and red tape.

Victory at last for local RSL veterans

TOODYAY RSL members are celebrating victory after being granted their own land on which to build their first permanent headquarters in town after a 103-year wait.

The Toodyay Shire Council voted 8-0 last month to "gift" its former parks and gardens depot site in Clinton Street to the RSL.

It follows more than a century of local government wrangling and red tape, including 65 years of cramped temporary accommodation in the front foyer of the Toodyay Memorial Hall in Stirling Terrace.

Ownership of four parcels of land (pictured left) will be transferred to RSL WA and provide security of tenure to enable local veterans to raise funds to build new premises.

The site includes a large metal shed which local RSL members aim to sell.

See Toodyay RSL report, Page 12.

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Scraping a tune

Roger Simms

THE BRIGHT faces of young choristers all smiles in last month's *Herald* had me smiling too.

It wasn't just a picture story about a \$2900 donation to the Toodyay High School as part of the Toodyay Music Fest wind-up.

It was the pleasing thought of these young singers beginning their exploration of the world of music.

When you think of its influence on your life – the unforgettable melodies, the ensnaring rhythms and the moments of celebration and sorrow enriched by its accompaniment – it is easy to see music as one of humanity's most wondrous possessions.

However far those 30 or so youngsters go in choral singing or any other form of music making, they will doubtless be the richer for it.

So strike up the band, I say – the more children learning to make music the better. That wise old Greek fellow Plato was on the right track.

Musical training was a more potent instrument than any other, he believed, because rhythm and harmony found their way into the inward places of the soul.

"What is this magical medium that moves, enchants, energises and heals us?" asks Don Campbell in his book *The Mozart Effect*.

"In an instant, music can uplift our soul ... can dance and sing our blues away," he wrote.

"It lets the child in us play, the monk in us pray, the cowgirl in us line dance and the hero in us surmount all obstacles."

Cellist, music teacher and ABC FM presenter Ed Ayres says in his book *Whole Notes*: "Music offers us gifts we can open every day to make our lives whole".

For many of my generation (I've just turned 80), musical awakening most likely began with the sound of a piano being played in the lounge room by our mother, an aunt or some other relative.

As I remember it, there was never a shortage of people, almost always women, ready to sit down at the keyboard in homes, schools and church halls and play.

Effortlessly it seemed.

And there certainly was no shortage of powerfully voiced fellows keen to spend a Saturday evening standing round the piano rendering interpretations of ever popular songs.

I'll throw in a few names to stir memories: *Ramona, Some Enchanted Evening* and *Serenade* from *The Student Prince*.

Hardly surprising then that youngsters in households would be drawn to the magic of those black and white ivory keys.

My own musical journey began that way – a couple of years of piano lessons and then the chance to learn the violin, an instrument I've always loved, never mastered but played often for countless hours of enjoyment.

It's often said that teachers inspire life-changing moments in students' lives.

Such a moment popped up for me at Perth Boys High School in 1955.

Music was not taught in schools in my day but a teacher by the name of Ron Stevens, who led the singing at school assemblies, offered to teach boys after school to play the violin.

"Does your father have a violin gathering dust on top of a wardrobe?" I remember him asking us.

Indeed mine did and within a year a small knot of us were scraping away in a lunch time concert in Perth's former Boans department store (now Myer) in Wellington Street, Perth.

Forty years later, with a mixed and often interrupted musical education behind me, I was playing in another amateur concert – this time in the Northern Territory's Katherine Gorge of all places.

Teaching journalism in Darwin, I'd joined the Darwin Symphony Orchestra and, like everyone else in that amateur band, I was enjoying the musical and entrepreneurial talents of new conductor Martin Jarvis.

Jarvis, a former member of the London Mozart Players, was dynamic.

He took us by the scruff of our musical necks and made us dress the part and look the part.

He coached, cajoled and inspired us.

He was an impresario as well, organising concerts under the stars amid Darwin's tropical gardens and in the dry Todd River bed in Alice Springs.

For the Katherine Gorge gig he persuaded the army to build two gigantic pontoons to carry the orchestra.

As dusk descended and a fascinated audience sat back among the rocks, Jarvis arrived by speed boat and the haunting strains of Ravel's *Bolero* broke over the ancient landscape.

If I had not been hooked on orchestral playing before, I was after that.

It was a helluva a night.

Viva la musica – long live the music.

Footnote: Within two years, Jarvis had been chosen Northern Territory Citizen of the Year.



Violinist Roger Simms serenades the trees on his bush block. Photo: Michael Sinclair-Jones.

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When *The Toodyay Herald* was once a pinball parlour

Ed Watson

EVERY now and then you get the chance to sit down with someone and listen to their story.

It can reveal a deep connection to a local community and a rich and diverse life.

The same can be said about the buildings that have stood since people first arrived in the town of Toodyay.

These connections and stories are often overlooked by their historical label, and the richness of the buildings can sadly be lost.

My story begins around 162 years ago when English pensioner guard James Smith and his wife Mary Ann began their lives together on Suburban Lot S8 with me – a two-room mudbrick home on 4 acres (1.6ha) of land.

I apologise if some of the dates and people are out of order, but it's been a long time and some of it is a bit fuzzy.

A few years on and the Smiths sold me to Joseph Monger.

After a couple more years, Joseph sold me and my 4 acres to William Leeder, along with another 4 acres close by.

William was licensed to sell alcohol – can you guess what went on those other 4 acres?

Those years with William were very busy he had wheel-maker Bill Demasson working here.

Charles Ellery spent time here making and fixing shoes and not to forget James Martin the blacksmith, all in 1885 and all working from the cottage and workshop.

William and I parted company in 1888 and this is where things get a little fuzzy.

I know James and Arthur Wroth, along with Joseph Purser, had interest in the land but it wasn't until the 1890s when Arthur moved in and started working around town as a contractor.

I can't recall a lot happening with Arthur during that time but Elders Smith and Co put me up for auction in February 1923.

Herbert and Annie Beardman purchased what had become a 1 acre, 0 roods and 5 perches cottage and shop.

I had a great time with the Beardmans.

In the very first year I proudly displayed in my front window 'The Whopper' – a 25¼ pound (11.6kg) cabbage grown by a Mr Shaddick.

The Beardmans turned me into a store and home which soon became an important part of the local Toodyay community.

The year 1928 saw a cement footpath upgrade the front of Beardman's Store and dining room, a much-needed makeover to welcome clientele.

I grew with the town through to the mid-1930s but Mr Beardman's health was deteriorating and in 1935 an evening farewell at the Town Hall saw Herbert and Annie withdraw from the business which was sold later that year to Mr E. D. Sinclair.

Mr Sinclair and his wife kept the store going while living in the cottage next door until 1942, when Eric Paulsen took over the shop and opened a grocery store.

In a bold step, he started a new delivery service in the town of Toodyay and surrounding areas.

The catchcry was 'Delivery to all parts of town, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. Hot Pies and coffee all hours, train passengers especially catered for'.



Maria sells lollies and ice creams in the mid-1970s at Scharf's store, now occupied by *The Toodyay Herald* newspaper in Stirling Terrace. The photo is from the collection of former Toodyay primary school teacher Greg Mansell and provided by the Toodyay Historical Society.

The store became known as 'Bright Spot Greengrocery' and modern technology came my way.

I became new telephone subscriber 'Toodyay 90' and in 1946 became a bakery.

The following year saw Alexander Russell take up residence in the cottage.

He continued to operate the store next door by offering all the services and products that the Paulsons had previously provided.

Refrigeration was installed a year later and a new era began, especially for local schoolchildren who liked ice cream.

Mr Russell decided to move on around 1949 and the Parkers moved in and spent a good 10 years with me and the shop.

They expanded with sub-agencies for Vauxhall cars, Bedford trucks and Swansea cycles, and stayed until 1961.

The Scharfs took me through the crazy '60s and into the 1970s.

You'll have to excuse me because like most of us during this time, we were there but don't remember a lot of it.

I think it was around 1976 when Mr and Mrs Sweeting took over the business and continued with it into the late '80s when Gavin and Peta Beutel advertised me as 'Toodyay Takeaway'.

In 1992 I was advertised as 'Toodyay

Takeaways and Handy Foods' and then 'Slim Jim's Takeaways' not long after that.

I settled down again in 1994 when Darryl Soufoulis opened with a whole new look – 'Aust Fridge/Toodyay Appliance Centre'.

The cottage was vacant around 1996 and the little place that had housed and raised quite a few families was about to change its face once again.

Dog Swamp Veterinary Hospital, which was run from a caravan behind the Toodyay Medical Centre, had applied for consulting rooms in the premises adjoining the Aust Fridge/Toodyay Appliance Centre.

Avon Valley Vets established themselves in the cottage in 1996.

The Toodyay Herald newspaper moved into what was Aust Fridge/Toodyay Appliance Centre in 1999 and another new era began for the cottage and shop.

Avon Valley Vets became Heartlands Veterinary Hospital in 2013.

Heartlands moved to bigger premises just down the road a few years later and the cottage was given new lease of life with a change of hands in 2018.

Mr and Mrs Weston bought the parcel from the Devlins and are now restoring me back to what I was.

They have spoken to quite a few people

who have memories of living and working at 92 Stirling Terrace.

Pinball machines in a room at the back of the shop in the '80s has been mentioned as a regular part of walking home from school to buy ice-cream and lollies.

Previous owner Darryl Soufoulis said he had fond memories of living in the cottage with the stables out the back behind the shed and a 'no-go zone' at the bottom of the block.

Apparently, they had inherited a bad-tempered ram that came with the land.

Darryl had quite a few stories about conflicts with the ram.

The pavement and retaining walls are all his and a friend's handy work.

I could tell you more but I bet there are a few of you with your own stories and memories of the shop you could share.

I'm just looking forward to the next 160 years.

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Voters asked if they want council cut

Michael Sinclair-Jones

TOODYAY voters are being asked if they want to cut the size of their shire council from nine to seven members.

Councillors voted 8-0 last month to advertise a review of councillor numbers in line with WA Government reforms which are expected to be introduced into State Parliament before the end of this year.

Toodyay currently has eight sitting members after former Cr Ben Bell resigned his seat at the end of January, leaving 20 months of his four-year term left to serve.

The council was already operating with only eight members for much of last year because former Cr Bell was absent from most monthly council meetings, all committee meetings and most shire agenda briefings.

The shire received WA Government permission in March to leave his vacant seat empty until the next state-wide local government elections, due in October 2023.

The State Government announced last month that proposed new local government laws would cut shires the size of Toodyay to

five, six or seven elected members.

The shire opposed an earlier State plan to reduce shires with less than 5000 electors – Toodyay had 3256 at last year's elections – to five councillors.

It said five local councillors were too few to ensure adequate representation and efficient council operation.

Cutting the number of councillors from nine to seven would reduce the cost of shire elections and save ratepayers a total of \$32,000 a year in sitting fees and allowances.

A shire discussion paper said there was a statewide trend towards smaller councils, particularly in smaller shires "with many finding that fewer elected members has improved their decision-making process".

Disadvantages might include "a potential for dominance in the council by a particular group or a limited diversity of interests around the council table".

It might also increase councillor workloads and reduce their effectiveness and efficiency.

The shire has advertised the proposal on Page 15, with public submissions closing on Friday September 30.

SUB-EDITOR

A vacancy exists for an experienced journalist interested in volunteering to help produce *The Toodyay Herald* each month, with a two-month break over the Christmas/New Year holiday season.

The position will ideally suit a retired journalist who enjoys keeping abreast of local news and events, and who wishes to continue practising their professional skills to benefit the Toodyay community in a friendly, supportive newsroom.

The position attracts a monthly honorarium.

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- ♦ Photo editing
- ♦ Headline writing
- ♦ Proof reading
- ♦ Online publication

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Grumpy old men

THERE'S trouble down the Shed.

As reported in June, a group of Toodyay Men's Shed dissidents has resigned en masse to form the rival Moondyne Men.

Some are also leading members of the Toodyay RSL, where they were received with open arms.

Nobody talks about it openly, but a silent war of words between the two warring parties is now being played out in the pages of this newspaper (see Page 13).

On one side, Men's Shed 'Scribe' Jeff Roberts says "many men are still coming to our days of activities".

Camped down the road with the RSL in Clinton Street are the Moondyne Men, who portray themselves as a big bunch of happy guys helping the community.

Behind the public goodwill lies simmering tension over personality clashes between the Men's Shed leadership and those who quit because of it.

It resulted in Men's Shed 'Interim Secretary' Jeff Roberts seeking a court restraining order against one of the Moondyne Men over a verbal confrontation which led to the mass walk-out.

His legal action was withdrawn in a court-drafted 'mutual understanding' between the litigants after a Northam Magistrate basically told them to grow up and stop wasting the court's time.

Shed Boss Fred Fellowes was correct in last month's *Letter to the Editor* to describe the situation as "childish".

He also took a swipe at *The Herald* by accusing people of telling lies and quoting the cynical newsroom adage "never let the facts get in the way of a good story".

Why anyone else should care about what looks like a bunch of grumpy old men squabbling with each other is because the Toodyay Men's Shed represents a considerable investment of public money.

Its modern new premises were funded by a State Government Lotterywest grant of \$200,000 and built with – according to Mr Fellowes – \$105,000 in "cash and kind" through various fund-raising efforts and cash donated by many Toodyay residents.

The new 'Shed' – a substantial brick building with modern amenities – stands in the centre of town on premium land owned by the Shire of Toodyay which charges only a peppercorn rent instead of requiring payment for true commercial value.

This means there is a substantial public interest in seeing this jarring dispute among leading older members of our community settled quickly and amicably.

Mr Roberts can be justifiably proud of his efforts over many years to achieve the long-awaited goal of providing a dedicated sanctuary in our town for "Blokes supporting Blokes".

As with some other volunteer groups in our ageing community, now may be the right time to take a step back, rest on laurels and retire with dignity.

What's needed now is unity.

Michael Sinclair-Jones
Editor

Herald street deliveries help needed

AS MANY of you may know, James our wonderful postie passed away in June.

James used to deliver *The Toodyay Herald* to street addresses in town.

We have tried to find a replacement but so far without success.

Therefore it will not be possible for us to deliver this edition of *The Toodyay Herald* as usual to local street addresses.

If anyone is interested in doing this job on one day a month – except in January – for a small honorarium, please contact *Herald* President Peter Ruthven on 0418 911 541.



The way we were – this 1920 photo shows a muddy Stirling Terrace in winter at the intersection of Clinton Street, later renamed Piesse Street. The Freemasons Hotel is just visible behind Donnigans Store, which was demolished in the 1950s and replaced by a garage which in the 1970s was also demolished, leaving a large empty block in the centre of town. A telegraph pole (left) advertises the Kennedy Entertainers who visited Toodyay in August and December 1920 to present a program of vocal, instrumental and vaudeville items. Shows at the Toodyay Town Hall, later renamed Memorial Hall, were headlined by violinist Keith Kennedy, whose name appears on the poster. Photo: Newcastle Gaol Museum.

LETTERS

Amazing community support

A YEAR ago on August 16, one day after his 10th birthday, our son Sebastian was riding his bike in Coondle when it was accidentally struck and dragged under a 4WD vehicle travelling at about 90km/h.

Sebastian suffered severe traumatic brain injury, a punctured lung and a broken back and neck.

First at the scene was my oldest son Theodore, followed by my wife Olivia, who started to care for Sebastian.

He would have died very soon after if it had not been for the lifesaving actions of critical care paramedic Hamish from the RAC rescue helicopter.

Local St John Ambulance volunteers Paul and Carolynne attended the scene, joined by Toodyay police officer Jodi.

They took Sebastian to the Toodyay Showgrounds Oval where the RAC rescue team saved him from dying.

Our son was flown to Perth Children's Hospital and he remained there until we finally got him home just before last Christmas.

Sebastian was in a coma in the intensive care unit for three weeks before being transferred to the hospital's high-dependency unit, followed by four months in a children's ward.

Both Olivia and I lived at the hospital during that time and were very fortunate to get a room at Perth's Ronald Macdonald house for the duration.

I didn't return to work for about four months, and then had to go back to start paying bills.

Olivia stayed by Sebastian's side every day he was in hospital, and we had a goal to get him home before last Christmas.

Olivia's mum cared for our other children and stayed at our house so we could dedicate all our time to Sebastian.

Once the news started to break in Toodyay and surrounds, we started to get offers of help from all sorts of people.

We received food for our animals from the Toodyay Agricultural Society which delivered hay, and Caroline from Makit Hardware donated gas.

Monika arranged a *Go Fund Me* page which raised a lot of money that we put towards a van and to pay all the costs of not being in work and the expense travelling up and down from the hospital.

Nicole from the Toodyay Community Resource Centre got people together and organised so many things to help us keep going.

Toodyay Locals Care organiser Roz raised money at last year's Toodyay Picnic Race Day and local monthly Farmers Market Markets, which was amazing.

We also want to thank all the totally generous people who donated to the *Go Fund Me* page, and all the people in Toodyay and surrounds that have helped us along the way, including our neighbours Graham and Vivienne.

We have been so blessed with the people at the local Baptist Church, Northam's Avon Valley Seventh-day Adventist Church and many others, including people elsewhere in Australia and around the world who have been praying for Sebastian.

We published a *YouTube* video online at <https://youtu.be/hMvfKfQLomI> to offer hope and encouragement for others to persevere with healing and recovery after a traumatic brain injury.

Toodyay has been such an amazing place to live but the community is what really makes it – I hope this letter can help people to support and care for each other.

Many thanks to all of you, and we are sorry if we missed someone special in this letter because there have been so many people that have touched our lives during this journey.

You will never be forgotten.

Simon and Olivia Gobbett and family
Coondle

Killer cats roam at night

DOGS cannot roam around at night but cats can.

Cats have devastated many little animals on our property and many others too.

Indeed, they are a national threat.

They are a menace and need to be controlled at night and stay at home.

A dog killing anything is charged with a 'dog attack' but cats that are more devastating to wildlife can do as they please.

There has to be a much-needed correction to this inadequacy, and the Shire of Toodyay needs to become pro-active with cat laws now.

On another topic – homelessness is a very sorry sign of our time.

Equally sorry is that Roz Davidson receives the last contents of packed food that even at the IGA is not able to sell anymore (after it has sat on the shelves for sale for some time) for people to consume.

There are many people who help her out with first-class materials, not leftovers that have a use-by date on their label.

Shame, shame, shame, where is the real community spirit here?

Dr. Monika Zechetmayr
Toodyay

River race access

LAST year I wrote an article regarding opening Coobler Pool Road between Posselts Ford and Emu rapids.

Since then, quite a bit of interest has been shown in this seven-kilometre stretch of the Avon River to the point it being decided to run the Australian National Wildwater Championships here on August 6 – the weekend before the Avon Descent.

Practice runs will be held on Friday August 5 with the main race on Saturday August 6, and Cobbler Pool Road is being opened for our access for that weekend.

Paddlers are coming from around the country and a large contingent of local paddlers are expected to be competing.

It could have been a great spectacle for spectators but alas I've just found out only competitors and officials have been given the OK to access the road.

The 2025 championships have been pencilled in for this same event.

Hopefully, things will be better for spectators' access by then; it's all a learning curve as well.

It's a beautiful part of the river and a pity more people can't see it.

This part of the river doesn't come close to the railway so it's very safe.

I'm still of the mind that this could be very beneficial to the Shire of Toodyay if the road was permanently opened with a controlled level crossing and access along this very scenic part of the river.

It would bring a great deal of tourism to your area.

In the eastern states, the National White Water event brings a lot of people to the area with a certain amount of TV coverage.

I did mention to the organisers to contact your newspaper to keep readers informed but this didn't happen and it appears to have been overlooked.

David Tupling,
Kalamunda

Overwhelming response

TOODYAY Locals Care Inc (TLC) would like to acknowledge once again the incredible generosity of the Toodyay community towards local resident Abdul after a recent unfortunate incident.

People have donated both cash and recyclable cans to help raise money from refunds.

There were numerous get-well cards sent to Abdul.

He has been overwhelmed by people's kindness and sincerity.

Abdul expressed surprise at how many people have helped him.

He says he is humbled by their care. Abdul works two jobs and collects cans to support his family.

Your help while he is unable to work due to his injuries is greatly appreciated (see *Police Beat*, Page 6).

Roz Davidson
Toodyay Locals Care

The Toodyay Herald invites you to have your say in our letters page. Please email us at news@toodyayherald.com.au with your full name, address and phone number. Letters that are short, sharp and to the point about topical local issues are preferred. The Herald reserves the right to edit letters for length, grammar and punctuation.

Historic Toodyay billiard table at risk as club shuts doors

Continued from Page 1.

THE TOODYAY CLUB also holds a liquor licence to sell beer, wine and spirits.

Bowlers have a separate 10-year agreement with the Toodyay Club to use the popular green for a \$175 monthly fee.

It is understood the in-house agreement is due for renewal next year.

The Toodyay Club was originally established as a 'Gentlemen's Club' in Stirling House – premises now occupied by Toodyay Spice and Grill restaurant in Stirling Terrace – and dates back 117 years.

A dining room at the rear of Stirling House contains eight marble floor inserts to support a full-sized billiard table, which is now located in the Toodyay Club's games area in Oddfellow Street.

The historic table is thought to be one of only a few left in the Wheatbelt for a sport once popular among local 'gentlemen'.

The Toodyay Club also has two pool tables, darts, a commercial kitchen and function area with tables and chairs which have been used for fund-raising events such as live music, birthday parties, Friday night dinners, wakes and other social gatherings.

It is understood the club found it had no option but to shut last month because the not-for-profit organisation was no longer able to pay bar staff and continuing debt, including power bills.

Most management committee members quit their elected roles last January, and the club president has also since resigned.

Several are understood to have urged the club to shut earlier this year because debts could not be paid, and "walked away" when others decided to keep it open.

"None of us wanted to see this happen but there was no other choice," one prominent former committee member said.

"We need to find new ways to reopen the doors and keep going."

"We also need to ensure our town continues



Pot Black – Toodyay Club member Steve Andrijich prepares to 'break' on one of the few remaining full-sized billiard and snooker tables left in the Wheatbelt. It was originally installed at Stirling House which was formed as a 'gentlemen's club' in Stirling Terrace opposite the bakery 117 years ago. The table is free for use by Toodyay Club members and guests, and has been kept in very good condition.

to have a suitable venue for local bowlers and visiting bowling club members who spend their money in our town when they come

here for tournaments."

Saturday's meeting is open to all Toodyay Club members and supporters.

It will include a call for those present to offer suggestions from the floor about how the club can pay off debt and resume trading.

Shire prefers not to hand over volunteer fire brigades

President's Pen

Rosemary Madácsi



TRUE to the line by poet Robert Burns in *To a Mouse*, the best-laid plans of mice and men often go awry and of course, in the middle of last month's council meeting, the sound in our live stream video link failed.

Despite several attempts, we were unable to restore the link and later attempts to synchronise an audio recording with the online video also failed.

As a result, this month's online council meeting video unfortunately has no sound.

The Shire is pleased to announce that after a protracted period of attempting to secure a permanent new home base for our local Returned Services League, a previous model was discarded and the Shire looked at making a gift of land to the RSL, which was achieved at the July council meeting.

Four lots that constitute the old parks and gardens depot land on the corner of Clinton Street and Hamersley Street were approved as a gift to the RSL WA with a caveat that should the property later be sold, 30 per cent of the proceeds, after deducting reasonable costs, will be returned to the Shire.

A new Work Health and Safety Act and Regulations which came into effect on March 31 have resulted in concern and uncertainty for local volunteer bush fire brigades.

In response, the WA Local Government Association developed four management models for discussion and asked councils to indicate which model they supported.

Following consultation with councillors, our Community Emergency Services Manager and local Fire Control Officers, we agreed to support a hybrid model.

This retains the option of keeping local volunteer bush fire brigades within local government or moving them to the WA Department of Fire and Emergency Services.

A hybrid model would provide flexibility of choice for councils that do not have the capacity to support their own volunteer brigades.

Management of local brigades is proposed to remain within the Shire of Toodyay.

This is because of our ongoing confidence in the capabilities and effectiveness of our

shire's volunteer fire fighting units.

Should the volunteer brigades be transferred to the WA Department of Fire and Emergency Services, the Shire would strongly advocate for continued local operation of the Community Emergency Services Manager, with increased resources to support brigades and volunteers.

It is the strong leadership and solid support from current personnel that have seen the Shire of Toodyay become a leading example of the successful operation of volunteer bush fire brigades, a level of excellence reflected in all our emergency services.

I was honoured to attend an annual Emergency Services Dinner in the Toodyay Memorial Hall on Saturday July 9 to witness award recipients and members enjoying recognition and downtime during their winter break from the summer fire season. Very well done.

Well done also to Shire Community Emergency Services Manager Rob Koch for his continued efforts to seek funding to build new fire brigade 'sheds' at Coondle, Julimar and soon Bejoording and an upgrade of firefighting water capacity – four 47,000-litre asset renewal tanks, three 47,000-litre tanks for new sites and increased capacity at three other sites.

On another high note, construction and materials company BGC, with assistance from Shire employees, has completed an excellent walkway linking Toodyay District

High School with the nearby Recreation Centre.

The contribution of materials, project management and construction has made a difference to the ease of mobility for the children and provides a strong connection between the two facilities.

Just a reminder regarding the annual Black

Dog Ride for men's mental health.

A WA contingent of about 50 motorcycle riders will depart from the Cola Café in Stirling Terrace for Alice Springs at 9:15am on Friday August 5.

It would be a strong show of solidarity if as many local people as possible can cheer them on.





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Not guilty plea to alleged assault on Afghan refugee

Police Beat

With Sgt Dave Flaherty
Toodyay Police Station



A TOODYAY man who was arrested and charged with the serious assault of a former Afghan refugee at a local support centre for homeless people has pleaded not guilty and will face a Northam court next month.

Toodyay police initially refused bail when they arrested and charged the 37-year-old man two days after the alleged attack.

He was taken to Perth watch-house and released on bail when he appeared in the Northbridge Court the next day.

It followed an incident at about 9.30pm on Thursday July 14 at the rear of premises operated by the Toodyay Locals Care volunteer support group in Fiennes Street near Toodyay Shire Council Chamber.

A man in his late 50s suffered multiple broken facial bones and severe bruising.

He was booked to return to hospital for further surgery at the end of last month.

The injured former refugee, who is not homeless, said he worked in two jobs to support his wife and two children who remain in a Pakistan refugee camp.

He was collecting empty cans left for him at the support centre to help raise funds for them when the alleged attack occurred.

The centre was unoccupied at the time.

The man said he saw another person at the rear of the centre taking firewood donated for people in need and went to inquire.

Police allege the man they arrested – who is also not homeless – carried out the assault before departing.

The injured person said he walked to the Freemasons Hotel to get help after trying unsuccessfully to stop passing motorists.

Police later used video security camera footage to make an arrest.

The defendant's bail includes an 8pm-6am home curfew, subject to police checks.

Baby on board

A YOUNG Toodyay mother driving with a baby and two other passengers in her car (pictured) was stopped by police after she was clocked allegedly doing 104km/hr in a 50km/h zone near the town cemetery.

She was charged with reckless driving her vehicle was seized by police and she is due to go to court in Northam.

The incident occurred in failing light on Telegraph Road at 6.37pm on a Sunday evening.

Speeding on that stretch of road has prompted numerous public complaints but



Car stopped by police after allegedly doing 104km/h in 50km/h zone with baby on board.

none to police, only on local Facebook.

Once again, we urge witnesses to report incidents to us first so we can respond quickly to help keep our community safe.

Posting only on Facebook is less helpful.

Three simple things

AT A RECENT meeting with new WA Police Commissioner Col Blanch, I had an opportunity to explain to him my views on effective policing.

For me, it boils down to three simple things that apply to small regional communities such as Toodyay and are also relevant elsewhere, including in the cities.

These three things are all about community safety.

They involve keeping people safe: in their homes,

1. walking the street, and
2. driving on our roads.

It's as simple as that.

Of course, we are also required to perform a wide range of other 'second-tier' duties such as monitoring registered offenders, assisting coronial inquiries and working with other emergency services, such as during COVID-19 lockdowns and mask-wearing mandates, all of which involve important elements of community safety.

WA's new Police Commissioner was pleased with how our station is operating but said he needs to visit again because our award-winning bakery was closed for a few days last month due to COVID-19.

Alert, not alarmed

IN RELATION to the pandemic, Toodyay police have been able to provide a continuous presence in our community despite half of

us – including me – having to undergo seven days' home quarantine after being infected by the virus, most likely through contact with others in our everyday police work.

Staffing difficulties can occur not only at the Toodyay Police Station but also amongst our local businesses.

Our message to the Toodyay community is don't fear – you will never be without police support if/when needed because – if necessary – staff from other areas will be called in to cover any local shortfalls.

We work in close partnerships with other police stations and are never in a position where we don't have staff to respond.

Though the virus continued to affect Toodyay last month, causing some local business to close or restrict trade for several days, we are urging everyone not to be alarmed but to be alert and aware.

If you attend large social gatherings, think about wearing a face mask to avoid infection – or spreading it.

Nobody likes being told what to do but simple precautions such as masks and social distancing can help prevent an illness that some describe as worse than the flu, can cost wages and leave people feeling unwell for several weeks, if not months.

Drug driving drops

A NOTABLE decline has occurred in positive results from local roadside drug tests

over the past two years.

This is despite increased drug testing on local roads which suggests that our ongoing road safety campaign appears to be working.

Offenders are now aware that roadside drug testing by police is just as easy as breath testing for alcohol.

The same pattern is occurring with drink driving on local roads, where the rate of detection is falling, although testing has increased.

This goes back to point three of what I reported last month to Police Commissioner Blanch – safe driving on our roads is a key element of our local police work.

Other local statistics for the financial ending June 30 last month show:

- A total of 510 hours spent on enforcing the law specifically on local roads,
- A total of 2354 vehicle contacts and random breath tests for alcohol,
- A total of 70 drivers tested for drugs,
- A total of 50 people sent to court for offences arising from these traffic stops,
- A total of 203 speeding tickets, and
- Four people issued with infringement notices for using a mobile phone while driving or for not wearing seat belts.

The above numbers don't include additional local police work associated with specialised state-wide law enforcement operations.

Lions fine dining

LOCAL officers enjoyed catching up with other local emergency services crews and officials at an annual special dinner attended by nearly 100 guests at the Toodyay Memorial Hall last month.

A three-course dinner was provided by the Toodyay Lions Football Club at \$35 a head.

It was a great night to mix socially and talk informally out of uniform with local bush fire brigade, ambulance and fire and rescue volunteers and agency executives.

Relationships formed at such events help to better protect our community when first-responders are called out to manage local natural disasters and other emergencies.

Other guests included local State MP Darren West, WA Department of Fire and Emergency Services Deputy Commissioner Craig Waters, senior WA Police executive Acting Commander Rob Scantlebury and Toodyay Shire President Rosemary Madacsi. A great night and thanks again to the Toodyay Football Club.

It pays to look both ways before clicking online links

Computer Safety

Phil Hart

IT WAS in 2014 that computer firm IBM released a report about cyber-attacks in 133 countries the previous year (bit.ly/3ys4cjB).

It found that human error was a major factor in 95 per cent of security breaches.

While that report is eight years old, the 95 per cent figure is likely to still be close to today's situation.

While some security breaches are due to lack of training, others usually arise from inattention.

A recent example of an experienced computer user losing \$30,000 can be found at ab.co/3OPbSlf.

The story shows that a combination of being busy, impatient and not paying attention caused the security breach.

Internet search results may contain bogus links, so it can be worth checking in your address bar before clicking an online link.

Another example of inattention is sending sensitive information to the wrong recipients.

A report by internet security firm *usecure* at bit.ly/3y0eOVm lays blame at the auto-suggest function in some email clients, citing a 2018 report by US digital access provider Verizon at vz.to/3yxAF8h.

Emails from others can also be used by hackers to exploit your inattention.

An incoming email may contain a seemingly legitimate invoice from your bank but is in fact bogus.

Treat these with extreme caution.

If you try to guess a supplier's web address, check that you are looking at their genuine site instead of that of an imposter.

The message is to be eternally vigilant.

Even if you are in a great hurry, you always stop to look for oncoming traffic when crossing the road.

It pays to be as equally attentive online.

High beam no good in heavy morning fog

SaferToodyay

Desraé Clarke

DRIVING according to winter weather conditions, especially in fog, low cloud, heavy rain, sleet or high winds requires extra care and attention on our roads.

Check the condition of vehicle tyres prior to the winter months and monitor their condition for safe driving.

Page 59 of the latest RAC magazine has excellent advice on safety tyre knowledge, especially in the wet.

It is essential to ensure your vehicle lights are clean and efficient.

They are an extremely important safety tool when driving in bad weather.

How scary it is to be suddenly confronted by an unlit vehicle travelling rapidly towards you or to be surprised by one suddenly

appearing close behind.

It is not uncommon for thick morning fogs in the Avon Valley or torrential rainstorms to completely obliterate windscreen vision.

Avoid using headlights on high beam when driving in fog – the way it reflects light makes it almost impossible to see clearly which is hazardous for both yourself and oncoming traffic.

Use special fog lights if you have them because the beam is designed for that purpose.

It's also good to ensure your windscreen is clean without smear marks.

Sunlight reflecting on smeared glass makes vision extremely glary and difficult.

As always, please report any unusual or suspicious incidents as soon as possible to police on 131 444, Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 or visit crimestoppers.com.au.

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Ambo crews keep busy with mainly highest priority call-outs

St John Toodyay Ambulance
Pam Tennant

LOCAL volunteers were kept busy over the past two months with 35 calls – 22 being the highest priority – requiring ambulance attendance in June.

July was even busier with 37 call-outs at the time of writing, and most were again of the highest priority.

A big thankyou to organisers of the last month's Emergency Services dinner in the Toodyay Memorial Hall which was attended by many of our volunteers as well as local police and firefighters.

New Community Paramedic Stew Greenan has been welcomed to the Toodyay sub-centre.

His role is to provide support, advice and assistance to sub-centre committees and volunteers to optimise delivery of local ambulance services and other activities.

Stew has already been involved in many

local activities and we look forward to working with him over the next few years.

Training has been so well attended that we have increased sessions to two per month.

We plan also this month to hold a simulated exercise with other local emergency services crews.

Plans are already well-advanced for providing local school cadets with first-aid training during the second half of the year.

Defibrillators that have been distributed throughout the community need at least an annual check to ensure their batteries are still charged and to replace pads if needed.

We maintain defibrillators supplied by the Toodyay sub centre but those purchased by individuals or groups need to be maintained by their owners – our sub centre can be contacted to check them out.

If you have a query about a defibrillator, please call Debbie on 9574 2390 Tuesdays to Thursdays between 8.30am and 4.30pm.



Volunteer Ambulance officers performing CPR during a live simulation exercise at a recent training session. Photo: Michael Morgan.

Keep home fires burning – safely

Bejoording Volunteer Bushfire Brigade

From the desk of The Badger

THERE'S been nothing too challenging this winter and very few call-outs so far.

Peace and quiet, some decent rain and a chance for our brigade members to enjoy their homes, get on with their day jobs, and sleep through the night.

If only it were like this all the time.

It's at times like these you can sit back and enjoy the beautiful countryside we live in, the gentle rolling hills of the Bejoording district, green sprouting crops, endless vistas of yellow canola which always bring a smile to this writer's face, new growth on the treetops, newborn lambs prancing around, and the weeds that were dying in May are turning green again.

What we mustn't do is get complacent though.

House and shed fires can happen at any time of the year, especially when electric heaters and log fires become a part of daily life.

This is the season to focus on protecting your property indoors as vigilantly as you do outdoors in the dry season.

Clothes drying racks too close to heaters, open fires with no screen guard and poorly maintained chimneys are all common causes of house fires.

I don't want to sound like a broken record but repeating from our last column in June, Bejoording is a proud but small brigade.

Due to lifestyle changes and relocation, we need a couple of new members, though more would always be welcome – especially someone licenced to drive our truck who lives in or around Bejoording.

Even if you aren't sure, our Captain, Lawrence Hayward would be delighted to sit down for a chat about requirements for

commitment and training.

There's no pressure, and if it's not for you just say so.

But it's a very rewarding way to support the community in which you live, and you will pick up some very valuable skills and knowledge.

By the way, if you are a fly in-fly out or shift worker, we already have a number of similar members and are used to working our rosters around them, so don't let that put you off.

Just call Captain Lawrence or the Badger on the numbers below for an obligation-free chat.

If we have never met and you are new to the area, it's also a great way for us to get to know you.

When it comes to fire risk there's no such thing as complacency.

When you speak to friends and neighbours, remind them of the indoor fire risk.

It's just as real as summer bush fires and can destroy your home and property.

The Bejoording Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade asks you to be vigilant and careful when using any tools or vehicles with the potential to cause a fire.

Remember to always plan and prepare for fires and have a clear contingency strategy in place should things get out of control.

Fires can be a catastrophic risk to people, animals and property, so take care.

Advice is free but getting it wrong can be expensive.

If you would like to talk about whether you may want to join us with a 'no commitment' discussion please contact Captain Lawrence on 0447 253 320 or the Badger on 0414 250 484, and be sure to leave a message if we're not there.

Our next meeting and training session is at 2pm on Sunday August 7 at the shed.



Volunteer firefighters having fun with water games at 2022 National Volunteer Week.

Nick bows out after battling some huge fire seasons

Coondle-Nunile Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade

Marc Pittorino

COONDLE Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade has a new captain and I would like to congratulate Steve Tunnicliffe on taking on this very challenging position – all the brigade is behind you.

I would like also to thank Nick Griggs for all the work he has put in over the last five years which have seen some big fire seasons.

Nick also helped our brigade move all its operations into the new Bindi Bindi Road fire station, which was no small feat.

We all hope Nick that you now have some spare time for yourself because it is well deserved.

In other news, Coondle and Julimar fire brigades, in conjunction with the WA Volunteer Association and Lottery West, staged our 2022 National Volunteer Week extravaganza at Stirling Park on election day.

There were lots of fun activities for all, including:

- Tours of fire trucks and equipment,
- Water games,
- Giant Jenga and 4 Across games
- Kids' activities,
- A free sausage sizzle,
- Fire safety resources, and
- Talks with fire fighters about how to keep properties safe.

We would like to thank Lottery West, Spud Shed Northam and Mitre 10 Toodyay for their support in this community event.


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Columbus got his sums wrong but had right idea

Dancing with the Stars
Kim Angus

MOST people now accept that the Earth is a sphere that revolves around the Sun, but how long have people known this?

The answer might surprise you. When Italian explorer Christopher Columbus 'discovered' America about 500 years ago, he wasn't worried about falling off the edge of a flat earth – he was trying to find a quicker trade route to China by sailing west across the Atlantic Ocean rather than round the bottom of Africa.

But he vastly underestimated the distance by calculating Japan to be 4400km away when in fact it is 19,600km – with two big continents blocking the way.

Three errors lay at the heart of his mistake. The first two were to greatly overestimate how far East Asia stretched as a percentage of the Earth's surface, and how far south Japan lay.

This is purely geography, so we'll skip it, but the third relates to 'how big is our planet?'

Ancient Greek philosopher Aristotle was saying 2350 years ago that the Earth was spherical.

About 100 years later, a Greek astronomer called Eratosthenes correctly estimated the Earth's circumference to within an accuracy of plus or minus two per cent.

Fast forward a bit to the Ninth Century CE (Common Era) when Muslim scholar Al-Farghani calculated a figure for the Earth's circumference which was handed down in various texts until Columbus used it for his historic voyage about 650 years later.

There was one big problem though – Al-Farghani's calculations were in Arabic miles (nearly two kilometres) while Columbus



Columbus was aiming for China – and ended up in the West Indies, partly because he mistakenly used Roman miles instead of Arabic miles to work out how far he needed to travel.

assumed it was Roman miles (1.6km), so he came up well short of Eratosthenes' fairly accurate estimate.

But enough of Columbus and others in the Western World, because it seems the Indian Brahmins were already going down the same track of a spherical world when Greek ethnographer Megasthenes reported on their culture in 300 BCE (Before Common Era).

Keeping to the really basic questions, we move on to 'how long have we known that planets travel round the Sun?'

While not widely accepted at first, the idea that the Earth moved around a 'central fire' was proposed by the Greek philosopher

Philolaus, who died in 390 BCE.

Greek astronomer and mathematician Aristarchus of Samos concluded about 100 years later that the Sun was six to seven times wider than the Earth – in fact, it is more than 100 times wider.

Aristarchus figured that the bigger object had the greater attractive force and thus concluded that the planets go round the Sun.

Aristarchus, knowing more than a little about maths, concluded that stars were a lot further away than previously thought too, but he still placed our little corner at the centre of the Universe.

More hints exist that the Indians were

still ahead of the game with the Aitareya Brahmana – an ancient collection of sacred hymns around 500BCE or before – stating "the Sun does never set nor rise. When people think the Sun is setting (it is not so)."

Third Century CE Tamil literature indicates that it was fairly common knowledge – at least among well-educated people – that planets orbit the Sun.

I can see the psychological appeal of believing that we are at the centre of the Universe.'

However, many others knew this not to be true long before Polish astronomer Nicolaus Copernicus's famous work in 1543 confirmed what the Catholic Church regarded as a heresy for which people were tortured and executed.

So how long have we known about planets?

The oldest surviving observations are in the Babylonian Venus tablet of Ammisaduqa which lists data on Venus that is at least 3400 years old.

Now the ancients tended to lump the Moon and the Sun with planets, which comes from the Greek word for 'wanderer'.

Planets are easily distinguished from stars because they appear to 'wander' about the sky, which should have killed the idea that the Earth sits at the centre of the universe.

The surprise, at least for me, is that the ancient Babylonians knew not only about Venus, Mars, Jupiter and Saturn but also Mercury.

The smallest planet in our Solar System is a relatively bright object if you pick the right time to look.

It has a maximum apparent magnitude of -2.48 which is brighter than Sirius, the brightest star in the night sky.

The difficulty with observing Mercury is that it orbits very close to the Sun.

Without special equipment, Mercury can be observed only briefly just before dawn or a short time after sunset, depending on where it lies in its 88-day orbit.

At any other time – except sometimes during solar eclipses – Mercury is lost in the Sun's glare or hides behind it.

Italian astronomer Galileo Galilei used his newly invented telescope in the early 17th Century to observe Mercury but it wasn't until 1639 that another Italian astronomer, Giovanni Zupi, proved that it orbits the Sun.

There is so much more to say but I'll leave you here with a stern warning to be very, very careful if you try to use a telescope to look at Mercury – if you accidentally catch the Sun instead, you will risk severe eye damage and possible permanent blindness.

This is why the orbiting US Hubble Space Telescope is never pointed at Mercury – its delicate sensors could get fried.

Shire declares Toodyay a road freight 'choke point'

TOODYAY will continue to press for a new heavy haulage truck bypass around the town after being told recently that it is not on Main Roads WA's current works agenda.

A new bypass was listed fourth on a list of five Toodyay Shire Council priorities in 2016.

It resulted in minor roadworks on the existing route, which has five right-angle bends on busy local residential roads.

New shire councillors voted last month to raise a new town bypass to top priority.

WA's road funding authority was told that Toodyay is a road freight "choke point".

The agency says the efficiency of Wheatbelt supply chains are "determined by the performance of the weakest link".

"Failure to maintain and improve productivity of the secondary freight network will reduce the international competitiveness of the Wheatbelt agricultural sector, which underpins employment and economic activity in the region," it said.

"Transport links need to be improved if the productivity of this sector is to be supported."

The shire says it will continue to press the issue with State ministers.



A large semi-trailer is forced to cross into the path of oncoming traffic to travel across Newcastle Bridge after having to crawl around five sharp right-angled bends through residential streets on Toodyay's ill-suited temporary heavy haulage truck bypass.



A section of the ancient Babylonian Venus Tablet of Ammisaduqa – a copy of the oldest known written observations of the planet Venus which are at least 3400 years old.

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Volunteers raise nearly \$¾m from donated Op Shop goods

Toodyay Op Shop
Bel Rowe

THE END of the financial year is a good time to look back over the growth of our business since its establishment in 1979.

Records show that a total of 125 ladies have volunteered to work in our 'Shop' over the past 43 years.

Over that time, we have provided financial help to a total of 822 individuals and community organisations with Toodyay Op Shop donations totalling nearly three quarters of a million dollars.

This compares with our first five years of operation when goods were sold for between 5c and 20c each for a total profit of \$7622 which was donated to two groups.

The year 2000 saw 11 recipients benefit from Op Shop donations totalling nearly \$14,000, while the recently ended financial year resulted in a total of \$64,550 going to 36 requests for support.

We are indebted to our founder, Mrs Patten, and all donors, customers and hard-working volunteers who help make this small shop so successful.

Here's a little poem to help celebrate that achievement:

*I think that I will never see,
Shop donations as they ought to be,
Fresh laundered, smelling sweet and nice,
No lingering smells of cats and mice,
Nicely folded, not squashed down,
Will bring a smile and not a frown.*

*Donations come in every day,
Some viewed with pleasure, some dismay,
Although the goods are second-hand,
We must uphold a certain stand,
Donors should ask themselves in the end,
Would I give this to a rellie or a friend?*

*The Shop is small as you can see,
So size your donations sensibly,
Or the volunteers are overrun,
And find it isn't too much fun,
The ideal solution of course would be,
To limit donation of bags to three.*

*How fortunate we are to be,
In such a great locality,
Two lovely windows to display,
Donated goods in great array,
Thanks to the whole community here,
We've had another very successful year.*

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Local teenagers play Glow in the Dark mini-golf in last month's school holiday activities run by the Toodyay Community Resource Centre.

Toodyay Community Resource Centre

Nicole Coleman, Manager

SCHOOL holidays are always a busy time for us with lots of fun-filled activities for local children.

We thank the Shire of Toodyay for sponsoring this important community service.

Last month we hosted an Awesome Arts activity at the pavilion for kids to explore a variety of art forms and materials.

Our mask-making workshop showed children how to use wire mesh and papier mache to make fitted masks.

The workshop included decorating kits for kids to take home to continue their projects.

We screened two movies – *Willy Wonka* and *Sing II* – which were a big hit with young viewers.

We also took a bus full of teenagers to Perth

to play Glow-in-the-Dark Mini Golf and visit MacDonalds for dinner.

All were very well behaved and respectful – a wonderful reflection on our town.

A big special thanks to our friendly bus driver – Toodyay Shire Cr Steve McCormick – for taking us there and back.

Overall, more than 110 young people took part in last month's school holiday activities.

Kyla, our Events and Marketing Officer, left for two weeks of a well-deserved break after the program ended and we enjoyed having Willow back to fill in.

Some of you may have dropped in and seen her friendly face – we love Willow.

It's so lovely to have an ongoing connection with former staff, especially our trainees and those who return to help whenever needed.

We continue to feel well supported by the local community as we look for ways to become more financially sustainable.

I have had a great many conversations

with people who are interested in what we do, and we thank everyone for all their ideas and donations, and for using our centre.

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Pop in for a chat about becoming a member – it's definitely worth it.

And please let us know if you have special requests for events and workshops – it's always great to hear what the community would like to see happening in our town.

It's on again – catch all the action at this year's Avon Descent and food festival



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Bolgart 70th parties on until early hours



Geoff Ludemann (left), donor, with Ludemann Cup winner, Mark Travers.

Bolgart News

Pam McGill

KATHLEEN Tree recently celebrated her 70th birthday with family and friends at her home in Bolgart.

Kathy, as most know her, had a great week of celebrations with her sons, family, friends and a grandkids' lunch, which led to her party in Bolgart.

Son Daniel made a beautiful birthday cake and daughter-in-law Claire did some beautiful decorations.

A terrific time was had by all, some going on with celebrations into the early hours of morning.

Men's golf

BOLGART Men held their 4BBB stableford on Saturday July 9 with 28 pairs playing on the day.

The rain held off just long enough for everyone to complete the day.

Winners on the day were Theo Camerer and Callen Syred with 44 points.

Runners up were Liam Guthrie and Matt Camerer with 43 points.

Third were Matt Edmonds and Richard Walker with 42 points.

Gross winners were P Passmore and S Graham.

The event was generously sponsored by Kevin, Merle and Darren Manuel and Jenny O'Neill from Rural Property Professionals.

A great field of 32 golfers played in the Ludemann Cup, a 27-hole stableford competition on Sunday July 10 sponsored by the Ludemann family.

Winner was Mark Travers with 57 points.

Runner up was Cameron Yates with 54 points on a countback from Lester Snooke.

The Gross Trophy was won by Steve Lord with 41 gross points.

An AM Round was won by Justin Edmonds with 19 points.

The PM Round as won by Callen Syred with 35 points.

Best Visitor was Mark Turner from Pickering Brook Golf Club.



70th birthday celebrations - Kathy's birthday celebration, with her three sons. From left: Adam, Kathy, Matthew, Daniel.

Biggest Morning Tea

BOLGART CWA members held their Biggest Morning tea on Wednesday July 13.

Forty-five people enjoyed a beautiful spread of homemade food, and the raffle winners were very happy.

Nearly \$1000 was raised – a big thankyou to everyone for your support.

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Who needs algorithms to get the washing in?

Bejoording Community Group

News

Justin Dorigo

WHAT do Tasmania, Albany and Melbourne have in common?

I know you must be thinking it is the high culture enjoyed in each of these places.

But cold and wet is what I had in mind, and for significant portions of the year.

It has certainly been cold also in Bejoording, and Johnny-come-lately types like me might even think wet.

But not so, as the water tanks will attest to – it has been surprisingly dry so far.

But the cold is extraordinary.

The boffins who create algorithms (they are those same things that listen to your conversations via your smartphone and sell you things on Facebook) have to very cleverly write code to enable 'experts' to predict what the temperature and forecast will be in places like Bejoording.

Northam has a Bureau of Meteorology monitoring site, as do Goomalling, Northam, Pearce and Gooseberry Hill.

Presumably, those temperatures and forecasts are used to predict what it is and will be in Bejoording.

Clearly a waste of time and effort.

Need to bring the washing in?

It's raining.

Need to light the fire?

It's cold.

Too hot?

Get out of the sun.

We certainly don't need an algorithm to tell us that, much less for actual weather monitoring.

Your monthly reminder – we meet every Wednesday evening (except in January) at the Bejoording Community Centre in Bejoording Road and share premises with the local Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade.

Come along from 6pm 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.

To find out more, please contact President Barry Grey on 0428 742 149 or call Justin on 0416 435 345.

Hope to see you soon.

We've been here for 45,000 years

Noongar Kaartdijin Aboriginal Corporation

HAVE you been to Toodyay's Newcastle Gaol Museum to see the recently installed 'Gnulla Karnany Waangkiny' (Our Truth Telling) display?

It's free entry for locals.

From the early days of British exploration, newcomers considered the fertile land of the Toodyay Valley to be 'unoccupied'.

In fact, it was occupied for 45,000 years by Noongar people.

Several display boards at the museum highlight this culturally rich traditional life.

The museum also features 10 display boards in the 'Dark History' section (a dedicated cell) which tell Toodyay's story in chronological order.

The following wording is taken from Board 2 titled "We take possession".

Upon the 'founding' of the colony of Western Australia, Captain Fremantle recorded this passage in his diary.

"We take possession of their country, occupy the most fertile parts which they are in the habit of resorting to for nourishment, destroy their fishing and kangaroo and almost drive them to starvation ..."

Prior to 'discovery' of Toodyay, (previously known as Newcastle), the Whadjuk Noongar of Boorloo (Perth) and the Swan Valley were already being heavily affected by the arrival of European settlers.

Local indigenous inhabitants experienced the forced removal from and disposal of their cultural land and hunting grounds.

Hunger became a serious problem.

Settlers killed and fenced off traditional sources of Aboriginal food such as the kangaroo.

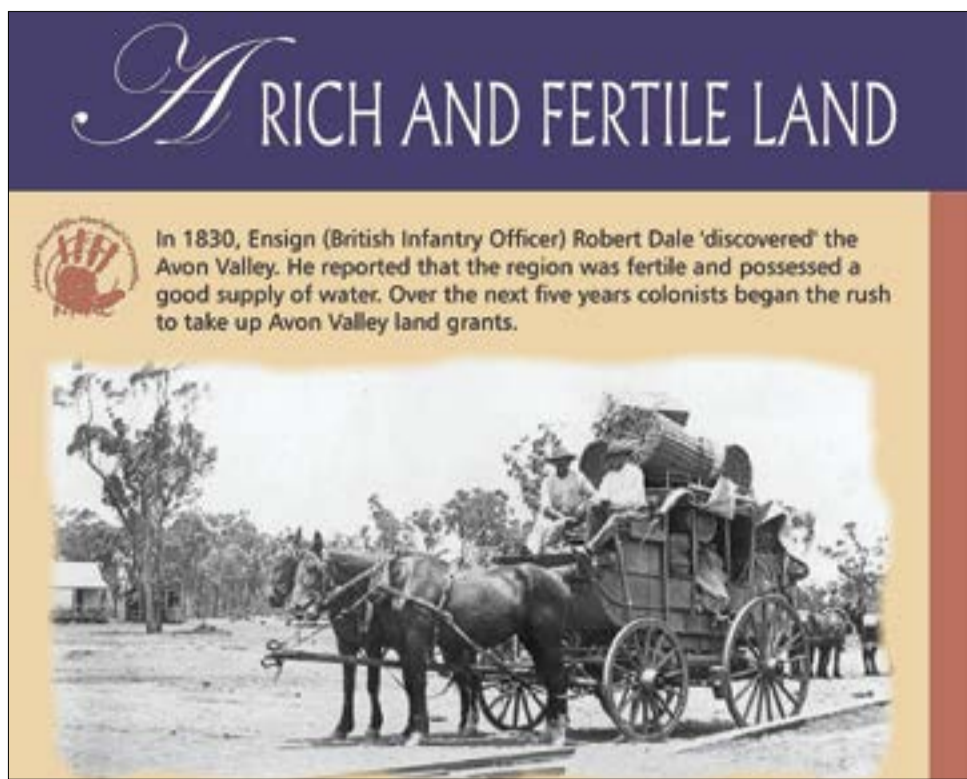
As a result, the Whadjuk Noongar took sheep and poultry, and entered settlers' houses to obtain provisions to feed their families.

In an attempt to prevent starving Aboriginal people from taking settlers' food, the colonial government established rationing stations to distribute flour, tea, sugar and biscuits.

Problems for Noongar people of the wider Toodyay and Avon Valley area were about to begin.

In addition to the boards at the Newcastle Gaol and Connors Mill, our corporation is now in early discussions about a possible 'keeping place'.

This aims to provide a registered, secure space (likely at museum) to house Aboriginal artefacts from the Toodyay area.



Part of a new local Noongar "Our Truth Telling" display at Toodyay's Old Gaol Museum.

All properties in our region, especially in the grassed valley, food-rich bushland and along waterways, would have been used continuously by Noongar families during the annual six seasons prior to settlement.

With early planning to establish a 'keeping place' we are interested if any local people possess traditional Noongar tools or artefacts

that they would be willing to return or loan to the 'keeping place'.

This would be incredibly generous of you and, importantly, culturally significant and healing for Aboriginal people.

To start a conversation, please contact Project Manager Helen Shanks at noongarkaartdijin@gmail.com.

Noongar Waangkiny

Noongar words and yarning

Sharmaine Miles Ballardong Elder

We acknowledge the Shire area covers Yued, Ballardong and Whadjuk country. Information here is in good faith based mostly on Ballardong language and we understand differences in language and meaning across the wider Noongar nation



Youngsters from two visiting families enact a courtroom scene at the Old Gaol Museum during last month's school holidays.

Order, order, I hereby call this Old Gaol Museum court to order

Volunteers of Toodyay Museums

Barry Keens

THE JULY School Holidays have ended after the Old Gaol Museum had an influx of young visitors, local and statewide.

Pictured are children from two visiting families who enacted a courtroom noisy scene.

They were a delight to watch and hear as they all performed different roles with about half an hour of much gavel banging.

Mouse and Fibre Figures searches were held, and more than 50 "Wheat Heads" were awarded to children who found them all.

It was our pleasure and privilege last month to make two \$500 donations from our

Shingle Sales Fund to two local community groups.

They were the Toodyay Community Resource Centre – an essential local service – and Toodyay Locals Care to provide meals to Toodyay Agricultural Show volunteers.

Shingles are available at the museum in Clinton Street and Visitor Centre in Piesse Street or by calling 0427 047 850.

We thank everyone who has supported this ongoing project.

The Gnulla Karnany Waangkiny (Our Truth Telling) Exhibition has been well received by visitors and we remind you that Toodyay residents and local school students and teachers are entitled to free entry to both museums from 10am to 3pm daily.

Swooping magpies, yellow flowers tell us that the Spring season of Djilba is here

Noongar Waangkiny

By Sharmaine Miles

KAYA noonuk (hello everyone).

As regular Herald readers would know, Noongar people follow six different bonar (seasons) in a yearly cycle.

These are Birak, Bunuru, Djeran, Makuru, Djilba and Kambarang.

They can be long or short and are indicated by what is happening around us rather than by dates marked on a calendar.

The seasons tell us which animals and plants are plentiful at different times of the year, and Noongar people have traditionally travelled, hunted and gathered food according to the season.

We are now entering Djilba (around August and September), known as the season for growing or conception.

Djilba is a time to look for masses of new yellow and cream flowers.

It is a transitional time with some very cold, clear days mixed with warmer wet, windy weather and occasional sunny days, as we are

now starting to see in Toodyay.

This is the start of the wildflower explosion that happens every year in the Avon Valley, starting with many yellow flowering plants such as Acacias.

The main sources of traditional Noongar food for thousands of years in the Avon Valley included many land-based grazing animals such as the Yongar (kangaroo) and the Koomal (possum).

As days start to warm up, we begin to see and hear the first new-born offspring emerging with parents that provide them with food, teach them to forage and protect them from bigger predators.

Woodland birds will still be nest-bound as the protective swooping behaviour of the Koolbardi (magpie) starts to ramp up and, if you watch closely, so too with Djidi Djidi (willy wagtails), wattle birds and others.

As the season progresses and temperatures continue to rise, we'll start to see Balga (grass tree) flower stalks emerge in preparation for the coming Kambarang season.

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Senior member Bob Wood at the site of Toodyay RSL's new permanent headquarters.

Shire land gift ends 103-year wait

Toodyay RSL
Bob Wood

JULY 27 is a date now etched in Toodyay RSL Sub-Branch history.

It was the day the Toodyay Shire Council voted 8-0 to donate the site of a former shire gardening depot near Anzac Memorial Park to the RSL to build a permanent new headquarters for local service veterans.

Members have tried several times in the past 103 years to establish such a home but found themselves repeatedly thwarted by circumstances and events.

This time we are better placed to succeed than on any previous occasion.

The shire transfer of ownership of the Clinton Street site will enable us to sell and remove the large gardening depot shed that currently stands there and replace it with a new building designed to meet our future needs.

We aim for it to also be available for use by other local community groups.

Work can now begin on developing a suitable design and specifications to enable us to apply for government money to help finance

construction.

None of this could have been achieved without the ongoing support of local RSL members, state RSL officials, shire councillors and the Toodyay community.

For all of this we are extremely grateful.

We look forward to achieving our long-held ambition for a permanent base in which to house the memorabilia in our collection and to provide a much-needed home base for local returned service members.

Our sub-branch continues to support all Australian and allied service veterans and their families.

We raise funds by conducting raffles at various locations and with a chocolate wheel at the annual Toodyay Agricultural Show, which will be held this year on Saturday October 8.

We also provide volunteers for Dowerin Field Days – this year on August 24-25 – and run a most effective 'Containers for Change' program with a 10c refund for eligible drink containers.

Container bins for use at functions can be delivered and collected by contacting Max on 0475 724 233.

New nature playground transforms student life in Toodyay

Toodyay District High School
Parents & Citizens Association
Kelly-Anne Murray, President

THE TIME has finally come for students at Toodyay District High School to enjoy nature play at its best.

During the July school holidays P&C members, local businesses and community volunteers worked alongside Nature Playgrounds to construct a combination of natural elements and playground features to create a magnificent result.

Students can play from two forts, hand pump water along a rock-lined creek bed, climb through a tunnel, up tangled logs and over rock boulders, play imaginatively in a teepee or balance on logs and ropes and swing to their hearts content.

There will also be a meeting circle where groups of students and whole classes can sit for outdoor lessons, and areas of free play where students can direct their own activities each and every day.

Local volunteers put in 230 hours over two weeks on behalf of the school to give students an inspiring space to play for years to come.

We're incredibly proud of what we have achieved and it shows just how much a small group of people can do when they work collaboratively and garner support from business and community organisations.

We couldn't have done it without the support of cash donors and sponsors, including Toodyay and Districts Bendigo Community

Bank, Chalice Mining, Toodyay Op Shop, Toodyay Lions Club and the Shire of Toodyay.

Collectively, these sponsors contributed a whopping \$50,000 in cash donations to this project.

We also received equally valuable support from businesses that supplied materials and services, including Transwest WA, Midland Brick, WacWil Landscaping and Earthworks, Mobile Concrete Services, WCS Concrete, Avon Skip Bins, All Go Contracting, Emerald Farms and Vapour Plumbing and Gas.

It's difficult to put an exact dollar figure on the value of these in-kind services but we estimate that the contribution of voluntary labour, materials and services saved up to \$50,000 on project costs.

More importantly, the collaboration of volunteers, local businesses and community groups demonstrates the deep commitment our community has to the school and its students.

On behalf of the P&C, I'd like to express sincere thanks to Tyrone Murray and Heather McGlasson for their commitment to this project.

As P&C volunteers, they were on the site each day, ever ready to resolve any challenge that came our way – we could not have done it without you.

Finally, on Tuesday August 9, school staff and students, P&C members, volunteers and donors will come together to officially open and celebrate our school's magnificent new nature playground.



Students play on the new tangled log structure and fort at Toodyay District High School.

Stained glass reflects Herald editor's style

Toodyay Historical Society Inc
Robyn Taylor, Vice President

AN ARTICLE last year in *The Toodyay Herald* gave the history of occupancy of 'Herald House' at 72 Stirling Terrace.

Edgar Turley was a former proprietor and editor of *The Toodyay Herald* who moved into the house in 1923 with Isabella Turley.

Their new home was described at the time as "newly built" (circa 1920) and one of the most "up-to-date" houses in Toodyay.

The house is now owned by Frank Farmer who kindly invited us to look through his beautifully renovated and furnished home for our end-of-July excursion.

A bonus was having former residents, the Ayling sisters as they were known then, go through the house with us to describe what it was like during the 1950s and 1960s.

Alterations and additions, including the removal of several original features, have occurred over the years but the physical structure remains the same as an example of a late Federation Bungalow (c1890-1915).

However, the symmetry of its design with a central entrance flanked by two front windows and a hallway from front to back reflects an earlier Victorian Georgian style (c.1840-90).

With the addition of verandahs, it is a style that has proved enduring and well suited to our Australian climate and typically used for early country cottages and homesteads.

So, what made such a home 'up-to-date' in the 1920s?

Decorative additions of stained glass and leadlight windows, patterned tiles, fireplaces with carved wood surrounds and stamped metal ceilings are some of the embellishments that reflected 'modern', as in being up-to-date with latest fashion trends in the applied arts of the era.

Between the 1890s and 1930s, there was no end of choice when it came to home decorating.

Styles ranged from Arts and Crafts where Australian motifs such as native flora and fauna became popular after Federation in 1901 and Art Nouveau with its emphasis on sinuous

and stylised plant forms to Art Deco with the introduction of lively geometric patterns.

Several social and cultural forces were at work behind the scenes, including increasing wealth after the discovery of gold.

Economic depression in the eastern states prompted architects and artisans to try their luck here, where building and manufacturing industries were growing.

There was also a social philosophy epitomised by the Arts and Crafts movement – which continues to this day – that everyone should be able to afford and enjoy beauty in their surroundings.

The major original decorative feature of Herald House is its stained-glass windows.

The front door is surrounded by panels of red roses on its side and top windows, though unfortunately the central panel was previously removed and replaced by a more modern interpretation.

The side front windows display roses, while tulips feature in the sitting room.

The rest of the house is tastefully decorated in a way that pays homage to the original owners' intentions and those responsible for its design and construction.

Our annual general meeting will be held on Sunday August 7 at St Stephen's Anglican Hall at the bottom end of Stirling Terrace, next to the Cola Café.

Guest speaker will be Ian Phillips of the York Society talking on the subject of Avon Valley bells and clocks.

Sunday August 28 will feature a tour of Coondle's delights conducted by Toodyay Historical Society member Jenny Edgcombe – details will be sent to members.

For more information, please contact secretary.2j.ths@gmail.com, Robyn Taylor at rdtaylor@iinet.net.au or call 9574 2578, or Beth Frayne toobide4@iinet.net.au or phone 9574 5971.

Our postal address is PO Box 32 Toodyay WA 6566, and our website address is toodyayhistoricalsociety.org.au.

Membership is \$15 per annum.



Members visit stylish 'Herald House', home of former Toodyay Herald proprietor and editor Edgar Turley 99 years ago and now owned by local resident Frank Farmer (centre).

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Leave those cheap thongs in Bali to help keep our local farms safe

Toodyay Agricultural Alliance
Frank Panizza

IDEAL weather for crops and pastures has been welcomed by local farmers.

Consistent rainfall and sunny days have been a boon for agriculture throughout WA.

Local frosts have been minimal and rainfall has been steady without the damaging floods and wash-outs we saw last year.

The single biggest event to affect Australian agriculture recently is an alarming outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease in Bali and other parts of Indonesia.

This disease is one of the most feared by farmers worldwide.

Foot-and-mouth disease is a highly transmissible virus that affects cloven-hoofed animals such as cattle, sheep, pigs, goats and deer. Horses are not affected.

The disease causes painful swelling of the animal's feet, mouth or both to the extent that the animal is unable to stand on its feet to feed or suckle offspring.

More than six million sheep and cattle were killed in a devastating outbreak among about 2000 UK animals 11 years ago.

Indonesia's current outbreak has infected more than 430,000 cattle so far.

Australia is foot-and-mouth disease-free and has not experienced a known case for 150 years.

Our disease-free status is important because most countries that import meat products will impose bans and restrictions on other countries with known outbreaks.

An Australian outbreak of this shocking

disease would have a devastating impact on our nation's agricultural exports.

Keeping foot-and-mouth disease out of Australia requires strict precautions and constant vigilance.

It is vital that biosecurity measures are observed by all visitors to Australian farms.

Signs such as the one pictured (*above*) should be displayed on all agricultural properties that carry livestock.

The introduction of pests and diseases is most likely caused by people, vehicles and livestock entering and leaving farms.

Foot and mouth disease is transmitted by contaminated soil that can stick to footwear, vehicle tyres, trailers and animals, and by traces in meat products detected at airports among incoming passengers and elsewhere.

Overseas travellers entering Australia have long been banned from bringing food products into Australia.

Of particular concern is that the latest outbreak is in a popular holiday destination visited by thousands of Australian tourists.

'Disinfectant mats' have been introduced at Australian entry points to counter the latest Indonesian outbreak.

The mats contain a disinfectant that travellers are required to walk across to clean the soles of their shoes.

A better solution may be for Australian holiday makers to buy cheap footwear in Bali and leave it there when they fly home.

We don't want foot and mouth disease in Australia, our farmers don't want it and – most importantly – nor do our animals.

Moondyne Men get firewood for needy families

Moondyne Men
Colin Bird

THERE have been good attendances at our regular Monday and Thursday gatherings.

Last month we celebrated 'Christmas in July' at the Wendouree Tearooms (*right*).

Thirty-one members, wives, partners and friends enjoyed a scrumptious four-course meal, and it was such a great evening that we plan to do it again soon.

A number of us have also been gathering firewood (*below*) to support needy locals.

We are here for the better good of our membership, through men supporting men and the community.

We have no other agenda other than to be a place where men can meet and if possible help the community in any way that the skills and ability of our members can provide.

We gather at the RSL's Clinton Street Shed on Monday and Thursday mornings 9am to noon to have a cuppa and socialise.

For more details, call Colin: 0424 195 003.



Frank steps up to help fill Geoff's big shoes

Toodyay Agricultural Society
Alison Wroth

THIS year just seems to be flying by and, unusually, Show organisers' stress levels have been increasing earlier than expected.

However, I feel confident that the weight on our shoulders has eased a bit, though jobs to do seem to be never ending as our 168th Toodyay Agricultural Show draws near.

Our committee is looking forward to working with new Administration Officer, Frank Farmer, who has offered his extensive administrative experience in other not-for-profit organisations to help fill the big shoes of the very capable Geoff Appleby.

We also welcome newcomer Kate Steeples to boost our team as we approach Show Day on Saturday October 8.

As you read this, our new show schedule and events program will be nearly at the printers. It will soon be out to members and available for public viewing on our updated website at www.toodyayagshow.com.au.

It may help motivate those keen to enter various Show classes who may need to practise their skills before attempting a winning entry, especially in the Hobbycraft Sections sponsored by Christmas 360.

The AvonLink Show Special train is coming up for the day, with excellent arrival and departure times to suit visitors for a top day out at one of WA's best country shows.

This year's new attractions include an RAC Rescue Helicopter Experience as part of our regular Car Accident Rescue and a simulated chopper flight – excellent entertainment for kids, big and small.

I would like to thank our new platinum sponsor and partner, the Toodyay and

Northam Bendigo Community Bank, for the start of their much-appreciated three-year support for our regular fireworks display.

This will greatly assist in providing a solid financial base that will enable the Toodyay Show to continue into the future.

The same goes for our other major sponsors Chalice Mining, Toodyay Op Shop, Elders Northam Branch, Dunnings Fuel, Morgan Stock Feed, Makit Hardware and Farm, CSBP Fertilisers, the Lee-Steere Family, Deepdale Dorpers and especially the Shire of Toodyay.

The new attractions and overall smooth running of the show would not be possible without their financial backing and in-kind support. Thank you everyone.

I also extend my gratitude to the many local businesses and individuals who support our community Show by donating prize money and trophies, and by advertising in our Show Schedule and on social media sites.

Please start thinking about the Show in the next few months.

You may have bought tickets in our successful wood raffle last month.

We raised more than \$1200 and the lucky winner was Sue Wakka – we hope your prize keeps you warm this winter, Sue.

Many committee members helped with this year's stall, some of them were pulling in the crowd like seasoned professionals and I must thank them all for their time.

A big thankyou also to the Toodyay community for supporting our Show.

You have proved once again that the annual Toodyay Agricultural Show is much-loved by everyone, and a very good reason for us to put on absolutely the best entertainment-filled day possible.



A lot of work went into achieving what we have today

Toodyay Mens Shed
The Scribe.

Hi Fellow Shedders.

A lot of work went into achieving what we have today.

Today, our group is still hard at it and many men are still coming to our days of activities, particularly to enjoy the camaraderie and to participate in whatever they wish to do.

Be it a talk, have a coffee or a chance to use a machine that they are familiar with, but to also join in and share with the other "Blokies".

We had the pleasure of the company (*above*) of Margie Eberle, the Curator of the Museum, recently and we are sure we will be

able to help them with a display at Connors Mill.

We also had a welcome visit from Wes Sutton, the new Community Development Officer of the Shire.

Hey Wes, all the best in your new role. One or two of our guys have been unwell for a while and we wish them a speedy recovery.

This last month has been a bit on the cool side but the doors are open and the welcome mat is out.

This is the Men's Shed "Ethos" at its best. "Stay Warm and Well."

For more information about the Toodyay Men's Shed, please call the Secretary on 0499 403 830.

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Julimar Project Update



Community Investment Program



As a West Australian-based Company, Chalice is proud to be a part of the local communities surrounding the Julimar Project.

Local employment, procurement and funding are among the best ways Chalice can meaningfully contribute. Having been active for the past three years, our Community Investment Program aims to deliver positive long-term benefits and support local initiatives.

Chalice has recently refined our application process to better assist with funding allocation, including the introduction of submission periods twice a year.

Apply Now

Submissions are now open to apply for funding:

1 August 2022 - 30 September 2022

Successful grant applicants published in November.

Chalice is looking to support projects that fall under our three core focus areas:



Education

Initiatives that advance and improve regional educational opportunities.



Environment

Initiatives that protect and rehabilitate the environment.



Community Connection

Supporting local opportunities, events and groups to strengthen the community connection within the region.

Submit Online

For more information or to complete the form:
chalicemining.com/community-julimar-project

Cultural Heritage at Julimar

Chalice continues to actively engage with Yued and Whadjuk Traditional Owners to protect cultural heritage values at the Julimar Project.

We carefully manage our exploration activities under Cultural Heritage Management Plans developed by Yued and Whadjuk Traditional Owners.

This includes monitoring conducted by Yued and Whadjuk representatives before a drill rig can be mobilised to the area. The role of the monitors is to confirm that our drilling activities are taking place within areas that do not contain any cultural heritage sites.

Most recently we have also worked collaboratively with Whadjuk representatives to assist with our baseline fauna surveys. Conducted alongside a team of zoologists, the purpose of these surveys is to gather information on significant fauna and habitats, and is crucial to environmental assessments and planning.

Diana Ponton from the Yunga Foundation, an Aboriginal owned and led group who have facilitated the cultural heritage programs, said that this work has proven mutually beneficial for both Chalice and members of the Whadjuk group.

"Our work with the Chalice team has been a positive experience for our Whadjuk representatives, and has enabled direct input and collaboration into the activities carried out at the Julimar Project."

Collectively, this work forms the basis of our Cultural Heritage Management Plan and Chalice's commitment to the ongoing involvement of Traditional Owners in the Julimar Project.



Sign up for regular updates

To receive the 'Julimar Project Community Newsletter' in your inbox, subscribe at:
chalicemining.com/community-julimar-project
or email community@chalicemining.com



Toodyay CWA Secretary Gina and Julie-Anne were our State Conference delegates in Gingin last month.

Nothing goes to waste in a CWA woman's hands

Country Women's Association
Vivien Street

LAST month was relatively quiet at our Toodyay branch but not so at Gingin for our organisation's 98th State Conference – the first in several years held in country WA.

The Bindoon Belles worked hard with our state office and the Gingin community to make it a memorable occasion for visitors from all over WA.

As you can imagine, it took a great deal of planning and coordination to organise a gathering of this size, and the Bindoon Belles are to be congratulated for volunteering to run the event.

Every State Conference makes important decisions about financial, administrative and general business, but it is also a valuable opportunity to catch up with members from other branches from across the State and to renew and make new friendships.

Matters discussed this year included a proposal to improve WA's ambulance service by making it free for everyone – a topic bound to resonate with many women who live in rural and remote areas.

Protecting owls, eagles and other raptors from the effects of anti-coagulant rodent poison was another agenda topic.

Reinstating passenger trains between Albany and Perth and upgrading roads for safer, easier travel was also discussed.

These topics were listed for lengthy debate before being forwarded to relevant authorities for further discussion.



Newest local member Julie-Anne holds our Toodyay CWA banner ready for the opening ceremony at last month's State Conference in Gingin.

The CWA has achieved many valuable outcomes over the years and has a sound reputation that is taken very seriously at all levels of government.

Guest speakers were featured throughout the two-day conference and our two local delegates were well fed and entertained.

There will be more news about State Conference decisions and activities in next month's *Toodyay Herald*.

On the local front, we used last month's coffee morning to spring clean a storage room at the back of the CWA Hall.

Everything, including cupboards, came out and we must thank Gina's husband for stepping in at a moment's notice to cut down a bench top.

Thanks also to all members who helped cleaning, sorting, carrying, washing, scrubbing and sweeping – and baking delicious scones to reward everyone for their hard work.

It was well worth the effort to create more space and we now have a better organised system for finding things.

Amid all the organised chaos, Elizabeth showed us more toiletry bags she had made and embroidered, and a tablecloth made from doilies which Evelyn donated.

Nothing goes to waste in the hands of a CWA woman, especially one as talented as Elizabeth.

The toiletry bags are sent to State office to go to people in need, though we think we will keep Evelyn's tablecloth for ourselves.

Eight Toodyay members attended a Cancer Morning Tea hosted by Bolgart CWA last month.

Reports have come back of a gorgeous day, a lovely drive and the best \$10 morning tea ever.

True to form, Bolgart CWA members provided a huge variety of items to feast on and those who attended were well satisfied.

Julie-Anne won the door prize and Gina bought a winning ticket in one of the raffles.

They were also our two local delegates at last month's State conference.

Please remember to visit our CWA stall on Saturday August 13 from 9am until 1pm at the town's IGA store in Charcoal Lane.

We welcome new members to join our coffee mornings at 10am on the second Thursday of every month or at our regular 1pm meetings on every fourth Thursday – look for the spotted teapot and teddy outside the CWA Hall in Stirling Terrace.

Parking in nearby Charcoal Lane includes a disabled bay.

If you wish to book the hall, which has a small kitchen attached, please call Margot Watkins 9574 2823 or 0405 067 591.

Alice's rabbit rescued by Margaret

Toodyay Spinners
Gail Williams

THIS photo contains something pretty special.

Indeed, all of the items pictured are special but one is just a little more so than the others.



The Rabbit started by Alice Bailey with help from Margaret Grassick, Carol Worrell's jumper and Rita Morald's hand-knitted gloves.

The beautiful rabbit was started by Alice Bailey and destined for her great-great-grandson.

But Alice needed a bit of help so Margaret Grassick came to the rescue.

Unfortunately, Alice didn't get to see the result but we are told that Mr Rabbit is very much loved.

Carol Worrell used a mixture of different yarn thicknesses, shades and textures to complete her contribution to the photo.

Along with Rita Morald's hand-knitted gloves, it makes an interesting trio.

Toodyay Spinners would like to extend an invitation to anyone who wishes to learn a new skill.

Our members are experienced in the crafts of knitting, crochet, spinning and weaving, and are only too willing to teach you how to do it too.

We meet every Wednesday and on the first and third Saturday of each month at Parkers Cottage at Toodyay Showgrounds.

Why not join us?

We meet from 9am to noon and you need bring only yourself.

For more information, please call secretary Gail Williams on 9622 3411.

Stuffed dinosaurs hit by craft bug

The Crooked Needle
Jean Melhuish-Hill

WINTER has brought the travel bug to many in our group.

Members have headed off to NSW, Queensland, Victoria, South Australia and parts north in WA.

I think this has in many cases been to visit family that they have not seen because of COVID-19 restrictions.

While we are all still very wary of catching the virus and taking necessary precautions, visiting and spending time with our families cannot be put off forever.

This has not stopped those at home continuing with craft, and even those travelling have managed to complete a few items.

At home, we have seen the completion of more blankets, toys, scarves, children's clothes, floor rugs, socks and decorations for Christmas in July.

Those away have been busy on work such as crochet tea towels, scarves and bags that can be done while travelling in a car.

Our bag challenge is due early next month with whatever type of bag takes your fancy.

I am sure we will have some outstanding entries.

One of our ladies has been helping to relieve some of our hoarders of their excess craft supplies which are being donated for schools use in home economics programs.

Once the craft bug hits you, the collection of supplies seems to multiply.

"Oh, I can use this for my next project – and the next and the next ..."

All we need is more and more time to do them.

Our ladies will not miss donations being put to good use by students.

And so, things continue at home and away.

If you are looking for a friendly group of ladies to exchange crafting ideas in a social setting, please drop in to visit.

We meet each Friday morning from 9.30am to noon at the Toodyay CWA Hall in Stirling Terrace.

To find out more, please contact Jan on 0407 083 079 or Annette on 0428 804 666.



Stuffed dinosaurs created by Annette Miller.



Heather Wright working on a long overdue floor rug.



Christmas in July goodie bags created by Carol Barlow.

SHIRE OF TOODYAY

Review of System of Representation

The Shire of Toodyay is conducting a review of its system of representation and invites public participation in the review.

The number of elected members and the no ward structure will be assessed, though this does not limit the matters that members of the community can raise in relation to the system of representation in the Shire.

This assessment will take into account the views of the community and outline any other matters that may be considered.

A discussion paper and survey can be found on the Shire website at www.toodyay.wa.gov.au/Council/publicnotices. Hard copies are available at the Shire Administration Building, Toodyay Visitor Centre and the Toodyay Public Library.

Public submissions are invited. Alternatively, community members can complete the survey. Submissions and surveys must be submitted to the Shire of Toodyay at:

Chief Executive Officer, Shire of Toodyay
15 Fiennes Street (PO Box 96) TOODYAY WA 6566
Email: records@toodyay.wa.gov.au

No later than 4.00pm on Friday 30 September 2022.

For further information, please contact
Mrs Maria Rebane at the Shire of Toodyay
on 9574 9305.

Suzie Haslehurst
Chief Executive Officer





Peter Watson and Moya Jarvis perform a musical duet at last month's meeting.

Alexander Beetle had us fooled

Toodyay Music Club
Jenny Edgecombe

TOODYAY Music Club's July meeting celebrated the mind-boggling musical legacy of The Beatles, 75 years after John Lennon and Paul McCartney began working together. The Beatles have created a musical legacy of huge significance.

Some of the songs chosen had been written and performed by The Beatles, while others had been written for other performers.

Following is a selection of the day's offerings.

Peter started the show with a chirpy *When I'm Sixty-Four*.

I daresay none of us in our younger years ever thought we would still be cheerfully humming along to it as we approached or passed that milestone.

Moya delivered a cheerful rendition of *Ob-la-di, Ob-la-da* and her delightful presentation of *Alexander Beetle* provided a lovely light moment when audience members realised they'd been 'had'.

It was not a Beatles song at all, of course. Themes are always regarded as optional, and members are free to choose other topics or styles of songs if they prefer.

Spencer's offerings included a beautiful cappella rendition of *Perhaps Love* and the jaunty *Old Peg Leg*.

Anne also provided a break from Beatles' songs with the beautiful Noongar song *Wanjoo*, and that great country classic, the *Tennessee Waltz*.

Jenny and Joe's choices for the day

included some of the quirkier Beatles songs, including *Norwegian Wood*, *Eleanor Rigby*, and *A Day in the Life*.

The afternoon included the usual afternoon tea break with delicious food and convivial conversation.

Our next musical meeting at 1pm on Saturday August 13 will also be a theme day – the Beatles tribute was a special one.

We meet at the CWA Hall in Stirling Terrace.

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

Sipping and singing with some funny French phrases

Toodyay Community Singers
Anne Millar

THE SINGERS are back.

We are under the new direction of and in consultation with Trish Young.

The Toodyay Singers is a community group which performs at local events such as the annual Toodyay Agricultural Show in October, the Moondyne Festival in May and December's Christmas Street Party.

We also honour fallen soldiers from all conflicts by performing at Anzac Day services on April 25 and Remembrance Day commemorations on November 11.

We are currently rehearsing for the Toodyay Show which will be held this year on

Today's art could be tomorrow's treasure

Arts Toodyay
Karen Chappelow

THIS could be a headline in 2000 years' time.

What will contemporary sculpture and pottery tell future generations about us?

Art covers a diverse range of human activity that involves creative or imaginative talent expressive of technical proficiency, beauty, emotional power or conceptual ideas.

There is no generally agreed definition of what constitutes art – its interpretation varies throughout history and across cultures.

The three classical branches of visual art are painting, sculpture, and architecture.

Until the 17th century, art referred to any skill or mastery and was not differentiated from crafts or sciences.

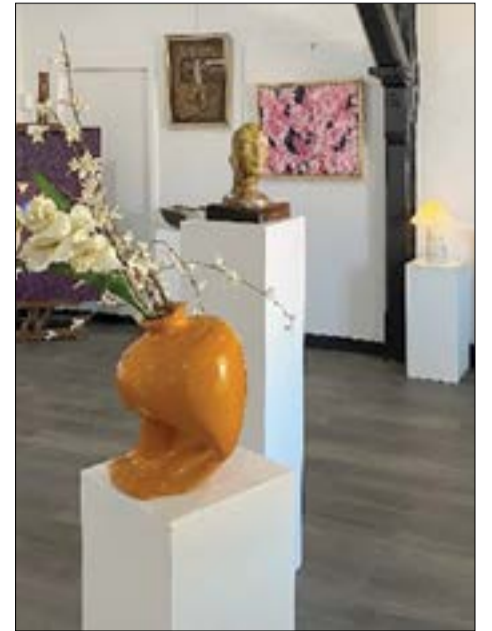
Later, when aesthetic considerations became paramount, 'fine arts' such as decorative or applied arts were separated and distinguished from acquired skills in general.

Art's purpose may be to communicate political, spiritual or philosophical ideas, to create a sense of beauty, to explore the nature of perception, for pleasure or to generate strong emotions.

Humans appear to have been making ceramics for at least 26,000 years by subjecting clay and silica to intense heat to fuse and form ceramic materials.

The earliest known pottery was made by mixing animal products with clay and baking it in kilns heated up to 800°C.

Pottery fragments up to 19,000 years old have been found but it was not until about 10,000 years later that regular pottery became common.



Some of the fine art on display at the new Arts Toodyay Gallery in Stirling Terrace.

Pottery is one of the oldest human inventions made by forming vessels and other objects with clay and other ceramic materials and firing them at high temperatures to produce a hard and durable form.

Major types include earthenware, stoneware and porcelain.

Our new Arts Toodyay Gallery at Toodyay Manor (former tavern) has fabulous examples of sculpture, ceramics and pottery.

Come and check it out.

We have beautiful functional bespoke pieces and whimsical sculptures to make the viewer smile and brighten up a corner.

The gallery at 82 Stirling Terrace opens every Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 10am.

Follow us on Instagram @artstodyay or our website <https://www.artstodyay.com>.



Internationally acclaimed organist Joseph Nolan who will perform at York's Holy Trinity Church on Saturday August 27.

Acclaimed organist to perform in York

The Rev Canon Dr Philip Raymont

INTERNATIONALLY acclaimed organist Joseph Nolan – described on ABC Radio as "one of the great organists of our time" – will perform at York's Holy Trinity Church at 2pm on Saturday, August 27.

The concert will include works by Buxtehude, Mendelssohn, Franck, Boellmann, Vaughan Williams, Dubois and Widor.

Mr Nolan said he chose the program to enable the church's historic pipe organ – the only surviving instrument in Australia built by Albert Pease – to be heard at its best.

He said it was a "charming" organ with beautiful flute stops and he plans for the concert to display the colours of the organ and show that organ music can be 'musical'.

The British-Australian organist and choral conductor, hailed by ABC Radio's *Limelight Magazine* "as indisputably one of the world's finest organists", is known to many Avon Valley residents for having previously performed at the York church.

However, it is several years since his last local performance, during which time his reputation has increased greatly.

Tickets cost \$25 and are available online at www.trybooking.com/CAXCO or by contacting Sally Boyle on 0419 414 021.

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