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Six months on...a resident looks at photographs of disaster and recovery



"We have a result"- private investigator Paul Allardyce



"I've met the most amazing people" - Toodyay resident and fire survivor Colleen Sheehan

## Rebuilding Toodyay

Samantha Connor

SIX months on, Toodyay is a very different place.

The blackened ground where the fires swept through on December 29, 2009 tells its own tale. On the fire ground, grass trees have almost completely regenerated and new growth has emerged from trees and seed.

But out in the community, Toodyay is very different from the Toodyay of 2009. Hardworking community groups have learned anew that they are ordinary people doing extraordinary things. Bushfire survivors are coping with a myriad of differing situations, including rebuilding homes, the emotional recovery process and other difficulties. And a different direction in local government has meant a new approach to key issues like planning and development.

At a public meeting held to commemorate the six month anniversary of the Toodyay bush fires, Recovery Committee Coordinator Charlie Wroth said that it was difficult to believe that it had been six months since the fires.

"I don't know if you can celebrate a disaster, but you can certainly celebrate a milestone," he said.

Joined by representatives from the Red Cross, Bendigo Bank, Salvation Army, local and federal government, members of the Recovery Committee talked about their involvement over the past six months, where

the funds had been distributed and plans for the future.

Federal Member for Pearce, the Hon Judi Moylan MP said that it had been inspiring to see how the community had pulled together and offered her ongoing support.

"There are still ongoing issues that we can help you resolve," she said. "Federal assistance means that we can assist you with Centrelink issues and the Insurance Council can help with insurance problems."

Private investigator Paul Allardyce threw the heat back onto Western Power, saying that he had conclusive evidence that power lines caused the Toodyay bushfire. Mr Allardyce began an inquiry in February and received assistance from the Toodyay Police, the Arson Squad and from Australian and overseas experts.

Bushfire survivors and event organisers also addressed the meeting in an emotional tribute to Toodyay's community spirit.

"It was like a dream that had broken for me when the fire ripped through my home, and I really thought about just putting up a for sale sign and leaving," said Colleen Sheehan.

"I'm happy to say that I've just moved back into my home. The community in this town is amazing and I wouldn't dream of leaving this town. Thank you, Toodyay."

The event included a display of photographs, memorabilia and stories from people who had been affected by the fire.



Community members at the Recovery Anniversary meeting

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## Avon Wood Turners

**Max J Heath**  
 Convenor

THINGS at the pavilion have been going along nicely lately and we have picked up a couple of new members.

We have been busy with the club project as it is now in the construction stage and most of the turning has been done and now the fun part in putting it together is about to happen. We will have it on display before the show and, of course, you will be able to purchase tickets at the show.

As in a lot of organisations, things ebb and flow and, last year, when we had our Woodturners Association of WA weekend here in Toodyay, we had difficulty in running the show and so we decided to have a break for a year or so. But now, with the amount of new members we have, I am sure we can manage again. I am sure we will be back into having this weekend back in Toodyay again soon.

We had planned another lunch at the Pavilion in August and had picked a day, but now find this coincides with the Avon Descent, so have changed this to our meeting day on the fourth Sunday in July and hope to have a demonstrator for that day.

Anyway, that's about all from the Wool Pavilion for now and so remember that we meet on the second and fourth Sundays at 9a.m. and all are welcome to come and have a look see at what we do.

## RSL Toodyay Sub Branch

**John Adams**  
 Secretary/Treasurer

WORK on the memorial name plaques for World War 1 Toodyay servicemen is nearing completion. These plaques will be installed in the Rose Garden area at the War Memorial in Anzac Terrace. We will have a dedication ceremony on 7<sup>th</sup> October, this year, which is the ninety first anniversary of the formation of the Toodyay Sub Branch of the RSL. This project will ensure that all Toodyay servicemen who lost their lives during World War 1 will never be forgotten. We also propose to do the same for those Toodyay servicemen and women who lost their lives in World War 2, and subsequent conflicts.

We would like to acknowledge and thank Sub Branch members Lou Kidd, 'Daisy' Day and Ric Turner for their work on this project. The Shire of Toodyay has undertaken to have the Honour Rolls, located in the foyer of the Memorial Hall, professionally restored and repaired. This work has now been completed and they will soon be reinstalled. Many thanks to the Shire for having this work done.

In the near future there will be three commemorative park benches installed in Anzac Park near the memorial. This is the result of a grant received by the Sub-branch and funds provided by the Shire. Thank you once again to all those at the Shire who have seen this finally happen.

At our meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> July, Sara Cato will give a presentation on her experiences in Borneo following completion of the Sandakan Memorial Scholarship tour. We will have further details in the next issue.

## Chaplaincy Notes

M Heath

WE come to the end of the School Term and wish Staff and Students a safe and restful holiday (maybe some will not be all that restful!)

After six years of dedicated work as our Treasurer, Jenny Clarke has resigned, we are very sorry to see her leave and wish her good health and our best wishes go with her. Thank you Jenny.

It has been a fairly quiet term with regard to fundraising, however that is about to change. Some dates for your calendar: Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> August, **Mad Hatter Ball**; Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> September, **Family Concert**; Saturday

25<sup>th</sup> September, **Street Stall**; Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> October, **Car Boot Sale**.

We look forward to seeing you at one or all of the above events. Once again we thank you for the wonderful support we receive on behalf of our School Chaplain, Benn Gladden.

## Bejording Babble

WELL, it's been a pretty quiet month, this last month. Nothing much has happened... this last month. Though... there is something niggling me in the back of the head.

Anyway, what's coming up is... Sunday the 4<sup>th</sup> of July is the Hoon & Hornblowers Rally. Sorry, you've missed it. Then... on Wednesday the 7<sup>th</sup> of July is the Feast Night, which this month is a soup extravaganza. If you didn't get your Herald in time then, I'm sorry... you've missed it. THEN... there's the Race Day on Sunday the 11<sup>th</sup> July. No way you could miss that! And THEEEEEEEENNNNNN on Wednesday the 4<sup>th</sup> August is the Community Meeting PLUS Casserole Night! Hold on! Steady on there! Get your breath back, and breathe slowly and deeply. You OK now? Yes I know, some pretty exciting weeks ahead eh? Not like last month.

Don't forget the Shed's open every Wednesday night from 6pm.

## Acknowledge Outstanding WA Firefighters

WESTERN Australian firefighters are being asked to nominate their peers who have gone above and beyond the call of duty in the 2010 Firefighting Awards.

The awards celebrate excellence in firefighting and are open to all career and volunteer Fire and Rescue Service and volunteer Bush Fire Service firefighters.

FESA Chief Operations Officer, Craig Hynes, said the awards were a fantastic opportunity to acknowledge the hard work and dedication shown by firefighters across the state.

"Although firefighting isn't about the recognition or the praise, it's important that we celebrate these firefighters who have put in extra effort, initiated a new idea or have gone far above and beyond the call of duty," he said. "That's why we're asking firefighters to nominate their peers, because they know better than anyone else what it takes to make an outstanding firefighter."

Nominations can be made by local FESA staff, volunteer and career Fire and Rescue Service and volunteer Bush Fire Service firefighters in the following categories:

- Career Fire and Rescue Service of Western Australia Award
- Volunteer Fire and Rescue Service of Western Australia Award
- Murray Lang Bush Fire Service of Western Australia Award
- Youth Achievement Award (firefighters 16 - 25 years old)

Nomination forms are available on the awards page of the FESA website [www.fesa.wa.gov.au](http://www.fesa.wa.gov.au).

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Proprietor Dean Carter on site at the new IGA complex

## Building for the Future

Samantha Connor  
Editor

IGA PROPRIETOR Dean Carter has waited a long time to fulfil his dream of a bigger, better, supermarket.

"The process to get a development of this nature has taken a lot longer than I anticipated," he said.

"It's been three years in the making with planning and development approvals, subdividing, power, water, phone - to get it to this stage has been a real challenge."

The development process was diligently considered by Council prior to construction to ensure that the new building blends in with the surrounding heritage precinct.

"It's been designed for a heritage feel without forgetting that it's 2010," said Mr Carter.

Verandahs, red sill-height bricks and dummy columns are proposed for the complex, which will include a post office, a supermarket, a café, two smaller shops and possibly a liquor store.

The design also incorporates level parking, 176 parking bays and accessible facilities,



The new IGA complex

with the supermarket floor area over three times the size of the current IGA premises.

"We're only probably six months away from occupying a state of the art complex trading out of 900 square metres, which is fantastic," Mr Carter said.

"We're grateful for the support of the community over the last eight years, which has allowed us to reinvest into the community."

"There are lots of benefits for Toodyay, including benefits to other businesses, being able to support our community, savings for shoppers and increased staffing and employment."

The complex is planned to open in November, 2010.



## Geoff's Return to Toodyay

Lisa Egerton

ON the 19th December 2009, my father Geoff Seivwright, became a ventilator dependant quadriplegic due to a horrific motorbike accident after going looking for his beloved dog after a severe thunderstorm.

As a result of this accident Dad will be reliant on life support for the rest of his life.

In 2008, Dad was diagnosed with Throat Cancer and had spent the previous two years going back and forwards to Perth receiving radiation treatment and having numerous operations to remove cancerous tonsils and thyroids. In November 2009, he was finally given the good news that he was cancer free and was looking forward to spending Christmas with his loved ones. Mum and Dad were planning to finally go travelling in their caravan as Mum was to retire on 30th December 2009.

Dad is currently in Shenton Park Rehabilitation Hospital receiving intensive therapy to enable him to have as good a quality of life as possible.

Our family has spent many hours helping him in his recovery and are training to become ventilator 'friendly'.

We have recently been advised by Shenton Park that an application to the Ventilator Dependant Quadriplegic Programme has

been successful which means that Dad will be able to come home in July with 24 hour nursing care with carers supplied by Perth Home Care Services after renovations have been completed. If you are interested in becoming a carer for Geoff, please call Jay Landuyt on 9204 7800.

Perth Radio Station 92.9FM's Rescue programme with Lisa, Bas and Sam Mac heard our story and organised a builder to do the bathroom renovations needed before Dad could come home. We would like to thank Suncorp Bank, Sovereign Building Company, Needham Air Conditioning for the air conditioner, Greg Thomas Plumbing and Gas, European Ceramics, Caroma, Window Gallery and Versatile Building Products for donating their time and products. Special thanks to Kelly Loft (92.9 Publicist), David Savietto and Danielle Savietto-Parri (Owners of Sovereign Building Company) and Glynne Wootton (Sovereign Building Manager) and the 92.9 FM crew. We are forever indebted to you for your kindness. Thank you also to my fantastic work colleagues at Toodyay D.H.S who donated cakes and soups for morning and afternoon teas. I know they were much appreciated!! We are overwhelmed at the generosity and kindness of these fantastic people.

We now have the huge task of fundraising to purchase a wheelchair modified vehicle for Dad. We are in the process of planning raffles, a wine and cheese night in Toodyay and a big morning breakfast at Shenton Park Hospital. If anyone can donate items, monetary donations or services that we can use or raffle for these events to achieve our goal, it would be much appreciated. Any inquiries can be directed to Lisa Egerton on 0488 555 730.



Glynne Wootton, David Savietto, Sam Mac, Lisa Egerton, Baz, Lisa & Lyn Seivwright after recording the Rescue programme

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## Looking After Each Other

SOMETIMES THINGS HAPPEN in this town which remind me why I love the place and couldn't live anywhere else.

After doing some retail therapy at the Emporium on Saturday, we jumped in our car to head for York, only to find that it wouldn't start. Before we knew it, Andrew appeared with a kettle of hot water to tip onto the battery as he thought it may have been frozen from the night before - everything else had! It still wouldn't turn over so he then jump started it for us and pointed us in the direction of Toodyay Tyres to get it tested.

With a smile and a battery-tester-thingo we were immediately served and told it was "in a bad way" and a new battery was fitted. The job that was waiting up on the hoist was postponed and we were treated like royalty.

We had a visitor from Perth in the car and she marvelled about how well this town looks after each other. Nothing was too much trouble for anyone who helped us and our daytrip to York was back on track.

Thank you to everyone who helped us and reminded us of why we came to live in this wonderful community.

*Melanie Pree*

## Ignorance Is Bliss, or Is It?

CERTAINLY FOR THE Councillors who were delegated to the Works Committee, it must be, for they have chosen to ignore the construction site at the end of Railway Road where the new works depot is to be placed. This is not the case unfortunately, for the residents living within close proximity.

Residents have spent countless agonising hours trying to obtain information from the previous CEO /council and other relevant government departments as to whether the site has been prepared in a legal and professional manner, eg. were there investigations into whether there was asbestos or other contaminants buried in the area, had proper planning taken place, and has the site infrastructure been laid in a professional manner following the shire's own bylaws regarding drainage/safety of workers and local residents, etc, etc.

Charlie Wroth, Bob Jackson, Bethan Lloyd and those others on the committee remained disinterested. No contact was made by them to the residents although they were well aware of the residents' fears.

Only now, with the new CEO, President and council, do we find that the majority of the residents' concerns were well founded. The dollars spent on the site will undoubtedly grow as the new CEO tries to rectify the botch ups. Will the costs associated with fixing the mistakes be passed on to the ratepayers?

Will the residents living nearby who have gone through the agony of putting up with incredible noise, smoke, dust, drainage problems and fears related to the asbestos that was buried at the site and the worry that it has been properly dealt with be compensated in any way?

There are many other concerns which so far have not been able to be addressed and are associated with this disastrous monstrosity.

What is the point of a Works Committee if they did not take an interest in the concerns of the residents and effectively maintain their role?

*Susan Wilkins*

## Drinking in Toodyay

ACCORDING TO MR Lush (*Letters*, April 2010), the amount of alcohol consumed is proportional to the number of liquor outlets.

Not so long ago, you took responsibility for your own behaviour. Obviously, Mr Lush doesn't agree, blaming the supplier not the drinker!

I don't recall any previous letters from him about the signs in front of our hotels encouraging people to buy their drinks at a cheaper price than the others. How many TDHS students see the signs every day? Perhaps we should just have the bowling club - members only!

I don't like going into pubs to buy my wine and beer and I certainly won't use a liquor outlet where the manager and some of the staff have an attitude problem. I use Northam or Midland.

*Name and address supplied (but almost printed by mistake...)*

## Invitation to Barbeque Roaming Stock

BARBEQUE AT 426 Folewood Road. 40 - 50 sheep and lambs to be slaughtered and barbecued.

Diners, bring your knives and forks.

Spinners, bring your wheels.

Tanners, bring a large receptacle. Carvers, bring your sharp knives (and God knows there have been some of those around Toodyay lately.)

WANTED - Large amount of good wine as you can't even get a hogshead of water lately in these parts - come as early as you want - stay as late as you can.

*Name, age, pedigree supplied to editor*

## Red Shield Appeal - Thank you.

ONCE AGAIN, THE wonderful people of Toodyay have come to the fore in helping those in need.

On behalf of the Salvation Army Northam Corp, we wish to thank all those wonderfully generous people who donated to the annual Red Shield Appeal over the weekend 29<sup>th</sup> / 30<sup>th</sup> May.

An outstanding total of just over \$1000 was raised in 5½ hours.

Your support and spirit of generosity was very much appreciated.

God bless your all,

*Pat and Cam Yandell*

## Headlights On, Please

WITH THE HEAVY mist and poor light that is a regular feature of winter time in our valley, I'm amazed how many drivers insist on NOT turning their headlights on or reducing speed under these conditions.

I travel the Toodyay-Northam Road daily and observe this selfish and dangerous practice all the time. It is often impossible to see an oncoming vehicle until they are literally only a few metres ahead making overtaking manoeuvres potentially catastrophic! Surely, the simple act of turning headlights on combined with cutting back speed when travelling through thick mist is worth avoiding a potentially fatal head on collision.

*Greg Warburton*

## Nashos

ON THE 5<sup>TH</sup> June, Nashos WA had a get together at Gosnells WA which saw around 80 national servicemen and their partners attend.

As the day went on, new friendships grew and new members joined the group. Nashos there were from intakes starting in 1951 up to 1972.

The group was initially only five members in 2008 and now has 183 members, with half the members in all the states around Australia.

The group will be meeting again at Ogdens in the Gosnell Hotel at midday 4<sup>th</sup> December for their end of year reunion. Any former Nashos and their partners are welcome to mix in and join the group.

Any ex-National Servicemen wishing to contact us, please phone John on 9851 2717 or Neville on 9459 3020 or email bomac51@optusnet.com.au.

We are also saving our National Service history in platoon or section photos so please email photos to the above address and also view our website, <http://wanashos.wikidot.com/>, of photos we have managed to save.

*John Toone*

## Lets Pull Together

TOODYAY COUNCILLORS WERE elected by the people of Toodyay to work TOGETHER for the good of Toodyay. Petty differences should be put aside in the interest of the good of people who elected them. Come on, stop acting like children and get on with the job in a professional manner.

*Name and address supplied*

## Sad Story - Happy Ending

I AM ONE of those many people who, although living in a residential street has a Post Office box for mail.

Recently an important item of mail was sent to my street address. I discovered this when the sender phoned querying my lack of response. On questioning the local postmaster, I was disappointed to be told that street mail was not his business and he was unable to give me the name or contact number for the person who is responsible for street mail delivery and undeliverable mail. The suggestion offered was "drive round the town and stop his motor bike".

As the Post Office is the face of Australia Post in most places, I do wonder how people with letter boxes at their homes deal with any queries; it would seem reasonable to be able to find a contact number at the local 'shop' no matter how complicated any bureaucracy of the organisation might be.

Happy ending. Within three minutes of leaving the PO, I came upon the Postie on his bike; he was able to deliver the mail to my home within twenty-four hours. Thank you James!

On behalf of all letterbox owners I have taken my query up with the Postmaster General to see if this problem can be resolved.

*Veronica Dymond*

## Too Cold to Snow?

JUST LOOKED AT the WA weather forecast and the date and realised that it is five months since I was in your fantastic town and it still looks quite warm by Flowerdale standards. It's TOO COLD TO SNOW here. The only FIRE I wish to see is going full bore in our Austwood.

Two weeks ago, my husband, Len, and I were lucky enough to have dinner with four Toodyayians, Gail and Fred Fellowes, Bruce and Mary from 'Two Rooms B&B' and an ex-member of your community, Ann McQueen (néé Donovan) at our local hotel in Strath Creek. What a great night. Ann and Don McQueen's daughter, Marnie, is going to Toodyay to do her Revue; you will be sorry if you miss it as she is a lovely young performer with heaps of talent. This is also another way to get together and enjoy yourselves, not forgetting the good laugh you will have. (*Marnie's performance was on 26<sup>th</sup> June. See our story elsewhere in this issue. Ed.*)

We received a glowing update of your recovery and the ongoing and positive events that both you as individuals and as a community are doing. My heart went out to you all as I know that sometimes it gets a bit hard to 'Get up and go.' Once again, it's

the 'We can / We will' spirit that gets you all there and I personally am still enjoying the hugs and smiles. Who would have believed that such friendships could arise from 'Fires'.

About 47% of our residents are rebuilding and we have been to so many 'Housewarming' parties, I think we should have bought a plant nursery. Once the gardens are flourishing, we will nearly be back to the Flowerdale of old. We have had so much rain all our paddocks are green and at times make it hard to realise 7<sup>th</sup> February 2009 happened.

Our thoughts are with you all and our best wishes to your new CEO, your Shire President, Chris Firns, all your Furies, Volunteers and especially to you Toodyayians; you are always in my thoughts.

Think positive and never pass a Hug or a Smile by.

*Trudie Goudge  
'A Proud Flowerdalian'*

## Donating to Vinnies

THIS LETTER IS addressed to all the kind people who donate to their local Vinnies' shop.

As, over the last eight years, the vandalising has increased throughout the town, we no longer use a sulu bin as a person or persons kindly throw it all over the main street. So now I use a locked bin.

Very often people try to break into the shop and they even stoop to stealing a safe off the wall. This year we have had a lot of people stealing from our verandah. Then, what they do not want, they just throw it all over the park or the street. We do have security lighting back and front but even a surveillance camera does not deter these types of people.

We have come to the conclusion that any donation should only be left at the shop during trading hours only. Please do not leave your donation unattended as thieves will just help themselves or just spoil what you have kindly donated.

Our trading hours are Tuesday to Friday from 10am to 3.30pm, Saturday from 9am to 1pm; closed Monday.

If you would be interested in becoming a volunteer (the society gives training and also pays for your police clearance), please call me at the shop on 9574 2529.

*Jackie Irvine*



## Roadside Rubbish

DO WE REALLY need this on the side of Morangup Road? Someone living in the area must know who is responsible.

*Michael Dent*

## Rotten Town?

WHAT IS THE role of a councillor?

The reason I ask is that a present councillor 'does not want to live in this rotten town' - his words.

Should he not be asked to resign and forfeit his allowance? Let someone who can represent the ratepayers in a loyal manner.

*Name and address supplied*

## Roadside Clearing

FURTHER TO MY letter of a couple of months ago criticising the damaging way in which the Shire clears the road verges, I am pleased to comment on the current clearing along the Toodyay - Northam Road.

The trees are being cut cleanly and neatly and the debris is being mulched on site. The trees which are trimmed are being given every chance to recover. I was informed that this operation is being conducted by Main Roads and not the Shire and if this information is correct I hope the Shire will learn from the approach used.

*Richard Wilkinson*

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## Digging For The Past

**Grant Scobie**  
Assistant Editor

PEOPLE who have read about the history of old Newcastle (Toodyay) will know that there was more to it than a farming community.

Sean Winter is basing his PHD on the history of convicts in Western Australia and said Toodyay was one of the few sites still intact. Combining with a team of students and supervisors from the UWA Field School, he has just completed excavating a large area south of the railway line.

From 1851 – 1875, a 45-acre area, ranging south from Stirling Terrace to the Police Stables and Gaol was set aside for a convict hiring depot; the original Toodyay townsite was across the river. After severe flooding in 1859, plans were made to make a new town near the convict hiring depot. Eventually, much of the depot disappeared below modern construction and roadway.

Standing over the road from the railway station, next to the recently exposed foundations of the Superintendent's quarters, Sean Winter explained about the members of his team.

"The 40 UWA archaeology students have

never been on a dig, before," he said, "and this is a perfect opportunity to teach them how we excavate and what sort of things can be found. They have been divided into six groups, each with a supervisor. We also have a representative from the WA Museum with us.

"A lot of our history books only relate to administrative records. Archaeology is a great way to find out about the little people, such as how they lived, and how they related to the soldiers at the convict depot.

"The Superintendent's quarters showed that the buildings were meant to last. The foundations were sturdy and well-built but the bricks were made by the convicts out of local clay and are, slowly but surely, disintegrating."

One of the excavations is in the CEO's carpark, behind The Old Courthouse that now houses the Shire administration. That building is built directly over the original Barracks. There are also other digs behind the Shire buildings and behind the Police Stables.

The University of Western Australia has been working in partnership with the Shire of Toodyay to undertake the dig. Representatives of the Ballardong Noongar people have been consulted over the excavations and they have kindly agreed to the dig taking place.



## Tractors Pull in the Big Bucks

**Grant Scobie**  
Assistant Editor

IN 2000, two blokes from Dongara wanted to drive their Chamberlain 9G tractors across Australia and then go to the Sydney Olympics.

They advertised in various papers around the country to see who else would like to be involved and couldn't believe the response they got and the Chamberlain 9G Tractor Club was formed.

Thirty-five tractors with another thirty support vehicles, over 100 people in all, left Steep Point near Shark Bay, the westernmost point of the Australian mainland and, six weeks later, arrived at Byron Bay, the easternmost point. They raised over \$50,000 for the Royal Flying Doctor Service and children's hospitals.

Since then, the club has made various other treks around the country and overseas and raised more money for RFDS and other charities including a \$2000 donation to the Toodyay Bushfire Appeal.

Club president, Allan Faulkner, says that, while the club is delighted to accept donations / sponsorship and pass it on to worthy causes, it is not the reason it exists.

"The club is about having fun," he says. "If we get donations or sponsorship, it just means

that we can have our fun and also help someone who needs it."

The 9G tractors ('9G' means 9 gears) were made right here in WA. Between 1955 and 1966, there were 8500 units produced.

As this year marks the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first trek, a group of five tractors and four support vehicles has left Steep Point to do a re-enactment of the famous first trek.

For further information on the current trek or about the Chamberlain 9G Tractor Club, call Allan Faulkner on 0427 285 033 (evenings only for the next few weeks as it's hard to hear the phone ring in the cabin of the tractor) or visit the club's website at [www.chamberlain9g.org.au](http://www.chamberlain9g.org.au).

Other websites of interest are [www.transworldtractortrek.com](http://www.transworldtractortrek.com) (about our trek across the USA in 2009) and [www.tailendcharliethetractor.org](http://www.tailendcharliethetractor.org) (about our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary re-enactment of the 1957 Mobilgas Round Australia Rally.)



L-R Noeline and Dennis Hill, Eric Hill, Cedar Armstrong, Allan Faulkner, Kerry and Ron Bywaters



## Entertainment Galore at Toodyay's Food Festival

TOODYAY'S Festival of Food to be held on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> August from the banks of the Avon River is set to deliver a captivating entertainment program from Indonesian dancers to vegetarian cooking.

Acting Chief Executive Officer, Simon Fraser, said the Festival is so much more than food.

"Whether you enjoy all the colour and energy of Chinese Lion Dancers, or prefer to learn some tips for the kitchen, there is something for everyone at this year's Festival," Mr Fraser said.

Cooking demonstrations from Master Chef Kate Rodrigues will be complemented by a host of multicultural performances and some local offerings.

"There will definitely be a little bit of Toodyay in this year's Festival. From

modern dance numbers delivered by the local Ballet School to a special appearance by De Ja Blue, who ordinarily appear at Toodyay's Freemasons Hotel every second Sunday," Mr Fraser said.

Popular Western Australian group Wasamba will also bring their unique brand of festivities to Toodyay, exploding through the streets in a kaleidoscope of colour for their first performance of the 2010 season.

"This year's Festival is not to be missed. It's the perfect opportunity to enjoy delicious cuisine and a glass of wine, whilst taking in a memorable festival atmosphere in the heart of Toodyay," Mr Fraser said.

For all the details, visit [www.toodyay.wa.gov.au](http://www.toodyay.wa.gov.au) or telephone the Toodyay Visitor Centre on 9574 2435.

*Photo: Perth's Wasamba*

## Public notice

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# fire chat

## coondle

Tania Harrison

JUNE is usually a quiet month for the Brigade, but it has found us doing hazard reduction burns up to the end of June.

Some of the crew members have been attending Crew Leader courses held by FESA. Another Crew Leaders' course will be held on the 27th and 28th July.

The Coondle Brigade will be having a wood raffle on the 7th of August.

Our next Brigade meeting will be on Saturday 14th August. After the meeting we shall be having a casserole dinner and the company of other local Brigades to enjoy the evening with us. Coondle ladies, please bring along a casserole to share. If you have any questions, please phone Kerry on 9574 4470.

Training for the brigade is on Sunday the 15th August at 10am. Please come if you are able to.

If you want something to do on Friday night at any time, come and join us for a bite to eat and a good social evening at the Coondle Fire Shed, 5pm onwards.

If you can't get to the shed on Friday night, but would like to know more about the Brigade or would like information about any aspects of fire prevention and safety, phone Peter Ruthven (Captain) on 9574 2951.

## central

Desraé Clarke

THE month of June has been a quiet one with one session of fire hazard reduction with several young new members.

Mick Giles, our Training Officer, asks that those members interested in the training sessions contact him on 9574 4336 or mobile 0417 954 298 or Captain, Kevin, 9574 2612 or mobile 0418 932 515 as to their ability to attend. Training is held every second Sunday with the next training session planned for Sunday 11th July commencing at 3pm. If those days or times are not suitable, please call Mick to organise alternative arrangements. Mick also asks that if any senior members of the Brigade are available to give assistance with training he would appreciate it.

A number of members attended AIMS Awareness Training at the Fire and Emergency Services Centre. Congratulations are extended to those Toodyay Volunteer Fire Brigade members that received their 'Train the Trainer Competency Certificates'.

The next General Meeting of the Brigade will be held on Tuesday 24th August as a social get-together. Details of the evening will be distributed. New members are made very welcome - please come along

to the next meeting. Enquiries may be made to Captain, Kevin Hug 9574 2612, or Secretary, Wayne Clarke 6364 3609.

## julimar

Grant Scobie

WINTER starts in June. Bush fires don't happen in winter. Bush fire brigades pack up for winter and have a rest. Not quite true, I'm afraid.

We had three call-outs in June. The first two were false alarms but the third most certainly was not. A strong wind had picked up some burning leaves on a property and carried them onto the verge, setting fire to some grass trees and a very large Marri along with the rest of the vegetation. The approaching dusk kept the rate at which the fire spread to an easily containable level but it took some time and some water to extinguish it completely.

Now that the air temperature is getting so low and, after dark, there is a bit of condensation forming either dew or (lately) frost, there's still been so little rain that flammable bush seems quite happy to light up. So no complacency out there, please.

We had some members attend training courses in AIMS Awareness (a brief introduction to the incident control model that we use for all fire fighting conditions) and Crew Leader. Congratulations and thank you to all who attended.


Our big news for the month is the appointment of our Captain, Heather Wearmouth, as the first female Fire Control Officer in Toodyay. Congratulations, Heather.

The June barbecue was a non-event (probably due to the slightly chilly weather) so we're hoping that there will be a better turn out at July's meeting and barbecue.

The next Brigade meeting will be on 2nd October, beginning at 5pm and followed, as usual, by the BYO barbecue.

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 are just like you, residents of Toodyay.



**BUSH FIRES ACT 1954**  
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FIRE CONTROL OFFICER

It is hereby notified for public information that Mr Mick Rogers of Coondle and Mrs Heather Wearmouth of Julimar have been appointed as Fire Control Officers, for the Shire of Toodyay in accordance with the Bush Fires Act 1954 and Regulations.

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## Toodyay to Rome for Local Ballerina

GIFTED ballerina Siobhan Orgles is on a once in a lifetime trip, travelling from Rome to La Spezia to attend ballet, pointe, choreography and contemporary studies.

"This is a fantastic opportunity for me because it gives me the chance to meet ballet students from other countries," said Siobhan.

"I hope to gain dance experience under the tuition of artistic staff from around the world."

Last year, Siobhan auditioned for the Ajkun Ballet Theatre in New York and was accepted. Because of her young age, the company felt she would benefit from furthering her dance studies at The Leading

University of Dance in Italy for a two-week intensive workshop that provides useful insights to the European Dance Market, where Siobhan will join a company in two years time. There will be a public performance at the conclusion of the program.

The trip has been sponsored by the Bendigo Bank, Toodyay.

West Australian Conservatoire of Classical Ballet Director Beth James says that Siobhan is a dedicated student who is well equipped to pursue classical ballet as a career.

"Siobhan is fifteen years old but attends for six days a week and trains for over eight hours per day," Ms James said.

"She is attending a full time specialised programme that caters only for the talented and gifted student."

Siobhan is a former student of the Toodyay Ballet School.

## Works and Services

### Construction

Fiennes Street: works remaining on this project include; asphaltting the northern footpath; brick paving the southern footpath; and completing the retainer wall. The completion of the western footpath is on hold until further examination of the historical stone footings has been undertaken and a decision has been made as to their future.

Transfer Station: the new building for recyclable materials is nearing completion. The next step is to insert drainage sumps into the floor, and then concrete the entire floor area.

Telegraph Road: part one, the seal was extended 240 metres to include a tight bend in the road to eliminate constant maintenance and safety issues.

Telegraph Road: part two, due to minimal funds available within the Road Preservation Program the gravel re-sheeting on both Telegraph Nunile Roads was halved. The re-sheeting of the first half of Telegraph Road is now complete.

### Maintenance

General duties have included; pothole

repairs; mulching garden waste at the transfer station; tree lopping; culvert cleaning; and, guide post replacement.

New Depot Site: the stone wall has been moved back to ensure that the toe of the wall is on the boundary with the fence line approximately five metres inside the boundary. The fence has been reinstalled up to where the buildings commence in order to leave clearance for the builders to work around the buildings. When the buildings are complete the fence will be continued so as to secure the area. The workshop frame is in place and the iron sheeting will commence shortly, but no further development will take place until a further commitment is made by Council.

Graders: the graders have started the maintenance grading which was on hold awaiting rain, but it is to be noted that there are approximately 100 gravel roads within the Shire meaning that it will take a fair amount of time to complete.

### Future Works

Drainage works and pavement repair are planned between the Alma Beard Centre and the Bowling Club, along with the extension of a large culvert on Railway Road.



New FCO, Heather Wearmouth

## Ladies First

Grant Scobie  
Assistant Editor

HEATHER Wearmouth, newly appointed Fire Control Officer for the Julimar district of the Shire of Toodyay joins many other women stepping into positions that have normally been the province of men like being Prime Minister, Governor General, etc.

Heather grew up in East Cannington which, back then, was still considered country. It was there she learned a healthy respect for fire.

"There were a lot of vacant blocks and a fire would race across the paddocks," she said.

Although she and her husband, Brent, bought their block of land in Julimar back in 1985, it was not 1999 that they moved in. Within that first month, they had witnessed their first fire (a neighbour started a grass fire with a welder) and called 000. In September 2000, after speaking with the local ranger, Tony Taylor, they popped down to the Julimar Fire Shed and joined up.

In 2005, Heather was made Lieutenant in the Julimar Brigade and, in 2008, was voted in as Toodyay's first female Brigade Captain.

Now, she's done it again! Heather is now the first female Fire Control Officer (FCO) in the Shire of Toodyay, having been nominated for the Julimar area by the Chief Bush Fire Control Officer, Murray McBride. The Shire has accepted the nomination and another first is written in the book.

The position comes with a lot of duties and responsibilities. The FCO is appointed by the Shire to ensure that a high standard of fire protection is maintained, to assume control at fires and to encourage compliance with the requirements of the *Bush Fires Act* and local Council Laws. Heather would also be required to issue permits to burn during the restricted burning period and could be required to carry out fire break

inspections, community education and aid in developing response plans for the Shire and brigade areas.

Along with all the other FCOs in WA, Heather will do this on a 100% voluntary basis.

To add another string to her bow, Heather is also the first female instructor / assessor for the introductory FESA courses for bushfire brigade members including *Introduction to Firefighting*, *Introduction to Bush Fire Firefighting*, *AIMS Awareness* and soon *Structural Firefighting Awareness*.

And what, if anything, does Heather think will be really difficult about her new position? "Probably finding room to sew the Fire Control Officer badge onto my PPE [*Personal Protective Equipment*]!" she replies with a wry smile.

## Dealing with Anniversaries

### Red Cross

DISASTER anniversaries will cause people affected to reflect and even re-experience thoughts, feelings, and events that occurred at the time of the disaster and in the days, weeks, and months that followed.

Memorials and anniversaries are often a time for reflection on how life has changed, for the worst, but also sometimes for the better.

This may be grief for the loss of the past, although it can also be a celebration of life continuing. This reflection can be associated with feelings of guilt, sadness or regret.

Anniversaries may affect people deeply and they may react emotionally even before they realise it is approaching. Many complex feelings may be happening at the same time, resulting in confusion and preoccupation, making it difficult to concentrate on normal responsibilities.

Cyclone Larry struck Queensland in 2006, leaving remote communities even more isolated. Many had to leave their homes and sought shelter and support from Red Cross.

Anniversaries and memorials are often a time for reflection on how life has changed.

There is often significant media coverage of events that have occurred, particularly with the first anniversary. This coverage may reactivate the feelings of people affected.

Often family, friends and colleagues of those affected do not understand the significance of the event for the person who has experienced it, and there is a sense that they should 'move on' or 'seek closure'. In reality people move their grieving or traumatic experience at different paces. However, this is often based on unrealistic expectations that come from a lack of experience of deep tragedy.

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# school news

## Wendy Camenzuli – Acting Principal

LAST Monday, our school survey was sent to the randomly selected school families. I would ask families to please take the time to fill in the survey and return it to school via the mail or the return box in the front office. This survey is an important part of our school processes and we do highly value parent feedback.

Thank you to our school community for their patience with the delivery of cement over the past week. Midcon and the school have worked together to minimize the impact of the cement pour on the school day. We will continue to work together to ensure a safe environment is provided for our students and community.

Thank you to the parents who were able to attend our school Cross Country event. We apologise for the change of times without notice due to the imminent arrival of cement trucks on the school site who required the use of the cross country track as access. We understand it caused problems for some parents who took time off work to especially watch their child run in this event. Student safety was our priority on the day.

I would like to congratulate the Interschool Cross Country team for their wonderful effort and achievement in the recent cross country event at Gingin. Our interschool team won three out of the five categories. Well done to the following teams: nine year olds, ten year olds and eleven year olds. Congratulations to the individual medal winners and to the school team as a whole, who can be very proud of the way they represented our school. Special thanks to Mr Gibson, Mr Jasinski and Mr Marston, who planned the events and prepared the teams.

## Wearing of School Uniform

As the cooler weather has begun, we have become increasingly aware of many students not wearing their full uniform at school. In particular, we have noticed a large number of students wearing non-uniform jumpers and jackets. A uniform clearly identifies our students, and is a big part of creating a positive and cohesive school environment. When students are out during recess and lunch on the oval or in the playground, it is disappointing to see so many wearing clothing in a variety of non-school colours. From the beginning of Term Three, Yr 3-7 students who are not in school uniform will be unable to play on the oval at recess and lunch on that day. Teachers have already spoken to students regarding this new procedure, which allows ample warning. It also assists to ensure the safety of all Toodyay students who are on the oval as they are easily identifiable in our school uniform. This procedure has been in place at T.D.H.S for several years now with students in years 8,

9 and 10, making the safety of all our older students very simple and easily manageable. School jumpers and zip jackets are available, and currently in stock, from the Uniform Shop, which is open on Mondays and Thursdays, from 8.30-9.15am. The local Op Shop and the school Uniform Shop also stock a large range of second-hand school uniforms.

**APPLICATIONS FOR KINDERGARTEN/ PRE PRIMARY 2011**  
Applications for a place in Kindergarten in 2011 must be made by Friday 30th July 2010. Parents/carers must supply a birth certificate, immunisation records and proof of address to enable the enrolment process to start. Parents of 2010 Kindergarten children already enrolled will need to come to the Front Office to check information on their current enrolment is correct and ready for Pre Primary. If your child has a medical condition or disability, please let the school know when you apply. This will help the school arrange appropriate services and support, so your child has access to the best possible education. Parents of students, who will be attending other schools in 2011, will need to notify us of their change of plans.

## Interschool Cross country

Congratulations to all the competitors who represented our school at Gingin on Friday 11th June. We had considerable success throughout all age groups and well done to everyone.

Secondary	Girls 13 yrs	Zoe Huggett	3rd
	Boys 14 yrs	Daniel Morgan	2nd
	Girls 14 yrs	Taylor Ferguson	3rd
	Boys 15 yrs	Joshua Wlazlowski	1st
Primary			
	9 Yrs Girls	Zari Simmons-Houlahan	2nd
		Gracie Butler	3rd
	9 Yrs Boys	Jack Bull	1st
		Reece Forsyth	2nd
	10 Yrs Boys	Declan Bell	1st
	11 Yrs Boys	Conrad Elliss	2nd
		Cody Martin	3rd
		Kelsey Broadwood	4th

## School Absentees/Lateness

If your child has been absent from school lately, parents please send in notes or ring the front office to advise us of the reason. It is a government department legal requirement that we report all absentees and late students. We have had quite a few students away for more than three days for medical reasons and in these cases; a medical certificate/appt card is a good legal document to provide us as proof of reason. We have quite a few students who are consistently late. This not only interrupts the classroom teaching program but also your child's learning. Please endeavour to have your child at school ready to begin

classes before 8.50am. This is also recorded on your child's attendance and it is a legal requirement that we advise you if your child is late more than once. You may be aware that they are late but we still have to advise you. We are aiming for 100% explained absences for this term so please make sure the school has an explanation for your child's absence so we can achieve this target!  
Lisa Egerton – School Attendance Officer

## Toodyay Parents and Citizens

The P&C would like to thank everyone who helped to make our cake stall and wood raffle a great success. We raised \$1,109.40. Support for the P&C stall came from far and wide and included grandparents, teachers and community members, as well as parents. A special mention must go to Rod and Therese Chitty for donating the wood, Rod Chitty and Steven Leyland for chopping up the wood, Steven Leyland for delivering the wood to the winner and to Jenny Carlin who donated a range of pre loved books, which were very popular. The winner of the wood was a local person, Corrie, who lives in Coondle and was very appreciative of her win.

Once again our call for help was answered and we would like to thank Wendy Beets and Karen Gale for volunteering to work in the uniform shop. The recent and current overhaul of the uniform shop and ordering process has been a big task and the Uniform Committee, along with the P&C Executive Committee are very grateful to have some more assistance.

We had 10 people attend the Senior First Aid course which was organized by Kerry Skinner, to run during school hours. A big thank you to Pam from St Johns for conducting the training and thanks to Kerry for organizing it. Due to the success of the program, the P&C have undertaken to organise a course each year to be run during school hours, so if you missed out this year, watch out for it in 2011.

At our last P&C meeting we had Rachael Biddulph attend as part of her role as Health Promotion Officer for Avon and Central Wheatbelt Primary Health. Rachael is undertaking a needs assessment in regards to physical activity and nutrition in the Shire of Toodyay. As a group, we answered questions about what factors we thought promote healthy eating and physical activity in our community and what local factors make it difficult for people to be physically active and choose healthy foods. Rachael is conducting focus group discussions with various local community groups. The overall aim is to develop a local action plan to improve healthy eating and physical activity in the Shire of Toodyay and the P&C were happy to provide input.  
NEXT P&C MEETING IS AUGUST 18TH



Rob Webb receiving the individual award

## Toodyay Scout Group

ONLY six weeks to go until the Scouts' Snow Trip!

THANK YOU to our fantastic community for your ongoing support for our Scouts. We've been really well supported by people like Charlie and Marion Ferguson (donations of firewood for raffles), Ross Schlater (donation of a wood burner) the Bendigo Bank (purchase of a corporate sponsorship of \$1000) and many other people in Toodyay. Congratulations to Mona and Phil Coffey, who won the firewood, and Adrian Delicata, who won the burner. We hope Phil recovers from his recent hospital visit soon and we're glad we could help out by selling you a ticket for some prechopped wood!

We're over half way to our fundraising target and we're all getting excited about seeing snow!

Thank you also to our hardworking parents who have been coordinating fundraising events and also to our leaders in Scouting.

The Scouts and Cubs held a combined sausage sizzle for the end of term, with a great performance by the Cubs, who sang 'Shaving Cream' and performed skits and jokes. We also watched a video of this year's Jamboree – a great incentive for those Cubs who will be Scouts in 2013, when the next Jamboree is held in Queensland.

The Scouts hosted the Ultimate Paintballing Battle last month at WASP Paintballing in Clackline. Thank you to WASP for your support. We had a great time and the Scouts (Rovers and Scout parents, plus two Scouts) won the corporate challenge against the TAFE staff and students! Bad luck to Tucker, who works for TAFE and is also a Scout Leader – must have made the wrong decision about which team to join, Glen! Next time go with the team with the great shooting skills!

We now have 34 people attending the Snow Trip and most of the planning has been put in place. Thank you, Rocky, for all your hard work.

There are still corporate sponsorship opportunities available – if you'd like to promote your business and your community spirit, ring us at 9574 2363 or email [moondyne@inet.net.au](mailto:moondyne@inet.net.au). We'd be happy to arrange a sponsorship for your business to be proudly displayed on our Scout Trailer to send one of our Scouts to the snow!

Have a wonderful school holiday, especially Mum and Dad, who might get to sleep in for a day or two. Don't forget that there is no Scouts on Thursday on the first week back – it is on FRIDAY, when we go climbing at the Hangout. Keep an eye on your email for details to come through.

New members in Scouting are welcome for the Cub, Scout and Rover Scout sections.

Yours in Scouting, Dropbear

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- 9 The winners will be announced and published in the December issue of the Toodyay Herald

Entry is open only to residents of the Shire of Toodyay

The closing date for entries is Friday 15th October 2010

Entries may be left at the Toodyay Herald office or posted to Post Office Box 100 Toodyay 6566

## Fly on the Wall

Peter Robinson

AS has been the practice for the last few years, the June Ordinary meeting of Council was held at Morangup

Unfortunately, very few local residents attended the meeting. However the locals who provided the meal for the Councillors and Staff once again excelled themselves. This time it included beautiful autumn tint table decorations.

It was surprising that there were no questions asked or submissions presented. This is particularly so given the vehemence of the written submission in the agenda from a Morangup resident, concerning the proposed extended hours of operation of stone carrying trucks along Morangup Rd. More on that subject later. Cr Somers was absent from the meeting having recently been 'under the knife' for knee surgery. Cr Larkin has also had recent foot surgery, but was able to attend the meeting in a wheelchair. We wish them both a speedy recovery.

RECREATION: The first item on the agenda was the recommendations from the Recreation Advisory Committee. This committee comprised all the Councillors only. In reality they were reporting to themselves. As was to be expected, the Councillors were split between those supporting Lot 1 Drummond St. (near the school) and those wanting to place all Recreation Facilities at the Showgrounds. This time Lot 1 Drummond St. won the day. The motions passed were (1) Council maintain & upgrade the existing facilities at the showgrounds and (2) The first priority is for an aquatic centre at Lot 1 Drummond St. (paraphrased)

EXTENDED TRUCKING HOURS ALONG MORANGUP RD: Boral Quarries has requested to have its extended trucking hours extended for another six months. Boral has a contract to cart hard rock down to Henderson where it is then shipped to the Gorgan Gas Project. Boral had an initial six-month period where they could run trucks along Morangup Rd until 9.30pm Monday to Saturday (excluding public holidays). Council had a simple choice between extending the hours as requested or forcing Boral to run more trucks per hour between 6am and 5pm. Councillors believed that the extended hours was the lesser of the two evils.

TARGA WEST RALLY: The organisers of the rally sought and obtained small variations in their road closure application for this year's event. All affected landholders will be notified in writing of the roads and times of the closures. GRAVEL PITS - CLACKLINE RD: Another extractive industry licence has been granted for Lot 4 Clackline Rd. There was a submission received expressing concern about trucks using Hody Well and Salt Valley Roads to access Sandplain Rd. However, any 'right of way' vehicle (that means any vehicle that does not need a permit) can use any route they choose to get to their destination.

NOTICE OF MOTION: After all the financials were dealt with, we came to a notice of motion from Cr Larkin. She sought to revoke a motion that was passed 8/0 at the previous meeting. The motion at the May meeting was the annual review of delegations. Cr Larkin claimed that she had been ignored by the President when she wanted to address the meeting with comment and amendment/s to the delegations motion. Why Cr's can't speak up with an 'excuse me Mr President' if their hand signal has been unobserved I don't know. At the time (May meeting) Cr Larkin had been conferring with Cr Wroth, which may have contributed to her missing out on speaking before the motion was passed automatically due to there being no objection. During this debate (June meeting) the President, Cr Firms, moved a motion that certain words used by Cr Larkin be recorded in the minutes. This motion was passed 5/3. At no stage did Cr Larkin tell the other Councillors what her amendment/s were about. This meant that her revocation motion was simply on the strength of missing out on speaking to the motion in May. The motion to revoke the delegations motion was lost 3/5.

SEE THROUGH WINDOWS: There was a motion of an urgent nature introduced by a decision of Council concerning some windows in the new supermarket. The proponents wished to configure the interior of the building in the liquor sales area which would mean blocking the view in and out of some windows. It needed a resolution of Council to allow this to happen. Some people think that all street frontage windows of commercial businesses should be see through. However office type businesses like Real Estate agents don't want this. It is to be noted that all the windows at the Shire offices are covered on the inside. The fact that there are windows breaking the otherwise blank wall is the main point. The requested change was approved.

## Toodyay Theatre Group

THE Toodyay Theatre Group would like to thank the following people for their help with our recent production, 'Opportunity Knox':

Bob, Dianne and staff of Home Hardware for ticket sales; Sally Bolger of Wendouree Tearooms for catering a great 3-course meal; Dave Mitchell for supplying the refreshments; Gary Holland and Grant Scobie from Julimar Bush Fire Brigade for participating in the on-stage 'Full Monty'.

Theatre Group helpers included Lance Owen and Sarah Shilcock behind the bar, Mary Groves, Serena Syred, Glenys Lee, Vicki Blankendaal and Sue Clayton for Front of House.

On stage and behind the scenes were Heather Jeff (Prompt), Tanya Stuart (Stage Manager), Jess Shilcock (Lighting, Programmes and Advertising), Liz Boston (Sound) and the girls on Make-up, Hair Dressing and Costumes. Also a special mention of Gemma Lucas as understudy who attended almost every rehearsal and played every actor's part at some stage.

Then there are the many actors who performed a great show, all in the name of charity. The people of Toodyay may not have realised that the proceeds from ticket sales, etc were being donated to the heroes of the December bush fire, our local Voluntary Fire Brigades.

The Theatre Group believes that these brave people who put their lives at risk and give of their time and energy freely to protect our local community do not get the recognition they deserve. So we were disappointed that the performances were so poorly attended on the first three nights. Thanks to the bar and the last night, we made a profit and are now able to make a donation to these worthy people.

Also, our thanks to Graham Boston, our director, for the great workmanship and energy given to the play to make it such a success.

Last but not least, the Theatre Group would like to extend a huge BON VOYAGE to Jess Shilcock, who has completed her studies and is leaving Toodyay and travelling to the 'Mother Country' on holidays (working) for the next few years.

## Ida's Hideaway

Greasy Sleeve

I AM pleased to report that we are still going strong and would like to take this opportunity to thank our volunteers and a special thank you to Graham of the Toodyay Bakery for his ongoing generosity every week.

Ida's Hideaway is holding a street stall outside IGA on 9<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> July from 8.30am to 4pm on Friday and 8.30am to 12noon (when the raffle will be drawn) on Saturday morning. Once again we are asking for your support.

Birthdays this month are Laurie Beech (13<sup>th</sup>) and Ruby Peters (24<sup>th</sup>). We wish you both a very happy birthday.

Ida's Hideaway is a voluntary organisation to assist the seniors of Toodyay. We meet every Saturday afternoon at Butterly House, from 1pm til 4pm. You can play bingo, cards or you can just have a chat - whatever you like - so, if you have nothing better to do, please come along; you will be most welcome.

Ida's Hideaway is looking for more volunteers so, if you are looking for something worthwhile to do, why not come down to Butterly House on Saturday afternoons.

A woman got caught in a burning house one day and suffered severe burns to her face. Her husband, sweet man that he was, decided to donate skin from his butt so that she could have a skin graft. They agreed to tell no one about where the skin came from, it being rather a delicate matter.

After the surgery was completed, everyone was amazed at how well it turned out. The woman looked more beautiful than ever before (the husband, meanwhile, couldn't sit down for a week!)

One day, the woman was just so overcome with emotion at her husband's sacrifice, she said, "Darling, you don't know how much I appreciate what you have done for me. There is no way I could ever repay you."

To which he replied, "My love, think nothing of it. I get thanks enough whenever I see your mother kiss you on the cheek."

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Six months after the devastating Toodyay bushfires, the community is on the road to recovery. Here, we share stories and information about the extraordinary work of volunteers and groups who have worked to help people in Toodyay rebuild their lives.



*Bushfire support officer Bill Maunder.*

## Salvos Commitment to Supporting Toodyay

THE Salvation Army have announced a plan to stay in Toodyay for an indefinite period.

Warren Palmer, spokesperson for The Salvation Army, says that the Salvos are committed to supporting Toodyay.

"We will stay until we are no longer required," said Mr Palmer.

"We believe that personal representation in Toodyay is important for the community. This shows that help is accessible, reliable and consistent. We will now continue to provide long term financial assistance to the Toodyay community."

Bushfire support officer Bill Maunder, an experienced former builder, works three days a week to support the Toodyay community from the Salvation Army's temporary office, at the back of LJ Hooker.

The Salvation Army's commitment has been

substantial, with the organisation distributing \$1,165,259 in payments since the fire. This includes emergency payments, staff funding, white goods assistance and emergency relief as well as distribution of funds according to a recovery matrix. The matrix awards funding on a points system around individuals' needs, ranging from total destruction to one point awarded for fencing.

The Salvos are keen to point out that there will be support available for people in need on an ongoing basis.

"When we are no longer required in Toodyay, our Northam office and Lieutenant Gareth MacDonald will still be available to provide further assistance," Mr Palmer said.

"There is also further assistance available for people who do not qualify for second round matrix payments. \$20,000 has been set aside to cover relief payments for essential household necessities like food and utilities bills."

Over \$400,000 will be distributed in payments to fire survivors within the next month through the second round of matrix payments.



*Winners of the brushcutter donated by Toodyay Traders for one of many community events. This event, Moose's Mongrel Run, was held in May and raised funds for Bruce and Claire McGowan and their family.*

## Red Cross Provides a Friendly Shoulder Six Months On

RED Cross volunteers reconnected with Toodyay residents over a weekend in June, visiting homes to check how people are faring six months after the fires.

The pre-scheduled visits followed on from community outreach undertaken in January and came in response to feedback received from community members indicating that some residents are having a tough time getting back on their feet.

Red Cross personal support volunteer Dianne Buckles said the volunteer teams were made to feel very welcome during the visits.

"The relationship we have established with the Toodyay community is one of mutual respect," Dianne said. "Toodyay is a fabulous community which is working well together to support each other."

Dianne spent two-and-a-half weeks working on and off in the community immediately following the fires and said the recent visit provided a good opportunity to catch up with residents.

"It was good to reconnect and give people an opportunity to re-tell their stories," she said. "People were really open and honest about how they have been going over the past couple of months."

"Some residents were able to provide us with lots of positive stories and it was good to hear that a lot of people are moving back into homes, and there were others who were still finding things a bit difficult," she said.

Dianne said volunteers noticed recurring themes of frustration and the feeling that outside support for the community had dropped off over the months.

"For us, the visits provided a good opportunity to offer encouragement and a friendly shoulder to download on," she said. "Most times we just listen. We're not there to give immediate outcomes. We give the residents the opportunity to discuss their situation with us and we found people did that honestly because we're not service providers."

"We provide support and identify areas where people need further assistance," she said. "If we did identify a problem, we asked the person if they would like us to put in the query with the relevant organisation or department to get further support."

"I felt that people were comfortable around the Red Cross volunteers and willing to share their stories and the challenges they face," she said. "When we left, people would often give us a big hug and heartfelt thanks for reconnecting with them."

Red Cross's personal support service is designed to help people navigate their recovery by providing practical and emotional support to people who have been affected by an emergency, as well as by linking them up with information and referrals to recovery services.

The outreach teams visited 25 properties over the weekend and additional teams assisted people in a drop-in centre set up in town.

Toodyay residents interested in chatting to a Red Cross personal support volunteer or accessing information designed to assist people following an emergency should call 9225 8865.

## Discount Supplies Sought for Toodyay Recovery

SUPPLIERS of everything from bricks and mortar to bathroom taps are being urged to come forward with discounted rates for the residents of Toodyay affected by last December's devastating fire. The suppliers will be placed on a register and provided to those residents who have been forced to rebuild their homes and their lives.

Acting Chief Executive Officer, Simon Fraser, said that although the Shire realises Western Australian businesses are still recovering from the economic downturn, expressions of interest from those able to help will be gratefully received.

"Though some of the fire affected residents were fully insured, some were not and others were under-insured. A small discount from any business within the building trade would be appreciated, not just by the families affected, but by the entire Toodyay community," Mr Fraser said.

The fire which ripped through Toodyay on 29<sup>th</sup> December last year destroyed 38 homes, with 38 families now forced to rebuild whilst living in temporary accommodation.

"The Shire of Toodyay has been overwhelmed by the financial and in-kind support we have received from the Western Australian community. However, the path to recovery is a long one, and our community is definitely in need of supplier support," Mr Fraser said.

If you would like your business to form part of a discounted supplier register for Toodyay's fire-affected residents, visit [www.toodyay.wa.gov.au](http://www.toodyay.wa.gov.au), or telephone the Shire of Toodyay's Communication Officer, Tammy Wayne-Elliott on 9574 2258.

## Recovery through Reaffirmation

CAMERAS will be clicking and vows will be exchanged on a momentous day in September in Toodyay. A group of Red Hat Ladies from the Ferndale area and a teacher from the Carine area have started to pull together a special day for the fire survivors who lost precious photographs and wedding memories in the bushfire.

Two local celebrants are also going to be performing a marriage reaffirmation ceremony for those who would like to renew their vows.

Fundraising began on Sunday so that hair, makeup, photos and frames can be provided for the survivors. The date for the event is Sunday, 12th of September

but the time and venue have yet to be decided but will be communicated through the Recovery Meetings when finalised.

Anyone wishing to take part needs to ring through their details to Melanie or John on 9574 4664 or send to P.O. Box 1355, Toodyay.

It should be a lovely day and a we look forward to making this an opportunity to make some new memories.

Any townfolk who would like to take part in the reaffirmation ceremony are more than welcome - a small fee will apply to help to cover the costs involved.

# ...six months on

## Further Assistance Available to Toodyay Residents

BENDIGO and Adelaide Bank has announced a further round of funding will be made available to Toodyay residents affected by the December bushfires.

The bank's philanthropic arm, Community Enterprise Foundation, is working in partnership with the Toodyay Community Bank Branch and the Salvation Army to assist people in the region affected by the bushfire.

Richard Dymond, Chair of Toodyay and Districts Community Financial Services, said the Toodyay Community Bank Branch was committed to ensuring the money raised went towards regenerating the community and assisting locals into the future.

"We have seen other bushfire affected communities deal with the immediate impact of the fire, but not consider the longer term consequences," Mr Dymond said. "This round of funding will target residents who lost everything in the fires and help them begin rebuilding their lives. The Toodyay community has been inspired by, and is grateful to, the many thousands of people who graciously donated to our Bushfire appeal to support us in our time of need."

Since the appeal was launched almost \$1.1 million has been distributed to the community, with the Community Enterprise Foundation recently providing a further \$400,000 to the cause.

The Salvation Army, Spokesperson, Warren Palmer, said The Salvos supported the local Community Bank branch's suggestion that this round of funding should target residents who lost their homes in the devastating bushfires.

"After community consultation, we are confident distributing the funds in this way is the most appropriate course of action," Mr Palmer said.

In addition to these grants, three smaller allocations will go towards providing following forms of assistance:

- Essential household necessities;
- Emergency relief, including financial assistance to cover utility and grocery costs;
- Whitegoods.

"These additional funds will provide cash assistance to those who need it most, but will also support the future needs of the community," Mr Palmer said. "The Salvation Army and Bendigo and Adelaide Bank are committed to providing long term support to the community."

People wanting to donate can log onto Bendigo Bank's website [www.bendigo.bank.com.au/public/foundation](http://www.bendigo.bank.com.au/public/foundation) or call into any Bendigo Bank branch. Donations of \$2 or more are tax-deductible.



## A Night With Marney McQueen

A COMEDY show held to raise funds for the Toodyay Bushfire Appeal has been wildly successful, with \$6307 raised for the fire survivors.

Marnie's aunt, Mary Guthrie, reported the following.

"A truly wonderful night was had by all. Freezing temperatures did not seem to deter the crowd of 175 from enjoying this fabulous night of song and comedy.

Marney started the night by announcing that she had been waiting as long to do a show in Toodyay as Toodyay had been waiting for a swimming pool!

Marney then sang and performed as several hilarious characters; Damo (Aussie Backpacker) Karen Barnes (Border Security Officer) Annabelle (Cottesloe Bride) and Raylene Dreggs (mother of Bali Prisoner). With rapid costume changes on stage these unique characters had their own special appeal.

Following interval Rosa; the Russian Beautician kept the crowd enthralled. We heard of the celebrities that she has "fashioned" over the years: Princess Mary of Denmark! Brendan Favola! Heather Mills and more recently 'Julia' to name a few.

The concert went from 8pm til 10.00. Raffle tickets were sold prior to the show and during interval and drawn by Yuri Longschlongadonsky; Rosa's famous pianist.. Patrons enjoyed tea, coffee and luscious cakes and biscuits whilst the draw took place. A list of the magnificent collection of donations is attached.

Two very special people came to our aid to make this show on Saturday such an outstanding success. Vicky Haggarty president of the Toodyay Theatre Group did an excellent job with the lighting and the fabulous Peter Jackson was invaluable mastering the complexities of the sound system.

The Toodyay Football Club was brilliant on the bar and Margaret from Bendigo Bank and Stephanie from the Visitors Centre did an excellent job with ticketing. A big thank you to all involved.

All proceeds to go to the Toodyay Bushfire Recovery Program."

*Photo: L - R Mary Guthrie (organizer) Charlie Wroth ( Recovery Team coordinator) and Marney McQueen (star of the Show)*

## IGA Avon Village Community Chest

### BUSH FIRE SERVICE DONATIONS

Toodyay Bush Fire Brigades are the recipients of \$5,000 in funding from the IGA Avon Village Community Chest, a donation made possible through the generosity of IGA Distributors in conjunction with Coca Cola Amatil Australia Pty Ltd.

This donation will add significantly to the Toodyay Brigade's fundraising effort to purchase a personnel carrier, to be used to transport fire-fighters during shift changes at major incidents and other logistical operations. The personnel carrier will replace a number of private vehicles currently used for this purpose.

Local IGA Store owner, Dean Carter, said, "This is a great way of repaying the fire fighters of Toodyay who worked so hard in defending homes and businesses – and countless lives – during the December 2009 bushfire. I am proud to be involved with this venture"

Chief Bush Fire Control Officer, Murray McBride, gave praise to the IGA Avon Valley Community Chest's donation. "This donation will place us close to the mark with our fund-raising. It's extremely generous of them, and I wish to thank them sincerely, on behalf of the Toodyay Brigades," Murray said. "We will hopefully have this unit available for the coming fire season."

Donations to the Toodyay Bush Fire Brigades can be sent to the Toodyay Central Brigade, PO Box 698, Toodyay 6566. All donations will be gratefully received. Donations over \$2 are tax deductible, and will be received.

### GIFTS AND PAYMENTS

Toodyay received \$2,092,897.37 in disaster relief and donations made up of contributions from

Shire of Toodyay	\$252,056.17
Lord Mayors Fund	\$290,300.00
Salvation Army	\$723,543.20
Bendigo Bank	\$826,998.00

plus an uncounted (as of July 2) substantial donation from the Lions' Club. Donations have been allocated to emergency relief directly to bushfire survivors in two matrix payments, plus allocations such as white goods assistance, horse and pony club, revegetation and distress relief.



*Nat and Laura from the UWA Psychology Department*

## Fire Experiences Could Help Others

PEOPLE who were affected by the Toodyay bushfire have had an opportunity to help others be better prepared for bushfires by sharing their experiences.

The aim of the project between FESA and the Psychology Department University of Western Australia was to learn from the fire and help others to be better prepared.

FESA Manager Community Engagement, Vivienne Gardiner, said the information gathered will assist in developing future bushfire education.

"Anyone who experienced the Toodyay bushfire and was interested in sharing their experiences was invited to participate," Ms Gardiner said. "Information was gathered through one-on-one interviews which allowed people to talk freely.

"The interviews were completely anonymous, confidential and voluntary and people had the opportunity to withdraw from the study at any time."

Although the UWA team has now departed from Toodyay, FESA is still interested in hearing from anyone about their experiences. Contact FESA Community Engagement Manager Vivienne Gardiner on 9323 9880 or [vivienne.gardiner@fesa.wa.gov.au](mailto:vivienne.gardiner@fesa.wa.gov.au).



## Masons Assist Bush Fire Survivors Appeal

THIS story is really in three parts and commences in early May

The secretary of Toodyay Masonic Lodge, Jim Rose, received a phone call and invitation from the master of Wanneroo Lodge in North Perth for some members from Toodyay to attend a morning tea and receive a presentation.

Two members and their wives from Toodyay were able to attend where they were welcomed by the master and members of Wanneroo Lodge and their wives. On display was a lovely collection of handmade quilt bedspreads and cushions, all of which had been lovingly made by Coral Clarke, Margaret and Bea, ladies from Wanneroo Lodge.

They explained that they were, as were many others, moved by the tragedy of the bush fire in Toodyay and they wished to make a contribution. So, with support from the members of Wanneroo Lodge, they set to and made these quilted spreads and cushions. The morning tea was arranged so that they could present these items to members from Toodyay Lodge with a request that they be handed over on their behalf, something which we were more than happy to do for them.

The next meeting of the Toodyay Lodge was about two weeks away; it was going to be a special event for Toodyay lodge as the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Freemasonry WA, MW Bro T F (Frank) Hayes, was going to be in

attendance. He was there to present a 60 year Jewell to Jim Rose for his dedication and contribution to Freemasonry. It was decided then to invite the members from Wanneroo Lodge and their ladies to attend as it was felt that their most generous donation deserved full and proper recognition.

Hurried arrangements were made and the lodge notice, which was circulated to members of Toodyay Lodge and other lodges, was changed to include an invitation to everyone to bring their ladies with them to the meeting where not only would the ladies from Wanneroo be able to present the quilts themselves but it would be an opportunity for all the ladies who make an enormous contribution to Freemasonry through their support for their husbands to be acknowledged.

It is an often held belief, wrongly, as it happens, that Freemasonry is for men only, where really nothing could be further from the truth. Freemasonry is about families and the community, without these it has little meaning.

With visitors from as far away as Wanneroo and Armadale, the evening commenced, following a very short meeting the lodge room was opened up for all the visitors to enter.

The MW Grand Master presented Jim Rose with his award; standing alongside Jim was his wife Enid. The Grand Master again acknowledged the contribution that Enid had made to Jim's Masonic career and that of all Masons' wives made to freemasonry.

Following that presentation Cr Charlie Wroth was introduced to the ladies from Wanneroo Lodge and gratefully accepted their donation on behalf of the Appeal Committee.

Those present were invited to look at the quilts and expressed their appreciation at the dedication of the contributors, and there were some interested and knowledgeable ladies present.

The evening finished with everyone adjourning to the supper room partaking of supper and socialising.

The last part of the story will end on or about 3<sup>rd</sup> July when Geoff Ludeman, Master of Toodyay Lodge, will hand over a cheque on behalf of MW Grand Master for donations raised by freemason's lodges as donations to the Bush Fire Appeal.

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# St John Ambulance Service Blossoms

**Karen Jacomelli**

NEW recruits mean increased services now extend to Morangup

With the growing population in the Morangup area it became apparent that we needed to address the time factor in responding to an emergency call out. It could take 30 to 45 minutes to get to the scene from the initial phone call as the crew were dispatched from Toodyay.

A public meeting was held at Morangup in July 2008 with a very good attendance of over 40 residents. The meeting was addressed by Ambulance Country Regional Manager Dirk Sunley, Sub Centre Chairman Michael Morgan and volunteer trainer Pam Tennant.

The end result was 16 new volunteers who did a Senior First Aid Course and became first responders in the area. Over the next 18 months they undertook over 100 hours of training (in their own time) and are now qualified volunteer ambulance officers and have already done many callouts and hospital transfers. The response time for an emergency call out now is around 10 to 15 minutes.

The Toodyay and Districts Sub Centre have relocated an ambulance to the area and it is being housed in the fire shed at Morangup. The next major project is to erect a purpose built garage for the ambulance and crew.

Although the initial recruiting programme has been a great success, we are always on the lookout for new volunteers as numbers on the ground vary with holidays/illness etc, so if you think you would like to become involved in your local ambulance service please call the office on 9574 2390 or Pam Tennant on 0429 185 867.

Congratulations and big thanks to the Morangup vollies from us all at St John Ambulance.

If not for the volunteer commitment

from members of our community we could not grow from strength to strength.

Workload statistics for April:

Total jobs	23	
Toodyay	19	Morangup 4
Total kms	2456	

Workload statistics for May

Total jobs	43	
Toodyay	36	Bolgart 2
Morangup	5	
Total kms	4458	

We have held a few Senior First Aid classes lately. In May there were 11 students at the Flexible One Day course with Allison and Jenny. Pam had 14 participants, mainly from the Karate Club and then another course, held over 3 days for P&C parents. Jenny and Valerie will be doing a One Day Flexible Learning Course on Sunday 11th July.

A Professional Development Day was held at Toodyay on Saturday 19th June for First Aid trainers to qualify for teaching for the next 12 months. Does that mean we are all certified?

Just a reminder that our AGM will be held at the Sub Centre 6.30pm on Tuesday 13th July. All welcome.

And last but not least Sandy is ready to start collecting donations for the infamous monster Xmas raffle so drop off your donations to Toodyay Hair Studio next to the Police Station.

**WATCH THIS SPACE FOR BIG NEWS FROM BOLGART NEXT ISSUE**

*Photo: Back row from left: Fiona Hilton, Brad Hilton, Lyn Gray, Dave Eccles, Sue Maddrell, Helen Moore, Theo Lawrence, Brian Allen*

*Front row from left: Rex Gray, Kim Maddrell, Steve Gamble, Sue Lawrence*  
*Missing from picture: Wendy Gilbert, Hank Van Oyen, Flo Daniele, Len Earl, Lorraine Perich*



## Kids Marathon

**Miss Mance, Mr Marston**  
Toodyay D.H.S.

OVER the past nine weeks, local year 4 students have been running a marathon at school.

Each day the students would run either one or two kilometres. The programme was to complete a marathon in small segments.

Twelve students ran the final 2.2 kilometres at the Kids Marathon at Burswood foreshore on Sunday morning the 20<sup>th</sup> June. This is part of the Kids Marathon Series which is staged

throughout Australia and New Zealand (see [www.kidsmarathon.org](http://www.kidsmarathon.org)). This was an event staged by the WAMC in conjunction with 2010 Perth Marathon. The students competed with approximately 150 other children. The Toodyay boys and girls did themselves and the school proud, putting in a great effort, some of them finishing in the first ten.

Thank you to the parents who entered and drove their children down to compete.

Thank you to the students for the effort they have put into this health and fitness programme this term. Hopefully, the fun and fitness they have experienced with the marathon will see students continue with healthy exercise habits.

Frank Vern  
Memorial Award  
for local writers

Entry is open only to residents of the Shire of Toodyay.

The closing date for entries is Friday 15th October 2010

Entries may be left at the Toodyay Herald office or posted to Post Office Box 100 Toodyay 6566

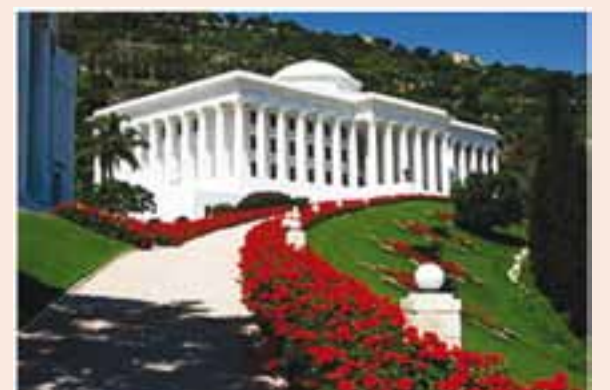
Bahá'í Faith

"The earth is but one country, and mankind its citizens."  
-Bahá'u'lláh

"Over a century ago, Bahá'u'lláh taught that there is but one God, that there is only one human race, and that all the world's religions represent stages in the revelation of God's will and purpose for humanity. He announced the arrival of the time, foretold in all of the world's scriptures, when humanity would at last witness the uniting of all peoples into a peaceful and integrated society." He revealed a World Order, presently functioning as the Baha'i Administrative Order, which will be the framework for the unification of mankind leading to the establishment of the Kingdom of God on earth. A supreme body, The Universal House of Justice, elected by representatives of the Baha'is of the world oversees and guides the functioning of this Order from the Baha'i World Centre in Haifa, Israel.

In the words of the Guardian of the Baha'i Faith: "A world federal system, ruling the whole earth and exercising unchallengeable authority over its unimaginably vast resources, blending and embodying the ideals of both the East and the West, liberated from the curse of war and its miseries, and bent on the exploitation of all the available sources of energy on the surface of the planet, a system in which Force is made the servant of Justice, whose life is sustained by its universal recognition of one God and by its allegiance to one common Revelation -- such is the goal towards which humanity, impelled by the unifying forces of life, is moving."

The Seat of the Universal House of Justice on Mount Carmel in Haifa



For information, email: [info-toodyay@wa.bahai.org.au](mailto:info-toodyay@wa.bahai.org.au) or call 08 9330 6999

## Local Business on Board for a Festival of Prizes!

A LOCAL business has joined forces with the Shire of Toodyay to offer a host of prizes at this year's Festival of Food.

Major sponsor, Avalon Homestead and Guesthouse, joined the Festival planning team to discuss the 'Toodyay's Top Chef' competition and has also donated an overnight stay for two including dinner and continental breakfast for one lucky festival-goer.

Owner, Delveen Wakefield, said the business has always enjoyed a roaring trade during the festival weekend, and wanted to give back during this year's event.

"It is great for Toodyay to host so many visitors during the Avon Descent weekend, and the Festival of Food definitely adds something special to the event," Mrs Wakefield said.

Other prizes on the day include dinner for two to the value of \$100 at Toodyay's Top of the Terrace, a

kitchen gift package from Avon Valley Jewellery, Gifts and Homewares, and a Toodyay Smoking Swagman creation from Earth Sculptures.

Acting Chief Executive Officer Simon Fraser said the Shire of Toodyay is really delighted to have the local businesses on board for this year's Festival of Food.

"Events such as these play an important role in economic development for the town, and offering further opportunities for promotion is a fantastic way for the Shire to assist local businesses highlight their goods and services to visitors during the Avon Descent weekend," Mr Fraser said.

Other sponsors include Bendigo Bank, Toodyay Emporium and Full Circle Gym and Fitness.

Toodyay's Festival of Food will be held on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> August from 10am to 4pm from the banks of the Avon River. For all the details, visit [www.toodyay.wa.gov.au](http://www.toodyay.wa.gov.au) or telephone the Toodyay Visitor Centre on 9574 2435.

# when and where they meet

## Autumn Club

### Autumn Leaf

WE had a most enjoyable outing to Perth Zoo in June even though we nearly left one of our members behind but we found her in time.

Coming activities for the month of July are: on the 7<sup>th</sup> we have invited the Northam Seniors to our club and on the 14<sup>th</sup> we have invited the Wanneroo Seniors Club, both times we will meet at 10am. On the 23<sup>rd</sup>/24<sup>th</sup> July we have our street stall outside IGA store with good prizes to be had so come along. Then on the 28<sup>th</sup> we are off to Bindoon Seniors Club for a day of carpet bowls and other games. As you can see, we have a busy month.

PLEASE NOTE our AGM will be on the 21<sup>st</sup> July starting at 1pm (this meeting is one week early).

I would like to apologise to Doreen Higbee, Kathy Chitty and to Mick Dodemaide for not mentioning their birthdays; we hope they had a very happy day. This month we have Laurie Beech (13<sup>th</sup>) and Pat Old (19<sup>th</sup>); we hope you each have a very happy birthday.

Remember, if you are looking for a friend and you are over 50, come along on a Wednesday afternoon just contact our Secretary on 9574 4587.



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#### 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 Wendy on 9574 4172

#### AUSTRALIAN BREASTFEEDING ASSOCIATION

For breastfeeding information and the company of other mums. 2nd Tuesday of month, 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: Call for details. 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 AND FUN FOR THE OVER 55's

Wednesday 9am, Sports Pavillion.

#### IDA'S HIDEAWAY

Every Saturday, 1pm to 4pm at Butterfly 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

#### MORANGUP PLAYGROUP

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

#### MURDER MYSTERY CLUB

Meets Third Friday of the month, Toodyay Library, 10am - 12.30. Ph Liz 9574 5967 or Dot 0407 656 853

#### 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 BUSHWALKERS

Visiting local reserves renowned for their biodiversity. Wednesday mornings, 7am (Time may vary). Contact Sally on 9574 4184 or Sarah on 9574 2118 for details.

#### 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 Newcastle Bridge) at 8am October to April and 9am May to September. Enquiries 9574 2578

#### TOODYAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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

#### TOODYAY / JULIMAR JEWELS

3rd Tuesday of the month at 10am, Wendouree Tearooms. Ph Shirl 9574 5077

#### TOODYAY KINDERGYM

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

#### 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 2560 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, Brenda Hutchinson 9574 4489

#### 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: CArol Worrell 0407 429 047; Secretary: Phil Harmer 9574 2015

#### 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 AND RESCUE

1st Monday of each month Fire Station, 8pm

#### UNITING CHURCH

10am, St Stephen's Church, Toodyay

#### YOGA

Friday 9am Friday CWA Hall. 9574 4184

# public notices

## AVAS NEWS

### 2010 Northam Art Prize

Avon Valley Arts invites you to view the Northam Art Prize exhibition on display in the Old Post Office and Orana Galleries, in the Northam Arts Centre. Enjoy this vibrant body of works, showcasing so much talent through many mediums, for the month of July.

### SHAPE is Back!

School Holiday Programme SHAPE is on in July. Activities held in the Old Girls' School with sessions twice daily 10am-12noon and 1pm-3pm. Fees are still \$5 per session. Starting on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> July through to Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July. Enjoy arts and crafts with Anne and her team. Book on 9622 2245.

### Writers Group

The Avon Valley Writers Group (an affiliate of the Katharine Susannah Prichard Writers Centre) meets every Thursday night (during school term) 7-9pm, at the Old Girl's School next to AVAS. Contact 9622 3225 for more information.

### Culture Vulture

AVAS has the following shows on offer: 'Mamma Mia', 'Rock the Ballet', 'Swan Lake on Ice', 'La Boheme' (Northam) and 'West Side Story'.

### CAOGS/Books

Browse through our selection of second hand books and pick up a bargain! Call in and see Anne for the Community Arts Group (next to AVAS), all are welcome, drop in for an hour or stay all day! Held in the Old Girl's School every Friday 10-4pm.

### MORNING TEA AND QUIZ

You're invited to a Senior Citizens Morning Tea and Quiz on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July, 2010 from 9.30am to 12noon, at the St John the Baptist Church Hall, Stirling Terrace, Toodyay.

Tickets are \$5 per person, includes delicious morning tea, door prize and fun! Call Gina on 9584 0136

Please invite your friends - All welcome! Hosted by Layne Gulbransen, raising money to attend the 2013 Scout Jamboree in Maryborough, Queensland.

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

WE are looking for new volunteer knitters for the Southern Lakes Group knitted breast group project. If you know of anyone that might like to knit a few or many, please contact Del Smith, Breastfeeding Counsellor, Southern Lakes Group WA, on 9414 5368 or email delma@starwon.com.au. <http://www.starwon.com.au/~delma/index.htm>

### ST JOHN AMBULANCE AGM.

Will be held in at the sub centre 6.30pm on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> July. Nomination forms available from the office by calling 9574 2390. All welcome.

### MOONDYNE COMMITTEE AGM

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2010 at 7pm, Toodyay Library. All welcome to attend.

### TOODYAY NATURALISTS' CLUB AGM

3pm, Saturday 17th July at the CWA Hall. Launch of new Club history book, followed by afternoon tea. All welcome.

Contact Lee on 9574 2560 or Wayne on 6364 3609 for details.

## In Memoriam

### Birthday Remembrance

**EDDY David (Bant)** 10/6/60-19/12/05  
Well my darling it would have been your 50<sup>th</sup> birthday this year. I only wish you were here to celebrate it. You will never be forgotten, not be me or your friends or family.

I will love you forever and you will always be in my thoughts and my heart.

With all my love,

Your wife, Evelyn.

### Remembered Always

**Mattsson Frank** 31.8.46 - 15.7.09

Taken so suddenly 12 months ago. The cherished memories will always stay in our hearts forever. We are so proud to have known you. We love you.

Your loving wife Kate, children and grandchildren.

## Thank You

Ben Day-Archer and his family would like to thank the people of Toodyay for their kindness, generosity and support in making it possible for him to attend the National Baseball Championship held in Queensland June 2010.

Special thank you to Lions Association, Bendigo Bank, Anglicare "Opshop", L J Hooker, Country Realty, Stephen from the Butcher, Leah Broderick, Heather Peddie, Peg Geary, Meg Mills, Bob and Iris, Toodyay Herald, Margaret and Jeff Gladman, Tom and Carlos from the Fruit and Vegie Shop,

Country Cavaliers played well finishing in the highest country place to date, Adelaide was the winning state.

Ben's playing highlight for the tournament was hitting a grand slam getting four runners home on one hit.

CONNOR, Kieran. Dear Kieran, thank you for agreeing to paintball in 'skins' and for allowing me to shoot you until you cried like a girl. It made my day.

Love, Mummy xxx

## Birthdays

Roslyn Rowles	Margaret Sutton
Stacey Mills	Cassie Mills
Matthew Fleay	Joseph Fleay
Jenny Willgoss	Graham Mills
Elizabeth Andrijich	Anthony Andrijich
Lesley Sloper	Bill Myers
Rose Myers	Doreen Watson
Siobhan Orgles	Hannah Morrison
Janaya Marie Bowden	Jack Hide
Chelsea Phelps	Melinda Marston
Doris Martin	Ray Martin
Melinda Pogson	Lauren Smart
Laurie Beech	Norm Smith

## Anniversaries

Margaret & Keith Gill  
Max & Mildred Heath  
Adrian & Lyn Bolton

## Australian Breastfeeding Association

THE Northam group of the Australian Breastfeeding Association has had a varied meeting programme during the month of June, with more to come in July. Picnics in the Park at Bernard Park between formal meetings have been embraced by local members, though the chilly wind of today does mean we will be looking at other options for winter!

We had a discussion meeting in Toodyay on 22<sup>nd</sup> June, about sleep. Our meeting time overlapped that of the new mums group, so I hope they enjoyed being able to contribute to our topic. We shared lots of tips - including going to bed when baby goes to bed, giving your baby a "dream feed" when you go to bed so you get some undisturbed rest and understanding that different babies do have different sleep patterns. Our next Toodyay meeting will be a morning one. I have planned it as a "Chat-n-play" in Duidgee Park, but if it is wet weather (fingers crossed!) we will move to a cafe. This will be on 27<sup>th</sup> July, between 10am and noon. After this, we will be going back to our regular monthly slot in the afternoons at Toodyay Playgroup.

We will be having a discussion meeting in Northam on 13<sup>th</sup> July, covering "the first 6 weeks". If you are pregnant or have just had a baby, you may be interested into coming along to this, and preparing yourself for the change in life. This meeting will be at the Bridgeley Community Centre, between 10am and noon. Meetings are free, and all are welcome to attend.

We are holding a "Breastfeeding Education Class" for expectant couples on the 17<sup>th</sup> July in Northam. These classes are great value for money, as you get afternoon tea, a year's subscription to the Australian Breastfeeding Association, a take-home bag of goodies, and invaluable tips to help you respond to individual situations. Because you get to meet us before the birth, it is easier to contact us if you need any more information

or support after the birth of your child. For a registration form and more details, please contact Amanda on 9622 9593. Parents of very young babies may also benefit from coming along too.

The first week of August is World Breastfeeding Week, so we will be doing something to mark that in Northam. The global theme this year commemorates the "baby friendly hospital initiative" - or the 10 steps that every maternity hospital is encouraged to follow when dealing with mothers and babies.

The Australian Breastfeeding Association is Australia's leading authority on breastfeeding. We use up-to-date research findings and practical experiences to educate the community on the importance of breastfeeding. We support parents to make informed decisions on issues surrounding feeding and parenting. We have a 7-day National Breastfeeding Helpline, which can be called on 1800 686 2 686, and counsellors are available for local counselling. All are welcome to attend our meetings. If you would like to know anymore, please come along to a meeting, or call Louisa on 9574 0229 or Amanda on 9622 9593

## Toodyay Miniature Railway

### June Eastwood


THE June long weekend was a very busy time when we carried 554 passengers. Our two steamers, Shandy and the beautiful, big, red Smoky started out well but, as the day wore on, there was less and less steam and more and more frustration. The old coal the boys were using was found to contain quite an amount of rock and this fused to a mass which clogged the grate. However the trusty diesels were able to take over so no one missed out on a ride.

First job next week was a trip to Collie and a nice new batch of coal obtained. Smoky was not present for the next run day but Stan was all eager to try the new coal only to experience a different problem which caused a premature retirement. However it appears the coal will burn well.

Smoky will be running for the 4<sup>th</sup> July run day but, in his capacity as President of the Avon Valley Vintage Car Club, Stan will be away on a car club event. However one steamer at a time is easier for the diesels to work in with.

We have become accustomed over the years to vandalism and when President Graham rode the track he was horrified to see his new addition, Shorn the black sheep appeared to have his head totally disfigured. However on close inspection he found something new - harmless vandals with a sense of humour. The reason Shorn's head appeared disfigured from a distance was because his head was totally swathed in a pretty, lacy, black and pink brassiere. So girls, if you are missing same it may be retrieved on application to the desk on run day. We dare you!

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## Toodyay Olive Growers

Margaret McKeown

DURING our long summer it was hard to imagine it getting as cold and frosty as it has been recently.

Olive trees like a cool to cold winter. Even though olive trees are evergreen trees they still need a cool winter to rest so they can prepare for their main shooting, flowering and fruiting in spring. Short cold snaps down to -10 degrees are not over-detrimental to olive trees. It is a different story for the olive fruit.

In Toodyay the harvests are generally finished by mid June so frosts are not a problem.

Olive groves in Tasmania were caught out this year. The olive harvest in Tasmania looked like being a bumper crop but, when frost hit the state in early June, most of the harvest was destroyed. Even down south in WA some crops to be harvested in mid-June were frost affected. One grove at Mt. Barker lost 12 tonnes of olives to frost three days before harvest. It is hard to extract oil from frost damaged fruit and the oil usually has an off flavour. As we learned after the Toodyay fire, the new proverb is, "Don't count your olives until they are picked."

Meanwhile, now that the harvest is completed in Toodyay and the new oil is being bottled, the focus is now on pruning. An olive grower's work is never done!

## Lions' Lines

2011 promises to be a busy year for the Lions Club of Toodyay.

Added to the traditional events of the Lions Auction and the Avon Descent will be the second running of the Shopping Trolley Push and the Postie Bike Run.

The Shopping Trolley Push will take place on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May, 2011 and this time will start in Northam and finish in Duidgee Park. This will be followed, a month later, by the Toodyay Bendigo Postie Bike Run.

This involves 20 Postie Bikes travelling from Toodyay to Broome as a fundraiser for the Royal Flying Doctor Service and the Toodyay Lions Club. The event has already attracted a huge amount of interest and riding places are already at a premium. Each rider has to raise \$5000 which covers their trip and they get to keep their Postie Bikes at the end of the trip. The Postie Bikes leave Toodyay on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June and arrive in Broome on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2011.

Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> July saw Lions changeover where the new officers for the year are sworn in and the officers for the past year are thanked for their hard work. The changeover also saw the presentation of a cheque from The Toodyay Community Bank for \$20,000, a massive start for the Postie Bike event. The event should raise in excess of \$120,000.

## Toodyay Neighbourhood Watch

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Desraé Clarke

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## Toodyay Gardening Club

Gale Anderson  
Secretary

THIS month's garden visit was a great success with 40 people in attendance at Roma Heath's wonderful, terraced garden.

This was a garden that had everything from lovely shady trees including fruit trees and a Quondong tree, flowering shrubs, lovely roses, flowering Chrysanthemums, bulbs and vegetable and herb gardens spread

out on several levels of the terraced back yard with paths and steps creeping up to four levels. It was only recently that Roma installed a reticulation system for her garden as previously she hand watered. This garden is able to produce crops nearly all year round for her own purposes and she produces an abundance of beautiful flowers throughout the year.

On entering her garden, people could hear the wafting of beautiful music drawing them in. On following the music up the drive, much to everyone's surprise, it was actually being played by classical guitarist, Naomi Millet. As people signed in and helped themselves to a cup of tea and a delight of various cakes and scones, some sat just to listen and others wandered and listened.

Bob Bouveng from the Northam Nursery visited and attended to our numerous questions on problem plants, pests and sprays which was very informative. Then Roma gave a brief history on her garden, soils and planting that she has found to get the best over the years from her garden.

A glorious day was produced and many a person lingered up hill and down dale to look at the many species of plants that Roma has acquired over the years. The front garden also terraced with little paths leading you to a lovely quiet park bench amongst the roses.

A delightful day was had by all.

Our next visit is to Boshack and a little different from the normal garden visits we attend but should be a great day out. Look out for the brochures around town for this coming event.

Visitors are always welcome to join us. Any queries then please call Gale on 9574 4740 or Margaret on 9574 5885.

## Toodyay Swimming Pool Action Committee

WE are extremely pleased that the Shire Recreation Committee recommended to Council that the Shire set as priorities the upgrade of the existing facilities at the show grounds and development of an aquatic facility at Lot 1 Drummond Street, next to Toodyay District High School. The council passed this recommendation at the Morangup council meeting in June. Many thanks to Crs Firns, Nouwland, Prater, Hogg and Lloyd for reflecting what we consider the wider community view. Not only is it commonsense that the aquatic facility be located next to the school but, also on ground that the Shire already owns, instead of trying to navigate our way through the land acquisition nightmare that would of been before us in North Toodyay.

Now the political lobbying is over, as a committee, we need to invigorate ourselves and get on with more fundraising to ensure we have the facility we want. With no swimming pool on the agenda, we have been struggling but hope this will change. What we need are new committee members to assist us. If you can't be on the committee, please let us know if you can help us in any other way such as helping with raffles or other fundraising events.

Please either phone Carole on 9574 2186 or Bethan on 9574 5882 if you can help. Our next meeting is on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> July at 12.30pm at the Freemasons Hotel.

While we plan for some larger fundraising events, we will continue with smaller fundraising such as raffles.

Many thanks to the footy club for allowing us to run raffles at their matches where we can raise a few hundred dollars each time. Every little bit helps.

## Toodyay Music Club

Jenny Edgecombe

I AM writing this to a most appropriate accompaniment of Joe practising chords to a new song for the next Music Club evening.

Our June meeting proved that finding new material for 'theme' nights has not affected members' zeal for trying something different during all the months in between. We enjoyed a wonderful mix of old and new items.

Jan and Leila formed a new combination to start us off with a lovely version of 'Edelweiss' backed by guitar and double bass, followed by one of Leila's catchy accordion medleys.

Everyone looks forward to the four part harmonies of the Kalamunda contingent - Peter, Moira, Eileen and Maurice. This month 'A Kind of Hush' was particularly

sweet, accompanied by their ukuleles and Pete's guitar.

A stand-out item of the night was Allan on guitar singing with Eileen in 'Sunny Side of Life', backed by Leila's double bass. The combination blended so well and that song just bounced along, lifting your spirits.

This is not to say that the local performers have been letting the grass grow under their feet. Jeanette has been working hard developing the delicate guitar style that suits her voice so well, giving new life to old favourites like 'Leave Him in the Long Yard'.

Spencer has been going from strength to strength. Surgery on his hand? Why should that stop him? He turns up a couple of weeks later with a new tenor (four-string) guitar and a whole new world has opened up. 'From a Jack to a King', with Teddy's backing on the ukulele, then 'Bed of Roses' with Joe's guitar backing were both very effective.

The Missing Chords and Keys are also great favourites at the club. Their pleasure in performing is infectious, and an important part of what the club is about - everyone loving music and having a chance to be part of it. And guess what, the more you practise and perform, the better you get! This month their selection included a romping version of 'I'm a Big Bad Bush-Bush-Ranger' - always something new!

An early reminder, there will be a theme night in August, where we hope everyone will be able to come up with at least one of those 'Songs You Love to Hate' - the ones that stay on your brain for weeks on end! They won't be the same for everyone, but most people have experienced them sometime. Let's inflict them on somebody else for a change! I've already claimed 'Day Trip to Bangor', a song that drives me bananas!

Meanwhile, why not come along to the July club night - you're sure of a warm welcome and lots of musical fun.

Next Meeting: 7pm Friday 9th July.

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 Spinners

Phil Harmer  
Secretary

THERE was a spin-in at Augusta to which some of our members went, having a great day and receiving a lot of prizes.

On 23<sup>rd</sup> June, we had the pleasure of Mr Simon Fraser's company for morning tea and even got him to try his hand at spinning. Thank you very much for spending some of your valuable time with our spinning group.

Share Table: Skein dyed bump in alpaca in red and yellow by Val; sleeveless waist coats x 2 in greenish and greyish brown knitted by Audrey in merino/silk; short sleeve, round neck, hand spun by Glynne in merino, crocheted by Carry in dusky pink; beanies x 2, white and pink in merino (pink sprinkle dyed); skein, alpaca, hand dyed - injection and dip dyed - by Val; skein, alpaca, brown by Jan (new member); scarves, purple grafted in the middle in tops by Lois; knitted unicorn in purple and white by Glynne; scarf, machine knitted in mohair by Margaret Mastalerz; sample, carded in different materials (ribbon, feathers, yarn, merino, etc) by Val, dip-dyed by Jan with Val's help; fleece dyed with blue and purple with grey wool crystals and also red and orange by Margaret Mastalerz, merino carded; coat hangers in feathers (commercial) by Angie.

We meet every Wednesday between 9am and approx 12noon at Parkers Cottage at the showgrounds. We also meet on the second Saturday of the month, same place and times.

For more information, contact President, Carol Worrell on 0407 429 047 or Secretary, Phil Harmer on 9574 2015.

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## The Toodyay Historical Society

**Beth Frayne**  
Secretary

MANY thanks to Toodyay's very generous residents and visitors who made our May wood raffle such a successful event for the Society. The lucky winner was local lady Anne Pope.

On 30<sup>th</sup> May, members and friends joined the Friars for our afternoon event at the former Sisters of Mercy Convent, Stirling Terrace. Member, Brian Shepherd, gave a highly informative talk about the role of the Sisters of Mercy supported by an excellent display brought up from Perth for the day. Our archivist Jenny Edgecombe contributed a display and talk about the Sisters in Toodyay, while Friar Gabriel shared his knowledge about the Franciscans, and Toodyay's Franciscan Friary of the Immaculate. A tour of the buildings was followed by afternoon tea. We all agreed there just wasn't enough time and a follow-up visit will be planned for next year.

On the June public holiday, we entertained

members of the Beverley Historical Society with morning tea at Donegan's Cottage. President Len Leeder then gave a tour of the Newcastle Gaol before letting them loose on the main street clutching our self-guided Stirling Terrace walk pamphlet.

An excursion on 27<sup>th</sup> June to the Blandstown Village Heritage Precinct at the southern end of York attracted a goodly group of members. Ken Betjeman, owner of Wansbrough House (ca1859) situated in the Precinct, gave us a very informative two-hour walking tour of the village, touching on the joys and difficulties of heritage precinct conservation processes in York. Ken and his wife Robin very kindly opened up their home and extensive grounds for our visit and picnic lunch on a lovely sunny day.

Robyn Taylor and Beth Frayne had an interesting chat with Sean Winter, the 'man in charge' of the UWA archaeological dig (18<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> June) investigating Toodyay Convict Depot remains around the Shire Office and Old Police Stables areas. Over the week, members made the effort to tour the various sites and talk to the friendly archaeologists and students.

The Society made a very detailed submission on the draft revised Municipal Inventory

Review. Many thanks to the Shire for supplying a complete hard copy of the documentation, which made our task somewhat easier.

At our June general meeting, we discussed Heritage Award nominations, the Municipal Inventory process (again), subdivision developments, foundation stones, new signs, road names, Syred's Cottage smokehouse roof, wells and plaques.

Next event: Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> July – Dinner at the Toodyay Tavern, 6.30pm. Beth will give her usual lecture on the long history of the pub. Please RSVP to Beth before 21<sup>st</sup> July to secure your seat. Places are limited.

Our next general meeting will be Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> July 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. (Postal address: PO Box 32, Toodyay WA 6566)

*Photo: Ken Betjeman addressing THS members on the original site of the first church in York, now the Lesser Hall of Trinity Church. Photo: Beth Frayne, 2010.*



## Recipe Corner

**Desraé Clarke**

### Apple Tea Cake

THIS little tea cake is quite an old recipe but delicious and inexpensive – always a good fore-runner to cooking! It is not a long-

lasting cake but, if not completely eaten on the day of making, it can be sliced and spread with butter or margarine. It is also a very nice dessert when accompanied with custard and topped with either cream or icecream.

I make mine in a shallow, square non-stick cake tin with a piece of baking paper cut to the size of the base which allows the cake to be tipped out of the cake tin onto the cooling rack very easily. My favourite shape of a cake tin is the square one; it is so much easier, than using a round tin, to cut even slices.

NB1 Peel, core and thinly slice the Granny Smith apple prior to starting. Also mix the cinnamon and castor sugar together in readiness.

NB2 I suggest to check this cake with a skewer at, approximately, 40 minutes of cooking time as each oven is different. I have found, on most occasions, my little tea cake has cooked through everywhere but the very centre and that's where you must check with a skewer and give a little more time as necessary.

### Ingredients:

- 60gm margarine (or butter)
- ⅓ cup sugar
- 1 egg
- ¾ cup milk
- 1½ cups self-raising flour
- Pinch of salt

### Topping:

- 1 thinly sliced Granny Smith apple
- 1 tablespoon castor sugar
- 1 tablespoon cinnamon

### Method:

Cream the margarine (or butter) with the sugar until light and creamy. Add the egg and beat well into the creamed mixture. Add half the milk and half the sifted flour, (containing the pinch of salt), and mix thoroughly then add the remainder of the milk and sifted flour. Gently pour the mixture into the prepared cake tin and lay the thinly sliced pieces of apple to completely cover the top of the cake mixture. Sprinkle the combined cinnamon and castor sugar over the apple.

Cook in a moderate oven for 45 to 50 minutes depending on the particular cooker; test the cake with a skewer at 40 minutes to check its degree of cooking.



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