

Toodyay Community Newsletter

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Establishment - Heritage Fund Appeal



Have you ever wondered how you can donate a piece of history?

With the assistance of the National Trust of WA a tax deductible fund has been setup to enable donations to be made to assist the Shire with preserving and protecting its heritage. Donations will be used for a variety of projects.

The first key projects which donations will assist with will be the re-roofing of historic Newcastle Goal and an interpretive walk trail from the centre of town to the museum precinct.

Donations can be made at the Shire office and visitors centre during office hours. It is also anticipated that collections will be received at the Newcastle Goal on special event days and there will be the ability to make them on line in the future. More information in relation to this will be uploaded to the Shire's website shortly.

EOI - Purchase of Syreds Cottage

Council will shortly be seeking expressions or interest from parties with an interest in purchasing the historic Syreds Cottage at Bejoording. A formal tendering process will follow in accordance with the Local Government Act.

Further details in relation to this will soon be available on the Shire's website; which will include an overview of the process and an information package for those interested in finding out more. Part of the emphasis of the process will be to find a purchaser who will preserve and improve this important historic property into the future.



Electric Car Charging Station Coming

The Shire has been successful in obtaining a grant to install an electric vehicle charging station in Toodyay. The funding which was obtained from a Sustainable Community grant under a Wheatbelt Natural Resource program through the National Land-care Programme will be used to install a charger station adjacent to the public facilities in Charcoal Lane.

Quotes are currently being finalised to enable construction to commence shortly.

This facility will enable those with electric vehicles to come to Toodyay and recharge whilst in Town. It is believed this will be one of the first such facilities in the Wheatbelt.



Museum News

On display in the ground floor of Connor's Mill is the 1857 keystone from the main doorway of an earlier mill in the Toodyay district. This impressive building was constructed at Mill Farm for James Drummond Jnr. by George Henry Hasell.

Just over a decade later Hasell was also employed to construct a flour mill for Daniel Connor.

In 1873 Drummond died from exhaustion and pneumonia after fighting a bushfire and his mill was bought by the Dempster Brothers. Flour from the mills of both Charles Edward Dempster and Daniel Connor won awards at the Melbourne International Exhibition which ran from 1880 to 1881.

After passing through a number of hands over the decades, Drummond's Mill eventually came to an ignominious end when it was demolished in 1924 for the value of its second hand building materials.

This historic photograph from the museum collection shows the keystone at the top of the main doorway.



President's Pen - Cr Brian Rayner

The Shire is requesting that survey forms be completed either online or handed in in person at the administration office to enable the facilitators to finalise the draft Strategic Community Plan. So, please 'have your say'.

The Toodyay Shire Council, in conjunction with Women In Farming Enterprises (W.I.F.E) Toodyay, and Toodyay Agricultural Alliance, sponsored the Biosecurity Seminar held at the sports pavilion on April 3. I, as President, would like pass my sincere thanks and congratulations to Mrs Alison Wroth and her team for organising this seminar for the Toodyay farming community. The guest speakers were Frances Gartrell (LPA) and Jeff Russell (DPIRD). There were 48 people in attendance. Residents within the community will be required, in the

future, to perform an audit of livestock on their property. For those who did not attend the seminar and would like further information, I believe the Agricultural Department is your first contact or the W.I.F.E. Organisation will be happy to assist.

Due to the resignations of Councillors Craddock and Granger, there will be an extraordinary election on Friday 15 June 2018. Councillor Craddock's West Ward seat expires in October 2019 and Councillor Granger's Central Ward seat expires in October 2021. Nominations will open very shortly.

And, on a final note, completion of the new Aged Care Living units at Butterly Cottage is on track for the end of May or early June. This is great news.

CEO Letter to the Editor of the Toodyay Herald

Last month following the publication of the March Edition of Toodyay Herald I wrote to the editor expressing concern at the inaccuracy of the front page article. My letter was not published. Quoted from, distorted, repudiated but not published. For anyone who may be interested, here it is:

Dear Editor

Inaccuracy of Reporting

This letter is to complain about the deliberate inaccuracy of the front page article in the March 2018 edition of the Toodyay Herald. I believe that your report is contrary to the Press Council Statement of Principles and the MEAA Journalist Code of Ethics.

In your front page article you say that the Shire of Toodyay has been put on notice that it risks an inquiry. This report is based on a letter from the Department of Local Government Sport and Cultural Industries to the Toodyay Progress Association that says in part:

"Before an Authorised Inquiry is contemplated, the Department's framework requires a high degree of evidence which indicates serious systemic breakdown in governance that renders the local government's operations severely dysfunctional. The Department considers the information assessed to date does not support this that view."

The Australian Press Council's guiding principles say the following:

Accuracy and clarity

1. *Ensure that factual material in news reports and elsewhere is **accurate and not misleading**, and is distinguishable from other material such as opinion.*
2. *Provide a correction or other adequate remedial action if published material is significantly inaccurate or misleading.*

The Media, Entertainment and Arts Alliance (MEAA) - Journalist Code of Ethics goes one step further, saying:

MEAA members engaged in journalism commit themselves to:

Honesty;
Fairness;
Independence; and
Respect for the rights of others.

The Journalist Code of Ethics also states:

"Journalists will educate themselves about ethics and apply the following standards:

*Report and interpret honestly, striving for accuracy, fairness and disclosure of all essential facts. **Do not suppress relevant available facts, or give distorting emphasis.** Do your utmost to give a fair opportunity for reply."*

I have spoken to the author of the letter addressed to the Toodyay Progress Association. It is his view that the Department's letter indicates very clearly that there is no justification for an Authorised Inquiry.

When I told him the headline the Herald had published he was horrified as it is the almost complete opposite of the thrust of the letter. Before you published the article you did not contact me to check on the accuracy of the assertions, nor did you contact the Department. Even if by some stretch the monitoring of policy and procedures by the Department could be considered as putting the Shire of Toodyay on notice that was clearly **not** the emphasis of the letter.

It is my view, which is supported by any reading of the facts, that you are in breach of both the Press Council Standards and the Journalist Code of Ethics. I hereby request that the Toodyay Herald withdraw the article in its entirety and publish a correction.

I note that you have advised me that the Toodyay Herald is a comparatively minor regional newspaper. Although the Toodyay Herald is not a member of the Press Council, I still think that industry and ethical standards should be applied. I would have thought, as a former WA Branch Secretary of the MEAA, you would be a champion for these standards.

I await your urgent action.

Stan Scott

CEO
Shire of Toodyay

Further Note:

Mr Ron Murphy, the Departmental Officer quoted in the latest Herald as confirming the accuracy of the previous front page article denies making any such statement. He did, however meet with the TPA. The editor was not present at that meeting and was relying on TPA representatives at the meeting with Mr Murphy to represent his views.

Youth Week WA 2018

TOODYAY YOUTH FORUM

Wednesday
18th April
Youth Hall (Toodyay Showgrounds)

Input From Youth For Youth

Two sessions:
12-17yrs 2pm - 4pm
18-25yrs 5.30pm - 7.30pm
Parent free zone!

Food
Music
Free Wifi!
Everyone who pre-registers goes into a draw to WIN a prize

For more info contact Maddie at cdao@toodyay.wa.gov.au or visit the Toodyay Community Program Facebook page

Logos: toodyay, Toodyay Community Resource Centre, Toodyay & Districts Community Bank Branch, Bendigo Bank

Toodyay Family Cycle Detective Trek

Saturday 14th April
8am - 10am
Town Oval

Ride, walk, scooter or skate while searching for clues

Free snacks served at finish line

Open to all ages

Bring your own bike, scooter or skateboard and of course a helmet!

This is a free event but registrations are essential!
Maddie Ross 9574 9395, cdao@toodyay.wa.gov.au

Be sure to SLIP, SLOP, SLAP, SEEK, SLIDE!

Logos: toodyay, GOVERNMENT OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA, ROAD SAFETY COMMISSION, ROADWISE, Cancer Council Western Australia

What's coming up in Toodyay.....

14 April - Toodyay Family Cycle Dust off your detective skills for this year's Toodyay Family Cycle: Detective Trek.

You can ride, walk, skate or scoot the trail where you must solve the clues. Whether you are Dora the Explorer or Sherlock Holmes there is something for everyone.

Registrations are essential, just like your helmet! You must also bring your own bike, skateboard or scooter.

15 April - Toodyay Farmers Market Held on the third Sunday of the month, the Toodyay Farmers Markets offer plenty of artisan stalls, education sessions and entertainment.

16-20 April - April Toodyay Community Program This program is FREE, suitable for all ages and abilities and a great opportunity to get involved in your local community. Food and drinks are provided and because of this, registrations are essential. See the poster for more details.

18 April - Toodyay Youth Forum Input From Youth For Youth. This is an opportunity for youth aged 12-25 to have their say about the future of Toodyay. There will be food, music and wifi! Come along and make your voice heard.

25 April - ANZAC Day Join the Toodyay RSL in remembering those who have served and died in all wars, conflicts, and peacekeeping operations.

6 May - Moondyne Festival Visit Toodyay's colonial festival celebrating the life of the infamous bushranger, Moondyne Joe. Come along and enjoy a day out with Loads of free entertainment and fun for the whole family.





Toodyay Community Program

Monday 16th - Friday 20th April

MONDAY 16 APRIL Tennis  10am - 11.30am Tennis Courts Fiennes Street	TUESDAY 17 APRIL Soccer  10am - 11.30am Town Oval Toodyay West Road	WEDNESDAY 18 APRIL Author Talk: The Smuggler's Curse  10am - 11.30am Toodyay Library 96 Stirling Terrace
THURSDAY 19 APRIL Board Games Fun Day  1.30pm - 2.30pm Toodyay CRC Boardroom 111 Stirling Terrace	FRIDAY 20 APRIL Moondyne Joe Scarecrows  10.30am - 11.30am Toodyay CRC Courtyard 111 Stirling Terrace	Everyone is welcome - all ages, all abilities! Children under the age of 10 must be accompanied by an adult at all times

Your local community groups are hosting **FREE** have-a-go sessions with a variety of activities, games and challenges these school holidays!
Remember to: Slip, Slop, Slap!

REGISTRATIONS ARE ESSENTIAL!

Registration forms are available from the following locations:

- Toodyay Visitors Centre
- Toodyay Public Library
- Toodyay Community Resource Centre

For further information contact Maddie Ross at the Shire of Toodyay on 9574 9395 or email cdao@toodyay.wa.gov.au



TOODYAY LIBRARY TALK

"A book is a magical thing that lets you travel to faraway places without ever leaving your chair", Katrina Mayer

Do you love reading? Would you like to access a range of resources in a peaceful, relaxing atmosphere? If your answer to either of those questions was yes, then we would be happy to have you as a member of the Toodyay Library. Just bring along some photo ID (featuring your current residential address) and you'll be signed up and able to borrow anything you see on our shelves – for free! Books are available on a 3 week loan basis and DVDs for a one week loan.

Exciting News for April – *shiver me timbers!*

On Wednesday 18 April from 10am to 11.30am the library will be overrun with Pirates. **Norman Jorgensen, WA author**



of 'The Smuggler's Curse' will be here at the library. If you want to join the fun, pop in to the library soon (or the Visitor Centre or online <http://www.toodyay.wa.gov.au/Community-Visitors/Events/Upcoming-Events/Toodyay-Community-Program> to grab your registration form. Don't miss out.

There will be a prize for the best dressed pirate!

COMING SOON!

Kanopy is a video streaming platform for public libraries, delivering one of the largest collections of indie films, classic cinema, festival and educational documentaries and movies. This service enables public library and State Library members to browse and view over 30,000 films and documentaries from top suppliers, including the BBC, Criterion Collection, Ronin Films and Madman Entertainment.



Morangup Library

We also provide a library service at Morangup branch which is open on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month from 2pm to 4.30pm. Head over to the Community Centre on Wallaby Way in Morangup, to have a browse and borrow.

For further information, please call us on 9574 2323. Hope to see you soon at either Toodyay or Morangup!



EXTRAORDINARY ELECTION 15 June 2018 West Ward and Central Ward

ENROLLING TO VOTE

You may be eligible to be enrolled to vote in the Shire of Toodyay's Extraordinary Local Government election if you live in or are an owner or occupier of rateable property within the West or Central Wards of the Shire of Toodyay.

Residents

You are automatically enrolled to vote if you are on the State Electoral Roll as at 5.00pm on 28 August 2015.

Non Resident Owners and Occupiers

If you are a non-resident, owner or occupier of rateable property within the West and/or Central Wards of the Shire of Toodyay and are on the State or Commonwealth Electoral Roll you are eligible to vote and should make an enrolment application to the Local Government. Occupiers do not

have automatic continuous enrolment and should contact the Shire to confirm their enrolment status.

Enrolment Forms

Enrolment forms can be obtained from the Shire of Toodyay or the Australian Electoral Commission offices and should be lodged with Mr Stan Scott, Chief Executive Officer by 5.00pm on Friday 26 April 2018.

NOMINATING FOR COUNCIL

Candidate Information Evening - Tuesday, 1 May 2018 at the Community Centre 6.00pm - 7.30pm

Nominations open: 8.30am Monday, 2 May 2018.

Candidates must lodge a completed nomination paper, in the prescribed form, with the Returning Officer.

Nomination period is open for 8 days.

Close of Nominations: 4.00 pm Monday, 9 May 2018.

Robert Dew

RETURNING OFFICER

9620 1234 or 0429 962 013



Shire Administration Office Refurbishment

The Shire administration office will be undergoing its long awaited refurbishment during April and May 2018. While this is happening, the Chambers will be used by the administration staff and meetings which would usually be held in Chambers will now be held in other venues. Meetings and venues are listed below. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

1. **Toodyay Junction (Community Depot) Advisory Committee** scheduled for **26 April 2018** at 5.30pm and will be held at the Toodyay Junction Meeting Room, 335 Railway Road, Toodyay;
2. **Council Forum** scheduled for **8 May 2018** at 4.00pm and will be held in the Community Centre, 79 Stirling Terrace, Toodyay;
3. **Local Emergency Management Committee** scheduled for **9 May 2018** at 5.00pm and will be held at the Toodyay co-location centre, 67 Stirling Terrace, Toodyay;
4. **Audit Committee** scheduled for **10 May 2018** at 4.00pm and will be held at the Community Centre, 79 Stirling Terrace, Toodyay;
5. **Bush Fire Advisory Committee** scheduled for **15 May 2018** at 6.00pm and will be held at the Toodyay co-location Centre, 67 Stirling Terrace, Toodyay;
6. **Museum Advisory Committee** scheduled for **17 May 2018** at 4.00pm and will be held at the Museum Workshop, 13 Clinton Street, opposite the Gaol next to the Police Stables, Toodyay;
7. **Ordinary Council Meeting** scheduled for **22 May 2018** at 4.00pm and will be held in the Community Centre, 79 Stirling Terrace, Toodyay;
8. **Environmental Advisory Committee** scheduled for **24 May 2018** at 5.30pm and will be held at the Community Centre, 79 Stirling Terrace, Toodyay.

SHIRE ROAD MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE

The Shire of Toodyay Works and Services Department plan to commence the following works:

Job Description	Estimated Completion
Bulligan Road Resheet	April 2018
Bull Road Maintenance	May 2018
Shoulder Maintenance: Julimar Road; Toodyay Bindi Bindi Road; Bejoording Road; and Coondle West Road	May 2018
Syred Road Maintenance	June 2018



From the Rangers

With the end of Restricted Fire period approaching the Rangers would like to thank those whose Firebreaks met compliance or worked towards compliance.

When the Restricted Period ends please be mindful and take care when lighting fires for the sake of the Bush Fire Volunteers, those that live around you and yourself.

The Restricted burning period is due to end on Monday 30 April, HOWEVER it is subject to change.

Please check the Shire of Toodyay Website for current information regarding when the Restricted Fire Period ends.

RU 'OK'?

It has been a common theme over the last few weeks of people approaching me to ask "Are You OK?" I have given all my usual responses. You know the ones, there are plenty of them: "any better and I'd be twins"; or "any day above ground is a good day". Of course they are asking because of this public campaign against me by the Toodyay Herald, both in the paper and on social media.

But really I am not OK!

- I am not OK with the impact this campaign is having on my staff and family whose hard work, loyalty and integrity I value;
- I am not OK with the way that good people of Toodyay who do not agree with the unprincipled campaign by the Herald and the TPA (Toodyay Progress Association) are bullied and harassed for having a different point of view;
- I am not OK with people being accused of being biased or members of the "CEO's cheer squad";
- I am not OK with Toodyay's reputation, that my team and I have worked so hard to build, being trashed the way it has;
- I am not OK with the damage that is being done to my reputation in the Local Government Industry, a reputation which prior to this smear campaign was impeccable;
- I am not OK with the amount of time that is being wasted going round and round in circles with the TPA and the Herald – every day is like ground hog day!
- I am not OK with private emails appearing to be unlawfully copied to the Toodyay Herald; and
- I am not OK with being accused of being a bully, particularly by a group of people that have bullying down to a fine art.

I would however like to thank those people who have approached me to lend their support. These have been many, staff, councillors, local government colleagues and stakeholders but most of all the majority of the people of Toodyay who don't like the way this campaign looks and smells.

Stan Scott
CEO Shire of Toodyay

'HAVE YOUR SAY' Strategic Community Plan

You still have time to 'Have your say'.

Come along to the Farmers Markets on Sunday, 15 April 2018 in Stirling Park and have a chat about the Strategic Community Plan with the Shire President, Cr Rayner or the CEO, Stan Scott from 9.00am to 1.00pm.

Although we have had a reasonable response to the survey so far, we would really like more of our community to be involved. We have included the survey with this newsletter and encourage you to take a few minutes to fill it out and send it back to us. Thank you to those who have already completed and submitted the survey, your input is appreciated.



Alternatively, you can pick up a copy of the survey from the Shire Administration, Visitors Centre and Libraries.

You can also visit the Shire's website for an electronic version and submission of the survey and further information.

<http://www.toodyay.wa.gov.au/Have-Your-Say/Strategic-Community-Plan-Review>

The Plan will be much better if you are a part of it!
This survey will close on 20 April 2018

PledgeNot2Sledge

The **#PledgeNot2Sledge** campaign is designed to encourage greater respect on social media. The Shire of Toodyay is committed to being a positive online presence.

Bullying, violence and hateful behaviour online is a significant social problem, affecting communities all around the world. The complexity of the problem sees it stretch across all sectors of the community and people of all ages. Recent tragic losses highlighted in media have shown the devastating impact of negative online interactions.

The #PledgeNot2Sledge campaign uses the power of the community to create a social expectation regarding how we interact on social media. Words and meaning can be easily misunderstood and passive aggressive behaviour becomes the norm. Let us all make the **#PledgeNot2Sledge** for a happier and healthier community.

Change does not happen quickly and we stand united to actively support a positive culture change throughout our community. Together we can make that change.

For further information and how you can be involved with this campaign to **#PledgeNot2Sledge**, pop over the Shire website:

<http://www.toodyay.wa.gov.au/Community-Visitors/PledgeNot2Sledge>



Shire of Toodyay Facebook Page

The Shire recently launched its own dedicated Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/ShireofToodyay

We have brought all the current Facebook pages over and made them into groups attached to the main page. This will allow everyone to see all the fantastic things that are happening in and around the Shire. Below are the links to each of our Facebook groups, if you were a member of the previous Facebook pages, you will need to go onto the new group's page and join again. Thanks in advance.

We are happy to respond to any query or comment you would like to post, but please be aware that these pages are not monitored 24/7 and although we will strive to respond to you as quickly as possible, there may be a delay. If you need immediate assistance from the Rangers, please call the Rangers directly on 9574 9370.

Toodyay Rangers <https://www.facebook.com/groups/ToodyayRangers>

Toodyay Library <https://www.facebook.com/groups/ToodyayLibrary>

Toodyay Visitors Centre <https://www.facebook.com/groups/ToodyayVisitorsCentre>

Toodyay Museums <https://www.facebook.com/groups/ToodyayMuseums>