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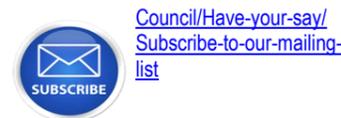
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### Is Your Firewood Collection Legal?

With the onset of a cold winter, you may be considering collecting firewood for personal use at home. But wait! Do you know you may be hit with heavy fines or prosecution if you chop trees down without a permit?

The Shire of Toodyay has recently observed illegal clearing of native vegetation from Shire land and reserves for the purpose of commercial supply of firewood. The Shire would like to inform residents that firewood can be collected only from designated areas of State forest and timber reserves managed by the Department of Parks and Wildlife. Firewood collected from public firewood collection areas is for private use only, and selling it is not permitted unless you are a registered commercial operator. Please contact the DPaW for information regarding your nearest firewood collection area and the rules associated with it.

If you are collecting firewood for personal use from your private property it is important that you are aware of the regulations surrounding firewood collection and how this can be done without damaging the environment. Clearing of native vegetation in WA is regulated by the *Environmental Protection Act 1986* (EP Act) and Environmental Protection (Clearing of Native Vegetation) Regulations 2004 and you are required to obtain a Clearing Permit from the Department of Environment Regulation if you wish to clear on your private property. An exemption does exist under the EP Act for clearing for the purposes of firewood from a private property.

Firewood must first be collected from dead vegetation. If taken from live trees, it should not kill the tree or prevent its regrowth. This would allow the taking of branches from resprouting species such as mallees.

For more information please contact the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions on (08) 9333 7469.

UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS Council Chambers			
Meeting	Date	Time	
Agenda Briefing	20 August	4.00pm	
Council Meeting	27 August	4.00pm	

COMMUNITY INFORMATION SESSIONS			
Venue	Date	Time	
Bejoording Fire Shed	4 September	6.30pm	
Morangup Community Centre	30 November	10.30am	

### TIP PASSES 2019

You will be receiving your Rates Notice over the next week or so. Included with the Notice will be your 6 trip or 12 trip tip pass, depending on your current rubbish collection service. If you do not receive a tip pass with your rates notice, please contact the Shire before **Tuesday, 10 September 2019** for a free replacement. Replacement passes after this date will be charged as per Council's Fees and Charges.

### Waste Transfer Station Pass

from July 2019 to June 2020

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This pass entitles the bearer to 12 entries to dispose of domestic waste conveyed by car, utility or standard 6' x 4' trailer.

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Commercial refuse, such as building rubble, commercial packaging etc. will not be accepted.

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**Entry without a pass will incur a fee**

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Free Entry (is allowed) for the following waste types:

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- sorted recyclables disposed of at designated areas eg newspapers, bottle glass, used motor oil, car batteries, scrap metal;
- clean mulchable green waste;
- motor vehicle bodies;
- E-Waste (electronic waste); and
- Household Hazardous Waste.

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**Toodyay Waste Transfer Station**  
Railway Road, Toodyay  
Ph 9574 2661

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**Seven Days - 8am to 12pm**  
Excluding Good Friday, Anzac, Christmas, Boxing & New Year's Day

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Last Sunday of each month 8am to 3pm

# Toodyay Community Newsletter

Produced by the Shire of Toodyay

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### NOMINATING FOR COUNCIL?

Local Government Elections 19 October 2019

Get involved and make a difference! Influence your community's long term vision and direction by becoming a Councillor. We are looking for passionate, committed and innovative leaders to guide the Toodyay community toward a bright future.

Have you ever thought about nominating to become a Councillor, but aren't sure if the role is for you? An information night has been scheduled that may give you some insight into the obligations and requirements of being a Councillor.

This session is for **anyone** who is thinking of nominating as a candidate for the 2019 Local Government election. You will have an opportunity to ask questions of current sitting Councillors and representatives from the Electoral Commission. The presentation is facilitated by a representative of the State Electoral Commission.

**THURSDAY, 29 AUGUST 2019**

**at 6.00pm**

**in Council Chambers**

**To register: contact the Shire Administration on 9574 9300**  
Email: [records@toodyay.wa.gov.au](mailto:records@toodyay.wa.gov.au)

**Nominations for Council open: Thursday, 5 September 2019**  
**and close: 4.00pm Thursday, 12 September 2019.**

This year new laws have been introduced which makes it compulsory for all candidates nominating in a local government election to complete the department's online induction: <https://www.dsr.wa.gov.au/site-elements/dlgsc/local-government/Local-government-candidate-induction>

At the end of the induction you will need to fill in your details to register your completion. Please make sure you press the registration button at the end or your completion will not be registered. You should receive an email confirming you have completed the induction. Please keep this for your own records.

You will be asked to declare that you have completed the online induction when filling out your nomination form. It is an offence to make false or misleading statements on the nomination form.

#### WALGA WEBINAR

A webinar presented by WALGA (15 August 2019) focusing on key areas of local government will be available on WALGA's website from around 22 August 2019.



Vote for your FAVOURITE TOWN IN WA

### Vote for Toodyay and WIN

Toodyay has entered the GWN7 Top Tourism Town Awards and this year the winner is partly chosen by a public vote. We all love Toodyay and want to see it promoted far and wide. The winning town will receive \$10,000 worth of advertising with GWN7.

Please take the time to vote, and encourage friends and family to vote too. One lucky voter will win a \$5,000 travel voucher to spend on a holiday in WA or a \$500 RAC voucher to spend at any one of their parks and resorts.

Voting opens on 1 August 2019 at the Western Australia [website](http://www.elections.wa.gov.au) and closes 25 August 2019, so get your votes in quickly.

### ARE YOU ELIGIBLE TO VOTE IN THE 2019 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS?

If you are a resident of the Shire of Toodyay and are registered on the State Electoral Roll, you will automatically receive voting papers – you do not need to do anything. You can confirm your enrolment status with the Western Australian Electoral Commission online at [www.elections.wa.gov.au](http://www.elections.wa.gov.au) or by phoning 13 63 03.

If you are a ratepayer of Toodyay but do not live in the Shire, you can apply to register on the Owners Occupiers Roll. This roll requires an update every 2 years, so if you registered on the Owner Occupiers roll prior to the 2017 LG elections, you may need to do so again.

Please also note: If you pay rates on more than one property in the previous 'ward' structure, you may have been eligible to vote in more than one ward. Wards have now been abolished so each person will receive one vote regardless of how many properties they own in the Shire.

To be eligible to vote in the 2019 Local Government elections you must ensure that you are enrolled to vote before:

**5.00pm on 30 August 2019**





**President's Pen**

July was a very busy month for me and the Toodyay Shire Councillors.

Along with Councillor Twine, Scott Patterson (Manager Works and Services), and the CEO, I met with Minister Saffioti and the project team from the Public Transport Authority (PTA) regarding work on the Duke Street Foot Bridge. PTA and ARC Infrastructure are continuing with their consultation regarding timing of the commencement of work on the footbridge. Due to the large volume of rail traffic on the line an emphasis on safety is critical.

Cr Brian Rayner  
Shire President

We expect that the work will be commencing soon and we will keep you updated with the progress.

A large number of rate payers attended the Community Forum on Saturday, 27 July 2019 and were able to voice a number of issues, Rates being one of the more vocalised issue. Rates generated for this year's Budget will rise by an average of 2.52%. Rates in the dollar will vary depending on the valuations the Shire received from the Valuer General. Gross Rental Value (GRV) properties were re-valued by the Valuer General this year resulting in some property values rising while others have fallen.

After the ground breaking for the new Recreation Precinct last month, ADCO Construction have commenced migrating to site in preparation for the project to commence in earnest.

Construction of the Coondle Nunile Fire complex is in full swing with earth works completed and the concrete pad having now been laid.

The up coming Council Election is to be held in October this year. You are all encouraged to put your hands up and nominate to become a Councillor. Those who are interested are welcome to attend an information night on Thursday 29 August 2019 in Council Chambers from 6.00pm. This year new laws have been introduced which makes it compulsory for all candidates nominating in a local government election to complete the department's online induction: <https://www.dsr.wa.gov.au/site-elements/dlgsc/local-government/Local-government-candidate-induction> At the end of the induction you will need to fill in your details to register your completion. Please make sure you press the registration button at the end or your completion will not be registered. You should receive an email confirming you have completed the induction. Please keep this for your own records.

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**Nominations for Council will be open from Thursday, 5 September 2019 and will close at 4.00pm on Thursday, 12 September 2019.** I look forward to seeing you all at the information evening on 29 August.

**AUSSIE BACKYARD BIRD COUNT: 21 - 27 OCTOBER 2019**

Join thousands of people from across the country for BirdLife Australia's Aussie Backyard Bird Count : 21 - 27 October 2019.

This national event enables everyone from school children, senior citizens, families and community groups to participate in capturing a snapshot of Australia's birds. Taking part is easy, all you need is 20 minutes and your favourite outdoor space. Simply record the birds you see through our website or app — if you don't recognise a bird you can look it up on our handy 'bird finder' app.

You'll instantly see live statistics on how many people are taking part and the number of birds and species counted in your neighbourhood and the right across Australia.

Not only will you get to know your feathered neighbours, but you'll be contributing to a vital pool of information from across the nation that will help us see how Australian birds are faring.

Register now to join the 2019 Aussie Backyard Bird Count: [www.aussiebirdcount.org.au](http://www.aussiebirdcount.org.au)



**IT'S ALL HAPPENING AT THE TOODYAY LIBRARY**

It's event time at Toodyay Library, and next on our program – after an amazing visit from travel photographer/author Louise Coghill in March – is a presentation no true crime enthusiast will want to miss.

Dr Leigh Straw is a Senior Lecturer in the School of Arts and Sciences at the University of Notre Dame. She is also the Arts Coordinator and teaches across the History program, specialising in Australian history and crime history. She is the author of several fiction and non-fiction works, won the 2018 Margaret Medcalf Award for Excellence in Research and Referencing, and can regularly be found relaxing on her Toodyay property.

This month Leigh will be taking us on a trip back in time to the criminal past of Perth, Melbourne and Sydney – with a focus on the felonious females who made headlines and history for all the wrong reasons. It would be criminal not to come along! Register your attendance with us today, and take a sneak peek at some of Leigh's books below...

The only good reason to miss this guest is if you're behind bars, so RSVP today. You can register in person at the library, by phone 9574 2323, via email [library@toodyay.wa.gov.au](mailto:library@toodyay.wa.gov.au) or through our Facebook page. We hope to see you there, at 1.00pm on Saturday 31 August 2019.



**Author Talk**

Dr Leigh Straw

*The Life and Times of 1900s Australia's Most Infamous Criminal Women*

Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> August @ 1pm

RSVP ASAP



**Angel of Death \*\*\*AVAILABLE AT TOODYAY\*\*\***

Dulcie Markham was a key figure of the underworld of Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane during the most violent years of Australian crime – the 1920s to the 1950s. With movie - star looks but impeccably bad taste in men, she 'saw more violence and death than any other woman in Australia's history', according to one crime reporter. Dulcie's killer smile matched her deadly reputation. To fall in love with her (and many men did) was to risk death. Nicknamed the 'Angel of Death' by crooks, reporters and police, Dulcie's husbands and lovers were stabbed and gunned down, and not always by her. This riveting account of Dulcie's notorious life is guaranteed to entertain and astound you.

**Drunks, Pests and Harlots: Criminal Women in Perth and Fremantle, 1900-1939**

Esther Warden was the 'terror' of West End Fremantle. Lilly Doyle kept company with thieves and rogues. May Ahern lured men into dark street corners, tempting them away from the paths of virtue. Esther, Lilly and May were notorious female criminals in early twentieth-century Perth and Fremantle. *Drunks, Pests and Harlots* offers a glimpse into their lives and those of other criminal women facing police surveillance, negative media coverage, incarceration and institutionalisation. These stories present historical perspectives on female offenders and women who failed to meet the expectations of society.

**Lillian Armfield \*\*\*AVAILABLE AT TOODYAY\*\*\***

The fascinating story of Australia's first female detective and a gripping account of Sydney's criminal past. Special Constable Lillian Armfield policed Sydney's mean streets during some of the most dramatic years of crime in the city. At first disapproved of by her male colleagues and often working solo and undercover, Lillian investigated it all, from runaways and opium dens to drug trafficking and murder. She dealt with the infamous crime figures of the day – Tilly Devine, Kate Leigh, 'Botany May' Smith – and their associates, who eventually accorded Lillian a grudging respect. Lillian paved the way for the women of today's police force, and her story makes for a compelling chapter in Australian true crime.

*In the meantime, keep on reading!*  
Carrie, Jasmin B, Jasmin D and Lindy



**NOTICE OF PUBLIC CENSURE**

The Local Government Standards Panel has found that Councillor Benjamin Bell, a Councillor of the Shire of Toodyay, breached:

(a) regulation 7(1)(b) of the *Local Government (Rules of Conduct) Regulations 2007 (WA)* by publishing a Facebook post on 26 August 2018 relating to the actions of Mr Stan Scott, the Chief Executive Officer of the Shire, in relation to answering Cr Bell's question and the Shire's budget.

In engaging in this conduct, Councillor Bell made improper use of his office as a council member.

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

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT STANDARDS PANEL**



**Parliamentary Inquiry**

On 26 June 2019 the Select Committee into Local Government was established by the Legislative Council to inquire into how well the system of local government is functioning in Western Australia, with particular reference to:

- whether the *Local Government Act 1995* and related legislation is generally suitable in its scope, construction and application;
- the scope of activities of Local Governments
- The role of the Department of State administering the *Local Government Act 1995* and related legislation;
- the role of Elected Members and Chief Executive Officers/employees and whether these are clearly defined, delineated, understood and accepted;
- the funding and financial management of Local Governments; and
- any other related matters the Select Committee identifies as worthy of examination and Report.

As part of its consultation process the committee invites you to provide a written submission on one or more of the above Terms of Reference. The closing date for submissions is **4.00pm, Friday 23 August 2019**.

For further information: <http://www.parliament.wa.gov.au/parliament/>



**Rural Health, Financial and Information Support Directory**

Western Australia's rural health, financial and information services support directory is your guide to contacts for support and assistance in areas of general health; information services; emergencies; 24 hour support; counselling and support; ancillary services; and financial support services.

Download a copy of the support directory from the Shire's website:

<http://www.toodyay.wa.gov.au/Resident-Services/News-and-Media/Western-Australia's-Rural-health-financial-information-support-directory>, OR the 'documents' section of the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development: <https://www.agric.wa.gov.au/climate-land-water>





### Toodyay Volunteer Fire & Rescue Service

Toodyay Volunteer Fire & Rescue Service is a not-for-profit Volunteer Brigade which provides emergency response to Toodyay and surrounding areas within the Central Wheatbelt in firefighting (structure fires and bush fires), rescue, hazmat and other relevant services as we are needed.



Based at the Toodyay Co Location Centre on Stirling Terrace the brigade members meet every Monday night for weekly equipment checks to ensure equipment is ready and operational at all times and on the first Monday of each month a formal meeting is held. The brigade is always busy with training, drills, demonstrations, supporting the community and raising community awareness and preparedness. We have training most weekends for the next couple of months and will also be at the Targa West Rally this month for fire support.

We currently have 18 members, some work full time, some work part time, casual, shift work, and fifo but still manage to make time to volunteer, some even volunteer for other organizations too.

Being a volunteer is rewarding in so many ways, being a Fire & Rescue volunteer is one of the greatest experiences. It is all about being able to give back and support the community, saving lives, being a part of an amazing team, working with other brigades and services, learning new skills plus so much more.

For more information, or if you're interested in joining (must be 17 or over), please contact Jodie Breese, Brigade Secretary email: [toodyayvfrs@bigpond.com](mailto:toodyayvfrs@bigpond.com) 08 9574 2620 (leave a message with your phone number and I will call you back as soon as possible), or find us on Facebook Toodyay Volunteer Fire & Rescue Service.

### A Safe System saves lives

This is your chance to have your say about road safety in Western Australia. The Road Safety Commission is conducting consultation forums in our region during August 2019. You may recall the forums on the Wheatbelt Highway Safety review; which shared a similar format. The current forums will inform the future WA Road Safety Strategy, "Imagine Zero."

Consultation forums are rolling out across the State, offering a great opportunity for Local Governments and communities to contribute.

A community forum will be held in Northam in the evening of Wednesday, 28 August 2019; a stakeholder forum in Northam during the day of Thursday, 29 August 2019; and a community/stakeholder forum will be held in Merredin in the evening of Thursday, 29 August 2019. Times and venues are TBA.

Please register on the following link: [https://imaginezero.rsc.wa.gov.au/forums/survey\\_tools/rsvp-for-forums](https://imaginezero.rsc.wa.gov.au/forums/survey_tools/rsvp-for-forums).



### 4th Community Information Session One way to "have your say"

About 70 community members attended the Community Information Session held on Saturday morning, 27 July 2019 in the Community Centre. It was great to see such a good turnout. Community information sessions are an ideal opportunity for residents to speak with Staff and Councillors and to hear more about what is happening in the Toodyay district. This was the fourth community information session the Shire has held this year with two more yet to come.

Following an introduction from Cr Rayner, Shire President, the floor was opened up to questions to Councillors, CEO and staff. Questions raised

### TOODYAY LAUNCHES ELECTRIC CAR CHARGING STATION

Council Shire President, Cr Rayner, along with the CEO, Cr Dow and Cr Manning attended the launch of the electric Car Charging Station during Targa West. Florian Pop and Edward Kestel from GEMtek Automation drove their electric Tesla Roadster to Toodyay for the launch, along with Joseph Law, a committee member of the Australian Electric Vehicle Association (WA branch) and was also the first person to race an Electric Car and complete Targa West. Both Florian and Joseph demonstrated how easy it was to use the charger on their cars.

The Shire was successful in receiving a Sustainable Community Grant from the Wheatbelt NRM funded through the Australian Government's National Landcare Programme to install an Electric Vehicle Charging Station. The idea originally came from a suggestion from a member of the Australian Electric Vehicle Association and the Tesla Owners Club after visiting Toodyay in 2017, and the opportunity to fund the station came from the NRM's grant program not long after. The cost of the project was \$12,891 of which the Shire is contributing \$1,250.

EVE Australia Pty Ltd supplied the Charging Station equipment which has two charger points. One vehicle is estimated to take 60 minutes to charge and depending upon the car make and model will provide 120km of driving.

The installation of the EV station is helping to establish an 'electric highway' to Toodyay with charging points already installed in Midland, Gidgegannup and Merredin.

Users supply their own charging cable, however access and payment is wireless through a smart phone App.

Council adopted an Environmental Management Strategy in 2015 and the EV charging station compliments this Strategy.

It is yet another innovative concept and attraction that Toodyay has embraced.



included issues about rates, the 'inquiry', roads, the negativity of the local newspaper, rubbish, possible traffic by-pass route, Councillors sitting terms, and a number of other general issues.



This community information session concluded with a number of people remaining to speak further with staff and councillors and share a cup of tea or coffee.

The next Community Information session will be held at the Bejoording Fire Shed on Wednesday, 4 September 2019 at 6.30pm where we will join in with the Social Curry Night of the Bejoording community! We hope to see you there.

**Remember**, you don't have to wait until the next community information session to raise any issues. Just give the Shire administration a call and ask to speak with the person who can best assist you. Shire staff are only too happy to support and assist any member of the community with any concern or query.



The annual **Be Medicinewise Week** is scheduled for 19 - 25 August 2019. This year, the campaign is focusing on the language of medicines, and encouraging Australians to better understand and communicate about medicines.

NPS MedicineWise was established in 1998 as the National Prescribing Service (NPS) Limited. Through two decades of continuous national leadership and services provided in the health sector, NPS MedicineWise remains committed to supporting quality use of medicines to improve health decisions and health and economic outcomes in Australia.

Medicines are part of most people's lives, and having access to and understanding important information, and asking the right questions about medicines is the key to getting the most out of them, safely. This is why it is so important to get to know the language of medicines. For more information go to:

<https://www.nps.org.au/bemedicinewise#about-the-campaign>

### A ROARING SUCCESS

The Cancer fundraiser night held at the Toodyay Club on Saturday night 20 July 2019, raised \$7,224.80 for the Harry Perkins Institute of Medical Research and Ride to Conquer Cancer.

It was a tremendous night of fun and frivolity, fantastic food (and lots of it) along with a sizeable dose of good humoured ribbing! Well done everyone and thank you Toodyay community for getting behind the organisers for this very worthy cause.

INFORMATION SESSION

**COMMUNITY INFORMATION SESSION**  
**Wednesday, 4 September 2019**  
***BEJOORDING FIRE SHED***

**Curry Night: From 6.30pm**  
**EVERYONE IS WELCOME**

Come along and have a chat with Shire Staff and Councillors.

**TOODYAY CLUB**  
**CANCER FUNDRAISING NIGHT**  
**DINNER, LIVE MUSIC, DONATIONS AUCTION**

## What has Council been up to now?

During July 2019, Councillors attended a number of meetings of Council including four budget meetings, the Agenda Briefing on 16 July, and Ordinary Council Meeting on 23 July, two Special Meetings of Council on 4 and 25 July and let's not forget that all important community meeting on 27 July.

This month the Agenda for the Ordinary Council Meeting included responses to Public questions from the June 2019 Council Meeting:

1. R Madasci asked questions regarding the review of the Local Government Act, tendering and working with Main Roads.
2. L Graham asked 3 questions on behalf of the Toodyay Progress Association regarding designated employees and an alleged breach of the Code of Conduct by the Shire President in the printing an article in the March 2018 Community Newsletter.

During Public Question time at the July Council Meeting B Foley asked questions regarding the use of Shire vehicles, road work on Dewars Pool Road and asked the Shire to investigate the possibility of introducing facilities for mountain and trail bike riding within the Shire.

Two submissions were received by Council from N Eastman on behalf of Little Creek Pastured Eggs and Cr Bell on behalf of D Wakeman.

Council approved a 3 to 6 dog application, a development application to introduce a movable chicken caravan and another development application for the keeping of an additional horse on a property in West Coondle.

The list of payments by the Shire were presented to, and accepted by Council, along with the Monthly Financial Statements for June 2019. Council guidance was provided for voting delegates at the WALGA Annual General Meeting, which was held on 7 August 2019.

Council received the Records Management Performance Audit Action Plan/ Report from the Audit Committee and noted that the issues concerning Records Management and Information Technology are being actioned by Management.

The Environmental Committee recommended that Council adopt a set of broad objectives for the Biodiversity Strategy and a number of stages for preparing the Biodiversity Strategy by endorsing the formation of a Steering Committee for the project and requested a minimum of three quotations from suitably qualified Consultants to develop the Biodiversity.

The full set of minutes along with attachments and supporting information can be found on the Shire's website: <http://www.toodyay.wa.gov.au/Council/Council-Meetings/Agendas-Minutes-and-Notes>

As we all know some months are busier than others and it is the same for the Shire Councillors, so in addition to the previous list of meetings, Councillors attended the following meetings and functions during this last month and brings to mind the quote from Nelson Mandela "There can be no greater gift than that of giving one's time and energy to help others without expecting anything in return."

- \* The opening of the new Men's Shed;
- \* The ground breaking ceremony for the Recreation Precinct;
- \* Works Advisory Meeting;
- \* John White's book Launch;
- \* The July Toodyay Farmers Markets;
- \* Councillors met with representatives from the RSL;
- \* Meeting with the Minister of Transport Hon. Rita Saffioti MLA and Public Transport Authority;
- \* Attended a 'When Valley' presentation on Drugs/Suicide and Mental Health, Butterley Cottages Committee Meeting;
- \* The Toodyay Chamber of Commerce Meeting;
- \* a Roadwise Meeting;
- \* Regional Road Group Meeting; and
- \* Community Resource Centre Meeting.

The meeting with Minister for transport Hon. Rita Saffioti MLA involved Councillor's Rayner and Twine along with the CEO, members of staff and

Public Transport Authority and discussed the progress of the work to be commenced on the Duke Street Footbridge in order to make it safe once again and open for the public to use.

The weather being beautiful - as always in Toodyay - the group decided to wander down to the Train Station to view the area where pedestrian crossing gates will be installed to once again keep our community safe. On the way Minister Saffioti enjoyed a photo opportunity at the new mural.



Minister Saffioti meeting with PTA and Shire of Toodyay at the Duke Street Footbridge (above) and at the Toodyay Train Station (below)



# TOODYAY MEN'S SHED

"Blokes Supporting Blokes"

**What is the Shed?** A Shed is a place for men who have, for their reasons, become isolated from the community, and are isolated by distance, work or simply want to talk and interact with their other men. It is a place to congregate in a safe non-judgemental environment to talk, play cards games, read and use the workshops. It is Blokes supporting Blokes in the shed or at their homes. The Shed is a place where men can come to talk to their fellow men. It is a safe area where **NON aggressive attitudes** are the only acceptable ones.

**What does a Men's Shed do?** The Common Room is for reading, watching TV or a DVD, playing cards or games, or to simply sit and talk to each other about everyday items or discuss a problem. The Workshops are covered by Safety Rules which must be followed, and these rules are in place for the safety of all members. It is a place where men can repair an item from home or someone they know and helping them out or make something they have wanted to make. Items can also be made to sell to support the Shed. The Workshops are not a place where tasks are undertaken on a production line system for other groups or private people. Fund Raising to support the Shed is something all members are asked to participate in, within



their capabilities, for the good of all. We often cater at the Toodyay Farmers Markets, produce the trophies for the Motor Show, clean the Pavilion for the Toodyay Agricultural Show and make ourselves available at Moondyne and the Food Festival. We are in a new shed at 5 Harper Road Toodyay and we meet every Monday and Thursday between 8.30am and 12.00 noon to participate in those things that we feel comfortable doing. Anyone from 16 years old to much older is welcome, and we are happy to accept men that need a carer, as long as we can assess them as safe, with a male carer. In the past months we have been very busy with the build of our new shed. However that is now finished and we had our Grand Opening on Saturday the 6 July 2019. Since then it has been necessary to clean up our old Shed at 6176 Toodyay Road and that is still in progress. We are planning to have an Open Day for the folk of Toodyay in the near future that will include a cuppa and possibly the sale for a gold coin of our extra tools.

You are welcome to contact Fred Fellowes, Interim Secretary, Toodyay Men's Shed on email: [toodyaymenshed@hotmail.com](mailto:toodyaymenshed@hotmail.com) or phone: 0438 664 321.

## New Museum Displays

New displays are popping up around our museum sites. One is the small exhibition in one of the end rooms of the Police Stables opposite the gaol.

It is titled "Unlocking the Past" and is a result of the work being achieved by volunteers who are taking on the extremely time-consuming task of transcribing documentary records held in the museum collection.

We have a number of farm diaries on display. Most refer to the **Newgain** property, and were compiled by Frank Twine. These diaries were a part of a donation from a few years ago by descendants of the Twine family. The donation also included other written material such as a 1940s Fordson tractor manual, reports and Bulk Wheat Handling printed matter.



We also have a 1907 farm diary about **Nardie** authored by Morris Lloyd. A copy of the complete transcription of this diary can be viewed in hard copy in the exhibition and also online on the Historical Toodyay pages of the Shire of Toodyay and Toodyay Visitors Centre websites. It includes some additional notations such as abbreviations and terms, historical notes and names mentioned.



The Toodyay Agricultural Society Inc. presents the **166th Toodyay Agricultural Show**

Bands • Live Entertainment • Side Show Alley  
Equestrian Action • Emergency Services Display • Livestock  
Produce • Art • Cooking • Crafts and Photography  
competitions • Multitudes more!

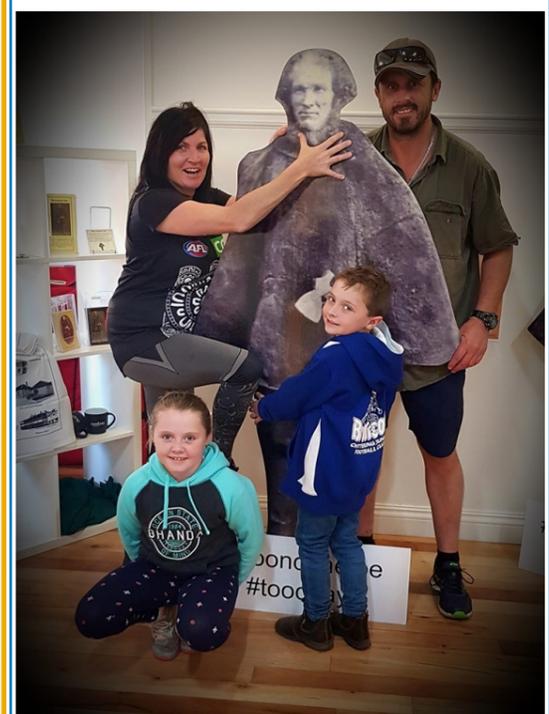
**Saturday 12th October 2019**

Councillors and staff will be at the **Toodyay Farmers Market** on Sunday, 18 August 2019. So pop on down and have a chat with them. Councillors and Staff will also be at the Markets for you to catch up with and discuss what's happening in the Shire. The Shire and Council representatives will be there for the whole morning, so come down to Stirling park at your leisure, grab a coffee and come and have a chat. Toodyay Farmers Market is held on the third Sunday of the month. The market offers plenty of artisan stalls, education sessions and entertainment. Come along, meet with us and tell us about the Bad and the Good!



**TOODYAY FARMERS MARKET**

**Moondyne Joe Competition Ends**



The Moondyne Joe competition has now finished! Congratulations to Lisa Marie and her family for finding Joe and posting this fantastic picture. Lisa has won:

- \* 1 night accommodation at Toodyay Holiday Park and Chalets
- \* \$50 to spend at the Victoria Hotel Toodyay
- \* A complementary ride with Avon Valley Trike Tours

Thank you to those who donated prizes and well done to everyone who found Joe and posted photos. There were heaps of great pictures sent in from everyone.



The Forget-Me-Not Memory Cafés now have a dedicated website: [www.forgetmenotmemorycafe.com](http://www.forgetmenotmemorycafe.com)

Memory cafe's provide a place for carers and loved ones with dementia to see that despite this illness being so personal, there are still others who truly can understand through their own first hand experience, and share the fact that we are not alone.

**OUR RESERVES ARE LOOKING GOOD**

(by Greg Warburton - Shire of Toodyay Reserves Management Officer)

Reserve Management has been undertaking work at Wallaby Reserve in Morangup for a few years now. Initially to reduce fire risk by hazard reduction burning and now activities include rehabilitation and invasive weed removal. This reserve contains a Swamp Paperbark forest featuring some of the largest old growth *Melaleuca raphiophylla* you will see anywhere. It is a very calming to spend time in this magical place as members of Conservation Volunteers Australia experienced on 5 July 2019. Although it was rainy weather we had a productive day installing new signage, tree planting and removing dumped rubbish. The Reserve has old gravel pits that are gradually being revegetated. We also have plans to create a walk trail incorporating a board walk at the Paperbark forest. Many thanks to Conservation Volunteers Australia, Boral, Morangup Progress Association and the "Mayor of Morangup", Kim Maddrell who gave us a tour of the new Ambulance Station.

Completed only in late July improvements and additions to Pelham Reserve Lookout and Picnic Area have been well received by residents and visitors alike. Three new picnic tables and a bench seat have been strategically positioned and mounted on concrete slabs. Drummond Memorial itself has been refurbished and new, attractive interpretive signage has been added to tell the story of Toodyay's own pioneer, explorer and botanist, James Drummond (1786-1863). The placement of an entry statement to the reserve and improved directional signage will assure visitors can find it now! Vegetation has been extensively pruned to enhance the view and down on Pelham Street the concrete spillway has been cleared to reveal a fascinating historical feature. A new 300 metre section of walk track has been created and all 5.5 kilometres of walk trails throughout the reserve have been colour coded, marked and re-signposted. Now is the perfect time to enjoy the new look picnic area, lookout and walk tracks at Pelham. There are great views from various locations around the reserve and spring will bring forth fields of Pink Everlastings. There is always plenty of birdlife there and a chance to glimpse the rich, red coated

*Euro Macropus robustus*. Drop into the Visitors Centre, pick up an information brochure and partake of some Pelham pleasure.

Reserve Management would like to thank- Unisite Outdoor Furniture, Oasis Outdoor Structures, Wacwill Landscaping, Geja Valley Fencing, Abbott's Timber Signs, Allmark Signs, Dads Metal Art, Fibretech, A. Carr, Shire of Toodyay Parks and Gardens dept.



# STEP INTO VOLUNTEERING

Thinking about volunteering but you're not sure where to start?

Volunteering WA runs informal introductions to volunteering through FREE "Step into Volunteering" sessions.

### FIND OUT ABOUT:

- The benefits of volunteering
- The variety of opportunities available for all ages and skill levels
- Your rights and responsibilities as a volunteer
- The application process
- How to best search for volunteering positions whether every day, every week or once a month from home

### AFTER THE SESSION:

You can find volunteering opportunities for you through:

- Our website [www.volunteeringwa.org.au](http://www.volunteeringwa.org.au)
- Creation of your personalised Volunteer Profile - let the positions come to you!
- On the go through our Volunteer App
- At a free one-on-one consultation with one of our friendly Referral Officers

**Next Session**

28<sup>th</sup> August 2019  
1.30pm to 2.00pm

Toodyay Community Resource Centre  
111 Stirling Tce, Toodyay



REGISTER ONLINE NOW at <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/step-into-volunteering-session-brookton-tickets-62455548226>

Hub open Tuesday and Wednesday, 9.30am to 2.30pm  
Northam Recreation Centre

Wheatbelt 9621 2143 tanya@volunteeringwa.org.au

## Toodyay Memory Café

Do you have a family member, or someone you care for have Dementia or memory loss?

**You are not alone!**

Come along and join us for a cup of tea/coffee, meet new people, share experiences and find support.



**WHEN:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month

**From:** 10.00am to 12 noon

**WHERE:** Cola Café, Stirling Terrace

Communication is important to everyone and especially for those living with memory loss. A few tips to assist with communication:

1. Take time to talk
2. Target feelings
3. Routine activities
4. Touch gently
5. Talk to the eyes
6. Reduce noise
7. Laugh together



## Toodyay Community Radio 105.3 FM

Toodyay's own Community Radio **2J 2AIR 105.3 FM**, *The Heartbeat of the Community*, broadcasts from the Toodyay Junction on Railway Road Toodyay. Listen in for the 'Community Diary', a segment to promote events, community announcements and issues that affect our community and all that is happening in the Toodyay district.

**Tune in twice daily: 10.00am and 3.00pm for 'What's on in Toodyay' community information.**

Community groups are welcome to promote and advertise their group and activities on the Community Radio free of charge.

Give the station a call on 0406 918 952.



## Shire's Manager of Works and Services - SLUGGING IT OUT IN PRAGUE

Our very own Manager for Works and Services, Scott Patterson recently returned from Prague where he competed with the Australian team in the Men's Softball World Championships. The tour began with a stop in Canberra and then onto a warm up tournament in Amsterdam. From there to the Czech Republic for the World Championship Tournament from 13 to 23 June 2019. 16 countries were represented and were split into 2 groups for the tournament.

Australia had a very success full round robin competition finishing second in Group B, competing against Canada, USA, Venezuela, Denmark, South Africa, Netherlands and Singapore winning 7 of 8 games losing only to Canada.

The finals was a sudden death elimination format. In the first elimination game, Australia faced the reigning world champions, New Zealand, but luck was not on our side with a loss of 7 - 4 in a great game. New Zealand scored 6 of their 7 runs in one single inning putting Australia out of any medal contention.



Australia went on to play the USA for a minor placing. But, as luck would have it, Australia lost 8 - 6 in extra innings with USA hitting a 2 run homerun in the 8<sup>th</sup> inning.

Australia's last game of the tournament was against the host nation (in the playoff for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> spots) which Australia won 2-1 to finish in 7<sup>th</sup> place.

"All eyes now look to New Zealand in 2 years time for us to redeem ourselves!" Scott said.

Argentina and Japan ended up playing off in the championship game with Argentina winning 3 - 2 in an extra inning game for their first ever Open Men's Title.

"On a personal note, I played extremely well. Tied for the most homeruns (3) for Australia and was second in the entire tournament for on-base percentage (.546) and slugging percentage (1.056). Finishing with a batting line of .444 batting average, .546 on-base percentage, 3

home runs, 5 runs batted in and a 1.056 slugging percentage."

Scott also recently married and was able to continue after the championships in Europe on his honeymoon. Congratulations Scott. We will all be looking forward to watching you play in New Zealand in 2 years' time.

## July Toodyay Community Program - lots of fun for everyone!

During the second week of the July school holidays the Shire of Toodyay and Toodyay Community Resource Centre (CRC) hosted some great activities for the Toodyay Community Program. The CRC had a 'cardboard car rally', where groups had to make a cardboard car and everyone took turns completing obstacles. There were some really creative cars, and most of them made it to the end of the obstacle course.

The CRC also held a 'fort party' and an affirmation card session, the Toodyay Library had everyone making their own library bag and bouncy ball. There were lots of sticky and colourful hands at the end of that activity! At the Morangup Hall a crafty group created some amazing painted cacti, and everyone can be sure to have at least one "plant" in the garden that won't wilt.

A big thank you to everyone who helped organise and run the activities for the week. See you all next time!



## Toodyay High School Says Thanks

The writing is a little hard to read, but simply it reads:

"Dear Mr Rayner

Thank you for the Shires very kind donation of a truck load of vegetable soil. We have moved the soil into our planter boxes. This week we have planted our vegetable seeds and seedlings. We hope to send you some photos soon of our bumper crop.

Thank you so much.

Kind regards

The year 1 - 4 students and Teachers from Toodyay District High School."

We are sure that your gardening will be a roaring success and we are looking forward to the photos of that bumper crop of vegetables.

Thanks for writing to us and letting us know how it is all going.





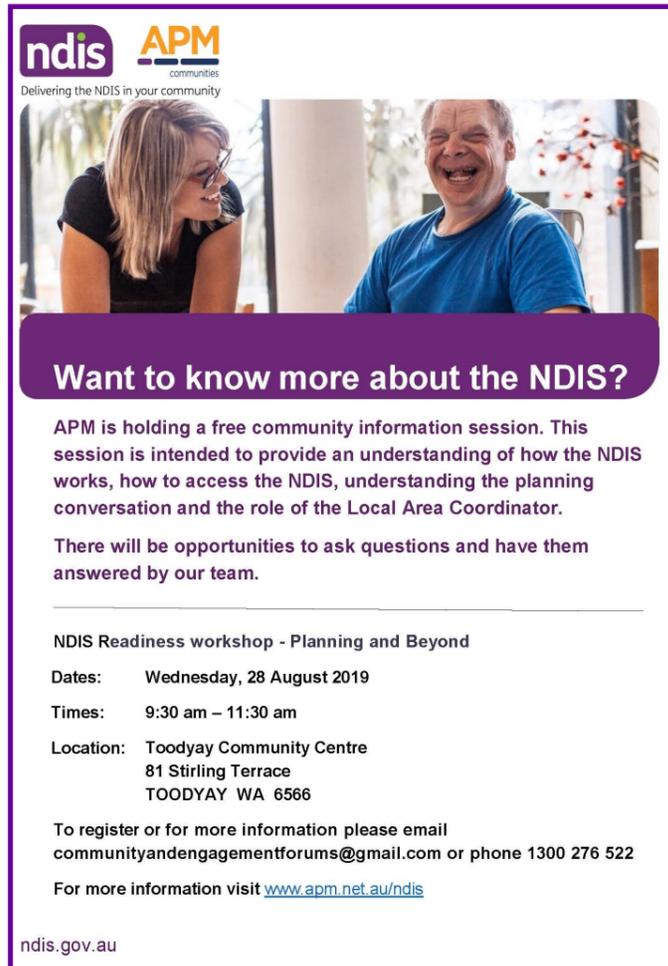
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communities  
Delivering the NDIS in your community

**Want to know more about the NDIS?**

APM is holding a free community information session. This session is intended to provide an understanding of how the NDIS works, how to access the NDIS, understanding the planning conversation and the role of the Local Area Coordinator.

There will be opportunities to ask questions and have them answered by our team.

NDIS Readiness workshop - Planning and Beyond

Dates: Wednesday, 28 August 2019

Times: 9:30 am – 11:30 am

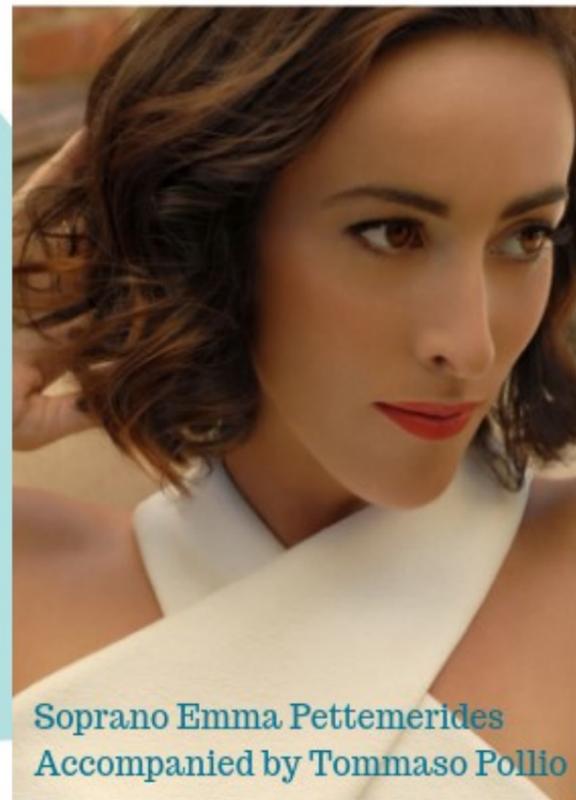
Location: Toodyay Community Centre  
81 Stirling Terrace  
TOODYAY WA 6566

To register or for more information please email [communityandengagementforums@gmail.com](mailto:communityandengagementforums@gmail.com) or phone 1300 276 522

For more information visit [www.apm.net.au/ndis](http://www.apm.net.au/ndis)

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# Opera in the Valley

Soprano Emma Petteimerides  
Accompanied by Tommaso Pollio

Sat 7th Sept 2019, 7pm  
Doors Open 6pm  
Toodyay Memorial Hall

*All your favourites from Die Fledermaus, The Marriage of Figaro, Sound of Music, Phantom of the Opera plus many more!*

Bar Facilities - No BYO  
Tickets available through [Trybooking.com](http://trybooking.com)  
(Limited tickets available at the door)

All proceeds to the  
Toodyay Music Fest 2020



<http://toodyaymusicfest.com>

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### TICKET PRICES

General Admission - \$25

VIP - \$35

*(front rows only with a glass of champagne)*

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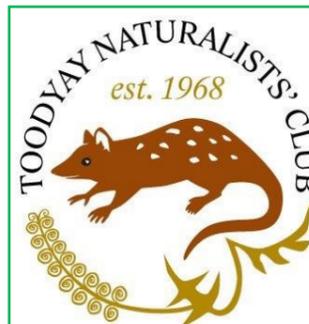
## Have you seen the Community Newsletter this month?

Each month the Toodyay Community Newsletter is disappearing off the stands much faster than we anticipated. Do we need to print more?

Most of the distribution of the Community Newsletter is electronic, and we would love to encourage this for a number of reasons including reducing our carbon footprint and reducing the amount of paper we use. So if you are one of those residents who is enjoying reading the Community Newsletter in hard copy each month, ring the Shire and ask for the Newsletter to be posted to you, alternatively pop onto the Shire's website and subscribe to receive the Newsletter electronically each month:

<http://www.toodyay.wa.gov.au/Council/Have-your-say/Subscribe-to-our-mailing-list>

This will also ensure that you won't miss out when (and if) we run out of the printed copies at the stands. Enjoy!



### WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE TOODYAY NATS CLUB.....?

The Toodyay Naturalists' Club, formed in 1968 by four Toodyay farmers, Miss Dawn Atwell, Mrs Ray Paynter, Mrs Hazel Hastie and Mr Albie North, has the main aim to encourage recognition and importance, understanding and appreciation of our natural surrounds and all that it holds. The Club celebrated its 50th birthday October 2018.

At the time of the celebration the Club launched a book to commemorate the occasion, *The guide to exploring Toodyay.....naturally*. The publication of 170 pages was compiled from contributions from 26 members and covers all aspects of natural history including flora and fauna, descriptions of reserves and their history from the very early settlement of the area of Toodyay, photography, how to approach and care for injured, orphaned or sick wildlife and much more – it is a publication of which club members are justifiably proud!

It is a vibrant club with over 60 members ranging in all ages coming from Toodyay and areas as far as Kellerberrin, Dowerin, Goomalling, Northam, Kalamunda and suburbs of Perth. Excursions and meetings are held monthly from February to December. Excursions may be local or further afield and there is usually an annual weekend away. The meetings may have a presentation from a guest speaker or maybe a Club Member's Night when members share photos, observations or experiences of interest such as trips away.

The club shares a shop front, Drummond House, the Toodyay Environment and History Centre with two community groups; it adjoins the Bendigo Bank building. Drummond House is manned by members on a Saturday morning from 10am till 12 noon. The Nat's club also have an extensive library at Drummond House with most books available on loan to the public.

The Club logo depicts the small animal known as the Western Quoll, or Chuditch, and a rare Grevillia, *Grevillia flexuosa*, only found in a limited area of Toodyay.

A monthly article is contributed to the Toodyay Herald community newspaper with interesting natural history information together with data re forthcoming events. It also has WildCare telephone contact that is available 24/7 and throughout the state for advice in cases of injured, orphaned or sick wildlife.

The Club publishes a 12 to 16 page newsletter three times annually with contributions from members on items of interest, photos, overviews of books of natural history, etc, which is lodged in both the Western Australian and the National Libraries.

Contact may be by email:

[info@toodyaynats.org.au](mailto:info@toodyaynats.org.au) or [secretary@toodyaynats.org.au](mailto:secretary@toodyaynats.org.au)  
The Naturalists' Club also has a webpage [www.toodyaynats.org.au](http://www.toodyaynats.org.au)





## 15TH TOODYAY International Food Festival 2019

The sun was shining, the crowds came out, the music played and the 15th Toodyay International Food Festival and Family Fun Day was a resounding success.

Triple M ran its live broadcast from 8.00am along Stirling Terrace and added to the fun of the day with some great interviews with stall holders with the opportunity to taste the food as well!! Keen Avon Descent spectators were the first to arrive and secure a prime location to watch the race. Crowds started to pour into Stirling Park mid-morning and everyone joined in with all the fun. There were dozens of food stalls to choose from, from Japanese to Moroccan, ice cream to macarons and everything in between. The main stage came alive with international performances, a cooking demonstration and rocking bands. Duidgee Park was a kids a paradise, being a wonderland full of rides, face painting and sweet treats.

Congratulations to Kaye Rewell who was the winner of the survey prize draw. Kaye has won \$100 Toodyay dollars to spend at one of the many participating businesses in Toodyay.

The support of our wonderful sponsors: Lotterywest, Shire of Toodyay, Bendigo Bank, Toodyay Op Shop and Freemasons Hotel is very much appreciated and this fantastic day would not have been possible without them.

The 2019 Toodyay International Food Festival was a credit to all those who were a part of organising the day. Well done and congratulations on all your hard work. Bring on 2020!!



## Ground Breaking Celebrations - Sport and Rec Precinct

Toodyay really laid it on us today at the ground breaking ceremony where those individuals and groups who have supported the development of the Toodyay Sport and Recreation Precinct to this point were acknowledged. The ceremony was held on site and the weather was beautiful, the scenery was gorgeous and the feeling was happy and positive. Thank you to Transwest WA – Steve Andrijich and Avon Earthmoving – Anders McGuiness for providing such an effective 'photo prop' with the excavator. It certainly made an impact.

The Shire's Chief Executive Officer, Stan Scott kicked off proceedings by welcoming those in attendance to the ceremony and acknowledging the original owners of the land. Stan acknowledged the tenacity of the Shire's Community Development Coordinator, Debra Andrijich in submitting grant applications saying "when we were knocked back, we re-applied, and when we were knocked back again, we re-applied again until we were successful with the Federal Government grant of \$4.7m". Stan also noted that 53 years ago an article appeared in the Beverley Times reporting the formation of a swimming pool committee in Toodyay. Yes, it has been a long time coming, and this is the Council who is delivering.

The Hon. Darren West MLA representing the Premier and Minister for Sport and Recreation, acknowledged the hard work that those associated with the project so far had put in and how that hard work was now paying off. This facility will be a big attraction to the town of Toodyay and he said he was looking forward to coming and having a 'hit' on the tennis courts.

The Hon. Christian Porter MLA, noted that communities with swimming pools are healthier communities and he was particularly happy to be at this ground breaking ceremony today and looking forward to the official opening at the end of 2020. "It will be the best Recreation Precinct in Australia and most certainly the one with the best views" he said.

Also in attendance was the Hon. Laurie Graham and Mrs Jennifer Collins from the Department of Sport and Recreation as were representatives from Cameron Chisolm Nicol Architects and ADCO Constructions Pty Ltd, past and present Shire Presidents David Dow and Cr Brian Rayner, our community Bendigo Bank and the Swimming Pool Action Committee along with a number of community members who have been long time supporters of the Project. Memorabilia gifts of exquisitely colourful pieces of Toodyay Stone with a commemorative plaque and a miniature excavator were given out to the VIPs and various supporting groups.

The Shire would like to thank all those funding bodies who are supporting the Project: the Australian Government through its Building Better Regions Fund, Community Sporting and Recreation Facilities Fund, Lotterywest, Bendigo Bank, the 'extended' hard work and fundraising by the Swimming Pool Action Committee and of course the Shire of Toodyay.

We are now on the home run, and as exciting as this next year will be, there remains some hard work to be done and we again thank everyone for their support.

