

## **DECEMBER 2020 PUBLIC NOTICES**



## THE SHIRE OF TOODYAY HAS ENTERED THE PROHIBITED yay BURNING PERIOD. NO FIRES PERMITTED.

### **REQUEST FOR PUBLIC COMMENT PROPOSED EXTRACTIVE INDUSTRY - SAND** LOT 402 MOUNT ROAD, WATTENING

The Shire of Toodyay has received an application from Goldset Holdings for an extractive industry at Lot 402 Mount Road in Wattening.

Goldset Holdings proposes to extract sand from a 4.0ha site, using an articulated loader to a depth of 3m. The total volume of sand to be removed is estimated at approximately 120,000m<sup>3</sup> (195,720t). This equates to an annual sand extraction volume of approximately 12,000m<sup>3</sup> (19,572t), but this will be dependent on demand. The anticipated duration of the extraction program is approximately 10 years.

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's website: www.toodyay.wa.gov.au

Written submissions on the proposed development should be lodged with the CEO, Shire of Toodyay, PO Box 96 Toodyay 6566, by: 4.00pm on Monday 4 January, 2021.

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

Suzie Haslehurst

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

## Is your Dog or Cat Registration up to date?

Shire of Toodyay pet owners are being urged to check their furry friends' registrations are up to date.

All dogs that have reached 3 months of age are required to be registered and microchipped, and all cats that have reached 6 months of age must be registered, sterilised and bers. microchipped.

Pets can be registered for life, three years or one year Many residents choose life-time registration, which saves time and costs associated with annual renewals.

It is also a good time for residents who have recently moved or changed phone numbers to check their pets' details are correct and up to date. These details will enable a quick reunion should your precious pet go missing.

New pet registrations can be completed online by visiting the Shires website www.toodyay.wa.gov.au., or in person at Shire Administration Office: 15 Fiennes Street Toodyay WA 6566

FIRE BREAKS Most properties have met compliance with the Shire of Toodyay's Fire-Break Notice this year. This will make it safer for your property, your neighbour's property and the volunteer fire brigade mem-

A big thankyou to the residents and ratepayers who have again helped make their community a safer place. **DEFINITION**: Fire-break – An area cleared of all inflammable materials 3 metres horizontally (wide) and 4 metres vertically (high). For fire related issues please contact the Rangers on 9574 9370.

For more information about fire breaks please visit the Shires website or call 9574 9300.



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SHIRE OF TOODYAY

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**OF ELECTORS** 

The Shire of Toodyay Annual

**General Meeting of Electors will** 

4 February 2021

Venue: Council Chambers.

be held on:

Date: Thursday

Time: 7.00pm

COMPLIANT







# **Toodyay Community Newsletter**

Produced by the Shire of Toodyay



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Shire President Cr Madacsi

## A Message from the Shire President......

Well here we are, approaching the end of a highly eventful year and the Christmas break. A year that has seen changes of Shire President and CEO, the completion and opening of the Toodyay Recreation Centre, Coondle-Nunile Fire Brigade base and Morangup Co-location Centre, an organisational shuffle, the release of the Departmental Shire of Toodyay Inquiry Report, significant organisational changes and of course, COVID-19.

Despite it all, Toodyay has bounced back in its usual irrepressible way and we at the Shire are largely happy with our achievements. However, to quote Robert Burns, 'the best-laid plans of mice and men often go awry' and the end of the year has brought the frustration of some smaller projects still unfinished.

While preliminary works for our awaited community standpipe have been done, we still await the delivery of the low flow controller which has held up completion. The COVID-19 induced delivery delay has now been exacerbated by the lead-up to Christmas. Officers are continuing to liaise with suppliers to ensure delivery and completion as soon as possible.

Another is the fire access and egress review upon which Council considers the resources to be allocated to fire and emergency services within the Shire. Our Community Emergency Services Manag-

er (CESM) position is shared with the Shire of Goomalling, however the volume of work in Toodyay alone has become too much for one person to manage. Additionally, the CESM project-managed both the Coondle-Nunile and Morangup projects, with the consequence that the review has been difficult to progress. Council considered this at the December OCM with management seeking a solution to provide the CESM more support.

The new Manager of Assets and Services (Works and Services) Mr. Jan Augustin will start on 4 January 2021. The hollows from the removal of trees in the Charcoal Lane Carpark will shortly be rectified.

Summer is a perfect opportunity to make use of our newly opened Toodyay Recreation Centre, hold a birthday party or other celebration or just visit to escape the heat. The more it's used, the less we as a community need to pay for costs.

Frustrations aside, 2020 has been a productive year despite going awry and 2021 is full of new promise. I wish you all, a well-deserved break, peace, and good will. Merry Christmas.

## **Christmas Closure of Shire Offices**

The Shire Administration and Depot will close at 4.30pm Thursday, **24 December 2020** reopening at 8.30am Monday, 4 January 2021

The **Toodvay Library** will close at 5.00pm Thursday, 24 December 2020 reopening at 9.00am Monday, 4 January 2021

The Visitor Centre will be closed 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 holiday.

**Toodyay Recreation Centre** Christmas Hours

Christmas Eve 7.00am – 4.00pm Christmas Day - closed Boxing Day 11.00am - 6.30pm New Years Eve 7.00am – 4.00pm New Years Day 11.00am - 6.30pm Australia Day 11.00am - 6.30pm



## **Toodyay Library Talk** A Guide to Getting Into **The Christmas Spirit** At Your Local Library...

We're all about helping you have a mistletoe-rific Christmas at Toodyay Library - and luckily, we've got the goods on our shelves to make it happen. Check out some of our seasonal stock that's sure to get you geared up for December 25 (don't worry, it all comes with Santa's stamp of approval!).

Looking for even more festivity? Visit our online catalogue (library.toodyay.wa.gov.au/Main.aspx) and search for 'Christmas' to see everything merry and bright we have on offer.

Get cooking: Celebrating Christmas, The Australian Women's Weekly

With over 100 recipes to show off on Christmas Day and during the holidays, this book is your saviour from the stresses of the festive season. It features fantastic food ideas for every taste and menus for modern cocktail parties, traditional Christmas lunches and relaxing Boxing Day picnics.

Also on shelf...Gluten-Free Christmas, Jamie Oliver's Christmas Cookbook

Get creative: Christmas Ornaments To Crochet, Megan Kreiner

Small in size but big in design and holiday fun, each of these portable projects can be created in just a few hours. Crochet one or two, or create one of Kreiner's Christmas themed ornament sets such as The North Pole. Christmas Goodies. Baby's First Christmas or Woodland Friends.

Also on shelf...Handcrafted Christmas, Mini Knitted Christmas

Get into a good story: Call Me Mrs Miracle, Debbie Macomber

This Christmas, Emily Merkle – a.k.a. Mrs. Miracle – is working in 



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the toy department of Finley's. Her boss is Jake Finley, the owner's son, whose holiday spirit was destroyed in a Christmas tracedy the year before. Meanwhile, Holly Larson wants to give her nephew Gabe the holiday he deserves. Enter Mrs Miracle!

Also on shelf...Christmas Hope, The Christmas Boutique

## Get a unique perspective: Twas The Nightshift Before Christmas, Adam Kay

These are the hilarious, poignant and entertaining tales of a junior doctor at the most challenging time of the year. Including 25 intriguing, shocking and incredible Christmas incidents, this is a book to make you appreciate the sacrifices made and challenges faced by the unsung heroes of the NHS.

## Also on shelf...Holiday Cheer, Tidings of Comfort and Joy

The Toodyay Library ladies would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Thank you for visiting and borrowing with us throughout the bizarre year that 2020 has been! We look forward to the fresh start that 2021 will bring, and we hope to see you soon once we are back in business.

Carrie, Jasmin B, Jasmin D and Lindy





# Out and about?

Keep up the hand hygiene and physical distancing.

COVID-19 is not over. It's up to each of us, to protect all of us. Let's keep WA safe.





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HANDS



PHYSICAL DISTANCE

STAY HOME IF SICK



We're all in this together.

## WA Volunteer Service Awards 2021



The Department of Communities acknowledges the significant efforts of Western Australia's volunteers through the WA Volunteer Service Nominations will close on 1 March 2021. Awards program.

## **Museum Heritage**

In 2015 we conducted a significant assessment of objects in the museum collection associated with farming. At the time, the Wicklow Shearing Shed in the Newcastle Gaol Museum precinct had a dirt floor and was being used for storage with entry permanently blocked off.

In order for this building to be opened for public use, most of the agricultural material located there had to be moved, either around the museum site or into storage. We tried to locate the original donors but had no success.

Some of the objects moved into storage were in poor or incomplete condition, were duplicates of other objects in the collection or had an unknown history. Some had not even been recorded as being a part of the museum collection. So that we can make better use of our limited resources to care for our heritage collections we are now moving to dispose of the following:

- Four wheel trap, incomplete and partially restored
- Mangle, upright, missing flat board
- Mangle, upright Swift brand
- Metal components of horse-drawn vehicles (smaller parts in separate bags):
  - Light two wheel cart
  - Four wheeled dray
  - Light two wheel tipping dray
  - Sulky
  - Sulky
- Roll of barbed wire on wooden frame .
- Assorted metal parts for farming vehicles •
- Metal bath in 2 sections
- Shingles, long, cedar, approx. 200 •

Other museums in the Wheatbelt (and then state-wide) will be approached to see if they would be interested in retaining some of these objects in their own collections. The objects remaining will then be offered for sale to the highest bidder via public auction or public tender.

The objects that cannot be disposed of in any other way may be destroyed. We will keep you informed as we go through this process.

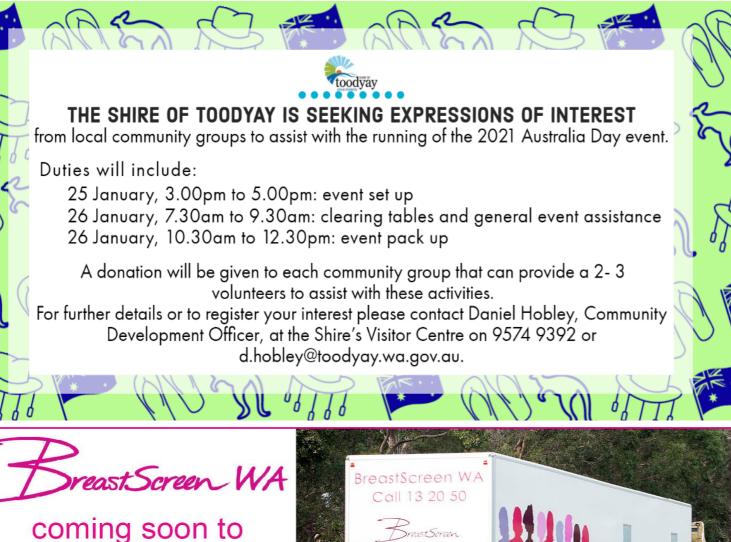
The Hon Mick Murray MLA, Minister for Volunteering, announced the opening of nominations for the WA Volunteer Service Awards on International Volunteer Day, Saturday 5 December, continuing to raise awareness of the important contributions of volunteers.

Volunteers provide a strength and connection for our communities that enables individual, family and community wellbeing. The Department of Communities wishes to promote and celebrate the dedication of Western Australia's volunteers by raising awareness of the integral role of volunteers among the community.

The WA Volunteer Service Awards program recognises Western Australian volunteers who have provided 25 years or more of voluntary service with the same organisation, and in 2021, will also acknowledge those volunteers who have served across multiple organisations, providing enduring commitment to our state.

If you know a long-standing volunteer, nominate them online or seek further information at www.wa.gov.au/wa-volunteer-service-awards





## Toodyay

If you're a woman aged 50 years and over, make your appointment now for a **FREE** screening mammogram.

(All women 40 years and over are eligible)

## 14 Dec 2020 - 14 Jan 2021 (Xmas closure 18/12/2020 reopen 04/01/2021)

(Dates may be subject to change) Bookings open now! phone 13 20 50



BreastScreen WA's mobile will be located at:

## Wheatbelt Health Network 81 Stirling Terrace, Toodyay

Book your free screening mammogram online www.breastscreen.health.wa.gov.au

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When 15<sup>th</sup> Dec

Time

## Want to know more about the NDIS?

10 am-3 pm

## Where

Toodyay **Community Centre** 67 Stirling Tc, Toodyay 6566

Contact Katie Leeder katie.leeder@apm. net.au

If you are a participant, then bring along your plan and we can ~ help answer your questions. ✓ If you engage with the NDIS through your work, then we can help you learn more about the NDIS disability and inclusion

initiatives. disability aware.

To find out more visit https://apm.net.au/individuals/apm-events



or phone 13 20 50

If you have an NDIS plan, want to know more about the NDIS or just want a better understanding of disability and inclusion then join APM Communities for a free, practical one-on-one Q&A session.

✓ If you are a part of the community, then we invite you to come and share your ideas on how Toodyay can be more inclusive and



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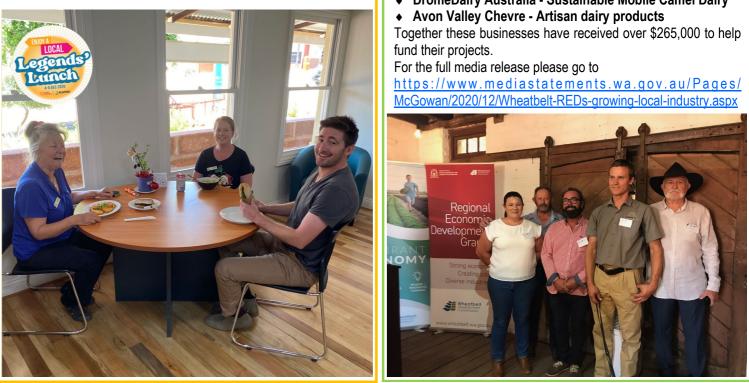
## **Visitors Centre Update**

Some of our businesses will be taking time out during our guieter months to have a well-deserved break. These dates are subject to change so please contact each business directly for any updates. Our visitors love seeing the local arts, crafts & produce we have for sale in the Visitors Centre. Back in stock are the ever popular bags of garlic grown right here in Toodyay by Mountain Park on Avon. We always run out of stock so get in quick and help support our local businesses.



## ENJO LOCAL—LEGENDS' LUNCH

The Community Development team enjoying lunch from Toodyay small businesses in support of the Local Legends Lunch initiative. #golocalfirst #locallegendslunch





## **Community Citizen of The Year Awards**

The Shire of Toodyay would like to thank the Toodyay community for their nominations for the Community Citizen of The Year Awards. Each nominee has contributed and inspired the Toodyay community. The nominees and winners will be recognised at the Australia Day Breakfast which will be held on Tuesday, 26 January 2021 at the Toodyay Recreation Centre.

The nominees for the 2021 Community Citizen of the Year Awards are:

Citizen of the Year

Carolynne Haigh Ian McGregor Sarah Otremba Sean Byron

Senior Citizen of the Year **Donald Anderson** John Lucas Kaye Rewell

Youth Citizen of the Year Willow Hitches Kyla Browne





## **Toodyay Farmers Markets**

The famous Toodyay Farmers Markets will again take place at Stirling Park on Sunday, 20 December. This will be the final markets for 2020.

The markets start at 9.00am and conclude at 1.00pm, the Shire of Toodyay encourages all the community to head on down and support the day. At this Sunday's market, the focus will be on fire prevention, education and road safety. Richard Ness (Assets and Services), Ebony Francis (standing in for the CESM) and Greg Warburton (Reserves Management) will be in attendance. So come on down and have a chat.

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	Closed Dec 25	Riverbridge B & B	Open
	Closed from Dec 25		
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		Summer Creek Res-	
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	day during School Hols	The Book Shed	21
nt			Closed Dec 25th
	By appointment	Toodyay Bakery	Reopening Jan 13
	Closing Dec 25	Toodyay Caravan	
	Reopening Mar 31	Park	Closed Dec 25th
	Open Dec 21-23		Open 17-23 Dec
	Closing 24 Dec	Toodyay	Closing Dec 24
	Reopening Jan 8	Emporium	Reopening Jan 7
	Closing Dec 14	Toodyay Holiday	
	Reopening Feb 27	Park	Closed Dec 25th
	Closed from Christmas	Toodyay Miniature	Closed through to
	Eve-New Years Day	Railway	April 4
		Toodyay	Closed Dec 25-26
	Closed Dec 21 - Jan 8	Visitors Centre	& Jan 1
	Open 7 days until	Vintage Dining	Open for Christmas
	Closed Dec 25 & 26	Room	Lunch
		Windward	Closed through to
g	By appointment	Ballooning	Apr 2

Congratulations to the Toodyay businesses who were successful in the latest Regional Economic Development Scheme grant fundina:

- Coorinja Vineyard Function centre and accommodation
- ◆ Julimar Date Garden Agri-tourism venture
- DromeDairy Australia Sustainable Mobile Camel Dairy

## Maintaining contact registers, a requirement to keep WA safe

From Saturday, 5 December 2020, particular WA businesses and venues will be required to maintain a mandatory contact register for staff and patrons.

The reintroduction of contact registers is an additional protection measure and will assist with WA Department of Health contact tracing, should it be required.

- Businesses or venues required to keep a contact register, include:
- Food and licenced venues (restaurants, cafés, bars, pubs, taverns, nightclubs)
- Gyms, indoor sporting centres and pools
- Places of worship and funeral parlours
- Beauty and personal care services including hairdressers and barbers
- Galleries and museums
- Cinemas, theatres and other entertainment venues
- Auction houses and real estate inspections
- Community facilities, libraries and halls
- Zoos and amusement parks
- Function centres

Accommodation facilities that already have check-in arrangements in place (i.e. hostels, hotels, large camp grounds)

Designated businesses and venues will be required to collect the date, name, telephone number and arrival time of all patrons, staff, visitors and contractors that attend the premises, other than to collect takeaway.

To assist businesses and venues, the WA Government has developed the free, SafeWA app, an online contact register system that uses QR Codes for patrons and staff to scan to register their attendance.

SafeWA can be downloaded from Apple App Store or Google Play from today. This

The app is being provided as a free, easy, contactless solution, however the use of Safe A new app, SafeWA, is now available, providing an easy, WA is not mandatory. Alternative formats include other electronic tools and paper



## To help keep WA safe, venues will be required to maintain

contact registers starting 5 December



secure and quick way to check-in using QR codes

based services. Further information on the Safe WA App can be found at https://www.wa.gov.au/organisation/covid-communications 19-coronavirus-safewa

## **Julimar Road Update**

Those who use Julimar Road may have noticed roadworks underway near the intersection of Toodyay West Road this month. This is preliminary work ahead of 850m of road reconstruction programmed for early next year.

Works are federally funded and to be completed by both contractors and Shire construction crews. The project includes vegetation removal. improved drainage and embankment works to suit the realignment of the new design. Whilst it is inevitable works of this nature will cause some inconvenience and traffic delays, every endeavour will be made to ensure that this is kept to a minimum.



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What happens when a psychiatrist and an engineer - both with a lifelong love of animals that sees them adopt furry and feathered family members rather than pets - find their way to the West Australian Wheatbelt (from Germany and via a very scenic route through Switzerland) and to 650 acres of paddocks and bushland? Sabine and Wolfgang Steffens are the people to ask, and their answer is Souls and Stars Sanctuary. Far from your regular animal rescue, rehabilitation and rehoming centre, the sanctuary is a place that builds a bridge between animals, nature and humans - three of Sabine's favourite things.

The Souls and Stars story had an early start: Sabine's childhood dream of becoming a vet. Fast forward to 2003, a year after Wolfgang (the engineer) and herself (not a vet but practicing psychiatry) had arrived in Perth with one dog, two children and three cats in tow, when they found themselves the owners of 25 wild ponies. Discovering the ponies were headed for the abattoir, Sabine was desperate to be their lifeline. Despite living in suburbia and having nowhere to house a single pony - let alone a sizeable stable's worth - she paid the required price and the deal was done.

Seven months of keeping the ponies on another property passed before the vast Toodyay block, complete with stunning Avon Valley vistas, came along. Sabine fell in love with the land, knowing it was where her adulthood dream of caring for and rehoming animals in need would become reality. That's exactly what happened, and nearly 17 years on the sanctuary is still going strong.

There are many animals in residence at present, including horses and ponies, as well as dogs, cats, chickens, ducks, sheep, cows, goats, alpacas and llamas. There was once a donkey on that list too, one who decided to live on the Steffens patio and put in an occasional uninvited appearance in their living room.

Then there's Loki the Maremma, a.k.a. Loki the local hero, who recently made headlines for safely delivering an abandoned joey to Sabine's doorstep. He's a country boy who prefers to paw-patrol Souls and Stars rather than travel down to see Dad (Wolfgang) who works in the city during the week. That's probably for the best, since it's a struggle to find space for him in most vehicles.

Loki's a big dog and an equally big help, but that doesn't mean life at the sanctuary is a walk in the countryside. Every day begins with breakfast - for the animals, that is. It takes two or three hours to get everybody fed before admin, health checks and (supersized) prop-

erty maintenance gets the go-ahead. The days end with an afternoon feeding: another two hours of getting the grub up. Then it's time for some shut-eye before the routine begins all over again.

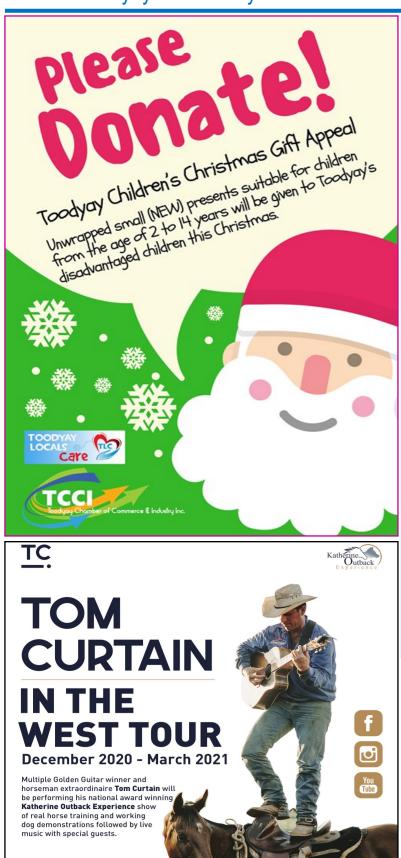
Sabine is happy to work hard for animal welfare however, aware it's an incredibly rewarding life to live. People often ask why she would want to foster so much fauna, and constantly comment on how thankful the animals must be - but Sabine says she's the thankful one. Souls and Stars is a magic mix of the animal and human connections that she loves making more than anything else. Naturally, it's not all sunshine and belly scratches: healing the hurt takes time, and it's also heartbreaking becoming attached to animals who will eventually find their forever homes elsewhere.

Even so, finding a home for the homeless has been and always will be the sanctuary's main aim. Their adoption process is currently more personal than public, with anyone interested in meeting the animals and potentially giving one (or more) a permanent place to stay advised to contact Sabine. Her pawed-and-clawed clan can rest assured that all human candidates are carefully screened to ensure a happy and healthy home - and life - is on offer. There is the hope of an online adoption area that brings Souls and Stars together with other nearby sanctuaries, like Happy Hooves in Gidgegannup and Possum Valley in Mount Helena. Sabine is already working with Marsupial Mamas and Papas right here in Toodyay, which is where Loki's own animal rescue ended up.

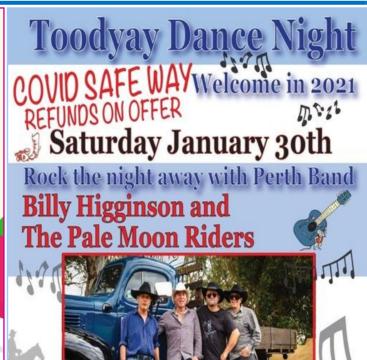
Another plan for the future is to allow anyone wanting some relaxation and regeneration to attend retreats that provide just that: specifically through soul-food sessions of animal-assisted therapy, reflexology and yoga; talks by motivational speakers; organic food grown on-site; and glamping-style sleeping quarters.

It's a beautiful picture to paint, but it does depend on support from Sabine and Wolfgang's fellow animal lovers out there. That support can be shown in simple ways. Visit the sanctuary's social media pages and give them a like or a follow (search for Souls and Stars Sanctuary on Facebook, Instagram and LinkedIn) or visit their website to make a donation and/or register your interest in volunteering. You'd be barking mad not to!

Souls and Stars is located on Hoddy Well Road, Hoddy's Well. For more information call Sabine on 0468 444 404, visit www.soulsandstarssanctuary.com or email soulsandstarssanctuary@gmail.com.



JENNACUBBINE TAVERN I 24 COLLINS STREET, JENNACUBBINE SATURDAY 12 DECEMBER FROM 6:00PM | GATES OPEN 5:30PM ONLINE TICKETS\*: ADULTS: \$30 | STUDENTS 6-17YR: \$15 | KIDS 5YR&U: FREE DOOR TICKETS: ADULTS: \$40 | STUDENTS 6-17YR: \$25 | KIDS 5YR&U: FREE FOOD & DRINKS AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE I NO BYO G CHAIRS & PICNIC BLANKETS | OUTDOOR EVENT For more information and tickets: TomCurtain.com.au



ROCK N ROLL, COUNTRY ROCK, 50'S -60S

Abbotts Music (Kelmscott) 93905552 Makit Hardware Toodyay 95742970

## FREE Tea Coffe MC with **Brendon T Moylan** 100.1FM "Born in Boots" Music Director: Ros Solberg

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## **Healthy Venues Grant Funding**

In updating our community, The Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries is pleased to announce that Applications for Healthway's Healthy Venues Grants are now open and ongoing.

Eligible venues can apply for funding of up to \$5,000 to implement a range of promotional, educational, and environmental strategies to increase healthy food and drink choices.

For all interested Toodyay sporting clubs please access the application page via the following link provided

www.healthway.wa.gov.au/apply-for-a-healthy-venues-grant/







## PO Box 1624, Toodyay, WA 6566 email pandctoodyaydhs@gmail.com

The Toodyay District High School Parents & Citizens Association (P&C) promotes cooperation between parents, students, school staff and community members for the benefit of all students at Toodyay District High School. Here's some of what we've been up to this month.



P&C supports colour run fun and more in 2020 Toodyay District High School's colour run event on 20 November was a sensational day in the sun. Students honoured their fundraising pledges by running their colour run obstacle course, soaking up the colour and dodging the water works as they completed their laps.

After students from pre-primary to year 10 slogged it out on the oval. the P&C stall helped to guench the thirst of students, volunteers and spectators alike, whilst raising funds for the school.

Congratulations to the school on a successful day and on engaging the students in raising funds to support their school. A sincere thank you to all the staff, students, parents and volunteers who contributed to the day.



## Farming for Toodyay District High School

It is with great pleasure that we announce that the P&C has secured a \$5,000 sponsorship grant from the Toodyay & Districts Community Bank, to grow a share farmed grain crop in 2021.

The support of the community bank, in addition to a \$2,000 contribution from the Toodyay Op Shop, will enable the P&C to grow a grain crop to raise funds for school improvements.

With further sponsorship and/or in-kind donations of seed, fertiliser and chemical, the P&C intends to commit a portion of funds raised in 2021/22 to invest in a share farmed grain crop, year after year. Thereby, creating a revenue source for future improvement initia-



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tives and reducing our reliance on donations and grants.

We look forward to sharing more about Farming for TDHS as the next growing season commences.

## The year in review ...

As the end of the year draws near it is timely to acknowledge contributions, achievements, express thanks and look ahead to 2021.

In partnership with the school, the P&C helps to raise funds to improve facilities and access to resources and opportunities for all students.

In 2020, the P&C made financial contributions towards a new bike path in the early childhood area and subsidised the cost of bus transport for the interschool sports carnival and year 6 camp.

In 2021, commitments have been made to resurface the basketball court in the primary school area; install lockers for secondary students; install shade sails throughout the school's playground areas; and support a library upgrade including a new circulation desk and furniture.

## How will we do this?

In 2020, the P&C raised funds by operating a canteen service two days per week, thanks to our committed volunteers Sal, Maxine and Heather.

P&C volunteers have provided event catering services, hosted Mother's Day and Father's Day gift stalls, a sports carnival day sausage sizzle and colour run refreshment stall, a Halloween disco and a wine sales fundraiser.

We've taken steps to generate income on an ongoing basis by registering for the Containers for Change refund scheme (ID C10284860) to receive donations and refunds from eligible containers (drop off near the school kiss n drop car park).

The P&C has also launched two initiatives to garner the support of local farmers, business and community organisations. A tonne for Toodyay District High School - invites farmers to donate a tonne of grain to the P&C's CBH account at harvest time. Farming for Toodyay District High School – proposes to grow a share farmed grain crop in 2021 in partnership with a local farmer.

To finish off the year, the P&C will host a slushy stall at the much anticipated Toodyay Christmas Street Party on 18 December from 6 -9pm. So look out for the slushy stall and buy a slushy or two to support students at our local school.

Finally, by far the most important assets we have are the volunteers, parents and supporters whose efforts enable us to support our school. A sincere thank you for all that you do. On behalf of the P&C we wish you all a merry Christmas and a happy new year in 2021.

Contact Kelly-Anne Murray on 0406 585 716 or pandctoodvaydhs@gmail.com or message via the facebook page - search 'Toodyay DHS P&C'.















## **Toodyay Recreation Centre Official Opening**

It has been a long time coming but he effort and hard work that has gone into this Recreation Centre has been well worth it. with the Shire of Toodyay recently celebrating the Official Opening of The Toodyay Recreation Centre on Saturday, 21 November.

The community now has an amazing facility available for everyone.

The day opened with a number of sporting clinics and it was delightful to see young and older community members take full advantage of the elite new sporting facilities now on offer.

The Shire would like to acknowledge our fantastic sporting clubs who paired up with representatives from Tennis West, Netball WA, State Basketball League, Swimming WA and current Hockeyroo Jocelyn Bartram to run a range of free sporting clinics.

The enthusiasm and genuine care our tennis, netball, hockey, swimming, and basketball sporting clubs demonstrated gave our kids the opportunity to learn from the best. In an historic day for the township it was great to see the Toodyay community come together and enjoy such a memorable day.

After a moving Welcome to Country delivered by Sharmaine Miles, together, Hon Steve Irons MP, Darren West MLC and Shire President, Cr Rosemary Madasci unveiled a plaque acknowledging those who helped deliver the centre. The \$14 million project – decades in the making – was funded by the Shire of Toodyay, Federal and State governments, Bendigo Bank and the local community collectively.

Winners of the 'Fill in, Win & Swim' competition were drawn and three lucky families won season passes to the pool. Representatives of two of the winning families were present at the opening to accept their passes.

Clublinks is managing the venue, adding to a portfolio which already includes WA's internationally-recognised The Cut golf course.

Overseeing the activity on the ground is Venue Manager Beck Foulkes-Taylor, who has 15 years of experience in the sport and recreation industry behind her, and a busy future in Toodyay ahead of her if the constant traffic through the centre so far is any indication.

The Aquatic Centre has proven particularly popular, with Clublinks aiming to take it from strength to strength as time aoes on.

"From the day we opened, there has been a high demand for swim programs and swim squad, we're also working on introducing aqua aerobics and other activities in 2021," says Foulkes-Taylor, who believes the entire venue is a much-needed recreational and sporting space for locals.

Based on the community's response to date, Toodyay couldn't agree more.













