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EDITORIAL

after a break of approximately 25 years, The TOODYAY HERALD is back! This pre-christmas edition is, we hope, the first of many. After discussion with townsfolk a small group in the town have decided to produce this newspaper which we hope will be of benefit to everyone. Toodyay is an historic town, full of stories, old and new, which can be shared. Sporting clubs are numerous - Who won last months bowls fixtures? What is happening at the school this month? Has someone just expanded our population by one or two or more? Congratulations may be in order. Is there a new family in town. Do they know where to go to get a tap fixed, or where they go for a load of sandr maybe they have a problem with rabbits - how do they keep them under control - who do they contact? What businesses are there in Toodyay and what do they offer? Do you have something for sale - if so, use the TOODYAY HERALD.

This is a Community newspaper. We invite the community to contribute and become involved and ensure the paper's success. Any profits from publication will be donated to community groups.

Seasons Greetings

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year - The Toodyay Herald December 2009 'Celebrating 25 years'

TO BE OR NOT TO BE

- Support your fast-growing town, it needs you. Sustenance is the main stay of the small areas. Service and civility are the avowed intention of all business.
Unity of activities to improve and attract Tourism is of local advantage. Uphold the towns image and encourage others to do so.
Prices to compare not only regionally but with city prices. Positive and dedicated support to the local businesses will eventually lead to advantages for the community as a whole.
Our future and that of our families lies in the determination to improve and extend facilities. With the subdivision of the larger extates into Hobby Farms the population will increase in the area.
Regional position gives the best of both worlds, with the peaceful country existence and proximity to events in the city. retain the present and create a future.

TOODYAY

TOODYAY SHIRE COUNCIL WELCOMES THE "TOODYAY HERALD"

Geoff Ludemann, President of the Shire, today welcomed the return of the "Toodyay Herald" to the District and offered his congratulations to the group of community members for their initiative for taking responsibility for the publication.

"The importance of a community newspaper in which people have the opportunity to have a say or let the District know what is going on cannot be overstated", he said. "Toodyay has needed this for many years and the Herald will help to give an interaction between all walks of Toodyay life".

Mr. Ludemann went on to say that the Council will be an active contributor to future editions on matters of local interest.

"We will be providing articles on matters of health education, ownership responsibilities for fire control, weeds, dogs and other matters will be published apart from Council activities and announcements", he said. However, in the meantime could I remind electors that the Annual General Meeting is to be held on Monday the 17th december at 8.00 p.m. in the Council Office and this will provide an opportunity to be brought up to date with recent events.

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The Toodyay Herald

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Lawyer's Night Before (Legally Speaking)

Author Unknown

For Kevin Hogg

After 25 years, the Toodyay Herald is still going strong. The front page is a reproduction of the first Herald, envisioned by a group of community members after a twenty five year break. At the Battye Library, copies of the Toodyay Herald circa 1877 are stored on microfiche - it's interesting to see that some of the community names are the same as the ones we spot in the Herald today. The stories talk about comings and goings of local people visiting the district, detailed descriptions of accidents and events. One graphic account tells of a boy who was 'drowned in dough' - his father, a baker, found the child's feet protruding from a vat of dough. The content is sometimes very different, but in some cases very much the same.

On the wall of the Herald, old editions tell the same story. The 1928 pages on the wall carry advertisements for Wendouree Tearooms, the Victoria Hotel and the Central Newsagency. There is a story about the CWA and St Stephen's Church and an account about the week's football, where Toodyay beat Bolgart. Small country town life is represented as it was, and as it is.

There are some very obvious changes at the Herald. As a community organisation, we represent community views. Dissatisfaction is reflected in our pages right alongside community pride. It can sometimes be difficult to maintain a positive community balance whilst still informing and representing the Toodyay community.

Our organisation has grown and this is reflected in both the newspaper and in our work environment. With a strong committee and a dedicated focus to serving the community, our organisation has managed to retain the lowest advertising rates in Western Australia, offer a service coordinated by volunteers and provide opportunities for community members to network, meet new folk and improve their skills.

Thanks go to former editor Kathy Robinson, who spent many hours this month compiling a history of the Toodyay Herald. This was definitely a labour of love - to collect the information, Kathy trawled through 25 years worth of back editions of the Herald.

Some things never change - the Christmas edition of the Herald is still being put together at lam on production night. Six volunteers have worked for many hours, with sustenance provided by a seventh. One has left to check his Christmas pudding, which, he says, is alarmingly heavy (4.6kgs). The Herald photographer, Wayne Weaver, returned to the office to take a (night time) photograph of the Toodyay Medical Centre's Christmas lights for inclusion in the Herald. Being a perfectionist, he made two trips before being satisfied with the finished product. Contributions this month came from a range of community groups, including school and church groups, environmental groups, music clubs, sporting and youth groups, health organisations and many more.

Some things, however, have changed for the better. Our newly refurbished office now has air conditioning, thanks to the hard work of the Herald Committee and the support of our landlord, Robbie Devlin. New processes have streamlined the production of the newspaper, including an inhouse advertisement booking system written by our Assistant Editor and computer programmer Grant Scobie. One of our newest staff members, web master Guido Verschoor, has developed a website (www.toodyayherald.com.au) in conjunction with Grant - he is planning to incorporate a community events calendar and archived copies. Sue Manning has also joined us this year as pre-press assistant. They join our regular team of stalwart volunteers who work tirelessly to improve your local community newspaper.

We're constantly looking for new ways to make your newspaper better, especially for our contributors and advertisers. Over the past eighteen months we've developed the Trades and Services section to help support our local tradesmen, improved the quality of our layout and developed strategic partnerships with key organisations. We look forward to another 25 years.

Whereas, on or about the night prior to Christmas, there did occur at a certain improved piece of real property (hereinafter "the House") a general lack of stirring by all creatures therein, including, but not limited to a mouse.

A variety of foot apparel, e.g. stocking, socks, etc., had been affixed by and around the chimney in said House in the hope and/or belief that St. Nick a/k/a St. Nicholas a/k/a Santa Claus (hereinafter "Claus") would arrive at some time thereafter.

The minor residents, i.e. the children, of the aforementioned House, were located in their individual beds and were engaged in nocturnal hallucinations, i.e. dreams, wherein vision of confectionery treats, including, but not limited to, candies, nuts and/or sugar plums, did dance, cavort and otherwise appear in said dreams.

Whereupon the party of the first part (sometimes hereinafter referred to as "I"), being the joint-owner in fee simple of the House with the parts of the second part (hereinafter "Mamma"), and said Mamma had retired for a sustained period of sleep. (At such time, the parties were clad in various forms of headgear, e.g. kerchief and cap.)

Suddenly, and without prior notice or warning, there did occur upon the unimproved real property adjacent and appurtenant to said House, i.e. the lawn, a certain disruption of unknown nature, cause and/or circumstance. The party of the first part did immediately rush to a window in the House to investigate the cause of such disturbance.

At that time, the party of the first part did observe, with some degree of wonder and/or disbelief, a miniature sleigh (hereinafter the "Vehicle") being pulled and/or drawn very rapidly through the air by approximately eight (8) reindeer. The driver of the Vehicle appeared to be and in fact was, the previously referenced Claus.

Said Claus was providing specific direction, instruction and guidance to the approximately eight (8) reindeer and specifically identified the animal co-conspirators by name: Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, Vixen, Comet, Cupid, Donner and Blitzen (hereinafter the "Deer").

(Upon information and belief, it is further asserted that an additional co-conspirator named "Rudolph" may have been involved.) The party of the first part witnessed Claus, the Vehicle and the Deer

intentionally and willfully trespass upon the roofs of several residences located adjacent to and in the vicinity of the House, and noted that the Vehicle was heavily laden with packages, toys and other items of unknown origin or nature.

Suddenly, without prior invitation or permission, either express or implied, the Vehicle arrived at the House, and Claus entered said House via the chimney. Said Claus was clad in a red fur suit, which was partially covered with residue from the chimney, and he carried a large sack containing a portion of the aforementioned packages, toys, and other unknown items.

He was smoking what appeared to be tobacco in a small pipe in blatant violation of local ordinances and health regulations. Claus did not speak, but immediately began to fill the stocking of the minor children, which hung adjacent to the chimney, with toys and other small gifts.

(Said items did not, however, constitute "gifts" to said minor pursuant to the applicable provisions of the U.S Tax Code.)

Upon completion of such task, Claus touched the side of his nose and flew, rose and/or ascended up the chimney of the House to the roof where the Vehicle and Deer waited and/or served as "lookouts." Claus immediately departed for an unknown destination.

However, prior to the departure of the Vehicle, Deer and Claus from said House, the party of the first part did hear Claus state and/or exclaim:

"Merry Christmas to all and to all a good night!" Or words to that effect.



Local Heroes

Dean Carter

KNOWN as 'Local Heroes' in the community, the IGA Supermarket in Toodyay has donated \$500 to the Toodyay Tennis Club, as one of their major sponsors for their Junior Open Day.

Last year IGA Toodyay donated \$1000 to the Junior Football Club.

The IGA Community Chest initiative is a program that operates 52 weeks of the year in all IGA Supermarkets in Australia, where a percentage of sales is given back to the Community when customers purchase a product bearing the IGA Community Chest Logo.

We are delighted with the result of this year's IGA Community Chest.

On behalf of IGA and all the local charities and community organizations involved, these generous donations are possible because of the support from our customers.

Lions Lines

Nuala Ennis

THE Lions Club of Toodyay looks forward to seeing young and old out and about during the town's street party where some of our stalwart members will drive the Wiggly Worm, a popular entertainment with the town's children. We are delighted to be part of the festivities organized by the Chamber of Commerce.

The Club is also looking forward to hosting the main man, Santa himself, on his visit to Toodyay on the following evening, Saturday 12th December. The Club will be at Duidgee Park from 6pm to decorate a tree, play carols (nobody wants to hear us sing!) and provide drinks, lollies and ice creams.

Please see our advertisement elsewhere in the paper but basically we ask that parents provide a present for each child attending. Present to be wrapped, labeled with the child's name and age and delivered to Toodyay News. A big thank you to Lorraine and Neil Archibald who assist the Lions and Santa by collecting the presents every year.

This year the Toodyay Miniature Railway will also run for an hour and we are grateful to the De Vos family and Mikhail of Avondown who are sponsoring this part of the proceedings.

In addition to the above events some members of the club are busy organizing a working party to assist a community member with some backyard work. Lions Warren, Bruce, Mike and Rob will use their expertise, machinery and no doubt some brute strength to do whatever needs doing.

If you or anyone you know of needs assistance that the Club can assist with, please do not hesitate to contact us. Or, if you would like to join and be involved in any of these or our other activities throughout the year, Club President, Jim Silvester, will be delighted to hear from you. His contact number is 0400 993 637.

So, that just leaves us to wish everybody a safe and happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year. And watch this space in the New Year for a proposed fun event to be arranged by your local Lions Club.

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President's Report

Chris Firns

FIRSTLY I thank my fellow Councillors for entrusting me with the great honour and responsibility of leading the Shire of Toodyay in challenging times.

I would like to thank the outgoing Shire President Councillor Charlie Wroth for the many achievements made during his term. Achievements that include the new Local Planning Scheme 4, the Local Planning Strategy and the Plan for the Future; projects that include the upgrade of Duidgee Park, the library renovations, Stirling Terrace upgrade and commencement of the Shire depot relocation and most importantly an overhaul of the financial position of the Shire ensuring that we are able to go forward with confidence in our capacity to continue developing community assets for the benefit of all.

I also thank outgoing Councillors Messrs Frank Panizza, Neville Tanner and Mark D'Alton for their outstanding contributions to the community during their times on Council and welcome three new Councillors John Prater, Pim Nouwland and Kevin Hogg.

My aim as Shire President is to focus squarely on the issues raised by the community during the workshops to develop our Plan for the Future; the threats of loss of natural environment and our rural character, urban sprawl and unresponsive leadership; and the strengths of our rural lifestyle, our natural environment and our sense of community.

Through our planning policies and decisions we can develop sustainably within the natural environment to provide opportunities for sustainable industries, such as education, research and environmental technology. We also need to support individuals in smaller enterprises and home and cottage industries. Agriculture and tourism are of course our

major industries and our greatest assets are the environment, heritage and country town character, separate to, yet easily accessible from Perth. Let's protect them all.

We can aim towards becoming a carbon neutral Shire by utilising the many grants and subsidies offered by the federal and state governments to individuals, local governments and community organisations. Water wise planning policies, grey water treatment and alternative waste and sewerage treatment systems all need to be encouraged and incorporated into development within the Shire of Toodyay. Innovative and original housing and building solutions to maximise energy efficiency need to be encouraged.

To achieve these outcomes we need to have a supportive and cooperative administration that understands that the aim of regulation is to provide policies and local laws that minimise conflict between competing land uses and provide opportunity for individuals, businesses, industry and community organisations to fulfil their needs within the aims and objectives of our broader planning strategies. The role of the Shire is to support, advise and consult to achieve favourable outcomes, with enforcement and prosecution as an absolute last resort.

The role of Council is to provide guidance to the administration to ensure that the outcomes achieved are in the best community interests. I believe that every single Councillor has those interests foremost in their minds and that working together in consultation with the community we will achieve those outcomes.

Our thanks go to the Shire President for his column. We invite regular contributions from other individuals and community groups to enable us to continue informing the Toodyay community. - Editor

Graham Boston

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Can We Find You?

OUR country ambulance service has a well deserved reputation of providing the best level of emergency care and patient transport to the community – but could they find you in an emergency?

There have been several call-outs recently when the crew have had to phone the patient to get better directions and in one instance there was no mobile cover so the crew had to drive on until they had mobile cover. This could mean the difference between early or late intervention (life threatening in the case of chest pain etc). Valuable time is often lost driving up and down roads and searching for residences.

Here are some tips to help our ambulance drivers find you in case of emergency.

- Use rural numbers if allocated not lot numbers when calling 000
- Make sure your driveway or entrance to your property can be easily located, especially at night
- Remember how far your driveway is from the nearest cross street (for example, two kms down Jones Road)
- Make sure that you provide a call back number, nature of the emergency, number of people involved and details about whether the person is conscious or breathing
- If you're at home, turn on the front lights if it is dark and if possible have someone wait out the front
- Make sure the door is open and unlocked so that the ambulance officers can enter
- Stay calm and speak slowly when phoning 000

If in doubt you should always call triple zero (000). Sadly, many people do not call an ambulance as they are unsure of whether the situation is an emergency or are afraid of the cost.

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Fly on the Wall

Peter Robinson

SHIRE President Cr Firms had a rather difficult first Ordinary Meeting of Council to chair for November. Not only were there many questions and clarifications during the debates, but the meeting itself lasted for five hours. If this is how things are going to develop then going back to six pm starts may be worth considering. Although there were some stumbles and hiccups along the way, I'd have to say that Cr Firms did a pretty good job. I can remember all new Presidents having some problems for the first few meetings. The Shire President's role is more about guiding and developing the future needs and aspirations of the community than just meeting procedure. Cr Firms has a raft of ideas that have the potential to improve the flagging community spirit and allow Toodyay to achieve its goals.

Question time was a bit of a farce with all questions being taken on notice. If I was a cynical person, I'd think that the CEO Mr Merrick had a gag order (maybe self imposed) on him as a result of a dispute between the Shire President and himself over press releases. Either way, the CEO would only talk to and advise the Councillors.

The first item on the agenda was about accepting donated items into the museum's inventory. Some items were also recovered from the Library extensions including a chisel, a cupboard key, a piece of paper, two locks, six nails, and a licence plate, all of unknown date range. The 'piece de resistance' was an object of unknown use and unknown date range. Surely this one should be sent to ABC TV Collectors. We have a very good Museum, one of the best outside the metro area and large provincial centres. We also have a Museum Curator/Heritage Adviser and a dedicated and knowledgeable Museum Committee. Why can't the CEO deal with these matters under delegated authority? The CEO has delegated authority over much more important and controversial issues.

The Bush Fire Advisory Committee (BFAC) had some recommendations to Council concerning the makeup of the Committee for the next 12 months. Two of these were for the removal of the Fire Control Officer's representative and the holding vacant the Training Coordinator's position. This created a lengthy debate. At the end of these deliberations, we have Murray McBride as the Chief Bush Fire Control Officer, Alan Knapp 1st Deputy, and Brian Wood 2nd Deputy. There will also be a FCO rep but the CEO has been removed from the Committee.

The next item also originated from the BFAC. They requested that Council amend the Local Planning Strategy (LPS 4) to designate sections of the Shire as being 'bushfire prone'. This would mean that the Shire could impose strict (AS 3959) building standards on residential developments. The motion lapsed as no Councillor was prepared to move the motion, not even Councillors who are on the BFAC. Not even debating a motion from the administration is a serious matter because if the Councillors do this too often then the CEO can go to the Local Government Minister and claim he has an uncooperative Council. This could lead to the whole Council being dismissed. Discussions with the Department of Local Government stated that the motion sits on the table until acted upon and can be re-presented.

Another item which took a very long time to discuss was for retrospective planning approval (setback variation). This was a complex situation with our local bush fire volunteers disagreeing with the Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC). Considering DEC's handling of the fire at Boorabbin in December 2007 where three truck drivers died, I think our local volunteers with their local knowledge are the best judges.

After all the financials we came to some tenders. The first was for the purchase of a Street Sweeper. Without as much as a question the Council committed to spending over \$100,000 on this purchase. The second tender was for the supply and delivery of bitumen for the 2009/10 season.

Item 9.4.5 on the agenda produced an interesting debate. The administration wanted all elected members and designated senior staff be required to have Police Criminal and Traffic Clearances before being elected/employed. No other Council in WA has gone down this path yet. This does not mean we shouldn't, of course. During the debate it was suggested that forwarding this motion onto the WA Local Government

Association (WALGA) would be a good suggestion, with the end result that all Councils may consider doing this. To work through WALGA would seem to me to be a better way to go. These clearances don't prove that you are a community minded, honest, fair, considerate and open to ideas person, they simply mean that you don't have a criminal or traffic conviction. All Shire volunteers, except our Bushfire fighters, need a Police clearance and some also need a Working with Children clearance. The motion was eventually lost 5 votes to 4.

Since the administration has decided not to advertise in the local community newspaper I will let you know which Councillors have got the various Council portfolios.

Audit Committee: Cr's Firms, Hogg, Larkin, Jackson and Mr Frank Panizza
Works Committee: Cr's Prater, Wroth, Larkin, Jackson, Lloyd, Hogg, Nouwland
Museum Committee: Cr's Somers and Wroth
Bush Fire Advisory: Cr's Firms, Wroth with Cr Somers as FCO's rep

Community Bus: Cr Hogg, Local Emergency Management Plan (LEMP): Cr's Wroth and Nouwland, Investing in Communities: Cr's Somers and Prater

WALGA: Cr's Firms and Somers
Avon Region of Councils (AROC): Cr's Firms and Jackson

Wheatbelt North Regional Road Group: Cr Wroth (Much of our road revenue comes from this organisation).

Then came the notice of motion to rescind the adoption of Option 7 as the area to develop new recreation facilities. However, the issue was not debated as it had not been presented correctly the previous month. A rescind motion needs three signatures and a report from the administration giving legal and financial implications of moving such a motion. The motion was deferred pending these requirements.

An item of an urgent nature was introduced to the meeting by the administration. There were no copies for the gallery and the CEO refused to read it out as he claimed he was not permitted to speak to the public. However, the item related to the proposal by the State Government to introduce Development Assessment Panels (DAP). Without going into detail, the net result will be us (the local authority) paying some non local experts to do what our administration and Council do now, without any reduction in the local authority's work load. The State Government asked for input into details on how the changes should be worded. They made it clear that it was not a question of should the changes be introduced. The idea is that all developments with a value of \$1m or more will go to the DAP. Over the last couple of years this DAP proposal would have affected about 3% of all development applications to the Toodyay Shire. All Councillors agreed with the administration's strongly worded objection to the proposal. Nobody wants to lose local control over local development, especially when there seems to be little benefit and greater cost. One can't help wondering however if the new supermarket may not already be operating if the DAP had been in place for the past few years.

If the new Council can stand together looking in one direction (the future) instead of at each other with their backs to the community, then we can expect great things from this group of good people. With a new and revitalised Chamber of Commerce and a new and revitalised Council, I can't but help think that the future is looking exciting and challenging. We owe it to ourselves to work hard for our community and our children's future.

Merry Christmas & a Prosperous New Year to all of you.

A Christmas Affair

A CHRISTMAS Affair in the Country SUNDAY 13TH DECEMBER. This year's "Christmas Affair" will be held in the garden and among the Gum Trees that surround Earth Sculptures Studio in Francis Street, Toodyay This is an excellent opportunity to purchase a unique Christmas gift or something special for yourself. On display will be a collection of sculpture, specialised garden plants, handmade soaps, tasting of French preserves/jams, olive products, glorious soy wax essential oil candles, jewellery and wonderful handmade gifts.

This year we will also feature demonstrations from Margaret of "Garden Studios" who will be giving instructions on the art of Topiary, sorting root bound plants, beginning and maintaining a living heart wreath and general gardening information.

GATES ARE OPEN FROM 10am to 3PM Demonstration times will be allocated on the day for more information contact (08)9574-2116.



Kelly's Shiraz is a Winner

Samantha Connor

FORMER Toodyay resident Kelly Barreca (nee Seed) hit the headlines last week when a shiraz from Barreca Estate Winery won the Best WA Wine at the State Wine Industry Awards last week.

Kelly moved to Donnybrook at the age of 18 after marrying vineyard owner Filippo Barreca. Mr Barreca's family has been growing shiraz grapes in Donnybrook for over forty years.

Barreca's is the first Winery in the Geographe Wine growing region to take home the coveted wine title. After great success at the 2009 RSM Bird Cameron Geographe Wine Show, taking out 'Best Red Wine', 'Best Shiraz', and 'Wine of the Show', Barreca's

automatically went in to the competition which would showcase Western Australia's finest wines from WA's most famous wine regions and wineries.

Mr Barreca said that he was honoured to accept the award, especially after a difficult period in the industry.

"During the rough patch the West Australian wine industry is currently experiencing, it's now time to focus on quality; we have set a bench mark for the level of quality we expect from our vineyard," he said. "With first class winemaking and great fruit, the wine is the best in Western Australia and this title is a testament to everyone here at Barreca's Winery."

The winery produces up to 40 tonnes of grapes annually.

Caption: Kelly Barreca (nee Seed) pictured with young son Anton at Barreca Estate Winery



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Deck the Halls

WITH THE CHRISTMAS season almost here again, my thoughts turn to the absence of Christmas decorations in our town.

Northam seems to manage to put some effort into decorating their town centre, and I'm sure that the residents of Toodyay are equally proud of their town; I know that I am.

Our wonderful Dr Walkey puts so much effort into the decoration of the medical centre that people come from many miles away just to see the display each year. Other people in the town also make the effort to light up the town a little.

Why does our Shire think so little of the town that we are denied this most simple of gestures to commemorate the festive season? After all, it is we, the ratepayers, who would be ultimately footing the bill for the decorations, so why aren't our wishes listened to?

Christmas in Toodyay seems to be a sort of non-event. Let's have a little less apathy and show everyone how much we love our town. So come on Shire, Deck the Halls and all that stuff...

Jo Sutton

Trick or Treat?

TRICK-OR-TREATING IS A customary celebration for children on Halloween. Children go in costume from house to house, asking for treats such as candy or sometimes money, with the question, "Trick or treat?"

The word 'trick' refers to a (mostly idle) threat to perform mischief on the homeowners or their property if no treat is given. This is mostly celebrated in America but is becoming more popular by the year here in Australia.

It is not a practice that I am comfortable with, mainly due to the vandalism performed in the guise of 'trick'. Last year one of my sons had his brand new home 'egged', which could not be fully removed, as he dared to ask the trick or treaters to knock a little more quietly on people's doors. Kids should think that some people have babies that may be asleep.

This year, I was home alone and ill so chose not to answer the door. Next day I found pieces of brick in the yard and the day after a filthy note in my letterbox.

If trick or treating is to continue and flourish then parents need to have a good long talk with their kids about their actions and make the event fun for everyone.

Name and address withheld

Silly Decision

CAN SOMEONE PLEASE explain how changing the Shire advertising from the Herald to the West will reach a broader audience. If this can't be explained, could our Council please reverse this silly decision.

Richard Dymond

A thank you to our ambulance volunteers

ONCE AGAIN I have cause to register my grateful thanks to those generous and dedicated men and women in our small community who provide the volunteer services essential for our safety and well-being.

In this instance, Lorraine and Kim responded through the ambulance service based at Morangup, displaying sympathy and experience to Bev and myself in our time of crisis.

I strongly recommend to all residents of our rural haven that you consider actively supporting all of our volunteer services; they are always there for all of us.

Peter Kirkland

Ratepayers shortchanged on information, says former Editor

I WAS SURPRISED to read in November's Toodyay Herald that the present administration at the Shire have made a decision to cease advertising or reporting on their activities in our local paper.

This month, the 25th Anniversary of the relaunched Herald, will be the first time there has been nothing from our Shire included.

The Shire has a long history with the Herald and has been actively involved in many ways over the past 25 years. Geoff Ludemann, Shire President of the time stated in the first edition that 'the council will be an active contributor to future editions on matters of local interest.' The first edition was photocopied using the Shire's copier. The story goes that the copier kept overheating and it took all night to print enough copies for distribution.

The Shire also purchased a Star Typewriter which then was on permanent loan to the Herald. This greatly increased the efficiency and look of our paper.

The Herald had made pages available to the Shire at no cost until the current administration decided to make the two centre pages 'theirs' at a significant cost to the ratepayers. This actually decreased the Shire information as everything had to be compressed to fit. Prior to this the Herald had columns for library, Shire President's report, fire chat, ranger's roving, environmental, health matters as well as printing press releases as necessary. All for free. The Shire paid for their advertisements the same as everyone else and until sometime around 2004, gave the Herald a \$100 donation each month as a way of continuing their support. The only advantage for the Shire producing their own pages was that they could design their own layout.

This administration has cited a 'lengthy and inconsistent publication cycle' of the Herald as their reason for no longer supporting your local paper. I have been involved in the Herald as both assistant editor and editor for most of the nearly 15 years I have lived in Toodyay. During that time the Herald has always been a monthly paper. The only change I made to the publication cycle during my time as editor was to move the deadline one day forward. This was done because the paper had become so popular that it became physically impossible to produce a quality newspaper in the shorter time frame. One day really did make a difference. To me that seems pretty consistent.

When the Shire ordinary meetings were held on the 4th Thursday of the month, I always accepted late submissions of items that needed publication due to a decision of council.

Under previous administrations, I was also able to talk to the CEO about articles that I had written. This was to check factual information only. There was never any attempt by the administration to change the content or intent of editorials, only to make sure the facts were correct. I believe previous editors of the paper also enjoyed a similar relationship with the administration of the day. And if the Herald published letters that were unfavourable to the Shire or administration, it was the democratic right of the writer to have that letter published. Of course the Herald undertook due diligence regarding the law of libel.

To me this action of the CEO is very short sighted and greatly disadvantages the ratepayers of Toodyay. To find out what is happening and planned for our Shire, we will now have to pick up a copy of their

'independent newsletter' from the Library, Shire offices (when they are open) or the Visitors Centre or purchase a copy of the West Australian. I'm not denigrating the West, it is excellent for the reader base it has. However, it is not Toodyay focused. Those with the time and expertise can keep an eye on the Shire's webpage or the notice board outside the Post Office. As yet I have not received any notices by email.

While this could be classed as an administrative matter, I hope all our councillors will suggest that the CEO rethink this strategy and request that the Shire support their local businesses. Advertising in the West Australian will cost the ratepayers a lot more than what the Herald charges.

I am proud of our local paper and the support it is given by the community. I am disappointed that the CEO has seen fit to disparage it and break a 25 year tradition of informing the community through its pages.

*Kathy Robinson
Editor 1998-2007*

Random Acts of Kindness

EARLY ON TUESDAY morning I awoke to different sounds, not the usual whistling and chirping of birds, but the chatter of voices. I looked out to see cars coming up the driveway and a group of people gathering, armed with rakes and other garden tools. Within a short time they were hard at work trimming and pruning and cleaning up my garden.

These wonderful people turned out to be from The Toodyay Garden Club's, "Random Acts of Kindness" team.

I had to leave shortly after they started, to be in Perth for more chemotherapy, which this time has left me too unwell to be able to tidy and clean up my garden ready for the hot weather ahead. When I returned home on Thursday I found my garden looking wonderful, neat, tidy and safe, in fact far better than it has looked for a very long time.

I cannot thank those wonderful people enough and wanted to share this experience with the people of Toodyay. There are some amazing people in our community, who are often not recognised for the quiet, kind acts they do selflessly for others.

Chris Dawes

Help the needy, not the greedy

THIS LETTER MAKES me feel sad to write.

Vinnies has been operation in Toodyay for around eight years. We run very well as a shop; the volunteers who work there do a very good job. But sadly, in the last few months, some person or persons have felt the need to remove whatever they want from the verandah.

In all, there are 43 Vinnies' shops in WA. Your local Vinnies received its goods from Perth. Once goods have been in the shop for a month, it all gets sent back to Perth. Sometimes, I leave a bag or two out the front for a local person to collect for Africa; this clothing is very low grade, not suitable to be sold in the market place but, when you have nothing, you will gladly accept anything.

I cannot understand why the goods would get stolen when, after the first time, the thief would realise the goods are of no value.

To the person who likes collecting free from us, the things that are sent back to Perth are NEVER put out on the front for you to steal.

May I request that local donations be brought in when the shop is open; this way will make sure that the needy, not the greedy, will receive.

*Jackie Irvine
Person in Charge*

Co-location will cause dislocation

'CO-LOCATION' THE BUZZ word brought in by 'The Shire' and sold to many. This ensured that 'The Shire' could have their option 7.

'Dislocation' is what will happen if they have their way.

Hopefully sense will prevail – the school site and the showground –

The 'dislocation' of the lives of those living nearby, does 'The Shire' not understand their pain? Also the loss of heritage buildings is ridiculous. How could they even entertain this 'dislocation' when there is a simple answer to this problem – two sites.

With two sites there will not be room for

compromise at the showgrounds when the building construction will make football, cricket, hockey and the showgrounds unable to be used, because of inevitable delays we all know will happen. You only have to see how long changes take – think – Duidgee Park, think – Streetscape, think – Library.

Having amenities close to the school would enable our precious children to have full and easy access.

Prim Allen

Goodbye from Val and Neville

IT IS WITH great sadness Neville and I are leaving Toodyay for the cooler historic hamlet of Nannup. We have had some wonderful times with the many community groups we belong to and have seen such beautiful places, plants and birds that not many people in Toodyay have experienced.

Being members of these groups has allowed us to learn such a lot about the environment and historical aspects of the region whilst forming friendships. These wonderful friendships we have made will continue we are sure, as our home will always be open to your camaraderie, friendship, help and hospitality.

Val & Neville Tanner

Servicemen should claim medals

ALONG WITH THE National Servicemen's Association of Australia (NSAA), I am endeavouring to contact national servicemen born between 1932 and 1952 to encourage them to apply for the 'Anniversary of National Service 1951-1972' and 'Australian Defence' Medals.

All National Servicemen (sometimes known as 'Nashos') are entitled to receive these medals whether or not they served overseas. However, many eligible for the awards do not know that they are available.

The involvement of National Servicemen to Australia's development has been significant. For example, 64,000 twenty-year-olds were conscripted into the Army during the 1960s and 70s, of whom 17,500 were sent to Vietnam and Borneo. Tragically, 212 died on active service and about 1,500 were wounded.

I urge anyone who was a 'Nasho' but has not yet claimed a medal to contact the National Servicemen's Association, which will assist them to claim that which is rightfully theirs. I am sure the men's families would also be most proud to have medals in their possession.

There is renewed interest in Nashos at the moment because a National Servicemen's Memorial in Canberra will be dedicated in September 2010. It will serve to recognise those who completed their National Service commitment in the Navy, Army or Air Force between 1951 and 1959 and in either the regular Army or Citizens Military Force between 1965 and 1972.

I, and the NSAA take this opportunity to encourage all ex-National Servicemen to participate in this historic occasion if they are able to do so.

For assistance to claim your medals, or to find out more information about the dedication of the National Service Memorial, telephone 9562 1502, or write to the State Secretary, NSAA WA Branch Inc c/- 19 Brailsford Way, Butler WA, 6036.

The Hon Michael Mischin MLC

Grass fire thank you

LAST SATURDAY MORNING the 21st November, Dave Slater was mowing down the wild oats on his property at 225 Timber Creek Crescent, Woodland Heights, Coondle West when the mower accidentally caught fire setting off a grass fire.

Dave and his wife Sandy would like to sincerely thank those neighbours who quickly came to assist in putting out the fire. Their contribution was invaluable which greatly helped to keep the fire to a minimum.

We would also like to thank the Volunteer Fire Brigade for their prompt attendance to our property to ensure the fire was kept under control and fully extinguished.

Luckily there was no damage to the property.

Again, to all those who quickly attended to help, we are truly grateful and appreciative.

Dave and Sandy Slater



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Spotted on Coondle West Road

A NUMBER OF photographs and letters have been submitted this month about fires, accidents and other safety issues in Toodyay. The Herald urges all residents to be aware of road and bushfire safety this Christmas and wishes all our readers a safe and happy holiday season.

Let's decorate our town

COME ON TOODYAY Shire, let's have some Christmas decorations on the main street this year.

We have the street party, where individuals contribute their time and talent to give Toodyay a Happy Christmas. Why can't the Shire pay out some money to make the street look festive? We only have to travel 26km to Northam and they decorate the main street and it looks festive and fabulous.

So come on Toodyay Shire, put your hand into the coffers. After all, it all comes out of the ratepayers' money, even the money spent on the Christmas party for the Shire workers.
Shirley Hacking

Max and Movember

TO THE PEOPLE of Toodyay who have helped me raise funds for Movember.

My heartfelt thanks go to you all and to those that I didn't ask I am sorry if you wanted to donate to this worthy cause being Beyond Blue and Prostate Cancer research. So once again I give grateful thanks to all.
Max Heath

Farewell to the Tanners

HOW FORTUNATE TOODYAY has been to have Val and Neville Tanner in our town. Always working for our benefit – Val has cooked many cakes and muffins, planted many seeds and trees and has always been available to help where needed. Neville has had so many hats, but as a Councillor – A1. Working on behalf of we, the 'people of Toodyay' not just okaying what 'the hill' thinks we should have. Especially on behalf of the Toodyay Walkie Talkies – thanks very much for our wonderful morning walks. You will both be very much missed.

Happy move and happy Christmas and a great New Year in your new abode.
Prim Allen

When will the street be finished?

I HAVE A few issues about the streets of Toodyay but first, I must say that the street modernisation is very nice and I especially like the garden up at the Old Gaol and hope this theme is used at the entrance to town.

But when is it going to be finished? New areas are started before the old are completed; the edging from buildings to pavement and the areas around the trees are still uncompleted; sand and grass spill out onto the paving. This is not only very unsightly but dangerous, especially when we have sight-impaired and very elderly residents using the footpaths.

When are we going to get bins? I pick up rubbish as I walk and I have seen other residents doing the same. Not only do we pick up rubbish, but we have to carry it until we can find a bin to put it in. We don't need

big fancy bins; wheelie bins will do.

And why are smokers allowed to throw their cigarette butts onto the pavement? Isn't this littering and shouldn't the establishment provide ashtrays or sand trays outside their premises and encourage patrons to dispose of butts properly.

One last issue: why do people run over bobtails, snakes, black-tail goannas, echidnas and turtles on the road? These are mostly slow moving creatures and can easily be avoided so please, try to avoid them when you see them on the road.

Thanks.

ToniAnne Chrimes

Apology

THE Toodyay Herald wishes to apologise to The Stable Liquor Store for inadvertently placing an incorrect advertisement in the October 2009 issue of the paper.

Unfortunately, we placed the October 2008 advertisement instead of the October 2009.

We apologise to the owners, staff and customers who were inconvenienced by this error.

Signage Safety

DURING THE MONTH of November it was interesting to note a shire worker standing on the rear tray of a ute installing a street sign in town near the service station. I would have thought as we have a strict signage policy that all businesses need to follow, that our shire would at least follow the standard work and safety practices we all need to follow through Worksafe and use a suitable ladder being footed by another person rather than dangerously standing on a ute.

Also noting that our Transfer Station passes now only have 10 visits that we can use rather than 12 as per last year and we can no longer drop of plastic bottles. (now we have created more landfill) There is very rarely a rubbish bin we can use in town to dispose of rubbish that we may have during a town visit supporting our local shops and to top this off our land rates have gone up yet again!
Name and address supplied

Sean's our Surgery's Santa

PEOPLE OFTEN ASK if I am responsible for the surgery Christmas decorations.

As one of the many foot soldiers, I do help to put them up and one of the fewer that take them down but, no, it is not me that gets the show on the road.

The concept, buying, execution and, importantly, the wiring is all by Sean (Byron). Without his inspiration and driving force, there would not be the amazing decorations that we have.

I would like to thank him very much for what he does.
Richard Walkey



WE WISH TO express our sincere gratitude and applaud the prompt and enthusiastic efforts of the Toodyay Shire and all the members of the Volunteer Bush Fire Brigades who came to our aid recently. On Sunday, November 15th a small grass fire at our block in Mountain Park estate rapidly spread and threatened surrounding properties and our house which is under construction. A call to 000 quickly summoned the Toodyay Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade who arrived in force and worked tirelessly for the next six hours to contain, control and quell the fire. About 60 acres were burnt out and many newly planted trees were lost, but things could have been much worse and at one stage we thought that we might lose the house.

The speed with which the volunteer crews were able to group and attend the fire was impressive and reassuring in such alarming circumstances. Throughout the day their efficiency and professionalism were extraordinary and after all was done, there was still a smile and a cheery wave. Although the fire may have daunted our enthusiasm for the country life in the short term, we are

sure that once the initial shock has settled our desire to live 'in the bush' and be a part of this rural community will return even more strongly.

We were particularly touched by the concern expressed by Alan Knapp, Deputy Chief Fire Control Officer, over a minor burn that one of us had sustained. He was overseeing a major operation but still took time out to check on our personal wellbeing.

We learned some hard and valuable lessons about the bush environment on that Sunday and are deeply grateful for the tremendous support given by this emergency team. We are also most appreciative of our friends and neighbours in the Mountain Park estate who rallied to our aid at the first sign of a problem.

While being shaken by the events of that day, we have a heightened sense of how strong the community spirit is in Toodyay and hope to soon become part of that community when our house is complete and the blackened landscape has returned to a healthier colour.

*Clive Eger & Robert Gough
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'Movember' in Toodyay!

Ben Gladden

OUR local Movember team (named Stubble Trouble WA) consists of a variety of members from Toodyay, Northam and Perth. We are a mix of Teachers, a Church Pastor, A School Chaplain, Salesmen, Industry workers and more. We had approximately 20 mo bros and mo sistas in our team this year.

Movember is all about 'Changing the face of Mens Health' - a fundraising event where participants start clean shaven and grow their moustache through the month of Movember (formerly known as November), whilst finding people to sponsor their facial hair growing endeavours. All funds raised go to the Movember Foundation which splits

Pictured (left to right) are Mo Bros Michal Jasinski, Stephen Pountney, Shane Bartholomeusz, Benn Gladden, Dave Flowers and Simon Harrington.

the earnings between Beyond Blue (Mens Mental Health helpline) and Prostate Cancer research.

For more info visit au.movember.com Collectively we have raised over \$2000, with over \$1800 being earned by Mo Bro Max Heath!



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How Much?

WITH the launch of a new newspaper for the Avon Valley, we at the Toodyay Herald would like to let all our readers know some details.

The Toodyay Herald is a true community newspaper. It is owned by the community of Toodyay through membership and serves the people of Toodyay and surrounds by printing, without cost, anything from locals or local community groups. The paper is distributed or made available free-of-charge to all households in Toodyay and distributed to various locations in neighbouring towns.

The Toodyay Herald relies on advertising of local businesses to enable it to continue to provide this service. But are we to lose this valuable advertising to the new kid on the block? We hope not and think that cost will be a major factor for us to continue.

So, how much will it cost? The first consideration of any newspaper advertisement is the ubiquitous 'column centimetre'. This is a measurement of how many columns across the advertisement takes up and how many centimetres down. The Toodyay Herald has four columns (a little bit more than 6cm wide) per page at \$2.95 per column centimetre. Compared to the opposition columns of approximately 3.5cm at \$6.41 per column centimetre, we're streets ahead.

Every newspaper has a surcharge for colour in an advertisement. This is to pay for the extra costs of a colour page (remember all those photos of your community group that appear, in colour, in the Herald?) The Toodyay Herald charges a flat rate of \$51.50 per advert. The opposition: \$2.50 per column centimetre. The prices are comparable up to an advertisement of 2 columns by 10cm but then the differences really add up.

So what does this mean in looking at, say, a full or half-page advertisement?

You'll find a full-page, colour advert in The Toodyay Herald at \$523.50 or a half-page at \$287.50. What is it in our competition's paper? Well, they're having a special up to 31st December: if you book 4 adverts, you'll only pay \$500 each for a half-page or \$950 each for a full-page.

So, for a month in the Toodyay Herald, you'll pay \$523.50 for a full-page, colour advertisement. For the same period in the new newspaper, you'll find the cost to be \$3800.

The 'opposition' claims their paper is kept by a household for an average of 4.8days. We haven't paid anyone to find this out but we could hazard a guess that, on average, Toodyay households keep the Toodyay Herald for up to 21 days.

We guess that one thing going for the new paper is the distribution which is 10 times that of the Herald but, in the Herald, your advertisement won't be lost amongst the hundreds of other, similar trades from all over the place; your ad will be a Toodyay ad for Toodyay people.

Having said all of the above, we think it's great that our town is 'in the news' and wish the new publication all the best for their success in the future.

Police Beat

Sergeant Paul McComish

TOODYAY Police have become involved in Operation RAID (Remove All Impaired Drivers) which is a national campaign. So the message is, if you don't have a valid motor driver licence, don't drive, because you will be caught and face the possibility of having your vehicle impounded.

The Wheatbelt Police will also be utilising the ANPR Camera which assists in identifying unlicensed drivers. A recent burglary at one of Toodyay's hardware stores involved the stealing of Stihl chainsaws and a whipper snipper. Anyone with information is urged to contact Toodyay Police Station.

With the ever increasing demand for Toodyay Police services from Morangup to Bolgart it is timely to remind everyone that we have a limited number of officers who have to provide a 24 hrs police service 7 days a week. The maths are simple and the services provided at the front counter have decreased dramatically. All Firearms licensing is now done at participating Australia Post outlets along with Police Clearance Certificates. The Shire conducts drivers licence testing and traffic crash reporting can now be done over the internet.

We aim to provide a greater presence on the road as opposed to remaining in the office. Toodyay Police Station is open from Monday - Wednesday from 9.00 - 3.00 pm. However, depending on operational needs, we may need to close during that period and attend to tasking issues.

If you require Police assistance please phone 9574 2212 / 24 hrs a day and your call will be answered and an appropriate policing response provided. Dial 000 only for emergencies. For non-urgent matters you can also correspond by email to ToodyayPolStnSMAIL@police.wa.gov.au

Vandalism

ARE you a responsible parent? Do you know where your child was on the weekend of 10th November or on Monday or Tuesday afternoon of 23rd and 24th of November? The Morangup hall was vandalised and all the doors have been kicked in.

The community of Morangup is not willing to put up with such blatant vandalism and as it is your community hall we need your input in stopping this vandalism happening.

The Toodyay police were called on both occasions and would appreciate any information regarding the incidents.

If anyone has any information regarding the above incidents or if anyone noticed anything suspicious then please contact the Toodyay police or any member of the Morangup Progress Association
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Secretary Isabel McHutchison 9572 9041
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P.S. One of the vandals was silly enough to write a name on the wall. I wonder if this was your son.

Merry Christmas

From the committee and staff at the Toodyay Herald

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Rica Erickson: a Toodyay legacy

Robyn Taylor

WITH the passing of the Patron of the Toodyay Historical Society, we thought it would be timely to have a look at Rica's tremendous contribution to our knowledge about our town and region.

The first article she published relating to our district's history is believed to have been 'First Explorers in the Toodyay Valley', published 6th December 1956 in the Central Districts Herald. She continued to research and publish for the next 50 years, with her last major output being 'Toodyay Homesteads: Past & Present', which we co-authored and published through Hesperian Press in 2006.

During the years in between, Rica published numerous historical articles based on her own discussions with our early pioneers and their families and also her primary research into the colonial records, and accounts published in the early newspapers. Her research was thorough and her writings reflected her personal knowledge and experiences as a country teacher and as a farmer's wife in Bolgart. She knew the rhythms of the land, and could appreciate what the realities of life would have been for the early settlers, and sympathise with their wives and families.

In 1966 she contributed the entry on the government botanist, James Drummond, to the Australian Dictionary of Biography, later following with entries on Samuel Pole Phillips (1974) and Daniel Connor (1981). All three men were major figures in Toodyay's history. The book, 'The Drummonds of Hawthornden' was published in 1969, to be followed by 'The Victoria Plains' (1971), 'Old Toodyay and Newcastle' (commissioned and published by the Toodyay Shire Council in 1974), 'The Dempsters' (1978), and 'The Brand on his Coat' (1983), which included Toodyay identities John Acton Wroth, James Everett and Daniel Connor.

She was also active in the preservation of the old gaol in Toodyay, producing booklets about the Old Gaol Museum in 1962 and 1978. Her involvement in the preservation and use of historic buildings in Toodyay also included helping to assess the potential of Connor's Mill (then the abandoned Toodyay power house) as a museum.

In her capacity as an historian and botanist, Rica was a member of the Shire's Emblem Competition Committee (1978), which included Toodyay Naturalists' Club member, Pam Masters. In December that year, the Shire agreed to the Club's nomination of the Raspberry Jam Tree (*Acacia acuminata*) as the Shire's floral emblem.

In 1981 Rica became a benefactor of The Toodyay Society (founded November 1980), and addressed its first AGM on Toodyay's links to the Parmelia people. Rica was appointed Patron when the Society was renamed The Toodyay Historical Society in 1994. She was made the Society's first Honorary Life Member in 1999. During these years she was the compiler of the 'Dictionary of Western Australians' (several volumes), and general editor of the four volumes of the 'Bicentennial Dictionary of Western Australians'.

In 2007 the Society was pleased to successfully nominate Rica for the Individual Award of the Heritage Council Awards. Rica celebrated her 100th birthday last year.

The details for this tribute to Rica are based on research undertaken by our Secretary, Beth Frayne.

On 9th December 2009, at 10am, a Memorial Service will be held in Kings Park to celebrate the life of Rica Erickson

AM, D.Litt, Cit.WA(Arts). The location of the service: The Water Garden Pavilion – former Suffrage Pavilion, Botanic Garden, King Park or, in the event of rain, at the Wildflower Pavilion, Botanic Garden. Park in the Botanic Garden Car Park and follow the Women's Achievement Pathway below the Pioneer Women's Fountain down to the Water Garden. Bring a chair, if required.



Toodyay Music Club Inc.

Jenny Edgecombe

SECOND childhood? Or did some of us never escape the first? We saw some very fetching ensembles at the Children's Music theme night, featuring lots of braided hair, frilly skirts, girly shoes and a trio of wayward schoolboys complete with baseball caps turned backwards.

The uke group led us off to a rousing start with 'Belle of Belfast', sung to banjo, double bass and ukuleles, along with Allan and Leila's melodious Peter Paul and Mary song, 'Autumn to May'. There was a large crowd to inspire all the performers, including a welcome appearance by Terry Reddy, accompanied by a contingent of friends and relations. We were delighted to hear Terry's first performance in some time, singing 'Children's Colour Bar'. Murf reached deep and found some traditional children's street songs, then Anne gave us a Scottish lullaby we had to learn on the run, with much enjoyment.

A bevy of Terry's nieces who were visiting from Sweden later entertained us with a hilarious song about a little cat, a pig and a cow, complete with gorgeous explanations of what the words meant.

Jan had us all involved in 'action songs' including the ever-popular 'Frog Song'. She also introduced Natasha, singing and playing guitar for 'London Bridge'. It is wonderful to see youngsters learning to make music, gaining something that will stay with them forever.

Happy Notes were here again (sounds like a song title!), with stunning outfits for

such classics as, 'Daddy Wouldn't Buy Me a Bow-wow' and 'I'm a Little Teapot'. The Missing Chords and Keys, our 'schoolboys', presented 'The Good Ship Lollipop', while Joe tied everyone's tongues with 'The Big Black Hat' and 'Court of King Caractacus'. Leila on fiddle produced 'Two Little Girls in Blue', a sweet song that many children of previous generations sang at family and community gatherings. Jenny also harked back to these times with 'I Don't Want to Play in Your Yard'.

Peter, Moira and Eileen entertained us with the whimsical 'Windmill in Old Amsterdam' to uke and guitar, and we also enjoyed Nancy's spirited 'Old Grey Mare' and Gale's 'Roses are Red'.

Some of the items about children rather than for children gave pause for thought, with lovely songs like Jeanette's 'Why Don't we Listen to the Children?' and Spencer with the Australian classic, 'Little Boy Lost'.

We spent a very happy evening, with plenty of audience participation all the way, one of the popular features of the Toodyay Music Club.

Next Meeting: A Christmas flavour, 7pm Friday 11th December. Any style of singing or instrumental performance is welcome, so long as it is 'acoustic'. Come to our monthly meeting as performer or listener - Second Friday of each month at the CWA Hall. For further information contact Teddy or Spencer on 9574 4492.

Toodyay Agricultural Society Founded 1852

Pam Jackson
Committee Member

Logo Competition

WOULD you like to win \$200? Then get creative and design an ORIGINAL logo for the Toodyay Agricultural Society Inc. The logo will be used on stationery (letters, forms, etc), posters and other documents.

We would like a logo with an AGRICULTURAL theme, a logo that looks good printed in colour or black and white. Your design MUST be an ORIGINAL (ie. no clip art, no photos / diagrams or drawings from the internet or anywhere else). Your logo must be scalable (ie. effective large or small)



Herald Website

It's been a long time coming, but the Toodyay Herald website is finally live (and still under development).

With the assistance of resident geniuses Grant Scobie and Guido Verschoor, we hope to be able to bring your community news to a broader audience. Check out the site at www.toodyayherald.com.au.



*Wishing you a safe, happy
and enjoyable Christmas with
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fire chat

central

Toodyay Central Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade

Desraé Clarke

THE last General Meeting for 2009 was held on Tuesday 24th November with an excellent attendance and the welcoming of new member, Nicholas Jacobson. Welcome Nick - we are very pleased to have you join our team.

As with other volunteer fire brigade members of Toodyay, Central have attended a number of fires in and around the Shire, one of which was started by an angle grinder.

The Shire of Toodyay may impose a Harvest, Vehicle Movement or Hot Works Ban:

A harvest, vehicle movement or hot works ban may be applied during the Restricted or Prohibited Burning Period. Hot Works include all welding, grinding and abrasive tools.

The Shire of Toodyay will determine the need for a ban and advertise the ban on:

ABC Radio 531AM and RadioWest 864AM.

Under the Act, Regulation (39C) specifies the following requirements:

Angle grinders or welding apparatus must not be used in the open unless a fire extinguisher is available for immediate use and a five metre break has been cleared [of all

inflammable vegetation]. Shire regulations specify a 7.5 kilogram fire extinguisher in attendance.

The information sheet, provided with annual Rates Notices, contains this important information and hints on keeping your property safe.

The Incident Control Vehicle training orientation, held on Saturday 14th November at the Emergency Services Centre, was extremely well received. Appreciation is extended to Bobbie Jones, for the organisation of the morning tea and lunches for the day, with thanks also extended to the Julimar Brigade for attending the afternoon tea.

The Central Brigade Christmas Party is to be held on Saturday 5th December. Please RSVP by 1st December for catering purposes. Enquiries to Captain, Kevin Hug on 9574 2216, Secretary, Wayne Clarke on 6364 3609.

coondle

Coondle-Nunile Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade

Peter Ruthven

WHAT'S the penalty for a bad memory? Well, if you forget to delegate the job of writing the Brigade's *Herald* article to someone else, then you have to do it yourself, so here we go again.

We are now in the prohibited fire season, so if you see any sign of smoke, ring 000. If you ring 000, a pager message is sent out to the rostered crew on weekends or whoever's available during the week. Don't ring a local Brigade member. They will just have to ring 000 to have the pager message sent out. This takes longer.

We have already had a couple of call outs this season. The grass is drying out so extra care is needed with using tools outside. This particularly applies to angle grinders, welders and slashers with metal blades. One spark is all it needs to start a fire. It's easy to think one spark couldn't do it, but that's all it takes to start a fire.

Our training on Sunday 15th November was on radio procedures. We did the theory part in the fire shed, and then went down the road to put the procedures into practice in a fire scenario. We were just setting up the scenario when the pager call came through for a real fire at Mountain Park.

Although they didn't get to participate much, it gave our new radio operators the chance to hear the radio traffic in a real situation including how the radio protocol sometimes slips in a real fire situation. This is why the training is so important, so that radio protocol is automatic even under pressure.

I'd like to express my thanks to our crews who turned out, the extra members who stayed around after training was curtailed and volunteered to take the collar tank out to the fire, and to those who at short notice managed to feed over forty fire fighters. Crews then went out the next day for mopping up. Thank you all.

At the November Ordinary Meeting of the Shire of Toodyay, Cr Bob Somers, during the establishment of Council committees for the coming year, proposed the motion for the Bush Fire Advisory Committee. This committee will have a new look with two Council representatives, Councillors Firms and Wroth. Councillor Somers, a Fire Control Officer (FCO), will also be on the committee as the FCO representative. There was some disagreement about whether Councillor Somers moved to have the CEO removed from the committee or just for him to be a non-voting member. The minutes of the meeting seem to reflect the CEO's view that he was removed from the committee.

Our next meeting will be on Saturday 12 December. As usual for our Christmas meeting, the Brigade will supply the meat but we still ask those attending to bring a salad, vegetable dish or dessert to share. For this meeting you'll need to RSVP by Tuesday 8th December, so write your name on the board at the fire shed or give us a call. If you have any queries, check with Kerry Gregory, our logistics officer/social director on 9574 4470.

If you can't make it to the meeting, everyone is welcome to come along to the Coondle Fire Shed on Coondle West Road any Friday night for a bite to eat and a good social evening. However, if you can't get to the shed on a Friday night, but would like to know more about Coondle Brigade or would like information about any aspects of fire prevention and safety, phone Peter Ruthven (Captain) on 9574 2951. Finally, on behalf of the Brigade, I would like to wish all members of the Toodyay community a happy and fire-free Christmas and New Year.

julimar

Julimar Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade

Grant Scobie

BEEP, beep, beep, beep! The sound of the pager going off is not something we look forward to and, in a lot of cases, something we expect. However, the damn thing seems to have decided that we need some exercise so it's been going off - often!

Not so often that one doesn't have time to have a shower after the previous call-out; not really that often at all; more of a 'more often than we're used to' kind of often.

It started with a call to Gidgegannup which was attended by our colleagues from the Morangup Brigade and then, some hours later, we were asked to join a Task Force to help out, especially in the area closest to our Shire.

We've also had at least one call per weekend and a couple midweek to attend grass fires which have been started inadvertently by landholders not realising the dryness of the fuel nor the speed in which it can get away.

Which brings me to the point I, and my colleagues, constantly reiterate: be careful with anything that creates a spark! Don't use a welder or angle grinder near anything flammable; don't throw your match or cigarette onto anything flammable. Don't, don't, don't... It's annoying that there are so many don'ts in the world but, in this case, it could be a life-saving 'don't'.

The trip down to Gidge was beneficial to us in at least one small way: our new 1.4 Fire Unit stopped working! Well, it was just the pump, the thing that puts water on stuff that burns, so it wasn't too drastic! After two weeks or more off the road, it's back and working. Phew!

Last month's training was on drafting. We took a group and both vehicles down to Extracts and sucked some water out of and blew it back into the river. Thankfully, we had Corrie with us to open the inlet / outlet valve on the 1.4 or we would have been in trouble.

If you wish to know more about your fire brigade or more about fire and how it may affect you in your community or even if you just want to get to meet some of your neighbours, get down to your local fire shed.

'The Fireplace', behind the Julimar Fire Shed is open from about 5pm on Friday nights for some casual interaction with Brigade members. Even if you're not a member, come along and have a chat about your fire prevention plan, find out about your brigade and get to know the people who hope they never have to be called to your home (except maybe for dinner!).

On behalf of all the volunteers from the Julimar Brigade, we hope you all have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year (with no fires!)

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school news



Brandon Hatton, Mr McLaren, Mrs Camenzuli and Patrick Cording discussing the benefits of subsurface dripper irrigation

Toodyay to Benefit from Subsurface Dripper Irrigation

TOODYAY District High School's Relieving Principal, Mrs Wendy Camenzuli officially opened the school oval subsurface dripper irrigation system on Friday 20th November at the school's Learning Journey Day. The school successfully applied for a Water and Energy Savers Grant of \$44,000 to install the subsurface dripper irrigation system. The grant is part of the Federal Government's initiative for community organisations to save, and improve the health of our water sources.

The school contributed \$6,700 to the project. Mrs Camenzuli said that the system has ensured that our oval is adequately watered, while conserving our ground water. "Today, we acknowledge the Federal Government in the provision of this valuable resource to our school," said Mrs Camenzuli.

School Principal, Mr Alan Mr McLaren, who regretted not being able to attend the day due to health issues, said that ensuring

the future of our beautiful green oval as well as our precious water resource has been a priority for the school for some time. He said it will be of benefit to both our school students, as well as the wider community.

Mrs Camenzuli also welcomed everyone to TDHS Learning Journey Day. Mrs Camenzuli said "This day celebrates the work of students and teachers in our school and provides a wonderful example of our school ethos in practice. Our staff is committed to developing strong partnerships between students, parents, teachers, community agencies and the wider Toodyay community. All care is taken to ensure that students are provided with the best possible learning opportunities and that each student's best efforts are acknowledged.

I believe having fun should also be an important part of student learning. While there are times in the day for serious and thoughtful practice, we all need time to enjoy our surroundings, friends and family.

We thank our organising committee, Jo Bartlett, Lindsey Read, Andrew Ellis,

Heather Blackwell and Kerry Knowles for their hard work in organising today. Special thanks to Miss Whitney, our teachers, Yummy Chummies, the secondary student councillors, and front office staff for their efforts. Also, thanks to the band for entertaining us. An extra special thanks to our P&C, for their assistance in the running of our games."

Mr McLaren said the day was well attended by parents and community members. He said that although he was unable to attend the day himself, he was pleased to note how much students enjoyed showing their school and their work to parents and friends. He is also pleased to see one of the school's priorities in subsurface reticulation of the oval, reaching fruition.

Mr McLaren also made a point of saying how welcoming students, staff and parents have been as he returns to school gradually. He is looking forward to his completion of health programs and a full return to work in 2010.

Launch of Crime Stoppers in WA High Schools

REPRESENTATIVES from the Department of Education (DET) and Crime Stoppers Western Australia have been working together to develop an educational package for high school students, so they become aware of the important role they can play as citizens in helping to reduce crime. The pilot of this initiative was launched on Tuesday, 17th November at Kinross College.

Why high schools? Since Crime Stoppers began in Western Australia in 1995, it has enjoyed growing support from the community. However, research has told us that our young people (that is, under 25 years of age) do not have a strong understanding of Crime Stoppers. Thus, we developed a strategy to effectively extend the brand into the younger age segments and an ideal starting point was secondary students.

The programme will sit within the DET Curriculum Framework which is designed to assist students to understand and embrace

the qualities needed to be good citizens. DET, with the support of high schools, aims to ensure students develop a sense of pride in themselves, their school, their environment and their society.

The Crime Stoppers logo specifically developed for the high schools' programme, emerged from a student design competition conducted at both Kinross and Southern River Colleges.

It is important to understand that this initiative is not about establishing a Crime Stoppers programme in high schools or encouraging students to actively use the Crime Stoppers service but rather a measure to educate young people on good citizenship as part of their social and civil responsibility.

Each student will receive a promotional bag and the school will be provided with a DVD teacher's resource which includes a range of messages to be used as screen savers on school computers.

The pilot will be launched early in 2010 at Southern River College, Gosnells. Following a review period of four months, the package will be assessed and, if need be, modified prior to a broader statewide roll out.

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school news



Bolgart Primary School

Elaine May
Registrar

WELCOME everyone to Bolgart School News. The end of year is approaching very quickly and the Bolgart School children have been very busy.

This year's end of school concert will be held at the school on Friday 11th December. We wish to invite all parents and community members to this wonderful event the children and staff have put so much effort into creating. If everyone could arrive at 6pm and be ready for the concert to begin for 6.30pm, it would be greatly appreciated. Please bring your own chairs and a plate to share at the end of the concert. There will be a few surprise guests on the evening.

This month's "Aussie of the Month" recipients are Kyle Martin and Chloe Denning. Well done and congratulations.

Kyle Martin also was runner up in the year 5 group, 'Alcohol is a drug too' cartoon competition. Eric Nordberg, the chairperson to the Northam Local Drug Action Group, attended Bolgart Primary School to present awards and prizes to students who entered the competition that was offered throughout the Wheatbelt to all schools. Eric also extended a big thank you to the teachers who encouraged the students to enter the competitions and hopes to offer a similar competition for students next year. Alex Bain, Catlin Donovan, Jarrod Clarke and Jasmine Mulgrew were also awarded certificates and received a show bag. Congratulations.

Sarah and Patrick, the presenters for Constable Care, came to our school and acted out skits in a show designed to teach children how to deal with four types of bullying – cyber bullying, exclusion bullying, physical bullying and verbal bullying. Their light-hearted, interactive role-playing gave the children ideas and guided them on how to take care of themselves in a relaxed and fun environment. Our thanks go to this non-profit organisation that is dealing with such a potentially serious problem.

Another person helping others is Ms Sarah Sims, our middle room teacher, who recently completed the Ramsey Health Care Pink Triathlon. Sarah raised \$511.95 for the cancer foundation by donation and a lot of personal effort. Sarah completed the short course, consisting of a 100m swim, 4km bike ride and ended after a 1km run, in 30m 31s and came 13th in her age group. I think it's wonderful that, through her actions, Sarah is showing our children that caring for people and exercise are not just a short term achievement and can be maintained after you've left school. Congratulations Sarah.

The senior room had a wonderful experience



this month when they were able to do song writing with John. The children even created their own class song. Well done guys.

The whole school enjoyed learning about cricket from Mike. They were able to get some hands-on help and experience which was not just great fun but gave some of the children some new skills and a new interest.

Bolgart School has already implemented many energy saving practices and has now come 24th out of 66 schools in the switch off competition. Our students achieved a very creditable 5.42% reduction in consumption. Well done everyone.

It has been a struggle to maintain Bolgart Primary School's vegetation but, thanks to the effort in obtaining grants and the government's commitment to improving our schools, we have been able to upgrade our reticulation. Over the coming school holidays, we anticipate a significant improvement in the appearance of the school.

There have been many improvements to the school this year, some more subtle than others, but all these changes and tolerance of the disturbance created as they are implemented are greatly appreciated. The children will continue to reap the rewards from these changes long after the works are completed and everything settles down.

Kellogg's has donated boxes of cereal as Bolgart Primary School has joined Kellogg's Breakfast Buddies. The children have enjoyed the inclusion of the cereal in our normal breakfast menu, especially the early risers and the children on the school bus run.

The Yr 7 students have decided to donate some of the funds remaining from their fundraising to purchase one of our new noticeboards. Thanks for this kind thought and the new boards look great.

The children showed their respect on Remembrance Day by participating in a period of silence. I hope we never forget the cost of war and the appreciation the people who have made sacrifices to protect our way of life and rights deserve.

Christmas's approach is noticeable all around us and in the stores and the children are getting excited. Christmas cards are already being shared through the school by the school's internal Christmas Postal service created especially to help with this exciting time of year.

All the staff at Bolgart wish everyone a safe and happy Christmas, New Year and School Holidays. We are looking forward to seeing our returning school children and wish the children leaving us all the best for the future.



Baby Think it Over

Jessica Lea Fleming Richards and Shanae Johnson caring for their 'babies' at school

A number of students at Toodyay District High School have been participating in the 'Baby Think it Over' programme this year.

The core of the programme is a parenting simulation using a computerised infant simulator. The parenting simulation is designed to help young adults understand three important facts about infants. These are: infants' demands are unpredictable and must be met promptly; infants need a great deal of time and attention; and infants change parent's lives profoundly. The programme helps young adults explore the physical, emotional, social and financial consequences of parenthood.

The infant simulator baby cries at random, unpredictable times 24 hours a day and requires the student to care for it by turning a key and holding it in place in the baby's back until the infant is settled. The computer in the baby is pre-programmed.

The infant also cries if handled roughly or held in the wrong position. Students were

required to keep the baby with them at all times, changing it and cleaning it well as using a pram and carrying all the care items in a bag with them to school on the bus and into class.

Staff at the school as well as parents were very supportive, which enabled a successful programme to develop for many of our students.

The programme was incorporated into the Caring for Children course within the Technology and Enterprise Learning area for Year 10. Both boys and girls have been studying child development in the programme and several visits by mums, dads and babies have allowed the students invaluable experience and observation with real babies.

Merry Christmas to all our Toodyay students!



Roy, Jake, Tom and Aiden in the back of the police vehicle

Scout Lockup!

TOODYAY Scouts experienced the other side of the law last week, when Toodyay Police gave them a guided tour of the Police Station.

Constables Stuart Schultz and Summer Roberts showed the Scouts how the Station operated and also the now disused Court House. Toodyay police officers have now been issued with tasers as well as pepper spray and Const. Schultz showed the Scouts other methods of controlling 'the bad guys'. They include a heavy 'nightstick' and the standard issue firearms. Other very interesting features included a great deal of illegal confiscated material and breathalysing equipment.

The highlight of the night was the ride home – after Scouts had been handcuffed to each other, the divvy van left with a number of kids in the back on the way back to the Scout Hall!

Thanks go to the Toodyay Police for taking the time and effort to help our young people understand police operations in Toodyay.



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Taste for Textiles

ARTS Toodyay had a very successful 'Taste for Textiles' workshop on Saturday 21st November at their meeting place in Duke St.

Seven ladies attended (ranging in ages from 14 to mature) and enjoyed a very informative and friendly session. Marie Louise and Bev stepped them through the basics of felting, free motion machining on soluble fabric, beading and hand embroidery.

Our next workshop is to be on Saturday the 6th February 2010 when we will be working on how to make your own fabric by layering.

If you would like to join us please feel free to ring Bev on 9574 2898 or 0428 531 008. Due to the success of the last Saturday's workshop we have limited spaces available for Saturday; however, if midweek suits you better, we will look at having a workshop on a weekday as well. **R e m e m b e r**, by becoming a member of Arts Toodyay, you will have access to some fantastic workshops for 2010.

Membership is only \$15 for the year. Check with the Arts Toodyay column for details.

Arts Toodyay

STOP PRESS! Interested in beautiful objects and especially art, vintage jewellery, vintage kimonos, and scarves made from vintage Kimono silk? Member Ruth Lawford is having an open day at her place, from 10 to 2pm Saturday 5th December, where you can view and buy these things (in time for Xmas) at Lot 18 Whitfield Rd. Ph: 9574 4695

Congratulations to our member Kaye Devlin who won in September the College Acquisition Award in the TAFE Student Annual Exhibition 2009. She also received the Brendon Grylls Award for a mixed media entry in the 2009 Wheatbelt Art Prize. As icing on the cake Mr Grylls also purchased her work! Hopefully he will hang it in his office for everyone to enjoy. Kaye is also running one day workshops at AVAS in Basic Techniques. Details from AVAS on 9622 2245 if interested.

On Saturday 21st a textile 'taster' workshop coordinated by Bev Bush at our Space was so successful that another one has been booked for 6th February next year. This first one was to give participants an idea of some different ways of working with textiles so it won't be

necessary to have done the first one if you missed it. Let Bev know of your interest on 9574 2898. An evening timeslot may also be possible if this suits people better.

We have some other activities planned for next year too. Coordinated by various members these are the events on the agenda so far: Visual Art Diary Workshop, a Plein-Air Picnic, Drawing (Charcoals), Wearable Art, and Sculpture.

Other news in the region relevant to anyone interested in the arts is an exhibition at the "Black Ant Gallery", formerly the IASKA Art Space, Great Eastern H'way, Kellerberrin. Here students, artists and graduands of CYO'Connor TAFE will be showing works from 5th to 11th December inclusive with a Gala opening on Friday 4th, at 7pm. All are welcome. It's easy to find in the main street. Other TAFE news is that lecturer Tony Lusk has retired from teaching (do artists ever really retire?). Lecturers are currently being appointed to replace Tony and will join current lecturer Robert McCaffrey.

Article spotted in the Gazette last week mentioned a \$200 prize for designing a logo for the Toodyay Agricultural Show, with entries closing in February.

As Christmas is nearly here maybe some of you will be treated to, or will treat yourselves to some art 'toys' (materials) which would make Carl Jung's quote for December relevant, "The creative mind plays with the objects it loves". Hope everyone has a joyful and playful time over the break.

Any information needed can be answered by Wendy on 9574 4172.

Chamber of Commerce and Industry

Lee King
Street Party Coordinator

ONCE again the Toodyay Chamber of Commerce & Industry is holding the Annual Christmas Street Party on Friday 11th December 2009, from 5pm until 9pm. The Chamber would like to acknowledge our sponsors for this year - The Bendigo Bank, The Toodyay Op Shop, Toodyay Hardware

and Farm and the Shire of Toodyay. Without this sponsorship this event would not be a low cost evening for the Toodyay Community. We thank our sponsors and hope that they will be able to support future Street Parties.

Businesses will be open for late night trading til 9pm and the Courtyard Markets will be open for the duration of the event.

There will be a few different entertainment items this year. We have Brooke J. Mitchell who is one of Australia's leading Jugglers tying balloon animals for the children at 6.30pm in front of Toodyay Hardware and Farm. Encourage the children to approach Brooke and she will make them an animal. Brooke will also be appearing as our final act at 8.30pm. Please come along and watch Brooke juggling with fire!! A worthwhile performance for all to see. The Toodyay Community Singers will be having two performances in the grounds at St. Stephens Church, so wander down and listen to the beautiful voices perform at 6.30pm and 7.30pm. There will be Hobby Horse races in front of IGA for the children of all ages.

Santa will be arriving on Ric Turner's trike and has been given several 'Gift Bags' to be given out to the children that go to visit him in his Grotto near Toodyay Homefresh. These gift bags have been donated by Licks and Lollies who, with the following businesses, have fundraised the money to make the bags and their contents: Licks and Lollies, Freemasons Hotel, Ladyraven's Clothing and Giftware, Moondynner Cafe, Brewbakers, Innovations in Meat, Toodyay Hardware & Farm, Courtyard Antiques & Collectables, Victoria Hotel, Toodyay Hair Studio, Uncle Vinnie's, Bendigo Bank and Wendouree Tearooms. Thank you for all the support that has been given.

Toodyay Homefresh is hosting the Christmas Cherry Charity Auction at 7pm in front of their shop. All proceeds from this auction will go to The Toodyay Foundation.

Once again there will be the FREE Raffle with raffle draws taking place all evening. Don't forget to get your ticket or docket from participating businesses from Monday 7th December to 4pm Friday 11th December and place it in the box which will be situated inside Brewbakers, Ellery Arcade, Stirling Terrace, Toodyay.

The Chamber hopes that the Toodyay Community will come along to support our Street Party and have an enjoyable evening leading up to the Festive Season. We wish everyone a happy Christmas and all the best for the New Year.

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Jessica-Lea shows her sandboarding style down a sand dune in Lancelin

Toodyay Scout Group

Samantha Connor
'Dropbear'

MERRY Christmas and a Happy New Year to all our Scouts, Cubs, Joeys, Venturers, Rovers, leaders and parents!

We're all very busy at this time of year – Cubs will be attending iceskating this weekend and we hope they have a safe and wonderful time. Joeys will be sleeping over at the Factory in December for their Joey Sleepover and Scouts, Venturers and Rovers have lots planned, some of which is detailed below.

Scouts will be attending Laser Skirmish at Laser Corps on Sunday 6th December, 2009. Scouts will leave the Hall at 12pm – game starts at 1pm at Swan Valley Oasis Resort. Cost is \$30 and includes a sausage sizzle, guns and your camo shirt. You MUST wear long pants or you won't be permitted to play. You'll be playing in an open session against other players in games such as Deathmatch, the Last Stand, VIP Escort, Defend the Base

and Sniper. The terrain at Laser Corps is 20 acres of woodland with barricades and huts (good for long sniper shots) and there are nine different weapons – teams can swap weapons, which have different qualities. To find out more about the armoury, go to www.lasercorps.com. Linking Cubs are welcome at this event.

By the time the next newspaper is completed, six of our Scouts will have attended the AJ2010 Jamboree with 11,000 other Scouts. Over 1,000 young people are attending from WA. Our Troop could not have managed to attend without the support of our Group parents, other sections and community organisations such as the Op Shop, Lions and Toodyay Race Club. Sponsorship was also received from the Shire of Toodyay for this event. Special thanks go to our hard working Cubs and to Danielle and Gina for their support.

A Rover meeting was held at the Freemasons a couple of weeks ago and Rovers from the Kalamunda Crew attended. Thank you to the Rovers for their advice and help with squiring our Rovers and helping set up their

Crew. Rovers offers young people between 17 and 26 years old a chance to mix socially, push yourself physically, challenge yourself mentally and develop spiritually. The Crew meet once a month and carry out activities like motor sport racing, service activities and social meets in between times. For more information email Julia at polgara86@hotmail.com.

The Venturers attended a camp at Ledge Point a couple of weeks ago – thanks to Courtney, who organised and catered the weekend. The highlight of the weekend (apart from Tiana and Casey's impressive sunburns) was sandboarding and four wheel driving in the Lancelin sand dunes. The Venturers took some awesome photos of some 'Krusty Demon' style motorcyclists who were leaping over the dunes and doing stunts.

The Scouts will be fundraising at the Street Party for the Jamboree, so please help support our Group. The Rover Crew will be invested during the Street Party and we look forward to seeing what the Scouts planned for their investitures. All Scouters and parents are welcome and encouraged to attend the investiture ceremony.

Thank you to all our hardworking Leaders and parent committee, who have supported our young people over the course of 2009. Special thanks go to our Joey Leader, 'Kanga' Lee Street and 2009 Leaders and helpers Evie Luke and Melissa O'Connor; Cub Leader 'Ratcha' Danielle Schoen and parent helpers; Scout Leaders 'Dropbear', 'Rocky' Rob Koch, 'Ironbark' Paul Steele; Venturer Leader 'Tucker' Glen Parkinson and Rover Crew Leader Rob Webb.

On behalf of the Group, I would like to wish the Toodyay community a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Toodyay Slow Food Group

THE Slow Food Movement is an International not-for-profit organization founded in 1989 to counteract fast food and fast life, counteract the disappearance of local food traditions, counteract people's dwindling interest in the food they eat, increase understanding of where our food comes from and how it tastes, increase our understanding of how our food choices affect the rest of the world – people, communities, plants and the environment.

The movement has become worldwide, and events such as the Mundaring Truffle Festival embrace the principles of Slow Food. The principles are quite simple; Good – fresh, flavoursome and seasonal, Clean – produced in harmony with the environment, Fair – by which producers and consumers benefit fairly.

Recently two of our members, Jenny Perkins and Sally Craddock attended a presentation at UWA by Carlo Petrini, the founder of the Slow Food Movement. They felt this could be a great opportunity for interested people in Toodyay, and spoke to Pauline at Perth Slow Foods about the process of starting a group in Toodyay. Website information is at www.slowfoods.australia.com.au or just google slow foods Western Australia.

If you are interested in finding out more, phone Sally, 9574 4184, or Jenny, 9574 4610

The first meeting to talk about starting a convivium in Toodyay will be as follows:

Date: Thursday 14th January, 2010

Where: CWA Hall

Time: 10a.m. for morning tea and discussion.

Toodyay Miniature Railway

June Eastwood

THE last official run of our season was 15th November but the railway will be open between 5.30pm and 6.30pm on Saturday 12th December courtesy the Lions.

It has been a busy season for the small band of enthusiasts who keep the engines running. Now will come the really hard work. With the club closed to public running it is time for all the busy bees for maintenance and additions to the track and surrounds. First project to be tackled will be the extension of the roof covering to include as far down as the new brick paving. All trains and coaches will then be under cover so that the loading and unloading of trains can be separated to avoid congestion on the platform.

The Secretary has bought a wonderful book by Ronald Kowald entitled 'Western Australia's MEN OF STEAM. Stories of Drama, Humour and Luck'. It is the second book by this gentleman and, after the launch

at the Katanning Miniature Railway, 400 of the 500 copies were immediately snapped up prompting the necessity of an early reprint. Most of the stories and great photos relate to the area Albany to Wagin. I was speaking with Ron and he said he was being urged to gather material from Toodyay, Northam and districts north for a third book. As the last book took two years, with a huge amount of time and research, he is not quite convinced so, if you old steam men would like to see this happen, you had best get working amongst yourselves!

Ron has given me permission to quote from his book a few shortened versions of his work and these two really appealed to me:

Crew on a steam engine coming into the station were ready to hand over the staff without stopping to do so. This must have offended the station master (no one was sure whether they had dropped it on his head or there was some personality clash) but, on the return trip, the station master handed back the staff after having first dipped it in the toilet pan. Some time later, the same crew, having decided to get even, handed over the staff to the same station master – but not before having first made it red hot from a dip into the fire box.

Can you imagine if a similar type incident had happened in 2009? Police, T.V., discrimination appeals, court prosecutions, counselling, eager lawyers and of course a huge bill for compensation for psychological damage, work stress, etc. Back in the early 1900s, they settled grudges their way and it ended up honours even. Do you think we have progressed for the better?

A last offering from the Lake Grace area: A steam train was about to depart for Hyden but it was noticed only the cleaner and the guard were attending to the train. They were queried as to where the driver and fireman were and told, "Down the coast fishing so we're going to take her out." The startled questioner asked, "Isn't that a bit rough?" to be given the cheery reply, "Naah, next week it's our turn!"

Them's were the days!!

A big thank you to the *Herald* for including our column in 2009 and wishing them and all our faithful passengers a happy Xmas followed by a healthy and successful 2110.

Toodyay Garden Club

Wendy Lewer
Secretary

THE penultimate visit for 2009 to Jean and Wally Trawinski's succulent garden on 5th November was a delight.

Most of us were intrigued at the variety and number of these unusual and exotic plants. Jean did a wonderful job of displaying and labelling them and, as an added bonus, made some available for sale. Jean explained that she inherited the original collection from her mother-in-law some years ago and, although initially not particularly interested in these plants, had gradually become familiar with their unique forms and growth habits. Jean now is a member of a succulent club and we met another member, Pauline, who was on hand with helpful advice. We saw how easy it is to propagate new plants (called 'pups') by simply poking a section taken from an adult plant into potting mix where it almost magically transforms into a new plant.

Our final visit for the year, on 3rd December, is to Julimar Cottage, John and Melanie's lovely garden at 1650 Julimar Road. John White from 'Florabundance' will also be there with plants for sale. As this will also be our Christmas windup lunch, you can come along any time from 10am onwards. If you wish to bring a plate of Christmas food to share, the club will provide liquid refreshments

Our club continues to grow each year thanks to the enthusiastic support of all our members. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you would like to join; it's a great way to meet likeminded people, to visit other gardens and to learn about conditions that help various plants thrive in Toodyay. We have interesting guest speakers and also visit gardens in other towns.

The itinerary for the coming year will be available at the AGM. If you would like your garden to be included, please let us know before the meeting or add your name to a list available at Julimar Cottage.

Please Note

To ensure sufficient official notice of the Annual General Meeting, the date for the meeting has been put forward to Thursday, 11th February 2010 commencing at 11am at the CWA hall.

This notice will also be in the February issue of *The Toodyay Herald*.

For more information, call Wendy Lewer (secretary) on 9574 4172 or Sheena Hesse (president) on 9574 5272.

What will be your new years resolution?

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Go pottaramious with clay

Website Design

Mosaics Workshop

Basic Computers Skills

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Dog awareness

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Toodyay Spinners

Phil Harmer

WELCOME to a new member: Ange Sturnan.

Fleeces x 2 donated of Alpaca and Cashmere THANK YOU. A big THANK YOU to Rebecca Creeper for donating HUMPHREY'S fleece. Skein of English lester and alpaca (variegated) by Margaret Masterleiz. Skein: blue, silver and lilac in merino silk by Lois Leeder. Skein: brown in merino and silk by Audrey Elson. Vest: blue in merino silk and commercial by Margaret Grassick.

ALTERATION: to Saturday spin-ins, which are on the second Saturday of the month, NOT every second Saturday as previously stated. SORRY for any inconvenience caused.

The spinners meet every Wednesday at Parkers Cottage in the showgrounds, between 9 a.m. to approximately 12 midday. The same place and times on the second Saturday of the month.

Carol Worrell: Pres. 0407 429 047
Phil Harmer: Sec. 9574 2015

Christmas Good Cheer

YES, it is getting close again, the season of an endless round of Christmas cheer and celebrations.

This period of the year for most of us often includes Christmas travel to be with family and friends, and the holiday season for families. Unfortunately, this is also a time when, each year throughout Australia, there are numerous families who suffer a great deal of heartbreak due to road crashes and their aftermath.

In the Wheatbelt alone last year, during the official Christmas period as identified by the WA Police Department as from the 19th December 2008 to the 4th January 2009, there were two fatalities and 15 accidents causing injury which required medical attention and/or hospitalisation.

Members from the Western Australian Police, School Drug Education and Road Aware, Main Roads, Department of

Transport, Office of Road Safety, Western Australian Health Department and RoadWise ask that you, as the motoring public, take care on our roads this festive season. With a little patience and due consideration for other road users, hopefully the road crash statistics will be marginally reduced over this holiday period. Although this request may seem a little premature, it needs to be, so as to ensure all motorists are aware of their responsibilities when behind the wheel of a motor vehicle.

If you are travelling during the festive and holiday season, plan and think about your journey with due care. Give yourself plenty of time to get to your destination. Remember there is no need to speed, it's always "better to arrive a little late than dead on time."

Take regular breaks on the longer journeys; ensure all occupants of your vehicle are wearing seat belts no matter how short a journey. Rethink your drinking! Don't drive under the influence of alcohol or drugs as they are major contributors to the high road toll throughout Australia. Model behaviour that you expect from your children if they were driving cars — no parent wants to hear a knock on their door in the middle of the night, and research has definitely proven that kids model what has been modelled to them!

It is anticipated that, if motorists abided by all of the above suggestions, the road toll need not be increased during this Christmas holiday season.

The Getting There Together Campaign is designed to ensure all motorists are aware of their responsibilities on our roads all year round but a special emphasis is placed on the Campaign during the Christmas-New Year holiday season.

Take care and you will be here again next year. We wish you a Merry Christmas, Happy New Year, and safe journeys from the Wheatbelt North Road Safety Group.

**Merry Christmas
and a safe and
Happy New Year!**



Recipe Corner

Desraé Clarke

Cassata Ice-cream

THIS is an absolutely scrumptious dessert! It is SO easy to make and, with its green and red cherries, looks really Christmassy. It can be made days or weeks before it is needed so there is no rush if it is to be used as a festive sweet.

Preparing the container

A springform pan is used; this can be bought at any kitchen goods supply store. My springform pan is a 'non-stick' pan so, to prevent the base from being scratched when the cassata is sliced for serving, I cut a thin piece of cardboard, the size of the base, then cover the cardboard with foil. Place the foil-covered cardboard in the base of the springform pan before pouring the first layer of the cassata.

Toasting the slivered almonds

To toast the slivered almonds, place them in a pan over heat, stirring constantly. When they begin to slightly colour brown, quickly tip them into a cool container as they readily burn if they remain in the hot pan.

Ingredients:

2 litres vanilla ice-cream
1/3 cup chopped dried apricots
1/3 cup chopped red and green cherries
1/3 cup slivered almonds, toasted
125gms dark chocolate, chopped
1/2 cup thickened cream
70gms Peppermint Crisp Bar, chopped
2 tablespoons thickened cream, extra
Green food colouring

For serving (optional)

Whipped cream

Strawberries
Grated dark chocolate

Method:

- 1) Prepare the container and place it into the freezer. Toast the slivered almonds and chop the fruit in readiness.
 - 2) Divide the ice-cream into thirds and place one third in a mixing bowl. Stir in the chopped cherries, toasted slivered almonds and chopped apricots and mix well. Spoon this third into the prepared springform pan and place in the freezer until it is firm, approximately 30 minutes.
 - 3) Combine the 1/2 cup of thickened cream and chopped dark chocolate into a saucepan (or microwave) and heat very gently till the chocolate is melted; cool slightly. Take the second third of ice-cream and place in the bowl then add the thickened cream/dark chocolate mixture to the ice-cream and mix well. Pour this on top of the first lot of ice-cream (from the freezer) and allow 2 hours to freeze hard. The second layer takes longer to freeze because of the added cream.
 - 4) Combine the chopped Peppermint Crisp Bar with the 2 extra tablespoons of cream and add to the third portion of ice-cream. Add the green colouring drop by drop! If too much of the colouring is added the colour is absolutely revolting!!! and will spoil a beautiful cassata. I put a tiny amount of the green colouring in a small spoon then find something sharp, like a cake skewer or tooth pick, and take out a drop at a time until I get the pale green colour that I want - don't be impatient! Add the final layer of ice-cream and then return the springform pan to the freezer.
- To serve, I slice the cassata, decorate with a spoonful of whipped cream, a halved strawberry and a sprinkle of grated chocolate- it looks, and tastes, superb!

Avon Woodturners

Max J Heath

Convenor

MY, it's December already and Christmas is nearly here.

It has been a fairly quiet month at the Woodturners but still plenty to do. We were given a wood lathe, which needed a stand, and our thanks go to Terry Hood for making this for us.

At our meeting 22nd November it was discussed about the show and what classes would be good for turning. It was decided to leave as-is except for something made from natural wood as we have had this for a couple of years now and have not had an entry.

A few of us attended the Men's Shed Sundry and it was mentioned that they needed a place to meet until they get a shed of their own. It was decided at the November meeting that if the Agriculture Society and the Shire agree that we could manage this at the Wool Pavilion. It would take considerable work as when the Men's Shed meet we would have to shift the lathes etc to facilitate this, but we feel that this is what a community is all about, helping one another.

We have organized our Christmas breakup for the 5th December, 2009 and are doing breakfast in town but will still be doing our normal meeting in December. So remember that if you would like to have a go, turn up to the Wool Pavilion on the second or fourth Sunday and do so.

Well that is about all for now, so we wish everyone a very special Christmas and a happy New Year.

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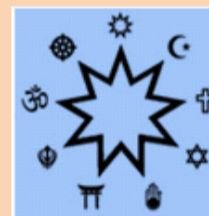
AUSTRALIA'S largest online book store, Fishpond.com.au, and Australian community service organisation, Mission Australia, have come together for the first time this Christmas to partner in a charity gift-giving collaboration which will enable people to donate toys to disadvantaged children via the Fishpond website, www.fishpond.com.au.

Fishpond General Manager, Ben Powles, says, "We are hoping that the generosity of Australians will help make these children's wishes come true this Christmas. People often think about helping out a charity but don't have the time over the hectic Christmas period to shop for, wrap and deliver a gift. This will allow them to help with the click of a button."

Fishpond will also donate five per cent of its toy sales from 16th November until 18th December to Mission Australia.

Mission Australia CEO, Toby Hall, says, "Mission Australia is proud to be partnering with Fishpond this Christmas to help deliver some Christmas cheer to disadvantaged Australian children and their families. All toys donated to Mission Australia through the Fishpond website will go into the homes of people who cannot afford gifts and will provide children with the joy of opening a present this Christmas."

Toys purchased on the Fishpond website for Mission Australia will be stored and delivered to the charity just before Christmas. Toys retail from as little as \$5.



Bahá'í Faith

One God, one Religion
and one Humanity



Well over a century ago, Baha'u'llah proclaimed:

"There can be no doubt whatever that the peoples of the world, of whatever race or religion, derive their inspiration from one heavenly Source, and are the subjects of one God. The difference between the ordinances under which they abide should be attributed to the varying requirements and exigencies of the age in which they were revealed. All of them, except a few which are the outcome of human perversity, were ordained of God, and are a reflection of His Will and Purpose....Cleave unto that which draweth you together and uniteth you.... My object is none other than the betterment of the world and the tranquillity of its peoples. The well-being of mankind, its peace and security, are unattainable unless and until its unity is firmly established. This unity can never be achieved so long as the counsels which the Pen of the Most High hath revealed are suffered to pass unheeded."

In Iran where the Baha'i Faith began in 1844, over three hundred thousand Moslems and many hundreds of Zoroastrians and Jews have embraced the Cause of Baha'u'llah. These traditionally antagonistic religions have become united in the Baha'i Faith. The reason for their unity is that the Zoroastrians have not lost the truth of their original faith and have gained the truths of Judaism, Christianity and Islam. The Jews, by becoming Baha'is, have accepted Jesus as the promised Messiah and Muhammad as the Messenger of God. In the opening years of the twentieth century, The Baha'i Faith was taken to the United States where many Christians embraced it and by doing so never felt that they had lost their love for Jesus but rather gained the love for Mohammad and Baha'u'llah. The new Baha'is of Christian background in turn took their newly found Faith to Europe, Africa and South America. In India about a million Hindus have become Baha'is. Not only they do not feel that by accepting Baha'u'llah they have lost the truth of Lord Krishna but rather they have added the truths of Buddha, Moses, Jesus and Muhammad. Their beautiful temple near New Delhi is open to followers of other religions for prayer and meditation.

Thus the seed of unification of mankind was sown by Baha'u'llah and the unbelievable advances in science and technology, travel and communication have made its realisation inevitable. The worldwide Baha'i community has become the prototype of what is destined for all the peoples of the earth.

For information, email: info-toodyay@wa.bahai.org.au or call 08 9330 6999

when and where they meet

Bejoording Babble

Gloria Robinson

WELL, fire season is here again. I look out of my window and now all I see are brown paddocks. It could be worse I guess - they could be black.

As a local resident of Bejoording it is very disappointing to hear that so many property owners did not comply with the firebreak act this year. Just because a property owner does not live full time on their block it is no excuse to totally ignore their firebreaks. I can personally assure you that if a fire breaks out this year like it did a couple of years ago in the immediate area that I live in, then a lot of properties will burn. Some had made attempts to tidy up their firebreaks but many around me hadn't. Fire is a serious thing, they keep telling us, so why do we ignore the precautions that are designed to help save us? It is a very sad affair that the ranger had to come to our area and issue fines to get people to comply. If you are reading this and you did get a fine then SHAME ON YOU.

Now that I have had my dummy spit let's move on to nicer things. Recently we attended a fire out the back of Toodyay. The property owner was grinding away and didn't expect the paddock to catch on fire. It was a hot day but by no means a scorcher. A great effort was put in by all and his house was saved. The property owner has since written to thank us for our efforts and after the summer period is over drinks and a BBQ are on him (he is almost forgiven!!!)

Now this is where I am to stress to you that we are about to come into a long hot summer and all of us need to be vigilant. I am also calling for more members. If you are a member already then don't forget to attend the training that is held on the last Sunday of the month at 3pm.

On a sad note your regular author Kim has decide to hand the typewriter over to me (heaven help us). We would like to say a big thank you to Kim for informing and entertaining us over the years. I am sure the monthly article will never be the same again.

So until next month, keep an eye on your firebreak, please don't go grinding or slashing on a hot day and most importantly stay safe.

Toodyay Community Safety and Crime Prevention Plan

Wayne Clarke
TCSCPCCommittee

A SURVEY undertaken in the Shire of Toodyay relating to community safety and crime prevention issues was conducted in October/November, with over one hundred responses returned. Although the number appears quite low, it is across a broad section of the community and will be providing some very useful data to the Toodyay Community Safety and Crime Prevention Committee (TCSCPC) who are developing the plan.

There were some interesting responses in the survey and, as expected, many related to the provision of recreational facilities. Street lighting, traffic control (including speed), alcohol and substance abuse were also common to many responses. There was criticism of the lack of Police presence, and a concerted effort to provide information about the role of our Police, staff numbers, and contacts are provided elsewhere in the *Herald*.

The TCSCPC wishes to thank all those people who did take the time to respond. The survey indicates that the majority of people in Toodyay are not concerned with community safety and don't foresee any major crime issues around the town or Shire. This is pleasing to note. However, the TCSCPC wishes to ensure it stays that way, and the plan being prepared will be proactive in providing a strategy for the future.

With Christmas and school holidays approaching, many people will be taking leave of their property. The TCSCPC would like to remind all readers not to encourage unwanted guests and to lock your property securely. If you are on the roads, remember to buckle up and drive safely - and within the law. We wish you all a safe and Happy Christmas, and ask you be alert - on the roads, around your homes and with your children.

AAFC 708 SQUADRON

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

AFRICAN DRUMMING

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

ARTS TOODYAY INC

Meets first Tuesday of the month, 7pm at The Old Police Station in Duke St Sth. For all interested in arts/crafts, workshops. Enquiries to John on 9574 4664

AUSTRALIAN BREASTFEEDING ASSOCIATION

For breastfeeding information and the company of other mums. 2nd Tuesday of month at Parent Information Centre, Gordon Street Northam 10am-noon. 4th Tuesday of month Toodyay Playgroup 10am - noon. Contact Louise for more details on 9574 0229

AUTUMN CLUB

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

AVON VALLEY ADULT RIDING CLUB

Meets 4th Saturday of each month (Feb - Nov) at Toodyay Race Course. Contact: Sandra 9574 4429

AVON VALLEY ENVIRONMENTAL SOC.

3rd Friday of each month at Dept of Water, 254 Fitzgerald Street Northam, noon.

AVON VALLEY VINTAGE VEHICLE ASSOCIATION

3rd Thursday every month, 8pm at the old engineers quarters, next to Northam Railway Museum, Fitzgerald Street, Northam. ph 96221192.

AVON WOODTURNERS GROUP

Monthly meeting 4th Sunday 9am to 10pm, Workshops 2nd and 4th Sunday 9am - Wool Pavilion, Toodyay Sports Ground.

BEJOORDING VOLUNTEER FIRE BRIGADE

Meet at Bejoording Fire Shed, 3rd Saturday 5pm

BINGO

Every Wednesday, eyes down 7.30pm Community Centre

CENTRAL VOLUNTEER BUSH FIRE BRIGADE

4th Tuesday of each month, 7.30pm at the Toodyay Fire and Emergency Services Centre. Training 2nd Thursday of each month.

CHILD HEALTH IMMUNISATION CLINIC

The next immunisation clinic: 16th December from 9am-11am. Please call Sheree on 9574 4577 to book an appointment.

COONDLE NUNILE VOLUNTEER BUSH FIRE BRIGADE

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

COUNTRY WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION (CWA)

General meeting - 4th Thursday of each month, 1.30pm, C.W.A. Hall. New Members very welcome.

CUBS, JOEYS & SCOUTS (only during school term)

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

DRAMA CLASSES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

Monday 4-5.30pm, Call Anne on 9574 2458.

EARTH SOLUTIONS - AVON VALLEY

Third Tuesday of each month, 6pm at the PB Kirby Centre, cnr Gordon and Wellington Sts, Northam. New members welcome. Contact Caroline Barr on 9622 8043 or Belle Moore on 9622 5203 for additional information.

FITNESS & FUN FOR THE OVER 55's

Wednesday 9am, Sports Pavillion.

IDA'S HIDEAWAY

Every Saturday, 1pm to 4pm at Butterly House. Contact Ida Edwards on 9574 2858

JULIMAR VOLUNTEER BUSH FIRE BRIGADE

Meets 1st Saturday of month, 6pm at Julimar Fire Station followed by BYO BBQ. Training Sunday following meeting, 10am, Julimar Fire Station.

MOERLINA

Every Tuesday and Thursday Toodyay Sports Pavilion

RAG BAGS QUILTING GROUP

1st, 3rd Wednesday, 10am CWA Hall

ST STEPHEN'S MOTHERS' UNION/GUILD

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

SHIRE OF TOODYAY COUNCIL MEETING

3rd Thursday of each month Council Chambers 7pm

SILVER CHAIN AUXILIARY

Meetings 2nd Tuesday of each month, 10am at Toodyay Telecentre.

SIMPLY MUSIC

Piano lessons for all ages. CWA Hall Friday afternoon and Saturday morning. Contact Jan 0416 054 942.

SOCIAL TENNIS

Tuesday 8.30am. Ladies and senior men.

TOODYAY 4WD CLUB

Meets every 3rd Saturday of the month. Please contact Dave Isbill 9574 4035 for location and time.

TOODYAY BALLET SCHOOL

Classes in Classical, Jazz and Tap held at 507 Julimar Rd, new studio. Ages from 4yrs to Adults, girls and boys. 9574 4459. Saturdays 9am - 2.30pm (except school holidays)

TOODYAY/CLACKLINE KARATE CLUB

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

TOODYAY DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL P & C

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

TOODYAY DISTRICTS HORSE & PONY CLUB

4th Sunday of every month (Feb - Nov), Toodyay Race Course. Contact Tanzi 0427 859 493

TOODYAY FRIENDS OF THE RIVER

3rd Sunday of each month Duidgee Park (near Bolgart Bridge) at 8am October to April and 9am May to September. Enquiries 9574 2578

TOODYAY KINDERGYM

Kindergym Fridays (except school holidays), Toodyay Sports Pavilion. Contact: Debra Andrijich 9574 2676

TOODYAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

3rd Wednesday of each month, 7pm Donegan's Cottage

TOODYAY LIONS CLUB

1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month Hotel Freemasons

TOODYAY MASONIC LODGE

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

TOODYAY MINIATURE RAILWAY (Inc)

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

TOODYAY MONTESSORI

Monday and Wednesday 9.30 - 11.30am Enquiries phone Sally on 9574 4184 or Jodie on 9574 5569.

TOODYAY MUSIC CLUB INC

2nd Friday of the Month from 7pm CWA Hall. Contact Teddy or Spencer 9574 4492.

TOODYAY NATURALISTS' CLUB

3rd Saturday each month, at CWA Hall 7pm. Enquiries to President on 9574 5445 or Secretary on 6364 3609. Visitors and new members will be made very welcome.

TOODYAY NEIGHBOURHOOD/RURAL WATCH

2nd Tuesday each month commencing 6pm Toodyay Police Station (General Meeting bi-monthly - Feb, April, June, Aug, Oct, Dec) Enquiries 9574 2212

TOODYAY OLIVE GROWERS

Contact Francis Moran for meeting dates 9574 5786.

TOODYAY PLAYGROUP

Tuesdays & Thursdays 9.30am - 11.30am, Playgroup Hall, Community Centre, Bindi Baxter 9574 4430

TOODYAY RATEPAYERS & RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION (INC.)

General Meetings 3rd Tuesday each month @ the CWA Hall, 7pm. Committee meetings fortnightly on Tuesday evening. Contact Roger Bray (Chairperson) 9574 4562.

TOODYAY RED CROSS

2nd Monday of month, Anglican Hall, 1.30pm

TOODYAY SPINNERS

Wednesdays and 2nd Saturday from 9am Parkers Cottage. President: Greta Sauta 9574 2868; Secretary: Rita Morald 0428 956 909

TOODYAY SUB -BRANCH RSL

1st Saturday of March, May, July, September and November at 2pm at the Bowling Club. AGM second Saturday in February at the Bowling Club. Contact Lou 9574 4310

TOODYAY SWIMMING POOL ACTION COMM.

12.30pm on the 2nd Monday of each month at the Freemasons Hotel.

TOODYAY VOLUNTEER FIRE BRIGADE

1st Monday of each month Fire Station, 8pm

TOY LIBRARY

Tuesday and Thursday, 9am to 10am at Toodyay Community Centre. Contact Tracey Hunter 9574 5642

UNITING CHURCH

Meet with Anglicans at 10am, every Sunday except the fifth, St Stephen's Church, Toodyay

YOGA

Friday 9am Friday CWA Hall. 9574 4184

public notices

LIGHT AND CONTRAST

In the Post Office Gallery Northam Arts Centre, we have on show works by Derek Kimberley. An exhibition of metaphysical photographic art, based on local and regional WA. The show commences on 7th December.

SPIRIT OF SMALL THINGS

Our feature for the Orana Gallery, Northam Arts Centre, is an exhibition of art forms celebrating the essence of small things from 7th December.

THE DREAM MACHINE

Demelza and the Dream Machine is a fantasy story based on Northam and AVAS where the author Judi Anne Laws lived at one time. Books available from AVAS \$17.50 each. Her book launch is on 5th December.

CULTURE VULTURE TRIPS

Are you interested in any of the following shows for 2010? The ballet 'La Sylphide' has 8pm shows in January at the Quarry Amphitheatre, starring Tatiana Pevneva. 'CATS' at the Burswood Theatre in April, with the magnificent music of Andrew Lloyd Webber. Book now!

In Memoriam

SWEENEY, Robert Desmond

I wish you were here
I wish you were here to hold my hand and say that everything will be okay
I wish you were here to make it all better
I wish you were here to make me smile,
To make me laugh,
To make me happy
I wish you were here to say you love me

I just wish I could see your face, hear your laugh, see your smile, and hear your voice one more time

I just wish I could see you again

Coz I don't want this to be the end

And I don't want to pretend

Pretend that the pain of losing you isn't there

I wish you were here
I need you here with me
I wish you were here
My mind is so unclear
So I wish you were here
I wish you were here to hold my hand and say that everything's gonna be okay
I wish you were here to make it all better
I wish you were here to make me smile, to make me laugh, to make me happy
I wish you were here to say you love me
I wish I could see you one last time

I wish you were here...

I'll miss you; I'll never forget you and I'll always love you, Pop

Written by Gemma Lucas about her Pop, Robert Desmond Sweeney, died 3rd November 2009. Father of Glenda, pop of Jason, Melinda and Gemma.

EDDY (BANT) DAVID, 19-12-05

In loving memory of my darling husband, Bant. It has been 4 years now but you are still sadly missed. Love you forever. Love always, your wife, Evelyn.

EDDY DAVID (BANT), Passed away 19th December 2005, still missed, with fond memories. CAROL, DAVE, DONNA and ANDREW

TAI CHI - HELP

Our instructor is leaving. Is there anyone out there who can conduct Tai Chi classes in Toodyay.

Please phone Kaye Rewell 95742056

CALLING all members, committee members and past volunteers of The Toodyay Herald! Were you involved in the production of The Toodyay Herald over the past 25 years? If so, we'd like to cordially invite you to our 25th Birthday Celebration on Tuesday December 8 (5.30pm) at the CWA Hall, Toodyay. See you there!

Birthdays

Kieran Connor	Melanie Pree
Hannah Welburn	Jill Orgles
Emily Panizza	Vivian Walkey
Richard Walkey	Sean McDermott
Corey Higgins	Megan Smart
Ray Edwards	Jake Connor
Samantha Connor	Peter Robinson
Brenton Chimes	Glyn Harrington
Frank Taylor	Les Hyde
Jessica Wade	Anthea Ferguson
Jack Vesperman	Rachel Sloper
Ivy Adams	Billie Dodemaide
Ray Edwards	Helen McKenzie
Veronica Dymond	Freda Richardson

Anniversaries

Wendy & Brad Taylor
Paul & Jo Sutton



Frank and Laurel Taylor celebrating their 50th Wedding anniversary.

Congratulations Dad and Mum on your 50th Wedding Anniversary.

Love Jenny & Ross, Tracy & Greg, Brad & Wendy, Mark & Tara, and all your grandchildren.



65th wedding anniversary

Glen and Bill Cook of Toodyay

L to R (standing) Ted Cook, Gary Cook, Petrina Hendry, Jack Perkins, Steven Perkins, Jenni Perkins (nee Cook) Jessie Perkins and Peter Cook.

The 27th November, 1944 was a very special day for Bill Cook, an apiarist from Coondle via Toodyay (at that time serving in the R.A.A.F. as a wireless and radar technician and was a Warrant Officer) and Glen Charman of Cottesloe (a filing clerk in the Dept of Taxation), it being the first day of 65 years of marriage, culminating in their 65th wedding anniversary on Friday, 27th Nov., 2009.

The family home in Duke St. was the scene of a gathering of immediate family from Perth, Northam, Brisbane and Sydney on the Wednesday evening leading up to the day of the anniversary and included a great meal prepared by family members and much reminiscing. Glen related an account of how she first met her husband - to - be during the 2nd World War at a dance studio known as the Esler McMorrow School of Dance.

Glen had accompanied two girl friends to the studio, but after some considerable time had passed without an invitation to dance she was poised to leave, until she observed a nice looking young man in a R.A.A.F. uniform making his way in her direction. Then, much to her disappointment he suddenly veered off in another direction. However, a short while later, as she happened to be staring down at the floor, her gaze became aware of a pair of highly polished black shoes standing in front of her and looked up to find that they belonged to the young man of interest and he was inviting her to dance. The rest is history!! Ted Cook

The Lions Club Of Toodyay

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Disability an 'Accidental Secret'

Shaye Connor

A SERIES of artworks about disability and function will be the focus of a 2010 exhibition by local artist, Sam Connor.

The exhibition, titled 'Accidental Secrets', was jointly funded by the Department of Culture and the Arts and the Disability Services Commission and has also been sponsored by the City of Swan, who have provided a studio.

The body of work will be completed at the studio, located at the Midland Junction Arts Centre, which has recently opened in a bid to support and promote arts practice within the City of Midland and surrounding areas.

Ms Connor is one of the nine successful applicants for the Grants for Artists with Disabilities Program, which provided a total of \$102,534 for artists to put their ideas into practice.

People with a range of disabilities have participated in the project as well as artists such as Tim Burns and Christine Elaine, who have acted in the roles of mentor artists during the project.

Site specific challenges at the Moore's Building in Fremantle, which has upstairs and downstairs space, are being addressed by creating an interactive viewing platform for those who are unable to access the upstairs area. The City of Fremantle has also taken an active role in facilitating access for people with disability, by providing a mobility map and addressing access issues.

The Accidental Secrets exhibition will be held from the 12th - 21st of February 2010 at the Moores Building, Fremantle. Public are welcome to attend the opening and event.

The Toodyay Historical Society Inc

Beth Frayne
Secretary

WE wish all members and friends the Season's Greetings and a very Merry Christmas. Where did the year go? See below for details of our Christmas Sundowner on 12 December (note change of date). We are looking forward to a wonderful New Year, as we celebrate our 30th Anniversary in 2010. Our Planning Day on 7 February should be very interesting as we thrash out the events for our special year. More on this event will be forthcoming to members.

At our last meeting, the Society discussed topics such as Donegan's Cottage maintenance and archaeological surveys. We are also greatly concerned about the proposed closures of National Archives of Australia offices in the Northern Territory, South Australia and Tasmania, which will affect information access for Australians in those states, particularly indigenous peoples and migrants researching their family histories. We will send a protest to the appropriate offices.

We say a sad farewell to valued members Val and Neville Tanner, who are moving to lovely and cooler Nannup. The Tanners have been members of THS since 2000. Both Neville and Val served on the THS Committee for many years, and Val was the chief organiser of the beautiful rose garden at Donegans' Cottage.

Our beautiful new polo shirts have arrived. On 11 December, watch out for us at the Toodyay Street Party, outside one of our real estate offices (next to the hairdresser's). We will have a stall and a Christmas Hamper raffle. All contributions will be gratefully received.

A select group of members went on our November excursion to Beverley on Sunday, 22 November, to attend the Avondale Harvest Festival at the Avondale Discovery Farm, a historic working farm, now managed by the National Trust (WA). With perfect weather, we thoroughly enjoyed ourselves, viewing the old homestead, farm buildings, old stables complete with Clydesdale horses, sheep being ushered through the shady picnic area by two sheep-dogs with help from three toddlers with balloons, brass band, local displays, and charming puppies and miniature ponies. On the way home, we travelled the Top Beverley Road, and discovered the charming St. Paul's Anglican Church (consecrated 1862), at Edwards Crossing, the original settlement for the Beverley area, before flooding caused

the settlement to be moved to the current Beverley town site.

Our bi-monthly newsletter Duidgeena will have been distributed by now. We hope you enjoyed snippets from an article in the Newcastle Herald of December 1905, described the wonderful things about our town over 100 years ago. The article includes a photo of the first office used to produce the local newspaper, just 4 years' old at that time.

Next event - Christmas Sundowner BBQ, 12 December (note change of date, to avoid a clash with another important event on 5 Dec.), from 5pm, at the President Len Leeder's property, 179 Julimar Road, Toodyay (1.79 kms from Toodyay, on the left-hand side). The President is providing the meat. Please bring nibbles, salad, or dessert to share and BYO drinks. Len will regale us with stories of the original owners of the property, then known as Keynsham. Wear clothes and boots suitable for an historic shearing shed.

Our next meeting will be NEXT YEAR on Wednesday, 20 January 2010, 7pm at Donegan's Cottage. For information about any matter to do with the Toodyay Historical Society, or how we may assist you or your group, please contact our Secretary Beth Frayne - 9574 5971, President Len Leeder - 9574 4343, or Vice President Robyn Taylor - 9574 2578.

Our headquarters are at Donegan's Cottage, which is open to the public every Thursday from 1pm to 3pm. You will find us on Toodyay Street in the Toodyay Showgrounds. Membership is \$10.

Toodyay Ratepayers and Residents Association

Important information for the
community to consider.

THE November meeting of council was the first meeting of the new council led by new Shire President Councillor Chris Firms.

As anticipated the gallery was full for this meeting, perhaps because of interest to see how the new council would function.

There has been a great deal of concern in the community that the previous council allowed the administration far too much control over the management of council affairs and that it was time that this was rectified.

This will require strong leadership from the Shire President and Deputy Shire President supported by the other elected members and the indications at the November council meeting was that this would happen.

In his monthly report read at the meeting of council the Shire President outlined his objectives and desired outcomes for the Shire of Toodyay and how these can be achieved through cooperation, community consultation, and with councillors and administration each understanding, and fulfilling, their respective roles.

The Shire President and Councillors should receive strong support from the community to allow these changes and strategies to be implemented.

The Toodyay Chamber of Commerce is reviewing its role in the business community and how they can best work with council to maximise the benefits of existing businesses in the Shire and how new ones can be encouraged to locate in Toodyay.

There is a great deal of synergy in the aims of the Chamber of Commerce and the Toodyay Ratepayers and Residents Association. We are all looking to support the council to achieve the aims and strategies outlined by the Shire President for the future of Toodyay.

It is to be hoped that a close affiliation can be achieved between the TCC, the TRRA, and other community groups to provide well considered community input to council.

The motion to rescind the decision to locate all recreational and sporting facilities at the showgrounds site is still delayed waiting on information from the council solicitors of any the legal and/or financial implications should this decision be made.

At the November meeting of council Councillor Lloyd was not successful in obtaining a firm date for obtaining this report from the solicitors.

The information to be reviewed by the solicitors is not complicated and it is to be hoped that there will not be any undue delay in obtaining the report.

Letters and reports from community groups in the Toodyay Herald indicate strong support for the decision to be

revoked and for a proper review of the options to be undertaken.

The co-location of the new aquatic centre, recreation centre, gymnasium and other related recreational facilities at Lot 1 Drummond Street with the existing showgrounds site being retained for field sports (the previous Option 3) is still the option preferred by the community.

Work on the new council depot is proceeding very quickly now and is causing great concern to the residents in Railway Road.

It seems incredible that this development can continue without a full detailed set of plans being made to the affected residents for their perusal and comment.

FESA have been contacted by residents and asked to provide a fire management risk report but they are unable to do so without being provided with detailed plans.

It appears that some residents are considering legal action to halt development of the depot until detailed plans and fire and environmental reports are made available and evaluated.

It is understood that this situation was inherited by the current council and it is to be hoped that they will review the position with urgency.

No doubt this will occur at a council forum meeting and therefore the community will not be able to attend and listen to the discussion.

How much better it would be if the public could listen to the professional advice being given to councillors by the administration so that they have a better understanding of the issues and the reasons for council decisions.

At the November council meeting Councillor Larkin made sure that the council forums were defined as 'concept forums' and therefore closed to the public. It is nonsense to suggest that all council forums only deal with concepts and that no discussion on every day issues and agenda items takes place.

The Department of Local Government is clear that it considers that all meetings of council should be open to the public if possible in order to ensure transparency and accountability of the operations of council.

Perhaps this is another council decision that can be the subject of a rescission motion.

Finally, it is with regret we say goodbye to Val and Neville Tanner, who have sold up and are moving down to Nannup. They both have been major contributors to our community in many and varied ways, with Val's interest in nature and the environment and Neville's "Walkie Talkies", the Men's Shed and of course, as a Councillor. Neville was also a founding member of the Ratepayers Association. Anyone who wishes to say their goodbyes to both will have the opportunity at a function being held at CWA Hall at 5.30 pm on Saturday, 5th December. Please bring a plate and drinks.

Chaplaincy News

Millie Heath

THE school year is fast coming to a close, and we still have some fund-raising to do. First of all, a big thank you to all those who so energetically supported the Car Boot Sale; it was a great success and the morning teas were great. The day (Saturday) turned out to be an absolutely perfect day. We had 16 bays booked, and everything looked bright and cheerful when everyone was set up. There were lots of bargains to be had. I'm sure both buyers and sellers had a great day. Thank you very much to Rev. Peter Bourne and the Anglican church committee for the use of the church carpark and the hall for the serving of tea, coffee, cool drinks and yummy cakes and scones. Thank you to everyone who supplied the cakes.

Also a big thank you to everyone who donated goods to be sold in aid of the Toodyay Chaplaincy. Thank you also to everyone who came along to buy. There will be one more fund-raiser and that will be a raffle, to be held on the 4th and 5th December. We have had two night's accommodation, a Bride Doll and Christmas Cake donated for the raffle and this will, we hope, help us make our target for the year.

To all those wonderful people who have supported Chaplaincy through the year, our grateful thanks and appreciation.

We wish you all a very happy and peaceful Christmas.

God bless you.
From the members of the Chaplaincy
Fundraising Committee



Bolgart Belltower – 10 Years On

Doris M Martin

THE Bolgart Belltower turned 10 on the 21st November and I look back now in awe that I ever dared to presume that I could even get the project off the ground.

Ten years ago, the then Premier, Richard Court, was in the process of deciding what to do with the bells of St Martin in the Field that had been gifted to the State of WA. He had decided to build a belltower on the Perth foreshore to house them. In sheer devilment, I sent a letter to the *West Australian Newspaper* declaring that the Bells should be sent to Bolgart because my surname was 'Martin' and I lived at Martins' Corner on the edge of 'Martin Place' which, in turn, adjoined the fields.

Around that time, a gentleman by the name of Peter Kenyon (who was touring rural WA in connection with Progress Rural WA), was coming to Bolgart with the idea of spurring the community into coming up with ideas for promoting their rural areas. Locals had talked me into attending the meeting and it was suggested that perhaps I could fetch a copy of my letter to present to the meeting. By the time the meeting was over, I found that I was spearheading a campaign to actually build a belltower!

There were several ideas put in place as to how this could be done (some more humorous if not more ridiculous than others), but it was my husband, Ray, who suggested the four-legged windmill stand for us to build around so as to keep the shape of the structure. I had already decided that moss rock and stone was the way to go and so we built in and around the windmill tower which is set into the ground by almost a metre.

I will be forever grateful to Matthew and Robert Edmonds for donating a near perfect four-legged windmill tower, to Mr Ted Reeves of St James for designing the bellhousing, Tony and Sharon Scragh for building the bellhousing and painting it, the Victoria Plains Shire for the premiss needed, the many farmers who let us gather stone from their properties and the folk who donated the copper inserts from old, solid fuel hot water systems from which we made the roof section and spire. It was actually an engineering firm from Goomalling that designed and constructed the roof and spire. I can't thank my husband, Ray, enough for the hours of stone picking that transpired (even on his days off from wool pressing when I am sure he would have preferred to have rested.) That old VB Commodore and huge trailer worked overtime. There were several other volunteers for the stone gathering and Russel Clarke and Paul Michael also donated sand.

Heaps of letters were sent out to politicians as I typed long into the nights seeking donations to help with the cause. Hardware stores both near and far donated building materials and my spouse and I travelled miles to collect the copper centres to build the roof etc.

On the 21st November 1999, the then Premier, the Hon. Richard Court, declared the tower functional to the loud applause of many hundreds of onlookers. Up until very recently, I have been giving talks to the tourists on its building.



Little Rascals

LITTLE Rascals Child Care Centre's special visitor for November was Cassie

the Clown. Pictured with Cassie are from left to right: Mason, Bridie, Tyler, Kynan, Leo, Dakota, Eloise, Angelique, Leeland, Taylor, Joshua, Eileesh, Clive and Tex.

In Days Gone By

Ron E Waters

MOST farmers in the Toodyay area, as they cleared their land, put the best of the timber to good use and the timber that they had no use for was used to burn out tree stumps.

The timber was used for fences, building sheds and stables for their horses, round timber for rafters and battens in the roofs of their houses and timber squared with and adze for wall plates in their houses. They used timber for bridges, guide posts for roads as people acquired cars, trellises for grape vines and all sorts of uses.

When I was young, I would have cut down 20,000 jam trees and quite a few white gum trees for fencing. Lots of electric light poles and telegraph poles for different parts of this state were all cut here in the Toodyay area.

All that land where the trees grew was cleared and used to produce grain for our breakfast foods, for making beer, for grazing (cattle for milk and meat, sheep for wool and meat, poultry farms and, also, pigs for meat), grape vines for table grapes and wine making, orchards for fruit were planted and land for gardening was now available.

These days, other crops are grown and other animals graze on the land in the Toodyay area.

Land clearing is not predictable. In the early 1940s, heavy rains fell and washed away soil, leaving gullies where they had never been before. My father, Albert

Waters, and Stan Cook used to play cricket on some flat ground between the house and the stables – the rain created a deep gully there. The soil from where the cattle had made paths on the hills washed down to the flat ground.

Dad tried to plant trees on the hillsides on our farm but the rabbits were so thick they would ring-bark all the trees and kill them. He had to put netting around the fruit trees to save them.

Then, with the wet season, underground gullies started on our farm and we children would follow the streams of water. Some lime and clay substance under the surface soil was leaching away, the surface soil fell in and gullies were formed. Even my children, many years later, could follow those streams underground.

Another thing that happened on our farm at Dewars Pool was a big earth tremor one hot night. The next day, we saw a crack about one inch (approx 25mm) and about 150 yards (approx 137m) long in the ground coming down a big hill on the farm. Over the next few years, this became a deep gully as the rainwater followed the crack.

We had a young man from Muresk College build stone walls across the gully by the house but the next year we had a terrific storm which washed them away. The water came so fast and so deep, it even drowned our ducks as they tried to swim to the safety of the shed.

Now the rabbits are almost gone, trees can be planted again where they are needed because, when there are lots of trees, more rain falls and it is good for the climate.

People in our area in the early days said

the railway line from Toodyay to Bolgart split the rainfall; a lot of rain fell on the west side of the line where there were lots of trees and not so much on the east side where there were not so many trees.

The old Toodyay people planted mainly fruit trees and grape vines near their houses. They kept the land ploughed and free from grass and made sure other trees were well away from their houses and driveways in case of fire and strong winds.

I hope the people of Toodyay plant quite a few trees but also leave some land for the animals to graze and crops to grow as we need them both.

**CAROLS IN THE PARK
SUNDAY 20 DECEMBER**

Firearms Licence Applications

WA Police has announced a new partnership with Australia Post that will enable firearms licence applications and payments to be made at Australia Post outlets. Applications for new and additional firearm licences will now only be accepted at Australia Post outlets, providing greater public access with 330 participating outlets in Western Australia.

Prior to this new partnership, WA Police received all applications and payments for firearms licences at the 155 police stations across the State.

Detective Inspector Dale Bell from the Licensing Enforcement Division said, "The overall changes will see better access and less inconvenience for people seeking licences, balanced by tighter controls and more rigour to the integrity checking of applicants."

"This is a partnership that improves the customer experience without compromising community safety. Australia Post's expertise on counter services and identity verification will be used to collect applications and forward them to WA Police which continue to maintain its role in deciding who will be granted a firearm licence."

Additional partnerships with firearms dealers and associations focusing on firearms serviceability and firearms' awareness will see improvements in firearms licensing that will benefit both the firearms' community and the broader community.

Application forms will be available online via the WA Police website at www.police.wa.gov.au. WA Police will still assess the suitability of applicants and issue firearm licences where appropriate.

These changes will be accompanied by internal business changes, the use of modernised smart forms, streamlined licensing systems and improved integrity checks. Licensing will be centralised to a specialist team within the Licensing Enforcement Division with expert knowledge in firearms licensing.

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CHECKLIST - PREPARING YOUR PROPERTY

Prepare your home and property for bushfire season. It's everyone's responsibility. If you live in or near bushland take the time to complete and action this checklist.

STARVE THE FIRE

Clear around your home so that embers will have less chance to start a fire when they hit the ground. This will also help reduce the damage caused by the fire.

- Cut long grass and dense scrub.
- Regularly rake up leaf litter and twigs under trees.
- Prune lower tree branches (up to two metres off the ground) to stop a ground fire spreading into the canopy of trees.
- Remove shrubs and small trees under and between larger trees.
- Clear vegetation along the boundary of your property to create a firebreak. Make sure you meet your local government's firebreak requirements.
- Keep roof gutters and valleys clear of leaves and bark.

MAKE A SAFETY ZONE

Within the safety zone:

- Create a 20 metre circle of safety around your home and other buildings. This area needs to be cleared of all rubbish, long dry grass, bark and material that may catch fire.
- Create and maintain a minimum two metre gap between your house and tree branches.
- If possible, plan your garden so that your vegetable garden, lawn, pool or patio is on the side of the house likely to face a fire (where the bush is).

FILL THE GAPS

In a bushfire houses usually catch fire when embers get into the roof space, a wall cavity, on to ledges or under the house. Prevent sparks from entering your house by blocking all the gaps.

- Block any gaps under floor spaces, in the roof space, under eaves, external vents, skylights, evaporative air conditioners, chimneys and wall cladding.
- Place metal fly wire mesh on all vents to keep sparks and embers out.

FIX THE FIRE TRAPS

- Do not pile wood against or near the house.
- Remove any timber, rubbish and old junk lying around.
- Move all fuel containers into a shed away from your house and have a firebreak around it.
- Keep LP gas cylinders on the side of the house furthest away from the likely direction of bushfires (where the bush is).

PROTECT YOUR ASSET

- Check that your home and contents insurance cover is adequate. Take into consideration renovations, fixtures and additions such as swimming pools, sheds, gazebos, luxury fittings or new appliances.

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Junior winners of the Frank Venn Awards

Frank Venn Memorial Awards For Local Writers

Desraé Clarke
Coordinator

THE Frank Venn Memorial Awards for Local Writers have come to a conclusion for 2009 with the following recognised for their participation.

MIDDLE PRIMARY AWARD WINNER - Mary Louise Sullivan with her entry entitled 'Little Miss Coppers Golden Adventures - The Lost Ripple Seed'.

UPPER PRIMARY AWARD WINNER - Victor Kaltenbrunner with his entry entitled 'Fuzz and Smith Adventures'.

UPPER PRIMARY HIGHLY COMMENDED - Ryan Leighton with his entry entitled 'Jungle Rampage'.

UPPER PRIMARY HIGHLY COMMENDED - Darcy Garrett with his entry entitled 'Clans'.

ADULT AWARD WINNER - Richard Wilkinson with his entry entitled 'An Insignificant Accident!'

ADULT HIGHLY COMMENDED - Wayne Clarke with his entry entitled 'Dust, Dust, Dust'.

I would like to sincerely thank the judges, Mrs Loma Toohey and Nuala Ennis, for their time and effort given to this important task. Both judges wrote out critiques of the entries with the Adult entries given individual assessments and those of the young folk an overall assessment. This is an extremely important area of judging as it assists writers with their future works. The following is from Nuala Ennis for the work of the Children.

'Impressed overall with the quality of the writing, imagination and presentation. A lot using story lines based on television, movie and junior literature, but then that is how storytelling has developed since the oral tradition. Winner and Highly Commended chosen overall for ability to tell a story with a beginning, middle and end and also for a 'twist' in the tale'

Mr Marsden, of the Toodyay District High School Upper Primary students, is to be thanked, most sincerely, for his support and encouragement of his students to participate in the Awards. It was extremely gratifying to receive 25 student entries and each student is to be commended for presenting such interesting writings.

It is hoped that 2010 will see all students, including Home Schoolers, participate in this important annual writers' event.

Little Miss Coppers Golden Adventures

The Lost Ripple Seed – Mary Louise Sullivan

ONCE upon a time a long time ago there lived a young rabbit called Little Miss Copper. Little Miss Copper was quite a nice little rabbit, who had fluffy pink fur and a golden birthmark shaped like a bird on her tummy. For some reason she was quite a bit different than the other rabbits.

She lived in the windy hollows of Sherborn Ridge at the Valley of Pickindale in a small cottage called Julimar house.

One day she decided to go to Ferni Forest to have her lunch. It was such a beautiful day. In her picnic basket she packed a sandwich, a carrot and a marmalade roll. So then she set off. As she reached Ferni Forest she thought she heard a little tapping noise like: 'Tap tap tap' and then a faint cry. But she was so hungry she ignored the sound, and went on to find a quiet place to sit. After she had her sandwich and carrot, she took out her marmalade roll and was about to start eating it when she heard: 'Tap tap tap'. But this time it was closer. She also thought she saw a seed. 'Hello.' Said Miss Copper, as her voice echoed through the valley.

'Come on out. I won't hurt you.' Slowly a small figure came out from under a small Ivy Bush. It was a Ripple seed. 'Hello.' Said the ripple seed quietly. "My name is Pip."

Miss Copper looked puzzled. 'What are you doing here?' Said Miss Copper.

'I'm lost,' replied Pip, looking as though she was about to cry. 'Don't cry. We'll think of something to get you home.' Whilst thinking, Miss Copper offered Pip some marmalade roll. 'Pip' asked Miss Copper. 'Where do you live?' Pip put the marmalade roll down, and had a good hard think. It took so long, even Miss Copper helped herself to a bit of marmalade roll! Suddenly Pip shouted out: 'I remember!!!' Which frightened Miss Copper so much the marmalade roll flew into the air.

Anyway, Miss Copper picked up the roll and sat down to listen where Pip lived. 'Ummm.' Said Pip, trying to make it a bit clearer in her mind. 'Oh yes. I live at 279

Howard road Pickindale Tree Top Stump.' Then Miss Copper said: 'Are yes, that's next to Juliette Picker isn't it?' 'I believe it is.' Replied Pip. 'Well we'd better get going if we want to get there by nightfall' said Miss Copper not really listening to Pip. So then they set off. First, Miss Copper stopped by at her house to get some apples and blackberry pies for afternoon tea and some rice and vegetables for dinner. she also bought some tea and lemon juice for a quick drink, if they wanted it. Otherwise, they had some spare berry water. Off they went, feeling amazingly adventurous through the woods and down rocky slopes.

24 hours later. It was cold, wet and rainy. Miss Copper and Pip were hiding in a ditch shaped like a small shelter, sipping warm cups of tea. 'We still need to find your house' said Miss Copper, impatiently. 'I know' Replied Pip. 'I've got an idea!!!!!!' [said] Miss Copper suddenly. 'Where did you get lost in the first place?' 'Ummm. Behind a small blackberry bush near umm, a err blossom tree, next to..... my friends house. 'Said Pip feeling very 'fingers crossed and I hope this is right' sort of feeling. 'Thankyou Pip' said Miss Copper, feeling a bit annoyed it took so long. After that, Miss Copper made some more tea and hot rice pudding for the both of them and then they settled down, and told each other folk tales of old times when trees danced and flowers sang. After a long rest, they set off to find where Pip had last been. 'We've been next to a blossom tree.' said Pip hopefully but, that wasn't enough.

So then they sadly walked to a small bush and had a cup of berry water. Pip sat there glumly thinking what she could do to find her way home. Miss Copper picked some berries, so they could roast them on a small fire for tea. then Pip said: 'Where did you get those?' 'From the bush just there.' Replied Miss Copper, pointing to the bush behind

them. 'Why?' then Miss Copper looked at Pip and they smiled at each other. 'You look for a blossom tree, I'll look for my friends house' Said Pip excitedly. Miss Copper ran over to the nearest tree she could find, and looked up. It was a blossom tree!!!!!! Next Pip went over to an orange thing, and saw it was her friend's house!!!!!! Pip met Miss Copper in the clearing next to the blackberry bush. Pip went over to a small place where there was a bush and then trees hanging over it. Pip pushed the trees aside, and was surprised to see her back yard with all her friends playing catch and tag. Pip jumped out and surprised them all. Pips Mother and Father ran up to her giving her great big hugs. After a bit of explaining to Miss Copper what went wrong and how Pip got lost, Pips family invited her in for a cup of tea. It was such a long way home that they even let Miss Copper stay for a night, so that in the morning they would go together.

The next day Miss Copper and her new Friends set off to Miss Copper's house. They visit her every so often now. Maybe, if you go to the very back of your garden you might see a tiny group of seeds walking to a small hole in the ground covered in flowers, if you believe!!

Fuzz and Smith Adventures

Victor Kaltenbrunner

IN a place called Nash City there was a person called Dr Crazy, known for his dangerous, wacky, crazy killing machines and creations. He was wanted from every police force in the world for mass killing and breaking the law of science. The Nash City police force was after him but two non-police people who went by the name of Fuzzy, also



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known as Fuzz and Smith. Fuzz was tall, black and had some of the puffiest hair in the world. Smith is an old spy who was fired for nagging about his sharp shooting. They now spend their time researching crazy people and their life. This is their story on Dr Crazy.

"Hey Fuzz! Come and check out this stuff I found" said Smith.

"What do you have now?" asked Fuzz.

"I think I've found more on... do you have to eat so much baked beans?" asked Smith in an angry voice.

"Yes I do! Just continue about the case!" replied Fuzz.

"OK. This stuff is saying that Dr Crazy is somewhere here!" shouted Smith in surprise.

"What! Hear[here] in Nash City!" yelled Fuzz in more surprise than Smith. "So if Dr Crazy is here, do you want to get back to our old games and save Nash City?" said Fuzz.

"Yeah, why not. I got to admit it is kind of fun. But we have to find out where his hide out is. Any suggestions Fuzz?" asked Smith.

"What about that hospital that's at the far end of the city and like nobody goes there except for those black cars. You know what I'm talking about... don't you?" asked Fuzz.

"Oh yeah that place. OK lets go there!" yelled Smith, he was all excited.

"Come on then, get in the car," said Smith

So they went into their car and drove off in style. As they were driving and talking about what to do once they got to the hospital, they weren't paying much attention to anything else. Some people and other drivers started to shout at Fuzz and Smith because they were driving all over the place. They made drivers going off the road and nearly crashing.

After they stopped making everyone furious and scared [because] they arrived at the hospital. "Well, we're here. Better go inside and stop Dr Crazy," said Smith.

"But we don't know where he is, do we?" asked Smith.

"That's why we go inside and started looking" replied Smith. So Fuzz and Smith got out of the car and went inside the hospital to start looking for any sign of Dr Crazy. They searched the store room. They knew something was strange about this room. They felt and looked at everything until they rested on a wall giving up. That was when the wall spun around into an empty path. So they got up, guns at the ready until they stopped at a huge iron door with a sign on it saying 'Dr Crazy's lab. KEEP OUT please!' So they kicked the door down on the count of three. "1 2 3 'counted Smith and BANG the door came down. That's where they both saw a scruffy haired man with a lab coat, science goggles on and he was holding lots of test tubes.

"I've been expecting you. Lets see now - Fuzz and Smith" said Dr Crazy.

"How does he know our names?" asked Fuzz.

Then Smith drew his gun and pulled the trigger but there was no bullet. "I swear I put bullets in my gun," said Smith in a quiet voice.

"Don't even try. Your guns are useless against me. Just give up!" explained Dr Crazy

Fuzz and Smith started to walk back away from Dr Crazy until they bumped into something big. They both looked up and saw a giant toilet which was alive!

"Gentlemen, meet my newest and greatest creation of all times. I call it toilet man. He can his breath and wipe out a square kilometre. He can also do enormous blobs of toxic poo which acts just like acid!" explained Dr Crazy.

"I've got to admit it does look cool" said Fuzz. The toilet man machine had to be destroyed before it went too far. "You won't get away with this Dr Crazy!" shouted Smith.

"Maybe, but you won't be alive to tell the story! HA HA HA HA!" laughed Dr Crazy as toilet man picked Fuzz and Smith from the ground.

Then Fuzz shouted out "Stop!" and said "Don't you [have] anything better, Dr Crazy?"

"Well, I could use the Death-o-rama 5000. It's the ultimate killing machine" replied Dr Crazy. There was silence until Fuzz and Smith both said "I think we're alright with toilet man!" So toilet man continued and was about to eat Fuzz and Smith until something weird happened.

"We're gonna die!" screamed Smith but then a little pop went and that's when toilet man dropped Fuzz and Smith. It then struggled to stand up then it fell to the floor stone dead.

"What happened?" asked Smith in confusion [confusion].

"I call it a SBD - silent but deadly"..... explained Fuzz.

"I think I know now where you get the gas from?" asked Smith while blocking his nose to survive.

"This morning I ate 10 cans of baked beans for breakie" replied Fuzz.

"Right. Hey! Where's Dr Crazy go[gone]?" asked Smith "You let him get away Fuzz!"

"What? No, I didn't he's on the floor. Must have had done the same thing like toilet man. Pass out. Quick! Let's drive him to the mental hospital. They'll know what to do with him" said Fuzz.

"Good thinking" replied Smith.

So they both picked up Dr Crazy, dumped him in the car outside and drove to the mental hospital where they know what to do and they were going to take care of him.

"Wink Wink".

Fuzz and Smith had saved Nash City from Dr Crazy's plans and it would be a safe city once again. Until Dr Crazy breaks out for more of his evil plans.

An Insignificant Accident

Richard Wilkinson

DOUBLE and Duo, the twin space explorers who worked for Spaced Out Tours, were not a happy pair of siblings. Their job, as some of you may remember from last year, was to find new destinations for intergalactic holiday makers and they had discovered Earth by accident a month before but found it far from ideal as a tourist destination. They had reported that it appeared to be the only known planet with two intelligent, superior species who apparently lived together in a strange and unpredictable love-hate relationship. In normal circumstances the more aggressive or stronger species of a competing life form will soon prevail, especially where food and resources are scarce as was the case on Earth. The twins had noted that the generally bigger of the two humanoid types appeared more aggressive towards their own kind, often partaking in realistic war games between themselves, whereas the smaller one appeared to dominate the larger one using non-aggressive and subtle psychological tactics.

On reporting their findings to their Board of Directors back on Galactic Central the twins had been ordered to return to Earth immediately to investigate further. The Chairman had seen the opportunity to set up a new Tour Group for the more intrepid traveller which could be called "Tours of the Unbelievable" inevitably leading to a significant increase in the Directors' annual bonuses.

As they approached the Solar System, Double cut the interstellar anti-matter drive and engaged the less powerful radiation drive which gathered its energy from the Sun they were approaching. Ideally, the ship would have continued under anti-matter power but the exhaust produce of black matter could cause an unacceptable space warp disturbance near planetary systems. As the ship entered Earth's gravity field, Double again switched drives, this time to anti-gravity which gave it the manoeuvrability required near the surface of a planet.

Three weeks later they had all the information they required. They had not bothered with the two types of humanoid that occupied the planet but had spent their time in libraries, in the darker recesses of video hire shops, watching late night television replays of Big Brother, googling the Internet and tapping phones. They could hardly believe their findings but it would be difficult to convince their employers of the truth. This planet was the only one in the entire known Universe which consisted of several thousand galaxies where a life form relied on two similar but obviously different species to re-produce. This amazing fact seemed to apply to the majority of the flora and fauna. Apparently, some chance mutation many millions of years before in the plant world had started the phenomenon and it had proved so successful at speeding up evolution and producing strong life forms that it had become the norm. Double and Duo resembled the main life form of the planet and could mix almost unnoticed with them but they felt that Tour Groups would be more like visitors to a zoo who had come to view the behaviour of strange animals and they were convinced it would not be successful. There was an

unpleasant feel about this planet which they eventually concluded was partially due to the rapid evolution of "intelligent life" that had not the time or motivation to acquire the scientific knowledge necessary to develop sustainable non-polluting energy systems. Their knowledge of physics was poor - they had not worked out how to use fusion or anti-matter to produce unlimited clean energy - and a noted local physicist had made a fundamental error in his equations which had convinced them that they could not travel faster than light. Probably, more importantly, they had not had time to learn the social skills needed to live together in a peaceful and unselfish way.

The twins returned to their ship and lifted away from Earth. They were passing the orbit of Neptune when Double, who was piloting, sneezed and a hand hit the anti-matter drive on-button. Almost immediately, Double switched it off but in that split second the Sun behind them flared like a dying fire when a gust of wind blows through it. It lasted only a few moments as the black matter exhaust swept past but the four innermost planets were destroyed. "Oops!", Double muttered, "we had better keep quiet about this little incident, I already have 10 penalty points on my space licence and I don't want it cancelled. We will say that the planet was, I mean is, not suitable for tourism".

That would have been the end of the matter since Earth was insignificant among thousands of inhabited planets, except for one small complication. After their earlier trip to Earth, a Whistle Blower within Spaced Out Tours had reported them to the Intergalactic Corruption and Crime Commission who had bugged their spaceship on this second trip to Earth and their conversations had been monitored. On their return to Galactic Central they were immediately arrested and several years later brought before the Star Chamber Court. The charge was not careless driving leading to planetary destruction which was only a minor crime, but the very serious one of scientific heresy and the spreading of malicious pornography which had frightened most of the planet's children when it had been broadcast on the early evening news. In many cases even the child's parent had been driven to hysteria.

No career-minded defence lawyer would take the case and Judge Geoff Rhys was not sympathetic. In summing up, the Judge reminded the jury that under Galactic Law the accused were guilty until proved innocent. All the alleged defence evidence had been provided by the accused and could not be corroborated as they had destroyed its source, inadvertently according to them. The jury took less than two minutes to find them guilty. The mandatory sentence for their heinous crime was inevitable, transportation for life.

The planet to which they were taken was far out on the galactic rim and resembled their own planet and the late Earth. It had originally been named Crusoe after the solo space mariner who had crash landed on it in a meteor storm and had survived for a month before managing to repair a mobile phone to contact a passing freighter. Later, the planet was renamed Spielberg for reasons which will soon become obvious. In normal circumstances Double and Duo would be able to live out their natural lives in reasonable comfort. They were given building materials and solar powered food synthesizers which could produce 97% fat free meals from almost any material, so they would never starve. The weather was warm if somewhat tropical. However, there was a major problem, the planetary life was in an early stage of development with no advanced life forms. Great herds of carnivorous, androgynous dinosaurs roamed the planet feeding on other dinosaurs, the small hermaphrodite mammals, and anything else that moved and looked or smelt edible. Humanoid life expectancy was measured in weeks rather than years. Crusoe had been lucky because of the load of smuggled garlic in the hold of the crashed ship and the little known fact that dinosaurs are allergic to garlic which brings them out in a rash. By eating it in copious quantities and not taking showers, Crusoe had kept the dinosaurs well upwind.

As the convict transport ships were prohibited from landing on the planet, they dropped the prisoners and their supplies by anti-gravity parachute and nothing more was officially heard of Double and Duo, but there were rumours. There were stories of Space Pirates lead by the notorious Captain Jon Dep who collected exiled prisoners from convict

planets and took them to World's End on condition they joined the pirate band. Many Spaced Out Tourists who were bailed up by the pirates claimed to have seen the twins. The news media were ordered not to run the stories and to replace them with government releases accusing the Spaced Out Tourists of suffering drug induced delusions brought on by an overdose of space sickness pills, but the rumours persisted.

A recent release of Galactic Cabinet documents has revealed the real truth about the Pirates but not as yet about what happened to the twins. Although the general public were unaware of it, the Pirates were in fact employed by the Government under a very loosely worded Workplace Agreement. Their purpose was to keep drug trafficking and tourism to a minimum since drugs were not easily taxable and too much tourism was not good for the economy of those planets with little to offer tourists and whose populations travelled elsewhere to spend their money. The Government turned a blind eye if the occasional space freighter was stopped and plundered as this meant they did not have to actually pay the Pirates, and insurance covered the cost of the lost cargoes anyway.

We will have to wait another year for the next release of Cabinet documents before we can discover the fate of the twins but recent news leaks have suggested a series of Galactic shattering events involving a couple of well-known identities of the late planet Earth.

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Christmas Edition

CELEBRATING 25 YEARS

I HAVE had a very enjoyable couple of weeks reading through 25 years of Toodyay Herald history, nearly 300 editions.

I read of births and birthday parties, engagements and weddings, deaths and memorial notices. I have been privileged to see young children start then leave school, enter the workforce and start their own families. New families have arrived and left again. Some realised what they'd found and stayed. The amazing breadth of talent in our small town is incredible.

I have also witnessed the fantastic community spirit of our town as shown through the pages of the Toodyay Herald. Neighbours helping neighbours, complete strangers being offered a friendly helping hand. The list of thanks to our volunteer services such as St Johns and the various Volunteer Bush Fire and Emergency Services, the doctor and ancillary services could probably fill a paper or two on their own.

Something else I've noticed. The important issues keep returning. The Toodyay Herald has been writing about the lack of Recreation Facilities since the second issue in January/February 1985. A comment was made fairly early in the life of the paper that the Toodyay Herald provided a valuable record of the district's doings. This has been proven true so many times over the past 25 years.

There are so many items of interest that have not been included in this birthday edition. There was the Folk Festival that ran for many years, the Moondyne Festival (which has only missed one year in 25), the fancy dress parades at the school, the many balls held by various organisations throughout the years, the moving Anzac services, the excellent productions undertaken by the Toodyay Players and later the Toodyay Theatre Group and the movies shown in the Hall. Mention must also be made of the wonderful contributions by Wally Chitty over the years. His knowledge and photos have enriched us all. The scores of community organisations and individuals who have supplied information over the past 25 years have proven that our community paper is a valuable resource to let the whole district (and beyond) know the joys (and sometimes despair) of their activities. Our advertisers need special mention. It is though this revenue that your paper is able to be printed and kept free for everyone. Some advertisers have come and gone, others have supported the paper for many, many years and one or two have been advertising since the very first edition.

Your wonderful paper, owned by everyone in our community, has been kept running for the past 25 years by extremely hardworking committees of volunteers. I wasn't really surprised to see the same names returning year after year. In every town there seems to be a core group of people who are willing to give to their community. They are the ones who are usually on a number of committees on a wide range of interests.

The Toodyay Herald salutes these people. Without them Toodyay would be 'just another country town', and much poorer in community spirit.

Below are some of the highlights of what's been happening in the Toodyay Herald and Toodyay since December 1984.

Kathy Robinson

DEC 84

The Toodyay Herald was started again by a group of community minded people and Peter Chiffings, Graham Boston, Peter Webb, Di Downie, Donna Hunter and Judy Dinnison got together to make it happen. Geoff Ludemann, President of the Shire,

today welcomed the return of the "Toodyay Herald" to the District and offered his congratulations to the group of community members for their initiative for taking responsibility for the publication.

The importance of a community newspaper in which people have the opportunity to have a say or let the District know what is going on cannot be overstated", he said. "Toodyay has needed this for many years and the Herald will help to give an interaction between all walks of Toodyay life". Mr Ludemann went on to say that the Council will be an active contributor to future editions on matters of local interest.

There was an article from the Toodyay Op Shop who had been operating for only five years. However, they had made donations of \$5,762 to the building fund for Homes for the Aged, \$1,000 to the building fund for St John Ambulance, \$600 to Scouts, Cubs, Guides and Brownies (camping equipment) and \$600 to the Youth Group for video. And they're *still* doing it!

1985
The front page article in February stated "\$600,000 Sports Complex Proposed".

On the same front page there was an article stating that the Spadaccini Brothers in Northam won a tender of \$104,130 to commence work on the renovations to the Toodyay Shire Council Offices.

A March editorial bemoaned the lack of a swimming pool.

In April the Jennacubine Tavern was offering BBQ packs with salad for \$2.50.

May

A May headline stated "The Toodyay Herald goes public". A public meeting was held and the inaugural committee consisted of Chairperson Judy Dinnison, Editor Peter Webb, Co-ordinator/Secretary Dianne Downie, Treasurer Donna Hunter, Committee Peter Chiffings, Graham Boston and Graham Smith.

The policy of the Herald is not much changed 25 years later: the paper will be free to all members of the community, advertising costs are to cover production costs and expenses and publish a paper of a high standard which provides an opportunity for expression and communication to all members of our community, even where opinion may differ from that held by the management committee of Toodyay Herald.

In August the committee was offered a donation of \$100 from one of their advertisers towards the purchase of a typewriter as the Herald didn't have one of their own. A request was made for further donations towards this goal.

September's Youth Ball was hailed as a great success. And in December the Toodyay Herald turned one.

1986

An article on page 2 of the March edition discussed the plans by the Catholic Education Office to construct a swimming pool on their property in Toodyay and the fact that there was a POSSIBILITY that the Toodyay community may be able to use this facility.

April saw the Toodyay 'A' Grade Cricket Team become Premiers.

The Toodyay Pioneer Trek, held to celebrate Toodyay's 150th year was successfully completed by 128 people. The trek of nine horse-drawn vehicles, 15 saddle horses, 2 wheelbarrows and pedestrians departed from Guildford and spent two days and nights on the road travelling to Toodyay.

A local advertiser was offering single and double sided IBM compatible computer disks with a 5 year guarantee.

Cr Peter Chiffings reported in July that

keeping the lights on all night prevented break-ins. When the lights were left off 19 break-ins occurred. The cost for keeping the lights on all night worked out at \$2.10 at the current rate.

In December, 800 copies of the Toodyay Herald are printed by Impressions in Northam and delivered to Toodyay. Between 6pm and the next morning the pages have to be collated, stapled and rolled and counted to be ready for the mail.

1987

In January the big news of the day was the purchase of a computer for the Shire at an estimated cost of \$40,151 (for the first year).

In March the Bicentennial Committee suggested a wholly Toodyay designed and manufactured town clock to be planned for 1988. Design and manufacture to be carried out by Graham Boston and Kim Darragh. Enrolments at the school increased by 16 to 285 but staff numbers were reduced by one. By June the committee of the Herald were struggling to contribute the time needed to produce the paper each month. A public meeting was organised to attract a new working committee. Peter Webb and Carol Caldwell had done most of the Herald's typing and editing over the past year. The new committee announced in the July edition were Geoff Appelby (layout), Carol Caldwell (typing and photocopying), Di Downie (contributions and layout), Judy Dinnison (collating and distribution), Ross Midgley (collating and distribution), Dianne Mills (contributions and layout), John Schrueders (advertising) and Frank Venn (accounts).

September saw the formation of a committee to establish a commuter rail service between Toodyay and Perth. (This became the Avonlink in September 1995.) Advertisers could choose from 10 pre-sized adverts. They ranged in price from \$5 for 4cm x 1 column to \$120 for a full page.

1988

Front page news in February was the unveiling and dedication of the Toodyay Bicentennial Clock at the Memorial Hall.

March was a busy month with the release of the movie 'Shame' which had been partly filmed in Toodyay. The Toodyay Race Club had 12 race days planned for the year and the Toodyay Bakery had home deliveries. Toodyay Spinners hosted and coordinated a bicentennial spin-in for 186 spinners and weavers.

In May, the Toodyay Herald increased its circulation to 900.

At the 50th anniversary of the Toodyay Fire Station in August, Eric Patten was presented with a special 40 year service award, the first of its kind in Western Australia. Eric had been a member of the WAVFB for 47 years. By September, the Herald again increased its circulation - to 1000. September also saw the Lions win the Premiership Flag after an eight year drought.

A page one article in December showed the horse-drawn Cobb & Co coach transporting the Minister for Transport Bob Pearce over the newly opened West Toodyay Bridge. The reconstruction and widening cost \$340,000.

1989

Ten new staff members were welcomed to TDHS in February and some are still at the school in 2009.

Christine Martin was co-ordinator/editor in 1988 and 1989 and worked from her kitchen table. She had become involved with the Herald as a volunteer typist and once a month helped collate the A3 pages on a table tennis table in a room at Avondown. This table was also used to lay the pages out when the articles and ads were glued down

ready for printing. There were two Typetar typewriters, one for the editor and one for the volunteer typists to take home. The fruit and vegie shop in Ellery's Arcade was the drop off point for articles and advertising, and photocopying was done at the real estate business across the road thanks to the generosity of Murray Willock. Eventually 40 page newspapers were produced using the Typetars, much to the delight of the manufacturers. Getting everything straight was always a challenge. Impressions in Northam printed the paper in the early days. (Thanks for this information Christine.)

June saw another fantastic milestone for the Toodyay Herald, their 50th edition. In September it was reported that the Shire had established a Sporting and Recreation's Club Loan Reserve Fund of \$25,000 for the purpose of providing interest free loans to sporting and recreation clubs within the Shire.

Front page news in October under the headline "HERALD FURORE" was that the 'Toodyay Herald' had been registered as a business name by Central West Media Ltd. Advice from the Corporate Affairs Department was the "business must not be conducted under the name Avon Valley Toodyay Herald. (This is what the paper was called back then.)

The popularity of the paper continued to grow with the population and by December the circulation reached 1,100 copies.

1990

By the April edition, 1,200 copies were now being printed and the cost of a full page advert was now \$70. The results of a survey conducted by the Shire showed that the top 10 preferences were a Medical Centre, improved Shire Roads, Community Recreation Facilities, Swimming Pool, Senior Citizen's Centre, Town Beautification, Child/Day Care Centre, Upgrade Memorial Hall, Damming the River.

There was a massive hail storm near the Extracts Factory in June which covered the area in a layer of hail which was still lying in heaps the next morning. There was also some minor flooding in the town.

September was the dawn of a new era for the Toodyay Herald. The previous 63 editions had been printed on A3 paper under the masthead of the Avon Valley Toodyay Herald. The paper now changed to its new masthead of 'The Toodyay Herald' and was printed on tabloid size paper. The name had now been registered and belonged to the Toodyay Community. Local solicitor Robin McLeod had worked hard to help achieve this. Jocelyn Ballard was shown as editor and she acknowledged the work of Judy Dinnison, Peter Webb and Christine Martin who had helped the Herald 'grow' and Willocks for photocopying services. Thanks were also made to the contributors, the advertisers and the volunteers Peter and Robyn Webb, David Mitchell, Eric Kay, Elena Lumsdaine. The paper was now being printed by Narrogin Observer Print and the first 'new look' edition was 38 pages.

The new changes brought their own challenges as in October, a letter by the editor thanked the team who 'helped during the 15½ hours it took to collate the September issue.' In November the cost for a full page advert went up to \$100 with a \$20 discount if the artwork was already done.

December showed the Toodyay Botanist Mrs Ray Paynter had been awarded the prestigious Greening Australia 1990 John Tonkin Tree Award in the Individual Category. There was a major locust plague in November and one enterprising business offered locust



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burgers, locusts on toast, locust kebabs, locust supreme and locust mornay.
1991

It was reported in April that the Toodyay Race-track faced closure. It was suggested that Toodyay and Northam Clubs should amalgamate and the Toodyay Club should be closed down. This merger was rejected in a meeting held in April. In the same edition in the Shire notes, a timetable for a Recreation Facility for Toodyay was received. Part of this was that between May and June 1991, concept plans to be drawn up and a costings analysis be prepared.

In June there was a notice stating that prior to incorporation, the Toodyay Herald proposed to open a register of members. Also in this edition was a concept drawing of the proposed refurbishment to the Memorial Hall.

By July, the Toodyay Herald was printing 1,300 copies to keep up with the demand. A constitution had been drawn up and a public meeting was to be held where a Committee of Management was to be elected. The Committee for 1991-92 were Athol Donegan (President), Vaughan Gentle (Vice President), Chris Martin (Secretary), Robyn Carpenter (Treasurer) and committee members Hilary McGlew, Peter Brunt, Maureen MacLeod, Peter Chiffings and John Groves. After nearly 7 years, the Herald was finally to have a 'home' at 104 Stirling Terrace. Membership in the paper totalled 72. Restoration work had commenced in the Memorial Hall, new play equipment in Duidgee Park was getting plenty of use and preliminary earthworks had been carried out at the site of the Toodyay Community Centre (now the Medical Centre).

1992
Thanks were given to George Due for the great job he did in building the 28 feet of benches for the Herald office, Toucan Signs of Osborne Park who donated the sign writing and to Molly Haywood and all others for their donations to the Herald. The Herald started printing the date and page numbers on the top of each page (which made it much easier for my research).

The Shire was to purchase 230 complete settings of cutlery items at cost of \$2,657. In April, the headline proclaimed that 'Council To Apply For \$850,000 Grant Towards Cost Of Recreation Centre'. The decision to apply for the grant was carried by one vote in Council. The arguments for and against haven't changed much since then. The only thing that seems to have changed is the cost.

The official opening of the new Alma Beard Community Health Centre in Toodyay was on April 27, 1992. Special guests included Miss Kathleen Beard and Mrs Doreen Johnson (sisters of the late Alma Beard), Mrs Mary Beard (sister-in-law), Mrs Vivian Statham (a former colleague of Alma Beard) and other dignitaries. Mrs Statham dedicated the name 'Alma Beard' to the new centre. Prior to the opening of this centre, the medical facilities were in the old 'Club'. Advertising costs went up to \$1.20 per column centimetre in July.

In June the Toodyay Learning Centre was opened in Parker's Cottage. Early courses included Candle-wicking and how to start your own herb garden.

In July, a hundred people attended a 'Look to the Future' forum held at the Memorial Hall to discuss the future of Toodyay.

In October, a new committee was steering the Toodyay Herald although some people retained their positions. New members included Peter Webb replacing Vaughan

Gentle as Vice President, and Maureen Williams, Kate Stanford, Helen Hilary and Sue Millar replacing Peter Brunt, John Groves and Peter Chiffings.

In the middle of October, new buildings were officially opened at TDHS.

Lisa Tester and Kathy McCormack went to Canada to represent Western Australia at an International Guiding Event.

December also saw the use of spot colour on the front page.

1993
In February of 1993, it was only possible to have scripts dispensed from 2pm to 6pm. The butcher's ad, which covered two pages, had a side of beef being advertised for \$3.90 per kilo.

There was a proposal by Cr Graham Mills, reported in the April edition, to adopt a Rural Road Numbering System. This was to allow for easy identification, particularly for emergency services.

The June headline said 'The Tragedy and the Triumph of Toodyay'. In the cold dawn light of Sunday May 23, 1993, the pall of smoke shrouding the Toodyay Valley reflected the mood of the local community as it was trying to come to grips with the devastation cause by a fire at TDHS in the early hours of the morning. Locals turned up in the early hours and just 'mucked' in to save what they could. And yet by Wednesday May 26, when staff, students, parents and other community members gathered at the Toodyay Memorial Hall, the mood had changed from anger and despair to something very positive, and the words of TDHS Head Boy, Chris Donegan, perhaps best expressed that change of mood - "Even though this has all happened, don't let it put you down - just work harder and keep going."

The 'When and Where' column had handwritten changes of venues 'to be advised' to allow the CWA and Uniting Church halls to be used for classrooms. There were many fundraising events from fetes, a quiz night, a disco and a ball, a 'back to Toodyay evening with entertainment, Foodland donating funds from the purchase of items to the relief fund (the suppliers were also supporting this), and even 'Fire' T-shirts for sale. Help also came from Uniting Church, CWA, Fire Station, Anglican Church Hall, St Johns, Race Club, Shire, the local residents who cleared out buildings, erected fencing, pruned trees dug trenches for pipes etc. Various Ministry Departments stepped in and rewired much of the Uniting Church, carpeted rooms, erected toilets, laid slabs, put in drink fountains, provided and erected transportable buildings, put in gas heaters, sent up furniture and stationery, completed electrical and plumbing work at the Racecourse and made the teaching and play areas safe.

This, plus all that was done over the following months truly shows the community spirit of Toodyay.

There were 110 members of the Toodyay Herald eligible to vote at the August AGM. The new committee voted in were Kate Stanford (President), Peter Webb (Vice President), Maureen Williams (Secretary), Christine Martin (Treasurer) and committee members Helen Hilary, Sue Millar, Bonnie Orr, Trevor Rowles, Veya Due and Bruce Betts. The 100th edition was printed in December.

1994
St John Ambulance celebrated 50 years in Toodyay in January.

In February there was a special thank you from the committee to Jocelyn Ballard who had resigned after four years as editor. During

her time the Herald successfully fought for the purchase of our masthead, became an incorporated body, the format changed from A3 to its current format, established an office in Stirling Terrace and took the circulation from 1,100 to 1,500. Christine Martin took over as editor through to March.

The front page article in July stated that Jim Masters had received the Medal of Australia in the Queen's Birthday Honours List.

Advertising rates increased to \$1.50 per column centimetre with a full page costing only \$156. Classified adverts still only cost \$2 for 3 lines. The Toodyay Herald also purchased a camera which had been subsidised by London Court Photographics.

In September the new committee consisted of Peter Webb (President), Trevor Rowles (Vice President), Maureen Williams (Secretary), Judy Stone (Treasurer) and committee of Ron Goodwin, Veya Due, Kate Stanford, Bonnie Orr, Karl Mueller and Christine Martin.

The inaugural Frank Venn Memorial Award for local writers was held in December to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the re-establishment of the Toodyay Herald. This was the idea of editor Chris Martin and attracted 107 entries. A party was held in Duidgee Park and the Herald printed a special 10th Anniversary Edition with full colour Christmas front page.

1995
The Australia Day honours list included Mac Wroth who received the Order of Australia Medal.

March saw the back 3 pages of the Toodyay Herald composed on a computer. The difference in the print was very noticeable and made life much easier for the volunteers (once they had learned how to use the computers).

The 30th Tom Quilty Endurance Ride was held in Toodyay from June 2nd - 4th.

The 1st Toodyay Scouts sent four people (Kathy McCormack, Adam Pearce, Bill McCormack and Mac McCormack) to a Jamboree in Holland.

Membership in the Herald had dropped to 31 at the AGM when the new committee was elected. They were Peter Webb (President), Ron Goodwin (Vice President), Maureen Williams (Secretary), Peter Webb (Treasurer) and committee of Bonnie Orr, Judy Stone, Trevor Rowles, Simon Roberts, Pat Stevenson and Irene Kilcoyne. A fax was purchased to make it easier for submissions to be sent.

The Avonlink Commuter Service commenced operations in September and ran daily.

1996
Morangup Volunteer Bushfire Brigade was presented with a new 2.4 heavy duty fire appliance. It was put to almost immediate use to assist at the February fires at Chidlow. The internet came to Toodyay in February thanks to Graham Smith. The report also stated that the internet 'has some 30,000,000 users worldwide'.

Three new aged units at Ashby on Avon were opened by Hon Murray Nixon MLC in April. The land was bequeathed to the Shire by Mrs Mavis Crosby for the use of senior citizens. The new committee for 1996-97 was Ron Goodwin (President, Peter Webb (Vice President), Dawn Fitzgerald (Secretary), Peter Webb (Treasurer) and committee members Veya Due, Bonnie Orr, Judi Stone, Pat Stevenson, Simon Roberts and Michael Cox (who is *still* on committee).

1997
In February, approximately 2,300 man hours had been spent fighting bushfires that season. Eric and Shirley Patten and Bob and Bobbie

Jones had given more than 160 years of service to the local fire brigade. Seven new teachers were appointed to TDHS.

In April, Mac Wroth was honoured for his 38 years of service to local government.

Eric Patten was presented with a clock after retiring from mail delivery in the Toodyay district. Eric's father Tom delivered the mail from 1938 and Eric took over in 1966.

Racing was returning to Toodyay with the Race Club holding the Toodyay Picnic Races in October each year.

The Herald was being printed by SwanWeb in June and had a distribution of 2,000.

The CWA in Toodyay celebrated 70 years in June.

The management committee for the Toodyay Herald for 1997-98 was Bonnie Orr (President, Ron Bunt (Vice President), Dawn Fitzgerald (Secretary), Sharon Turnbull (Treasurer) and committee members Judi Stone, Don Stevenson, Simon Roberts, Michael Cox, Les Hyde (Les is also still on committee) and Irene Kilcoyne. Peter Webb, after 13 years, had finally retired.

In September, Geoff Ludemann was recognised for his 26 years in local government and the Toodyay hockey girls broke a 30 year drought by winning the 'B' Grade Grand Final.

Classified adverts now cost \$3 for 3 lines. The October paper had a special wrap on the activities of the Toodyay Festival which was held on October 11th and 12th. This included a Great Train Race with The Hotham Valley Stream Train and vintage and veteran cars and motor cycles leaving the Fremantle Railway Station together to see who would arrive in Toodyay first. Road and mountain bike cyclists also competed, as did runners and horses. The weekend included the Picnic Races, the Toodyay Festival of Music and the Agricultural Show. Over 8,500 people were present at the first Race Day in many years.

Three hundred knitted squares were sent to Perth in November to be made into blankets for the needy. Toodyay shows its generosity yet again.

1998
In March, the Recreation Centre was again a hot topic with the front page article state the 'Recreation Centre not set in stone - CEO'. It was only a proposal and in its infancy stage. March was the final edition with Christine Martin as editor and April saw the appointment of Joanne Hazel. The structure of the committee also changed with Michael Cox becoming President and Don Stevenson Vice President. The Advertiser's Directory moved to the back page.

Toodyay was galvanised by the possibility of a Class 4 Waste Disposal Site within the Shire. A meeting held in August not only filled the hall, people were lined up at the doors to hear what was being said. The town was vehemently opposed to the proposal.

Joanne Hazel resigned as editor of the Herald after only 6 months and Kathy Robinson was appointed. She held this position until June 2007, the longest serving editor to date.

The new committee for 1998-99 was Dawn Fitzgerald (President), Les Hyde (Vice President), Jane Holt (Secretary), Fran Roberts (Treasurer) and committee members Judi Stone, Simon Roberts, Don Stevenson, Michael Cox and Sharon Turnbull.

1999
In January a massive storm hit Toodyay and surrounding areas. It took motorists 3 terrifying hours to get back from Perth. Trees were uprooted, the road was awash and covered in debris and blocked by trees. Flash floods washed gravel roads down to bedrock. There was also a fire in Majestic Heights in



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early January which resulted in four fighters being injured and property destroyed. It was caused by an angle grinder.

The recently completed multi-purpose Wattening Fire Shed and Bejoording Community Hall was opened in April. The Toodyay Op Shop turned 20 that same month.

In June, a meeting was called by the Challenge Bank to inform residents that the bank would be closing its Toodyay branch. The Coutts family, Theresa, Joan, Matthew and David, of Toodyay competed in the Avon Descent as a team.

The committee for the Herald for 1999-2000 was Dawn Fitzgerald (President), Allan Renner (Vice President), Lui Marcelli (Secretary), Ruth Neil (Treasurer) and committee members Les Hyde, Don Stevenson, Peter Swift, Michael Cox, Simone Swift, Brian Eaton and Jane Holt.

The October headline stated that the 'Toodyay Recreation Complex Gets Go Ahead'. The preferred site was west of the school and just over the Boyagerring Brook. The land comprised an area of approximately 16 hectares. Stage one was to be an all year Aquatic Centre and to cost \$2,3 mil.

By the November edition, the Herald had shifted to larger premises at 92 Stirling Terrace.

November saw the news that the Shire had purchased the bank building in Stirling Terrace for \$210,000.

2000

There was 94.4mm of rainfall in January which meant the river was in flood.

The front page in March stated 'What a Month for Toodyay.' Work began on the new Community Centre, the Community bank was opening on the 11th March, a Westar Football Match between Perth and Claremont was to be played on the Avon Descent weekend, the Elector's Meeting were informed that a \$700,000 grant towards the swimming pool had been approved and the Toodyay Herald went online. There was a change in the committee of the Toodyay Herald. Allan Renner took over as President after the resignation of Dawn Fitzgerald. Brian Eaton stepped in as Vice President.

In May it was reported that Zack Sofoulis and Steven Cousins had been selected in the State Karate Team. The Toodyay Under 12 football team were invited to play in the little league game at half time at an AFL match between the Dockers and Brisbane Lions.

June's headline screamed 'A Pool, A Pool, at Last a Pool!' Council had decided at its budget meeting to go ahead with the building of our Aquatic Centre. The new visitor centre also got the green light to be built.

In July, the home of Peter and Samantha Connor was badly burned and needed demolishing. The community rallied around with the Op Shop providing clothing and the Freemason's Hotel arranged for the family to live there in the interim.

Local resident Carol Zimmerman carried the Olympic Torch through Northam. A BMX and Skateboard facility was approved.

November saw some changes to the committee with Simone Swift (who had been assistant co-ordinator for some time) and Peter Swift leave and John and Sue Horner join.

Tony Brakenreg, Acting Sargeant of Toodyay Police Station was announced as WA's 'Top Cop' for 2000. Tony had also been chosen as the Citizen of the Year on Australia Day. December introduced spot colour for advertisers. Samantha Connor rejoined the paper as Assistant Co-ordinator.

2001

A special wrap to mark the opening of the Community Centre, the Visitor Centre and Federation Square started the year off well. Toodyay tourist operators were invited to a 'Festi di Rottnest' to celebrate the twinning of Rottnest Island and the Town of Amalfi in Italy. A massive willy-willy up to 80m high caused disruption to traffic on Harper Road. The May paper stated that there were moves to cut Wheatbelt Police numbers by 19 officers and Toodyay 'leads the fight' to save our Police Force.

There were again changes to the committee of the Toodyay Herald in July with Allen Renner taking on the role of Treasurer and Rae Kolb joining. John and Sue Horner had resigned. The Herald was now being printed at Colour Press.

Local Irish dancer Alison Johnson was selected to dance at the National Championships.

In October the first Agricultural Show Supplement was published. At the Herald's AGM Rob Castle was appointed President, Allan Renner (Vice President), Roz Bailey (Secretary), Jennifer Scott (Treasurer) with Les Hyde, Michael Cox, Rae Kolb, Brian Eaton and Paul Sutton making up the general committee.

Toodyay lad Steven Francis (aged 9) won Silver and Bronze in the National Karate Championships. The first Speed Shearing competition was held in Toodyay.

In November, David Chitty and Charlie Wroth were awarded life memberships to the Toodyay Agricultural Society and Eric Patten was awarded a special medal by the West Australian Governor to recognise 60 years of service in the Toodyay Volunteer Bushfire Brigade.

Judi Moylan MP officially opened Ida's Hideaway at Butterfly Cottage.

2002

Toodyay won the Tidy Town Award for 2001 in its category 'D'.

Changes to the Herald's committee in February were that the Chair would rotate between committee members each month. Both Rob Castle and Roz Bailey had resigned. Barbara Dadd took over as Secretary in March.

August saw the introduction of 'Plastic Water' over the weir at Extracts for the Avon Descent. The low rainfall had meant that there was not enough water flowing over the weir. Toodyay man Michael Kelly was found murdered in Childow.

Legal proceedings were initiated against the development of the Sanctuary Park sub-development for illegal clearing of land.

The WA Turf Club refused permission for the Toodyay Race Club to hold its annual race meeting in October.

In November some of our local bushfire volunteers went to NSW to help battle fires. By December, the Herald committee included Rita Harrison (Secretary), Allan Renner (Treasurer) and Les Hyde, Michael Cox, Paul Sutton, Hazel Cantem and John Pyle.

2003

Volunteers fought fires in Julimar and Coondle.

The local Community Bank resumed school banking in March. Concerns were raised about increased traffic on Julimar Road due to Muchea being confirmed as the preferred site for livestock saleyards.

The crisis over the Alma Beard Medical Centre was resolved at the April Shire meeting. Concerns that we would lose all our medical practitioners due to an increase in rent were finally resolved. The Minister for Culture and the Arts, Hon. Sheila McHale MLA unveiled the Reconciliation Plaque in

Federation Square.

Eric Patten AFSM ED and Charles (Mac) Wroth OA JP were awarded the Centenary Medal by Judi Moylan MP.

The aquatic centre plans were discontinued and the government grant of \$700,000 was returned. Funds of approximately \$526,000 held in a recreation reserve fund would be retained.

Kieran Hug was to represent Australia and compete in the World BMX Championship. In June, more than 161 people gave of their time to help create a beautiful transformation in Newcastle Park.

In August 2003, the Toodyay Herald became a totally electronic newspaper. This necessitated every advertisement being recreated on computer. Previously the pages had been physically laid out and glued so they could be 'photographed' and the bromides (film) used for printing. From typewritten articles and hand drawn advertisements to this in just under 20 years. During August Kim Bendtsen took over as Treasurer for the Herald.

September brought the news that the Shire was intending to close the Visitor Centre and relocate the library there. This caused an uproar in the community.

The St Vincent De Paul Society shop was damaged by fire.

The Agricultural Society held their 150th Show in October and a street parade was organised for the occasion. The Governor of WA His Excellency, Lieutenant General John Sanderson AC officially opened the show.

Local ballet dancer Tess Jennings (aged 11) was accepted into the Australian Ballet External Programme.

In November the new committee for the Herald was announced. The only change was Allan Renner was no longer a member. The front page headline December reported that a man had been murdered in a hotel fire. Patrick John Moore of Perth died in the fire which police alleged was deliberately lit.

2004

In February the Herald announced an advertising increase of 3½%, as they were no longer able to absorb the increased cost of printing.

In March we helped the Toodyay Op Shop celebrate their 25th birthday. Monies donated to the community jumped from \$3,990 in 1991 to \$8,810 for the first quarter only of 2003.

In June Melinda Lucas and her family were flown to Melbourne so Melinda could meet the cast of the popular 'Saddle Club' television show. This was made possible by the Starlight Foundation.

In September Toodyay had four National Karate champions in Todd Haggarty, Jessie Ward, Stephen Francis and Cassie Opray and the Toodyay Pony Club gained 4th place in the Pony Club State Dressage Championships. The riders were Jennifer Kobulniczky, Phillipa Wood, Sam Cook and Georgia Wood. The Sounds of Toodyay was an amazing event as a large crowd sat in the cool of the evening and listened to Ron Sims' acoustic masterpiece.

After the Herald AGM the new committee was Paul Sutton (President), Michael Cox (Vice President), Rita Harrison (Secretary), Hazel Cantem (Treasurer) with Les Hyde, John Pyle, Jim Bavin, Kim Bendtsen and Peter Robinson.

October saw full colour used throughout the paper for the first time

Michelle Roberts, (MLA) Minister for Police and Emergency Services officially opened the new Volunteer Fire and Emergency Services Centre and the 'A' Grade football

team again brought home the Premiership Flag.

In November local Irish dancer Alison Johnson was placed 6th in the National Championships.

December was the Herald's 20th Anniversary edition. TDHS's School Captain Rhyce Vallance was selected to visit Anzac Cove in 2005 for the Anzac Services. TDHS Teacher Alistair Kettell was named as Teacher of the Year.

2005

In January the Toodyay Club celebrated 100 years with a dinner at the Hall. Also celebrating 100 years was the Silver Chain. Brandon Darby (15) was awarded his Master Scuba Diver certificate and was one of the youngest divers to reach that level.

The March front page reported on the Locals Angry Over Power Cuts. Toodyay had been subjected to an inordinate number of power cuts with one business reporting a loss of over \$28,000 in four months because of this. The Nationals State Election Campaign was launched in Toodyay with the Deputy Prime Minister John Anderson attending.

In April the inaugural Fun Day for Families was held on the oval. Connors Mill was to be entered on the State's Heritage Register.

Two new Butterfly Cottage units were officially opened by Max Trenordan (MLA). The Toodyay Theatre Group celebrated their 20th anniversary in July.

Toodyay Pony Club member Phillipa Wood (on *Tyalla Oriele*) won an individual gold medal and a team gold medal in the member's dressage section at the National Pony Club Championships.

In November wireless broadband internet became available in Toodyay. Local student Rachel Michael was chosen to be a member of the 2006 Anzac Tour. Over \$1,400 was raised for the Avon Hospice from a Pelargonium sale in Bolgart.

2006

Samantha Connor was awarded the Fred Killick Memorial Art Award. Michael Beanland and Allan Stubbs joined the Herald committee.

Council decided to remove all the trees on the south side of Charcoal Lane after one fell onto a parked car. It was found that many of the trees were riddled with white ants.

In May Rebekah Robbins rode in the National High School Rodeo.

In June, the Rural Roadside Numbering Scheme started putting up their numbers on rural properties.

Stephen Francis (14) returned home from the Australian Open Karate Championships with a silver medal. The 'A' frame signs in Stirling Terrace were to be removed.

Irish Dancer Alison Johnson won the State Championship. The Crime and Corruption Commission visited the Shire after allegations were made against the Shire. Peter Brock was killed during the 2006 Quit Targa West Rally.

The Cat Appeal Toodyay (CATs) had sterilised 400 cats at no cost to the owners. The Op Shop were the longest surviving business under the same management and occupying the same premises having been in their present location since 1980. Margaret Paulsen joined the Herald committee after the resignation of Kim Angus.

2007

February fires tragically took the life of much loved local school teacher Michelle Mack (26). Over 7,600 hectares of the Julimar State Forest were burned after a lightning strike. There was a massive effort in fighting and containing this fire with units from as far away as Kwinana called in to help. While





units were mopping up the Julimar fire, a second major fire broke out near Chatcup Road. It was this fire that killed Michelle. It burned out an area of approximately 5,700 hectares and left the land absolutely bare. There was not a tree or fencepost to be seen for kilometres. Units again came from far away to help.

A Service of Remembrance and Community Thanksgiving was held and there was standing room only in the Hall.

In February Mac Wroth was made the first ever Freeman of the Municipality of Toodyay in recognition of his outstanding service to the community.

Jennifer Kobulniczky, of the Toodyay Districts Horse and Pony Club was chosen to represent Australia at the Inter Pacific Competition in the USA.

After nearly 10 years as editor, Kathy Robinson retired in June. Samantha Connor was appointed editor and Grant Scobie became the assistant editor. Allan Stubbs replaced Hazel Cantem as Treasurer.

Stephen Francis, Emily Kidd (12) and Samantha Douglas (15) Sharnie Horwood (9), Todd Haggerty (12), Jakob Kid (14) and Russel Johnson all travelled overseas to compete in Karate Championships.

July saw the opening of 'The Factory', the new premises of the Baptist Church. Elsie Wroth was also honoured for her work in the community. She had been making wreaths for the RSL and Shire since 1965.

Around 250 residents attended a Planning for the Future workshop held in the Hall.

Jack Dasborough, Jacob Lyn, Kerwin Stuart, Nathan Clarke, Corey Higgins and Matt Flaherty were part of a team of 24 who represented the Perth Football Club rural zone. Brian Wood was awarded Life Membership of the Toodyay Central Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade.

September and October were bumper editions of the Herald with each being 64

pages.

In conjunction with the October local government elections, a referendum was held to gauge support for developing recreation and aquatic facilities. The referendum was lost 55% to 45% with the majority of Morangup residents voting no.

The November edition was the first paper totally laid out on screen. After the Herald's AGM the committee changed with Wendy Lewer and John Mitchinson joining and Peter Robinson leaving.

2008

March saw the paper move to a new 4 column layout. The Advertisers' Index on the back page was discontinued, as were most of the logos for the various organisations. Price changes were also announced with the Trades & Services pages moving back to set sizes, same as it had been in 1987.

An algal bloom in the Avon River prompted warnings for residents not to swim or even wade in the river.

Tributes flowed in for the late Wally Chitty. Wally had made a significant contribution to the Herald since its relaunch in 1984.

Toodyay raised over \$4,600 towards 'Shave for a Cure'.

Option 7, the controversial choice of using the showgrounds and surrounding area as a co-located Recreational Facility was declared 'dead and buried' at the April Shire Council Meeting.

In May, the new St John Ambulance Centre and training facility was officially opened. St Johns have had a presence in Toodyay since 1945.

In June, Chris Robinson was a member of the only West Australian choir invited to take part in Channel Seven's 'Battle of the Choirs' in Sydney.

Work commenced in July to take down the overhead powerlines and poles in Stirling Terrace.

September's front page featured Rica

Erikson's 100th birthday. Rica published many books including the shire's official history 'Old Toodyay and Newcastle'.

The Toodyay Lions 'T-Cup' Charity Drive saw 6 model 'T' Fords drive from Toodyay to Adelaide to raise funds for the Royal Flying Doctor Service.

The new committee for the Toodyay Herald comprised Karen Jacomelli (President), Paul Sutton (Vice President), Christine Frank (Secretary), Wayne Clark (Treasurer), and committee members Les Hyde, Michael Cox, Richard Dymond, Jim Bavin and Carlos Saldorri. A decision was passed at the AGM to make retiring Secretary Rita Harrison an honorary life member.

Local ballet dancers Kate Arber and Bonnie McGeady won International and Australian Scholarships.

The Toodyay Naturalist's Club had their 40th anniversary celebrations in August.

The Shire was under fire again in October with the CCC investigating their handling of the Mountain Park subdivision.

Jarrad Gardner (14) of Morangup was one of 12 Australian riders chosen to ride motorbikes at Phillip Island.

The old Toodyay Club building turned 100 in 2008.

2009

The Toodyay Lions handed over a cheque for over \$60,000 to the RFDS. In March Toodyay rallied to the cause of the Victorian Bush Fire disaster with a 'Bushfire Relief Night' raising over \$14,800. Thanks to Debbie Cording.

Talks were being held with Chittering Shire in response to the threat of forced amalgamations. In August, the community overwhelmingly voted against amalgamating with Chittering, preferring to 'go it alone'.

In April a local business was to be prosecuted by the Shire for 'failing to comply with Council regulations.' The business was fined \$27,000 in October and was unable to trade

until November. The estimated cost of works required to be completed was \$100,000.

The Premier of Western Australia, Colin Barnett MLA officially opened the 25th Moondyne Festival. The previous Moondyne Festival had been opened by the Governor of WA Dr Ken Michael.

Kate Arber (12) and Rhyce Toovey (14) travelled to New Zealand to take part in the Alana Haines Australasian Awards.

In May, the Emergency Services volunteers were given a Freedom of Entry parade. Also in May, the Toodyay Spinners hosted the 30th Anniversary Spin In at the Memorial Hall.

Changes to the production team at the Herald were announced in July with Guido Verschoor (graphic designer and webmaster) and Sue Manning (pre-press) joining. The Herald offices were also receiving a new look with renovations and new furniture.

Bobbie Jones and Wayne Clarke were awarded Honorary Life Membership to Central Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade for their outstanding service.

September saw a revamped Option 7 (or Option 6½) being announced by the Shire. This caused much anger in the community as the Shire was seen to be ignoring their wishes.

Local dancers Kate Arbor (12) and Madelyn Sheahan were both accepted into the Australian Ballet School Interstate Programme.

Ray White Avon Valley's offices were set alight in what is suspected as arson.

Changes to the Herald Committee were that Craig Chandler and Richard Dymond were no longer members and Natalie Prowse had joined. Grant Scobie took over as Vice President.

Also in September was the opening of the new look Stirling Terrace.

The Toodyay Friends of the River were announced the winners of the Western Australian 'Living Streams Award'.

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THIS magical photograph of the Alma Beard Community Health Centre was taken by Herald photographer, Wayne Weaver.

Local electrician Sean Byron dedicates many hours to installing and wiring the Christmas display every year.

Thank you to Dr Richard Walkey for hosting the annual display and to Sean for his commitment and community spirit.

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As we've just celebrated 25 years at the Toodyay Herald, we'd like to take the opportunity to take a slightly tongue in cheek look at our town, twenty five years from now.

Headlines from the Toodyay Herald, 2034...

1. The Region of Greater Avon Council moved to do a survey of Toodyay residents to determine if it is feasible to build a swimming pool in Toodyay
2. The New IGA Toodyay Store will open next week
3. The Toodyay Ag Society celebrate their 175th Show, they missed a couple of years during the meltdown in the early twenties
4. The Avon descent is won by Brenton Chrimes in a 1980 Holden Commodore
5. Gaven Donegan retires after selling souvenir packets of river sand at the Avon Descent
6. Moondyne Joe makes a personal appearance at his festival following improved DNA cloning technology
7. Avon Arc blacked out for a month following damage caused by excessive Christmas lights in Toodyay's main street
8. The publishers of the Toodyay Herald (previously known as the Toodyay Shire Council) decide to reach a broader audience by delivering paper to postal addresses
9. Annual Toodyay Red Tape Festival abandoned due to lack of community support and shortage of bottled water
10. Compromise reached between Shire and Business, B framed signs now allowed.

11. Toodyay Herald celebrates 50 years by merging with Butterly cottage association to provide better facilities for its production crew.
 12. All TDHS students are to be provided with rocket back packs to cross the river until it can be decided who is responsible for repairing the foot bridge.
 13. Scout leader arrested again
 14. Shire colour palate altered to allow lime green, sunshine yellow, deep purple and scarlet due to pressure from the Teletubbies Support Group
 15. Cross dressing Toodyay businessman arrested for slander and ordered to serve sentence in Bandyup
 16. Duidgee Park completed
 17. Stirling Terrace changes to a one way street to allow for four lane gopher track
 18. Skate park moved to new recreation site next to the school
 19. Toodyay by-pass cancelled due to lack of support
 20. The government increased the retirement age to 87
 21. Big run on fly swats at IGA Toodyay after latest Fly column
 22. Bananas on special at local fruit and vegie shop for \$34.00 a kilo
 23. Fourteen arrests after Autumn Club excursion
 24. Approved heritage building material now includes mini orb
 25. Toodyay Herald finished production day prior to midnight
- Disclaimer: Column written by volunteers@11.55pm, production day!

White Christmas

- 3 cups Rice Bubble
- 1 cup mixed fruit
- 1 cup dessicated coconut
- 1 cup dry powdered milk
- 3/4 cup of sifted icing sugar
- 225 grams copha
- drop of vanilla essence

1. Put 3 cups of rice bubbles, 1 cup of mixed fruit, essence, dessicated coconut, dry powdered milk and 3/4 sifted icing sugar in a bowl.
2. Melt 225 grams copha in saucepan. Add copha to dry ingredients in bowl and mix well.
3. Press mixture firmly into a biscuit tray. Set in a refrigerator. Cut into squares. Makes a nice little christmas gift if placed in cellophane and decorated with ribbons.

Anne's Old English Xmas Tarts

Sheets of prepared shortcrust frozen pastry - cut to fill pans.

- 1/3 cup butter
- 1/2 cup brown sugar
- 1 egg
- 1/2 cup chopped walnuts
- 1 cup raisins
- pinch salt
- vanilla essence

Dissolve butter & sugar over gentle heat - remove - cool slightly. Beat egg - add to butter & sugar mixture. Add nuts, raisins, salt & vanilla. mix together spoon into pastry shells. Bake in moderate oven for 15 minutes. When cold decorate with white icing and red & green cherries.

Marilyn's Cheese Log

- 125g Philly cheese
- 125g grated Coon matured cheese
- 125g Kraft Cheddar cheese
- 1 sml grated onion
- 1 piece finely chopped capsicum
- 1 tbsp finely chopped gherkin
- 1 tbsp Worcestershire sauce

Also: 1 tbsp paprika and 1 tbsp curry powder mixed together

Beat the Philly cheese. Add other ingredients. Form the mixture into 2 sausage shapes. Refrigerate for a while to firm up the mixture. Roll the sausages in the paprika and curry powder. Place them in alfoil in the fridge till required.

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