

# Toodyay Community Newsletter

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## OUR NEW-LOOK TOODYAY SHIRE COUNCIL

PICTURED (left to right) Cr Di Granger, Cr Benjamin Bell, Cr Sally Craddock, Cr Judy Dow, Cr Brian Rayner (Incoming President), Mr Stan Scott (CEO), Cr Eric Twine, Cr Therese Chitty (Deputy President), Cr Rob Welburn and Cr Paula Greenway.



## SHIRE OF TOODAY - EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

### Council Committees

The Toodyay Shire Council is calling for members from the community willing to be community representatives on the following Council Committees:

- Audit Committee
- Environmental Advisory Committee
- Museum Advisory Committee
- Works Advisory Committee

Information in relation to Council Committees and an Expression of Interest form can be downloaded from the Shire's website at:

<http://www.toodyay.wa.gov.au/Council/Council-Meetings/Council-Committees>.

Once completed, please forward the form to [records@toodyay.wa.gov.au](mailto:records@toodyay.wa.gov.au).

In respect to the Audit Committee, the latest copy of the Department of Local Government Guideline No 9 titled "Audit in Local Government – The appointment, function and responsibilities of Audit Committees" is also available online.

Expressions of Interest can be lodged with the Shire Administration before **4.00pm, Friday 8 December 2017**.



## Toodyay Shire Goes Eco Friendly

The Shire of Toodyay has recently installed clean energy systems to both the Shire Depot on Railway Road and Toodyay Library in Stirling Terrace.

The Toodyay Library has a 10.335kWp system and the Shire Depot has a 19.61kWp system. The installation of these solar panels is estimated to produce 70% of the energy consumption and save approximately \$9,000 in annual electricity costs.

## President's Pen - Cr Brian Rayner

For all residents and rate payers of Toodyay, I am Councillor Brian Rayner, newly elected President of the Toodyay Shire Council.

Council elections held on Saturday 21 October 2017 resulted in a huge voter turnout. For the first time Council opted for a postal election, conducted by the Western Australian Electoral Commission. Across the board the turnout was above 50 percent, up from previous elections of below 30 percent.

The people have spoken in re-electing Councillor Greenway (West Ward), Councillor Chitty (East Ward) and Councillor Rayner (North Ward unopposed). Two new Councillors were elected: Councillor Di Granger (Central Ward) replaced our previous President David Dow, and Councillor Benjamin Bell (East Ward) who was elected for a two-year term, fills the position left vacant following the resignation of Councillor Kate Wood in April this year.

I would like to take this opportunity to extend my sincere thanks to past President David

Dow for his tireless effort and many hours of unpublicised work behind the scenes. David's 4-year term as President of the Shire of Toodyay has seen many projects grow from a concept on the drawing board to work being started. One of these projects is Buttery Cottages Independent Living units, which the Shire of Toodyay is building in conjunction with the Shires of Goomalling and Victoria Plains. The concrete pads for the 9 units in Toodyay have been poured and Pindan Construction is in the process of setting up ready for construction, with the goal of completion by May 2018.

Another project is the ground work and roads at the Recreation Precinct off Drummond Street, behind the Toodyay District High School. Many hours of Councillor Dow's time and uncompensated travel expenses went in to lobbying Federal and State Politicians for the Toodyay Recreation Centre, so that our families will be able to play sport in our own community without having to travel to North-

am, York or Goomalling. David also contacted businesses in Toodyay asking them to donate in-kind pledges which assisted grant applications. For this, David, we thank you. You now have your life back, happy retirement and good health.

The Chief Executive Officer, Stan Scott, and administration staff are continuing the lodging of grant applications - most recently an application for State funding to assist with a swimming pool. They will also continue the ground work for new and better sporting facilities (hockey, soccer, rugby, netball, basketball, tennis, football, cricket and the keenly sought swimming pool).

Council continues to work within budget and all current projects (e.g. road maintenance, Anzac Park) are on track.

The draft Shire of Toodyay Local Planning Strategy has been in the public domain and is due to go to Council Forum for discussion very shortly.



## CHRISTMAS CLOSURE OF SHIRE OFFICES

*This year, the gazetted public holidays over the Christmas and New Year period are as follows:*

**Monday 25 December 2017**

**Tuesday 26 December 2017**

**Monday 1 January 2018**

*Closure of the Shire Administration, Library and the Depot will be from:*

*Close of business*

**THURSDAY 21 DECEMBER 2017**

*to*

**MONDAY 1 JANUARY 2018 inclusive**

*All areas will re-open on*

**TUESDAY 2 JANUARY 2018**

## Volunteers Primed for Rural Urban Defence

Shire of Toodyay Bush Fire Brigade volunteers recently attended a regional Rural Urban Interface (RUI) exercise to practice a bush fire scenario impacting a residential area. The exercise, held in Wundowie was attended by approximately 100 volunteers from Toodyay, Northam and York.

The exercise involved assessing properties for their defendability before running a mock defence of defendable properties.

Feedback from the exercise was positive. You can assist our volunteers by ensuring your property is well prepared for this bush fire season.

## Prohibited Burning Period

The Shire of Toodyay entered the Prohibited Burning Period on 1 November 2017. This means NO burning is permitted. Penalties will apply.

Your property should also now be prepared as per the Shire's Fire Break Order or approved variation. Inspections have begun and penalties will be issued where the standard has not been met.

Your property must be maintained in a compliant condition until the 30 April 2018.

## Rates Incentive Prize Winners:

Those ratepayers who paid their rates before the cut-off date in full went into a draw for an incentive prize. The prizes were drawn by Rachel Bell, wife of newly elected East Ward Councillor Benjamin Bell, at an Ordinary Council Meeting on Tuesday, 25 October 2017. Congratulations to all winners.

Draw	Prize	Winner
1st	\$1,000.00 - Bendigo Bank Toodyay and the Shire of Toodyay	Mark Bowden
2nd	Toodyay Auto Centre Service voucher - valued at \$250.00	Ken Howard
3rd	WA Symphony Orchestra Double pass to Asher Fisch Conducts Schumann - valued at \$182.00	Andrew Hull
4th	WA Symphony Orchestra Double pass to Asher Fisch Conducts Schumann - valued at \$182.00	Russell and Raelene Blakely
5th	Ipswich View Homestead B&B 1 night accommodation including breakfast - valued at \$140.00	Malcolm and Jennifer Shalders
6th	Toodyay Bottlemart \$50.00 voucher	Kenneth and Jennifer Hildred
7th	Toodyay Ag Society - Adult pass packs (four adult tickets) - valued at \$40.00	Wayne and Christine Balaam
8th	Toodyay Ag Society - Adult pass packs (four adult tickets) - valued at \$40.00	Denise Bambridge
9th	Toodyay Ag Society - Adult pass packs (four adult tickets) - valued at \$40.00	Raymond and Joyce Harrison
10th	Toodyay Ag Society - Adult pass packs (four adult tickets) - valued at \$40.00	Ben Ferguson
11th	Toodyay Ag Society - Adult pass packs (four adult tickets) - valued at \$40.00	Jason and Nicole Shiels

## Tourism Strategy – Update



Thank you to all who attended the various sessions or who have sent in further comments. Icon Tourism will now be working behind the scenes in undertaking further research and appointments over the next few months.

In early 2018 there will be a draft Strategy Document presented to Council. Following approval from Council on the draft document, we will invite the community to review the document and seek input via submissions.

Further updates will be provided in early 2018.



Department of  
**Local Government, Sport  
and Cultural Industries**



Local Government Act 1995 review  
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**Shire of Toodyay**  
Local Government workshop  
Shape the future of local government in WA

The Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries is inviting WA elected members and local government staff to hear about the Local Government Act review and contribute ideas to help modernise local governments in WA.

### Workshop details

Location: Toodyay Memorial Hall, 119 Stirling Terrace, Toodyay

Date: Thursday, 23 November 2017

Time: 1.00pm – 3.00pm

RSVP: [www.dlqc.wa.gov.au/LGARReview](http://www.dlqc.wa.gov.au/LGARReview)

Comments on the consultation paper can be made online until 9 February 2018. The paper will be available online at [www.dlqc.wa.gov.au/LGARReview](http://www.dlqc.wa.gov.au/LGARReview) from 8 November 2017.

For more information, please contact:

Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries  
Gordon Stephenson House, 140 William Street, Perth  
GPO Box R1250, Perth WA 6844

Telephone: (08) 6551 8700 Fax: (08) 6552 1555

Freecall: 1800 620 511 (Country only)

Email: [legislation@dlgsc.wa.gov.au](mailto:legislation@dlgsc.wa.gov.au) Website: [www.dlqc.wa.gov.au](http://www.dlqc.wa.gov.au)

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In Person: 5 Fiennes Street

Toodyay WA 6566



## EVENTS

**12 November 2017 - Toodyay Car and Motorcycle Show** - The Toodyay Car and Motorcycle Show is back for 2017! Featuring unique and classic cars and motorcycles, market stalls, motoring merchandise, food and drinks, live entertainment, displays and a licensed bar. All proceeds to local community groups.

**19 November 2017 - Toodyay Farmers Markets**

Held on the third Sunday of each month, the Toodyay Farmers Markets offer plenty of artisan stalls, education sessions and entertainment.

**1 December 2017 - Christmas Street Party** - A night not to be



missed. There will be plenty of entertainment and music for everyone. Don't forget to bring the kids down by 6.30pm to visit Santa who this year will be arriving in style! There will be an amazing array of community stalls to browse and all local shops will be open till 9.00pm so you can get in some last minute Christmas shopping. All our local cafes will be open on the night, so pop in and try some delicious local foods.



**17 December 2017 - Carols in the Park** - Soak up some Christmas spirit on Sunday December 17 at Carols in the Park held at Duidgee Park. Entry is free.



### Seniors Morning Tea

On Monday 30 October the Seniors 'Thank You' morning tea was attended by over 50 community members. After being welcomed by new Shire President Cr Brian Rayner, attendees enjoyed a delicious selection of hot and cold treats whilst being serenaded by the Toodyay District High School Choir and the talented Eleanor Frith. 2016 Citizen of the Year winners, Greg Warburton and Sue Eldridge, both acknowledged the important role seniors play in a wide array of community groups and encouraged more to be involved, share their knowledge and make new friends.

The senior population of Toodyay are a valued part of the community with many contributing greatly to our magnificent town.

The Shire of Toodyay and the Toodyay and Districts Community Bank wish to extend their thanks to this very important section of the community.



## Skeleton weed in Western Australia

The Skeleton Weed Program is a coordinated approach to managing Skeleton weed in Western Australia. The Program is delivered by DAFWA under a service delivery arrangement with the Grains, Seed and Hay Industry Management Committee, appointed by the Minister of Agriculture in June 2010. The Committee was re-appointed in June 2015 under the 'Biosecurity and Agriculture Management Industry Funding Schemes (Grains) Regulations 2010' to manage pests affecting the grains industry (currently skeleton weed and three-horned bedstraw).

Skeleton Weed (*Chondrilla juncea*) is a perennial plant that develops from a rosette into a sparsely-leaved plant of up to 1m tall. Erect, branched stems with little or no foliage are produced in early October, giving the plant an untidy look. Skeleton weed is most recognisable when flowering in summer and autumn.

Skeleton weed has yellow daisy-like flowers about 20mm across and usually flowers from December until May (though it has been found flowering in July in Perth). The seeds are about 3-4mm long with a parachute to aid wind dispersal. Mature plants have an extensive root system with a tap root over 2m long and lateral roots that radiate up to 50cm.

### Where to Find Skeleton Weed

Along the wheatbelt area of Western Australia, skeleton weed is most likely to be found in grain crops at harvest time. It has been found in the South West Land Division; on farms in a number of wheatbelt shires, in the Perth metropolitan area, Fremantle and further south as far as Albany, and along roadsides, railway lines, on industrial land and around ports. It is occasionally found in bushland and lawns.

### Declaration Categories

All landholders need to prevent the movement of seed and/or root fragments from their properties in produce (grain, seed and hay), wool, machinery and vehicles.

The Program's strategies include:

- improving landholders ability to find, report and eradicate skeleton weed;
- advising on management techniques;
- encouraging local grower groups, known as Local Action Groups, to participate in cooperative surveillance, reporting, management and eradication from their local areas; and
- incentives including search assistance and winter treatments (where landholders are compliant with program requirements).

### Report Skeleton Weed

Report finds to DAFWA using:

- **MyWeedWatcher** smartphone and tablet application or online reporting tool
- MyPestGuide - [mypestguide.agric.wa.gov.au](http://mypestguide.agric.wa.gov.au)
- Pest and Disease Information Service (PaDIS) **1800 084 881**



## Tomato Potato Psyllid (TPP) Quarantine Arrangements

The Department of Primary Industry and Regional Development has issued a new Quarantine Area Notice (QAN) for control of the Tomato Potato Psyllid. The new notice applies from 1 November 2017. The new QAN applies to commercially-produced and home-grown host plants or nursery stock grown within the Quarantine Area. The Quarantine Area includes the Perth metropolitan area and nearby Local Government areas including Toodyay, and aims to limit the spread into horticultural production areas in regional Western Australia.

Movement and treatment conditions only apply to host plants from the QAN and not to host fruit and vegetables, or machinery and equipment. Affected plants include tomatoes, potatoes, pepper, paprika, capsicum, chilli, eggplant, Tamarillo, potato vive, ground cherry, matrimony vine, goji berry, African Boxwood, field bind-weed and sweet potato. Prescribed treatment is required for host plants, such as seedlings or nursery stock, where they are moving from within the Quarantine Area to specified local government areas in Western Australia.

Additional treatment guidelines will be provided in the 'Approved manner of preparation for movement from the TPP Quarantine Area' available at [www.agric.wa.gov.au/tpp](http://www.agric.wa.gov.au/tpp).

### Adopt-a-trap program

A community surveillance program is underway as part of the TPP Transition to management plan, led by the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD). More than 1000 residential properties in and around the Perth metro area will host a 'sticky trap' in their garden this spring. Each trap will be inspected by department entomologists and any psyllids collected will be tested for the bacterium *Candidatus Liberibacter solanacearum* (CLso). There have been no detections of CLso in WA to date.

Further information and general enquiries may be directed to:

Pest and Disease Information Service  
 Phone: 1800 084 881  
 Email: [info@agric.wa.gov.au](mailto:info@agric.wa.gov.au)  
[agric.wa.gov.au/tpp](http://agric.wa.gov.au/tpp)

## SHIRE ROAD MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE

The Shire of Toodyay Works and Services Department is currently progressing with the following works:

Job Description	Estimated Completion
Salt Valley Road construction and seal	December 2017
River Road construction and seal	December 2017
Wandoo Circle funded construction and seal	December 2017
Wattle Way funded construction and seal	December 2017

## ELECTION RESULTS

### LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS 2017

The result of the Ordinary Election conducted as a postal vote on Saturday, 21 October 2017 is as follows:

**Diane Marie GRANGER** is elected as Councillor for the Central Ward and will hold office until 16 October 2021.

**Therese CHITTY** is elected as Councillor for the East Ward and will hold office until 16 October 2021.

**Benjamin BELL** is elected as Councillor for the East Ward and will hold office until 19 October 2019.

**Paula Ann GREENWAY** is elected as Councillor for the West Ward and will hold office until 16 October 2021

**Brian Leslie RAYNER** is elected UNOPPOSED as Councillor for the North Ward and will hold office until 16 October 2021.

Robert DEW

RETURNING OFFICER - 620 1234 / 0429 962 013

WARD	CANDIDATE	VOTES	TERM
Central Ward	Linda Rooney	66	
1 Position	<b>DI GRANGER</b>	<b>196</b>	<b>4 years</b>
	David Dow	121	
East Ward	Karyn Dymond	73	
2 Positions	Tim Hale	141	
	<b>THERESE CHITTY</b>	<b>284</b>	<b>4 years</b>
	<b>BENJAMIN BELL</b>	<b>211</b>	<b>2 years</b>
West Ward	<b>PAULA GREENWAY</b>	<b>214</b>	<b>4 years</b>
1 Position	Craig Brook	158	
	Andrew Walker	82	

### UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS - Council Chambers

Meeting	2017 Date	Time
Council Forum	14 November	4.00pm
Museum Advisory Committee	16 November	4.00pm
Environmental Advisory Committee	23 November	5.30pm
Ordinary Council Meeting	28 November	4.00pm
Council Forum	5 December	4.00pm

## Shire of Toodyay 2017 Draft Local Planning Strategy



The consultation period for the Draft Local Planning Strategy concluded on 3 November 2017. The community of Toodyay really came on board and addressed planning issues that are important to the future of the Shire. We would like to thank everyone who sent a submission in and supported the community engagement in this way.

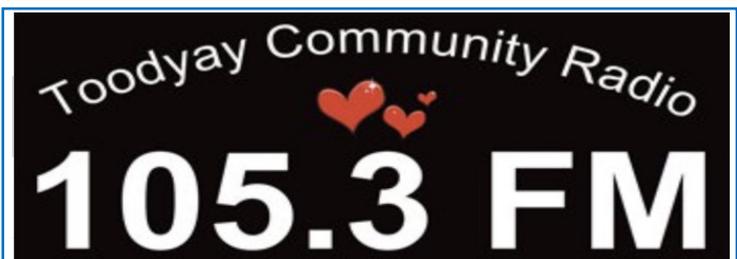
Approximately 60 submissions have been received

A Schedule of Submissions is being compiled at present that will summarise each submission received and provide an assessment of the content of the submission.

A Report will be presented to the December Forum of Council and then the December Ordinary Meeting to determine the next step for the Strategy.

If the Strategy is adopted by Council in December, it will then be forwarded to the Western Australian Planning Commission for final approval.

The draft of the new Local Planning Scheme is currently being finalised in consultation with the Department of Planning and it is envisaged that it will be presented to the January Ordinary Meeting for adoption for advertising purposes. Prior to advertising the Scheme will need to be approved by the WAPC.



### OFFICIAL OPENING

Toodyay's own Community Radio **2J 2AIR** 105.3 FM, The Heartbeat of the Community is now broadcasting from the Toodyay Junction on Railway Road Toodyay.

Thanks go to our generous sponsors: The Shire of Toodyay, LotteryWest, Toodyay C Shop and Shane Love MLA—and not forgetting the hard-working radio committee.

Listen in for the 'Community Diary' a segment to promote events, community announcements and issues that effect our community.

Join in the fun of the official launch to be held at the studio on Saturday 18 November from 9am. This is your opportunity to view the studio and add your voice to the announcements. Visit the Facebook page for details or phone 0406 918 952.

## Shire of Toodyay Contact Details

The 'Old Courthouse'  
15 Fiennes Street (PO Box 96)  
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Works and Services Depot (08) 9574 9360

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Visitor Centre web: [www.toodyay.com](http://www.toodyay.com)



## WHERE DID WE WORK?



What sort of work did people do?



Help sort out our muddle of objects and learn about people who once worked here.

## Museum news – another activity for our younger visitors.

Chop, chop! Jack Baseden ran a butchering shop in Toodyay from 1925 to 1927.

I wonder who else once worked in Toodyay and what sort of things they might have used?

Help sort out our muddle of objects in the front room of the Newcastle Gaol Museum to find out more!



## FROM THE RANGERS

### Firebreak Inspections

The 1<sup>st</sup> of November sees the beginning of the PROHIBITED Fire season and the commencement of Firebreak Inspections by the Shire Rangers.

The Rangers will be inspecting properties to make sure they comply with the Firebreak Notice. A copy of the Firebreak Notice can be found on our website.

If you wish to book in a time for the Rangers to come and inspect your property's Firebreak please contact them on 9574 9370.

### Shire of Toodyay Verge Trees

It is a common misconception that the Shire owns verge trees. Verge trees are growing on Crown Land, the Shire simply manages the trees when and where necessary and does not take ownership of a particular tree or trees.

Should a verge tree fall or be damaged as a result of a storm or high winds and cause damage to a resident's infrastructure, the Shire cannot be held responsible for any damages as this is a naturally occurring event and part of living in the hills and a heavily treed environment.

It is the responsibility of the land owner to prune overhanging limbs encroaching into their fire break.

A verge tree will need to be deemed a hazard for a request to remove/prune a tree to be considered. If you have concerns about the safety of a verge tree you can 'Report an Issue' from our Website's home page or call the Works Depot on 9574 9360.

## TOODYAY LIBRARY TALK



**Do you love reading?** - Would you like to access a range of resources in a peaceful, relaxing atmosphere? If your answer to

either of those questions was yes, then we would be happy to have you as a member of the Toodyay Library. Come on down to 96 Stirling Terrace with some ID on hand (anything featuring your current residential address) and you'll be signed up in seconds, and free to borrow anything you see on our shelves – for free!

In stock this month is nearly 200 new items, including large print books, adult fiction, DVDs, books on CD/MP3 and non-fiction. We also have a great selection of young adult and children's books/ DVDs available for the kids.

Ask one of our Library Officers for a tour of the library. If we don't have what you are looking for in stock, we may be able to order it from another library for you.

**Toddler Story Time / Baby Rhyme Time** - Our sessions for the little ones in your life run Wednesdays at 9.15am (2-5 years) and 10.00am (0-2 years) and storyteller Emma is always keen to see new smiling faces attend. Take the chance to meet some other locals and encourage teamwork and self-confidence in your children. Please note that Story Time and Baby Rhyme Time do not run during school holidays. For further information, please call us on 9574 2323.

**Morangup Library** - Our Morangup branch is running on Tuesday 14 and Tuesday 28 November. Head over to the Community Centre on Wallaby Way in Morangup, from 2.00pm - 4.30pm, to have a browse and borrow and meet some of the lovely locals. This service is provided by one of our Library Officers from Toodyay Library every second and fourth Tuesday of the month.

Hope to see you soon at either Toodyay or Morangup.



## Come along to the Toodyay Christmas Street Party Friday 1 December 2017

Toodyay Chamber of Commerce and Industry Inc. is again running the Annual Christmas Street Party this year.

**Friday 1 December 2017  
from 5.00pm to 9.30pm  
along Stirling Terrace in Toodyay.**

Stirling Terrace will be closed from Oddfellow Street to Piesse Street.



## Toodyay Community Directory

If you wish to be included in the Directory, or you (or people you know) have moved, changed the contact details etc. please take a few moments to put your amendments in writing either via the Shire website, at the Shire Administration Office or email: [records@toodyay.wa.gov.au](mailto:records@toodyay.wa.gov.au)

