



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



### SPEED SIGNS INSTALLED

As an initiative which supports the Shire's commitment to road safety, courtesy speed display signs have been loaned to the Shire of Toodyay by WALGA's RoadWise program for the month of January 2021. These signs provide an effective reminder to drivers to abide by the speed limit to reduce vehicle travel speeds within the town site.

Harper Road and Telegraph Road were selected to make the major roads into town safer and reduce the risk of crashes.

It is suggested the signs remain for no longer than one month at a single location due to driver complacency increasing over time as a result of familiarisation.

## AGM

### SHIRE OF TOODYAY

#### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF ELECTORS

The Shire of Toodyay Annual General Meeting of Electors will be held on:

**Date: Thursday, 4 February 2021**

**Time: 7.00pm.**

**Venue: Council Chambers.**

### We're giving a damn about dams

Australia is often described as being the sunburnt country, noted for its hot and dry climate, our rugged charm has a price to pay – lack of water. Therefore, it is up to all of us to manage our water resources to make them viable and sustainable for future generations.

In Toodyay, our lands are divided up, categorised and administered under the Shire's Local Planning Scheme No. 4 ('the Scheme'). Each zone that is created is guided by a set of objectives which in turn guides the applicable land use categories available. You might be interested to know that a dam is a land use under in the Scheme and is considered development under the *Planning and Development Act 2005* – even earthworks!

The development of dams in the Shire are either permitted, require development approval, or are not permitted dependent on the zone of land under the Scheme. Even in Rural zoned land where dams are permitted, we are still interested in hearing from you to discuss the proposal as there may be other planning issues that need to be considered. For example, generally, the Shire will not permit a dam to be built across a waterway. In other instances, the proximity to a boundary must also be considered. When we receive an application, we also need to hear from other interested stakeholders about the proposal so we can address their concerns if any.

The Shire of Toodyay has a Local Planning Policy No. 25 on dams which is used to provide guidance to developers and our team when it comes to assessing dam proposals. This can be found on the Shire's website (<https://www.toodyay.wa.gov.au/Council/Shire-of-Toodyay-Documents/Shire-Policies/Local-Planning-Policies>).

Ultimately, the purpose of the planning framework (including the Local Planning Policy and any requirement for development approval), is to ensure that development involving precious natural resources is done in a sustainable manner – providing the best possible outcome for the local community and the environment.

So, if you are thinking of building a dam, please get in touch with the Shire's Development Services team on 9574 9340 to arrange an appointment or site visit to discuss your proposal.

### Assets & Services Update

Bejoording Road, Bejoording 5.2km Reconstruct and seal	Underway, completion estimated January 2021
Julimar Road, West Toodyay 0.8km Curve Realignment	Preliminary drainage and vegetation clearing complete. Construction to resume February 2021
River Road, Toodyay 2km Reseal	Completion estimated January 2021
Lovers Lane, Toodyay 2km Reseal	Completion estimated January 2021
McKnoe Drive, Morangup 4.4km Reseal	Completion estimated January 2021
Timber Creek Crescent Coondle 3.2km Reseal	Completion estimated January 2021
Bindi Bindi – Toodyay Road, Wattening/Coondle. 2.8km Reseal	Completion estimated January 2021
Toodyay Public Standpipe	Preliminary electrical and plumbing work complete, completion estimated February 2021

# Toodyay Community Newsletter

Produced by the Shire of Toodyay

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**Breakfast in the Pavilion  
Toodyay Recreation Centre  
Tuesday, 26 January 2021  
Breakfast from 7.30am  
Official proceedings including Citizen  
of the Year awards from 9.00am**



## Aquatic Centre Celebrations

**\$2.00 ENTRY**

**Pool opens 11.00am  
FREE Family entertainment  
FREE Live music  
Pizza available from  
11am - 3pm**



Pool open 11.00am - 6.30pm on this day  
Drummond Street, Toodyay WA 6566  
Ph : (08) 9574 9330  
info@toodyayreccentre.com.au



• These are alcohol free events. No BYO food or drink please.



Shire President Cr Madacsi

**A Message from the Shire President.....** Welcome Toodyay, to 2021 and the year of possibilities. The appointment of CEO Suzie Haslehurst is now confirmed, the new manager of Assets and Services Mr Jan Augustin has commenced work, Councillors and staff are focused on the challenges ahead and Crs Bell and Pearce are enjoying leave in climes more sublime.

This year will see the construction of the new Julimar Fire Station, thanks to funding from DFES through the *Local Government Grant Scheme* and DWER through the *Community Water Supply Program* plus a small Shire contribution. The construction will provide excellent facilities and support to Toodyay's brigades who have difficult terrain and complex land uses to contend with.

Recent concern was expressed regarding costs for the Recreation Centre water use and management fees. Council considered professional expertise and efficiency would provide the best overall financial outcome for the community. There is a management cost, but this is offset overall by a well-managed facility with well established management networks.

A water usage account of \$8,000 per week occurred from following the advised watering regime for establishing the grounds. Management have now struck a balance between best practice and sustainability. Reticulation has been reduced, with the likelihood that the grass will be a little less green as a result. Interest in the Recreation Centre continues to grow with a series of pool focused classes and activities scheduled, including the novel 'Dive In' movies. The first event will be held on Saturday 6 February 2021 with the showing of the 2020 version of *Mulan*.

In October 2020, the Shire of Mundaring refused an application for development approval by Trico Resources Pty Ltd to accelerate the gravel extraction and processing at Lot 3650 Toodyay Road, Bailup, from 47,000 tonnes/year to 950,000 tonnes per annum (maximum). At its January Ordinary Council Meeting, the Shire of Toodyay Council will consider making a submission to the State Administrative Tribunal in support of the Shire of Mundaring's decision regarding this proposed intensification of gravel extraction.

Just a reminder, good communities are built on being good neighbours. Be mindful. Your pets must stay on your property, so block escape routes and ensure your activities do not negatively impact on your neighbours or the environment.

Further bits and pieces of interest are; an Asset Rationalisation Plan is being developed; the first long-term financial workshop has been held; Chalice Mining has now completed a Stage 1 Conservation Management Plan; policy workshops are about to begin, and we are still awaiting (somewhat impatiently) for the delivery of the community standpipe control unit. Do not forget the TCRC 'Summer Splash Party 2021' at Duidgee Park on 29 January between 11:30 – 1:30pm. It is terrific fun for children at \$5 entry.

Australia Day celebrations this year will be held at the new Toodyay Recreation Centre commencing with a free breakfast from 7.30am followed by official proceedings from 9.00am. Come along and welcome those who are becoming Australian citizens and also applaud those who have been nominated for, and winners, of the Citizen of the Year awards. You can then move to the Aquatic centre at 11.00am, with an entry fee of only \$2.00 to experience not only the joys of what swimming in this fantastic pool offers, but free entertainment, live music and pizza — Reflect, Respect, Celebrate.

**WA STATE ELECTION  
13 MARCH 2021**

The next State election is only a few months away. Everyone is encouraged to make sure they are enrolled or have updated their details if necessary.

This can be done online at: [www.aec.gov.au/enrol](http://www.aec.gov.au/enrol).

**The cut off to do this is 6.00pm 11 February 2021.**

Please make sure your enrolment details are correct.

**DON'T FORGET VOTING IS COMPULSORY**

**Vacancies**

The WA Electoral Commission is looking for staff to fill various positions during the election period. Please use the link below to apply <https://www.elections.wa.gov.au/working-election>



**Moved house?  
Changed your name?  
Need to enrol for the first time?**

Scan above or visit [www.aec.gov.au/enrol](http://www.aec.gov.au/enrol)



**TOODYAY LIBRARY'S 2021 TO-DO LIST (FOR YOU)**

**Borrow an eBook, eAudiobook or eMagazine**

Use your smartphone or tablet to download the BorrowBox, Overdrive or RBdigital apps – or visit the websites on your computer – then log in with your library card number to start searching through thousands of titles from your favourite authors and publishers. It's easy once you know how, but don't hesitate to contact us if you have any head-scratching moments.

**Stream a movie or documentary**

Kanopy is an online, on-demand film-streaming service free for Toodyay Library members to use. Download the app, log in and press play today!

**Give us a reader's recommendation**

Read something you loved lately? Let us know and we'll happily add it to our Recommended Reads section for other members to discover.

**Check out our online catalogue**

Take a virtual trip through our shelves – no passport required – by heading to [library.toodyay.wa.gov.au/Main.aspx](http://library.toodyay.wa.gov.au/Main.aspx). See everything we have in stock, search for and reserve items, and renew your existing loans with ease...without even changing out of your pyjamas, if that's what you want. We're not here to judge! We are here to help, however, so call us on 9574 2323 or email us at [library@toodyay.wa.gov.au](mailto:library@toodyay.wa.gov.au) if you need a hand navigating the catalogue.



**Join us on Facebook**

If you want to stay in the library loop – a.k.a. be the first to know what's fresh on our shelves and hear about our upcoming events before anybody else – you can do just that by becoming a member of our Facebook group. Search for Shire of Toodyay and find us under the Groups tab, or go straight to [facebook.com/groups/ToodyayLibrary](https://facebook.com/groups/ToodyayLibrary). You'll be part of our online community of library lovers in no time.



**NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**SATURDAY, 6 FEBRUARY 2021**

**4.00PM**

**TOODYAY MEMORIAL HALL**

All past, present, life members and general public are most welcome. Come along if you wish to see what the Toodyay Theatre Group has planned for 2021.

QUERIES TO:  
Rowan 0488 217 560  
Dave 0400 283 425

**TOODYAY TENNIS CLUB HAS A NEW HOME**



The Toodyay Tennis Club has moved to its fantastic new home at the Toodyay Recreation Centre and the old tennis courts in Fiennes Street have now been closed. The Tennis Club continues to meet every week on:

- ◇ Tuesday from 8.00am to 1.00pm
- ◇ Wednesday nights from 7.00pm
- ◇ Sunday 8.00am to 2.00pm

Everyone is welcome to come along and join in the fun for 3 sessions before joining - what a great way to come and try!

For further information please call the Club's Secretary on 0433 510 416 or email [toodyaytennisclub@gmail.com](mailto:toodyaytennisclub@gmail.com)



**Australia Day Celebrations**

It has been an active and exciting time in the Community Development space with the Shire of Toodyay gearing up for the Australia Day Celebrations, which will be hosted at the Toodyay Recreation Centre on Tuesday, 26 January 2021. The day will begin with a traditional BBQ Breakfast at 7:30am with official proceedings starting at 9.00am for the Citizenship Ceremony and Community Citizen of the Year Awards. Additionally, in a first for our community the day will conclude with a pool party starting at 11.00am to 3.00pm which will include swimming, games, food and a DJ. In what promises to be a memorable day for the township we look forward to seeing the Toodyay community come together and enjoy themselves.

**Community Development Grant Funding Information**

The Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries is pleased to announce that Fair Game Australia, are once again offering sporting clubs in need large stocks of recycled sports equipment in 2021. This includes equipment for just about every sport, from basketball and football to high quality hockey sticks as well as shoes and uniforms, so clubs are encouraged to ask for whatever they need, and Fair Game will provide it to you free of charge. If your organisation would love some sports equipment or uniforms, please fill out your wish list form found [here](#). For further details please contact Daniel Hoble, Community Development Officer, at the Shire's Visitor Centre on 9574 9392 or email [d.hoble@toodyay.wa.gov.au](mailto:d.hoble@toodyay.wa.gov.au).



Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries

**Community Citizen of The Year Award**

The Shire of Toodyay would like to thank the Toodyay community for their nominations for the "Community Citizen of The Year Awards" for the 2021 Australia Day Celebrations. With many of our community members being selfless and innovative in contributing positively to our community, the Shire is looking forward to recognising those community members and community groups on this very special day.



Community Citizen of the year Awards



**Volunteers of Toodyay Museums recognised for team effort**

Volunteers of Toodyay Museums were recently awarded the Waste Team of the Year at the 2020 Infinity Awards. The Infinity Awards acknowledge and celebrate the outstanding achievements of Western Australians working towards a better future through improved waste practices and innovative waste solutions. There were 10 categories awarded and the Volunteers of Toodyay Museums won Waste Team of the Year.

The Volunteers of Toodyay Museums are a dedicated small team who have demonstrated a commitment and passion to reducing waste and protecting heritage through "Project Shingles". The team recovered approximately 21,000 shingles and prevented 12 tonnes of material from going to landfill. The recovered shingles are cleaned and sold as souvenirs or as a unique canvas for crafts people to work with. Shingles have been made into wind chimes, clocks, shingle bells, mosaic works, name boards and pyrographed and stencilled with messages. Congratulations to the Project Shingles team for their achievement and for demonstrating to the community that a small group of residents can make a difference.

The Minister for Environment, Disability Services and Electoral Affairs, Hon. Stephen Noel Dawson MLC said of the team "Your dedicated team demonstrated a commitment and passion to reducing waste and protecting heritage through "Project Shingles". This inspiring project has seen shingles that would otherwise go to landfill recovered and repurposed. Congratulations to everyone in your team."

Congratulations to all those involved with this team in achieving the recognition you deserve.

*Pictured: Mr Barry Keen, museum volunteer and Suzie Haslehurst, CEO displaying the award received by the volunteer team.*

**CURRENT – PROHIBITED BURNING**

1 November - 8 March Annually

NO fires are permitted during this time. Harvest and vehicle movement bans may also apply from time to time.



**RESTRICTED BURNING**

9 March - 30 April and 1 October -31 October Annually

Permit Required

**NO RESTRICTIONS IN PLACE**

30 April - No permits required

Precautions to be taken while burning are encouraged

## TRAILS and TRIBUTARIES Article by Greg Warburton, Reserves Management Officer

Shire Reserves Management has been working with the Toodyay Friends of the River and Wheatbelt Natural Resource Management (WBNRM) to improve amenity and to protect environmental values and built assets associated with confluence of Boyagerring Brook.

Last year the Shire undertook weed control and ground preparation work for planting along the banks of this tributary of the Avon River. The seedlings (and a Bat Box) were provided by WBNRM through a grant scheme and Toodyay High School students and Friends of the River members planted the several hundred trees and sedges.

Thanks to the Mitigation Activity Fund extensive rehabilitation earthworks were carried out between the River and Drummond Street West to allow for effective fire hazard reduction. This was followed by the upgrading of fire breaks and access ways augmented by extensive grass slashing to further protect the area from fire.

Here, Reserve Management and the Community Seed Orchard Group are planning to create a distinctive re-vegetation project. The concept will see habitat "islands" of native species planted. This will not only be attractive but also add bio-diversity benefits while allowing for effective fire management.

Other opportunities such as developing a walk track along the Brook are being implemented. This "Boyagerring Walk" will add to the existing trail network that includes the Murray Walkway, Bridges Walk, Newcastle Park, the foot bridge and of course Bilya Walk Track.

The new loop will make a pleasant three kilometre walk, bike ride or jog circuit with the opportunity to call in at the swimming pool of course. The trail will be marked, a picnic table and seating installed and interpretive signage placed at the historic brick works and the old Boyagerring Brook Bridge.



## CAMPING App MISHAPS by Greg Warburton RMO

It was a Total Fire and Vehicle Movement Ban day in early January when a four wheel driver was intercepted 'bush bashing' up the river bank, bouncing over dry grass and sending up palls of dust.

When this person was informed of his transgression his response was, "I'm looking for Cobbler Pool, my camping app says it around here somewhere".

The Toodyay Rangers and the Reserve Management Officer are at their "Wikis" end with people camping in undesigned / unpermitted camping areas in Toodyay because their travel app has told them they can.

This misinformation has led to rubbish dumping, environmental damage, trespassing and lost, bewildered travellers due to wrong place names and locations posted on the app.

Most worrying of all is the risk of fire due to this false information. Already this season there have been two fire incidents in the vicinity of Cobbler Pool, a popular destination for camping app users.

The information provided on the App about the Cobbler Pool and the downstream, so called campsites had the RMO flummoxed. One couldn't have dreamed up a more nonsensical and misleading list of data. The App showed TWO Cobbler Pools each with wildly varying do's and don'ts.

As we know Cobbler Pool is a famous place on the River being the overnight camp for the Avon Descent. It once abounded in Freshwater Cobbler *Tandanus bostocki* hence the name but silting caused by the River Training Scheme and the increasing salt levels of the water means this good eating fish species has not been caught there in over 50 years.

Currently, Shire Rangers and Reserve Officer are implementing measures to appropriately manage and monitor this iconic river site.



## Toodyay Farmers Twilight Markets

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

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

The following are the official Toodyay Farmers Market dates for 2021. Make sure you put them into your diaries — see you there..... **Saturday 20 February 5.30pm - 8.30pm**

2021 Farmers Market Dates		
Sunday's 9.00am to 1.00pm		
21 March	18 April	16 May
20 June	18 July	15 August
19 September	17 October	19 December




### Toodyay Road Upgrade Update on Roadworks

Construction of the first overtaking lane on Toodyay Road in the Shire of Toodyay is running to schedule. The westbound overtaking lane is located between Lovers Lane and Jingaling Brook Road. Vegetation clearing works are now complete and side tracks were opened in early January to reduce the impact on traffic. The overtaking lane will be 2.2 kilometres long and the road will be realigned, widened with an audible edge and centre lines installed. Works are due to be completed by May 2021.

Works have also commenced on Toodyay Road around the Racecourse Road intersection. The intersection and the road in proximity to the intersection will also be widened. Temporary traffic lights to facilitate construction works are manually operated.

A wide centre line treatment helps create greater separation between opposing traffic. Coupled with audible line marking, the wider median gives road users longer to recover should they cross the centre line, thereby reducing the risk of head on crashes.

The Community Reference Group met in January and continued to discuss the need to minimise the environmental impacts as much as possible whilst enhancing safety and efficiency for road users.

Local subcontractors have been awarded around 70% of the total contract works.

For project updates, please sign up on the project page at [www.mainroads.wa.gov.au](http://www.mainroads.wa.gov.au). Main Roads can be contacted by phone on 138 138 or email [enquiries@mainroads.wa.gov.au](mailto:enquiries@mainroads.wa.gov.au)



Meet our new  
Manager Assets and Services  
Jan Augustin

Jan Augustin has recently joined the Shire of Toodyay team bringing with him 22 years of professional experience in civil engineering and project and asset management for infrastructure projects and development, including thirteen years work experience in both State and local government.

Jan comes to us from the Shire of Serpentine – Jarrahdale where he was the Project Coordinator Infrastructure and Assets with a strong customer focus and a sound knowledge of relevant building construction Acts and Regulations. Jan has also spent time with the City of Armadale as Senior Project Manager and City of Wanneroo as Project Manager Infrastructure Development.

Based at the Shire Depot, Jan can be contacted via email: [records@toodyay.wa.gov.au](mailto:records@toodyay.wa.gov.au) or you can report an issue via the Shire's website: <https://www.toodyay.wa.gov.au/Council/Subscribe-to-our-mailing-list-Have-your-say-Report-a-problem>



# ATTENTION TOODYAY RESIDENTS EFFECTIVE CONFINEMENT OF DOGS

## Are you keeping your dog confined within your own premises?

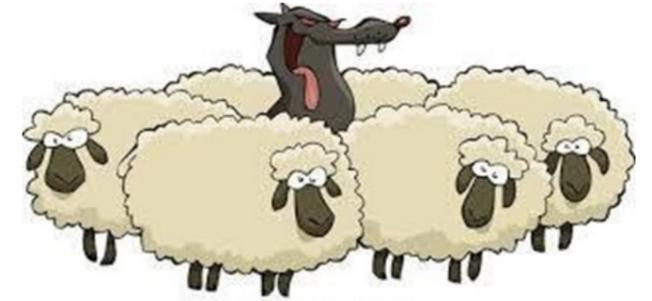
Did you know that the fence **type, height and construction** should be suited to contain the **breed, age, size, and physical condition** of the dog?

Maintaining the fences and ensuring that the gates at the property are closed when your furry friend is home are just some of the responsibilities of owning and caring for a dog.



## Do you know where your dog sleeps at night?

At night when you get into bed, your furry friends go for a stroll and end up in farmers' paddocks where they are **not wanted**, causing havoc, only to be back home in the morning.



Will your fences confine your dog at night?

## Do you know the actual meaning of a dog attack?

Your dog does not have to bite someone, it only has to **chase** a person or animal and cause **fear** to be classed as a **dog attack**.



For more information or any questions regarding dog confinement,

please call the Toodyay Rangers on **9574 9370.**

### Toodyay DHS Parents & Citizens Assoc.

PO Box 1624, Toodyay, WA 6566  
email [pandctoodaydhs@gmail.com](mailto:pandctoodaydhs@gmail.com)



### Toodyay District High School canteen volunteer awarded Volunteer Service Award

On 15 December 2020 the Toodyay District High School held a presentation ceremony to recognise and celebrate student achievements.

Attended by dignitaries representing local community groups, elected members and members of parliament, the ceremony was a welcome celebration after a challenging year.

Sincere congratulations to all the reward recipients for your endeavours and achievements. In particular, Sal Bolger, a dedicated P&C canteen volunteer who was awarded the Volunteer Service Award from the School Council.

Sal has been recognised as volunteer of the year for 2020 for her dedicated service to operating the school canteen for the past three years, undertaking countless hours each week planning meals, shopping, preparing food and serving students two days per week.

Sal also provides catering services for school events on request, including the recent graduation for year 10 students.

With the equally committed Maxine Milburn and often Heather McGlasson by her side, Sal and canteen volunteers enable the canteen to provide a food service for students.

The canteen is a significant source of income for the P&C with a profit of \$4,500 generated since July 2020. Every dollar is reinvested into school improvements and opportunities or resources for students.

If you ask Sal why she does it, she'll say she does it for the kids. She loves to see their confidence grow as they learn to make their orders, count their money and use their good manners.

I'm sure we all remember buying a treat from the school canteen. Enjoying access to a canteen is no doubt a significant element of the school experience.

To ensure Toodyay District High School can continue to provide a canteen service, we need community volunteers for a couple of hours on Mondays and Fridays between 8.00 am and 1.00 pm.

Can helping occasionally at the school canteen by your something new in 2021? Parents, grandparents and community members are all welcome.

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



Picture – Maxine Milburn and Sal Bolger serving up canteen treats

# DIVE-IN MOVIE NIGHT

SWAP YOUR PICNIC BLANKET  
FOR A POOL RING!



## Mulan (2020)

Saturday 6th February

Gates Open – 6.30pm

Movie Starts – 7.30pm

Tickets – \$10\*

Buy your ticket NOW at  
[trybooking.com/BOAMQ](http://trybooking.com/BOAMQ)

\*\$1 from every ticket sale will be donated to Laps For Life



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## Term 1 Swim Program

Registration Sunday 24 January 10am - 1pm  
Swim level assessment



Commences  
**2 FEB 2021**

### 8 Week Program

Starts Tues 2 & Thu 4 Feb

Cost : \$125 (incl pool entry)  
\$110 for Pool Members

*Not sure which level your child is?*

Attend the Registration session or Scan this QR Code



Category	Level	Time	Max in class
 TURTLES under 5 yo	Classes and sessions will be confirmed following Registration Session		TUESDAYS
 TIGER SHARKS 5+ years old	Classes and sessions will be confirmed following Registration Session		THURSDAYS



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