

FIREBREAKS

As we move forward into the cooler months, it is a great opportunity to plan and commence your property preparation for the upcoming bush fire season. Winter is also a great time to check and service your firefighting equipment. Minimum property preparation standards can be found in the Shire of Toodyay Fire-Break Notice which can be found on the website.



OPEN FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

CLOSING 1 JULY 2020

PROPOSED DEMOLITION

**PROPOSED DEMOLITION OF THE WALKWAY BETWEEN ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH AND MERCY HOUSE
LOT 44-46 STIRLING TERRACE, TOODYAY**

The Shire of Toodyay has received an application for development approval for the proposed demolition of the walkway between St John the Baptist Church and Mercy House which is within the Catholic Church precinct at Lot 44 - 46 Stirling Terrace in Toodyay.

Your views on the proposed demolition are encouraged and welcomed. The proposal is available for inspection at the Shire of Toodyay Administration Centre, Old Court House, 15 Fiennes Street, Toodyay, during office hours. The proposal is also available for viewing on the Shire's website: www.toodyay.wa.gov.au

Submissions on the proposed development may be addressed in writing and lodged with the Acting Chief Executive Officer, Shire of Toodyay, PO Box 96 Toodyay 6566, by 4.00pm **Wednesday, 1 July 2020**.

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

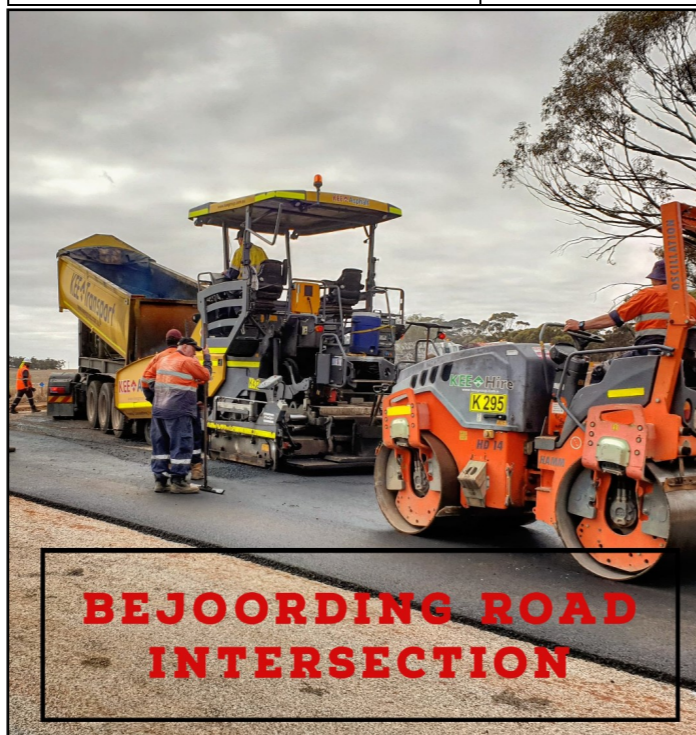


UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS

| Meeting | Date | Time |
|--------------------------|--------------|--------|
| Ordinary Council Meeting | 23 June 2020 | 4.00pm |
| Agenda Briefing | 21 July 2020 | 4.00pm |
| Ordinary Council Meeting | 28 July 2020 | 4.00pm |

WORKS SCHEDULE

| Job | Est Completion |
|---|--------------------------------|
| Bejoording Rd – pavement widening/rehabilitation | Complete May 2020 |
| Bejoording Rd/Nunile Rd intersection – intersection upgrade | Complete May 2020 |
| Hammersley St Level Crossing – widening and level adjustments | Complete May 2020 |
| Rosedale St – cul-de-sac closure | Complete May 2020 |
| Toodyay Bindi-Bindi Rd – pavement widening/rehabilitation | Complete May 2020 |
| Fifth Rd and Bejoording town site intersections – Fifth Road resheet and intersection widening and seal | Complete June 2020 |
| Dreyer Rd – drainage, road construction and seal | Underway, completion June 2020 |
| Sinclair PI – construct and seal | Underway, completion June 2020 |
| Coondle Fire Station – Sealing of Hardstand area | Complete June 2020 |
| Vegetation pruning – Mount & Bulligan Roads | Complete June 2020 |
| Road Shoulders & Maintenance Grading on various roads. | Underway, July 2020 |



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Welcome to the Toodyay Shire Ms Suzie Haslehurst our new CEO



CEO — Suzie Haslehurst

The Shire of Toodyay is delighted to announce the appointment of Ms Suzie Haslehurst as the Shire's new Chief Executive Officer. She commenced her role with the Shire on Monday, 22 June 2020 after Council voted to accept an early start date.

Ms Haslehurst has already relocated to Toodyay from York where she has spent the past three and a half years as Executive Manager, Corporate & Community Services. During her time at York, Ms Haslehurst worked with the staff and Councillors to increase community communication and engagement, enhance governance practices and improve relationships across the organisation and within the community.

Shire President, Cr Rosemary Madacsi said she is looking forward to working with Ms Haslehurst. *"Suzie's experience in local government and across other sectors will be of great value to us here in Toodyay. She's been a strong and successful advocate in all of her previous roles and I have no doubt she'll bring that passion to the Shire as CEO"* said Cr Madacsi.

Ms Haslehurst has a varied background working as CEO of national Indigenous publishing house Magabala Books in Broome for eleven years before joining the Shire of Broome as Manager Community Development and then Acting Director Community and Economic Development. She was Chairperson of Country Arts WA for eight years and National President of Regional Arts Australia for three years. These roles saw her advocating with Local, State and Federal politicians, funding bodies and other decision-makers on behalf of regional Australia. Ms Haslehurst also has a strong background in governance and financial management.

"Toodyay is a beautiful town with wonderful potential. I'm looking forward to getting to know the local community and working together to meet the challenges of COVID-19 to emerge as a stronger, more vibrant and prosperous town" Ms Haslehurst said.

Chileya Luangala has been Acting Chief Executive Officer and will step down from that position with Suzie's commencement. Chileya has done a superb job in the Acting position and her efforts have been appreciated. Chileya will be staying on with the Shire in her role as Manager Corporate and Community Services.



Chileya Luangala

PAY YOUR 2020-2021 RATES IN FULL
BEFORE THE DUE DATE AND RECEIVE A
3% DISCOUNT

2020 - 2021 RATES HAVE YET TO BE ISSUED





A Message from the President

June has been the month of renewal.

The emergence from three months of lockdown and social isolation and all the pressures it brought. The start of our new CEO Suzie Haslehurst, a sound budget due for adoption two months early, persistent rain and a change of outlook.

The Visitors Centre and Library have reopened, the works program is continuing with Bejoording receiving some wanted roadworks, business is resuming, and the tourists are returning.

My sincere thanks to you all. We should be proud of how our community responded to the challenges, stepped up to help each other and adapted. Out of the uncertainty came successes. Rates will not rise, hardware has done fairly well, real estate sales are bouncing back with younger buyers showing interest and farming has not experienced major setbacks.

As President I am proud that the hard work that was undertaken by staff and councillors has resulted in our community being well placed to respond to State directives and acknowledge the enormous task our Acting CEO Chiley Luangala accomplished during this difficult period.

Now in the same spirit, we need to move forward and re-energise those areas of our community affected by recent events, the businesses who bore the brunt, tourism and those whose incomes were affected. I urge we shop locally, look first to our locals for employment and explore avenues to lift the community.

We as a Shire, are looking forward and invite you to send your ideas to improve our community, to the COVID-19 working group via records@toodyay.wa.gov.au.

We have weathered the storm and are now ready to develop further opportunities for future growth and prosperity.

NEW HOME!

The Planning and Development Team have a new home at the Visitors Centre! This includes our:

- ◆ Manger of Planning and Development
- ◆ Planning Officer
- ◆ Development Services Officer
- ◆ Rangers
- ◆ Environmental Health Officer

Our Planning and Development Team are excited to welcome everyone to come in and have a chat or give them a call 9574 9340.

The Visitor Centre will remain home to our Economic Development Coordinator, Visitors Centre Officers and Museum Curator/Cultural Heritage Officer.

Let's put a name on it

The Recreation Precinct will be opening later this year (if COVID-19 allows) and we need to name it.

A number of suggestions have already been put forward.

We would like you to tick your preferred name

TICK ONE BOX ONLY BUT — If you have another suggestion, please feel free to note that as well, next to 'Other'.

If you are suggesting a Noongar name — please make sure you include the correct translation.

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Toodyay Recreation, Sport and Aquatic Centre

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Toodyay Recreation Centre

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Toodyay Sport & Recreation Centre

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Toodyay Sport, Recreation and Aquatic Complex

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Toodyay Recreation & Leisure Centre

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Other — (if suggesting Noongar names please include correct translation) _____

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This survey closes at 5.00pm Wednesday 1 July 2020

To return your survey:

An electronic version of this survey is on the Shire's website: www.toodyay.wa.gov.au

Post it: PO Box 96, Toodyay WA 6566 Hand deliver: 15 Fiennes Street, Toodyay

Email: records@toodyay.wa.gov.au

For more information: phone the Shire Administration on 9574 9300 and ask for Merridith

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, there is provision whereby any member of the public can stand up and 'make a submission'. Basically this means that you can stand up during a Council Meeting and read out your submission or opinion on the matter you wish Council to take note of. A submission is different to asking a question during Public Question Time. A submission being presented at a Council meeting must be relevant to an agenda item for that meeting.

It is best, and preferred, that your submission is lodged with the CEO prior to the Council Meeting - usually by midday on the day of the meeting. Simply complete the Public Submission Registration Form and send it to the office of the CEO.

At the meeting you will be invited to present your submission by the Presiding Member, which is usually the President. You will stand at the lectern and state your name and address and identify whether you are a ratepayer or resident of the Shire. You can then read out your submission - you will have 5 minutes.

'Submissions' is a formal part of the Council meeting Agenda and the *Shire of Toodyay Standing Order Local Law 2008* prescribes the manner in which submissions are made.

Submission Registration Forms can be found on the Shire of Toodyay website <http://www.toodyay.wa.gov.au/Council/Council-Meetings/Council-Meetings/Submissions-Deputations-and-Public-Questions> or you can pick one up from the admin office.

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.



Butterly cottages Inc are seeking expressions of interest from older people looking for affordable living units to rent. A requirement is that you must be able to live independently. There are one and two bedroom units in 3 separate locations.

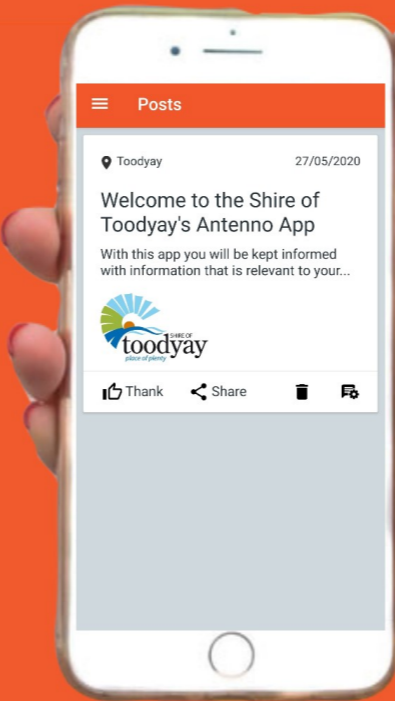
At the moment all units are full but now is a good time to think of what you may require in the future and this maybe downsizing to stay living in our wonderful community.

Butterly is in the process of updating the wait list and if you are or know of someone who may be interested please contact the Secretary Jenny Perkins 0427 990 972

Pension and Senior Rebates

PENSIONERS and SENIORS please note that in order to receive your pensioner or seniors rebate for your annual 2019/20 rates, your rates must be paid in full prior to 26 June 2020.

If you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the Shire Administration on 9574 9300 as we are only too happy to help you.



Do you want to be alerted to what's going on in your neighbourhood and beyond? Antenno is a free mobile app that sends you notifications and alerts about places you care about. It is easy to use and no personal information or log on details are required.



The Shire has a number of Disabled Parking Bays within the town centre which are patrolled for appropriate use. The Rangers would like to remind the public to be mindful of these Disable Bays and those that need to utilise them. For appropriate use, an ACROD (Australian Councillor Rehabilitation of Disabled) sticker must be clearly displayed. Infringements will apply for actions in contrary to The Shire of Toodyay Parking and Parking Facilities Local Law, this includes failure to display an ACROD sticker.



DID YOU KNOW?

You can watch livestreamed council meetings without being signed up to Facebook?



Simply visit www.facebook.com/ShireofToodyay/

Click on "Posts" on the left hand side and scroll through our news feed until you find the livestream.

SUBSCRIBE!

HEAD TO OUR WEBSITE AND SUBSCRIBE AND RECEIVE OUR MONTHLY NEWSLETTER STRAIGHT TO YOUR INBOX!

WASTE TRANSFER STATION OPENING TIMES

Where: Railway Road, Toodyay
Opening Times: open every day of the week from 8.00am to 12.00pm, excluding Good Friday, Anzac Day, Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day. The Waste Transfer Station is open for the full day, every 3rd Sunday each month.
Contact: 9574 2661 during work hours

Newcastle Gaol re-opening cell wing only on weekends 10am – 3pm

On Saturday, 6 June 2020 we took up the challenge to partially re-open the Newcastle Gaol in celebration of entering Stage 3 of the WA Government's Road to Recovery strategy. We had actually already re-installed some of the displays in the cell wing before the enforced closure of the site in March.

Some furniture and large items still remain packed away in the container opposite the Gaol, so the displays have some finishing touches to be done. Our grateful thanks to Barry and Michelle for enabling the re-opening, as there are a number of additional duties involved to comply with safety guidelines for operating during a pandemic. At this stage we are only able to manage to have the Gaol open on Saturdays and Sundays.

Because the Gaol is only partially open, entry is currently through the side door of the courtyard which is difficult for mobility impaired folk. Our apologies for this. Elsewhere on the site, painting of internal walls in the front wing and "courthouse" is currently being undertaken. We are also repainting a couple of external areas along the front – including the bars and wooden shutters – which will subtly lift the appearance of the front façade without detracting from its historic integrity.

After painting is finished and the container is unpacked, then the additional items being stored in the museum workshop and Stables can also be moved back across the road, information panels put back up and the audio-visual components reinstalled. We are hoping, at this stage, for all of this to be finalized by the end of June or perhaps in early July. Please be rest assured, we are as anxious to fully re-open the Gaol as you are. Check our Shire websites and Toodyay Museums Facebook page for up to date information on this timeline.



The Toodyay Visitor Centre doors are now open. Physical restrictions apply and we kindly ask that they are adhered to. We have had a couple of busy weekends which is great to see. Connor's Mill is also open and we have had many eager tourists explore the museum already.



WHATS COUNCIL BEEN UP TO THIS MONTH?

The Ordinary Council meeting held in May was attended by all Councillors and live streamed to the community via facebook.

Public Question time produced some robust questions from Mr Brian Foley on behalf of the Toodyay Progress Association regarding errors in the previous Council Agenda, Fire Mitigation and the Recreation Precinct; Mr John Prater queried some comments made by the Shire President in the Community Newsletter, use of Shire buildings, farmers markets and loss of staff; Mr Eric Twine asked about the status of the inquiry; a further inquiry from the a community member questioned the cost of the Shire's IT services.

There were also 5 submissions received by Council:

1. Mr J Roberts - Relating to a decision made by Council at the April 2020 Council Meeting.
 2. Mr J Prater - Relating to behaviour on social media with comments made by Councillors and Community Members.
 3. Mr M McKeown - Relating to Item No. 9.1.2 and 10.1 and 10.2 – Catholic Precinct.
 4. Mr B Foley - Relating to an ad-hoc proposal to seek Council approval of junior members on the Environmental Advisory Committee.
 5. Ms Lisa Robinson (read out by the Shire President) - Relating to Item 9.1.3 Reconsideration of 5 dog application at Lot 42 McKnoe Drive, Morangup WA 6083.
- Council considered a recommendation surrounding North Street — lost (4/3 for want of an Absolute Majority).
 - Council recommends to the Geographical Names Committee that the new road created as a part of the Catholic Church Precinct subdivision (WAPC Ref: 155679) be named "Avondown Place – carried 8/0.
 - Under advice from SAT Council reconsidered an earlier decision and allowed a 5 dog application - carried 7/1.
 - Council adopted the Corporate Business Plan 2020 – carried 5/3.
 - The list of payments was received – carried 8/0
 - The monthly financial statements were accepted - carried 8/0
 - The review of the delegations register was deferred to June 2020 Council Meeting – carried 5/4
 - Council discussed and authorised the Acting CEO to undertake Community consultation via an online survey regarding the naming of the Recreational Precinct with a shortlist to be presented to July 2020 OCM - carried 7/1.
 - Council appointed the Reserves Management Officer as a member of the Bush Fire Advisory Committee - carried 5/3.
 - Council directed the CEO to notify Council of any changes or advice in respect of the Roman Catholic Church group of buildings – carried 8/0.
 - A motion put forward by Cr Bell that Council immediately revoke any and all delegated authority related to planning and/or development of the Roman Catholic Church Precinct – lost 1/7.
 - Council considered Item 13.2.1 Appointment of Community Member to Participate in the Environmental Advisory Committee of Council as new business of an urgent nature and subsequently appointed Georgina Troup to participate as a member of the Environmental Advisory Committee until September 2021 – carried 8/0.
 - A confidential Item regarding Butterly Cottages agreed to:
 1. waive the obligations set out in Clause 7.3 (b) and (c) of the MOU until 30 June 2022. Continuation of the waiver beyond that time will be subject to a further Council resolution and will consider Butterly Cottages ongoing compliance with other elements of the MOU; and
 2. to also authorise the CEO to liaise with the Butterly Cottages Association Inc. Committee to work towards compliance of the commitments made by both parties to the MOU – carried 8/0.

If you are more than curious about the decisions made by Council please refer to the meeting minutes that are available on the Shire of Toodyay website via the link: <http://www.toodyay.wa.gov.au/Council/Council-Meetings/Agendas-Minutes-and-Notes>

For those of you who haven't tuned in to Council Meetings you can do so by heading to our Facebook Page at <https://www.facebook.com/ShireofToodyay> to watch the Council meeting live stream.

Toodyay Library Talk June 2020

We thought we'd do something a bit different this month and shatter some stereotypes about libraries and their staff (like the four superwomen working here at Toodyay). Are these library urban legends true or false? Take your pick, then keep reading to see if you're right!

'Librarian' is code for 'someone who gets to read all day (in between chatting with customers, of course)'

False, as much as we wish it were true. Rather than relaxing with the latest Nora Roberts, we're kept busy issuing, returning and renewing loans; shelving; prepping new stock; processing inter-library loans; assisting with IT issues; creating signage and notices; replying to emails; scheduling social media content; and promoting eResources. And that's not even an exhaustive to-do list. Admittedly we do always make time to chat with our patrons, as it's a big part of the countryside service we're proud to provide.



Libraries are whisper-only zones, so make sure you keep the noise down at all times during your visit.

False. Granted, some libraries do encourage "inside voices" (especially in dedicated reading or study areas) but feel free to speak at a normal volume within Toodyay's walls – we like to think of ourselves as a livelier kind of library. Having said that, if we can't see you but can still hear your conversation, you might want to turn the volume down a tad...or at least make sure you're discussing something worth listening to!

Librarians are familiar with every book ever published and can tell you which one you're looking for even if you don't know the author, title or any plot details, but do know that "the cover is blue".

False. This would make for a fantastic party trick, but unfortunately we need as many details as possible when you are searching for something. If you fancy trying a book based purely on the cover colour though, go for it. In fact, why not work your way through the entire rainbow?

Stock turnover at a country library like Toodyay's is slow, and we're only able to bring in a handful of new items each month.

False. We're lucky enough to have hundreds of handpicked items coming in every month, and we make sure to stock books/audiobooks/DVDs for all tastes and all ages. Check out our New Items shelves next time you visit or browse our online catalogue from home by heading to library.toodyay.wa.gov.au/Main.aspx.

Using a library's eResources is the same as borrowing in person from physical shelves.

Plot twist: this one's actually true. At Toodyay we offer a great range of free eResources that are linked up to your membership. Whenever you download an eBook/eAudiobook/eMagazine (via BorrowBox/Overdrive/RBdigital) or watch a movie online (via Kanopy) it's no different to borrowing from us in person. That's why we encourage you to explore all of our amazing apps! You'll find eResource information and handy how-to guides on the Libraries page of the Shire of Toodyay website, and in the Files section of our Facebook group (facebook.com/groups/ToodyayLibrary/). If you have any issues getting started, give us a call on 9574 2323.

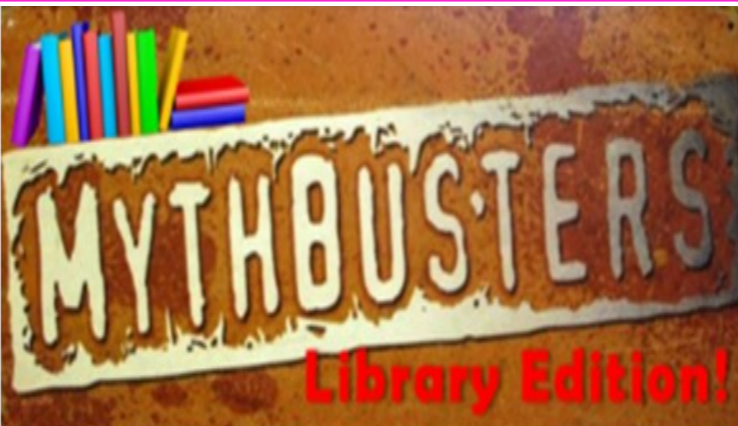


That's all from us for June. Keep warm as we head into a chilly country winter, and don't forget to pop in to stock up on rainy night reading material.

Carrie, Jasmin B, Jasmin D and Lindy

BorrowBox is an award winning Australian App that enables Public Library and State Library members to browse and borrow bestselling eAudiobooks and eBooks on their Apple or Android device for limited periods through digital loans. BorrowBox is a FREE download solution. Once you are signed in you can borrow or reserve up to 4 eAudiobooks and 4 eBooks for a 2 week loan period.

Kanopy is a video streaming platform for public libraries delivering one of the largest collections of indie films, classic cinema, festival and educational documentaries and movies online or through an app. The services enable Public Library and State Library members to browse and view over 30,000+ films and documentaries from top suppliers, including the BBC, Criterion Collection, Ronin Films, Madman Entertainment.



Government of Western Australia
Department of Health

Legionnaires' Disease

We are being reminded to maintain cooling towers and flush other water systems that may not have had regular use recently due to the closing of buildings due to COVID-19 in order to prevent Legionnaires' Disease . Water systems include showers, emergency eye baths, spas, fountains and ice machines.

The warnings follow five cases of Legionnaires' Disease notified to the Department of Health in metropolitan and rural Perth.

Legionnaires' Disease is a serious and sometimes fatal form of pneumonia caused by breathing in Legionella bacteria in very fine droplets of water (aerosols).

WA's A/Executive Director, Environmental Health, Dr Michael Lindsay, said no common source of infection between the cases has been confirmed, however the investigations are ongoing.

"It is a timely reminder that building operators need to properly maintain cooling towers and other water systems.

"Many buildings have experienced significantly reduced occupancy or been closed completely as a result of COVID-19," he said.

"When cooling towers or water pipes have not been in use for an extended period, stagnant water can create opportunities for Legionella bacteria to grow, leading to an increased risk of an outbreak of Legionnaires' Disease when the systems are switched on again."

The Department recommends building managers seek advice from a water treatment provider to ensure correct maintenance of their cooling towers and water systems.

Legionnaires' Disease symptoms include fever, chills, a cough and shortness of breath and may lead to severe chest infections such as pneumonia.

Early symptoms of Legionnaires' Disease can be similar to symptoms of COVID-19, so it is important to seek medical advice as soon as possible.

For more information on Legionnaires' disease visit HealthyWA. -https://healthywa.wa.gov.au/Articles/J_M/Legionnaires-disease



Burn season is the perfect time to take action on your own property to stop the spread of European house borer!

European House Borer (EHB) is a pest of seasoned dry pinewood, most often found outside in dead pine trees, dead parts of living pine trees, and in pine logs and debris. The cooler weather is a great opportunity to make your house and property as unattractive to EHB as possible, by fully burning (or chipping) all unwanted/dead pine wood which could host this serious pest. The Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD) is working with the community to stop the spread of this serious pest.

If you do decide to burn, the most important thing is to do it safely. Your first step is to check your local government website for their specific burn related guidelines and permit requirements. If unsure, ring your local government to talk to a Fire Officer for advice.

It is a good idea to register your proposed 'hazard reduction burn' with the Department of Fire and Emergency Services prior to lighting (on 9395 9209) in case a helpful member of the public sees smoke and thinks it's a bush fire.

If you suspect your dead pinewood is infested with EHB, please make a report using the MyPestGuideTM Reporter app, or contact DPIRD's Pest and Disease Information Service on 9368 3080 or padis@dpiird.wa.gov.au.

For more information on EHB, please go to DPIRD webpages at

www.agric.wa.gov.au/ehb



Pine log pile ready for burning



Fully burning the logs to ashes

Check your stock owner registration details

- ✓ **PICs** (property identification codes)
- ✓ **brand**
- ✓ **earmark**
- ✓ **properties**

T: 1300 WA NLIS (1300 926 547)
E: nlis@dpird.wa.gov.au

PIC

- Four letters and four numbers
- Make sure it is current and not expired

Brand


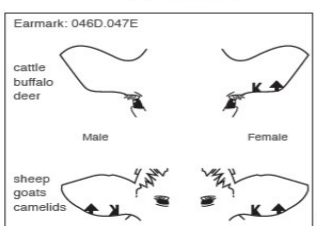
- Two letters and a number
- First letter may 'lazy', tipped to the left

Earmark

- Two notches in the ear
- Place in the correct ear, location and orientation as per your registration certificate

Properties

- Make sure all the properties where you run stock are registered to your PIC/s, even if you do not own the land

and alpacas supports traceable produce, boosts consumer confidence, keeps the door open to business and enables disease management. In coming months the Shire of Toodyay will be conducting random registration inspections.

Invitation to participate in the WALGA RoadWise Network Survey

RoadWise is looking for feedback from people in our road safety network across Western Australia. We are keen to hear about your experiences and involvement in road safety and the RoadWise Program, so that we can continue to develop our program into the future.

You can complete the survey by following this link:
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SCDKRRN>

We would very much appreciate it if you can find the time to reflect on your experiences and share them with us. If you have any questions about the survey, please don't hesitate to get in touch on 9213 2000 or email roadwise@walga.asn.au.



Book a space online!
spacetoco.com
For more information call 9574 9300



Are you a livestock owner?

In Western Australia, owners of all cows, sheep, pigs, goats, horses, llamas and alpacas must be registered.

Registration is required whether you're running a large cattle property, grazing a few sheep on a small landholding or you have a pet pig, goat or alpaca.

Being able to trace livestock movement helps us manage disease outbreaks, boost consumer confidence in our livestock product and protect the health of the livestock industry.

Whether your farm is big or small, all Western Australian livestock owners have a role in keeping our produce clean, safe and in-demand.

Correct identification of cattle, sheep, pigs, goats



WiringKids in partnership with Parenting Connection presents:

Communicating with Teens

Everyone reacts differently to stressful situations. Parents have a tough job raising teenagers today. Some react by getting tough and giving their teens no wriggle room and others throw their hands up in the air and abdicate their responsibilities. Both of these approaches do not foster communication between parent and their teen, neither does it provide a teenager with a safe place to air their doubts and explore options. This workshop provides strategies on how to build respectful and positive communication with your teenager leading to more satisfactory relationships in the long term.

THIS IS AN INTERACTIVE ON-LINE WORKSHOP

DATE: Wednesday 30th 2020
TIME: 7:30 PM to 8:30 PM
VENUE: The comfort of your own home
RSVP: By email to Jeni : JPages@wanslea.asn.au
By Friday 26th June 2020.

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REGIONAL ACHIEVEMENT & COMMUNITY AWARDS

The Western Australian Regional Achievement & Community Awards have been launched for 2020 and the state-wide search has begun.

The Shire of Toodyay recognises a range of individuals, groups, and businesses contributing to our community, and encourages everyone to also show their appreciation. You can show your support by nominating an individual, business or community group into one of these categories:

- * Prime Super Business Achievement Award
- * Prime Super Employer Excellence in Aged Care Award
- * Insurance Commission of Western Australia Regional Safety Award
- * RAC Volunteering Award
- * Rinehart Development of Northern Regional WA Award
- * Curtin University, School of Education Teaching Excellence Award
- * Woolworths Community Group of the Year Award
- * Ricoh Australia Customer Service Award
- * Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development Economic Development Award
- * Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries Making a Difference Award
- * Great prizes are up for grabs, plus every nomination will receive a certificate of achievement.

To submit a nomination, simply go online to www.awardsaustralia.com/waraca and select 'Nominate Now'. Alternatively, make the process that much easier by calling us on 9201 1155 and passing on their details and we will take it from there.

Nominations close Friday 7th August 2020. For assistance please feel free to call the Awards Office on 9201 1155 or email wa@awardsaustralia.com

REGIONAL ARTS WA

Calling Young Artists and Designers!

The Drug Aware YCulture Regional program has seen dozens and dozens of youth-driven arts projects bring joy and creativity to communities throughout regional WA over the past few years. They want to give it a new look - and want that look to be shaped by the young artists and arts workers it supports!

Regional Arts WA are currently taking EOIs from regional WA residents aged 18 - 26 to produce a graphic for Drug Aware YCulture Regional promotional materials. An honorarium of \$400 will be given to the selected applicant.

EOIs close midnight Friday 20 July.

www.regionalartswa.org.au

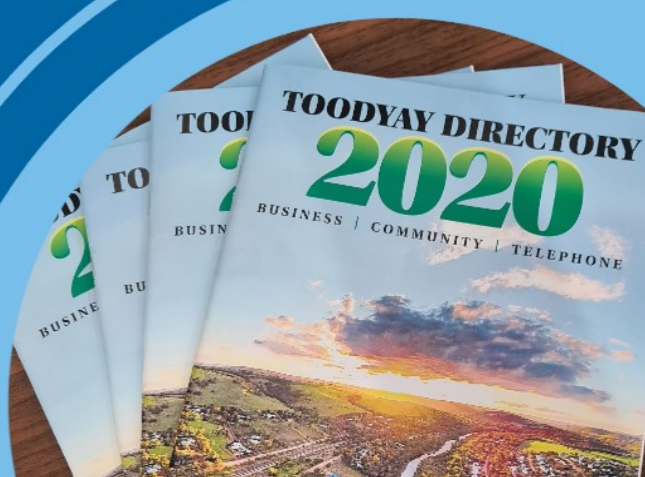


2020 Community Directory AVAILABLE NOW

Copies available from the Shire Administration Office, Visitors Centre, Library and the Post Office.

If your business did not advertise in this years directory and you wish to be included in the 2021 directory please contact The Avon Valley & Wheatbelt Advocate on 0429 685 895.

Changed your name, address or phone number? Contact the Shires Administration office or fill out the coupon on page 18 of the directory and send it in.



RESERVE REPORT by Greg Warburton

Recently, two important historical sites in Toodyay have seen improvements completed which have added value and interest to our rich heritage.

Most people would have glimpsed Ringa Railway Bridge as they travel along the main road but perhaps are not all are aware of its significance. The bridge was originally constructed in 1887 on the Clackline – Newcastle (Toodyay) Railway which was a spur line off the Eastern Railway to Kalgoorlie and part of the State's narrow gauge system. A railway siding was located near the bridge and also derived its name from the Ringa locality.

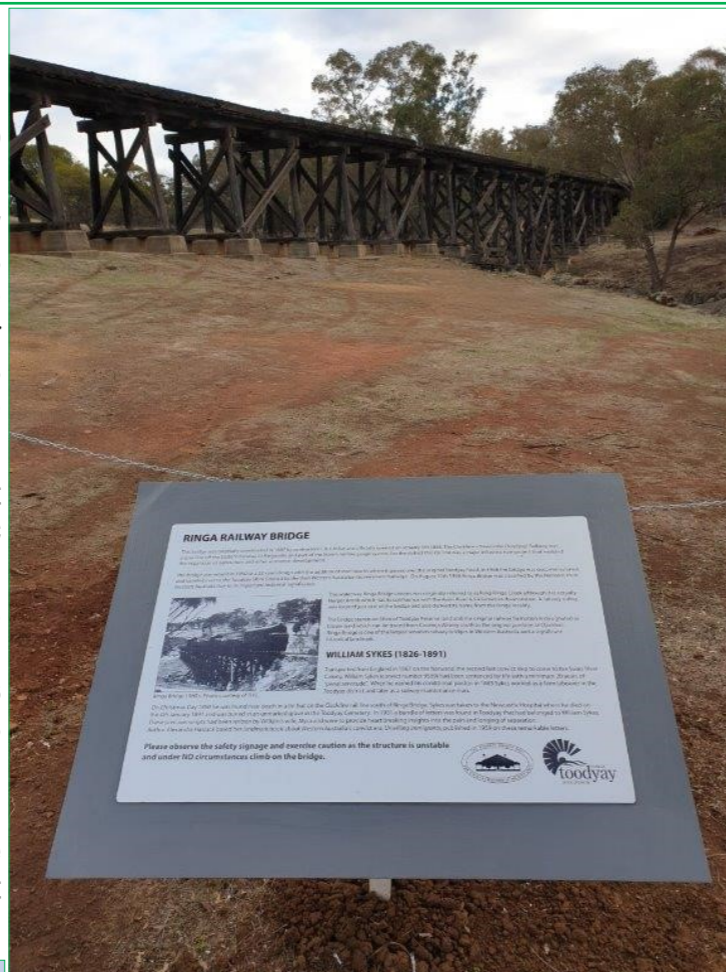
For the district this rail line was a major infrastructure project that enabled the expansion of agriculture and other economic developments.

Refurbished in 1950 then decommissioned in 1968 Ringa Bridge was handed over to the Toodyay Shire Council by the then Western Australian Government Railways. In 1998 it was classified by the National Trust Western Australia due to its historical importance.

The bridge stands on Shire of Toodyay Reserve and the original railway formation is designated as Crown land which can be traced from Coorinja Winery south to the original junction at Clackline.



Another site of great historical significance is Syred Cottage in Bejoording. This building dates back to the 1850's and bounds onto shire reserve 6847 which was an historical watering place for livestock and part of the original Bejoording Farm. The cottage featured a distinctive double post and rail fence known as a "Harper Fence". This style of construction is named after Toodyay's famous pioneer, explorer, pastoralist, politician and newspaper proprietor Charles Harper. Over the years the fence had collapsed but thanks to the extraordinary efforts of a descendant of William Syred, Bob Sutcliffe it has been beautifully restored thus preserving an important example of this pioneer ingenuity. *Photo's by Bob Sutcliffe*



Ringa Bridge is one of the largest wooden railway bridges in Western Australia and a significant historical landmark. The site makes a wonderful place to visit. Not only is the structure imposing but it straddles the picturesque Harper Brook.

The Shire has installed new safety barriers and signage along with bollards and a picnic table. An interpretive plaque has been installed that tells the story of Ringa Bridge along with its fascinating connection to the famous convict William Sykes (1826 – 1891). Access to the bridge is via the Coorinja Winery during opening times or by arrangement by phoning Michael Wood 0417989559

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Lisa Lough, CATALYSE Pty Ltd

Early indicators from 2,300 residents are that COVID-19 has had a high impact on 1 in 5 residents and 1 in 3 residents continue to have high concerns about COVID-19. Most residents agree their local government has put good health and safety practices in place to manage COVID-19 risks in local parks, libraries and community facilities.

Communities are showing their resilience. Around 8 in 10 residents rate their general health as good or better and 8 in 10 residents rate their social relationships as good or better. Most are feeling hopeful and enthusiastic about the future. *"Early results are encouraging. They highlight strong leadership in Local*

Government to support their communities. They reinforce the crucial role Local Government has during times of crisis and emergency. Respondents are saying they want Local Government to take an active role in economic recovery and to engage local businesses and community members to create a Recovery Plan. But, to find out if these are the main priorities in each local government area, we need to hear from more people." Candy Choo, Local Government Professionals WA.

The MARKYT Community Resilience Scorecard will remain open until 3 July 2020. It is open to all residents aged 18 years or older and can be completed online at www.research.net/r/MARKYT.

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A facelift for the 'Club'

The Shire of Toodyay provided funding of \$55,000 to the Toodyay Club in order for upgrades and renovations to the kitchen, lighting and paving to be carried out.

The final results have brought new life back to the Club – enjoy the before and after pictures



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