

## Damage to Newcastle Footbridge

During January 2018 the Newcastle Footbridge once again suffered damage, by what can only be described as an act of vandalism. The Police have been notified.

The Newcastle footbridge, which spans the river from Newcastle Park is a popular route taken by Toodyay District High School students walking to and from school as well as being used by the community as a whole.

This recent damage included holes in the floor boards and guard sheeting of the footbridge with sections of the guard sheeting also being cut.

The Shire of Toodyay has carried out minor repairs to ensure that the footbridge is safe for use until materials arrive to replace the damaged floor and guard sheeting. However while the Shire makes every effort to have the footbridge remain open for use for the community, further damage to the footbridge may result in its closure for an indefinite period of time in order for repairs to be carried out. Updates will be posted on the Shire website.



## Museum News

This year is the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the arrival of the "Hougoumont" in Fremantle, marking the end of 80 years of continuous penal transportation to Australia.

Out of 279 convicts on board, we know of 35 men who eventually came to Toodyay. Of these, 32 were sent to the Toodyay Convict Depot prior to receiving their Conditional Pardon, including 8 Irish political prisoners known as Fenians – agitators for an independent Irish Republic.

Our Toodyay Convict Hiring Depot exhibition will be running until the end of this year at the Newcastle Gaol Museum. Currently a database made up of convicts association with Toodyay is being assembled by Beth Frayne and the Toodyay Historical Society. So far 1,788 names have been found and as this information becomes available we are updating our exhibition.

The latter years of transportation to Western Australia saw the worst offenders being sent to the colony. Our new booklet about Toodyay's "Hougoumont" convicts examines the crimes committed by these men as well as the sentences they received.

**TOODYAY CONVICT HIRING DEPOT EXHIBITION**

**TOODYAY'S CONVICTS FROM THE "HOUGOUMONT"**

**THE LAST TRANSPORT SHIP SENT TO AUSTRALIA**

Part of an ongoing documentation project (the Toodyay Convict database) being undertaken by Beth Frayne and the Toodyay Historical Society

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## UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS - 2018 - Council Chambers

Meeting	Date	Time
Council Forum	13 February 2018	4.00pm
Local Emergency Management Committee	14 February 2018	5.00pm
Museum Advisory Committee	15 February 2018	4.00pm
Bush Fire Advisory Committee	20 February 2018	6.00pm
Environmental Advisory Committee	22 February 2018	5.30pm
Ordinary Council meeting	27 February 2018	4.00pm

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# Toodyay Community Newsletter

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## Governor's Australia Day WA Community Citizen Awards

The Governor's Australia Day WA Community Citizen Awards focus on community contribution and participation rather than personal achievement.

The Shire of Toodyay participates in a joint initiative of the Australia Day Council of Western Australia, the Western Australian Local Government Association and other major sponsors.

There were three award categories for Toodyay this year: Active Citizenship for a community group or event; Senior Community Citizen of the Year for a person over 65; and Community Citizen of the Year

These awards highlight active citizenship, outstanding contribution to the local community and Australian pride and spirit.

### Active Citizenship Award for a Community Group or Event

**Toodyay Miniature Railway – winner**

Nominated: Butterfly Cottages Association, Toodyay Farmers, Market, Toodyay Herald

### WA Senior Citizen of the Year Award for a Person Over 65 Years

**Mr Max Heath - winner**

Nominated: Mr Paul Sutton, Mrs Marlene Andrijich, Mr Stan Eastwood, Mrs Heather Appleby

### WA Community Citizen of the Year Award

**Mr Kim Maddrell - winner**

Nominated: Mr Charles Wroth



## 'HAVE YOUR SAY' Strategic Community Plan



Come and join in and express your views, ideas and vision for the future of Toodyay through its review and update of the Strategic Community Plan.

There are a number of opportunities for you to get involved during February and March 2018 with consultation workshops being held at various venues around Toodyay.

If you are unable to attend any of the workshops, not a problem, a survey will be available both electronically and in hard copy. The link for the survey will be on the Shire website and hard copies will be available at the various Shire Offices around town. You can visit the Shire's website for further information and ongoing updates: <http://www.toodyay.wa.gov.au/Have-Your-Say/Strategic-Community-Plan-Review>

Date	Where	Time
Wednesday, 21 February 2018	Toodyay Memorial Hall	3.00pm – 5.00pm
Wednesday, 21 February 2018	Toodyay Memorial Hall	6.00pm – 8.00pm
Thursday, 22 February 2018	Morangup Community Hall	6.00pm – 8.00pm
Monday, 26 February 2018	Bejoording Fire Shed	6.00pm – 8.00pm
Sunday, 18 March 2018	Farmers Market	An opportunity to 'Have your say' and/or complete a survey

**President's Pen - Cr Brian Rayner**

Congratulation must go to the Community of Toodyay for supporting the Australia Day BBQ with well over 400 people served a breakfast which was cooked by Councillors and assisted by the Shire Administration Staff. I believe the numbers are increasing every year and I thank you for your patience in being served.

It gave me great pleasure to accept the Pledges from six very proud new Australian Citizens. Ms Ruth Hamlyn, Ms Karen Booth, Ms Ronja Bergmann, Mr Howard Diver, Mr George McCombie and Mr John Liddle. Welcome to all as Australian Citizens and thank you for your great rendition of an Aussie tradition to the Toodyay Community. "Aussie, Aussie, Aussie! Oi, oi, oi!"

On the day, Toodyay announced its Citizenship Awards. I would like to thank all those who made the time and effort to submit a nomination and congratulate all those who were recognised for their contributions to the community. My congratulations to the eventual winners.

As announced on Australia Day, we are about to undertake a review of the Strategic Community Plan. Information regarding community consultation and engagement workshops and how you can 'have your say' is on the Shire website. Your feedback is valuable and you are all welcome to attend these workshops. Keep an eye out for further information and updates published on the website throughout this process.

Toodyay Shire Council would like to welcome a new Doctor to the district, Dr Paul Gallacher (pronounced Gallagher). Paul started work at Wheatbelt Health in Toodyay on Monday, 5 February, for a trial period of one month. During this time, he will practice on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays at the Toodyay practice and Thursdays at the Northam Hospital in the field of medical procedures. On Fridays he will lecture Medical Students in Northam. We look forward to community support in retaining his services in Toodyay .

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

**18 March - Toodyay Farmers Markets:** Held on the third Sunday of the month, the Toodyay Farmers Markets offer plenty of artisan stalls, education sessions and entertainment.

**18 March - Avon Valley Black Dog Ride:** Black Dog Ride began in 2009 as one man's ride to raise awareness of depression, developing into national suicide prevention charity involving thousands of Australian motorcycle riders. The ride concludes at Duidgee Park with a casual social gathering.

**24 March - Lions Jumbo Auction:** The annual Lions Jumbo Auction is back again for another year. Head down to the Town Oval to see what is up for grabs!

**24 March - Toodyay Music Fest:** Toodyay Music Fest are thrilled to present their inaugural extravaganza featuring an array of musical talent. Everyone is welcome to come along and enjoy this free festival.

**What's been happening in Toodyay.....**

**January Toodyay Community Program:** The January Toodyay Community Program started off with a Crime Scene Investigation held by the Wheatbelt Science Hub. Everyone became a detective for the morning and discovered how science is used to catch criminals. Avon Valley Shotokan helped students release their inner Karate Kid at the Youth Hall, with some so keen it was difficult to get them out the door. The Toodyay Community Resource Centre hosted a Lego building activity that was so popular the room was jam packed and there were plenty of imaginative creations. The CRC also held a Splash Party with plenty of water activities so that everyone could beat the heat. A big thank you to everyone who helped organise and run the activities for the week.

**Australia Day BBQ:** Crowds were at a record high for the 2018 Australia Day BBQ. Our councillors cooked up a feast for the masses before the official proceedings began. There were six new Australian Citizens who made the citizenship pledge as well as many nominees for the Australian Citizen of the Year Awards. Congratulations to the winners: Senior

Citizen of Year - Max Heath; Active Citizenship (Group or Event) - Toodyay Miniature Rail and Citizen of the Year - Kim Maddrell. Congratulations also to all nominees for their contributions to the community. The morning ended with a performance by the Pioneer Bush Band, with a few enthusiastic people getting up to dance. Thank you to the organisers, Councillors and staff who made this great event a success.

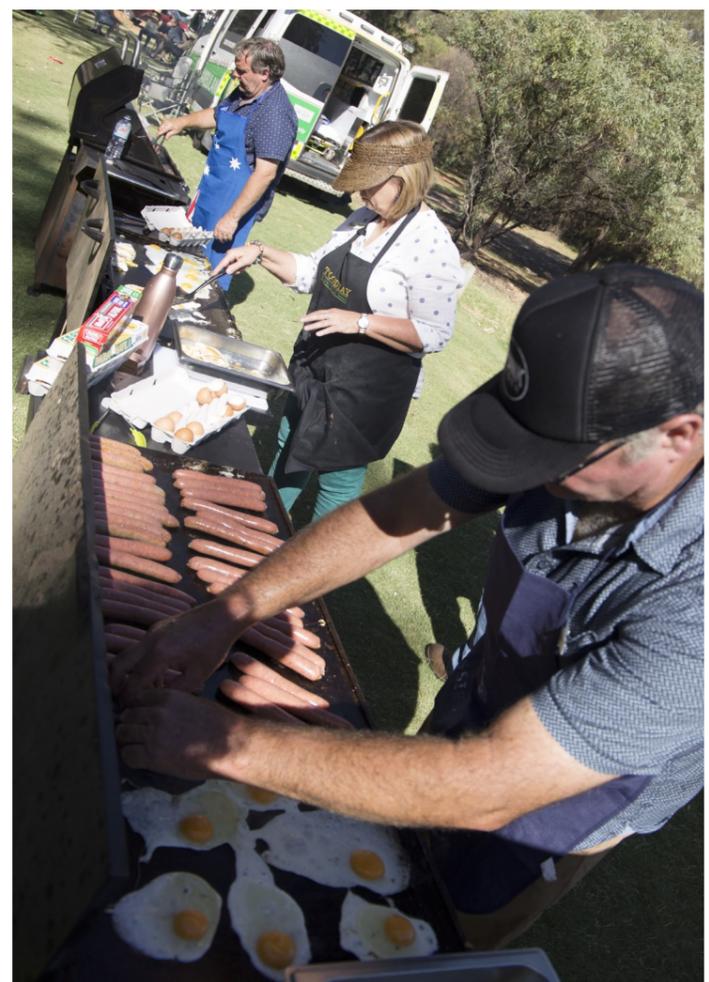


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**Proposed Temporary Road Closure  
Toodyay Moondyne Festival  
Sunday, 6 May 2018**

An application has been received proposing a temporary road closure on Sunday, 6 May 2018 for the Toodyay Moondyne Festival. The proposal is for the closure of Stirling Terrace, from Oddfellow Street to Piesse Street between 6.00am to 5.00pm.

Comments and submissions from the public are welcome and should be presented in writing prior to **4.00pm 8 March 2018** at the Shire of Toodyay Administration Centre, 15 Fiennes Street (PO Box 96) TOODYAY WA 6566 or email to: [records@toodyay.wa.gov.au](mailto:records@toodyay.wa.gov.au)

Further information and maps of proposed temporary road closure are available at the Shire of Toodyay Administration Centre and on the website [www.toodyay.wa.gov.au](http://www.toodyay.wa.gov.au)



**Anzac Park Redevelopment**

The Anzac Park redevelopment is almost complete with the additions of the silhouettes yet to be installed.

Due to the previous sloping nature and uneven surfaces at the site, this made viewing and access difficult, particularly for war veterans and the elderly.

The creation of a larger viewing area with paved footpaths, additional seating, new garden beds, retaining walls and disabled access point has greatly contributed to the overall aesthetics and access to the site.

Some of the upcoming events to be held at Anzac Park will be Anzac Day Commemorations on 25 April 2018, the centenary anniversary of the end of World War 1 on the 11 November 2018 and we look forward to the centenary celebrations of the Toodyay RSL Sub Branch on the 7 October 2019.

This project has been made possible with grant funding from the Wheatbelt Development Commission and the Department of Veteran Affairs as well as budgeted expense from the Shire of Toodyay.



**NOTICE TO ALL RESIDENTS**

Throughout 2018, the Bushfire Risk Management Team will be conducting on-site field assessments of all land within the Shire of Toodyay.

This is part of an ongoing project to identify assets at risk from Bushfire and to create a Bushfire Risk Management Plan for the Shire. The inspections do not require the land owner/occupier to be present. Due to the large number of properties that have to be inspected individual appointments cannot be made; however private land owners are welcome to participate should they wish.

Officers will be in clearly signed Bushfire Risk Vehicles and wearing Shire and Department of Fire & Emergency Services uniforms, they will also carry photo ID should anyone wish to confirm their identity.

If Officers are unable to access your property a notice will be left for you to make contact with them. Alternatively you can contact the Bushfire Risk Management Planning Co-ordinator, John Hansen at the Shire offices on 9574 9300.

The Shire of Toodyay, DFES and the Office of Bushfire Risk Management would like to thank you for your co-operation and look forward to making Toodyay an even safer place for the future.



**SHIRE ROAD MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE**

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

Job Description	Estimated Completion
Woodlands Road Resheet	February 2018
Shoulder Maintenance: Julimar Road; Toodyay Bindi Bindi Road; Bejoording Road; and Coondle West Road	February 2018 - March 2018

**What to do when you see those flashing lights.....**

Please be mindful when driving around the Shire of Toodyay ( and anywhere else for that matter) . When you notice vehicles with flashing lights on or near the sides of the road, please slow down to pass. Whether it's our Rangers, work crews or other Shire staff who have pulled over with their lights flashing - safety is paramount.