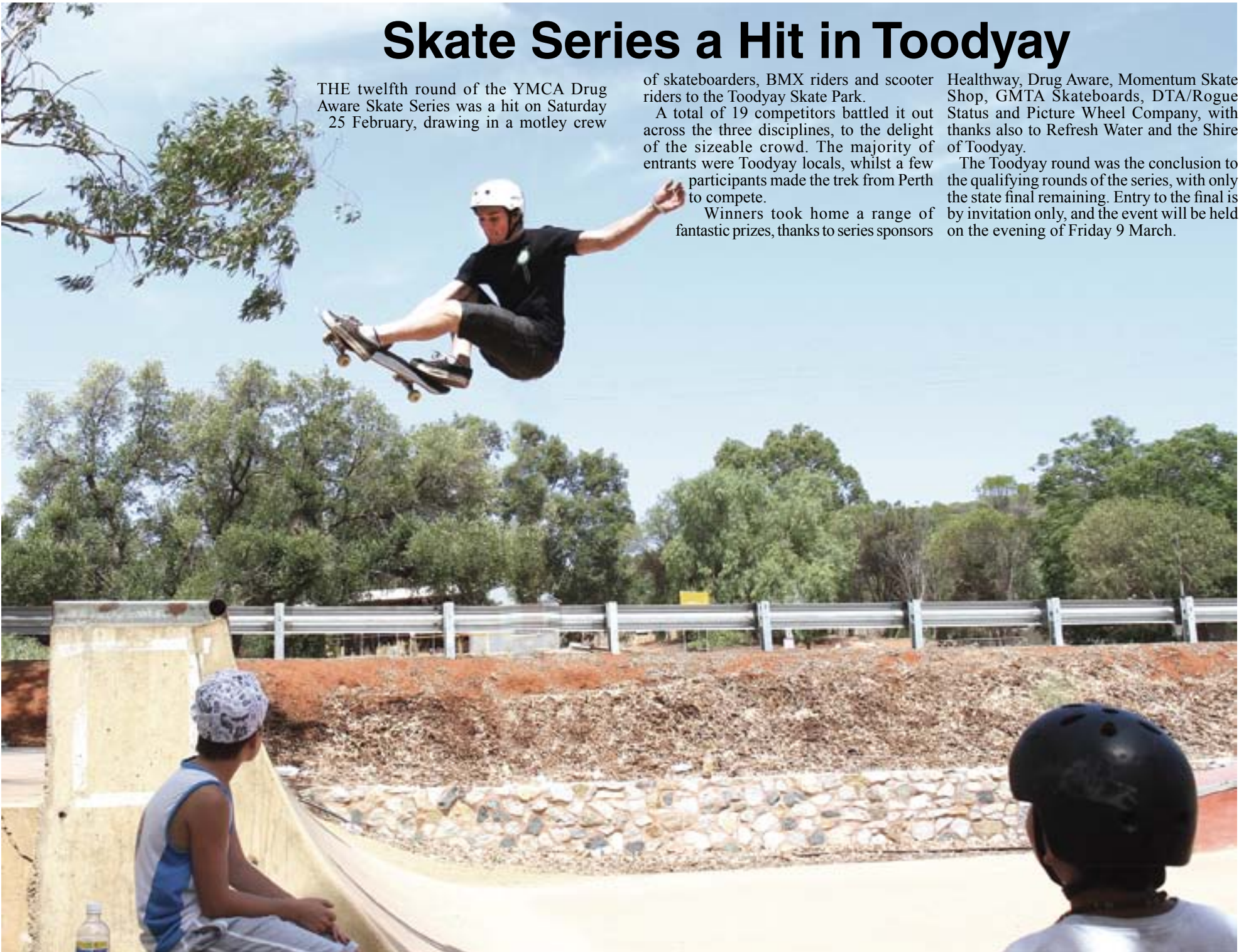


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Skate Series a Hit in Toodyay

THE twelfth round of the YMCA Drug Aware Skate Series was a hit on Saturday 25 February, drawing in a motley crew

of skateboarders, BMX riders and scooter riders to the Toodyay Skate Park.

A total of 19 competitors battled it out across the three disciplines, to the delight of the sizeable crowd. The majority of entrants were Toodyay locals, whilst a few participants made the trek from Perth to compete.

Winners took home a range of fantastic prizes, thanks to series sponsors

Healthway, Drug Aware, Momentum Skate Shop, GMTA Skateboards, DTA/Rogue Status and Picture Wheel Company, with thanks also to Refresh Water and the Shire of Toodyay.

The Toodyay round was the conclusion to the qualifying rounds of the series, with only the state final remaining. Entry to the final is by invitation only, and the event will be held on the evening of Friday 9 March.

Open division winner, Josh McMurray of Maddington, showing his skill. Photo: Wayne Weaver. More of Wayne's photos inside.

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Toodyay 2012 Anniversaries

Beth Frayne

Toodyay Historical Society Inc

WHAT anniversaries should we be aware of this year? Heaps of things happened that are still with us today!

160 years ago:

Church almost finished!

1852: There is documentary evidence that St. Philip’s Anglican Church at Culham had been built and roofed that year, even though the interior had not been finished.

150 years ago:

Churches consecrated!

1862 - 5 May: Lord Bishop of Perth Mathew Blagden Hale consecrated the Anglican St. Saviour’s Church at Katrine.

1862 - 9 May: Lord Bishop of Perth Mathew Blagden Hale opened and consecrated the Anglican St. Stephen’s Church at Newcastle.

1862 - 1 Oct: It is assumed that Joseph Taylor Monger opened his new Newcastle Hotel (now the Toodyay Tavern) on this date.

100 years ago:

The Town of Toodyay was no more!

1912 - 27 Feb: Formal declaration was made of the merger of the Toodyay Municipality and the Toodyay Road District. The Toodyay Board of Health also merged with the Toodyay Road Board.

Football history!

1912 - 31 Aug: The Toodyay Football Club won the premiership of the Eastern Districts Football Association in Northam, defeating York in the final by 3 points. This was the first time in 17 years of playing in the Association that Toodyay had won the premiership.

75 years ago:

A new park was named!

1937 Sept: The Toodyay Road Board named the block of land between Newcastle Bridge and St Stephen’s Anglican Church, in Stirling Terrace, Stirling Park.

60 years ago:

Industry comes to Toodyay:

1952: Industrial Extracts Ltd.’s third factory (a tannin extracts plant) commenced production, near Millard’s Pool (Avon River)

on the Northam-Toodyay Road. Although Industrial Extracts ceased production in 1971, the factory buildings are still used and are on the Toodyay Municipal Inventory.

50 years ago:

A new church hall was commenced!

1962 - May 13: The foundation stone of St. Stephen’s Anglican Church Hall was laid by the Right Rev. Robert Evelyn Freeth, on the occasion of the Centenary of St. Stephen’s Anglican Church, Toodyay.

Charlie Court opened our new Museum!

1962 - Oct. 7: The Old Gaol Museum (Newcastle Gaol) on Clinton Street was officially opened by the Minister for Industrial Development, Railways and the North-West, the Hon. Charles Court, at a function hosted by the Toodyay Shire Council. A buffet luncheon was served in the CWA Hall prior to the event. The Old Gaol was thought to be the State’s first country gaol museum.

20 years ago:

The Morangup Progress Association was born!

1992 - Feb. 16: At a public meeting held to discuss recommendations regarding establishing a community hall and recreational facility within the district of Gidgegannup Spings/Rolling Green (locality of Morangup), the Morangup Progress Association was formed.

A new Heath Centre was opened!

1992 - April 22: The Alma Beard Community Health Centre was opened by Shire President Cr. Bob Somers. The centre was named after Toodyay nurse Alma Beard, who was killed in the Banka Island (now in Indonesia) massacre in 1942.

Abject apologies but:

With all the hoo-hah of the 175th Anniversary last year, we forgot to celebrate the 150th birthday of our Freemasons’ Hotel. William Penprase Tregoning (a publican formerly of York and Beverley) was granted a licence for his new Newcastle Hotel (later called the Freemasons’) in late April 1861. So wish the Freemasons’ Hotel a Happy 150th year next time you are in or passing.

(These facts are a selection from various parts (published and draft) of The Long Toodyay Chronology.)

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Local Dentist Looking Out for Our Veterans Z Force Award



Meredith Neilsen

EVER wonder what happens to the men and women who survived the horrors of war, how they repaired mentally and physically from their injuries?

Picture this: skeletal human beings, rags covering their privates struggling to walk to the Sandakan POW compound; and this: survivors of the Vietnam war, many with horrific injuries, being conveyed back to Australia, some walking, some being helped and some on stretchers.

Over the years, there have been a number of individuals who have wondered and have cared.

Toodyay's dentist, Dr Michael McGuinness, is one extraordinary person who has cared for our war veterans long after the wars have ended and Michael continues to deliver free voluntary services to our veterans to this day.

Dr McGuinness' dedication and care of our war veterans was recognised by the Z Force Committee and in 2003 presented Michael with the Z Force Shield and a framed citation.

Dr McGuinness regards the presentation of the Z Force Shield and framed citation as the proudest moment of his thirty-five year career. The citation reads as follows:

"The then Chairman Mr Ernie Baints and Committee of Z Special Unit International (Inc) express their gratitude and appreciation on behalf of all ex-servicemen and women for the wonderful work you are doing for them. It is a pleasure to find an individual and professional service provider who is prepared to support this body of people who have given so much to our wonderful country. The warmth, dignity and respect shown by you is most admirable and it is with much pleasure that we present you with this plaque

as a token of our appreciation and thanks."

Following is a brief snapshot of Dr McGuinness' history and involvement with Australian war veterans.

Some years back, an army dentist approached Dr McGuinness to help in the oral reconstruction of a severely facially injured Vietnam veteran. The veteran had undergone extensive plastic surgery to reconstruct his face, leaving a mouth the size of a fifty cent coin, through which teeth were to be removed surgically and other teeth restored. The five hour procedure was conducted in hospital under general anaesthesia and required a second dentist to assist.

This was the beginning of a thirty-five year association and service to Australian veterans. Dr McGuinness continued to provide dental treatment to veterans through the 1980s and 90s and, in 1996, he was appointed a lecturer in the Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry and later was appointed Head of the School of Oral Health Sciences at UWA. In 1996 Michael was appointed Director of the new Dental School building project adjacent to the QEII Hospital in Nedlands.

In 2002, the McGuinness family moved to Toodyay and established Toodyay Dental Clinic in 2005 and in 2008 opened another clinic in Goomalling. His involvement with the veterans in the Avon Valley area has increased in the last six years and, for his services to dentistry, he was awarded a Fellowship of the International College of Dentists in 2003.

Dr McGuinness supports the RSL in Toodyay as one of the major sponsors of the Sandakan Scholarship for Children and urges other Toodyay citizens to take up the opportunity and become involved in this very special project.

Access Toodyay

A PRELIMINARY meeting held in Toodyay this year highlighted the need for a focus on access and inclusion issues for people with disability in Toodyay.

Over thirty people attended the meeting, which was held to gauge interest in forming a community advisory group which could advise the Shire of Toodyay and other agencies about community needs. The meeting was supported by the Shire of Toodyay, who welcomed community interest and input into their Disability Access and Inclusion Plan.

Organiser, Samantha Connor, said that it was important for people in Toodyay to be able to speak up as a group so that Council understood both physical access and inclusion needs for people with disability.

"In the 2003 ABS counts, Toodyay was listed as having 958 residents with a disability," she said. "We're fortunate that the Shire is currently updating their Access and Inclusion Plan, which gives residents a real opportunity to make sure that people with disability are included in their communities."

Issues raised at the meeting included physical access to shops and businesses in Toodyay, a safe road crossing in the main street and a lack of accessible public toilets in the CBD. As a result, a group of people with disability met with Main Roads and Shire representatives and Council staff also attended a Disability Services Commission funding workshop for a \$50,000 funding round for inclusion and participation in communities.

As a result of the meeting, a group of interested people with disability, parents/carers and supporters will hold a workshop to provide input into the Shire's Disability Access and Inclusion Plan, plan ways to include people with disability in activities and community life and discuss incorporation of a group called Access Toodyay.

All interested people, organisations and agencies are welcomed. The workshop will be held on Thursday 15 March from 12.30 – 2.30pm at the Community Resource Centre (opposite the doctor's surgery). Residents can also access the Shire's current Disability Access and Inclusion Plan at <http://tiny.cc/x0v3c>.

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Thank you
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Angela and Mel Fox

Mind Reader
GREG WARBURTON, IT was as if you read our minds; we couldn't believe what we were reading (*Herald*, February 2012). Thank you for bringing to light what really needs to be addressed if Toodyay is serious about being inviting to tourists.
Over the last seven years we have written numerous letters to the Shire trying to get the area between the Old Post Office and the Memorial Hall cleaned up. All we asked for was a simple, high-pressure wash to make it look clean and wipe away years of grime and graffiti where numerous visitors stop to take photos and sit and relax.
Responses to our requests have ranged from "It's an antisocial behaviour problem" to "We do not actually know who is responsible for this area of land." We have since given up.

We also reported the state of the picnic area to the left of Toodyay Road before entering town, adjoining the Longford property. There is still a sign near 'Longford House' on the way into Toodyay. Years ago we did venture down the road and found the picnic area to be totally overgrown and virtually inaccessible.
The Shire told us it was under the jurisdiction of 'Main Roads' and we'd have to write to them. We've not been back since. Let's hope it's been upgraded.
These are two small instances where we have tried to gain an improvement of the conditions for the benefit of all, but mostly visitors.
So once again, thank you for your opinion; it is comforting to learn that we are not alone.
The Griffins

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MY COMPLIMENTS TO the Council for the standard of amenity achieved in Duidgee Park. I am especially pleased with the rustic shelters' enhancement of the town's rural character. The skatepark has proven very popular in its new home and families can keep an eye out for their kids in a comfortable environment.
As to the the proposed entry statement, might I encourage the use of Toodyay stone in its construction. Toodyay has not many claims to fame that set it apart from other towns in the region but its local stone found itself the material of choice for Government House, the Supreme Court Gardens and numerous other significant sites in Perth and beyond.
Stirling Hamilton

ON WEDNESDAY 15 February, on my way into Toodyay along Julimar Road, I had a flat tyre.
I didn't get the names of the very helpful people who stopped to come to my rescue: one lady who let me use her phone; another lady and her son who tried to help me.
To them, a very big THANK YOU; it makes one appreciate the kind folk who live in Toodyay.
Margaret Esslemont

Men in Despair
OUR SHIRE COUNCIL, having passed a resolution to establish a working party that would reach a 'Mutual Agreement' with the Men's Shed, promptly reneged and made a decision without any participation from outside the Council.
The devious plan used was to hold a 'Forum' meeting and make a decision, then, the following day, to send the Shire President to tell the Men's Shed group that there was only one option, the Shire's. Then, having received the Men's Shed letter of reply, shamefully brought it to Council as a matter of urgency and applied the political 'Guillotine' to stifle any debate.
If this is how Local Government is to be carried out in this Shire, heaven help any other community group that applies to the Council for assistance.
Asking one councillor why, we received the reply, "The Shire Council was tired of talking about it." Well, after two and a half years without consultation, to whom were they talking? I am tired of waiting for some common sense and openness to appear within this Council.
It would appear that the Men's Shed is not wanted within this Shire and elderly, infirm, disabled and despairing men of this community can make their own way in Toodyay.
A G Fellowes

FURTHER TO MY notice in the last edition of the *Herald* under 'Lost: Bag of tools' (Classifieds February 2012), I am glad to report that they were found and returned by Peter via Lyn from the Cola Cafe.
It's always reassuring when honest and civic minded people in the community come forward to help in times of need. This is what makes Toodyay a great place to live.
Thank you.
Denis Johnson

News from Bolgart and Surrounding Areas

Doris M Martin

BELATED birthday wishes to Barbara Drinkwater on her recent birthday.
Recently Chris Pickford was out from England on a fact-finding venture and we met with him at the Boulevard Cafe in Northam. Chris is writing a book on the Swan Belltower and it is taking a trifle longer than intended, but he keeps finding extra information to add to what he already has. He was in Northam to check out bells and clocks and learn about their history. The clock that was on the original Post Office at Northam was set in place when a late, great aunt of mine, Eliza Innes, was the Postmistress there in May 1896. Chris was also visiting York and I informed him that my late great grandfather, Richard Hardman, had been the Postmaster there also for many years.
As part of his book on the Swan Belltower, he is also including a section on our Bolgart Belltower and the part that former Premier, Richard Court, played in its opening. He also is including a mention of how I got invited to be a bellringer at the Swan Belltower at its opening.
Welcome to all the new staff at the Bolgart School and I believe that the school has got off to a good start for the year.
Believe that a couple of our local folk are off to England shortly but will leave it for another edition of the paper when I will probably have more to tell about their trip. And no, it is not us.

Sitting Poolside

Naomi Millett

It may seem the easiest job in the world – sitting poolside as an attendant and watching the world go by. But there is a lot more to this role for one prominent life guard in Northam than first meets the eye.
Jordan Richmond, who is in his late teens, arrived in Australia only a few months ago from Farnham, in England. Disillusioned with life and having dropped out of college studies at age 17, he was having problems with alcohol and basically 'drifting' until a family friend suggested he apply for the Princes' Trust – a twelve week self help course to encourage young people to improve their lives, sponsored by Prince Charles and the Fire Service.
To Jordan's surprise, out of a number of hopefuls he was accepted, and from there, his outlook and prospects dramatically brightened. He stopped drinking, and gained self esteem, new skills and a sense of purpose through the intense teamwork, fundraising and volunteer activities undertaken on the programme.
Later, he was invited to travel to Australia to complete lifesaving qualifications and loved the country so much that he would like to stay here.
He now lives in Northam and is employed by the Shire, completing shifts at the pool and also overseeing sports and fitness programmes as the Recreation Officer at the Recreation Centre.
At the pool, he handles patrons' fees, checks chemicals and temperatures, organises equipment and helps with maintenance. Quite frequently, he is called upon to rescue someone who has got into difficulties in the water.
He will soon officially qualify as a pool manager, which means more responsibilities but also more freedom to instigate further health and wellbeing programmes.

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You don't have to be an artist, you just have to be willing to give it a go!
The theme of 'Magic in the Paddock' is things that happen every day in rural life that are 'magic' to you. For example birds have a drink out of a trough or lambs playing on a rock heap. The sky is the limit! As long as it is a recycled material you can use it. If you prefer to paint that is fine, as long as it is painted on a recycled medium. You can use anything from farm scrap welded together to make your sculpture to bailing twine.
There will be a people's vote on the day for the best sculpture.
If you are interested but it all sounds a little daunting, no worries, as mentoring is available for a helping hand.
For more information please contact: Katie Chester at klchester@hotmail.com or phone 0427 291 065.

C.W.A. Toodyay Branch

Maxine J Walker

OUR first meeting for 2012, our AGM, was held on 23 February, and was chaired by former member, Pat Old. The Motto was recited followed by all members singing the National Anthem.
Mrs Old read out the aims of CWA, and then our President, Secretary and Treasurer each gave their reports. We had three new members in 2011 bringing our membership now to 18.
Office bearers were then elected:
President Vivien Street
Vice President Maxine Walker
Secretary Kathy Haynes
Treasurer Glenys Clahaugh
Catering Judith Walton and Evelyn Oliver
Mrs Old pinned each with their badges of office. We then shared an early afternoon tea before beginning the first of our monthly meetings for 2012.

Our monthly meeting saw all members taking up the challenge of holding some position from hall hire, international officer, reporter, entertainment and cards.
We are currently working toward a submission for a grant to assist in the erection of a gazebo at the local cemetery, this to be submitted over the next few months.
After the busy bee that was held in January, we have become aware of some renovations that need to be done. These should not affect those using the Hall.

Our branch has always been very wary of letting the hall out for parties and until recently we have not had any problems.
Toward the end of 2011 the hall had been hired for a leaving party. Unfortunately, things did get out of hand with chairs being broken, full toilet rolls being rammed into the toilet bowls, spillage on the floor, etc. Obviously things were not as supervised as we were assured they would be. A bond had been charged and paid, but as yet the family have not paid the hire cost because as they say 'the bond has not been returned' In fact, in instances like this the bond is forfeited to cover damages (that's what a bond is for). The whole community use this hall and treat it with respect, so we are particularly disappointed that this has occurred.
Due to this our committee will be requiring full payment up front if the hall is let out again for any parties. This family knows who they are and we live in hope that their account will be paid.
Our next meeting will be at 12.30pm Thursday 22 March (a Planning Meeting, so please bring some lunch). For those interested please just come along; our entrance is from Charcoal Lane where there is plenty of parking.
For information on joining our branch please contact President, Vivien Street, 9574 4871 or Secretary, Kathy Haynes, 9574 2923.

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Beth Frayne
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Shire of Toodyay Premier's Australia Day Active Citizenship Award

The Toodyay Historical Society (THS) were very honoured to have been awarded the Shire of Toodyay Premier's Australia Day Active Citizenship Award for a Community Group, presented by Shire President Kevin Hogg to President Len Leeder and Secretary Beth Frayne on Australia Day, 26 Jan. 2012, in our beautiful Duidgee Park. As that morning was too hot for the nominations to be read out, we have included a little summary below, as to why we thought we might have had a chance to win the award for this year (or was it last year?), apart from being the only nomination in our category! The Society had not nominated previously for this award.

The newer members of both our society and the Toodyay community might find it interesting to read just a little of our history, based on some of what we gathered for our nomination. The activities acknowledge the wonderful work our members have done over the past 32 years of our short existence (1980-2012). Some of these people are no longer with us, of course, but their contribution is not forgotten.

Firstly, we extend special thanks to all those who supported our nomination: Gaven Donegan (President, Toodyay Agricultural Society), John Adams (Secretary/Treasurer, Toodyay RSL Sub-branch), Mrs. Viv Street (President, CWA Toodyay), Fiona Bush (Chair, RWAHS Affiliated Historical Societies Committee), and Laura Gray (Regional Heritage Adviser - Northern Wheatbelt).

Why we thought we had a chance this year
The Toodyay Historical Society (Inc.) has made a significant contribution to the Toodyay community through its activities that highlight the heritage and history of the town and district. In 2011, the Society

promoted the stories of local individuals, places, organisations and activities as its contribution to Toodyay's 175th Anniversary of European settlement; specifically through the 'Toodyay Pictures: 175 Years' historical photographic exhibition in the Toodyay Memorial Hall from 26 Sept. to 2 Oct. 2011 and the publication of another volume in the series The long Toodyay chronology: events in Toodyay's history.

The Society follows its aims and objectives by promoting the value of Toodyay's built and natural heritage; by preserving local documentary, visual and oral records; by providing historical information on local businesses, organisations, and families; by undertaking commissioned research projects; and by communicating local history stories to its members and the general public via various media. We have received and successfully acquitted various significant funding grants for heritage building assessment and restoration, for public lecture presentation, and for the purchase of archival materials, equipment and supplies.

Some of the activities THS has undertaken
Promoted, encouraged and assisted with the preservation and restoration of buildings of historical significance, eg Donegan's Cottage and Butterfly House (Toodyay), and Syred's Cottage (Bejoording).

Undertook commissioned research such as honour board research for the Shire of Toodyay (1871-1984) and the Toodyay Agricultural Society (1853-2012). The names and service of some of these individuals had been forgotten over time.

Participated (with great fun) in the successful Toodyay History Quiz (6 Aug. 2011) by the contribution of the quiz questions, quiz markers, a Quiz Mistress, history books and sundry (successful, mind you!) contestants. Assisted the Shire with historical material for proposed walking trails in the town.

Represented the Society on various local committees, eg 175th Anniversary

Committee, Museum Advisory Committee, former Cemeteries Advisory Committee, former Tourism Advisory Committee.

Conducted regular free excursions to places of historic significance for members and the general public.

Conducted public forums that promote 'history' (such as the 2007 WA Week lecture, assisted by a Celebrate WA grant, and earlier Cemetery Awareness programmes), and free Toodyay family history lectures in Perth and Toodyay.

Arranged talks by members and invited speakers on subjects pertaining to the history of Toodyay.

Freely shared research, such as various chronologies and leaflets, with individuals, local organisations and the Shire, such as the Leeder family, Toodyay CWA, Toodyay Volunteer Fire Brigade, local hotels, St. Stephen's Vestry, TDHS Librarian, Toodyay P. & C., and the Toodyay RSL Sub-branch.

Presented entertainments with a history focus, eg Antiques Road Shows, Heritage Balls, craft-in-action shows.

Some other significant contributions made to the local and wider community

Provided a voluntary state, national and international, as well as local, enquiry service.

Provided substantial assistance with the updating of the Shire's Municipal Inventory of Heritage Places (particularly the first (1998) edition).

Recorded oral history interviews since 1993 with local residents, to preserve and present rare and local viewpoints and knowledge. These recordings and transcriptions (over 90 works), where appropriate, are also stored in the J.S. Battye Library of West Australian History.

Published a bi-monthly newsletter (Duidgeeana) from 2008 and a monthly column and the occasional history article in the local newspaper (*Toodyay Herald*), since the newspaper's inception in late 1984.

Hosted the Toodyay Bushfire Projects Group as a sub-committee of the society, so the group can progress its community archival plans in relation to the 2009 Toodyay Bushfire.

Contributed to the development and distribution of the Shire's Special design control precinct guidelines in 1999.

Documented changes to the built heritage

of the town and district by continually and publicly creating ad-hoc photographic and film records.

Installed plaques (in 1987) in Stirling Terrace that highlight the history of individual buildings.

Provided stalls and displays at all major community events (Toodyay Show, Moondyne Festival, Australia Day, Street Party, Business Expo) to promote the Society and the value of our history and heritage.

Managed a Work for the Dole Program for two young persons in 2007, in processing archives in Donegan's Cottage.

Being an Affiliate (since 1992) of the Royal WA Historical Society, the Society regularly participates in annual State History Conferences, and hosted the 2004 Conference in Toodyay.

Daisy Train

Anne Barr

A PILOT project called the Daisy Train was established in 2010 with a grant from the Bendigo Bank to plant seeds of everlasting daisies in the areas affected by the fire on 29 December, 2009.

Approximately 40 people became involved and, thanks to some lovely winter rains, some great displays were seen in the area.



The project was judged successful and the following steps will be taken to wind up the project.

1. The balance of funds will be used to purchase some more seed for this year to consolidate the results from 2011.
2. There will be a meeting of all the participants on the Sunday before Easter so that we can distribute the final batch of seeds.

A big thank you to all who took part; we are looking forward to further success this year to finalise the project.

Guess who's coming to town??



Yes! Angry Anderson will be speaking at a Community Meeting in TOODYAY on Sunday 20th May 2012 at the Memorial Hall at 7:00pm

Gary Stephen "Angry" Anderson AM is an Australian rock singer, television presenter/reporter, actor and conservative political activist. He is best known as the vocalist with the hard rock band Rose Tattoo since 1976 but he is also recognised for his acting roles and his charity work. On Australia Day 1993 he was made a Member of the Order of Australia for his role as a youth advocate.

Angry will be speaking about issues that have affected his life.

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Recipe Corner

Chocolate Latte Cotto



Desraé Clarke

THE title of this delicious little dessert sounds very ‘posh’ but it is a simple, inexpensive dish that I’m sure you will enjoy. The two Italian words are ‘latte’ meaning milk and ‘cotto’ meaning cooked. The other reason I like to make this recipe is that it can be made the day before it is needed, it is a very light dessert and it can be dressed up, or down, as much as you want. Also, it can be made with ‘light’ milk for those who worry

about their diets. I have written in two lots of milk as they are used in two processes. When I first made this sweet I didn’t read the recipe properly and so used the three cups of milk for the gelatine – not good!

Ingredients:
2 tablespoons cocoa
2 tablespoons water
1 cup milk
3 teaspoons gelatine
½ cup brown sugar, firmly packed
30gm coarsely chopped dark chocolate
¼ teaspoon ground nutmeg
2 cups of milk, extra
Whipped cream for decoration
Shavings of dark chocolate
Chocolate mints and/or strawberries

Method:
Combine the cocoa and the water and mix thoroughly.

In a separate bowl, sprinkle the gelatine over the cup of milk and allow it to stand for 5 minutes for the gelatine to soften.

In a saucepan combine the brown sugar, coarsely chopped dark chocolate and nutmeg in the remaining two cups of milk and gently simmer till the chocolate has melted.

Remove the saucepan from the heat and stir in the cocoa mixture.

Add the gelatine and return to the heat stirring till the gelatine has dissolved.

Allow the mixture to cool a little before dividing it among 5 or 6 pretty dessert bowls.

The desserts can then be decorated as you wish with whipped cream, chocolate shavings, chocolate mints or a strawberry.

NB: This dessert requires about 4 hours to set firmly.

The Toodyay Historical Society

Beth Frayne
Secretary

SHIRE of Toodyay Premier’s Australia Day Active Citizenship Award, 26 Jan. 2012, Duidgee Park.

We were very honoured to have received this Award for a Community Group, presented by Shire President Kevin Hogg to representatives Len Leeder and Beth Frayne. As the morning was too hot for the nominations to be read out, we have included a little summary elsewhere in the paper. We took the opportunity to present copies of Part 1 (2nd ed.) and Part 3 of the Chronology to the Shire. The Society always has a presence at the Shire’s celebrations on this important day. We gained a new member, due to Jenny, Joe and helpers carting a few bits and bobs to the Park that morning. Our new portable lightweight signs are very useful.

Planning Meeting
Members enjoyed a productive Planning Meeting in early Feb. at the President’s home Keynsham, where we compiled our 2012 Programme (now already distributed to members) of excursions, lectures, holidays away, litter pick-ups, picture nights, wood raffles, garage sales and dinners out. We reminded ourselves that we wanted a quiet year after 2011, so not too many new things (constitution revamp and maybe some website research), as we have several on-going projects (grant applications, newsletter writing, research enquiries and projects, and storage re-arrangement). Jenny gave us a real treat with a viewing of a new collection of old Toodyay images (read all about it in Duidgeana) and an improved DVD of the 2011 Grand Parade.

Dinner at the Freemasons’ Hotel (belated 150th birthday celebration for the pub for last year)

Only six of us made it to our first Programme event! But we six enjoyed it! Beth circulated a draft copy of a new THS leaflet about the pub’s history. Hard to squeeze 161 years of history into four A5 pages. Hope to include the long but interesting story in Duidgeana.

WA Heritage Awards, 2012

The Shire of Toodyay is nominating THS for one of these Awards, so, of course, we are

absolutely thrilled and hope to be selected as a finalist. This sort of exposure all helps Toodyay to continue to be a great place to live, work and visit.

The next possible event (maybe, date still not determined): Nunyle Hall memorial stone installation.

We are almost ready to return the stone to its original site, but still need a bit more time. We will let members and guests know in good time when we are ready!

The next definite event: Clean-Up Australia participation, Julimar Road, Toodyay, Saturday, 31 March 2012, 7am-9am.

This is a joint event with the Toodyay Naturalists’ Club and Toodyay Friends of the River. Meet at the corner of Sand Spring Road and Julimar Road. Bring gardening gloves and morning tea to share.

The next general meeting: Wednesday, 21 March 2012, 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)

Little Rascals



ONCE again our wonderful Dentist Michael has given up his time to visit Little Rascals Child Care Centre to talk to the children about caring for their teeth. After the session he presented the children with a surprise bag each containing a new toothbrush, toothpaste and stickers. Staff and children say thank you.

Toodyay Youthcare District Council (Chaplaincy)

Moya Bruce
Secretary

THANK you very much to everyone who supported our raffle on Friday and Saturday; it was very much appreciated by all the members of the Youthcare Council.

Raffle Results:

1st Orange Ticket No D57 Pepe Money Tree

2nd Orange Ticket No D73 Trish Bodle Painting donated By Sheena Hess
3rd Black Ticket No 13A Sue Watson Tea for Two set
4th Black Ticket No 81A Shirley Patten Once again thank you very much.
Our next Youthcare Meeting is the AGM on Wednesday 15 March at 2pm at the Toodyay District High School.



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From the Pavilion
Avon Woodturners

WELL, we are back at it again at the pavilion. Good to see that the Shire has fixed the roof on the wool pavilion.

We have not done a lot of turning yet as we have had a bit of a reshuffle at the base. We purchased a couple of old filing cabinets and have found that these are great for keeping our gear in; instead of getting plastic boxes out all the time to find our gear, now we just pull out a draw.

Our meeting on 19 February took most of the morning as we had a lot to sort out. We are pricing a new mini lathe that will be great to take out to demonstrations. We will be at the Moondyne Festival again and also hope to go to Northam and do a demonstration morning there. This lathe will be another top tool for our members to work on at base as well.

Later in the year we hope to do a couple of fundraisers and we will be having a raffle at Moondyne. The first prize will be a bowl that is being made now. There will also be a raffle of a load of wood later in the year.

Some time later in the year we will be having a visit from some turners from Swan Club and they will be giving interesting demonstrations.

Also, keep your eye open for our advert for newcomers to come and learn woodturning in the *Herald*.

Well, that's about all now 'From the Pavilion' so remember, if you wish to observe what we do, please come along and see us and join us for a coffee or tea. Alexa always makes great goodies for our morning teas.

If you wish for any more information please contact Andrew on 0488 477 216 or Max on 9574 2069.

Until April we are starting at 8am and finishing at 11am.

Avon Woodturners
Group

THE Avon Woodturning Group had its beginnings in 1996 when a group of woodturners came together and formed the Toodyay Woodturning Group. Foundation members include Bob Adams, Glyn Harrington, Peter Smart, Brian McKenzie and John Garret. For two years, they met at Bob's home, usually once a month. Notes from those early meetings suggest that several couples shared a love of woodturning and the ladies often demonstrated turning techniques at the meetings.

By 1998, the group had grown considerably, had affiliated as a branch of the Western Australian Woodturners Association (WAWA) and had changed to the Avon Woodturning Group. In late 1998 the group approached the Toodyay Agricultural Society to make use of the Wool Pavilion. This was arranged and the Wool Pavilion

has been the group's home ever since. Current members of the group are drawn from Toodyay, Northam, Bakers Hill and Bindoon. We meet weekly (Sunday mornings) for hands-on work using the group's extensive array of lathes, tools and specialist equipment. New members benefit from the years of experience of long-time members through mentoring and demonstrations. Each year, members collaboratively produce a complex item of woodturning for fundraising by raffle. The group is also active in community events such as the Moondyne Festival and Toodyay Show. Visitors to the Wool Pavilion on Sunday mornings are always welcome, as are people interested in becoming a member.



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Toodyay Spinners

Toodyay Music Club

Phil Lansell

THE Felting Day on the 6th February was very productive and enjoyable by all accounts.

Share Table: Audrey and Margaret Grassick (joint effort) knitted a bag, purplish colour; Val made two pillows, one in brown in alpaca yarn and one in purple and raspberry colours; Berenice made two fitted pictures, one of a car and one of a windmill; she also made a square with a centrepiece in variegated cotton and a white border; also a crocheted top in thatch yarn in four-ply mohair variegated wool; Jan made two bags in suri-llama, a felted hat, a beret in suri-llama, a dress from suri-silk and suri-llama. The dress was made on the felting day in February. Lyn made two scarves, knitted from handspun merino/silk and feathers at the ends. I (Phil) did five scissor covers.

The Club meets every Wednesday from approximately 9am to early afternoon at Parkers Cottage in the showgrounds. We also meet on the second Saturday of the month at the same place and times

President: 0407 429 047
Secretaary: 9574 2015



Jenny Edgecombe

I DID wonder if February was an early Colours and Numbers theme night. We were treated to the Hills people singing about blue eyes, red wine, green apples, gold fingers, yellow rivers and rainbows, then there were Joe’s three fishes, Jan’s three crows and Spencer’s white dove! Levity aside, there was a good attendance at the club night for a delightfully varied programme.

The sing-along sessions of old favourites and easy-to-learn tunes continue to be popular. Everyone can join in the singing, and playing along with the tunes boosts newer instrumentalists.

The Hills contingent had a lot of fun with their ‘Little Red Riding Hood’ following a great version of ‘Green Green’ with Maurice’s voice coming in beautifully for the deep notes. Eileen and Moya later teamed with Peter for some lovely harmonies in ‘The Black Hills of Dakota’. Mention must also be made of Peter’s item, the Depression classic ‘Brother Can You Spare a Dime’. His banjo accompaniment (actually banjo ukulele I understand) set it perfectly in its era.

It was good to see Linda and Jenny over from Northam. They are doing well in their efforts to learn guitar through their series of duets, this month including a march for guitar. The country and western offerings of Will, our wandering minstrel, were also well-received, especially the Slim Dusty number.

Jock was a new performer this month. His music on the beautiful button-keyed accordion was very popular, including a jig, a waltz and a foot-tapping polka.

Leila is always trying something different on the violin. This month, ‘When the Rain Tumbles Down in July’ sounded lovely as an instrumental tune. She then switched to the double bass to join Jan for a lively performance of the Mexican song ‘Cielito lindo’ and provided some spine-tingling bowing on the bass as Spencer sang ‘Long Black Veil’.

I’m always on a soapbox about how much you improve by performing in front of an audience, so this month I decided to venture out with my guitar to sing the haunting 1970s folk song, ‘Too Close to the Wind’. I hope it worked!

Joe finished off the evening with the charming Christy Moore song, ‘The Voyage’ then sent us home laughing with his hilarious rendition of the unfortunate criminal career of Jimmie Brown of ‘Three Bells’ fame.

Ignoring my rude remarks about the February song choices, don’t forget the real Theme Night for the March meeting - Colours and Numbers. Personally I’d be quite happy to hear any of those lovely February songs again because people’s varied interpretations are endlessly fascinating.

Next Meeting
7pm Friday 9 March. Any style of singing or instrumental performance is welcome, so long as it is acoustic. Second Friday of each month at the CWA Hall. Further Information: Teddy or Spencer on 9574 4492.

around the pavilion.
We are fortunate enough to again have the expertise of Tony Maddox from Ray White and Nathan Martin as our auctioneers for the day.

An exciting part of the day will be the catering by the team from the Toodyay Men’s Shed. The proposed menu looks fantastic.

The auction commences at 9am sharp. We hope to see you all there, for a fun day at the 2012 Jumbo Auction.

On a final note, the Club would like to thank all businesses and the Shire of Toodyay for their support in this year’s event.

Toodyay Lions Club - we serve

Autumn Club

Autumn Leaf

AFTER our summer break, we are back into the swing of things, having our first meeting for 2012 on 29 February where we worked out our programme for the year.

Our first activity will be a visit to the Northam Senior Club on 13 March. We’ll be meeting at the bus shed at 9.30am that day.

Then, on Sunday 22 April, we are off again to the Tivoli Club for a day of entertainment, meeting at 10am.

Birthdays for March are: Brian Bosnjak (7th); Joan Hubie (9th); Ida Edwards (10th); Wes Smith (15th); Christina Wright (28th). We wish you all a very happy birthday.

COCOA Club

Mike Cox

THE COCOA Club (Come Out Camping Older Adults), this year celebrating its 25th Anniversary, has members from all over Western Australia including some from Toodyay and Northam.

All members are over 50-years-old with many in their later years all having a grand time meeting up with other members. At last count, there were over 230 members.

The club will be visiting Toodyay by bus for the Moondyne Festival on Sunday 6 May. For more information, phone 9574 5735.

Lions Club
of Toodyay

Annual

Jumbo Auction

Saturday
31 March
2012



The 2012 Lions JUMBO AUCTION
will be held at the Toodyay Showgrounds

Registration Form **MUST** be completed for all lots by seller prior to off loading

Registration forms are available from the Freemasons Hotel, Ray White and Toodyay IGA or by emailing toodyaylions@bigpond.com

Important information for **SELLERS**

1. There will be a maximum of 500 lots for the entire event.
2. Lots will only be accepted on Friday 30th March from 8.30am.
PLEASE NOTE: Sellers with lots of 15-20 (20 Maximum) are accepted by prior arrangement only. Please advise by COB Friday 23rd March. See contact details.
Delivery for these lots will be on the 30th March after 10.30am.
3. Entry is at the Hockey Oval Gates (not the main gate).
4. NO Lots will be accepted for sale on the day of the Auction .
5. Lots not sold must be removed by 5pm on the day of auction.
6. Auctioning of goods will commence at 9.00am sharp on Saturday morning.
7. Sellers donation is \$2.00 per lot plus 10% commission on sale amount.

Important information for **BIDDERS**

1. Gates open at 8am for viewing lots and purchasing of your \$2.00 bidders ticket.

General Information

1. Food and Drinks will be available for purchase at the Auction.
2. NO DOGS are permitted on the oval during the two day event.

For further information contact Heather McNamara on **9574 5670**
please leave a message

emergency services

Police Beat

Sergeant Geoff Dickson
OIC, Toodyay Police Station

THE Toodyay Shire has a new Police Officer on the beat. Constable Chris Johns has joined the Toodyay Police Station and I welcome him to our team. Please feel free to call in and say hello and make him feel part of the community!

Burglaries are few and far between in the Toodyay Shire. During recent times however, I have noticed there has been quite an increase in burglaries on various homes and sheds throughout our Police sub-district.

Between 1 December 2011 and 27 February 2012, Toodyay has had 12 burglaries. They have been all over the Shire, involving Keating Road, One Man Road, River Road, Coondle West Road, Julimar Road, Caladenia Road, Harvester Drive, Dryandra Road, Racecourse Road, Hall Road, Goomalling-Toodyay Road and the Toodyay-Bindi Bindi Road.

Police patrols have been out in our sub-divisions trying to get to the bottom of this increase in burglary activity. I ask you all to have your eyes and ears open and report suspicious cars, people or activities, either directly to Toodyay Police or via Crimestoppers on 1800 333 000.

I have been promoting our eWatch programme lately and again, ask you all to share this important initiative amongst

the community. Recent examples of this programme in Gingin have resulted in information being shared with local police that resulted in the arrest of offenders – directly resulting from eWatch information.

The eWatch is an electronic email distribution group held by police. The distribution group allows Police to use email to send out regular emails to members of the community who register to be part of the eWatch programme.

Registration is free! To take part in the program all you need to do is to send an email to Toodyay.Crime.eWatch@ police.wa.gov.au with your name and preferred email address. Your details will be added to the distribution group and used by police to communicate with you, directly into your home. This information will be held by the WA Police and not shared with anyone else.

Road safety is important to all of us. More people die or are seriously injured in traffic crashes than in any other activity that I know.

I have been asked to participate in a Roadwise Committee that has been formed here in Toodyay. I ask you all to have a good long think about road safety issues in our community.

Watch this space for more Road Safety action in the next few months as the Toodyay Roadwise Committee gets fired up and reaches out to the community to hear of your road safety concerns.

Neighbourhood and Rural Watch

**‘Meet your Neighbour Day’
Sunday 25 March**

Desraé Clarke

THIS important concept of society, ‘Meet your Neighbour Day’, was developed in 2003 by a Victorian, Andrew Heslop, following a very sad incident that made him realise how important it is to care about neighbours. This can be expanded on by googling [www.neighbourday.org/about/ how-it-all-began](http://www.neighbourday.org/about/how-it-all-began). Note: It is a ‘get to meet your neighbour’ not a ‘get to know your neighbour’.

One never knows when urgent assistance may be required from a neighbour. A child may have an asthma attack, the family dog may have snake bite, the cattle may have gone wandering, or it could be smaller problems of a flat battery in the vehicle, etc.

The Shire of Toodyay, with its wonderful country lifestyle, gives its residents space and privacy to live as they would wish. However, it must be remembered how important neighbours are, especially in time of crisis.

This has been proven in this Shire following catastrophes of bush fires and burnt homes, severe accidents, and the loss of our school from arson in 1993. One hears wonderful stories of ‘neighbourliness’ which is so

important to maintain spirit following a crisis.

‘Meet your Neighbour Day’ was discussed at length during the Neighbourhood State Conference in November 2011. Several speakers gave ideas of meeting at a local park with a BBQ, or evenings of games in a park and several groups had BBQs on their front lawns and asked neighbours to participate. It is a little different in country areas which are more widespread but one can bake a cake, leave a note on the gate, make a phone call and ask several neighbours in to share a cup of tea. It is a great way to meet new neighbours!

Meet your neighbour on Sunday 25 March – “Hello, I am your neighbour”.

Remember:

Toodyay Police	9574 9555
Crimestoppers	1800 333 000
Goodbye Graffiti	1800 442 255

or

www.goodbye graffiti.wa.gov.au
Emergency 000
Australian Passport Information Office (in the event of a stolen passport) 131 232

Toodyay Central Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade

Desrae Clarke

THE February General Meeting of the Brigade was held Tuesday 28 February. There were seven callouts over the last month, with a good response by our members, and the 12.2 was to be taken to the Yanchep fire but the vehicle was ordered back at the Great Northern Highway.

The Brigade welcomes its newest member, Liz Armstrong, an ancillary member – welcome Liz!

Training sessions have been well attended with training in the use of the new radios. The next training session on ‘mapping’ will be held on Thursday 15 March commencing at 7pm and Sunday 18 March commencing 9am. Training Officers, Heather and Brent Wearmouth, 9574 4759 or Captain, Kevin Hug, 9574 2612 can be contacted for any

enquiries re training. If senior members of the Brigade are available to assist with training it would be very much appreciated.

Remember Training on Thursday 15 March commencing at 7pm and Sunday 18 March commencing at 9am on ‘mapping’.

The next General Meeting of the Brigade will be held on Tuesday 27 March commencing at 7.30pm and will be held at the Fire and Emergency Services Centre, Stirling Terrace, Toodyay.

New members are made very welcome – please come along to the next training session and/or meeting.

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

Julimar Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade

Alison Wroth

WE had an excellent turnout to our February Meeting and those who had brought a feed stayed on for the BBQ. Our Chairman had even dragged himself away from bowls to chair the meeting so we were definitely honoured that night.

Since our last meeting, we have only had to respond to the one fire in the Julimar forest. This was under the control of DEC, so we learnt first-hand how DEC control their fires and also run their catering.

Our mighty Captain, Lou, attended an operations meeting a couple of weeks ago and a variety of points were discussed such as proper radio procedure, blackout, the wearing of PPE whilst on a fire ground and also the different handling of fires under DEC or FESA control.

Thanks must go to our dedicated and ever reliable Tuesday maintenance crew; Anne, Wade, Peter, Wes and Young Rodney (to name a few of the ‘regulars’) who do those odd jobs around and in the sheds that keep them looking neat and professional. Rod even fixed our ‘Chook Wheel’ for Friday nights! What would we do without all those members who regularly pitch in to help the Brigade? Thanks to you all.

Please don’t get into a false sense of security now that the days have turned a bit cooler. Your firebreaks still need to be maintained. One of the many problems that volunteer fire fighters experience on the fire ground is locating easily accessible firebreaks. Remember, they are your assets that they are trying to protect so please endeavour to keep your firebreaks clear.

Our training in January covered everything on Safety and Survival. Not only firefighters but radio operators and caterers were invited to attend. We had an excellent result of nearly 20 members turning up.

Congratulations must go to Brian Salmond who has been appointed Training Co-ordinator to all the volunteer brigades in Toodyay. In this position he will be advising both the Captains and their Training Officers.

On the noticeboard is the FESA Training Calendar. Please take note of all the possible dates of training when next at ‘The Fireplace’.

If you wish to know more about your fire brigade or how to cope with a fire and how it may affect your family and your community, please feel welcome to come to your local fire shed. Please don’t hesitate to come along on Friday nights from 5pm for drinks and a good catch up with the Julimar Brigade members. Even if you’re not a member,

come along and have a chat about that all-important fire prevention plan.

Coondle Nunile Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade

Jenny Blanchett

THIS month has been relatively quiet on the fire front which is great, especially as we have had some really hot days. We can only assume that people are more aware of how quickly and easily a fire can start so thanks to every one of you.

In February we had a call out to a fire at Bindoon; unfortunately it was a bad day as there was also that horrendous fire at Wannamal. The Incident Control point was set up at the Julimar Fire Brigade Shed. This was great for the people who had never been there and I must say we were made very welcome by all at Julimar. Thank you to Julimar members.

As there was little to be done with the radios at the time, some members were then commandeered to help out with the catering for the fire crews on the ground; this turned out to be quite eventful, especially as I had my Coondle hat on and was then given an apron with the Julimar logo. This was quite amusing and photos had to be taken (how undignified this was!) Good laughs were had all round. This also helped with the comradeship between the brigades and offers were made that if Coondle ever needed help with catering for a fire, the ladies from Julimar were more than happy to come to our help. I am sure that, if needed, the ladies at Coondle would also return the help too.

We have recently had some great training on machine supervision and draughting at Corry’s place, followed by a debriefing and a BBQ on site. We had an even greater turnout than usual with some new and very capable members. It was great to see Max and Mick turn up for some ongoing training as they say we can never have enough and you’re never too old to learn.

Our February meeting was well attended and followed by our dinner which was themed ‘your favourite film or cartoon character’. This proved to be a great laugh with some really fantastic costumes; the effort that people put in was amazing.

Let’s hope that March turns out to be a quiet month too and, don’t forget, if you want to meet some of the people in your area, then come down to the fire shed on a Friday evening from 5pm onwards for a chat and a light snack. We hope to see you there. Remember, be fire aware and stay safe.



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Arts Toodyay

Clive Eger

THE New Year is off to a great start and the Arts Toodyay members are refreshed and full of creative energy.

Our first meeting for the year attracted a big turnout and it was great to see so many members and to hear their views and their plans for the year. After the business part of the meeting, Marie-Louise Orr demonstrated some of her excellent felted creations and whetted our appetites for her upcoming workshop on felting.

A full programme of workshops and events is already scheduled for the first half of the year, kicking off with a ‘plein air’ painting excursion in March which will start with breakfast at Clive’s place. On 14 April there will be a workshop on felting techniques and places may be reserved by phoning 9574 4698 before 6 April.

Other planned workshop topics include jewellery, action painting, and a repeat of last year’s Raku pottery workshop once the fire bans have ended. There has even been mention of flamenco dancing!

In the meantime the members are preoccupied with the upcoming group exhibition at the Midland Junction Arts Centre in May which is getting very near and there is much work to be done in preparation.

Kay Devlin is continuing her popular Friday art sessions at the clubrooms in the old Police Station on Duke Street North. Kay is a local painter noted for her watercolours and she provides guidance, tuition and critique as well as morning tea. Participants with all levels of experience are welcome and while the emphasis is on watercolour painting, some participants have been enjoying other activities such as sketching and drawing. Participants provide their own equipment and materials. All are welcome to come and join in on Fridays between 10am and 12noon. Contact Kay on 9574 4446 to find out more.

Arts Toodyay meets on the first Tuesday of each month at 7pm in the old Police Station on Duke Street North. New members are always welcome - just come along on the night or phone Bev on 9574 2898 or 0428 531 008.

Toodyay Community Singers

WE’RE back. Happy New Year for 2012. Where does the time go?

We had an exciting year in 2011 and everyone needed a well-earned rest in January.

We gave a much-enjoyed concert in June for The Men’s Shed and friends. Held in the CWA Hall with no charge for entry, we had a fun time singing and a most enjoyable supper. It was well patronised and enjoyed by all. For some of our members it was the first time to sing in public and their performances were first class.





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Carol singing at Northam Hospital was great and the staff at the hospital were so helpful. We look forward to that each year. It was lovely to be able to put smiles on faces and have them sing along with us.

Other gigs included the Moondyne Festival, and the Ag Show, where we sang together with the choir from Toodyay District High School in the opening ceremony. Later we sang for patrons following the auction.

The Christmas wind-up was held at ‘The Clabaugh Ranch’ where we sang with gusto to the valley and beyond. Huge amounts of delicious food were provided by members and laughter was heard all evening.

We are planning our next show in August 2012. Remember the songs from those wonderful musicals such as ‘Gypsy’, ‘Oliver’, ‘Phantom of the Opera’, ‘Cats’, ‘The Sound of Music’ and many more? Well, come along and join in at our ‘Musical Memories’ show and sing along with us. We will advise you of venue and date in good time.

Toodyay Community Singers aims to instil a feeling of wellbeing into members and audience. We all want to feel good about ourselves and singing is such a great way of achieving that.

We meet for choir practice every Thursday in CWA Hall at 7pm sharp. \$4 members and that includes your supper. \$3 for concessions.

Don’t feel lonely. Don’t be sad. Come to choir for the best laugh you’ve had (and we sing as well.)

Tricia is our arm flapper at the front and is given a hard time trying to control us. Come and join in; there’s no charge for friendship and laughter .

If you need more information please call Tricia Young 9574 4330 or Peter Bourne on 0421 704 429.

Calling all Bush Poets

Australian Unity

ENTRIES have now opened for Australia’s leading bush poetry competition—the Australian Unity Bryan Kelleher Literary Award.

Now in its fifth year, the competition encourages budding poets of all ages to follow in the footsteps of Banjo Paterson and Henry Lawson and pen a bush poem.

Australian Unity chairman Alan Castleman said last year’s record number of submissions, from poets as young as seven, shows that bush poetry is alive and well in Australia.

“The response to last year’s competition was outstanding with 674 entries received from bush poets of all ages—an increase of more than 50 per cent on the previous year,” Mr Castleman said.

“Australian Unity hopes the competition will continue to grow and that more Australians will take the opportunity to create and contribute bush poetry that embodies the Australian spirit.

Mr Castleman said: “It is important that we provide a forum, such as the Australian Unity Bryan Kelleher Literary Award, to preserve the art of bush poetry in a modern time so it can be enjoyed by future generations.”

Entry is free and the competition closes on Friday, 29 June 2012. Winners will share in more than \$2250 worth of prizes. Application forms are available online at www.australianunity.com.au/literaryaward or by calling 03 8682 6701.

About Australian Unity

Australian Unity is a national healthcare, financial services and retirement living organisation providing services to more than 560,000 Australians.

RSL Toodyay Sub Branch

John Adams Secretary/Treasurer

As usual April will be a busy month for the sub branch. Details of our activities for the month are as follows:

- Wood raffle – Friday 20 April
- ANZAC Day – Wednesday 25 April
 - Dawn Service 6:00am
 - ANZAC Day March 10:30am
 - ANZAC Day Service 11:00am
- Sub Branch members will also be attending the Toodyay District High School ANZAC day Service. At this Service we present the Toodyay RSL Cadet Encouragement Award.
- We very much appreciate the support that we receive from the Community in making these events a success.

Consumer Confusion Over Cooling Off Periods

Media Release Dept for Consumer Protection

CONFUSION over cooling-off periods for sales contracts was one of the main issues in 2011 with Consumer Protection receiving 791 calls from concerned consumers. A cooling-off period is the length of time a consumer is able to cancel a contract without penalty.

Commissioner for Consumer Protection Anne Driscoll said there are only a few very limited circumstances when a cooling-off period will be provided to consumers.

“Half of the calls from the last year concerned motor vehicle purchases where consumers wanted to terminate a contract,” Ms Driscoll said. “When consumers sign a contract to buy a motor vehicle in Western Australia there is no cooling-off period. That’s why they need to think really carefully and read the fine print before putting pen to paper. In most cases there is no need to sign a contract to work out a deal; the contract finalises the terms of the deal and should only be signed when you are entirely satisfied.”

One of the few times a cooling-off period will apply is with a health club or gym membership. Consumers have a 48 hour cooling-off period under Western Australia’s Fitness Industry Code of Practice.

Door to door, telephone or telemarketing salespeople also have to give you a cooling-off period and consumer rights are fully protected under the Australian Consumer Law.

This law applies to all uninvited approaches: door to door, over the phone or even from salespeople in shopping centre car parks.

“It is interesting that only 12% of the cooling-off period enquiries last year related to sales actually conducted on the door step,” the Commissioner said. “In instances where suppliers sell a product or service to you ‘door-to-door’ or in an unsolicited way and the purchase is over \$100, the seller must provide a cooling-off period of ten business days. During that time no money can be taken and services cannot be supplied.

“Goods up to the value of \$500 may be supplied within the cooling-off period as long as no payment is taken. If during the 10 business days you then exercise your right to terminate the unsolicited agreement, the supplier will be obliged to collect the goods within 30 days or the goods become your property.”

Consumer Protection advises consumers never to feel pressured to sign a contract before being totally satisfied with the deal.

“In some situations, consumers can face high pressure tactics to force them to sign sales contracts with statements from salespeople such as ‘this is a once-only deal’.

Don’t be afraid to walk away. Insist on

having time to consider the deal, get other quotes and then, if you wish to proceed, go back later that day or the next day,” Ms Driscoll advised.

“When you settle on a deal you should check the terms and conditions and ensure that what was offered verbally has been included in the written contract. Specify the start and completion date in the contract and we encourage you to keep a record of any deposit paid and insist on a detailed receipt.”

Consumers who have a query regarding cooling-off periods can contact Consumer Protection on 1300 30 40 54 or consumer@commerce.wa.gov.au. An “Unsolicited Selling” factsheet can be viewed or downloaded from the Consumer Protection website www.commerce.wa.gov.au/consumerprotection.

My View

Anne Skinner

CAN A sound describe a feeling?
Can a look install fear?
Can a smile show love?
Can silence speak louder than words?
Can tears be shed for happiness too?
Can pain only be felt by the victim?
Can we smell fear?
Can I look but not see?
Can I touch but not feel?
Can I be lonely in a crowd?
Do we hear and yet not listen?
Do we live for the moment but waste time?
Can we read between the lines?

Do I open my mouth and put my foot in?
Are we just resting our eyes when we are snoring?

All these questions may seem silly, funny, and maybe down-right obvious, but I remember waking up one morning many years ago when I was in my 20s to a question immortalised by singer, Peggy Lee – “Is that all there is?” A song of disillusionment often felt by many of us seeking life’s answers. No, I didn’t seek therapy, although perhaps I should have. I wonder, have I really lived life to the full? Do any of us live our lives to the full? Now, as I look back, I see with different eyes, eyes that try to see beyond the obvious. I try to hear inside my heart, rather than the sounds made. I try to put myself in others’ shoes. When things get tough and out of my control, I try not to whimper, “Why me?” I can speak my mind with confidence brought about by age and life experiences. However, I am not THERE yet, wherever THERE is. I’m still surprised by people’s actions and motives, but am reminded by my past failings, so try not to judge.

Reaching my early 60s has been a surprising experience; there is still so much more to do, and so little time to do it. Life has so much to give, and we only just scratch the surface.

As a quilter, I am often reminded of the quilt of life, and all the little pieces that go together to make a whole. I’m making a quilt at the moment that is a work in progress, a picture of our life in Toodyay, and our experiences up here good and bad. I’m finding it hard to actually put the first piece of fabric in place now that I have the drawing complete. Imagine, if you will, our heavenly quilt maker as He places people and situations in our way, and as He watches our progress, how He must often be disappointed in our handling of these moments. He, however, never gives up. Nor should we!

How often we take for granted beauty that surrounds us every day. I looked up into the sky last night and saw the stars that are so extraordinary out here away from the city lights. I was reminded how small I am in the scheme of things, but He still cares for me, and the pieces of the patch-work around me. How there are sounds, where there are no sounds. There are things to see, that we don’t need eyes for. There is the power of touch that can heal not just broken bodies, but broken minds and lives. How time is so very short and we must live it well. It’s alright too, to take a risk on a hunch, and be prepared to make mistakes and to forgive yourself. Be kind to yourself; you are a child of the universe, and you have a right to be here. (Quoted from Desiderata)

There will always be that question for me that David penned in Ps. 8, “What am I that You think of me? Oh, Lord, what am I that You care?” But He does, and like David, “I can only sing Your praise when I see how much You care!”

Yes, sometimes I’m too hasty so I have become accustomed to my foot and its placement. On a lighter final note, yes, my husband informs me, you can just be resting your eyes even though you’re snoring.

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Toodyay DHS P&C

Steve Bannister
P&C President

A BIG thank you to everyone who turned up for the Toodyay DHS P&C AGM meeting on 15 February. This was the most we'd seen at a P&C meeting for a long time and it was great that so many people wanted to not only be involved with the committee, but also to be actively involved in many of the things that the P&C do. For those who don't know, the P&C isn't just about trying to raise a few dollars from a 'Dress Down Day', or a 'Mother's Day Raffle'. The P&C owns and operates the School Uniform Shop, the School Canteen, puts money into the school to assist educational programs as well as subsidising trips and excursions. Obviously we need to fundraise to be able to do a lot of these things, but not many people seem to know why we do it. The school is very limited in what it can and can't do, so that is why we have the P&C, to help the school to help our children.

From our AGM we now have an almost brand new committee. Our new President is Steve Bannister, Deputy-President is Tracey Buie, Secretary, Linda Vandeppear, Treasurer, Zeta Armstrong, and Committee Members Susan Griggs and Wendy Beets. We have also managed to gain some new members on our four main working groups: Canteen Committee, a Fundraising Working Group, a Uniform Committee and a Grounds Working Group that looks after our school grounds.

There are some big plans on the table for 2012 at Toodyay DHS, which I will discuss in the next newsletter which will be closer to our next meeting. However, I would like to encourage as many parents as possible to come and have a look at a P&C meeting, without getting roped into anything if you don't want to, as we always need ideas and suggestions even if you can't spare any actual time to help out. Without the P&C, the school wouldn't have a fraction of the amenities, equipment and opportunities

that it has accumulated in the past. Your suggestions are one of the few ways we get to hear about what you want for your school, so don't miss out on the opportunity to voice your opinion. If you can't come to a meeting, you can always call me on 9574 4554 or email me on pandc@toodyaydhs.com.au and let me know of any opinions or suggestions. A special 'Thank You' also has to go to last year's committee who did some wonderful things with the P&C, much of which goes unnoticed and unappreciated. Without them, our Uniform Shop would have closed, and our School Canteen would have been reduced to opening only a couple of days a week.

Our meetings are on the 3rd Wednesday of the month, with the next one falling on Wednesday 21 March. The meetings are held in the Staffroom at 7pm. See you there!



From the P&C history pages... Thursday 11 March 1937, Mr Crabbe asked if it was possible for a nurse or matron to examine the children's heads, as he had received complaints from parents that their children's heads were not clean. It was moved by Mr Davies and seconded by Mrs Chitty that the Hospital Board be written to asking, as a favour, if it would permit the matron to examine the children's heads once a month, provided that she was willing to do so. The motion carried. Matron Parker, who was present, consented to examine the children's heads this month. A hearty clap and vote of thanks was given to Matron Parker.



More from the YMCA Drug Aware Skate Series held in Toodyay

Toodyay Scout Group

Dropbear

TOODYAY Scout Group held its Registration Day at IGA last week, showing a video display of the 2013 Jamboree and models of constructions that the Scouts built last year. Thanks to all those who attended and purchased tickets for the Money Tree, which was won by Lyn (462).

We're off to a running start in the Scout Troop, with a trip planned to Adventure World, a public transport challenge in Perth, Swan Tiki (an intertroop raft race with 60 rafts on the Swan River) and a Patrol trip to Kalgoorlie. Cubs are busy, too – they're off rockclimbing at the Hangout, cooking, building an obstacle course and doing two science projects.

Our March Family Fun Night is on the 15th and is open to parents of Cubs and Scouts and guests. The Cubs are planning a show and will provide light refreshments. We will commence at 5pm for Cubs and 6pm for Scouts with the night ending at 7.30pm. We encourage all parents to attend to support your Scout or Cub and to find out essential information about the upcoming programme. Scouts will run Cub activities and we'll be providing information about the 23rd Australian Jamboree, to which we're hoping to send a strong Toodyay contingent.

The Jamboree is in January 2013 and is a ten day camp in Queensland that is attended by over 12,000 Scouts – the last two Jamborees have been attended by members of the Toodyay Scout Group. Members must be aged under 15 in order to attend.



We encourage new members and enquiries may be made to Danielle (Cubs) on 9574 4005, Sam (Scouts) on 0400 890 571, Rob (Scouts) 9574 4661 or Su (Group Leader) 0414 612 288. Cubs is held on Thursdays at 4.30pm til 6pm and Scouts is held on the same day from 6.30pm to 8.30pm at the Toodyay Youth Hall.

Musical Prelude to Enrich Bright Young Minds

Media Release
UWA

SOME of the state's top achievers will now be able to study music as a prelude to professional studies such as law, medicine and architecture under a revamped course structure at The University of Western Australia.

The new head of UWA's School of Music, Associate Professor Alan Lourens, said he was excited at the prospect of attracting high-calibre students from other disciplines. Some of the world's most brilliant people were also musical, including Albert Einstein (piano and violin), Thomas Edison and Alexander Graham Bell (piano).

The University's new curriculum offers five undergraduate degrees followed by professional and other postgraduate opportunities, allowing students to take majors previously unavailable to them.

"The community can only benefit from

the fact that the students who will become our doctors and lawyers will have a much broader range of experience and expertise," Dr Lourens said. "They will now have the time to develop that talent more fully before moving on to an area of specialisation."

"The benefits of music education to high school students are well documented: those who do music achieve better results in other areas of study than if they not involved in any music education."

"Something I passionately believe is that students who study music benefit from expressing another side to their emotions. We know this assists them in all the things we value in society. Music helps express the inexpressible and uses different parts of the brain."

"The inherent value of music is in helping us achieve something that enriches our lives or changes the way we see the world; that makes us act differently. I can't see how that won't benefit students who go on to do other things."

Dr Lourens said more than 60 students had already enrolled in music, although numbers were yet to be finalised.

A conductor, arranger and composer, Dr Lourens has held university and professorial positions in Singapore, Dubai and Australia at leading arts institutions. He has conducted orchestras and bands throughout Asia, Australia and the United States and performed on euphonium across four continents.

He is also active in the brass band movement in Australia as a conductor and soloist. In 2008, Dr Lourens was made a Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts in the UK, in recognition of his contribution to the development of the arts internationally.

Dr Lourens regularly performs as an international soloist on euphonium, and has recorded and toured with ensembles including the Philharmonia à Vent, the Australian Wind Orchestra and the WA Symphony Orchestra.

The euphonium is a member of the low brass family of musical instruments that encompasses the trombone, euphonium, and tuba. Dr Lourens plays a 1934 Elkhart Conn Double Belled Euphonium, which he bought from a fellow student at Indiana University in the US.

R4R Delivers on Regional Child Care

Media Release
Hon Grant Woodhams MLA

MEMBER for Moore, Grant Woodhams MLA has welcomed the R4R funded Regional Community Child Care Development Fund which was announced today by Community Services Minister, Robyn McSweeney and Minister for Regional Development, Brendon Grylls.

Up to \$10,000 is available in the first round of funding for eligible regional child care providers under the \$9.3 million Royalties for Regions Regional Child Care Development Fund. The aim of the grants is to ensure that families in regional communities have ongoing access to quality centres.

The first round of grants is available to child care providers to cover operational expenses such as professional development and training, information technology, capital equipment and governance requirements. The initiative will allow for regional education and care services to undertake projects to enhance their sustainability.

"Access to reliable and high quality child care services is vital for the future growth of regional centres as they aim to attract and retain young families to their towns," Mr Woodhams said. "Many regional centres rely on community based care and this funding recognises the challenges often faced by community providers who are disadvantaged by distance, smaller populations and lack of funds."

The grants would offer immediate support to ensure the long-term viability of quality child care for families in country areas and priority would be given to those services at risk of closure or deemed in high community need.

The grants will be administered by the Department for Communities and more information about the grants applications could be found at www.communities.wa.gov.au.

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Such is (an Idyllic) Life

Anne Kidd

GROWING up at Butlers’ Swamp was a kid’s dream come true but an adult’s time of hard work, going without and looking to where the next meal would come from.

Looking back on my childhood, I wish my sons and grandchildren could experience the life we had: making cubby houses from branches; wading through thick, black, squishy mud to catch frogs, tadpoles and carp; getting leeches all over and then raiding the salt box to get them off.

My father, Aeneas Leonard, my mother, Daphne, my sister, two brothers and I lived with my great aunt, Katherine Briggs, on her property at the bottom of Gloucester Street (then Council Avenue.) My other sister was born while we still lived there. The property was bounded by Scotch College, the swamp and bushland leading up to what is now Alfred Road. Sometimes the swamp would flood and the water would come right up to the house. The land was owned by Auntie Katy, daughter of Annas Briggs (nee Atkinson) and a great horsewoman.

Annas Atkinson was the daughter of John Atkinson, a Pensioner Guard, and his wife, Ann. Annas was a midwife and a champion of the local aborigines. The Bodney family lived up on the corner of the property and I remember going to Swanbourne Primary with Isobel who also came to my birthday party. Melba, their mother, was a very caring woman whom I remember for making sure her kids were well behaved.

The property had a quondong tree, blackberry bushes and lots of jonquils at the bottom of the block. We used to pick bunches of jonquils, load them into a cane pram and take them to the flower shop at Karrakatta Cemetery, selling them for a penny a bunch. The money helped mum and dad out.

A lot of the time, mum and dad would have gone without to feed us kids but it is only on reflection that this became obvious. Bread and dripping still brings back fond memories and stale bread soaked in milk with sugar on it for breakfast was another. Melba Bodney used to come and ask for food sometimes and Mum never refused her.

Dad worked for the council and mum worked at home. Life was hard for them and it’s only since growing up that I realise how hard it really was.

We used kerosene lamps as we had no power and had only tank water. Wash days were huge for mum. First of all, she had to boil the copper which was outside. Then, all the boilable things went in; anything else was hand-washed on a scrubbing board over a tin tub. The clothes were hung on a line of wire stretched between two posts and the lines were held up by clothes props which were forked poles sold by the aborigines.

Bath time involved boiling the copper, carrying the tin bathtub in and then lining up for the bath. It was eldest first and, as the water cooled off, more hot water was added.

The floor of the house was rammed, white ant nest and Mum cooked on a wood stove.

The toilet was what was referred to as an ‘outdoor dunny’ which was stationed a fair way from the house with a wooden seat and a pan underneath. Newspaper was torn up and hung on a piece of string for toilet paper. There was a flap at the back where the pan could be pulled out, a hole dug and the contents buried. One of the ‘games’ played

by us kids was when someone, usually an adult, went into the dunny, we would get a long piece of grass, lift the flap and tickle whatever part of the anatomy was showing. Amidst suppressed giggles, we ran as fast as we could before they came out looking for us. Most of the time it meant a punishment of some kind but it was worth it, depending on who’d been tickled.

We went barefoot to school and walked back home for lunch, then back to school. After school, our job was to collect kindling for the fire. This was a game, really, because most of the kindling was on Mr Seed’s property (or so we convinced ourselves) which was at the back of the house. Mr Seed had a draught horse, Bob, and the game was to collect as much kindling as possible before Bob saw you. He would come galloping towards us and we’d have to dive for the fence where there was no barbed wire. I’m sure it was as much a game for him as it was for us because he’d always stop short of the fence. Mrs Seed, Mr Seed’s mum, was a gentle little lady who used to give us homemade butterscotch.

My father’s family were horse breakers and I remember seeing dad breaking in a wild brumby. We could ride bareback but the stables had old saddles, horse collars and lots of other equipment but, being a child, for me it was just a place with special smells and visions.

The Claremont Council resumed the property for public open space in 1952-3 and paid Katherine Briggs £3000. Family talk says that the property was 26 acres (10.5ha).

Healing in the Hills The Aussie Cobber Culture

Bob Adair
Toodyay Christian Fellowship

ONE of the most valuable building blocks in any society is friendship, often built in times of adversity. Ask any returned soldier or those who serve in areas of trauma and, of course, when people are going through hard times, a bond develops.

But it is not just in areas of stress that this amazing human attribute functions and grows. In any endeavour where we rub shoulders with one another friendships grow. It is in fact unique to the human condition; we call this being a good mate a true blue cobber

This vital building block called friendship is even more important in a marriage. If your spouse is not your best friend then your relationship is in serious trouble.

To be a *Flash Jack* with a smooth tongue coated with flattery or have the best body and look the sexiest, even being a trend setter doesn’t cut the custard when it comes to friendship.

We all need and want a friend with all of the qualities and benefits that are boxed up in friendship; one of these is being prepared to stick with someone even when it cost you. This and the other attributes that make up the ‘cobber’ culture are fast disappearing. People long for the days when friendship and marriages lasted more than a year. The good news is there is a way of getting back to plan ‘A’ why should we accept second best, here is a little story that might help you.

Some Greeks came to see Jesus. It looks like they’d heard about him, his miracles and particularly his wisdom. Every time the elite set a trap for him with a conundrum he

managed to leave them with egg on their faces. The Greeks thought this bloke was worth having on their team.

Of course the Greeks were the real trendsetters of new thought in those days and it seems as though they’d come to give him an offer he couldn’t refuse and turn him into some kind of famous philosopher. Then they could tick the box and say, “He is one of us; our mate.”

But instead of being flattered, Jesus was a bit put out. The Greeks didn’t have a clue about this ‘philosopher’. It’s pretty obvious a philosopher’s chair beats flogging and a cross any day of the week, but He had to be single minded enough not to be side tracked from His life’s purpose which was to give his life away for His friends.

Fame’s not all it’s cracked up to be, but being true to what you believe is. Jesus has what it takes to be true blue to those who want to be his friend. Getting back to plan ‘A’, Jesus says, “I am the Way the truth and the Life.” Another friendship thing Jesus offers is plan ‘A’.

Quo Vadis

AUSTRALIA Day 2012: By various ways and means the people celebrate their Nationhood, some by sober reflection, of where we are at and whither we wish to proceed in the “spirit” of the times, in which the old saying of Time and Tide waiteth for no-one. We as individuals in a Nation, are impelled to go with the flow that in this electronic/digital age, moves at an increasing pace that not only disavows, but disallows the therapy of a mediative, contemplative time before the frenetics of the daily round washes over us in a volume that we find difficult to record, but to recount with some semblance of accord and coherence which attaches itself to a purpose which has the concreteness of a “future” for we are not only wearing out ourselves, but the natural systems so vital to the maintenance of all life, in our bid to have an even higher standard of living, which in its rabid pursuit we are niglacting quality of life, that is, not only superior, but is a greater essential treasure for our wellbeing, which once lost creates many othger problems that will eventually implode upon itself, in other words a health quotient that is psychic as well as physical. One is complementary to the other but shows not in the formula’s we use for wealth measuring, such as Gross Domestick Product done by a double entry trick that has nothing to say about either our humanity or the ecology, tho it does complement the environment in which our secular life abounds!

Emmanuel Kant, one of the great philosophers of the centuries, was an advocate of the (CI) Categorical Imperative, the abiding by those laws that have a “Universal” application, and embrace all forms of life, seen/unseen especially that which is immeasurable except in the realm of wellbeing what is designated as the Noumenal, as distinct from the phenomenal, tho not disassociated from, but which cannot be recorded as a number in G.P.D giving rise to the great big dilemma facing policy makers globally which then has national ramifications despite the efforts United National Bodies struggle with, and exemplified by, the European Union which is, like the rest of the world, is held in the vice-like grip of a financial system, that not only enlarges its modus operandi, but takes a greater share of that wealth (as so measured!) to expend on “phenomena” divorced from the “Noumenal” its essential partner!

Many Millennia ago there was an Emperor who became alarmed at the dissensions reigning in his vast Empire (and not so easily communed with as now) who, after converting to Christianity,m invited the quarrelling theologian group to Nicaea in 325 as Constantine was deeply anxious about the Soul of his empire, was firmly resolved to end these stormy divisions and when the Church at Alexandria would have excommunicated Arius C obliged them to readmit him to communion (perhaps C was aware of the Latin meaning of Religio as to unite and bind!) drawing a contemporary lesson for humankind to be more concerned about its Soul, the ingredients for which is mentioned above, as obeisance to the Noumenal spirit embodied in the Nazarene’s declaration of “doing the Will of He who sent me” to bring about the Kingdom on earth!

Upon close reading of Wells Outline, one could say his sane and coherent purpose has its revelation and intent and purpose revealed, also perhaps, echoed obliquely

in Handel’s Messiah, Why Do The Nation’s (continually war) why do they not Kant’s vision/reality observe as a duty, not as a compulsion containing a reward, but as a grateful acknowledgement of the gifts of that Divine Beneficence and Authority as Max Weber (d 1920) gave a sociological explanation as to why it is that people come to believe in a command and obedience involving the idea of Authority picked up by, as a variant by Steinbach in his East of Eden, by the Chinese sage’s that it is not “thou shalt commands, but thou mayest”, so that the Divine Beneficence is a choice for humankind to make as a rational, responsible choice! Thus we come again to that previous referral to the fork in the road for a New Year and an Australia Day Resolution. Where is the modern version of the Emperor Constantine caring about the “Soul” of the Nations? Quo Vadis indeed, but where is the case displayed by the universal media?

In Days Gone By How things in Toodyay and the State Changed after the War

Ron E Waters

IN the old days, you could take produce such as eggs and butter to the grocery shop and you wouldn’t have to pay much cash for your groceries.

The grocer would wrap your groceries in brown paper and tie it up with string or put some of your groceries in brown paper bags.

Then the laws were changed and you had to sell your eggs to the WA Egg Marketing Board and you couldn’t sell butter unless you had the water laid out to where you milked your cows and you had to buy a milking machine and have cement floors built.

I used to sell oranges, apricots and vegetables to the vegetable shop for cash out of the till, but things changed so you were paid by cheque. You could sell rabbits for cash once but that changed and you had to be paid by cheque. This was because the Tax Department had to find out how everyone was making a living. If you were working for wages, your boss had to keep some of your money every week to buy tax stamps which he stuck on a Tax Sheet. Farmers and shopkeepers had to keep strict records of sales.

My dad, Albert Waters, was a tax agent in Toodyay and an insurance agent as well as being a farmer. He had an office in the grocer shop in town and he used our lounge room at home to meet clients and do their tax returns. As 90% of the Toodyay people were his cousins, he had to be very strict and, at the bottom of the tax return, he had to put whether the people’s information was correct, so he mostly put “not sure”, to safeguard his name and his business.

I remember when wool prices jumped from thirty and forty pence a pound (lb) to 240 pence a lb, Dad asked one of his clients who had a big wool clip, “What have you got in the way of expenses to claim against the big tax bill you will get?” And the client said, “The only thing I had to buy was horse shoes.”

Another client of Dad’s sold his small farm in Toodyay and bought land further north and was still using his horses to put in his crop. That first season he grew a very heavy wheat crop right when wheat prices jumped from 40 pence a bushel to 60 pence a bushel. Dad asked him what expenses he had to claim against the huge tax bill he’d get, and he said, “I grow my own hay to feed my horses, and I only bought one set of plough shears.” But despite all these people with huge tax bills, there was some money left over and that was the start of Toodyay people and people in our state businesses starting to grow, and so cars, tractors and trucks were being bought.

There was not a lot of money in mining those days. Wheat, wool and rabbit skins were the biggest export from WA. Even though we don’t like paying taxes, the tax money keeps our country doing well. Even Dad and Gran had some good wheat crops and a good wool clip so Dad bought a ute and didn’t have to drive a horse and sulky to town or ride a push bike anymore. Before Dad got the ute, he got the Toodyay Taxi to take Gran to vote down at Miss McCluney’s place, as she couldn’t get up in the sulky, and when she came home we asked Gran, “What did you see down the road?” She replied, “Nothing, the taxi went too fast!” She had never been in a car before.

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New Year Brings New Things

Meredith Neilsen
Assistant Editor

HERE at the *Herald*, we have started the new year with a few changes. We started with re-arranging the office, updating the kitchen and tweaking the format of the paper. More on that further on.

Garage Sales

As the paper is monthly, it is not always convenient to advertise garage sales in the paper. So we have set up a permanent Garage Sale board in the window for you to advertise your sale and it's FREE. Just drop by, email us or phone with your details and we will place your sale in the window. They will be removed after the nominated date of the sale.

National events calendar

A monthly calendar of national events like *Shave for a Cure*, *Big Morning Tea* or any event that is recognised through Australia will also be placed in our window for your convenience.

Change to Opening hours

The office hours for this year have changed. A two month calendar advising of the office hours and days that we are open can be referenced on page 2. The calendar will remain a regular feature.

Trades and Services

The Trades and Services section has moved further towards the back of the paper and, due to popular demand, the much loved Environmental Matters section has moved closer to the middle.

Rates increase

As advertised last year, some of the advertising rates have increased. However, we have not applied the increase to the the Trades and Services section, nor have we increased the fee for colour adverts. Our rates are set out on page two.

Office layout

We would like to acknowledge and give thanks to Jay and Sarah from the Moondyrner Cafe, who donated a stainless steel bench which helped greatly in updating the kitchen. A big THANK YOU to Paul Sutton who moved the computers and IT systems and also to Ken and Natalie Prowse who undertook an enormous amount of after hours work, over the Christmas and New Year period, to make these changes possible.

Office movements

Grant Scobie remains as the Editor, but regrettably has pulled back from the office and advertising roles. Meredith Neilsen has taken on those roles. This means you will mostly see Meredith during the month. However, during production week, both Grant and Meredith will be in the office. Production week is the week in which the deadline date falls and we are open for that entire week.

Volunteers

The *Toodyay Herald's* volunteers are exceptional individuals who work behind the scenes, ensuring the paper runs smoothly and timely. They are extraordinary and very valued people and unarguably worth their weight in gold. We give thanks to these individuals in every issue, because they work tirelessly come rain, hail or shine. See who they are on page 2 under the heading of THANK YOU.

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Media Release
Dept of Agriculture and Food

DEPARTMENT of Agriculture and Food grains biosecurity officer, Jeff Russell, has reminded growers that it is essential to regularly check their grain storage facilities and seed warehouses for pests.

Mr Russell, whose position is funded by Plant Health Australia, said an increasing number of growers were now storing grain on-farm to take advantage of the new marketing opportunities presented by a deregulated market place.

“Grain storage needs to be checked at least monthly because grain storage pests, and even moulds or moisture, can build up in silos, and need to be dealt with quickly once detected,” he said. “Grain insects are very small, and they are often not visible at first sight. Once you can see insects in a handful of grain, you are already too late, and there may well be significant damage done to the grain.

“This can lead to the downgrading of grain quality and possible rejection from buyers. If the seed is planned for use during seeding, then it can also have its viability greatly affected.”

Mr Russell said it was essential to take

a grain sample from the silo and sieve out a good portion of grain to check for insect infestations. Low numbers of insects were not likely to be detected otherwise.

“Stored grain inspections should also include checking for exotic pests and diseases. These include pests that may not only destroy grain, but also risk our export markets. It’s important to investigate anything that doesn’t look right,” Mr Russell said. “The first step to good stored grain management is knowing what is already present before you can ascertain if something is exotic, so attending a pest identification course can be very useful.”

Mr Russell said the department was planning a pest identification course this April that would cover both crop and stored grain pests.

Information about the proposed course in April is available from Brigette Lacey on 9690 2128 or via email: brigette.lacey@agric.wa.gov.au.

Mr Russell said growers finding something unusual in their grain should contact the Exotic Plant Pest and Disease hotline for advice on 1800 084 881.

Details are also available on the department website at www.agric.wa.gov.au/PC_94232.html?s=1373711268.

Leading Crop Scientist Warns Against Herbicide Overuse

Media Release
UWA

OVERUSE of the herbicide glyphosate (Roundup) has caused US crops to become infested with glyphosate-resistant weeds – and a world-leading researcher at The University of Western Australia is fighting to prevent similar outcomes here.

Winthrop Professor Stephen Powles, who has just returned from a three-week US tour, said a widening epidemic of glyphosate-resistant weeds was causing increasing difficulties for US cotton, soybean and corn growers. Monster pigweed up to two metres tall was destroying yields in some US cotton crops.

Professor Powles, who is Director of the UWA-based Australian Herbicide Resistance Initiative (AHRI), said the US problem had arisen because glyphosate overuse had caused weeds to evolve resistance to that herbicide.

“I want Australian farmers to be more aware of just how precious glyphosate is for our farms and to use it more carefully, along with other non-chemical tools,” Professor Powles said. “Our high export grain production helps feed the world but we need to treat glyphosate with respect to ensure this one-in-a-100-year chemical remains effective on our

farms.”

Professor Powles said the AHRI’s multi-disciplinary focus ranged from research into how plants evolve weed resistance at a molecular level to on-farm management practices.

One applied AHRI project is the Harrington Seed Destructor, a mechanical device mounted behind a harvester to crush weed seeds and prevent them germinating.

“It shows how a non-chemical tool can help us to achieve sustainability,” Professor Powles said.

Professor Powles is one of the world’s most highly cited plant scientists (ISIhighlycited.com) and will address the US National Academy of Sciences Summit on herbicide resistance in Washington in May to present his findings on Australia’s experience with herbicide resistance.

His accolades include the 2003 Centenary Medal, and he was recently awarded the Grains Research Development Corporation Seed of Light Award for his research and communication with Australian grain growers.

Professor Powles is also a wheat, barley and canola grower, with a property at Quairading.

Move Windrows Annually

Media Release
Grains Research & Development Corp

GROWERS who burn their windrows and have auto-steer should move their windrows by about one metre each year to avoid costly losses of nutrients from their paddocks, according to new research.

This was a key message from Department of Agriculture and Food (DAFWA) researcher Peter Newman at the Agribusiness Crop Updates, which are supported by DAFWA and the Grains Research and Development Corporation (GRDC).

Mr Newman said the preliminary study by DAFWA investigating the cost of nutrient removal from harvest weed seed management systems was conducted as part of GRDC supported integrated weed management (IWM) research in the northern grainbelt.

The study also showed chaff carts to be a viable option for a range of farming systems, and that the new Harrington Seed Destructor (HSD) was suited to large areas of high yielding crop.

Mr Newman said the conservative value of nutrients (potassium and nitrogen only) burnt in wheat windrows if an auto-steer harvester followed the same path each year was \$42.75 per hectare, and \$13.15/ha if the harvester moved across by one metre annually.

This compared with chaff carts which removed nutrients worth \$11/ha, and the HSD which retains all residue and nutrients, evenly spread across the paddock.

Mr Newman said 75 to 80 per cent of Australian growers now had auto-steer on their harvester, and if a header making narrow windrows followed the same track each year, all the nutrients would repeatedly be placed in the same strip. “This will quickly lead to the ‘wave effect’ with good crop growth over the windrows, but the loss of significant amounts of nutrients such as potassium and nitrogen from the rest of the paddock,” he said.

Mr Newman said the research showed that windrow burning and chaff carts removed about double the amount of crop residue than was previously estimated, and therefore a greater proportion of nutrients.

“Chaff carts removed 11 to 37 per cent of crop residue from a paddock, while windrow burning concentrated 42 to 52 per cent of crop residue in the windrow,” he said. “Crop residues measured in 2011 contained on average 0.6 per cent potassium and 0.65 per cent total nitrogen, which are low compared with historical values.”

Mr Newman said although the research showed that chaff carts removed significant amounts of nutrients from paddocks, they were still economically viable when factors such as capital costs and running expenses were taken into account.

“The estimated total cost of a chaff cart, including running costs and nutrient removal, when harvesting wheat in 2011 was \$16.15/ha,” he said. “This compares with \$12.20/ha for the HSD (including depreciation, interest, fuel etc.)”

Mr Newman said that while the HSD was more capital intensive and costly to run than a chaff cart or windrow burning, it had the advantage of retaining nutrients and growers should not discount it.

“I believe the HSD is cost effective, especially across larger areas of high yielding crop where its higher upfront cost can be recovered more quickly,” he said. “The true cost of all systems should be considered when deciding which method of harvest weed seed management to adopt.

“These harvest weed seed management tools are essential for growers who would like to maintain a high percentage of crop for many years in the future.

“These tools come at a similar cost in this comparison, apart from windrows placed in the same strip each year, which is roughly triple the cost of other systems.”

Mr Newman said he regretted not measuring nutrient loss from harvest weed seed management tools earlier.

“However, several years ago, potassium fertiliser was much cheaper and most headers did not have auto-steer,” he said. “Higher fertiliser prices and increased use of auto-steer are likely in the future, so it is essential that we get these systems right now so that we do not cost ourselves in the future.”

The HSD was developed by farmer and inventor Ray Harrington with support from the Australian Herbicide Resistance Initiative (AHRI), based at The University of Western Australia, and the GRDC.

It results in the destruction of at least 95 per cent of weed seeds that exit the header in the chaff fraction during harvest.

out and about

Maree Lewis

THOSE of us who frequent the cafes in Toodyay would no doubt be aware that the **Moondyner Cafe** changed hands late last year. The new managers, Jay and Sarah Tucker are very excited about their new venture and were more than happy to confide that this is a shift in direction for them. It's wonderful what a visit to the local pub for a cleansing ale can do because that's when they saw the **Moondyner** advertised for sale and felt inspired to give it a go. Both consider



themselves to be good cooks and have done barista courses to hone their coffee making skills.

As one would expect from a good cafe, the quality of meals on offer hinges on the freshness of the produce used and in order to achieve this, the Tuckers are sourcing their ingredients locally, for instance from Toodyay Butchers, and from the bakery when that re-opens. An understandable exception to this is for the ever popular beer battered fish and chips, the fish being bought down in Perth. Here again, the couple emphasised that they buy West Australian, except for basa fillets that are frequently requested by patrons. Freshness is their mantra for the sandwiches, wraps and kebabs and burgers which are available all day as is the breakfast menu. Customers can expect in the near future to be able to select fillings from a salad bar, delivery of which the Tuckers are keenly awaiting.

Word has it already that their milkshakes are excellent, one elderly customer enthusing, "I haven't had one this good since I was a kid." Jay puts this down to a simple ingredient – good quality ice-cream and, what's more, it comes as standard!" (Having a penchant for milkshakes I can truly appreciate this.) And there's an ice-cream bar with a dozen different flavours to choose from. The smarties one is bound to be a favourite with the kids.

What is welcomed by many patrons is the extensive range of gluten free foods available. How great is it to know that perhaps you or your friend, with gluten allergies can enjoy the offerings of this cafe as much as anyone? Choose from gluten free pancakes, breads, pastas, sauces, oils etc. Just let the wait staff know of your needs.

The **Moondyner Cafe** is open at 7.30am, closing for the day at around 4pm. (Their day of rest is Tuesday.) On Friday it is open until 8pm, which is fantastic to know if you're a *Friday is take-away night* person. The cafe is currently being redecorated in a manner which befits its position in the heritage-

listed Ellery Lane and, as Jay pointed out, is wedged between the butcher, the baker and the candlestick maker.

The candlestick maker mentioned above is Jayne Bot, the owner and manager of **Wix A Glo Homewares and Gifts**. Jayne makes her candles from soy rather than the more common paraffin, which she explained, is a petroleum based derivative. "Mine are natural. Soy candles are cleaner burning because they give off minimum smoke. And they don't give off carcinogens." She

became interested in candle making when her husband presented her with a candle making kit six years ago. What started as a hobby grew into a business when she opened a stall in Mandurah Markets. Then, a tree change for the couple found her in Toodyay opening the gift shop just in time for the Christmas rush. As you'd expect, **Wix A Glo** boasts a huge variety of candles, tealights, essential oils and oil blends and melts for oil burners all of which will enhance any of the candle accessories available for purchase. The scent of the store is testimony to the delightful range of fragrances available. However, if you are seeking something apart from these, you'll not be disappointed. For instance, Jayne has brought in a range of organic herbal teas – Tea Tonic. She sells the Eco Tanker range of stainless steel water bottles, because she thinks they are fabulous. There's even one that stays cool in the car without the need for an insulating sleeve! There are ornaments, jewellery, posters, art work and much more for sale. I was particularly taken with WA designer, Anna Chandler's range of aprons, tea towels and placemats that Jayne has introduced to her homewares section. Jayne is happy working in her shop because she tells me she has "met lots of nice locals and (is) almost overwhelmed by their friendliness and eagerness to wish (her) well." Jayne believes that, "There's no need for people to shop for gifts in Perth when you have quality, reasonably priced and different products right here in Toodyay." **Wix A Glo** is a delightful addition to the stores in Toodyay. Its opening hours are Thursday to Monday, from 9.30am to 4.30pm, except for the weekend when it closes at 3pm.

Out and About thinks that it is timely to mention again the Co-op that works out of the former Post Office building. Walking on the opposite side of the road to said building, I was bribed, with pancakes topped with locally produced marmalade or honey, to cross and engage in a lively and worthwhile discussion with Ann Barr and



Jenny Cornwall, two of the Co-operative members. Out of this it emerged that the Co-op has settled on a trading name – **Uniquely Toodyay**. What a great name for a shop that showcases the products of our local farmers, orchardists, artists and artisans. Since last featured in Out and About, the amount of goods on sale has doubled and as one would expect from our arty people, all are very tastefully featured. Jenny showed me the scarves she has made from alpaca wool. I was stunned by the fineness of the fabric and the designs are fabulous. I taste-tested Bee Happy's jarrah honey (delicious), lusted after some art works I wish I had space to hang, and made a note to buy my next lot of capers from Ann's range, being impressed that these are the only organically registered source in Australia. I left with three jars of The Limes marmalade, thanks to the pancake offer, and one of Bettina Scobie's cards, hand drawn and featuring a happy looking black and white pussy cat.

Uniquely Toodyay, situated on Stirling

Terrace, constantly has new products coming in, so it's a good idea to be a regular visitor to the shop. You just never know what might take your fancy. Opening hours are seven days a week from 10am to 4pm.

Next month: Meet Jackie from Moondyne Gallery (pictured below) along with other Toodyay businesses



The Great Expectation – Prophecies Fulfilled

Nineteenth century was the era of expectation of the return of Christ for the Christians and appearance of the Hidden Imam or the Mahdi for Moslems. Newly born Christian movements of that century have evolved into variations of Christianity without independent revelations. Within Islam the picture is different. Whilst some movements followed the pattern of their Christian counterparts, one was an exception. The Báb (Gate) who arose out of the Shiah branch of Islam proclaimed in May 1844 that He was the awaited Mahdi and the harbinger of one greater than Himself whom He referred to as the "the One Whom God would make manifest." The Báb's teachings went counter to the long-held Shiite beliefs about the Hidden Imam, the Resurrection and the Day of Judgement as well as some aspects of religious practice. As a result the Shiite divines rose against Him and issued fatwas for His death. On 9th July 1850, at the age of thirty one, the Báb was executed in the city of Tabriz. Just as the Cause of Jesus did not end with His crucifixion, the execution of Báb failed to put an end to His Cause. Bahá'u'lláh (Glory of God) declared in April 1863 that He was the 'One whom God would make manifest' as prophesied by the Báb and that His Cause to be known later as the Baha'i Faith was the continuation of the mission of the Báb. Baha'u'llah also proclaimed that He was the return of Christ to the Christians, the Lord of Hosts to the Jews and the return of Husayn to the Shiah Moslems. Bahá'u'lláh and His family were banished from place to place and, at the instigation of Iranian authorities, were finally sent as prisoners to Akka in Palestine by the Ottoman government. Bahá'u'lláh remained a prisoner to the end of His Life in 1892. His resting place, the holiest shrine for the Baha'is is in Akka, in the present day Israel. The remains of the Báb which had been hidden in safe places by His followers in Iran were taken to Haifa in the early years of the 20th Century and interred in a shrine on Mt Carmel. So the twin cities of Akka and Haifa in the Holy Land became the spiritual and the administrative centres of the Baha'i Faith. Out of the turmoils of the 19th Century, emerged an independent Divine Revelation, the Baha'i Faith, with its Holy Book, Kitab-i-Aqdas, and its own laws and ordinances for humanity of today and beyond.

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Awarding Heritage



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FOUR local governments were recognised for their outstanding heritage practices in the 2011 Western Australian Heritage Awards.

The Heritage Council of WA established the Awards in 1992. The local government category was newly created this year, with prizes allocated for regional and metropolitan local governments.

The City of Perth and the Shire of Toodyay were honoured for best heritage practices in local government and the Town of Vincent (now the City of Vincent) received a high commendation.

Following, the Toodyay Shire President talks about the Council’s winning ways.

Shire President Kevin Hogg is very proud of Toodyay’s ‘whole of community’ approach to heritage and the grass-roots commitment that has driven its long history of conservation and protection.

Toodyay’s heritage derives from three sources, the first people’s (Aboriginal) sites, built heritage from early days of Western

Toodyay public library which was built in the 1860s and has fulfilled the function of a library continuously since then. It started out life as a Mechanics Institute with a library and reading room. It then became the Road Board Office, continuing with a small library until 1959 when the Road Board moved out and the building became a dedicated public library. We have spent significant funds in the last couple of years to extend and upgrade it and it was a finalist in the same Heritage Awards.”

Benefits

Kevin says the benefits to the community of preserving heritage come principally through a sense of place, belonging and history; and income from heritage tourism. “Heritage gives the people who live here a pride of ownership, belonging and a sense of where they have come from.

“Through preserving and interpreting, there’s a heritage-based tourism destination for national, international and local tourists. To support that, we run a visitor centre seven days a week and there are a number of private businesses which support what the Shire does, through their own heritage

a handful of the thousands who started out survived. Four of Toodyay’s residents were involved in that march. Each year the RSL, with support from the Shire, offers a scholarship to a local student to go to Sandakan for Anzac Day.”

A heritage history

This year, Toodyay celebrates 175 years since it was proclaimed as a district in 1836, although European settlers had arrived before that.

It was one of the first districts to be settled after the Perth colony was established in 1829.

The town, originally known as Newcastle, was established a few kilometres downstream and was relocated to its current site in 1860. The new townsite was proclaimed in an area near the convict hiring depot that was established in 1851.

Last year, the Shire and the University of WA undertook a joint archaeological project that uncovered the remains of the convict depot around the area of the old police stables and gaol complex and current Shire office. Researchers believe they may have uncovered the cell from which Moondyne Joe made one of his many infamous escapes.

As a result of the project, the Shire has nominated the ruins and the area containing them to be placed on the State register of heritage places.

2010 milestones: Toodyay

In 2010, Toodyay celebrated the following anniversaries:

- 150th The current townsite proclaimed in 1860.
- 150th Toodyay Agricultural show run on the same showground.
- 100th The Town Hall.
- 100th Establishment of the town fire brigade.
- 100th Consecration of the bell in the Anglican St Stephens Church.
- 30th Shire of Toodyay declared a Historic Town by the National Trust of Australia (WA) in 1980.

“That’s just touching the surface,” says Shire President Kevin Hogg. There are so many layers of heritage in the district, from more than 30 old school sites, the first built from large mud bricks, to old mills and beautiful stone churches—each with its rich web of stories and histories of a way of life long gone.

Understanding Troubled Minds

Media Release SANE Australia

UNDERSTANDING Troubled Minds – ‘every household should have a copy’.

SANE Australia, the national mental health charity, has announced Understanding Troubled Minds: a guide to mental illness and its treatment as its 2012 Book of the Year.

The SANE Book of the Year Award recognises outstanding Australian non-fiction titles which promote understanding of mental illness and its effect in the community.

‘Drawing on a wealth of experience in psychiatry, Sidney Bloch has written a book that is accessible, comprehensive and user-friendly. It’s an excellent resource on mental illness for the general public’ says Barbara Hocking, Executive Director of SANE Australia.

Understanding Troubled Minds is ‘well overdue’ and ‘contributes to the creation of a common language which patients, family members as well as other carers can understand’ say international mental health experts.

Published by Melbourne University Press, this fully revised second edition examines the broad spectrum of mental health topics.

Chapters include Making sense of a life; Defining and classifying mental illnesses; The spectrum of anxiety; Eating disorders; The elderly; Gender identity and sexual disorders, and Promoting mental health.

Barbara Hocking says Understanding Troubled Minds complements SANE Australia’s own resources on mental illness and suicide prevention.

‘We have a suite of guide books, DVDs and other material to help people with mental illness, their families and supporters through the distress and confusion many feel, especially at the time of diagnosis. ‘It has a reassuring tone and the use of case studies helps to personalise “troubled minds”,’ Ms Hocking says. ‘Every household should have a copy.’

Sidney Bloch is Emeritus Professor in the Department of Psychiatry at the University of Melbourne. He was Associate Editor of the British Journal of Psychiatry for a decade and Chief Editor of the Australian and New Zealand Journal of Psychiatry for 13 years.

The SANE Australia 2012 Book of the Year, Understanding Troubled Minds, is available at www.sane.org/information/ bookshop.



Australia’s settlement and beyond, and the living heritage—people’s lives.

The Council adopted a plan in 2007/08 to preserve and manage the district’s heritage. The plan, covering the period up to 2017/18, set as its objective to achieve “a sustainable, cohesive and vibrant community accommodating the needs of a diverse range of residents whilst maintaining and enhancing the heritage, historical, rural and environmental characteristics of the Shire.”

From that objective, Toodyay has developed a series of policies relating to the area’s heritage values.

A new pharmacy next to the old Wendouree Tearooms in Toodyay’s main street provides an example of the Shire’s heritage policies in action.

“Because of the community’s heritage passion, the pharmacy was required to create a façade that was in keeping with the heritage style of the tearooms,” Kevin says. “Now, driving down the main street, you probably couldn’t tell the difference between the old and the new.

“We have a very active historical society that works well with the Shire and we run a lot of joint projects.

“We have undertaken significant conservation and development of the Shire’s heritage buildings, for example, the

values and ideals.

“The Coorinja Winery, for example, just out of town, still makes wine from locally grown grapes by the traditional method, in the original buildings established in the 19th century.

“We have probably one of the longest running heritage festivals in the State, the Moondyne Festival. In May, we ran the 37th Moondyne Festival. It’s a community run festival that attracts thousands of people to Toodyay for the day.”

It’s just one of a raft of Toodyay festivals that include an international food festival, the Avon Descent, Toodyay Show (“probably one of the best agricultural shows in easy reach of the city,” Kevin boasts), and the Quit Targa West motor sport event that includes heritage cars.”

You only get one chance

According to Kevin, there are two main lessons from Toodyay’s heritage experience.

“You only get one chance. Once you dispense with heritage, it’s gone forever—you can’t bring it back.

“The second lesson is that you need the backing and passion in the community. You can’t do it on your own.

“An example of living heritage receiving support in the community is the Sandakan March in Borneo. In 1945, the Japanese army force-marched allied soldiers—only

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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 Max Trenorden’s Office, Entrance Northam Boulevard, 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 9622 1192 .

AVON WOODTURNERS GROUP

Meet every 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

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

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.

**FIRST STEPS PLAYGROUP INC
TOODYAY MONTESSORI**

Monday 9.30 - 11.30am
Playgroup Room - Community Centre
Enquiries phone Felicity on 9574 4254.

FITNESS AND FUN FOR THE OVER 55’s

Wednesday 9am, Sports Pavillion.

IDA’S HIDEAWAY

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

JULIMAR VOLUNTEER BUSH FIRE BRIGADE

Meets 3rd Saturday of month, 5.30pm at Julimar Fire Shed followed by BYO BBQ. Training Sunday following meeting, 10am, Julimar Fire Shed.

MOERLINA

Every Tuesday and Thursday Toodyay Sports Pavilion

MORANGUP PLAYGROUP

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

MORANGUP VOLUNTEER BUSH FIRE BRIGADE

Meets 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7pm, Saturday mornings at 8am at 3 Wallaby Way, Morangup. New members welcome. Contact Cheryl Mustchin 9572 9556

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 CHAMBER OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY INC

Meets 1st Monday of the month at CWA Hall, Stirling Tce, starting at 6pm. Contact Jan 9574 4675 or 0438 373 861

TOODYAY/CLACKLINE KARATE CLUB

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

TOODYAY COMMUNITY RADIO 105.3fm

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

THE TOODYAY COMMUNITY SINGERS INC

Thursdays 7-9pm, St. Stephen’s Church Hall.
Contact: Peter 0421704429 or Trish 9574 4330

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 GARDEN CLUB (Inc)

1st Thursday of each month 10am. Contact Gale 9574 4740 or Margaret 9574 5885 for next club venue.

TOODYAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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

TOODYAY IRISH DANCING (Inc)

Fridays (except school holidays), 3.30 - 7pm. Anglican Church Hall.
Contact Alison on 0409 295 369

TOODYAY KINDERGYM

Kindergym Fridays (except school holidays), Toodyay Sports Pavilion. Contact: Jodee 9574 4656

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. Enq 9574 4462

TOODYAY MEN’S SHED

Meets at 6176 Toodyay Road on Thursday mornings. Phone Geoff Ebdon on 9574 4568

TOODYAY MOOONDYNE FESTIVAL (Inc)

Meets 2nd Monday of each month, 5.30pm, Toodyay Public Library. New members always welcome. Contact Jasmin 9574 4068 or email moondyncommittee@gmail.com

TOODYAY MUSIC CLUB INC

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

TOODYAY NATURALISTS’ CLUB

Meets 3rd Saturday each month. Venue can be found in the article under ‘Environmental Matters. Enquiries to President on 6364 3609, Vice President on 9574 2578 or email toodyaynats@westnet.com.au. New members and visitors are 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 PLAYGROUP

Tuesdays & Thursdays 9.30am - 11.30am, Playgroup Hall, Community Centre, Claire Moore 9574 4529

TOODYAY RATEPAYERS & RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION (INC.)

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

TOODYAY RED CROSS

2nd Monday of February, May, August and November, 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 February, April, May, July, September (AGM) and November at 2pm at the Bowling Club. Contact John 9574 5681

TOODYAY SWIMMING POOL ACTION COMM.

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

TOODYAY TOWN WALKS

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

TOODYAY VOLUNTEER FIRE AND RESCUE

1st Monday of each month Fire Station, 8pm

UNITING CHURCH

10am, St Stephen’s Church, Toodyay

YOGA

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

classifieds

FOR SALE

HENS F/range \$6each. 10 for \$50. 30 for \$120, 10wks \$13 each. Del Mon 19 December Northam Toodyay. 9846 6055.

OATEN hay, clean green 5x4 rolls. Net wrapped, top quality, suit all stock. No rain damage. Delivery available. Call Bob Jackson on 0429 010 210.

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HAY, good round and small square bales available. Please call 9574 2681 a/h or 0408 099 961.

GARAGE SALES

15 DAWSON Rd, Dumbarton. Make an offer. Follow signs off Goomalling Rd. 10 March. All day. House and farm contents.

SITUATIONS VACANT

BOSHACK Requires 1 x part time pensioner / handyman; 1 x part time, energetic, friendly, positive, people person, no experience required. Phone 0408 005 628.

REAL ESTATE

COSY colonial cottage with two titles - Kirks Cottage. This cosy brick colonial cottage was built in 1852. Great care has been given to restore this home to its original beginnings with modern updates being carefully chosen to blend with the original charm of this country home. House on 1 title, other title which is currently the driveway and garage can be left as is or developed further. Two bedrooms, a study/sleep-out, a front lounge room with a separate dining room. Features lime rendered walls, pressed tin ceilings, jarrah features, an ornate fire place and wooden floors. New 300lt energy efficient HWS, Perth Digital TV channels, part RC air-conditioned with underground power, ADSL2+ Internet available and deep sewerage to both blocks. Outside there is a covered al-fresco area, several fruit and deciduous trees, a large workshop with 3 phase power and concrete floor, a garage at the rear and plenty of parking. Short stroll to town. Historic town less than an hour from Perth with daily commuter train (Avonlink). Private sale at \$399,500. Viewings by appointment only. Call 0408 156 826 for more details.

TO LET

ONE bedroom apartment soon to be available for rent in Toodyay town centre. Please call Jenny on 0439 023 023 to register your interest.

3 x 1 HOUSE for rent on 6 acre riverside property. 5 km from Town centre, below ground pool, scheme water, large workshop. No horses. Available early April. For more information call Jenny on 0439 023 023.

HOUSE / HOLIDAY RENTALS

LEEMAN: Reverse cycle air conditioning, two bathrooms, accommodates nine people, BBQ, microwave, TV/DVD, 100m from beach. Ph Brian or Jeannette for information on 9574 5087 or 0427 446 439.

LOST

Very affectionate male ginger cat lost in Toodyay responds to Tommy. Family stressed. Reward offered. Ph 0429 989 997.

ENTERTAINMENT

LADIES night at the Toodyay Tavern Saturday 31 March. \$5 entry (inclusive bar snacks and door prize) Lots of giveaways from Undercover Wear, Lorraine Lee Linen, Tupperware, Lotus Bird Vitality and more party planners. Come look and mingle and have fun. Tickets available now from Toodyay Tavern. Adults only event. Queries please call 9574 2250.

public notices

Thank You

WILKINSON Andrew

I SINCERELY thank all of our Toodyay friends and neighbours for their love and caring support during the last difficult year. The home and hospital visits, the phonecalls, and the practical help were greatly appreciated.

I am deeply touched by the tributes that I have received since Andrew lost his battle with cancer in January.

Thank you all.

Dianne

TO those people at the Toodyay Vet Clinic who gave me advice and comfort when I made the difficult decision to commit our aged and injured cat (Fitty) to the long sleep. Afterwards his body was beautifully presented all wrapped in white with little gold pins holding the folds and a pink rose fastened to the top. This is possibly standard practice but I somehow feel perhaps that little extra was done for an old and emotional cat lover. Thank you all - it was much appreciated.

Ernest Forsyth

WE would like to thank the *Toodyay Op Shop* and *Toodyay Agricultural Society* for their kind donations to *The Toodyay Herald*.

These donations will go towards ensuring the paper remains one of the best country newspapers in Australia.

Many thanks.

The Toodyay Herald

In Memoriam

BAVIN Jim

3.10.27 – 1.2.12

THE committee and production staff of *The Toodyay Herald* were saddened by the passing of one of our long-term supporters, Jim Bavin.

Jim was a committee member, proofreader and staunch supporter for many years. His many contributions to the paper will be sorely missed.

We wish his family and friends our deepest sympathy.

The Toodyay Herald



Jim Bavin appeared in The Sunday Times to raise awareness for The Toodyay Swimming Pool Action Committee

BAVIN Jim

3.10.27 – 1.2.12

JIM was a gentleman, an absolute one of a kind. We have many wonderful memories of Shire Council meetings with just the three of us in the gallery, his unique take on things and his quirky sense of humour. He loved helping out in his community and was a respected volunteer in many organisations. Rest peacefully Jim, you've more than earned it.

Peter and Kathy Robinson

Anniversaries

Megan & Wayne Smart
Tony & Lynda Weston
Barry & Mary Groves
Cathy & Torben Bendtsen
Brian & Glenyce Bosnjak
Tina & Russell Lawrence

Wedding



Katherine and Robert Crawford

ON Saturday 11 February 2012, Katherine McDougall and Robert Crawford were married at a ceremony at the Toodyay Baptist Church. This was the first wedding to be held at the church.

There were two small cowboys and two flower girls from the Wallis family. Following the service a morning tea was provided. The reception was held at the Toodyay Memorial Hall that was decorated with draped fabric covered chairs with bows. The wedding theme was 'bush'.

The highlight of the wedding was the fabulous local Toodyay contributors both in a professional and voluntary capacity. The following list demonstrates the talent of Toodyay residents (and surrounds) who made the day a real family and community event: Annette Gannaway – Catering on Fitzgerald (Northam) provided an amazing bush menu; Vivienne Freeman – co-ordinated the afternoon tea at the Toodyay

Baptist Church. Many others provided food, service and clean up: Claire Love – make-up for the bridal party (Claire Love Beauty Therapist (Toodyay)); Danielle Broderick – hairdresser (Toodyay); Shelley Butler – video, order of service; Dean Butler – sound desk; Maz Woodforde and Kiri Falls – singing (Toodyay); Bride's grandparents, Laurel and Frank Taylor – helping everywhere; Toodyay Baptist Youth Group – Case, Jess and Jack provided the bar service; Lynda Goldschlager – Affair with Flair (Midvale) decorated the hall and chairs; Rhythm King – Music DJ (Perth); Photography – Andrea O'Brien and Sarah (Ellenbrook); Jane Simmonette – Seamstress (Toodyay) made the bridesmaid's dresses.

Many other people contributed in small ways to making a very successful day. Thank you to all those people too.

Jenny McDougall

Birthdays

TO my Beautiful,
Happy Birthday for the 3rd. Thank You for being my loving and caring husband. You are so precious to me. LUV always.

From Your Loving Wife

Bonnie McGeady	Eryn Louise Evans
Latisha Menner	Greg Downie
Nicholas Groves	Desraé Clarke
Kirsty Nelmes	Samantha Sloper
Graham Boston	Robert Broderick
Ida Edwards	Brooke Taylor
Daryl Morrison	Maureen Adamson
Joshua Cording	Marc McDermott
Sharnae Watson	Jason Higgins
Emma Higgins	Will Menner
Joan Hubie	Josephine Broderick
Christina Wright	Brian Bosnjak
Michael Mijota	Briana Baxter-Fahey

Annual General Meetings

Toodyay Youthcare Council (Chaplaincy)

THE AGM of the Toodyay Youthcare Council will be held on Wednesday 14 March at 2pm at the Toodyay District High School.

Morangup Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade

THE Morangup Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade will be holding its Annual General Meeting on Sunday 29 April 2012 at 10am at the fire station at 3 Wallaby Way Morangup.

All welcome.

Julimar Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade

THE Julimar Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade will be holding its Annual General Meeting on Saturday 21 April 2012 from 5.30pm at *The Fireplace*, behind Julimar Fire Shed, Julimar Road, Julimar.

All welcome.

Call for Interested Parties

LIFE for a single parent with young children can be very lonely.

It's tough enough in a big city where there are more resources – but in rural areas I believe it is even tougher – especially if you are far away from extended family.

I am putting the feelers out to see if there is any local interest in starting a family-oriented social group.

Toodyay has plenty of community groups and clubs for older citizens, but there's a 'gap in the market' for those of us who, for whatever reasons, are going it alone. The group would also welcome parents whose partners are 'fly in fly out' and therefore away for long periods.

The idea would be to combine resources, make friends, give our kids a chance to make more friends, offer support, and do simple, fun (and not too expensive) stuff – such as outings to the park, barbecues, outdoor concerts in Northam, visits to Northam or Goomalling pool or Lake Leschenaultia, or the National Parks...the options are many.

If you are interested in this idea please call Naomi on 9574 4912 and let's get the ball rolling!

Players' Registration Days

Toodyay Hockey Club Inc

A CALL to members of the community and all Junior hockey players up to Year 8.

The Toodyay Hockey Club would like to invite members of the community who are interested in assisting with coaching, umpiring or lending a helping hand to contact us. The Club will pay for a Working With Children card and will provide coaching and/or umpiring courses for those wishing to update their skills.

Player Registration Day

A player registration morning will be held on Saturday 24 March 2012 between 10am and 12pm outside the IGA in Toodyay. See you there!

For further information please contact

Therese Chitty 9574 4274 or Nadine Cording 9574 4165.

Toodyay Netball Association

REGISTRATION Day. Girls and boys from 8 years welcomed, Saturday 10 March, 10am to noon, Federation Square, (next to Memorial Hall), Stirling Tce, Toodyay.

Please contact Jo Dickson on 0438 841 100 if you have any queries or can't make registration and your child is keen to join a Toodyay netball team.

Toodyay Soccer Club

SOCCER Season for 2012 Registration Day Saturday 17 March 2012 outside IGA, 9am – 12noon.

The soccer season starts on 6 May and ends 23 September 2012. Games are not played on long weekends or during school holidays.

Sunday Mornings 9am – 10am, Toodyay Town Oval (competition games – Toodyay and Northam.) Ages: 5 – 14yrs; Cost: \$70.

If you are unable to attend the registration day and would like to register please phone Narelle or Glenn on 9574 5818.

General

'Magic in the Paddock'

I AM looking for interested people who would like to be a part of a recycled art competition held on 13 May 2012.

You don't have to be an artist, you just have to be willing to give it a go!

The theme of 'Magic in the Paddock' is things that happen every day in rural life that are 'magic' to you. For example, birds having a drink out of a trough or lambs playing on a rock heap. The sky is the limit! As long as it is recycled material, you can use it. If you prefer to paint, that is fine, as long as it is painted on a recycled medium. You can use anything from farm scrap welded together to make your sculpture to bailing twine.

There will be a people's vote on the day for the best sculpture.

If you are interested but it all sounds a little daunting, no worries, mentoring is available for a helping hand.

For more information please contact: Katie Chester, klchester@hotmail.com or 0427 291 065.

H.A.E.F.

HISTORICAL Agricultural Environmental Festival, Fun Filled Family Day. Swan Hill Farm, 1175 Jennapullin Road, Southern Brook, Northam. Sunday 13 May 2012, 9am – 4pm. Entry by Gold coin donation.

Campover area available (self supporting). Contact Karen Ducat 0438 223 886 or Belle Moore 9622 5203 / 0439 135 894.

Stressed and Depressed!!

Not sure about asking for help?
We know that can be the hardest thing.

Talk to those that have been through it and see how they have rebuilt their lives.

Toodyay Men's Shed

Thursday 9.00am – 12.00 noon
6176 Toodyay Rd

Phone 9574 2498 or 9574 4568

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