

# Toodyay Community Newsletter

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## BUTTERLY COTTAGE UPDATE

The Butterly Cottages project is well underway with service pre-lays, concrete slabs and wall frames for all 9 units now complete. Brickwork has commenced on 7 of the 9 units and is progressing steadily. There was a bit of a lag in construction progress due to a few of the usual culprits experienced by the builder however, the Builder has submitted a new progress chart showing building works being escalated during the December and January periods to catch up on any time lost so far. There will be the usual shutdown over the Christmas/New year period for the Builder however some trades may continue working over this period. The Shire is hoping for a May/June 2018 completion date.



## FUNDING FOR SPORTS FACILITIES

The Shire will seek funding under the Commonwealth Building Better Regions Fund that, if successful, will result in the construction of a new swimming pool, hockey/soccer field and multi lined courts for basketball, netball and tennis. The plans also include associated change rooms and viewing areas, fencing, lighting, power water and sewerage – all the things that would make these facilities work.

Council took this decision on 12 December 2017 at a Special Council Meeting. This was a change to the decision taken at the November 2017 meeting. A mistake was identified in the debt repayment requirements in that report. Council agreed instead to a scaled down project which does not include the new football/cricket oval or the multi-purpose function centre, and instead produces a smaller project that encompasses the facilities that are not presently available in Toodyay. The revised proposal requires a \$2.7 million loan, substantially lower than the \$8 million projected for the larger project. It also involves the Shire drawing down the \$2.7 million in reserves it has saved up for recreation facilities.

The decision was taken in front of a packed public gallery. Three members of the public made submissions to assist Council in its deliberations.

The Shire continues to identify ways to fund and deliver contemporary quality sport and recreation infrastructure. This necessarily involves seeking funding from other levels of government to minimise the cost to the Toodyay Community. There is already a pending application with the State government for funding for a swimming pool.

There has been some reporting that the Shire plans to redevelop and sell off the showgrounds when the new oval is eventually developed. This is not the case. The business case correctly identifies that the showgrounds are on freehold land, and Council will need to plan for its future use when all the new sporting facilities have been developed. It is likely that the new oval is 10 years away, and any decisions around the showgrounds will involve extensive community engagement. Acknowledging that planning will be needed is not the same as having a plan.



## Acting President's Pen - Cr Therese Chitty



It is with some excitement that I write this report. Seeing the progress of the Butterly Cottages 9 new units with the finish date being June 2018, is great to see.

In my role as Acting Shire President, I have had the pleasure of attending several events in the last 2 weeks. At the Historical Society's Sundowner, it was evident that this Society has a group of enthusiastic and knowledgeable individuals

who are dedicated to preserving Toodyay's Heritage.

The RSL Christmas lunch, the guest speaker was Dr Michael McGuinness AM who gave a fantastic presentation and those who attended now have a better understanding why Mike is a huge supporter of the RSL.

I was invited to address the Toodyay Tidy Towns re-Launch of the Adopt A Spot program. The Toodyay Tidy Towns committee should be congratulated for this very important

ongoing program. As a community we all benefit from these cleanups, not only financially thanks to the Toodyay Community Bendigo Bank, but also in the pride that we take seeing our streets, roads, car parks, parks and gardens being litter free. Well done to Greg Warburton, Andrew Carr and Peter Robinson who all received an award from the Keep Australian Beautiful Council for their services to litter reduction. I urge all community members to please pay attention and make sure all litter gets disposed of correctly and be apart of keeping Toodyay litter free town.

The Christmas Street party was a huge success, it was lovely too see many smiling happy children lining up for the free activities. The general atmosphere was a true reflection of the Christmas spirit and well done to the organisers and volunteers.

On behalf of Council I would like to thank the Staff of the Shire Of Toodyay for the effort and hard work they have put in this year and wish them all a Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year. To the Community, my Christmas best wishes and I hope to see a big crowd for the Australia Day celebrations in January where we will announce the winners of the Citizens and Community groups of the year.

## CHRISTMAS CLOSURE OF SHIRE OFFICES



The Shire Administration and Depot will close at 4.30pm on Thursday 21 December 2017 reopening at 8.30am Tuesday 2 January 2018

The Toodyay Library will close at 5.00pm on Thursday 21 December 2017 reopening at 9.00am Tuesday 2 January 2018

Toodyay Visitors Centre will be closed on Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day but otherwise will remain open.

The Shire would like to take this opportunity to wish all residents and ratepayers a safe and happy Christmas and New Year .



## New Information Sheet of Short Term Holiday Accommodation Requirements Released

The Shire has released a new fact sheet in relation to requirements around operating short term holiday businesses in Toodyay. It includes information in relation to not only traditional B&Bs but also Air B&B, Stayz properties and the like.

The fact sheet can be found on the Shire's website, at the Visitors Centre, the Shire administration office or emailed out on request. Those who are interested in setting up this type of business or who are already in operation but are unsure if they need approval, are encouraged to obtain a copy or contact the Shire's Planning and Development Services for advice.

The Shire is also in the process of contacting providers who may need to obtain approval.

## WASTE COLLECTION - CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

Avon Waste wishes to advise customers that the following arrangements have been made for the collection of waste which would normally be done during the week 25 to 29 December 2017.

**General Waste and Recycling will be collected on SUNDAY 24 December**

**There will not be any waste collection on MONDAY 25 December 2017.**

All services will be as normal for the New Year Week. All Christmas run information will be posted on their website:

[www.avonwaste.com.au](http://www.avonwaste.com.au)

Additional information including collection days can be found on the Shire of Toodyay website:

[www.toodyay.wa.gov.au](http://www.toodyay.wa.gov.au)

## SHIRE ROAD MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE

The Shire of Toodyay Works and Services Department is currently progressing with the following works:

Job Description	Estimated Completion
River Road base preparation	December 2017
River Road construction and seal	January/February 2018
Telegraph Road job preparation	December 2017
Telegraph Road construction and seal	January/February 2018

\* The Works Schedule relies on a number of factors including resources, contractors, machinery availability, manpower and weather. These factors may affect the prescribed schedule.

## FROM THE RANGERS

### Rangers availability over the Christmas Period.

Whilst the Shire of Toodyay will have a Christmas closure period, our Rangers will be working throughout the Christmas period as normal - office duties, patrolling, random call outs and firebreak inspections etc.

If you need to reach the Rangers please phone 9574 9370. This phone number applies to normal business hours and after hours (for Emergencies only).

## NEWCASTLE GAOL MUSEUM DISPLAY

- Our newest display at the Newcastle Gaol Museum is about William Amed Demasson - a prominent member of the Toodyay community during the era spanning the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> centuries.

Demasson was a carpenter, wheelwright and builder. He was elected to the Newcastle Municipal Council in 1877 and was secretary for the Toodyay branch of the Independent Order of Oddfellows as well as the Newcastle Mechanics Institute.

It is highly likely it was Demasson who concealed the child's shoes that were discovered last year during renovations of the cottage now occupied by the vet. They had been placed there for good luck; a tradition introduced from Europe in colonial times.

Later in life, after moving from the centre of town, Demasson became an orchardist and vigneron. He ordered an Ormolu mantle clock from a London clockmaker, which ended up being sent to Newcastle in New South Wales instead of Western Australia. Eventually the clock found its rightful owner and for the past year has been attracting a lot of interest at the Toodyay Visitors Centre. It now forms the centrepiece of our new display which is located in one of the front rooms of the museum, originally set aside as the living quarters for the gaol warden.

### WILLIAM AMED DEMASSON

1853 - 1924



Photograph courtesy:  
"Old Toodyay & Newcastle"  
by Ross Eriksen

William Amed Demasson at around 35 years of age

## Toodyay Community Program

Monday 22nd - Thursday 25th January

### MONDAY 22 JANUARY

Crime Scene Investigation



10am - 11.30am  
Community Centre  
79 Stirling Terrace

### MONDAY 22 JANUARY

Family Movie Night



7pm - 9pm  
Dudgee Park  
Railway Road

### TUESDAY 23 JANUARY

Karate



10am - 11.30am  
Youth Hall  
Toodyay West Road

### WEDNESDAY 24 JANUARY

LEGO Creations



10am - 11.30am  
Toodyay CRC  
111 Stirling Terrace

### THURSDAY 25 JANUARY

Splash Party



10.30am - 12pm  
Toodyay CRC  
111 Stirling Terrace

Everyone  
is welcome -  
all ages, all abilities!

Children under the age of  
10 must be accompanied  
by an adult at all  
times

Your local community groups are hosting FREE have-a-go sessions with a variety of activities, games and challenges these school holidays!

Remember to: Slip, Slop, Slap!

#### REGISTRATIONS ARE ESSENTIAL!

Registration forms are available from the following locations:

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

For further information contact Maddie Ross at the Shire of Toodyay on 9574 9395 or email [cdao@toodyay.wa.gov.au](mailto:cdao@toodyay.wa.gov.au)



## TOODYAY LIBRARY TALK

### Christmas Closure

The Library will be closed from Thursday evening 21 December 2017 and will reopen on the 2 January 2018. Make sure you come in and check out all the new releases that we have on the shelves this month ready to entertain you over the festive period.



All the staff at the Library would like to take this opportunity to wish all our patrons a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Years, be safe and we look forward to seeing you all in 2018 at the Library. Also, HUGE thank you to all our volunteers, your help is very much appreciated.

### Morangup Library

Our Morangup branch is running on Tuesday 19 December 2017 due to the Christmas Closure. Dates for January will be 9 and 23 January 2018.

Head over to the Community Centre on Wallaby Way in Morangup, from 2pm-4.30pm, to have a browse, borrow as well as meet some of the lovely locals. This service is provided by one of our Library Officers from Toodyay Library every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month.

### New Items

We have been busy book shopping for you and have plenty of new releases that are hot off the press! In stock this month is nearly 200 new items, including large print books, adult fiction, DVDs, books on CD/MP3 and non-fiction. We also have a great selection of young adult and children's books/DVDs available for the kids.

Ask one of our Library Officers for a tour of the library. If we don't have what you are looking for in stock, we may be able to order it from another library for you.

### Toddler Story Time Baby Rhyme Time

Our sessions for the little ones in your life run Wednesdays at 9.15am (2-5 years) and 10.00am (0-2 years) and story-teller Emma is always keen to see new smiling faces attend. Take the chance to meet some other locals and encourage teamwork and self-confidence in your children. *Please note that Story Time and Baby Rhyme Time do not run during school*

## Keeping the Record Straight.....

A recent posting on Facebook has suggested that the Toodyay Herald is in financial difficulties, and that the Shire is in some way responsible with a call to encourage one or more councillors to take up their plight. It is understood that these claims are based on a decision by the Shire to publish its own newsletter in lieu of purchasing the centre pages in the Toodyay Herald.

The Shire recognises the importance of the Toodyay Herald as a community based newspaper, and continues to provide press releases, and lodge advertisements. In the December edition of the Herald you will find a 2/3 page advertisement on page 18.

The Shire and Council did decide however that better use could be made of ratepayers' funds by publishing a separate newsletter. This has resulted in a substantial cost saving. This is not a new idea, the Shire was publishing a newsletter back in 2010.

Budget figures show a cost of \$1,583 per month (\$17,413 for an 11 month publication) for the centre pages in the Herald with all work being done by the Shire and given to the Herald, print ready. The monthly charge does not include the cost of any other ad hoc notices and advertising which were not included in the Shire News section – these were extra charges.

The cost of producing our own Community Newsletter is \$370 per month – less than one third of the cost of advertising with the Herald. For those who wish, we can deliver the newsletter by email, which further saves on printing costs.

We can no longer afford to invest all of our efforts in print media as more and more people access their information by other means. We have completely rebuilt our website ([www.toodyay.wa.gov.au](http://www.toodyay.wa.gov.au)) to make information easier to find. It is also more accessible on mobile devices. The same treatment has now been applied to the visitor centre website ([www.toodyay.com](http://www.toodyay.com)).

The Shire is delivering information through Facebook pages for the library, museums, ranger services, Visitors Centre, environment and the International Food Festival. We will shortly launch a Shire Facebook page.

The Shire encourages residents and ratepayers to subscribe to the newsletter to receive it electronically, via post or pick up a hard copy when you are in town. There are several spots around the Shire where hard copies can be obtained. If any of these several options don't suit, just give the Shire Admin a call. Happy reading!

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### UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS - Council Chambers

Meeting	Date	Time
Ordinary Council Meeting	19 December 2017	4.00pm
Works Advisory Committee Meeting	18 January 2018	4.00pm

## No Change to Agricultural Vehicle Movements

Agricultural Region MLC Darren West has reassured farmers that changes to red tape for the movement of over-mass, over size vehicles will not affect the movement of machinery between farms during harvest.

"These changes apply to oversize loads moved on trucks," he said.

Mr West said that despite claims by WA Farmers that changes to the Heavy Vehicle Pilot Licence would severely impact on the agricultural sector, he can confirm that the movement of agricultural machinery is exempt and can continue as normal.

The Heavy Vehicle Pilot Licence was introduced by the former Liberal/National Government effective from 28 November 2016 with industry given 12 months to transition to the new rule's.

"While vehicles exceeding 3.5 metres in width will require a licensed pilot, agricultural machinery has been exempted and farmers can continue to pilot this machinery themselves."

Mr West also stated that where movement of agricultural machinery exceeding 3.7 metres (but not exceeding 6 metres) in width was needed, only an Agricultural Pilot will be required.

"This pilot does not need to be accredited or licensed."

Mr West states that the exemption allows the movement of farm machinery over short distances from farm gate to farm gate and often on local roads. "Farmers moving their machinery on their own truck can apply to the Commissioner of Main Roads for an exemption and pilot themselves."

"This will eliminate the need for farmers to pay for a professional licensed pilot to escort these movements and instead enable family members, full time, seasonal or temporary employees or others to perform this escort."

Mr West has urged farmers to consider other road users and move machinery in a safe manner and to use some common sense - other than that...

....it is business as usual.

## Shire of Toodyay Contact Details

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15 Fiennes Street (PO Box 96)  
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Administration: (08) 9574 9300  
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Community Development: (08) 9574 9390  
Rangers: (08) 9574 9370  
Library: (08) 9574 2323

Email: [records@toodyay.wa.gov.au](mailto:records@toodyay.wa.gov.au)

Web: <http://www.toodyay.wa.gov.au>  
Visitor Centre web: [www.toodyay.com](http://www.toodyay.com)



## History in a picture

When Davina Twine, Nunile farmer and wife of Cr Rick Twine saw a painting of Bruce Cleasby and his water truck on display at the Agricultural Show art section she made an offer to purchase it, to give it to Bruce.

So, after work on a Wednesday in November, alongside the now retired truck featured in the painting a very appreciative Bruce was presented with the newly framed picture.

Bruce also used the occasion to extol his encyclopaedic knowledge of the various trucks he has owned and driven over the decades.

There would be very few Toodyay residents who weren't familiar with the distinctive blue Leyland with matching water tank regularly seen for many years chugging along Toodyay Road and throughout surrounding districts.



With Bruce always dressed in blue, including an ever-present towelling hat and his quick response to supply fire fighters with water he earned the title "Blue Angel". This was the name of a sculpture of the truck by Margot Watkins exhibited several years previously.

Bruce is showing no sign of retiring as he continues to provide a valuable transport service for Toodyay.

## EVENTS

### 20 December 2017 - Free Family Movie Night

Come down to Duidgee Park at 7pm for a free family movie night. "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" is a Christmas story for all ages about a revenge-seeking Grinch who plans on ruining the Christmas Holiday. Bring your own picnic dinner and rug and enjoy a night under the stars.

### 22-25 January 2017 - Toodyay Community Program

This program is FREE, suitable for all ages and abilities and a great opportunity to get involved in your local community. Food and drinks are provided and because of this, registrations are essential. See the poster (list location in newsletter) for more details.

### 26 January 2018 - Australia Day Barbeque

Celebrate Australia Day with a free barbecue breakfast, live music and family entertainment. Australia Day is an opportunity for all Australians, whether they are citizens by birth or by pledge, to come together as a nation to celebrate what's great about Australia and being Australian. Breakfast will be followed by the Australian Citizenship Ceremony and Community Citizen of the Year awards.



### FREE FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

WEDNESDAY 20TH DECEMBER  
7PM  
DUIDGE PARK



BRING YOUR OWN PICNIC,  
AND PICNIC RUG OR LOW CHAIR

Sponsored by the Shire of Toodyay - for further information contact Maddie 9574 9395

## Christmas Street Party

The 2017 Toodyay Christmas Street Party was a night enjoyed by all. There was magic in the air with appearances from the Grinch, his friends and of course the man in red himself. Stirling Terrace came alive with performances from locals as well as exciting acts from out of town. All shops and eateries were open to showcase local Toodyay goods. A big thank you to the Toodyay Chamber of Commerce Inc. and Toodyay Event Planning Inc. for organising another fantastic event.





## SHIRE OF TOODYAY - EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

### Council Committees

The Toodyay Shire Council is calling for members from the community willing to be community representatives on the following Council Committees:

- Audit Committee
- Environmental Advisory Committee
- Museum Advisory Committee
- Works Advisory Committee

Information in relation to Council Committees and an Expressions of Interest can be completed on the Shire's website prior to **4.00pm 31 January 2018** at:

<http://www.toodyay.wa.gov.au/Council/Council-Meetings/Council-Committees>.

In respect to the Audit Committee, the latest copy of the Department of Local Government Guideline No 9 titled "Audit in Local Government – The appointment, function and responsibilities of Audit Committees" is also available the Shire's website .

### Proposed Application for Public Comment

#### Proposed Extractive Industry

#### GRAVEL LOT 8 CHITTY ROAD, HODDY'S WELL

The Shire of Toodyay has received an application from A1 Gravel for an extractive industry at Lot 8 Chitty Road, Hoddy's Well.

A1 Gravel proposes to extract gravel from a 5.28ha site, using a frontend loader. The total volume of gravel to be removed is estimated at approximately 158,000m<sup>3</sup> (269,000t), which equates to an annual gravel extraction volume of approximately 32,000m<sup>3</sup> (54,000t), dependent on demand. The anticipated duration of the extraction program is approximately 5 years.

Your views on the proposed extractive industry are encouraged and welcomed. The proposal is available for inspection at the Shire of Toodyay Administration Centre, Old Court House, 15 Fiennes Street, Toodyay, during office hours and on the Shire of Toodyay website: [www.toodyay.wa.gov.au](http://www.toodyay.wa.gov.au)

Submissions on the proposed development may be addressed in writing and lodged with the Chief Executive Officer, Shire of Toodyay, PO Box 96 Toodyay 6566, by **4.00pm, Wednesday 3 January 2018**.

Further information, please contact the Shire's Development Services on (08) 9574 9340.

## New fee for Degassing Fridges / Freezers / Air Conditioners

The Shire of Toodyay advises that as of 1 January 2018, a fee of \$25 per unit will be charged for the disposal of any white goods containing refrigerant gases (eg fridges / freezers / air conditioners) at the Toodyay Waste Transfer Station.

This fee will recover some of the costs incurred in refrigerant recovery from these units prior to disposal from site.

Alternatively, householders may arrange for refrigerant recovery prior to disposal at the Waste Transfer Station, however must be accompanied by a certificate from a licenced service technician. Units disposed of with a certificate will be accepted free of charge.

Any units not accompanied with a certificate will incur a fee as above.

## 2018 Council and Committee Meeting Schedule

2018 Council Committees	Meeting Dates	Time
Bush Fire Advisory Committee	20 February; 15 May; 21 August and 20 November	6.00pm
Local Emergency Management Committee	12 February; 9 May; 8 August and 14 November	5.00pm
Museum Advisory Committee	15 February; 17 May; 16 August and 15 November	4.00pm
Works Advisory Committee	18 January; 19 April; 19 July and 18 October	4.00pm
Toodyay Junction (Community Depot) Advisory Committee	25 January; 26 April; 26 July and 25 October	5.30pm
Environmental Advisory Committee	22 February; 24 May; 23 August and 22 November	5.30pm

### 2018 Ordinary Council Meetings (fourth Tuesday of each calendar month - except December)

January 23	July 24
February 27	August 28
March 27	September 25
April 24	October 23
May 22	November 27
June 26	December 18

### 2018 Council Forums (second Tuesday of each calendar month - except December)

January – No Forum	July 10
February 13	August 14
March 13	September 11
April 10	October 9
May 8	November 13
June 12	December 4

Ordinary Council Meetings, Council Forums and Council Committee Meetings are held in the Shire of Toodyay Council Chambers at 15 Fiennes Street, Toodyay WA 6566. Council Meetings and Forums are open to the public. Information, including Agendas/Programs and Minutes/Notes of Meetings are available on the Shire of Toodyay website at <http://www.toodyay.wa.gov.au/Council/Council-Meetings>. Ordinary Council Meetings include public question and public submissions time. Public Question or Public Submission forms are available from the Administration Centre or alternatively, can be downloaded from the Shire of Toodyay website at <http://www.toodyay.wa.gov.au/Council/Council-Meetings/Agendas-Minutes-and-Notes>