

THE SHIRE OF TOODYAY HAS ENTERED THE RESTRICTED BURNING PERIOD NO FIRES WITHOUT VALID PERMITS

APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC COMMENT PROPOSED EXTRACTIVE INDUSTRY - CLAY LOT M1919 CHITTY ROAD, HODDY'S WELL

The Shire of Toodyay has received an application from Midland Brick for an extractive industry at Lot M1919 Chitty Road, Hoddy's Well. The applicant is seeking approval to excavate clay material from the site. It is expected that 100,000 tonnes is to be extracted annually.

Your views on the proposed extractive industry are encouraged and welcomed. The proposal is available for inspection at the Shire of Toodyay Visitor Centre, 7 Piesse Street, Toodyay, during office hours. The proposal is also available for viewing on the Shire's website at www.toodyay.wa.gov.au

Written submissions on the proposed development should be lodged with the Chief Executive Officer, Shire of Toodyay, PO Box 96 Toodyay 6566, by **4.00pm Friday, 16 April 2021**.

Further information on the above proposal is available by contacting the Shire's Development Services on 9574 9340.

Suzie Haslehurst
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

PROPOSED TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE TOODYAY MOONDYNE FESTIVAL SUNDAY, 2 MAY 2021

An application has been received from the Toodyay Moondyne Festival Committee, proposing a temporary road closure on 2 May 2021.

Road closure details:

**Stirling Terrace, from Oddfellow Street to Piesse Street
6.30am – 6.00pm**

Further information and maps of the proposed temporary road closure are available at the Shire of Toodyay Administration Centre and on the website www.toodyay.wa.gov.au

Written submissions from the public are welcomed and must be lodged prior to **4.00pm Friday, 16 April 2021** at the Shire of Toodyay Administration Centre, 15 Fiennes Street (PO Box 96) TOODYAY WA 6566 records@toodyay.wa.gov.au

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Changes to planning regulations

The *Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes) Regulations 2015* took effect in October 2015 and were amended in 2020 as part of a major reform of the State's planning system. These amendments will make various improvements to local planning processes.

From 15 February 2021, there will be a broader range of exemptions for small home projects such as patios, water tanks, and cubby houses.

A 'deemed - to - comply' check enables local government to ensure compliance with the Residential Design Codes, allowing such development proposals to progress straight to the building approval stage, which is still a requirement.

Other regulatory changes will improve processes, reduce administration, and improve consultation practices, including:

- removing the need for planning approvals for certain change - of - use applications, such as establishing a small café or restaurant.

- a limit of only one further request for additional information from local governments for applications that do not require public consultation or referral, streamlining consistent public consultation requirements for complex development applications.

- prioritising online publication of planning documents, with an option for hard copies to be made available.

- introducing a single planning process for structure plans and precinct structure plans.

From 1 July 2021, a second stage of regulatory changes relating to car parking provision in developments will take effect. The Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage website outlines these changes and is a valuable source of information: www.dplh.wa.gov.au/lpsregs

There are various conditions relating to the above listed exemptions, so please contact the Shire's Planning and Development Department on 9574 9340 or email us at records@toodyay.wa.gov.au if you would like to know more.

FIRE BREAKS

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Shire President
Cr Madacsi

A Message from the Shire President... February threw uncertainty back into our lives. First the reappearance of COVID-19 and a sudden shutdown, then days later the Wooroloo bushfire emergency. Be mindful such events exacerbate stress in some in our community. Be patient and support our own.

The Annual Electors Meeting on 4 February 2021 had low staff, councillor and community attendance and concluded within seven minutes due to the emergencies.

Thank you to Darren West MLC for the awareness and benefit Toodyay has received with the election promise of \$100,000 each to our RSL and local arts group Home for Culture and Arts Toodyay, \$15,000 for the Morangup Hall and \$2,500 each for the Bejoording community and Marsupial Mammals and Pappas Wildlife Care,

The Julimar Fire Brigade upgrade tender was awarded to Stallion Homes. The annual budget review is underway, and the policy review workshops begun.

Despite real time videoed meetings, confusion still arises as to Council process, so I will explain. Councillors should, prior to the meeting, have read the agenda and its attachments, and sought the answers they require to allow informed decisions. When a

Councillor enters Chambers, they should be comfortable that they understand all aspects of that item to decide.

There are several resources available. First is to read the Agenda and attachments and ask the CEO or Officers for clarity. These answers are emailed to all Councillors and attached to the Agenda Briefing on the Shire website. Attend Agenda Briefings to hear what fellow Councillors raise. It often prompts questions not previously considered. Check the Acts, Local Laws and policies, view a site or speak to those concerned. There are, however, strict guidelines to interacting with proponents.

Once informed, a decision should not be made before the meeting, as council debate should test the Councillor's thoughts of the item before the vote. It is an important part of reaching the best decision on the facts of the case before council and part of being an effective Councillor.

A Point of Order means a point within Standing Orders (the rules under which Council operates) has not been upheld. The Presiding Member (chair) must stop the meeting and make a ruling (decision) on that point, but to do so the councillor must state the point of order not upheld. If the point is not identified, the Presiding Member cannot rule, so the meeting continues.

The difference between an Explanation and Debate, is described by the Oxford Dictionary as:

Explanation is a 'statement or account that makes something clear'.

Debate means to 'argue about a subject or a formal discussion on a particular matter'.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT STANDARDS PANEL FINDINGS - PUBLIC APOLOGIES

The Shire recently received notification from the Local Government Standards Panel regarding 3 complaints lodged against Cr Ben Bell in 2019. The findings of the Standards panel can be found on the following link: <https://www.dlgsc.wa.gov.au/local-government/local-governments/compliance-and-governance/breaches-of-the-local-government-act/minor-breach-findings>

The Local Government Standards Panel finalised its dealings with the Complaints and in accordance with sections 5.110(6)(b)(i), 5.110(6)(b)(ii), 5.110(6)(b)(iii) and 5.110(6)(c) of the Local Government Act 1995, has ordered Cr Bell to make public apologies, undertake training and be publicly censured as outlined in the Orders accompanying the notification.

The Shire is obligated to carry out its duties under those Orders. Cr Bell declined to make the required apologies as ordered at the February Council Meeting and therefore it is a requirement now of the Local Government, the Shire of Toodyay, to publish those apologies and record the complaints in the complaints register, which will be placed on the Shire's website: <https://www.toodyay.wa.gov.au/Home>



Standards Panel 2019-046
**PUBLIC APOLOGY
COUNCILLOR BENJAMIN BELL**

A complaint was made to the Local Government Standards Panel, in which it was alleged that I contravened the Local Government (Rules of Conduct) Regulations 2007 (WA) when I made a Facebook Post that was intended to cause detriment to Mr Stan Scott.

The Panel found that I breached Regulation 7 (1)(b) of the said Regulations as my conduct was in breach of the Shire's Code of Conduct and deserving of a penalty

I accept that I should not have made the misleading and derogatory comments.

I now apologise to Mr Stan Scott, my fellow Councillors and the public.



Standards Panel 2019-09
**PUBLIC APOLOGY
COUNCILLOR BENJAMIN BELL**

A complaint was made to the Local Government Standards Panel, in which it was alleged that I contravened the Local Government (Rules of Conduct) Regulations 2007 (WA) when I made a Facebook Post that was intended to cause detriment to Mr Stan Scott.

The Panel found that I breached Regulation 7(1)(b) of the said Regulations as my conduct was in breach of the Shire's Code of Conduct and deserving of a penalty and, further, my comments were misleading, derogatory and likely to cause detriment to Mr Stan Scott.

I accept that I should not have made the misleading and derogatory comments.

I now apologise to Mr Stan Scott, my fellow Councillors and the public.



Standards Panel 2019-10 / **PUBLIC APOLOGY
COUNCILLOR BENJAMIN BELL**

A complaint was made to the Local Government Standards Panel, in which it was alleged that I contravened the Local Government (Rules of Conduct) Regulations 2007 (WA) when I made several false, misleading and derogatory Facebook Posts on 10 February 2019.

The Panel found that I breached Regulation 7 (1)(b) of the said Regulations three times as my conduct was in breach of the Shire's Code of Conduct and deserving of a penalty and, further, my comments were misleading and likely to cause detriment to Mr Stan Scott and Cr Therese Chitty

I accept that I should not have made the relevant comments.

I now apologise to Mr Stan Scott, Cr Therese Chitty my fellow Councillors and the public.



Clean Up Australia Day

With Toodyay's history of community driven Adopt a Spot litter pick-ups and recycling initiatives it was no surprise to see the community participating in the Shire hosted Clean Up Australia Day on Sunday, 7 March 2021.

This National day has grown to become the biggest environmental event in the country with 18,000,000 volunteers participating over its 30 year history.

Our delightful Newcastle Park was the base for the clean-up and 17 volunteers including 2 family groups turned up to don gloves and get their litter bags.

The participants spanned out along the River and through the town area returning after a couple of hours with 100 kilos of litter.

The previous day Toodyay Naturalists' Club members conducted their own CUAD event along Julimar Road hauling in a similar amount of roadside rubbish. After the collection people sorted the garbage, separating the Containers for Change eligible items for refund.

It's inspiring to see how the Container for Change scheme has been enthusiastically embraced by the Toodyay Community, not only as an effective fund raising exercise but for the reduction of litter along roadsides and in our bushland.

With the challenges of increasing amounts of waste generated by society and the environmental impacts it causes it is more important than ever to send the message out to the community.

Next year, with the right promotion we hope to host an event with a much higher participant rate. Thank you to all those who participated in Clean Up Australia Day and there were a few solo litter legends picking up out there on the day as well.

SLOMO - the law protecting our emergency services workers

With a number of bushfires, storms and car crashes, the start to 2021 has been extremely busy for all of our emergency services workers, and unfortunately there has also been a number of reports of where these vital community members have been put at risk by cars speeding past them as they go about their work on the road side.

Toodyay RoadWise Committee Chairman Bob Neville said "We all have a role in keeping our emergency services volunteers and staff safe while they are responding to incidents on our roads. This is why the State Government introduced the "Slow Down and Move Over" (SLOMO) law in 2018 to improve the road safety of people attending roadside emergencies in Western Australia."

"The law requires motorists to reduce speed to a maximum of 40km/h when passing incident response vehicles with flashing lights and, where possible and safe to do so, move to the next lane."

Moving forward to help educate the community about what they can do to help keep our Emergency Services safe, the Toodyay RoadWise Committee is sharing information about the laws to Local Government and community groups throughout the region via their social media and newsletters.

More information about the reasons behind the SLOMO laws and what is required of motorists can be found on the Road Safety Commission's website <https://www.rsc.wa.gov.au/Rules-Penalties/Browse/Emergency-Vehicles>



Caravan and Camping Show

Staff from the Toodyay Visitor Centre are excited to be representing Toodyay on the Avon Valley stand at the 2021 Caravan and Camping Show. The show will run from 17 to 20 March at the Claremont Showgrounds, and we will be in the Tourism Pavilion (also known as the Jim Webster Pavilion). If you're attending the show be sure to drop by the stand for a chat and discover all the exciting stuff to do in Toodyay and surrounding towns.



Clean Up Australia Day 2021

The Shire of Toodyay would like to thank the local community groups who attended our Clean up Australia Day which was held on Sunday, 7 March 2021 at Newcastle Park. On a cool morning the team assembled and wasted no time in cleaning up our township streets, local parks and of course along the Avon Valley River foreshore in an outstanding display of teamwork. With many of our community members being selfless and proactive in the community space, the Shire would like to again congratulate all volunteers on being involved and keeping our beautiful town of Toodyay clean in 2021.



Wheatbelt Food and Beverage Capability Guide

Get Listed. Get Noticed. Are you looking for a way to showcase your food and beverage product range to a wider audience of consumers and buyers?

Apply now for inclusion into the Wheatbelt Food and Beverage Capability Guide. Inclusion is **FREE** and each producer will receive a double-page spread featuring their products with images, description and contact details, in the digital publication. Participation is simple; just complete the form using the link below and upload your high resolution photos and logo.

The Guide will be produced through a partnership between the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development and the Wheatbelt Business Network, to be released in 2021.

To be eligible, you will need to be located in the Wheatbelt region; a producer of consumer ready food or beverage items (not a restaurant, cafe or caterer) and able to provide information on the product range, company story, contact details and any other relevant details.

Submissions can be made at: www.wheatbeltbusinessnetwork.com.au/wcg

For further details, or for assistance in submitting your food and beverage business details, please contact either Angela at:

admin@wheatbeltbusinessnetwork.com.au or Rachael at r.thomas@wheatbeltbusinessnetwork.com.au



Toodyay Music Fest Returns For 2021

In great news for Toodyay, The Toodyay Music Fest is back on Saturday 27 March in 2021 and will be hosted across three venues: St Stephens Church, Duidgee Park and Stirling Park from 10.00am - 9.00pm.

In an event first, Australian country music star James Blundell will be the headline act onstage from 7.00pm - 9.00pm, with 25 musicians in total performing a variety of genres throughout the day and evening. Additionally, visitors can enjoy free entry, delicious food and drink options, merchandise stalls, local busker entertainment in all the beautiful surrounds that Toodyay has to offer.

In what promises to be a fantastic day for the township, the Shire would like to again congratulate the Toodyay Music Fest committee members who have worked tirelessly in reinstating one of the regions premier events on the Toodyay calendar.



Toodyay Farmers Markets

The next Toodyay Farmers markets will be taking place at Stirling Park on Sunday 21 March. The markets start at 9.00am and conclude at 1.00pm. The Shire of Toodyay encourages everyone in our community to head on down and support our local businesses. Shire staff and Councillors will be available to talk to you about issues you may be experiencing and will be happy to help you.



Minding Frankie by Maeve Binchy

When Noel learns that his terminally ill former flame is pregnant with his child, he agrees to take guardianship of the baby girl once she's born. But as a single father battling demons of his own, Noel can't do it alone – and luckily, he doesn't have to. A tale of heartbreak, hope and the life of a motherless girl collectively raised by a close-knit Dublin community.



The Girl In The Mirror by Rose Carlyle

Twins Iris and Summer are startlingly alike, but beyond what the eye can see lies a distinguishing darkness. While helping sail the family yacht to the Seychelles, Iris unexpectedly finds herself alone in the middle of the ocean, and it's her chance to take what she's always wanted. But how far will she go to get the life she's dreamed of, and how will she make sure no one discovers the truth?



Fortune and Glory: Tantalising Twenty-Seven by Janet Evanovich

When Stephanie Plum's beloved grandmother's new husband died on their wedding night, he left her the keys to a life-changing fortune. But as Stephanie and Grandma Mazur search for the treasure, they discover that they're not the only ones on the hunt. Two dangerous enemies from the past stand in their way, along with a new adversary who's even more formidable...



All That Glitters by Danielle Steel

Coco Martin, the adored only child of wealthy parents, has lived a charmed life. But just as she enters her twenties, her world is devastated when she becomes an orphan. Now the heir to a considerable fortune, Coco must find her way in a world that no longer makes sense to her – and discover if the estate's trustee is the honourable man she believes him to be.



White Throat by Sarah Thornton

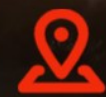
Disgraced former lawyer Clementine Jones is trying to outrun her past. Bored with her house-sitting gig, she becomes a reluctant recruit to the local environmental group, campaigning to save an endangered turtle as developers close in. Then a body is found at the base of a quarry, and Clem's world is turned upside down. The police say suicide; Clem's convinced it was murder.

**Toodyay Library | 96 Stirling Terrace | 9am-5pm Monday-Friday, 9am-1pm Saturday
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TOODYAY'S HIDDEN TREASURES

TOODYAY FAIRYTALE FARM



90 BEAUFORT STREET, TOODYAY

Once upon a time (1985 specifically), an abandoned service station in Glen Forrest was transformed into Enchantmentland, a trip back in time taken through a curious collection of collectables. Thirty-five years later, Toodyay Fairytale Farm on Beaufort Street – a whimsical wonderland of interactive displays, friendly farm animals, vintage toys, an amazing maze and much more – opened to the public. What's the connection? Family first and foremost, but that's not all there is to this (fairy) tale.

Farm owners and operators Cassandra and John Duckworth are following in family footsteps that trace straight back to the original Enchantmentland. Not only were Cassandra's grandparents the founders of the Glen Forrest attraction, but it was her mother Janine who took over when Enchantmentland relocated to Toodyay in 1995. Two years of hard yards for herself and husband Martin came next, which included creating winding paths and sculpting countless cement statues – both by hand, with occasional input from a wheelbarrow. Sleeping Beauty's castle, still a favourite today, was the biggest build. Considering it was constructed out of oil drums, hessian, chicken wire and other recycled materials, it's as eco-friendly as it is enchanting.

Sadly, Toodyay's Enchantmentland closed in 2002, and for a while it seemed that happily ever after there were a thing of the past. That was until 2018, when Cassandra and John, who had purchased the property from Cassandra's mother and lived there for over a decade, decided to start a new chapter. Not satisfied seeing her mother's hard work go to waste – and spotting space in the local market for a family-friendly tourist attraction – Cassandra turned fairy godmother and waved her magic wand over the former Enchantmentland, bringing it back to life. It was a laborious wand wave involving hours of effort from herself, John, the couple's five children and some generous community members...but eventually, it worked its magic.

The Fairytale Farm officially opened in February 2020, with the family history making it an heirloom passed down through three generations, much like many of the mini-museum's vintage toys. Growing the concept created by Cassandra's grandparents and parents over the years, she and John combined nostalgic memorabilia and numerous displays – from Gulliver's Travels to Peter Rabbit and The Three Little Pigs – with outdoor activities for everyone to enjoy: Alice in Wonderland themed croquet, giant Jenga and the aforementioned maze, to name a few.

The biggest addition was the assortment of animals that help the farm live up to its name: 90 furry and feathered friends in total including sheep, chickens, guinea pigs, real-life Peter rabbits and peacocks, plus the most popular of all – no kid-ding – goats. A surprising number of visitors from the metro area have never had a chance to interact with farm animals, so Old MacDonald's Farm is always a hit. The animals are also known to go on field trips themselves, with human supervision of course, having recently made an appearance at the Recreation Centre's Australia Day breakfast.

Cassandra and John like to think of the animals as family, but their kids (no, not the baby goats) come first – and all five are part of Fairytale Farm life in their own way. That can mean dressing up for princess duty, painting faces at parties, or taking their friends on tours of the gift shop right in their backyard.

Unfortunately the princesses, face-painters and amateur tour guides had to take some time off last year when, after just a month in action, the farm was forced to close for three months due to COVID restrictions – definitely not the debut the Duckworths had in mind. Like Snow White after her kiss from Prince Charming however, it was soon revived, and has had a steady stream of visitors and plenty of positive feedback ever since. There's no wonder why, when as Cassandra says, 'Everyone can enjoy it because everyone has an inner child'. The farm has something for the young and the young at heart, whether it's a walk through the dioramas and displays with a nursery rhyme singalong along the way (no pressure); reminiscing over the vast vintage toy collection; giving a snack and a scratch to some of the animals; or taking family time out with a picnic high on the hill.

The moral of the story is if you're up for an adventure in a (not so) faraway land, Toodyay Fairytale Farm is the place for you. You'll find it at 90 Beaufort Street and in business 10am-4pm on Saturdays, Sundays, public holidays and every day of the mid-year school holidays. Entry is \$12 for adults, \$9 for children 16 and under/concession holders, and free for infants. School/community groups and birthday parties are welcome. To book: Call Cassandra on 0497 927 028

or email: cassandra@fairytalefarm.com.au.

For more information, visit www.fairytalefarm.com.au.



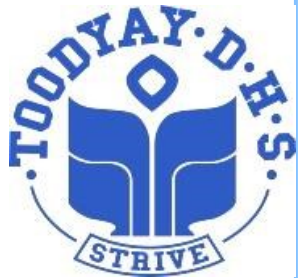
Toodyay DHS Parents & Citizens Assoc.

PO Box 1624, Toodyay, WA 6566

e: pandctoodyaydhs@gmail.com

Facebook page search 'Toodyay DHS P&C'

President - Kelly-Anne Murray 0406 585 716



P&C provides \$16,000 donation to Toodyay District High School

P&C members approved a donation of \$16,000 for facility improvements at Toodyay District High School at the P&C term one members meeting on 2 March.

The donation will contribute much needed funds towards resurfacing of the basketball court in the primary school area; installation of lockers for secondary students; installation of a playground shade sail; and new library furniture for student use.

The P&C has applied for a grant from CBH to enable the installation of shade sails over two remaining school playgrounds. If successful, the school will have shade sails over all playgrounds by the end of the year.

What's next you ask? We have set our sights on beautification of school grounds.

Canteen volunteers are welcome

The school canteen is seeking volunteers on Mondays and Fridays. Canteen volunteers are essential to providing students with a canteen service at recess and lunch. The canteen generates income for P&C initiatives and every dollar raised directly supports students.

Swimming carnival cake stall

the P&C provided a pre-ordered sausage sizzle for students and a cake stall for spectators and students at the recent swimming carnival. A well deserved treat as well as much needed energy.

We welcome your input into fundraising and ideas about how we can collectively improve facilities and access to resources and opportunities for all students at Toodyay DHS.

Beautification of school grounds

We are forming a working group to develop plans to improve school grounds. We want to create an environment that generates a sense of place and belonging, stimulates play and supports learning.

If you have ideas or expertise to help us create a plan we want to hear from you.

Toodyay DHS is a community asset and we welcome the contributions of community members that can support our vision for a school environment that inspires students, staff and the community.

If you can help, please contact Kelly-Anne Murray on pandctoodyaydhs@gmail.com, 0406 585 716 or message via the facebook page – search 'Toodyay DHS P&C'.



WE DID IT!
Thank you
everyone!

Community Engagement Survey

To all of you in our community who completed and submitted the survey in hard copy or online - thank you for taking the opportunity to 'Have your say'.

Your input and responses to the questions will now be collated. The information gained from this community engagement will inform the Shire's Corporate Business Plan and Strategic Community Plan for the next 10 years., with a review of these plans in four years – 2025.

In order for the community engagement to make any real difference, a response of 10% of the ratepayer base was required. Thanks to everyone's involvement, the response has well and truly exceeded that base number.

For those of you who entered the competition to win a family pass to the pool by completing the survey, winners will be drawn and announced at the April Ordinary Council meeting on Tuesday 27 April 2021.

Once again - thank you to all of you who responded, your contribution is invaluable.



Restricted Burning Period

The Shire of Toodyay is now in the Restricted Burning Period.

Permits are required and are currently only being issued for the burning of stubble and chaff for crop preparation purposes for Primary producers.

Applications for **permits** must be made via the Shire of Toodyay's website.

Holders of **permits** must comply with all permit conditions which include (but are not limited to) restrictions/requirements around burn notifications, minimum supervision and firefighting resourcing.

Please note: **permits** will not be issued for the burning piles of timber. During this restricted burning period, the Shire of Toodyay will be issuing **permits** for bona fide broad acre stubble operations for a period of up to 28 days to reduce re-application requirements for farmers with large operations.

Please be advised the Restricted Burning Period may be extended beyond April 30 dependent on weather conditions.

Please check the Shire of Toodyay website to stay up to date with the Restricted Burning Period.

Any changes will also be advised via the Shire's Harvest, Vehicle Movement and Hot works Ban SMS system.

YES: 'OPT IN' - 0408 017 439

If you live in the Toodyay District, **YES - YOU NEED THIS!!**

The Shire of Toodyay operates an SMS messaging service. Once registered for the service, subscribers will be sent SMSs notifying:

- Commencement, or extension and end of a Harvest, Vehicle Movement & Hot Works Ban.
- Start, end and any variation to the Restricted and Prohibited Burning Periods.

The Shire may also use the service to forward Total Fire Ban notifications from DFES.

To register for the service:

Message BANS to 0408 017 439

To Unsubscribe (Opt-Out): Message **STOP** in reply to messages received from the service

Please note subscriptions and opt-outs are managed by an automated process and replies to messages or the service number are not monitored or responded to.

In order to maintain currency in the registration database, the Shire of Toodyay may periodically request users to provide a specific SMS response for the retention of their mobile number on the register.

Please note the Harvest, Vehicle Movement & Hot Works Ban SMS notification service is not an emergency warning system.

Please visit the [DFES website](#) for information on emergency warning notifications.



RECENT STORM EVENT and DAMAGE

The Shire of Toodyay maintains an extensive drainage network which is designed to operate in a range of storm events to prevent the flooding of roads and properties.

However, the recent major storm event with its intense rainfall created flows that exceeded by far the design road drainage capacity, causing flooding and in some cases extensive property damage.

If you are affected by flooding or if you have experienced any storm damage, you may be eligible to submit an insurance claim with your private insurer. For further advice please contact your private insurer.

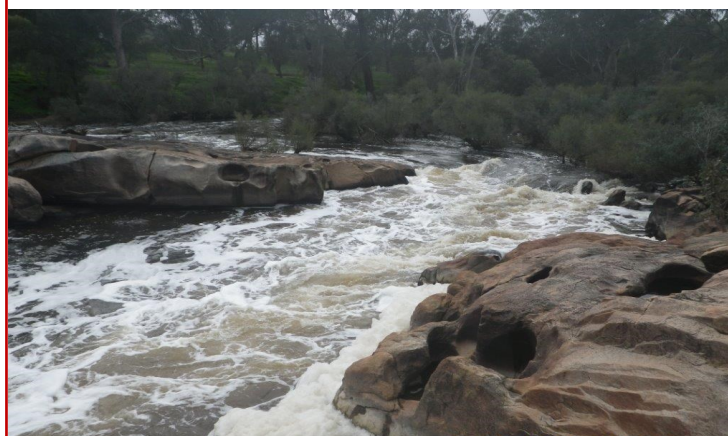
The Shire is responding to the damage caused by the storm, and asks for your patience. The Shire's resources are limited and stretched over our vast road network.

We can assure you that your submitted works request has been recorded and prioritised based on severity and defined risk criteria. In this regard, the Shire's works crew is currently working through the long list of works requests received, addressing all infrastructure damage will take some time.

Please do not hesitate to contact the Shire's Depot on 9574 9360 if you have any further questions.

If you need or notice that work needs to be carried out, please complete the Works Request Form on the website:

<https://www.toodyay.wa.gov.au/forms/request-for-works-and-service/6>



WESTERN
AUSTRALIA

GRANT SEEKER WORKSHOP

FOR COMMUNITY GROUPS AND NOT-FOR-PROFITS IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

WHAT: FREE Online Grantseeker Workshop

WHEN: Thursday 25 March 2021, 10:30 PM - 12:30 PM AWST

WHERE: The workshop will be held online using Zoom

The Foundation for Rural & Regional Renewal is holding a free grant seeker workshop for community groups in Western Australia.

The workshop will provide practical grant-writing tips to help community groups become more confident in applying for [Tackling Tough Times Together](#) (TTTT) and [Strengthening Rural Communities](#) (SRC) grants.

Both programs are highly flexible: TTTT provides grants for communities in drought, and SRC can support a broad range of initiatives that directly benefit remote, rural and regional communities.

REGISTER: <https://events.humanitix.com/frrr-wa-grant-seeker-workshop>

Please avoid using Internet Explorer to open this link - use other web browsers such as Chrome, Safari, Firefox or Edge.

After registering, you will receive details by email for accessing the Zoom meeting digitally or via phone.

Got Questions?

Contact Deanne Cavalier:
toughtimes@frrr.org.au





Pic: Alexander James Ferguson, Sarah Elizabeth Ferguson and family around 1900s

National Trust Heritage Festival

This year's theme for the National Trust's Australian Heritage Festival (18 April – 19 May) is "Our Heritage for the Future".

The festival event calendar will be available from 18 March via the Trust's webpage <https://www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf/>. Click on the tab "Festival Near Me" to see what is happening in Western Australia.

In Toodyay, the Shire is partnering with the Toodyay Historical Society to host a free family history preservation afternoon on Saturday 16 May between midday and 3pm. Titled "Families – Linking our past, present and future", it will be an informal opportunity to share information, hints and practical strategies for uncovering and preserving family histories.

Browse our information stations covering topics such as where family historical records are held, gathering oral histories, inheritance planning, and preservation and conservation strategies for digital media, photos and documents.

Chat with community members who are actively involved in maintaining Toodyay family histories and hear first-hand about their own experiences.

Enjoy light refreshments and the opportunity to visit our brand-new exhibition in the Newcastle Gaol opposite, inspired by the theme of this year's National Trust Heritage Festival. The launch of the new exhibition, also titled "Families – Linking our past, present and future" will occur during the afternoon.

27 March 2021 - The Lions Jumbo

It is great to see things starting to come back to normal as we start to gain some control over the COVID-19 pandemic. The Lions Auction is an annual event held at the Showgrounds. Sellers can deliver items to the oval on Friday 26 March after 10.30am. Buyers can preview items on Friday evening, just wander around the oval to check out the goods.

Auctioning will commence at 9am sharp on Saturday, 27 March.

Head on down to the Showgrounds to see what's up for grabs!

It's always a fun day out and the canteen will be open for refreshments and cold drinks and music from the Music Fest will be playing in the background!



Toodyay Road Update

Main Roads continues to upgrade sections of Toodyay Road to improve road user safety and reduce road trauma.

Work on the overtaking lane between Lovers Lane and Jingaling Brook Road, and the widening around Racecourse Road, is on schedule for completion in May 2021.

We will also shortly be upgrading the section between Aspen Road and Dryandra Road, through Gidgegannup and Bailup.

Starting in late March 2021, this project is jointly funded by the Australian and State Governments under the Regional Road Safety Program.

The intersections of Berry Road, Bailup Road, Utah Road and Squarcini Close will be widened to allow vehicles travelling straight on Toodyay Road to safely pass those turning right.

Toodyay Road will also be widened for about six kilometres to include sealed shoulders and safety barriers, to help prevent run-off road crashes and protect users from roadside hazards.

We are minimising the clearing between Aspen Road and Dryandra Road by installing steel safety barriers in suitable locations along both carriageways, allowing a number of trees to be retained in the verge.

Minor clearing will be required for the widening work and to significantly improve sightlines at the four intersections with Toodyay Road, addressing an ongoing safety concern for residents and local road users.

Speed restrictions and stop/slow traffic management will be in place on Toodyay Road while work is undertaken. Please slow down and take care.

For updates about the Toodyay Road upgrade project, please sign up on the Main Roads website www.mainroads.wa.gov.au.

Main Roads can be contacted by:

phone on 138 138

or email enquiries@mainroads.wa.gov.au



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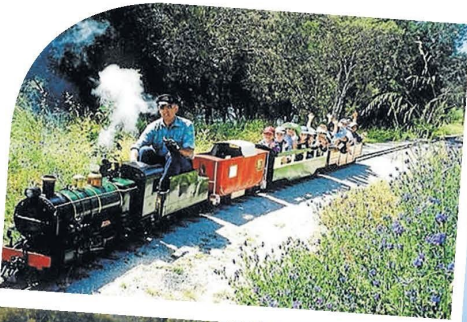
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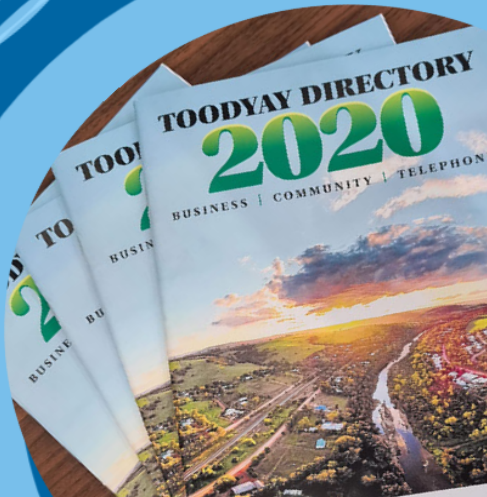
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Aboriginal Business Leadership Program



Do you want support to develop and grow your business?

The Aboriginal Business Leadership Program (ABLP) will assist local businesses to develop and grow through a tailored approach. This fully funded program is open to all Aboriginal people who have an established or emerging business in the Wheatbelt region. The program will commence from February 2021 with initial consultation, marketing and recruitment of participants.

The program consists of intensive business mentoring support over a 4-5 month period and will include elements of workshop learning depending upon the needs of the group.

The program may include workshop topics such as:

- Understanding business financials and contractual obligations
- Building your leadership skills and networks
- Knowing your staff employment responsibilities
- Developing clear business planning through identifying your business challenges and opportunities

The program is being delivered by Paul Morgan from Betterlink Group who has experience in designing and facilitating successful ABLP regional business development programs. He will work closely with participants to identify and develop program topics and active learning workshops.

Participants may also gain Statements of Attainment for units from a nationally accredited Leadership and Management qualification.



For information or to register, contact Paul Morgan on 0405 702 123 or email paul.morgan@betterlinkgroup.edu.au or visit www.betterlinkgroup.edu.au/ablp

The ABLP is delivered by Betterlink Group with support from the Wheatbelt Development Commission and is funded by the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development.

TOODYAY MUSIC FEST



Feature Act
From 7-9pm



Take a rug or
pull up a
hay bale &
groove to the
beat!



www.toodyaymusicfest.com

Saturday 27th March 2021 10am-9pm



Shane Love MLA
Your State Member for Moore

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for Regional WA



Social Sports are coming!

FAST FRIENDLY FUN



3 on 3 Basketball

Juniors (14-17yrs)
Open (18+)



Fast 5 Netball

Juniors (14-17yrs)
Open (18+)



5 a side Soccer

U12
U17
Adults (mixed)

Start forming your team now
Team registrations will open 5 April 2021

A Terrific Week of Swimming for our Schools

The Toodyay Aquatic Centre had a very busy time hosting the inaugural swimming carnivals at the Toodyay Aquatic Centre during the week of 8 - 12 March 2021, and what a week of carnivals and swimming it was! The atmosphere was fantastic with lots of cheering and encouragement for all those who took part.

It began with two days of successful time trials held by Immaculate Heart College from Lower Chittering on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons. 70 children attended on both of these days, plus 5 teachers with the full aquatic facility and pavilion utilised over both days.

Immaculate Heart then followed with a very successful inaugural swimming carnival at the Aquatic Facility on Thursday, 11 March with 386 children, teachers and parents descending on the centre. The final event of the afternoon was the parent v teachers v students relays, always a great hit, with the teachers just beating the parents this year - we think!!

Toodyay District High School held its swimming carnival on Friday, 12 March with 237 children competing, along with teachers and parents attending to watch and enjoy. The weather - with a some grey clouds and a little bit of rain at the beginning of the day - didn't deter any of them. It was another successful swimming carnival at the new facility with children showcasing their recent swimming abilities post in-term swimming lessons.



The school canteen was able to use this event to raise some funds for the P&C by providing a pre-ordered sausage sizzle for students and a cake stall for spectators and students. A well deserved treat as well as much needed energy.

A terrific result for all those involved with Toodyay Shire President and Cr Rosemary Madacsi presenting some of the awards at the end of the very successful carnival. Well done to all involved.

The feedback received from parents and teachers over the carnival days was positive and dates are now being locked in for the 2022 swimming carnivals.

Social Sports are coming to the Recreation Centre!

With amazing facilities including brand new hardcourts and a stunning grass pitch, all flood lit for night time play, we're set for some fast, friendly fun.

The social sports program will include competitions for children and adults, so start thinking about forming a team now. Maybe you could join with school friends, work colleagues or neighbours? Its going to be a fun and active time now that it is a bit cooler, so commencing in Term 2 2021, the following competitions will be offered for everyone to get involved and be active:

- 3 on 3 Basketball – Juniors (14-17yo) & Open (18+)
- Fast 5 Netball – Juniors (14-17yo) & Open (18+)
- 5 a side Soccer – Under 12, Under 17 & Adults (mixed)

Registrations will open 5 April 2021. Contact the venue manager at the Recreation Centre for more information. Hope to see you all there.

Season close

On April 18 the first season of our pool will be coming to an end and the pool will be closing.

During the time the pool is closed, there will be a much stronger focus on 'dry sports' so come and get involved and have fun.

Pool heating is on its way

During the season close, works will be going on to heat the pool.

We hope that this will happen quite quickly without any delays and the pool will be opened much earlier than next summer.

Updates as to progress will be published in the Community Newsletter.

