



As seen in recent weeks, fire is a very real and present danger in the surrounding hills and the wheatbelt regions.

Over 80 houses have been lost recently and many hectares of native bush land destroyed. Tireless efforts have been made by hundreds of professional and volunteer fire fighters to ensure the safety of others in these devastating times.

Therefore, Fire Breaks, Asset Protection Zones and Water Sources are all, a must have requirement in rural areas for the preservation of life and property.



The Rangers are well into Fire Break inspections with the compliance of most residents.

The main issues we are encountering are the over hanging trees and shrubs across designated fire breaks. (see pictures below).



Corella Management

The following species of Corella have been listed as a managed fauna in the Toodyay Local Government district in the Biodiversity Conservation Regulations 2018:

- Little Corella (*Cacatua sanguinea*)
- Butlers Corella (western corella (northern and central Wheatbelt subspecies) (*Cacatua pastinator derbyi*) (*Cacatua pastinator butleri*))
- Eastern long billed Corella (*Cacatua tenuirostris*)

Over the next couple of months, Toodyay Rangers will be firing towards flocks of the Corellas using non-lethal blanks to help with Corella management within the Shire of Toodyay.

Please contact the Shire of Toodyay Rangers on 97574 9370 if you have any questions in relation to the management of Corellas.



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Stand up everyone, and applaud our Community Citizens 2021.

The Shire President and Steve Blyth (National Candidate for the Agricultural Region) were delighted to recognise and present certificates to all nominees of the 2021 Community Citizen of the Year awards and to award each of the winners with medals.

The following were the deserving recipients of the awards:

Willow Hitches and Kyla Browne Youth (under 25 years of age)

Willow and Kyla are both employed by the Toodyay Community Resource Centre (TCRC). Willow is a trainee and Kyla is a client services officer. Both girls have displayed an exemplary attitude to their work

in liaising with the community on behalf of the TCRC. Both help our clients with daily tasks in the course of their normal daily duties and manage the planning for all our upcoming events. They are excellent ambassadors for our business and are always striving to help the local community.

The two girls not only do the majority of planning for our events to make them successful, but are always happy to help anyone who needs help. They deal with people from all walks of life in their work and are always cheerful and considerate in their approach to the public. They plan and facilitate all activities for a weekly kids club, in which up to 35 children attend on the early finish school day till 5pm, and the kids really love them. They are a credit to our organisation and an asset to our town. They have built successful networks with the local school and P&C Committee as well as businesses.

John Lucas - Senior (over 65 years of age)

John, more commonly known as "Duke" (pronounced Dook), is a hard working and dedicated volunteer and has been a main contributor to Cricket in Toodyay for most of his life. Whenever anyone in town thinks of cricket or school buses they usually think of John.

John first played for Toodyay when he was just 14 years old and has been the assistant curator for our turf wicket for over 45 years. For those who love their cricket, they will appreciate the importance of a good turf wicket and so many people rave about the quality of the Toodyay Pitch. John played over 650 games for the Cricket Club only retiring from play in the 2016/17 season after realising his body couldn't handle what it used to be able to.

Without John Lucas there would be no Toodyay Senior Cricket Club and he deserves to be acknowledged for his years of love, passion and dedication to the game of cricket and to the Toodyay Cricket Club.

Ian MacGregor - Community Citizen of the Year: Ian is a pillar of strength, support and a true leader within the community of Toodyay and has been an active Toodyay Volunteer Fire and Rescue member for over 35 years. As the current Captain of Toodyay Volunteer Fire and Rescue Ian has been influential in the increasingly active recruitment of young people; promoting and enabling women to take active parts in the service; established inter service relationships through regular multi agency training, social and community education events and provided outstanding leadership in times of catastrophic events when lives of local community members are devastated through road trauma incidents.

Ian's compassion and empathy in providing initial and ongoing care is amazing. Recent events have shown he is an amazing gentleman with what can only be described as super human. There has never been a more passionate and positive influence on a community as Ian has been. He has encouraged and contributed to the engagement of local communities regardless of culture, age or gender.

Ian's standing amongst his peers is testimony to the leader and the type of true gentleman he is.



Shire President
Cr Madacsi

A Message from the Shire President... Well, it was not the most auspicious start to February with the re-emergence of Covid-19 and a shutdown, then the Woorloo bushfire and the heartache and devastation it brought. Yet, this is part of the risk of current times and rural settings, and the way we rally to assist our neighbours defines us as a community so Toodyay should be proud.

As a community we need to understand that incidents like these, can heighten anxiety and refresh traumas for those in our community who have experienced difficult times, so please be kind.

Australia Day was successful and the first community event at the new recreation precinct since the official opening in November. The contributions made by staff and volunteer groups was magnificent. It was a pleasure, from my egg flipping position at the barbecue, to notice that the event ran smoothly and the CEO, far from just directing, was actively engaged in the setup, resulting in a relaxed and happy atmosphere. Children were engaged, the weather was mild and a cool breeze blessed the chefs. Later, music, shrieking and laughter wafted down from the pool, there was no doubt the pool party was being enjoyed.

Part of my duties was to extend a warm welcome to Steve Blyth, President of the National Party who stood in for Shane Love and to new citizens Dorothy Dobie and Paul Ralph. Another was to announce the nominees and winners of the Citizen of the Year awards, Ian McGregor, Citizen of the Year, John Lucas, Citizen over 65 and Kyla Browne and Willow Hitches, Youth Citizens. The enthusiasm of the community was a clear recognition of the esteem we hold for them. Thanks to you all for what you do.

The Annual Electors Meeting on 4 February had a low attendance and concluded within seven minutes due to constraints the emergencies presented. Only two questions were taken from the floor.

The first major business for the year was awarding Stallion Homes the tender for the Julimar Fire Brigade premise upgrade. Other less obvious, but no less important matter is the ongoing annual budget review which started in December, and completion of the first round of planning policy reviews. Council will shortly reassess the Shire's building assets in preparation for the budgetary considerations.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT STANDARDS PANEL FINDINGS

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* (the Act), 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 and must publish the Public Censures and record the complaints in the complaints register which will be placed on the Shire's website: <https://www.toodyay.wa.gov.au/Home>

Government of Western Australia
Local Government Standards Panel

NOTICE OF PUBLIC CENSURE
No. SP 2019-009

The Local Government Standards Panel has found that Councillor Benjamin Bell, a Councillor of the Shire of Toodyay, breached regulation 7(1)(b) of the *Local Government (Rules of Conduct) Regulations 2007 (WA)* when he made a Facebook Post that was misleading and intended to cause detriment to Mr Stan Scott.

Councillor Bell's conduct was in breach of the Shire's Code of Conduct and deserving of a penalty.

The Panel censures Councillor Bell for the breach of regulation 7(1)(b) of the *Local Government (Rules of Conduct) Regulations 2007 (WA)*.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT STANDARDS PANEL

Government of Western Australia
Local Government Standards Panel

NOTICE OF PUBLIC CENSURE
No. SP 2019-010

The Local Government Standards Panel has found that Councillor Benjamin Bell, a Councillor of the Shire of Toodyay, breached regulation 7(1)(b) of the *Local Government (Rules of Conduct) Regulations 2007 (WA)* when he made a Facebook Post that was intended to cause detriment to Mr Stan Scott.

Councillor Bell's conduct was in breach of the Shire's Code of Conduct and deserving of a penalty and the comments were found by the Local Government Standard's Panel to be misleading, derogatory and likely to cause detriment to Mr Stan Scott.

The Panel censures Councillor Bell for the breach of regulation 7(1)(b) of the *Local Government (Rules of Conduct) Regulations 2007 (WA)*.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT STANDARDS PANEL

Government of Western Australia
Local Government Standards Panel

NOTICE OF PUBLIC CENSURE
No. SP 2019-046

The Local Government Standards Panel has found that Councillor Benjamin Bell, a Councillor of the Shire of Toodyay, breached regulation 7(1)(b) of the *Local Government (Rules of Conduct) Regulations 2007 (WA)* when he made several false, misleading and derogatory Facebook Posts on 10 February 2019.

Councillor Bell's conduct was in breach of the Shire's Code of Conduct and deserving of a penalty and the comments were found by the Local Government Standard's Panel to be false or misleading and likely to cause detriment to Mr Stan Scott and Cr Therese Chitty.

The Panel censures Councillor Bell for the breach of regulation 7(1)(b) of the *Local Government (Rules of Conduct) Regulations 2007 (WA)*.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT STANDARDS PANEL

Shire of Toodyay Employment

FINANCE COORDINATOR (Full Time)
ADMINISTRATION OFFICER (Casual)

The Shire of Toodyay is seeking applications for a Finance Coordinator to join its Corporate Services team and Administration Officer to join its Assets & Services team.

FINANCE COORDINATOR ROLE (Full Time)
Reporting to the Manager Corporate & Community Services, this role is responsible for coordinating and leading day-to-day financial and customer service functions and compliant budget and financial management for the Shire. The primary focus of this role is to deliver an efficient and effective financial accounting function and meet financial reporting and related obligations in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and applicable legislation.

The salary component for this role is \$80,000 - \$85,000 plus superannuation.

ADMINISTRATION OFFICER ROLE (Casual)
Reporting to the Manager Assets & Services, this role plays a pivotal role in the Assets & Services business unit. Day-to-day administration tasks include customer service functions, maintaining records and supporting the Assets & Services unit.

The salary component for this role is \$58,000 - \$60,000 (FTE) plus superannuation.

Requirements
The Shire offers attractive working conditions and a friendly work environment. Both positions offer other benefits which include professional development opportunities, uniform allowance, additional superannuation contribution policy and income protection.

To be selected for an interview for either position, candidates will have proven knowledge and experience, excellent time management, high-level computer skills and strong communication skills, to effectively communicate with the public and team members.

Application packages are available on our website at www.toodyay.wa.gov.au or by contacting the Records Officer on 9574 9312 or email records@toodyay.wa.gov.au.

Applications should be marked:
"CONFIDENTIAL – Finance Coordinator" or
"CONFIDENTIAL – Administration Officer"
and forwarded to the Chief Executive Officer, Shire of Toodyay;
By mail to PO Box 96, Toodyay WA 6566;
In-person to Shire of Toodyay Admin Centre, 15 Fiennes Street Toodyay during opening hours; or
Via email to records@toodyay.wa.gov.au.

Applications close **5pm on Friday 26 February 2021**.
Applicants must have the right to live and work in Australia.

SUZIE HASLEHURST
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Shire of Toodyay Local Planning Policy Review

They say Rome was not built in a day and for that matter – neither was Toodyay. It has taken generations of good and lean times, changing attitudes, trends, and governance to give Toodyay its unique character.

A primary tool used to preserve character and to guide development is the Local Planning Policy. According to the Western Australian Local Government Association's *Local Planning Policy Guide*:
"Local Planning Policies (LPPs) are an important and commonly used planning instrument in Western Australia. They help Local Governments set clear expectations for areas and development classes, provide direction to applicants on how Local Governments are likely to exercise discretion, and outline acceptable development standards. LPPs remain one of the few planning instruments over which Local Governments retain control over the preparation and adoption of, providing Local Governments with an opportunity to ensure that local planning frameworks reflect the particular values and needs of their local communities."

Governance was mentioned earlier as a key factor shaping Toodyay. Where the community has set its vision in strategies such as the Strategic Community Plan or the Local Planning Strategy, the Local Planning Policy is the tool to guide the decision-maker's exercise of discretion in planning assessment decision making – to meet these strategic objectives.

It is important to note that Local Planning Policies are organic documents and should be reviewed regularly to ensure they remain relevant and in line with sound planning principles. They need to be able to reflect the changing needs of the community too.

The Shire of Toodyay is currently in a review phase of its twenty-four Local Planning Policies. Some of these policies require only minor changes and remain quite functional. Other policies are obsolete and may be removed. We will also be reviewing key Local Planning Policies such as the one concerning the Central Toodyay Heritage Area. Here, there is an opportunity to improve the way the policy works and is administered. This will improve assessment and turnaround times for the community. There is also an opportunity to introduce new policy to help reduce red tape and provide clearer expectations with regards to matters such as community consultation on planning matters.

As well as workshoping these policies with the elected members, the policies (except those deemed to require only minor changes) will have a mandatory requirement for community consultation. We really value community input to tell us what is not working or to perhaps provide suggestions on how the policies could be improved.

Ultimately, it is an exciting and interesting opportunity for the community and the Shire of Toodyay to work together to provide great governance and to guide how Toodyay will look and feel in the future.

LOVE IS IN THE AIR ON THE SHELVES AT

Toodyay Library

THIS FEBRUARY!

9574 2323 | library@toodyay.wa.gov.au

Cinematic Chemistry: Our Five Favourites

- Bridget Jones's Diary (2001)
- Far From The Madding Crowd (2015)
- Ghost (1990)
- Me Before You (2016)
- The Notebook (2004)

Romantic Read of the Month



Witty and downright hilarious!

Did You Know?

The very first Valentine was sent in the 15th century, but the tradition of flower-giving didn't begin for another 200 years. You might say it took some time to bloom...

Love To Listen?

Borrow an audio book! We stock the best of the best romance writers on CD and MP3, from Jenny Colgan to Nicholas Sparks and Nora Roberts.

Learn To Love Yourself

Valentine's Day is the perfect excuse to practice some self-love, and we have the go-to guide for looking after number one. *Self Love* by Akal Pritam includes aromatherapy lessons, soul food recipes, relaxation techniques and much more.



Shire of Toodyay Community Engagement Survey

Have your Say & WIN

The Shire of Toodyay invites you to complete the Community Engagement Survey and 'Have your Say' so you can get involved and help set the direction of the Shire for the next 10 years, this way we can better meet your future needs. The survey is being conducted by the Shire of Toodyay. Responses will remain confidential in accordance with the Australian Privacy Act and Principles. All Ratepayers and residents are invited to complete the Survey by submitting their response (remember: only one response per person) prior to **4.00pm Friday, 19 March 2021** in one of the following ways:

Online (preferred) at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DRQRPJL>

Drop your survey off in person at: Shire Administration, Visitor Centre or Library

Email: records@toodyay.wa.gov.au

"The Shire's key guiding document, the Strategic Community Plan 2028 is due for review and your opinions are needed. Everything the Shire does is informed by this Plan. If we are to build the community we want, weather future stresses, and have a place we can enjoy and afford to live in, we need everyone's input, so, please take the time to answer the survey questions. We need to know. Thank you."

Cr Rosemary Madacsi, Shire President

Don't forget: win a free season pass to the Pool simply by including your phone number on the survey.

If you have any questions about this survey, we invite you to contact the Shire on 9574 9300 or by email via records@toodyay.wa.gov.au.

By completing this survey you are giving us important information which we can use to turn your visions into reality.



Construction of the overtaking lane on Toodyay Road between Lovers Lane and Jingaling Brook Road is still on schedule for completion by May 2021. Side tracks have been used to reduce the impact on traffic and will be removed once the Toodyay Road has been realigned and widened at this location. The road widening around Racecourse Road is also running to schedule. Audible edge lines will be installed once the works are completed.

For updates about the Toodyay Road upgrade project, please sign up on at 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



Are you feral free?

Join Wheatbelt NRM for this community workshop to see how you can fight feral pests on your property.

What are the latest methods for feral animal control? How can you use them? Hear from industry specialists and get advice from DPIRD.

Are you finding the online 1080 accreditation process difficult? Receive guided 1080 accreditation training to help get your approvals.

Free event with lunch provided. Door prize at each event of a sensor camera valued at \$500.

Thanks to the York River Conservation Society, Toodyay Friends of the River and Toodyay Naturalists Club for supporting these events.

Event Details
Toodyay – February 24, 9am-3pm, CWA Hall

RSVP is Essential
To register contact Jacquie Lucas on 9670 3113 or email at jlucas@wheatbeltnrm.org.au.

wheatbeltnrm.org.au/events



natural resource management program



This event is supported by funding from the Western Australian Government's State NRM Program.

The Shire of Toodyay is proudly supporting the 'This Bay is Someone's Day' campaign as part of our ongoing work in creating an accessible and inclusive community for people living with disability.

The Mission: Reduce the misuse of ACROD Parking bays around Western Australia.

Join our community awareness campaign to reduce the misuse of ACROD Parking bays in the community. We are on a mission to show how doing the right thing helps make everyone's day brighter.

The Challenge: Whether it's stopping to pick up kids, grabbing a quick coffee or "ducking into the shops for five minutes" – misuse by people parking without a permit happens. We have spoken to people who misuse ACROD parking bays and their feedback tells us that there is a lack of understanding about the real need for ACROD Parking.

Our Campaign: Working in partnership with permit holders, local governments and businesses to develop the concept of the campaign; "This Bay Is Someone's Day," highlights the impact that parking without a permit can have on someone's day

What might save you a couple of minutes can have a long lasting impact on someone else's day. Cars parked without an ACROD permit may attract a \$500 fine from our Rangers.

[Learn more about the campaign](#)



THIS BAY IS SOMEONE'S DAY

Park right, day and night.
ACROD Bays are reserved for permit holders.

New stock available at the Toodyay Visitors Centre...

The Toodyay Visitors Centre now carries a range of bags, glass cases, money purses and wildflower badges created by AdieArt. Buy 6 of your favourite wildflower badges and you get one for FREE (choose from the box of goodies we have at the front desk).

Our hardworking Museum volunteers have been coming up with some great ideas to utilise the shingles removed from the Old Newcastle Gaol museum. These and many other fantastic Shingle crafts are available from the Toodyay Visitors Centre.



Newcastle Gaol Major Exhibition

In August 2021 the Shire is planning to launch a new exhibition at the Newcastle Gaol Museum about the Sisters of Mercy at Toodyay.

The aims of this new exhibition are to:

- Tell the story of the Congregation of the Sisters of Mercy involvement in the Toodyay district between 1884 and 2003.
- Find out more about the school the Sisters founded in Toodyay and its various locations.
- Share the history of the built heritage now remaining at the 34 - 38 Stirling Terrace site - the St Aloysius Convent of Mercy and School and later use of the site.
- Share some of the experiences of the St. Aloysius Convent of Mercy Sisters – during their era of the school and after its closure in 1971.
- Share some of the experiences of the St. Aloysius Convent of Mercy students – day students and boarders.
- Explore the intangible legacy of the St Aloysius Convent of Mercy School and Sisters in Toodyay.
- Place images and artefacts relating to the Sisters of Mercy on public display.



Pupils of the Sisters of Mercy Roman Catholic School, Toodyay 1891
(Photo taken before the 1903 completion of the grand former convent building that is present today)

It is planned to have the exhibition in place for around 12 months in our temporary exhibition room.

We would very much appreciate the help of the Toodyay community to achieve our lofty aims. Does anyone have memories of the Sisters or the St. Aloysius School they would like to share with our museum curator, or objects they might loan for our exhibition?

Museum Curator, Margie can be contacted via email: toodyay.museums@toodyay.wa.gov.au or phone: 9574 9393

Toodyay Farmers Twilight Markets

The first of the famous Toodyay Farmers Markets for 2021 will take place at Stirling Park on Saturday, 20 February 2021. This will be a twilight market and will commence at 5.30pm.

The Shire of Toodyay encourages the community to head on down and support the markets. Pop your head into the Shire's 'spot' and have a chat with the CEO, Suzie Haslehurst, Councillors or other staff members about any topic you wish. Pick up a copy of the latest Newsletter, the Toodyay Directory or any of the other informative publications available.

The following are the official Toodyay Farmers Market dates for 2021. Make sure you put them into your diaries — see you there.....

Saturday
20 February 2021
5.30pm - 8.30pm

2021 Farmers Market Dates
Sunday's 9.00am to 1.00pm

21 March	18 April	16 May
20 June	18 July	15 August
19 September	17 October	19 December



What happening with our roads?

As part of the Shire of Toodyay's Capital Works Program, January has seen the reseal of over 15km of road across the Shire to help keep roads to serviceable levels and reduce future maintenance.

This year, bitumen with a 5% crumbed rubber component was selected for both its durability and sustainability aspects, resulting in over 10,000kg of tyres that would otherwise go to landfill being repurposed.

Additional funding provided by the Federal Government under the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program has meant projects that otherwise could not have been completed this year can be brought forward to stimulate and benefit the local economy. This will likely mean you will see an increase in roadworks in the coming months on our roads.

As always please be mindful when passing through roadworks and obey any traffic management to ensure everyone goes home to their families at the end of each day.



Assets & Services Update

Bejoording Road, Bejoording 5.2km Reconstruct and seal	Underway, delays due to Total Fire Bans, completion estimated February 2021
Julimar Road, West Toodyay 0.8km Curve Realignment	Preliminary drainage and vegetation clearing complete. Construction to resume February 2021
Bridge Demolition and Culvert Construction, Bindi Bindi – Toodyay Road, Chatcup	Tender Closed, completion estimated June 2021
Hall Road, Nunile – Resheet and seal. Leeming Road to 1.8km south.	Awarded, completion estimated May 2021
Clinton Street, Toodyay – Asphalt Footpath. Anzac St to Museum	Awarded, completion estimated March 2021
River Road, Toodyay 2km Reseal	Completed January 2021
Lovers Lane, Toodyay – 2km Reseal	Completed January 2021
McKnoe Drive, Morangup 4.4km Reseal	Completed January 2021
Timber Creek Crescent, Coondle 3.2km Reseal	Completion estimated February 2021
Bindi Bindi – Toodyay Road, Wattening/Coondle – 2.8km Reseal	Completed January 2021
Toodyay Public Standpipe	Preliminary electrical and plumbing work complete, completion estimated Feb 2021

MORE COVID-19 NEWS from our Environmental Health officer

With Perth, South West, and Peel entering and transitioning out of a COVID-19 lockdown, Toodyay has remained relatively unchanged in its approach to living in a new normal COVID-19 safe world. We are still social distancing and ensuring good hand hygiene, however you may have noticed some people still wearing a mask around town. Whilst there are many cautious individuals out there, did you know that if someone has entered Perth or another lockdown affected area then returned to the Wheatbelt or are from the Perth area and are in the Wheatbelt for essential service, they must wear a mask when outside as if they were within a lockdown affected area.

The 2021 State Election is to be held on 13 March 2021 and will be conducted differently this year from previous elections in WA. Early Voting Centres and Polling Places will have extra COVID-19 safe precautions in place to ensure the health risks around COVID-19 are managed. If you have concerns regarding attending a polling place to vote prior to the election, you are encouraged to vote via postal vote or attend an Early Voting Centre. More information can be found on the Western Australian Electoral Commission website.

You may have heard from November 2020, the State Government began wastewater testing in the Perth metro to detect SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19. Regional wastewater treatment plant sites were added throughout January 2021 to include Albany, Broome, Bunbury, Busselton, Esperance, Geraldton, Kalgoorlie, Karratha, Northam and Port Hedland. No detection of the virus has been detected in regional wastewater to date.

For more information or the latest updates on COVID-19 in WA, please go to <https://www.wa.gov.au/> or contact the Shire's Environmental Health Officer on 9574 9300.



COVID-19 MANDATORY contact registers

From Tuesday, 2 February 2021 mandatory contact registers expanded in WA. The expansion follows a review of WA's contact register system, which has been in place since 5 December, 2020 as a precautionary measure.

Additional retail venues include:

- o supermarkets
- o department stores
- o pharmacies
- o hardware
- o retail components of other businesses where customers are physically present such as bank branches.
- o motor vehicles or boats which are capable of carrying 12 or more passengers, and used on a commercial basis for a party, tour or function, including:
 - o party buses
 - o wine and food tour buses
 - o hop on/hop off tour buses
 - o sightseeing tours
 - o party/function boats
 - o sightseeing/tour boats
 - o private charter buses/boats.

- o public and private hospitals (visitors only - persons visiting patients, or attending meetings/lectures, couriers, and contractors).
- o takeaway food and beverage services
- o food courts
- o venues where events are held and certain outdoor functions and gatherings under 500 people (e.g. weddings, corporate functions, carnival, fetes, festivals, markets,
- o funerals/memorial services).

Hospital visitors can currently attend unannounced and anonymously, which would make contact tracing difficult and challenging. Therefore, the expansion requires all hospitals, public and private, to maintain a contact register.

In addition, from Tuesday, 2 February, any businesses already using their own QR code for registration will be required to also clearly display the WA Government's SafeWA QR code.

This will ensure that patrons are able to choose their preferred registration platform and facilitate the most effective and efficient collection of information for contact tracing purposes.

For more information about contact registers:

see the [Mandatory contact registers expanded to keep WA safe media statement](#) or visit [COVID-19 coronavirus: Contact registers](#).



2021 All Set to Go.....

We are nearly there!
 Saturday, 27 March 2021
 Toodyay Music Fest.

There will be good music, some great food and merchandise available from 10.00am to 9.00pm.



We are all about helping rural emerging bands gain experience and exposure and we have a fantastic line up of 25 acts from a number of different genres for you this year.

Bring a blanket or a chair and relax in the parks whilst enjoying this free community event including live popular, folk, opera, blues, rock, country, The Toodyay Community Youth choir and more. Slip, Slop, Slap and enjoy this Smoke Free event.

You will find entertainment at Duidgee Park (main Stage) as well as Stirling Park, St Stephens Church and Buskers will line the streets for those enjoying the cafes and shops.

All going well, James Blundell will be performing on the main stage from 7 - 9pm. Our programme is almost complete and will be on our website soon. Please check this space: www.toodyaymusicfest.com

This entire event is COVID dependent. Please maintain social distancing, stay alert and stay safe.

Those pesky Mozzies!

Ross River Virus is on the increase in Toodyay.

With COVID-19 being the big star of 2020, another virus was feeling a little left out and has decided to make its debut in Toodyay this year.

You may have heard on the news that Ross River Virus is on the rise and Toodyay has had a number of cases that has put it in a high risk category.

La Nina is currently underway in WA bringing wetter, cooler days and warmer nights, providing favourable weather conditions for mosquito breeding and possible mosquito-borne virus activity. Ross River Virus is just one of the viruses that infected mosquitoes can transmit to humans. There is currently no cure and no vaccine for Ross River Virus and the only way to prevent infection is to not get bitten by mosquitoes. The following are ways you can prevent mosquito-borne disease:

Cover up wear long, loose-fitting, light coloured clothing as much of the body as you can;

Repel when outdoors and mosquitoes are present, apply insect repellent containing DEET (diethyltoluamide) or picaridin evenly to exposed skin; and

Clean up simple changes around your home can reduce mosquito breeding such as removing, emptying or cover water-holding containers.

Fever, nausea and skin rashes usually disappear within the first two weeks of the illness. Joint, muscle and tendon pain may last much longer and may be experienced with severe tiredness. Full recovery from the disease can take 2 to 6 weeks, but can be upwards to a year, causing emotional distress and impacting on family, social and work relationships.

Please contact the Shire's Environmental Health Officer on phone: 9574 9300 or email: records@toodyay.wa.gov.au if you would like more information or to report a mosquito nuisance in your area. For more information on protecting yourself from mosquito-borne disease and on the Department of Health's "Fight the Bite" campaign, please go to www.fightthebite.com.au.



Common symptoms of Ross River Virus include: skin rashes; painful and swollen joints; sore muscles; flu-like symptoms (fever, chills, headache); tiredness or weakness.



2,665 jobs available

2021 Census Field Manager

\$36.90 per hour (incl 25% loading) + super
 (Contract/Temporary)

Roles start from May 2021

Earn extra income

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19,791 jobs available

2021 Census Field Officer

\$24.80 per hour (incl 25% loading) + super
 (Contract/Temporary)

Roles start from July 2021

Earn extra income

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Adecco Recruitment has partnered with the Australian Bureau of Statistics to recruit 38,000 temporary employees across the country. These employees will play an important role in helping people to lodge their Census forms for the Australian National Census 2021.

The Census provides valuable insights into the make-up of Australian society and is often the only source of data on small population groups and small geographic areas, which is why it is vital that we achieve the highest level of engagement and participation possible within your area.

Data collected in the Census helps governments, businesses and not for profit organisations across the country make informed decisions. In the past, Census data has been used to plan and deliver a variety of services across Australia. For example, the Royal Flying Doctors Service uses Census population data to determine health provision in rural and remote areas and predict what services are sent to what locations.

For further information and to view current vacancies, please visit: <https://censusjobs.adecco.com.au/applications>



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A new year begins at TDHS

As we welcome the start of a new school year, the Toodyay District High School Parents & Citizens Association (P&C) is gearing up for a big year.

The P&C committee has recommended contributions of \$16,000 towards four projects: resurfacing of the basketball court in the primary school area; lockers for secondary students; shade sails throughout the school's playground areas; and replacement of library furniture.

In addition to these improvements, the P&C is focused on raising funds for further initiatives through farming for Toodyay DHS.

With support from a local farmer, the Toodyay & Districts Community Bank and Toodyay Op Shop, the P&C will grow a grain crop to raise funds for school improvements.

A portion of funds raised will be invested in a school crop next year, with the intention of generating an annual income for the P&C.

The school canteen is up and running and is seeking volunteers on Mondays and Fridays. Canteen volunteers are essential for providing students with a canteen service at recess and lunch, which in turn generates income for P&C initiatives.

The next members' meeting will be held on **Tuesday, 2 March 2021 at 5.30pm** in the Toodyay DHS staff room. Members and anyone keen to support the school and P&C are welcome to attend.

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.

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

Laps for Life

Make a splash this March to help young people experiencing mental health issues

Join us on
28 March!



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SIGN UP



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SET YOUR GOAL



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SWIM

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FINAL EVENT DAY

28 March
10am - 2pm
Final Laps
and BBQ

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[www.toodyayrecentre/
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for information

Laps for Life

Laps For Life is ReachOut's annual fundraising swim event. Every dollar raised will help ReachOut support young people experiencing mental health difficulties.

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Mulan (2020)

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Saturday 13th March

Gates Open – 6.30pm
Movie Starts – 7.30pm
Tickets – \$10*

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Toodyay celebrates Australia Day 2021 in style

Thank you to everyone who attended this year's Australia Day celebrations with the theme for 2021 being Reflect, Respect, Celebrate. 2020 had its challenges and everyone was urged to reflect on the selfless and courageous sacrifice of thousands of frontline workers and the resilience of communities who embody the Australian spirit of helping and giving.

Australia Day is an opportunity to show respect to the world's oldest living culture, it is also a chance to acknowledge that respect and celebrate our place in the world as a proud, ancient, multicultural nation.

The annual Australia Day breakfast was held at the newly opened Toodyay Recreation Centre and the crowds enjoyed breakfast while listening to the wonderful Peter and Kit Byfield.

Thank you to the Shire Councillors for cooking and serving a wonderful breakfast. There were activities on the oval, and Toodyay Fairytale Farm provided face painting and an animal farm for all to enjoy.

After breakfast the official proceedings kicked off with the CEO Suzie Haslehurst as MC and we welcomed two new Citizens to the Toodyay community in Mrs Dorothy Dobie and Mr Paul Ralph congratulations and welcome to you both.

The Shire President and Steve Blyth (National Candidate for the Agricultural Region) were delighted to recognise and present certificates to all nominees of the 2021 Community Citizen of the Year awards and to award each of the winners with medals:

Community Citizen of the Year – Youth (under 25 years of age)

Willow Hitches and Kyla Browne - both winners

Community Citizen of the Year – Senior (over 65 years of age)

John Lucas - winner

Donald Anderson
Kaye Rewell

Community Citizen of the Year

Ian MacGregor - winner

Carolynne Haigh
Sarah Otremba
Sean Byron



Australia Day

Reflect. Respect. Celebrate.

All nominees and winners were well supported by family, friends and work colleagues (just ask Ian MacGregor!) with a rare photo taken of the crew. Following breakfast and the awards ceremony, families moved up to the pool for Toodyay's first Pool Party with entertainment provided by DJ Terry from Triple M radio and pizza supplied by Pizza Lab 6566. Everyone enjoyed having a splash in the new facility while enjoying their free pizza.

A huge thank you to everyone who made the Australia Day celebrations possible, with special mention to the Toodyay Junior Football Club, Avon Valley Shotokan and Toodyay Music Fest for assisting with the setup, running of the event and pack down and our sponsors, National Australia Day Council and the Shire of Toodyay. We couldn't have done it without all of you.

