

## Shire of Toodyay Fire-Break Notice

Pursuant to Section 33 of the *Bush Fires Act 1954*, all residents and ratepayers within the Shire of Toodyay are required to comply with the requirements set out in this notice

**Due Date:** 1 November Annually

**Maintained Until:** 30 April Annually

**NB:** If you purchase land during this period you have 14 days from purchase to comply with this order.

**Failure to comply may result in a fine or prosecution**

### 1. All land less than or equal to 1 hectare

1.1 All land with an area less than 1 hectare (2.47 acres) are required to be fire hazard reduced by ensuring:

- grass height does not exceed 100mm; and
- no tree crowns overhang the building; and
- Total available fuel load is maintained at 2 tonnes per hectare or lower.

### 2. All land greater than 1 hectare

2.1 Land up to and including 200 hectares in size shall have a

fire-break cleared and maintained within 10 metres of the external boundary.

2.2 Land exceeding 200 hectares in size shall have fire-breaks cleared and maintained so as to divide the property into parcels of land less than 200 hectares.

2.3 A fire-break shall be cleared and maintained within 15 metres from external walls of buildings and around haystacks, solar panels and fuel storage areas.

2.4 A 20 metre wide Asset Protection Zone (low fuel area) shall be maintained from external walls of buildings and around haystacks, fuel storage areas such that:

- grass height does not exceed 100mm; and
- no tree crowns overhang the building; and
- Total available fuel load is maintained at 2 tonnes per hectare or lower.

2.5 A fire-break shall be cleared and maintained immediately surrounding a stationary motor.

**DEFINITION:** Fire-break – An area cleared of all inflammable materials 3 metres horizontally (wide) and 4 metres vertically (high).

**Additional Restrictions during the Limited Burning Times:** Pursuant to Section 24G(2) and Section 25(1a) of the *Bush Fires Act 1954* and applicable to all persons, the burning of garden refuse and lighting of camping or cooking fires is prohibited within the Local Government district of Toodyay during the Prohibited Burning Period. Furthermore, pursuant to Section 24G(2) of the *Bush Fires Act 1954* and applicable to all persons, the burning of garden refuse is prohibited within the Local Government district of Toodyay during the Restricted Burning Period unless a valid permit to burn has been obtained from a Fire Control Officer. Section 24C (Terms Used) of the *Bush Fires Act 1954* contains definitions relevant to this notice.

**Carrying of Fire Extinguishers during the Limited Burning Times:** Pursuant to Section 27(3) of the *Bush Fires Act 1954*, and applicable to all persons, the Shire of Toodyay prohibits the operation of any tractor or self-propelled harvester without a fire extinguisher being carried within in the Local government district of Toodyay during the Restricted Burning Period and Prohibited Burning Period. Section 27(5) of *Bush Fires Act 1954* and regulations 3 and 37(2) of the *Bush Fire Regulations 1954* contain definitions relevant to this notice.

**Shire of Toodyay Bush Fire Control Officers:** Pursuant to Section 38 of the *Bush Fires Act 1954*, the Shire of Toodyay advises appointment of the following persons as Bushfire Control Officers for the Shire of Toodyay.  
Craig Stewart (Chief Bush Fire Control Officer), Nicholas Griggs (Deputy Bush Fire Control Officer 1), Brian Rayner (Deputy Bush Fire Control Officer 2), Robert Koch (Deputy Bush Fire Control Officer 3), Garry Forsyth, John Hansen, Kim Maddrell, Ian MacGregor, Charles Wroth, Greg Warburton, Leon Couper, Ebony Francis.

Suzie Haslehurst

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

## DRAFT

### LOCAL PLANNING SCHEME NO. 5

The Shire of Toodyay invites submissions on the Draft Local Planning Scheme No. 5.

The Shire of Toodyay Local Planning Strategy (LPS) was endorsed by the Western Australian Planning Commission on 22 June 2018. A key recommendation of the LPS that the Shire develops a new local planning scheme to provide regulation of land use and development of land within the Shire.

At the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 28 August 2018, the Council of the Shire of Toodyay adopted for the purpose of advertising draft Local Planning Scheme No. 5. The Shire has now received consent from the Environmental Protection Authority to formally advertise its Draft Local Planning Scheme No.5 for public comment.

Formal advertising will occur between **2 September 2020** and **2 December 2020** in accordance with the *Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes) Regulations 2015*. Plans and documents that set out and explain draft Local Planning Scheme No. 5 are available for inspection and can be found:

- at the Shire of Toodyay Administration Offices (during office hours);
- at the Shire of Toodyay Community Libraries (Toodyay and Morangup) during opening hours;
- on the Shire of Toodyay website: [www.toodyay.wa.gov.au](http://www.toodyay.wa.gov.au); and
- at the Western Australian Planning Commission, Perth during office hours.

Submissions should be made in writing and delivered no later than **2 December 2020** via: Email: [records@toodyay.wa.gov.au](mailto:records@toodyay.wa.gov.au)

Post: PO Box 96 Toodyay WA 6566

In person: 15 Fiennes Street, Toodyay WA 6566.

Should you have any queries, please contact the Shire's Manager Planning & Development, Mr Kobus Nieuwoudt on 9574 9300 or at [mpd@toodyay.wa.gov.au](mailto:mpd@toodyay.wa.gov.au).

Suzie Haslehurst

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**



# Toodyay Community Newsletter

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## RSL Toodyay Sub-Branch Commemorates 54th Vietnam Veterans Day

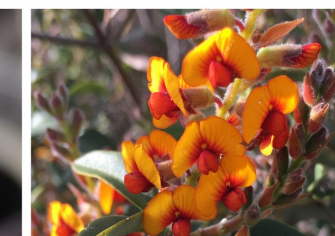
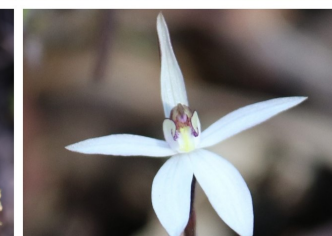


Pictured L to R Vietnam Vets: Allen Clabaugh, Bruce Guthrie, Allen Dow, Jim Bush and Paul 'Pez' Pescud

RSL Toodyay Sub-Branch commemorated the 54th Vietnam Veterans Day on Tuesday 18 August 2020.

A number of people attended the very moving service to mark this solemn occasion in remembrance of those who fought in the Vietnam conflict.

The Service was followed by a gathering at the new RSL headquarters in Toodyay - just over the road from ANZAC Park.



Beautiful to look at  
but please don't pick!

Wildflower season is upon us again with sightings of some lovely orchids in our reserves and everlastings blooming again at Pelham Reserve. We would love to be able to share your wildflower photos with fellow enthusiasts on our Facebook page and our Wildflower Wall in the Visitor Centre. Email your lovely pics to: [visitorscentre@toodyay.wa.gov.au](mailto:visitorscentre@toodyay.wa.gov.au) or tag @visittoodyay on FB or Insta..

If you are out and about experiencing our wildflowers, please remember that these beautiful flowers that we enjoy year after year are protected and not to be picked.



Reconciliation Working Group

On Thursday 20 August members of the Reconciliation Working Group (pictured) gathered for an informal morning tea in the Shire of Toodyay Chambers.

This group last met in February 2020 and this morning tea was an opportunity for both old and new members to get to meet and know each other. The group is striving to move ahead in partnership with a workable and realistic framework promoting respect, equality and understanding within our community and between our cultures.



Mens Shed Morning Tea

The Shire CEO, Suzie Haslehurst met with the 'boys' from the Mens Shed for a morning tea meet and greet. Suzie was given a tour of the Mens Shed and around the general site. A number of issues were discussed, one of them surrounding the accessibility for gophers to the main townsite. Pictured right - Suzie with members of the Mens Shed. Truly, a rose among the thorns!



WALGA Visit

WALGA CEO Nick Sloan and WALGA President Tracey Roberts who is also the City of Wanneroo Mayor, recently dropped in to Toodyay and met with Councillors. Nick made a presentation to Council and following discussion surrounded the services that WALGA is providing to the Shire and the growing partnership between the Shire of Toodyay and WALGA.



A Message from the Shire President.....

Spring is upon us and Toodyay is showcasing her best face, sunny with acacia and canola blossom, vibrant green rolling hills, frisky lambs and beautiful weather. Toodyay is busy with visitors as most know from the busy weekend traffic and we can anticipate many more following Toodyay's exposure in the RAC Special WA Travel Edition of Horizons, a circulation of 635,000 households.

If you have not already, wander past the Toodyay Recreation Centre and be inspired by an excellent facility in a such a lovely location. Not many regional schools have facilities like these at the back door and anticipation rises with the countdown to the official opening on 21 November. Then take a moment to consider the planning and work behind the scenes of life in Toodyay. Everything you do has a planning underlay, whether its parking, building, keeping livestock or pets, planning provides order and facilities.

Currently two documents are open for comment, a Public Art Policy, closes on 16 September and the key document that most affects your lives, Toodyay's Local Planning Scheme draft version (No.5) closing on 2 December 2020.

Planning is a large, all encompassing and heavily regulated field for Shire officers and Council to navigate. Essential to success in meeting community expectation is the level of community input. Positive or negative, it provides the Shire an understanding of what is required and how best it can be delivered.

Subdivision is one area where misconceptions often occur. Subdivision approvals are undertaken by the WA Planning Commission (WAPC) with the role of local government simply to comment upon the conditions referred to it by the WAPC in the context of its local planning scheme and policies. The Shire responses to the WAPC are considered, yet may be overridden in the final decision.

So, before you skim past and delegate to the 'too hard basket', stop and consider what impacts most upon you. Then respond. Open the document on the Shire website under Open for Comment and read those areas and send in your comments clearly labelled as a submission for the draft Local Planning Scheme No.5.

We all have a part to play in how our community develops and the standard of life we wish to live, help direct our future.



Shire President Cr Madacsi



Toodyay Junior Tennis Coaching

Exciting Update regarding Toodyay Tennis Club Coaching for Term 4, 2020.

Level 2 Coach Brenton Bacon has confirmed he is available for coaching for season 2020/21. Brenton has an extensive professional playing background and has coached both internationally and nationally for the past 10 years. After consultation with our volunteer coaches, we have decided to hand over all current Toodyay Tennis Coaching to Brenton from Term 4. Please note that there will be no more Monday afternoon community coaching.

This is an amazing opportunity for our Junior and adult players. Brenton will be coaching on Sundays. The cost will be \$12.50 per 45 minute lesson and a full term payment (8 Lessons) will be required by the first coaching session. Times will be confirmed

Brenton is also available for group adult coaching, as well as private coaching for juniors and adults (\$40 - 30 minutes, \$60 - 45 minutes and \$80 - 60 minutes). If you are interested in the above please contact Bree Byfield 0402622384



Watch this SPACE Toodyay

Recreation Centre Official Opening details coming soon.....



WHEN LOCAL BUSINESSES THRIVE, OUR COMMUNITIES THRIVE





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SHANE LOVE'S  
MOORE COMMUNITY GRANTS

Small grants for not-for-profit community groups in the Electorate of Moore

 Shane Love MLA – The Member for Moore

As the state Member for Moore, I am pleased to support local community groups through donations and sponsorship. On top of the usual support I provide community and sporting groups throughout the year, I've made available 'Shane Love's Moore Community Grants' to provide small donations to not-for-profit community groups in the Moore electorate. Grants of up to \$300 each will be available, by application, to support those organisations working hard to enrich and support our communities.

Applications for funds will be assessed independently with a focus on community benefit.

**Who can apply?**  
Not-for-profit community groups and organisations making a positive difference in the electorate of Moore (see attached electorate map).

**How much can a group apply for?**  
Grants will be up to \$300. There are limited funds available and applications will be assessed on the basis of community benefit.

**When is the grant round open?**  
Online applications will open on 1 September 2020 and close 24 September 2020. Successful applicants will be notified as soon as possible following the closing date, with funds available within one week.

**How to apply**  
Apply online at [www.dandaragancrc.net.au](http://www.dandaragancrc.net.au) or through links on Shane Love MLA – The Member for Moore Facebook page

If you have any questions about the application process, please contact Shane Love's office on Tel: 9927 2333 or Email: [MooreElectorate@mp.wa.gov.au](mailto:MooreElectorate@mp.wa.gov.au)



For people living with dementia and their carers

**Are You.**

A family member, or someone you care for living with Dementia? Come along and join other travelling the same road, for a coffee and a chat in a warm friendly atmosphere.

When: 2nd Tuesday of each month  
10:00am - 12:00pm

Where: Toodyay Bakery, Toodyay  
Please be aware this is not a respite service  
E: [fmncafe@outlook.com](mailto:fmncafe@outlook.com)

Invitation

Gaol Restoration  
&  
Toodyay Convict  
Depot Walk Launch

Thursday 1 October 2020


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Please join us on a guided  
walk along the Convict  
Depot Walk to the Newcastle  
Gaol Museum for  
morning tea\*


Guided walk: 9.30am from the  
Toodyay Visitors Centre. Walk is  
approx. 600 metres.

Morning tea: 10.00am at the  
Newcastle Gaol Museum

\* Anyone not wanting to walk can meet at the  
Newcastle Gaol Museum for morning tea.



RSVP





WHATS COUNCIL BEEN  
UP TO THIS MONTH?

The August Ordinary Council Meeting opened with Councilor's disclosing interests:

Pursuant to Regulation 11 of the *Local Government (Rules of Conduct) Regulations 2007*: Cr Ruthven declared an Impartiality Interest in regard to Agenda Item 14.1 Bushfire Mitigation Works Program Tender; and Cr Madacsi declared an Impartiality Interest in regard to Agenda Item 9.2.3 EOI Audit Committee; and pursuant to Section 5.60A of the *Local Government Act 1995*: Cr Rayner declared a Financial Interest in regard to Agenda Item 14.2 Appointment of Bush Fire Control Officers.

During Public Question time, B Foley on behalf of the Toodyay Progress Association asked three questions relating to the management of the Toodyay Recreation Centre. All questions were responded to.

Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 28 July 2020, Minutes from the Special Council Meeting held on 11 August 2020; Notes from the Agenda Briefing held on 18 August 2020 and Item 9.1.3 Proposed Road Name - Cascade Lane - were all adopted by exception.

B Foley made a submission to Council on behalf of the Friends of the Catholic Precinct regarding the proposed demolition of Appian Way.

An alternate Officer Recommendation saw Council refuse the application for Development Approval for the partial demolition of the covered walkway (known as Appian Way) at the Catholic Precinct.

Council recommended to the Geographical Names Committee that the new road created as a part of the Catholic Church Precinct subdivision be named Mercy Retreat. (Councillors Madacsi, Ruthven, Hart, Pearce and Rayner voted for the motion. Councillors Bell and McKeown voted against the motion).

Council recommended to the Geographical Names Committee that the new private road forming common property as a part of the Catholic Church subdivision be named Cascade Lane.

The List of Payments and Monthly Financials were not available due to the changeover of Enterprise Software and these will be brought to the September 2020 OCM.

Council appointed Mr Andrew McCann as a member of the Audit Committee.

Council requested the Chief Executive Officer to undertake a comprehensive review of the Shire's policies and delegations and bring all proposed, new or amended policies and/or delegations to Council for approval.

Council requested the Chief Executive Officer to review the Shire's procurement policies, practices and procedures in accordance with the recommendation made by the Auditor General and present a report to the December 2020 meeting of the Audit and Risk Committee for consideration of any recommended improvements to be made.

Council nominated voting delegates for the 2020 WALGA AGM as follows: Voting Delegate (1) Councillor Madacsi; Voting Delegate (2) Councillor Ruthven; and Proxy Voting Delegate (1) Councillor Rayner.

Council appointed Cr Hart as Primary Delegate and Cr McKeown as Deputy Delegate on the Museum Advisory Committee.

Council considered Item 13.2.1 Response to WALGA position on Final Report of the Local Government Review Panel as new business of an urgent nature and included the report in the meeting. Council then endorsed the feedback to WALGA's response to the Local Government Review Panel Final Report. 2. Council reports to WALGA that recommendation 53 (a) and (b) requires more clarification; and 3. Requested the Chief Executive Officer to submit the feedback to WALGA and the Zone on behalf of Council no later than Friday 28 August 2020.

Council Awarded tender TEN05-2020 as follows: Treatments in the *Fuel Reduction – Prescribed Burning* and *Fuel Reduction Mechanical Works* categories to Fire Mitigation Services Pty Ltd - value \$328,950.00; and Treatments in the *Fire Access (Tracks) – Mechanical* category to Avon Earthworks Pty Ltd for - value \$118,856.27.

Council received an excerpt of the minutes of the Bush Fire Advisory Committee (BFAC) held on 4 August 2020 and then considered BFAC Recommendations in respect to appointment of Bush Fire Control Officers and the designation of Chief and Deputy Chief Bush Fire Control Officer roles:

Council appointed Bush Fire Control Officers as follows:

Mr Craig Stewart	(Chief Bush Fire Control Officer)
Mr Nick Griggs	(Deputy Bush Fire Control Officer 1)
Mr Brian Rayner	(Deputy Bush Fire Control Officer 2)
Mr Robert Koch	(Deputy Bush Fire Control Officer 3)
Mr Garry Forsyth	(Bush Fire Control Officer)
Mr John Hansen	(Bush Fire Control Officer)
Mr Ian MacGregor	(Bush Fire Control Officer)
Mr Kim Maddrell	(Bush Fire Control Officer)
Mr Charles Wroth	(Bush Fire Control Officer)

All Council and Committee Minutes and Agendas can be found of the Shire's website via the link: [www.toodyay.wa.gov.au/Council/Council-Meetings/](http://www.toodyay.wa.gov.au/Council/Council-Meetings/)

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 via livestream. If you don't manage to catch the livestream, the recordings of Council Meetings can be found on <https://www.toodyay.wa.gov.au/Council/Council-Meetings/Livestream-Library>



# TCRC DISCO

## FRIDAY 2ND OCTOBER

Yr 1 to Yr 6 \$2 Yr 7 to Yr 10  
4 pm to 6 pm Entry 7 pm to 9 pm

**At the Memorial Hall**

- Prizes to be won
- Glowsticks 10c each
- Games
- Canteen available

**Bookings not essential**

**DJ**

# MANGA WORKSHOP

## AT THE TCRC CONFERENCE ROOM

THURSDAY 8TH OCTOBER  
10.30 AM TIL 12.30 PM  
PRESENTED BY DEBORA GREGORIO

**10 - 16 YEARS OLD**

**\$5 ENTRY**

MATERIALS WILL BE SUPPLIED BY THE TCRC

MANGA ARE COMICS OR GRAPHIC NOVELS ORIGINATING FROM JAPAN.

THE TERM MANGA IS USED IN JAPAN TO REFER TO BOTH COMICS AND CARTOONING.

MANGA MAKES UP A LARGE PERCENTAGE OF THE JAPANESE PUBLISHING MARKET, SO THAT THERE ARE COMICS AVAILABLE FOR ALL AGES, GENDERS AND INTERESTS.

**Bookings essential**

# Frozen II

## Dress up Movie Afternoon

Tuesday 29th September  
1:00 pm till 3:00 pm  
At the TCRC

**Gold Coin Donation**

**Bookings not essential**

**FREE POPCORN**

**PG** Some scenes may scare younger children

Come dressed up in your favourite costume to watch Frozen 2. Elsa the queen of Arendale has the power to create ice and snow. She travels to the enchanted forests and dark seas beyond her kingdom -- an adventure that soon turns into a journey of self-discovery.

# Kids Weaving Workshop

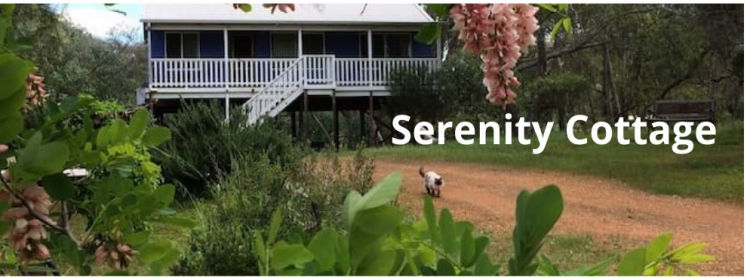
## Wednesday 7th October

10 am till 12 pm  
\$5 pp  
Ages 8 and over  
TCRC Conference room  
with Lea Taylor

**Booking Essential**

Lea offers a variety of Weaving, Art & Cultural Education Workshops for contemporary Aboriginal Weaving. All products are supplied. FREE Morning Tea.

Please contact the TCRC to book or for more information on 9574 5357 or email [toodyay@crc.net.au](mailto:toodyay@crc.net.au)  
Proudly sponsored by the Shire of Toodyay



# The Toodyay Visitor Centre is Buzzing....

We would like to welcome on board our new Visitor Centre Partners:

- Art Shack on the Avon
- Alan & Eve's Eden
- GPS Adventure Tours
- Heidi's Driving Service
- Serenity Cottage
- The Hike Collective
- Totem Glamping
- Wildhearts Horse Riding

It's been absolutely fantastic to see how many visitors we have been having in town over the last couple of months. Our local businesses have all been rushed off their feet and we often have visitors comment to us about what a lovely town we have and how friendly and welcoming everyone is. More information on these businesses will be available on our website: [www.toodyay.com](http://www.toodyay.com), if you would like to know more.

# GO LOCAL FIRST!

It has never been more important to shop and support local businesses. They create local jobs and help to make our town the vibrant, charming, welcoming place that it is.

You can show your support in a number of ways:

- Shop at a local business
- Recommending a local business to family and friends
- Interact on social media by liking, commenting and sharing local business posts
- Create your own post on social media endorsing a great local business







Community  
Citizen of the  
year Awards

# KNOW SOMEONE GREAT?

Nominate an individual or a group for a 2021 Australia Day Award.

[citizenshipawards.com.au](https://citizenshipawards.com.au) | Closing Date: 31 October 2020

Local Government Recognising Community Champions.

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## Toodyay Playgroup is undergoing a transformation

With a newly appointed committee, Toodyay Playgroup is excited to welcome committee President Jessica Donovan, Secretary Nikki Fleay, Treasurer Joanna Lamas and General members, Siobhan Puescher, Sheradin Lockyer and Katie Sharples.

The committee has been working tirelessly to give playgroup a makeover, with the centre being freshly painted and acquiring new furniture, toys and a shade sail.

Playgroup invites all families with children 0-5yrs to the Open Day on Thursday 15 October from 9am-11am. There will be a petting zoo, face painting and activities for everyone to enjoy. All are welcome to come along and check out what playgroup is all about.

We are looking forward to be offering Messy Play Thursdays as of Week 1 of Term 4. There will be activities set up for your children to explore sensory materials and learn through play experiences in a safe environment. The centre is open every Tuesday and Thursday from 9.00am - 11.00am (0-5 welcome), while Bubs Play is on Wednesdays from 10am-12pm (best suited for under 1's)

Playgroup recently hosted St. John Ambulance to run a First Aid Course specifically focusing on children. It was a great

turn out, with a lot of new parents attending the session. It was an ideal opportunity for everyone to brush up on their First Aid skills. We will endeavour to provide ongoing educational opportunities to Playgroup members.

The new Playgroup committee is looking forward to a fresh beginning and welcoming new mums, dads, grandparents and caregivers to the centre.



St. John Ambulance visiting Toodyay Playgroup

# JOIN THE FUN

## PLAY CRICKET AT YOUR LOCAL CLUB AND LEARN NEW SKILLS WHILE PLAYING AUSTRALIA'S FAVOURITE SPORT



### JUNIOR BLASTERS

AGES 5-7 | 60 MINS

- Learn new skills including catching, throwing and teamwork
- Make new friends or organise a group to learn together
- Wear the colours of your favourite Big Bash heroes in a personalised t-shirt
- All equipment supplied, parents join in the fun

**SIGN UP NOW TO GET YOUR JUNIOR BLASTERS PACK!**  
Includes t-shirt with your name on it and bucket hat in your choice of Big Bash team colour, bat & ball, personalised bat sticker sheet & progression tracker.





### MASTER BLASTERS

AGES 7-10 | 90 MINS

- For kids with basic cricket skills
- Every kid gets a chance to bat, bowl and field
- Wear the colours of your favourite Big Bash heroes in your choice of coloured player cap
- Make new friends or organise a group to play together
- All equipment supplied, parents join the fun

**SIGN UP NOW TO GET YOUR MASTER BLASTERS PACK!**  
Includes player cap in your choice of Big Bash team colour & progression tracker.





### JUNIOR CRICKET

AGES 9-17 | 2-4 HOURS

- Play junior cricket at your local club
- Short, action-packed games
- Enhanced game formats allowing for greater skill development
- Develop teamwork in a fun and competitive environment
- Join an existing team or join with a group of friends

**SIGN UP NOW TO ALL-GIRLS LEAGUES**


Junior blaster: 4:30 - 5:30pm on Friday afternoons at Toodyay town oval. Start date 16/10/20, cost \$75 including pack.

Master blaster: 4:30 - 6:00pm on Friday afternoons at Toodyay town oval. Start date 16/10/20, cost \$45.

Junior Cricket (Saturday mornings), Contact Bree 0402622384

**JOIN THE FUN AT YOUR LOCAL CLUB**  
**REGISTER AT [PLAYCRICKET.COM.AU](https://playcricket.com.au)**

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## Carols in the Park

Carols in the Park 2020 is **CANCELLED**.

Hopefully 2021 will see the committee able to stage a super outdoor event. However, the prime concern this year surrounds COVID-19 and the necessary social distancing.



**"Calling for Entries"**  
**VINO Arts Toodyay 15th Year Anniversary Exhibition**

The exhibition will showcase artworks by established and emerging artists including local talent living in Toodyay and the Avon Valley region

**Held at Coorinja Winery on Toodyay Road, Toodyay**  
**25 - 28 September 2020**

**This year there will be cash prizes awarded for**  
 The Overall Award \$500 - Donated by "Christmas 360" Toodyay  
 Four Highly Commended Prizes of \$250 each  
 Toodyay Local Resident Prize \$150 / Arts Toodyay Inc. Committee Prize \$150

**All mediums accepted**  
 Oil Painting, Acrylic Works, Watercolours, Mixed Medium, Printmaking, Drawings, Pencil Works, Pottery, Sculpture, Fabric works, Jewellery Making, Mosaic, Journaling, Woodwork and more.

**Viewing & Sales: Saturday 26, Sunday 27 & Monday 28**

**VINO Event Entry Form & Enquiries**  
 Margaret Sommerville, VINO Event Coordinator  
 Email: msommerville@westnet.com.au

**Send Completed VINO Form & Membership Enquiries**  
 Email: secretary.arts.2j@gmail.com

**Important Dates**  
 Deliveries of works: Wednesday 23 September  
 Collection of works: Monday 28 September 4pm

**Welcome to our premier arts event for 2020**  
 More Info: Arts Toodyay Website & Facebook Page  
 Covid-19 restrictions by WA Government will be adhered to



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

It's that time again! Sunday 20 Sept 2020

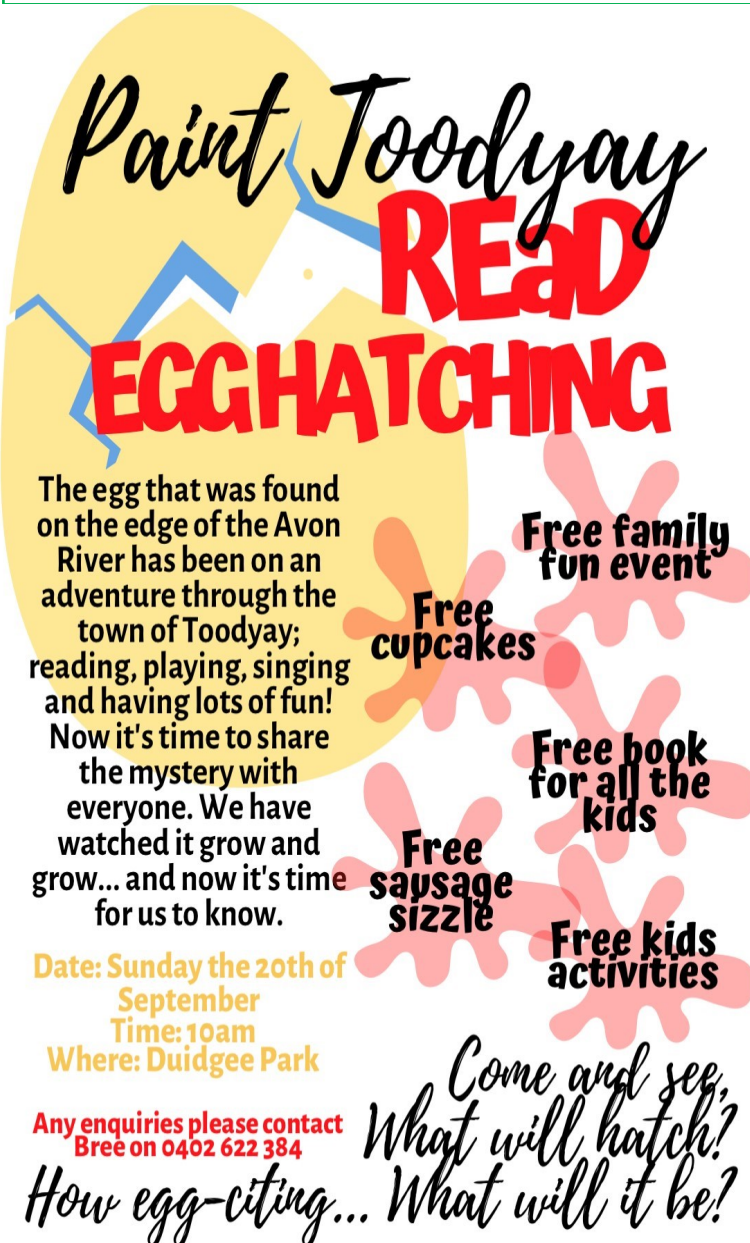
This time it isn't going to rain on our parade (fingers x).. there will be lots happening in the Town of Toodyay that weekend so we are gearing up for a big market.. The Miniature Train will be holding a Steam Day, The Fairytale Farm is open and the big one...



## TOODYAY FARMERS MARKET

Paint the Town REaD – Duigee Park – on the same day as the market, a nationwide program, encouraging excitement and fun about literacy, A BIG Egg that travels around the schools, as it's read to it grows. A Reading mascot will emerge from the egg, and hatches at 10.40am. The Mascot will then come through the markets – getting some photos through and with the stall holders. We will have extra kids books on the market stall and some of our local shops in town will have books available for book swap.

If you would like to get in on this – you are welcome to dress up as a book character..



**Paint Toodyay REaD EGGHATCHING**

The egg that was found on the edge of the Avon River has been on an adventure through the town of Toodyay; reading, playing, singing and having lots of fun! Now it's time to share the mystery with everyone. We have watched it grow and grow... and now it's time for us to know.

**Free family fun event**  
**Free cupcakes**  
**Free book for all the kids**  
**Free sausage sizzle**  
**Free kids activities**

**Date: Sunday the 20th of September**  
**Time: 10am**  
**Where: Duigee Park**

**Any enquiries please contact Bree on 0402 622 384**

*Come and see, What will hatch? How egg-citing... What will it be?*



**WA MENTAL HEALTH WEEK 2020**

**Strengthening our Community**  
 LIVE • LEARN • WORK • PLAY

**10-17 OCTOBER**

[mentalhealthweek.org.au](http://mentalhealthweek.org.au)  
 #strongertogether @MentalHealthWeekWA

Government of Western Australia  
 WAAMH  
 Mental Health Commission

## Regional Arts Resilience Grants open for Round 3 have you considered applying?



Preparing for the Artzability Short Film Festival.  
 Picture by Bianca Harwig

Applications are now open for Round 3 of the 2020 Regional Arts Resilience Grants - with up to \$15,000 for creative development, community engagement and capacity-building activities which sustain creative practices in the wake of COVID-19. For more information see our website (including details to get in touch with a project officer and discuss how you can make an application.



**The Ultimate Organised Home**

**A FREE WORKSHOP WITH PROFESSIONAL ORGANISER SARA HALL**

Spring is the season to declutter your home...and your mind! Join us as Sara serves up laundry-loads of home organisation hacks that will save you time, money and sanity. Afternoon tea is on the (very tidy) house.

**Saturday September 26<sup>th</sup>, 1pm-3.30pm**  
**Toodyay Library, 96 Stirling Terrace, Toodyay**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO RSVP**  
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**Helping Toodyay District High School P&C to benefit all students**

The Toodyay District High School Parents & Citizens Association (P&C) promotes cooperation between parents, students, school staff and community members for the benefit of students at Toodyay District High School.

The P&C works with TDHS staff and the School Council to determine shared priorities for projects and activities that will improve school facilities, resources and opportunities for students.

The P&C has a significant role in helping to raise funds to support these initiatives.

**What sort of things does the P&C support?**

In 2020/21 we intend to contribute donations towards the construction of a new concrete bike path in the early childhood area; installation of lockers for secondary students; and bus transport for the year 6 camp.



But that's not all, we want to make donations towards the installation of shade sails throughout the school grounds; and stage two of the library upgrade which includes new circulation desk, referencing shelving and furniture for students, plus other worthy initiatives to support.

**How you can help?**

The P&C hosts a variety of activities and events throughout the year to raise funds, such as gift stalls for Mother's Day and Father's Day, sausage sizzles, event catering and special events such as the upcoming Halloween disco. Income is also generated by the school canteen food service, which is run two days per week by a team of dedicated volunteers.

You can help by supporting fundraising activities and events, by volunteering at the canteen or making a donation to the P&C. You can help any way you choose!

Please follow the 'Toodyay District High School P&C' facebook page and support our upcoming fundraising activities and events.

**Membership**

Membership is open to anyone supporting the P&C's purpose. You don't have to be a parent of a child at school to be a part of our school community. You may have children or grandchildren at school, be a former student yourself, or new to the area and keen to contribute to our school's success.

To receive a membership form, please email [pandctoodaydhs@gmail.com](mailto:pandctoodaydhs@gmail.com), message via the facebook page – search 'Toodyay DHS P&C', or pick up a membership form from the School Office.

**TOODYAY'S HIDDEN TREASURES****JULIMAR DATE GARDEN  
MAKE A 'DATE' WITH STEPHEN**
 **1790 JULIMAR ROAD, JULIMAR**

Life is naturally sweet at the Julimar Date Garden, a one-off fruit farm turned tourist attraction right on Toodyay's doorstep. It has been sitting pretty on the southern edge of the Julimar State Forest, just 15 minutes from town, since owner/operator Stephen Kelly planted the first palm back in 2007 – yet it's something locals are often surprised to discover in their own backyard.

Fronting a 54-acre property surrounded by rolling hills and home to a wealth of wildflowers and wildlife, it's an idyllic slice of agriculture on the surface. But underneath it's a booming business venture paving the path for date growing Down Under, as both the birthplace of commercial date harvesting in Western Australia and a pioneer of the Toodyay Food and Picnic Trail (a self-drive tour suggesting additional stops at the butcher, the baker and the Coorinja wine maker). At this point, you must be wondering why you hadn't heard of it before.

Well, it's word of mouth over marketing that has made sure Stephen's produce – five different date varieties, including several previously unavailable in Australia – sells itself. And that word has spread way beyond the Wheatbelt. People travel to Toodyay from as far as Perth's southern suburbs just for a kilo of Julimar Medjools, bypassing countless supermarkets stocked with the imported kind. And they can all, Stephen is confident, taste the difference.

You can trust a man who worked as an aircraft engineer, police sergeant and prison officer prior to adding 'date grower' to his resumé. It was actually Stephen's police stint in the Northern Territory, and the fateful find of a date plantation in Alice Springs, that saw the garden's seeds sprout in his mind. He and his wife moved to WA and became Toodyay landowners in 2005, but two years of property-prepping and decision-making followed before he finally swapped laying down the law for pollinating palms. It was a shock when date farming turned out to be as difficult and dangerous – in its own way – as working with planes and prisoners (the multiple palm spike

incidents that landed him in hospital are the proof in the sticky date pudding. Luckily, passion is an effective painkiller).

Patience is a must-have for any date farmer, since it can take the trees up to a decade to produce the harvestable – and most importantly, edible – sweet treats. Stephen may have planted the garden's first palms thirteen years ago, but it wasn't until 2016 that he saw the fruits of his labour in the flesh. Nowadays, after years of careful cultivation, his plantation's 115 palms produce a tonne of Medjool, Khadrawy, Khalas, Nagal and Barhee dates each year throughout summer and autumn. Stephen's pick of the bunch is the Khadrawy, but he finds the fruit-salad flavour of the Khalas very hard to resist. In the near future, it will be easier to see why for yourself.

Garden visits and tasting sessions are currently by appointment only, season and supply permitting (the dates are so in demand, you'll need your name on a list to have a hope of taking some home). But wait a little while and you'll be able to stop by a Bedouin-style "cellar door" featuring a tasting space, shop front and sorting room; and meet and greet camels direct from Morangup's Dromedary, who might just be dressed up for the occasion. Both additions are bound to maximise the farm's Middle Eastern mystique and make every visit even more enjoyable.

But why wait? The Julimar Date Garden is already well worth a visit, should you prefer sweet dates to sour grapes (over buying supermarket Medjools when you had a fresh, organic supply within a stone's throw). If you can picture yourself wandering through the plantation with a passionate and knowledgeable grower as your guide, give Stephen a call and he'll happily make a "date" with you.

The garden is located at 1790 Julimar Road. To book your visit or to find out more, contact Stephen on 0438 118 433 or head to:

[facebook.com/JulimarDateGarden](https://facebook.com/JulimarDateGarden).

**Toodyay District High School  
Halloween Disco**

**Come along to the TDHS Halloween Disco, help support the TDHS P&C and dance the night away with fun games and prizes for the best dressed.**

**\$2 entry at the door**

**Canteen will open with spooky snacks and drinks available to buy.**

**Where: Toodyay District High School assembly area**

**When: Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October**



**Kindy to year 2 - 4.30pm-6.00pm**

**Year 3 to Year 10 - 6.00pm-7.30pm**

**For parents and carers who can help on the day or would like to see how else you can help, please phone or message Tash Hof on 0457 556 397.**

**"Many hands make light work"**



# Not long to go now.....

The beautiful and inviting water contrasted by blue skies and rolling green hills, the Recreation Centre is soon to be open. With junior tennis lessons and fourth term school swimming lessons commencing in October, it has been well worth the wait. Even our pets have been catered for with their own water bowls.

On Friday 11 September 2020, Hon Mick Murray MLA Minister for Seniors and Ageing; Volunteering; Sport and Recreation along with Hon. Darren West, MLC Member for Agricultural Region, senior ADCO personnel, Councillors and senior Shire staff spent some time at the Recreation Centre viewing the progress. Shire President Rosemary Madasci said “It is impressive with what has been achieved and now, collectively we will make it really work for our community”.

Where will you be this summer if not at the pool soaking up the rays and the views.

