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NOMINATING FOR COUNCIL?

Local Government Elections 19 October 2019

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

Topics will include:

- ◆ An overview of Local Government;
- ◆ The roles and responsibilities of Council and Council Members;
- ◆ Behavioural expectations of Elected Members;
- ◆ An overview of the skills required to be a successful Councillor; and
- ◆ Impacts on home life.

These sessions are for **anyone** who is thinking of nominating as a candidate for the 2019 Local Government election. You will have an opportunity to ask questions of current sitting Councillors and representatives from the Electoral Commission at the end of the presentation. *FURTHER INFORMATION COMING SOON.*

ARE YOU ELIGIBLE TO VOTE IN THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS 2019

If you are a resident of the Shire of Toodyay and are registered on the State Electoral Roll, you will automatically receive voting papers – you do not need to do anything. If you are a ratepayer of Toodyay but do not live in the Shire, you can apply to register on the Owners Occupiers Roll. This roll requires an update every 2 years, so if you registered on the Owner Occupiers roll prior to the 2017 LG elections, you may need to do so again.

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

The electoral rolls close on **Friday, 30 August 2019 at 5.00pm.**



UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS

Council Chambers

Meeting	Date	Time
Agenda Briefing	16 July	4.00pm
Works Advisory Committee	18 July	4.00pm
Ordinary Council Meeting	23 July	4.00pm
Bush Fire Advisory Committee 2019	6 August	6.00pm

TOODYAY WASTE TRANSFER STATION

Where: Railway Road, Toodyay

Opening Times: open every day of the week from 8.00am to 12.00 noon, excluding Good Friday, Anzac Day, Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day.

Contact: 9574 2661 Last Sunday of the month open until 3pm

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO LEVY DIFFERENTIAL RATES

In accordance with Section 6.36 of the *Local Government Act 1995*, the Shire of Toodyay hereby gives notice of its intention to impose differential rates on rateable property in the Shire of Toodyay in the 2019/2020 financial year.

Details of the proposed differential rates are as follows:

Basis of Rating	Current Rate in \$	Proposed Rate in \$
GRV Residential	0.123350	0.12943
GRV Commercial	0.156060	0.14020
GRV Industrial	0.123350	0.12483
GRV Rural	0.113950	0.11869
GRV Rural Residential	0.113950	0.11260
UV General	0.010880	0.01168
UV Rural	0.008928	0.008969

Basis of Rating	Current Minimum Rate	Proposed Minimum Rate
GRV Residential	1,318.00	1,351.00
GRV Commercial	1,318.00	1,351.00
GRV Industrial	1,318.00	1,351.00
GRV Rural	1,318.00	1,351.00
GRV Rural Residential	1,318.00	1,351.00
UV General	1,318.00	1,351.00
UV Rural	1,318.00	1,351.00

The rates in the dollar (\$) shown are estimates and may be changed as part of the Council's deliberations of any submission received. All normal statutory concessions for pensioner and other concession holders will apply.

The object of and reasons for each proposed rate and minimum payment may be inspected at any time on the Shire's website Toodyay.wa.gov.au or at the Shire's administration office, 15 Fiennes Street, Toodyay during normal business hours.

The Shire invites submissions in relation to the proposed differential rates to be received by **4.30pm Wednesday, 20 July 2019.**

Toodyay Community Newsletter

Produced by the Shire of Toodyay

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TOODYAY, HOW GOOD IS THIS? New Rec Precinct is a go!!

The Toodyay Shire Council has appointed ADCO Constructions Pty Limited as the contractor to construct the long awaited Toodyay Sport and Recreation Precinct.

"The community is really excited about this project" Cr Brian Rayner, Toodyay Shire President said. "They are particularly pleased that we have managed to fund 8 lanes rather than 6 in the swimming pool and that we will have 4 dedicated tennis courts."

"This project provides the community with all the facilities that it does not presently enjoy. There is a hockey, soccer and rugby field, 4 multiuse courts for basketball and netball, a new community pavilion and of course, Toodyay's long awaited swimming pool." Cr Rayner

Project Managers, Limnios & Johns and Architects Cameron Chisolm Nicol will continue their work on the project, together with the Shire and ADCO Constructions.

Construction is due to commence in the next month and will be completed in the third quarter of 2020. This will be followed by the internal fitout.

"Toodyay will have a swimming pool open for use before Christmas 2020," Cr Rayner said. "We would like to thank all those funding bodies who are supporting the Project: the Australian Government through its Building Better Regions Fund, Community Sporting and Recreation Facilities Fund, Lotterywest, Bendigo Bank and of course the Shire of Toodyay."



Cr Brian Rayner
Shire President

President's Pen Great things are happening within the Shire.

At the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Tuesday, 25 June 2019, Council passed several resolutions for works to commence in the coming weeks.

The tender for the Recreation Precinct and Aquatic Centre was let to ADCO Constructions for the tender price of \$13,208,132.50 plus GST. This project will be costed over three financial years, 2018/19, 2019/20 and 2020/21. We envisage site work to commence within the next two months. This is a great achievement by Council and Administration Staff, working over the past five years.

Community members gave the project team a great round of applause when it was formally announced that the swimming pool would accommodate 8 lanes instead of the six proposed in the original concept plans. There will also be four designated tennis courts, four multi purpose netball/basketball courts and a rectangular field to accommodate soccer, rugby and hockey.

Tenders were let for the extension to the Morangup Co-Location Centre to accommodate the SES and Fire and Emergency Vehicles. This project is co funded by DFES through the ESL contributions Grant funding and Council. Stallion Homes were the successful tenderer for the value of \$432,340. The work is to be completed in the 2019/20 financial year.

Council passed a resolution to enter into a MOU with the PTA in regards to the Duke Street Pedestrian Bridge. The PTA would not move forward until the Shire of Toodyay entered into an agreement to take control of the bridge following refurbishment. Council has allocated \$18,000 to upgrade the access to the bridge and replace sections of railing/fencing on the bridge. There will be a further allocation of \$36,000 to allow replacement of the entire decking over and above the sections the PTA agreed to complete.

Tenders for the provision of Waste Management and Bulk Waste from the Shire of Toodyay's Waste Transfer Station has been awarded to local business company Broderick Waste Solutions PTY LTD for a period of three years commencing as of 1 July 2019.

Main Roads has all but completed works to the heavy haulage bypass route from Hamersley Street through to the Harper Road Newcastle Bridge intersection. Further monies are required to further upgrade the Hamersley Street railway crossing and the Clinton Street/Anzac Terrace corner. Main Roads advised me this would only occur if residents lobby the Minister for Transport on a regular basis for funds to be allocated in the State Budget. This is the same for the Toodyay/Perth Road project.

I would like to express my appreciation for the support from the business community at the community meeting held in the Memorial Hall on Wednesday 12 June 2019. Toodyay will move forward with the positive attitude shown at that meeting and the community's willingness to grow with the huge financial infrastructure being invested in this progressive town, our town, Toodyay.



Government of Western Australia
Local Government Standards Panel

NOTICE OF PUBLIC CENSURE

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

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

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

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

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT
STANDARDS PANEL**

Councillor resigns

On Thursday 27 July 2019 Cr Manning gave the CEO notice of his intention to resign from Council, effective from 30 September 2019:

NOTICE OF RESIGNATION

Pursuant to s2.31(2)(a) of the *Local Government Act 1995* I hereby give notice that I resign from the office of councillor of the shire of Toodyay with effect from 30 September 2019.

William Francis Manning

Let your voice be heard

Making a Public Submission to Council
It's not as hard as you think!

Do you ever wonder how you can let Council know that you agree and support them or that you do not agree with them and would like your opinion heard?..... Well you can!

At each Council Meeting, any member of the public can 'make a submission'. So, during a Council Meeting you can give a submission/opinion on a matter you wish Council to take note of that is included in the Agenda. Notice of your submission should be submitted to the Shire prior to 12 noon, the day of the meeting, at the latest.

Submission Registration Forms can be can picked up from the admin office and found on the Shire's website:

<http://www.toodyay.wa.gov.au/Council/Council-Meetings/Council-Meetings/Submissions-Deputations-and-Public-Questions>

If you have any questions or would like some guidance, please do not hesitate to contact the Shire administration. We look forward to hearing from you.



APPLY NOW!

Community Sporting and Recreation Facilities Fund Program



DELIVERING FACILITIES FOR GRASSROOTS
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Does your sports club need new facilities?

Apply at: [www.dsr.wa.gov.au/funding/facilities-\(csrff\)](http://www.dsr.wa.gov.au/funding/facilities-(csrff))

The Community Sporting and Recreation Facilities Fund (CSRFF) exemplifies the Western Australian Government's commitment to the development of sustainable infrastructure for sport and recreation across the State.

The program aims to increase participation in sport and recreation, with an emphasis on physical activity, through rational development of sustainable, good quality, well-designed and well-utilised facilities.

Through CSRFF, the State Government will invest annually in the development of high-quality physical environments in which people can enjoy sport and recreation.

There is \$12 million available for allocation in the 2020/21 funding round. \$500,000 is allocated within the \$12 million available to projects that provide sport and recreation infrastructure to remote Aboriginal communities and regional communities with a significant aboriginal population.

15th Annual Toodyay International Food Festival

Experience one of the biggest events on Toodyay's social calendar! Combine a spectacular view of the Avon Descent race with delicious food and FREE all day family entertainment at the 15th annual Toodyay International Food Festival and Family Fun Day. This fun filled event is held in Stirling and Duidgee Parks on Saturday 3 August from 10.00am to 3.00pm.

A foodie's heaven awaits! Wander your way through dozens of food stalls taking in the aromas of an incredible range of mouth-watering international cuisine and a licensed area also offers boutique beer, wine and cider.

The main stage comes to life with a range of musical and cultural performances for your enjoyment. Your free entertainment line-up kicks off at 10.00am with the Jarrah Celts, followed by amazing Japanese Drumming, cooking demonstration and tastings by 2019 MasterChef contestant Kyle Lyons, the awesome 'A Boy Named Cash' show starring Monty Cotton (The Voice) and finish the day off chilling to the reggae sounds of 4 Degrees South Band. Also watch out for our roving magician, Robbie T in the crowd who will leave you in awe over his captivating magic skills. Kids have free activities running throughout the day at Duidgee Park, including a bouncy castle, disco dome, the outlandish antics of Pirateman Michael, face painting, balloon twisting, climbing wall, petting zoo and more.

Triple M will also be broadcasting live from a booth on the lawn in Stirling Park. Come on down and introduce yourselves to Terri and Colin.

For full program details, 'like' the Toodyay International Food Festival Facebook page, visit our website www.toodyayiff.wixsite.com/home.

This fantastic community event is proudly sponsored by Lotterywest, Shire of Toodyay, Toodyay & Districts Bendigo Bank, Toodyay Op Shop and the Freemasons Hotel.

Toodyay International Food Festival 2019
Saturday 3rd August
Duidgee & Stirling Park 10am - 3pm

WITH FREE ALL DAY FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT!



Come and celebrate the 15th annual Toodyay International Food Festival with an array of international cuisine stalls and free all day family entertainment. Check out a cooking demonstration from 2019 MasterChef contestant Kyle Lyons, 'A Boy Named Cash' starring Monty Cotton (The Voice), international inspired music/bands, facepainting, magicians, bouncy castle, disco dome, petting zoo, climbing wall and more!!



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REDUCING RIVER RISK

by Greg Warburton

Nearly 40 kilometres of the Avon River's (Gulgulga Bilya) course runs through the Shire of Toodyay, from the Katrine area on the Northam boundary downstream to iconic river pools such as Cobbler Pool and Cut Throat Pool on the boundary of Swan Shire and in the Avon Valley National Park. The majority of the flood plain and riparian zone bounds onto farmland or reserves but about a 15 kilometre section borders smaller properties. This section runs from the Dumbarton Bridge through the Glen Coe Estate, light industrial area, town section, West Toodyay to beyond the Julimar Road Bridge.

It has long been recognised that despite the beauty and natural assets of our river, it does present challenges in terms of management. Back in the 1950's the government sought to "manage" flooding in the river by bulldozing it to form a channel. In retrospect it was the worst possible decision as is resulted in irreversible environmental damage especially the loss of the deep, permanent river pools. Traditionally, stock was allowed to graze along the river banks this contributed to further degradation and the introduction of a range of invasive weeds.

Declining water quality through increased salinity by broad scale clearing of the catchment has seen the loss of many native species of plants. In Toodyay we are fortunate to have retained many of our Flooded Gums *Eucalyptus rudis* unlike further upstream where Casuarinas now dominate. Early photographs of Millard's Pool show luxuriant fringing vegetation and it was the site of Toodyay's only ever public swimming pool. None the less a stroll along the Bilya Walk Track from Duidgee Park to Nardie will show there is still much to enjoy such as beautiful Red Banks Pool and the spectacular Extracts Weir. The Friends of the River and the Toodyay Naturalists' Club have installed picnic facilities and interpretive signage to enhance the experience for the walker.



To preserve and protect the community and the natural river environment mitigating the risk of bushfire is paramount in the minds of managers of this public land. We are indeed fortunate to be the beneficiaries of a Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES) funded program to reduce fuel loads and improve management access along strategic sections of the river especially the town area. Initially, some of the work may appear excessive but the Toodyay Shire and the Friends of the River work in concert with contractors and DFES to ensure best practice. During the River Training Scheme (RTS) much of the river bed was bulldozed up on to the bank creating unnatural mounds and heaps. Currently, these protrusions are being levelled to allow better access for machinery to slash the high annual grass burden that occurs in late spring and early summer that presents as a volatile fire hazard. The result of this activity is not only reduced fire risk but also the restoration of the previous topography of the river banks.

Further, it will negate the use of fire and chemical for hazard reduction and allow for the introduction of desirable plant species through re-vegetation. The community can also look forward to associated works such as walk track development and storm water erosion control.

Signage is currently being installed at key locations informing the public of the program and providing contact details for enquiries.

Greg Warburton, the Shire's Reserve Management Officer can be contacted on 0448 284 260.



Avon River Bushfire Mitigation Works

The Department of Fire and Emergency Services in conjunction with the Shire of Toodyay and the Toodyay Friends of the River are undertaking strategic fire mitigation along the Avon River to reduce the impact of bushfires and enhance the environmental preservation of the River. Works will be ongoing into the future funded through the State Government ESL funding. For more enquires please contact the DFES regional office on 9690 2300 or the Shire of Toodyay on 9574 9300



Emergency Service Facility Upgrades

Council's endorsement of a successful tenderer for significant upgrades to the Morangup Fire Station adds a second major project to benefit our emergency services volunteers. The project will officially co-locate the Toodyay SES at the facility to be known as the Morangup Co-location Facility. The works will transform the already substantial facility into a true 7-bay facility, with new offices, kitchen meeting/training/incident control room amongst some of the features. Final design works will occur this year with construction due for completion by end of June 2020.

Meanwhile work on the new Coondle-Nunile Fire Station continues with the Steel Frame erected over the last week. The facility will also incorporate significant emergency fire water supplies though a WateringWA grant from the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation. The Shire expects to open this facility late 2019. Both building projects are funded by the Local Government Grants Scheme via the Emergency Services Levy.



Bolgart CWA - 95 Years Young

Bolgart CWA celebrated its 95th Anniversary on Wednesday 12 June 2019 in the Bolgart Hall. Bolgart was opened in August 1924 and was the second branch formed in the Association. Members in the first year were: Mesdames Thackray (President), E Ludemann and AL Davey (Vice Presidents), M Smith (Secretary / Treasurer), D MacPherson, CE Syred, WC Syred. J Waters, W Harrington, R Camerer, E Rose, Foster, Edmonds, Travers, L Kilpin, A Erickson, JE MacPherson and Misses D Rouston, B Thackray and L Syred. Misses Walsh and E Smith were associate members.

Representatives from the State Management Committee, past members, members and guests were invited to share in the celebrations. A magnificent grazing table was prepared by local members, and guests travelled from branches representing Toodyay, Wongan Hills, Aldersyde, Jennacubbine, Mount Helena/Parkerville, Northam, Bindoon and Perth.

Certificates of Merit were presented to Dianne Edmonds, Pam Meston, Bernice Clarke and Rosina Ainsworth. Jo Drayton from Holyoake, who specialises in Suicide Prevention in the Wheatbelt spoke about Self Motivation. Three cakes were cut by the 3 generations of the Syred family in Natalie, Serena and Annette who are long standing members associated with the Bolgart branch. A fabulous day celebrating a great achievement!



Pic: Serena, Natalie and Annette Syred - 3 generations of Bolgart CWA members.

Coorinja Winery Turns 100

This year the Wood Family celebrates 100 years of Winemaking at Coorinja and they would like to invite you to celebrate with them.

They will be opening their doors between 10am to 3pm on this special day, with wine tastings and sales available. The historic building will also be free for you to enjoy, with the second floor not normally open to the public set up with photos, and memorabilia of Coorinja's history on display for you. They will also have tea and coffee available here too, this may be needed after a few wine tastings!

Feel free to pack a cheese platter and picnic rug too if you'd like to enjoy the scenic location with friends and a glass of wine. Wear suitable shoes and clothing and you'll be able to find a beautiful



location to relax and enjoy the day. Food will be available on the day with The Meat Hook setting up a stall to purchase a delicious feed from. It's looking like it will be infused with Coorinja port so it will be extra tasty. Coorinja phone: 9574 2280.

The RESULTS are in Container Deposit Scheme
at the Toodyay Farmers Market a complete success!

The Shire recently received a letter from Nick Sloan, Chief Executive Officer, WA Local Government Association (the Association), to express WALGAs gratitude for the assistance provided by Shire staff in engaging the community on the implementation of the WA Container Deposit Scheme at the Toodyay Farmers Market in May 2019.

In recognition of the need to actively engage the community prior to the implementation of the Container Deposit Scheme in early 2020, the State Government provided the Association with funding to work with Local Governments to provide the community with access to, and a greater understanding of, the coming Scheme at community events in 2019 and early 2020.

This initiative has provided community members and groups with access to 10c per eligible container returned at events such as the Toodyay Farmers Market. Feedback provided by your community at this event on how they intend to engage with the Scheme in 2020 will be used to inform the development of the Scheme.

CASH for CANS
Get your 10c refund here

The event was a considerable success, with 2,159 containers returned by community members. The Association drew attention to the outstanding assistance provided at this event by Debra Andrijich, Community Development Coordinator. Without Debra's support and assistance prior to and during the event, WALGA would not have been able to run a Scheme at the Toodyay Farmers Market.

The Association looks forward to working with our Shire to ensure the design of the Western Australian Container Deposit Scheme reflects the needs of our community.

If you would like some more information on the Container Deposit Scheme, please contact Rebecca Brown, Manager Waste and Recycling on 9213 2063 or email rbrown@walgas.asn.au.

The Sports Pavilion Upgrades

The Sports Pavilion, or affectionately known as the showgrounds or the footy grounds has been undergoing a facelift and it has been a while since we gave you an update on the project. It will be another 12 months before some of the sporting clubs using this facility will be able to move to the new Recreation Precinct but some clubs will remain at the Sports Pavilion so we need to keep it in good nick!

The Pavilion itself has undergone: a replacement and upgrade of external veranda lighting; repair and patching of cracks throughout the entire facility; new brick paving outside the kitchen to alleviate trip hazards; painting to the male and female change rooms and bathrooms; new carpet to the male and female change rooms and first aid room. Pictures of lion heads (Toodyay Lions Football Club) which were hand painted on the walls over 20 years ago have been retained.

The 'Away' change rooms in the Grandstand have received: a new internal wall; removal of old sub meter and GPOs; upgrade of internal and external GPOs and light switches; upgrade of external lighting (Northern end) LED installed; relocation of mains power from under grand stand to exterior.

The Umpire Change Room and Shower is a new building under the verandah with an accessible umpire change room and shower.



DISABILITY SPORTS INCLUSION PROGRAM

OPEN DAY – WEDNESDAY 26th of June 2019
Then **FORTNIGHTLY TUESDAYS** starting 9th of July 2019
10am to 11am

NORTHAM RECREATION CENTRE
INDOOR COURT 3
44 Peel Terrace, Northam



AVON COMMUNITY SERVICES IS PROUD TO INTRODUCE
A DISABILITY SPORTS INCLUSION PROGRAM WHICH SUPPORTS
INDIVIDUALS OF THE WHEATBELT LIVING WITH A DISABILITY.

All activities are low impact and are equipped with adaptive equipment aimed at engaging participants and improving motivation and participation. Each activity is suitable for individuals, pairs and groups.

Aimed at all ages

To register your interest and receive further information please contact **Chenoa** on 0400 929 753 or alternatively email naha@avoncs.org.au



Congratulations and Welcome

On Tuesday 28 May 2019 a Citizenship Ceremony was held where Mr Kenneth McWatters, Mrs Julie-Anne Sanders and Mrs Mariette Woodford became Australian Citizens by pledging their allegiance to Australia.

The ceremony was held in the Council Chambers presided over by the Shire President, Cr Brian Rayner. Mr McWatters, Mrs Sanders and Mrs Woodford were supported by friends and family and were presented with a native shrub, a book written by Rica Erickson called Old Toodyay and Newcastle and a commemorative uncirculated Australian \$1 gold coin struck by the Perth Mint.



It was clearly a very happy and proud moment for all those involved. Congratulations, and welcome.

Time has been
extended to get
your surveys back...



The response has been good.

But not good enough! We have received 80 surveys back, but we need more. We need you tell us your concerns and to give us your comments and/or suggestions for improving access and inclusion in our Shire.

The Shire of Toodyay is reviewing its **Disability Access and Inclusion Plan (DAIP)** and we need your comment and feedback from those who are living and/or working in our community, and in particular those with a disability, family and friends of people with a disability, carers, agencies and service providers via the survey.

The survey is available online via the Shire's website: or in hard copy from the Shire Administration Office, Visitors Centre and Library. **Please have your say and complete the survey.**

For more information visit the Shire's website at:

<http://www.toodyay.wa.gov.au/Home>

phone the Shire Administration on 9574 9300

or email records@toodyay.wa.gov.au

Questionnaire's need to be returned to the Shire before

4.00pm , Wednesday 24 July 2019.



Shire Staff - Happy to go above and beyond!

Amidst a great deal of negativity that is out in the community through various media avenues, it is always good to hear positive stories from the community. Shire staff pride themselves on their dedication to their work and to the community as well as delivering the high standard of customer service they always provide. One of the complimentary letters received lately was from the Team at Heartlands Toodyay who voiced just that in recognising our Building Maintenance Officer, Allan Giles:

"I would like to thank Alan for all the massive help he was today here at Heartlands Veterinary Hospital.

This morning at 10.11am our lights went out and upon going out to check the fuse box we picked up a terrible smell like something was burning.

We called Alan straight away and he came down directly and confirmed that it was a Western Power issue and he proceeded to call and sort them out for us so we could get on with sorting out a clinic without power. We were worried it would catch alight after the power flickered on and off again and all the power dropped out. It left a blackened mark in the power box and the smell got worse, so Alan kindly stayed and kept an eye on it until western power arrived, which was meant to be before 1pm, but ended up being 3:30!

In that time Alan had called the local electrician and asked him to come and do his part so as soon as western power finally arrived they were able to get it fixed quickly.

So a big thanks to Alan for sorting that all out for us."



Introducing the Avon Valley Shotokan - 栄梵谷 松濤館

Shotokan is a traditional style of karate, and our members are trained in Kata being the set patterns performed to tell a story of the fight. Kumite is also practiced, this is when we get padded up, gloves, mouth guards and head gear and two competitors go against each other in a fight.

Avon Valley Shotokan (AVS) is an all inclusive karate club, and has been coaching karate in the Avon Valley since 1991. Our Chief Instructor is 5th Dan, Ken Bainbridge, who tirelessly trains us to get the best out of each student. Our junior instructors help the peewee classes and are becoming respected leaders, they are the upcoming generation of Sensei's, who are learning from the best. Classes are offered in Toodyay on a Wednesday starting at 3:35pm for the youngest members,

followed by junior, advanced and then seniors at 6pm. Training is also held in Clackline on a Monday where the peewee class starts at 4pm, followed by Junior / Senior combined at 6pm. Friday is an "All ages, all levels" training starting at 5:30pm.

There is a growing group of our members who rise to the challenge and attend competitions and AVS have brought home many medals from various tournaments and the medal tally is growing with each event.

In October, AVS have a group travelling to Japan for a Competition. The trip includes karate seminars, the tournament, sight seeing and, younger members have the opportunity to home stay with local karate families. Those who are going on the trip are looking forward to the cultural experience as well as the completion.

AVS are holding a Sausage Sizzle fundraiser during the Avon Descent, in the parking area at Katrine Bridge and we invite you to come along and enjoy one of our most delicious hot dogs. AVS will also be performing at the Toodyay Show this year showing off our moves but you will need to get to the show early in the morning to watch us. We will then start cooking hamburgers for the rest of the day to fundraise. Come and say hi. We extend a warm welcome to anybody who would like to try the art of Karate. Our best contact is email - avonvalleyshotokan@gmail.com



Toodyay Soccer Club

The Toodyay Soccer Club has been providing an opportunity for our community's children to be involved in one of the most popular sports on the planet. The Club supports the development of both boys and girls in the sport of soccer and we have seen a great improvement in their skills as the season has progressed. There are

three teams available for players to join; Juniors (Under 7s), Intermediates (Under 11s) and Seniors (Under 16s).

The season starts in May and runs through to September and training sessions are on Monday afternoons during school term time from 4:15pm – 5:15pm, so that they do not clash with other activities that are running within Toodyay. New members are welcome to join at any time.

The Club also organises two home and two away friendly matches against Northam Springfield FC on Sunday mornings during the season. These allow our teams to test what they have learnt against proper opposition. Although our teams hold their own in these matches, the Club's focus continues to be one of inclusiveness and fun as we believe that it is important for our competitors to enjoy the sport rather than just see it as winning and losing. Two matches have already been played and the next two friendlies will be played away in Northam on Sunday, 25 August 2019 and at home in Toodyay on Sunday, 8 September 2019.

The Soccer Committee would like to thank our sponsors for the 2019 season, in particular, Toodyay and Districts Bendigo Bank who sponsored our uniforms and Regional Concrete and Landscape who sponsored our awards and trophies. Thank you also to Toodyay Bakery and Toodyay IGA who are generously donating towards our sausage sizzles at our home games during the season.

We appreciate all those parents who contribute in whatever way they can and the Club is always looking for people who are interested in soccer to join.

To keep up to date with the Club's activities go to the Toodyay Soccer Club Facebook page or if you wish to contact the club directly, please email us at toodyaysoccer@gmail.com.



Catching up with the MVBFB

The Morangup Bush Fire Brigade Station is located at 3 Wallaby Way, Morangup and meets from 8.30am to 10.00am every Saturday morning at the fire station for truck maintenance and regular training.

Recently, the brigade has been catching up with hazard reduction burns and have attended a number of fires in the past few weeks following a quiet summer. The Brigade is looking forward to their annual dinner which is coming up in July.

The third Saturday of every month is set aside for a General meeting which is followed by a sundowner BBQ and drinks. Everyone is welcome to attend - not just brigade members. The Brigade currently has approx. 30 members, though not all are active, between the ages of 20 and 70 however, younger members are always welcome.

There are a number of roles in the Brigade not all requiring fire-fighting. However you do need to be reasonably fit and healthy. All training is provided as is your uniform.

When asked "What's it like being a volunteer?" the Brigade Secretary, Sharon Gamble said *"It's great fun. As a member for nearly 20 years I have met a number of people from various backgrounds but we all have one thing in common - we wish to help the community. There is a strong camaraderie amongst members which results in confidence in each other in dangerous situations. Morangup Brigade members and other community members were part of building the station in Wallaby Way. The build resulted in an exceptional station that everyone is very proud of. It is evidence that when a community comes together anything can be achieved."*

Anyone interested can contact the brigade for more information, come along on a Saturday for a chat or attend the monthly meeting to meet other members.

Contact details for the Morangup Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade
Captain: Jeff Venn 0417714798; captainMVBFB@gmail.com
Or Sharon Gamble 95747012; secretaryMVBFB@gmail.com

Current fire information can be found on
the Shire of Toodyay's website

www.toodyay.wa.gov.au/Resident-Services/Fire-Information

For all emergencies please call 000



Toodyay's own Community Radio **2J 2AIR** 105.3 FM, The Heartbeat of the Community, broadcasts from the Toodyay Junction on Railway Road Toodyay. Listen in for the 'Community Diary', a segment to promote events, community announcements and issues that affect our community. Contact the station on 0406 918 952.

MONDAYS: 11am The Green Hour; 8pm Swooners and Crooners and 2pm Jazz.

TUESDAYS: 8pm Hooked on Classics.

WEDNESDAYS: 11am The Green Hour (repeat); 8pm Wide World of Folk and 9pm Blues.

THURSDAYS: Noon Wide World of Folk (repeat).

FRIDAYS: 11am The Green Hour (repeat); 7pm Ready 4 Country; 8pm Ready 4 Retro Rock and 9pm Ready 2 Rock.

SATURDAYS: Noon Country (old) and 1pm Country (new).

SUNDAYS: 9am Hooked on Classics (repeat); Noon Ready 4 Country (repeat); 8pm Swooners and Crooners (repeat) and 9pm Jazz.

DAILY 10am and 3pm What's On in Toodyay community information.

Dementia Friendly Communities

On Wednesday, 19 June 2019, Alzheimer's WA hosted a free Dementia Awareness information session with around 40 Toodyay community members attending to learn what dementia is, potential early signs and symptoms, how to communicate and connect with a person living with dementia and how to build a community of support.

Toodyay is now one of four Dementia Friendly communities in WA, alongside York, Manjimup and Margaret River. The project aims to support people living with dementia, reduce the stigma and social isolation, as well as creating enabling environments. Dementia is the second leading cause of death in Australia after coronary heart disease. Toodyay is creating a community where people living with dementia can continue to be active participants in the town they live and love.

The Toodyay Memory Café continues to run on the second Tuesday of each month at the Cola Café (10.00am – 12.00noon). This is a fantastic opportunity for people living with dementia and their carers/friends to meet other people in a similar situation within the community and share experiences over a coffee.

If you are concerned about a loved one, please talk to your GP or call the Alzheimer's WA information line on 1300 66 77 88 or visit alzheimerswa.org.au for further resources.



Toodyay DHS Wilderness Adventure Program!

Last week eleven brave TDHS High School students joined four staff on an adventure of a lifetime, hiking the Bibbulmun Track from North Bannister to Dwellingup.

Congratulations to: Sean Ellis, Seth Day, Hunter Colfer, Leslie Martin, Mitchel Baker, Maddie Papps, Nakita Archer, Sarah Moses, Ella Boudville, Nika Gill, Ellea White for hiking 65km in various challenging terrain and weather conditions. Congratulations also to Brie Rose, Jo Bartlett, and Brian Ludlow from Toodyay YouthCARE, who formed our wonderful staff leadership team.



Our young students showed much leadership, teamwork, guts and determination to hike four days into Dwellingup. On the last night camping out, with the last 20km day in front of them, I asked our young hikers during their nightly debrief: "Do you believe you can do it?" One thoughtful hiker replied: "If you had asked me that yesterday, I would have said no... but now I know I can".

The next day, we hiked into Dwellingup in the rain, wind and cold in record time- arriving victorious about 3pm. Chalet accommodation, hot showers, dinner and a cooked breakfast at a café awaited us, which was highly appreciated by everyone!

Wilderness Adventure Programs have been run by school chaplains in many schools across WA. The WAP program is designed to help participants increase their resilience levels and ability to succeed, to build self-respect, courage, communication skills, personal responsibility, leadership and team-work skills.

TDHS would like to thank our wonderful program sponsors: The Shire of Toodyay, the Op Shop and the CWA for giving our young people this wonderful opportunity and creating lifelong memories, which will grow and strengthen our students into the future.



The 'camelfie' is the new selfie

Max Bergman from DromeDairy brought along his Camels Humpy and Pink Lady for the latest rage around town, the 'camelfie'. Many took the opportunity to have a camelfie at the launch of the Toodyay Food & Picnic Trail (TF&PT) by Darren West MLC, WA Labor Member for the Ag Region at Coorinja Winery on Monday 1 July 2019.

Shane Love MLA, Member for Moore and several Shire of Toodyay Councillors and senior staff, along with 40 invited guests attended that launch with trail participants providing a delicious morning tea. The TCCI President Debra Andrijich thanked both Anthea Brown and Helen Shanks who have worked with the participants for several months to bring this exciting Trail to reality.

The TF&PT is a self-drive journey and part of several State wide trails. Along the Toodyay trail, there are seven participating growers and producers of dates, olive oil, wine, breads, pastured meats and condiments to fill your picnic basket...along with a camel experience! The amazing participants (some pictured below): Esslemont Olive Grove; Julimar Date Garden; Toodyay Bakery; The Meat Hook, Toodyay; Uniquely Toodyay; Coorinja Winery; DromeDairy Australia.



Some participants on the Toodyay Food & Picnic Trail are "By Appointment Only" and only operate seasonally...so please check the details in the guide and always call first in these instances. The TF&PT guide is live on Trails WA <http://trails.wa.com.au/trails/experiences/food-wine/> ...but is also available from the [Visit Toodyay](#) (Toodyay Visitor Centre) and several outlets in Toodyay.



Toodyay Library Talk – July 2019

It's official: the second half of 2019 has arrived, and hundreds of new books, audio books and DVDs have hit our shelves at the same time! That includes fresh fiction from John Connolly, Janet Evanovich, Sheila O'Flanagan and many more of your favourite authors. Check out a few of our recommendations below, and be sure to visit us to take your pick of the rest. After all, it's perfect reading weather right now...



Home At Last, Meredith Appleyard: When Anna Kelly gets the chance to be a Royal Flying Doctor Service pilot, her dream is within reach – though she must move to remote Broken Hill, a place she had hoped she would never see again. Soon errant mothers, vengeful ex-patients and determined exes are on the prowl and life is becoming increasingly complicated. On the plus side, attractive flight nurse Nick seems keen to get to know her better. But will he still want her if the truth comes out?

The Night Window, Dean Koontz: Rogue FBI agent Jane Hawk's one-woman war comes to an explosive climax as she gambles everything against a terrifying conspiracy, for vengeance, for justice, and for humanity's freedom. How will she fare against a pair of brutal operators and a Vegas mob boss, to name a few? Find out in this spectacular ending to Jane's story, from an author who never holds back on thrills and chills.

Second Glance, Jodi Picoult: In a small Vermont town a piece of land is up for sale, igniting a protest from locals who insist it is an ancient burial ground. To appease them, the developer looking to buy the property hires a ghost hunter. Ross is a drifter desperate to cross paths again with his fiancée, who died years earlier. But all Ross can lay claim to discovering is Lia Beaumont, a mysterious woman who, like Ross, is on a search for something beyond the boundary separating life and death.

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Our Next Author Talk Is Approaching...

At the end of August we'll be joined by a special guest for another Saturday afternoon event. In the next issue we'll tell you all about it – but in the meantime, here's a hint: if you're interested in Australia's criminal history or you're a fan of the TV series *Underbelly*, you won't want to miss out.

Keep warm this winter and most importantly, keep reading!

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Duke Street Footbridge Update

The Duke Street Pedestrian Bridge over the main East West Railway Line will reopen by Christmas after having been closed for over a year following concerns for the safety of the bridge raised by ARC Infrastructure.

Pedestrian Bridges are generally the responsibility of Local Government, but this one has remained with the Public Transport Authority (PTA) since it was built. The PTA was contemplating demolition. The Shire and the community argued that it was essential infrastructure that needed to be retained. The Shire and the PTA have been working to find a solution that will keep the bridge open. The PTA has been actively lobbied by local State MPs, notably Shane Love and Hon Darren West to keep the bridge open.

The Shire had previously agreed that it would take responsibility for the bridge when it had been refurbished and the PTA undertook an engineering assessment to determine what work would be required. The PTA agreed to do essential bridge works, while the Shire agreed to refurbish the approaches.

The final hurdle was reaching agreement on what constitutes essential bridge works. The PTA considered that only 5% of the decking needs replacing. The Shire wants it all replaced. Last week the Shire agreed to contribute an additional \$38,000 to the bridge works to ensure that the entire deck is replaced.

With agreement reached, work can commence and the bridge should reopen by Christmas. The Shire of Toodyay would like to acknowledge the support received from our local members of parliament, and the PTA staff who have worked with us to achieve this outcome.



Online Education Resources for our Museums

We are in the process of uploading to the Shire's website our new education package developed with the assistance of Alex Kopp who is part of the Media Education team at Seven West Media (WA).

Lessons have been developed for teachers to access and these include images from our photographic collection. The lessons are organised under four different headings: Being 'then'; land of bread and honey; cops and robbers; museum visit. We have tried to frame the explanations in a child friendly language that the teacher could almost repeat verbatim to each class.

As a result of this project, Margie Eberle our museum curator/heritage officer has been invited to jointly present with Alex at the upcoming Humanities and Social Sciences 2019 annual conference at the State Library on Saturday 3 August 2019. The title of the presentation is 'Listening to Primary Sources'. An example of this will be the process of delving into WA's rich colonial history through the lens of the Shire of Toodyay's heritage collections and finding out how documents, photographs and objects can bring stories to life.



What's happening with our Road Projects...

With the wet weather having finally arrived, the Shire of Toodyay would like to remind everyone that the surface of gravel roads can be unpredictable, and to always drive to conditions. Never assume an unsealed road is going to be the same as it was the last time you drove on it, even if it is on the same day. It is also important to note that road conditions can, and do, change after grading; unsealed roads are often more slippery after they've been graded.

Construction crews have completed works on Donegan View which was funded by Roads to Recovery, and Marri Road. The final seal has been postponed until we get some warmer weather to prevent the bitumen becoming brittle.

The remaining gravel section of River Road is yet to commence, with the area being too waterlogged at this stage to proceed with works, given a clear window in the weather, preliminary works will begin.

In the meantime, crews have been busy completing shoulder repairs and the installation of rock armour along vulnerable sections of Julimar Road between Timberden Road and the boundary to help prevent future storm damage.

A damaged path in Newcastle Park is scheduled to be replaced by contractors during the school holidays, with works commencing on Monday 8 July 2019. The park will be temporarily closed while these works are in progress.

Kerbing has been installed and drainage maintenance completed to assist in reducing erosion along flood prone sections of Salt Valley Road.

Wikipedia and West Toodyay

Following our presentation about our Toodyaypedia Stage 3 project about West Toodyay sites on Saturday 29 June, 2019 to current West Toodyay residents, we are following this up by sharing the PowerPoint presentation from the event at both the Toodyay Public Library and the Toodyay Visitors Centre.

New brochures about historic West Toodyay sites are available free to all Toodyay residents at both the above venues.

We are very interested in learning more about the history of West Toodyay, and if wider community interest is expressed we are looking at following up with another information session where this information can be shared. Please watch this space.

In the meantime, Margie Eberle, is happy to chat with community members about West Toodyay's history and be contacted:

via email: Toodyay.museums@toodyay.wa.go.au

by phone: 9574 9393

in person at the Toodyay Visitors Centre.

Toodyay Tidy Town – Charcoal Lane Mural Project

PROJECT BACKGROUND: In March 2015 eleven members and supporters of the Toodyay Tidy Towns Committee (TTTC) travelled to Sheffield Tasmania (KAB Australia's Tidiest Town 2014) for the Keep Australia Beautiful, Australia's Tidiest Town Finals. Toodyay was the successful finalists receiving 4 category awards and the National award of Australia's Tidiest Town 2015. Sheffield is famous for its many beautiful murals. They attract thousands of tourists annually and the town also hosts an International Murals Festival. Inspired by what they saw in Sheffield the Toodyay Tidy Towns Committee began discussions to consider commencing murals in Toodyay.

Following the win of National Tidiest Town, The TTT Committee felt that there needed to be something to mark the occasion. A new inclusive changing places building was being built in Charcoal Lane (where you stand) and had been designed to include a wall for a mural. This provided the perfect opportunity for the town's first mural and the committee embraced the venture with Shire support.

The TTTC felt it would be a fitting tribute to paint a mural on the Charcoal Lane building commemorating the town's success while at the same time promoting community spirit and sustainability. The approach was to come up with a concept design that was accepted by the wider community and approved by the Shire Council, and then to engage a suitable mural artist to transfer the design to the blank wall.

The Committee wanted the mural to represent the outstanding features of Toodyay and its community that won award categories for the Keep Australia Beautiful Tidiest Town success in the three key categories of Heritage and Culture; Sustainable Environment; Litter and Waste management.

ARTWORK THEMES: The central theme of the background is the mapping of Toodyay from the sky using an abstract mapping country style similar to that of both current and past Aboriginal artists. The Avon River dominantly runs through the image giving the town life and a central heart. To the top and right of the background image you can see the rolling hills of the surrounding properties and farmland that wrap around the town site.

The coloured circles at the bottom are representative of Duidgee Park and its location on the river and the river pebbles that our children love to play with when the river is low in the hot summer months. The shapes running north of the river and into the hills are a nod to early, current and future settlers to Toodyay. As humans we settle initially around the water to establish a town then we move up into the beautiful landscape around and into the Toodyay hills. The birds depicted in the mural are the Rufous Whistler and the Re-Capped Robin, both local to the Shire of Toodyay.

COLOURS: The colours are representative of the impressive spring flower display that occurs annually in and around the Avon Valley. The solid background colours are mirrored in the foreground images while still maintaining colours sympathetic to the subject matter.

Pictured: Artists: Katherine Ferguson and Nicola Cowie with Shire CEO, Stan Scott (right) and completed Mural (below)



