

Toodyay Community Newsletter

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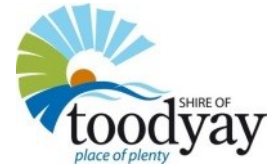
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LOCAL GOVERNMENT EXTRAORDINARY ELECTION FRIDAY 15 JUNE 2018



Recently 2 members of the Toodyay Shire Council resigned forcing a special election to replace the vacant Council positions for the balance of their respective terms in accordance with the provisions of s.4.39 (1) of the *Local Government Act 1995*;

The Extraordinary Election will affect the West and Central Wards only and will be held by postal vote.

NOMINATING FOR COUNCIL

Nominations for candidates open:
Monday, 2 April 2018

Candidates must lodge a completed nomination paper, in the prescribed form, with the Returning Officer.

Nominations period is open for 8 days.

Close of Nominations:

4.00 pm Monday, 9 April 2018

POSTAL VOTING

Ratepayers in the West and Central Wards will receive a voting information package by post. To ensure you have your say as to who represents you on Council, follow the instructions, including signing your envelope where directed and returning it to the State Electoral Commission in the envelope supplied. There will be no 'on the day' voting - all voting will be via the 'postal vote' process.

Election Packages will be sent to all electors on the local government electoral roll. **Electoral rolls will close at 5.00pm Thursday 26 April 2018.** See back page for details on how to enrol..



Replacement Packages can be obtained from the Shire of Toodyay prior to election day and from 8.00am to 6.00pm on election day if the package is not received or should any papers be missing.

Post your vote early.

Completed postal voting packages must reach the
Returning Officer by 6.00pm on election day, Friday 15th June.

OR

You may hand deliver your voting package to an electoral officer at the Shire of Toodyay during business hours before election day or drop it off at the chief polling place on election day at the Council Chambers between:

8.00am and 6.00pm on election day.

Chief Polling Place:

Shire Chambers, 15 Fiennes Street, Toodyay

The count of votes will commence at 6.00pm at the Shire Chambers, 15 Fiennes Street, Toodyay. The 'count' is open to the public.

Robert Dew

RETURNING OFFICER

9620 1234 or 0429 962 013

'HAVE YOUR SAY' Strategic Community Plan

You still have time to 'Have your say'

Come along to the Farmers Markets on Sunday, 18 March 2018 in Stirling Park and have a chat about the Strategic Community Plan with the Shire President, Cr Rayner or the CEO, Stan Scott from 9.00am to 1.00pm.

While you're there, pick up a survey form to complete. Hard copies are also available at the Shire Office, Visitors Centre and Library.

You can visit the Shire's website for an electronic version of the survey, further information and ongoing updates.

<http://www.toodyay.wa.gov.au/Have-Your-Say/Strategic-Community-Plan-Review>

The Plan will be much better if you are in it!



President's Pen - Cr Brian Rayner

Butterley Cottages units are progressing at a snails pace but they are required to be completed by 30 June 2018.

I was most heartened with the response by the groups/organisations who were invited to participate in the special interest groups' workshop for the Community Strategic Plan held the Memorial Hall last month. On the flip side the three open meetings held in Toodyay, Morangup and Bejoording, were poorly attended. Thank you to those who made the effort to attend, your input will be of valuable benefit for inclusion in the final draft.

Thank you to those Toodyay residents who attended the State Waste Planning Strategy in Northam at very short notice. Hopefully Toodyay's input into the plan will assist in stemming the flow of waste being delivered up the hill to Toodyay, York and Gingin from the flatlands.

For community information on waste disposal, workshops were held in Kalgoorlie, Albany, Bunbury Geraldton and three metropolitan regions. Central and Eastern Wheatbelt were not included in the original forums, but strong representation and urgent lobbying by the CEOs in AROC (Avon Regional Organisation of Councils) region, enabled a workshop to be held in Northam. A great outcome for the Avon and surrounding area.

Toodyay was unsuccessful in its recent bid for funding for the Sport and Recreational Centre, but there is another round of funding to be announced in May/June. Fingers Crossed.

We reluctantly say goodbye to Cr Sally Craddock (pictured) who recently stepped down from her position on Council. We would like to thank Cr Craddock for her efforts in supporting the Community of Toodyay spanning a period of 15 years. Cr Craddock was the longest serving Councillor of the current Council and her experience and knowledge will be sadly missed. As President, I wish Sally good health in her life's endeavours. An extraordinary election will be held to fill the vacancy left by Cr Craddock, who represents West Ward on Friday, 15 June 2018.

Just prior going to print, Cr Granger also tendered her resignation from Council. Cr Granger leaves a vacancy in Central Ward and will be included in the extraordinary election on 15 June 2018.



Herald Retraction

A story in the March 2018 edition of the Toodyay Herald reported Toodyay Shire Cr, Paula Greenway as saying at last month's Shire Annual Elector's Meeting that the weekday AvonLink commuter rail service could

be replaced by a coach service through Morangup.

The Herald accepts that Cr Greenway was not referring to the existing weekday train service but was in fact referring to a coach service which could be added to, and support the existing AvonLink service.

Toodyay Herald— March 2018 Front Page Error

Stan Scott, CEO

There is an old adage that any publicity is good publicity. I don't think that anyone could say that this holds true for the latest front page.

The Department of Local Government Sport and Cultural Industries wrote to the Toodyay Progress Association (TPA) to advise them that the evidence provided by them, which I understand ran to about 300 pages including attachments, did not indicate that an Authorised Inquiry was justified. The letter said in part:

Before an Authorised Inquiry is contemplated, the Department's framework requires a high degree of evidence which indicates serious systemic breakdown in governance that renders the local government's operations severely dysfunctional. The Department considers the information assessed to date does not support that view.

The Department is working with the Shire on some policy and procedure improvements, and let's face it, we can always do better. The Shire of Toodyay is definitely not on notice. In fact on every occasion where the TPA alleged improper behaviour no impropriety was found.

The discussion with the Department will result in better policy and practice. The Herald headline, and indeed most of the article, is just plain wrong, and is in fact the opposite of the truth.

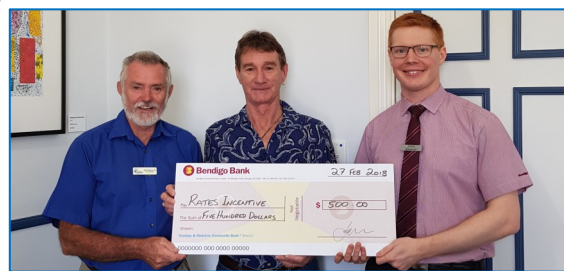


Rates Incentive Prize

The winner of the \$1,000.00 2017/18 Rates Incentive Prize was Mr Mark Bowden. Mr Bowden was presented with his \$500 prize by Andrew Lee from the Toodyay Community Bank and the Shire President, Cr Brian Rayner. The Shire of Toodyay also contributes \$500.00 to first prize.

The prize draw took place at the Ordinary Meeting of Council on 24 October 2017 and the prizes were drawn by a member of the public, Rachel Bell.

Mr Bowden has been unavailable until now to receive his prize. Congratulations Mr Bowden we all hope you enjoy your prize.



Tendering in the Shire

The Shire uses the Tenderlink portal to publish/manage tenders.

Suppliers who wish to submit a tender must be registered with Tenderlink. This system of procurement promotes and demonstrates high standards of probity where expected behaviours are articulated and enforced and appropriate checks and balances are in place at various stages in the procurement process.

Registering as a supplier with Tenderlink is free and can be found on the following link: <https://www.tenderlink.com/toodyay/>

If you would like any further information regarding the Shire's tender processes, please do not hesitate to call the Shire administration office 9574 9300.

Toodyay Family Cycle Detective Trek



Saturday 14th April

8am - 10am

Town Oval

Ride, walk, scoot or skate while searching for clues

Free snacks served at finish line

Open to all ages

Bring your own bike, scooter or skateboard and of course a helmet!

This is a free event but registrations are essential!
Maddie Ross 9574 9395, cdao@toodyay.wa.gov.au

Be sure to SLIP, SLOP, SLAP, SEEK, SLIDE!



Museum News

Lots of shuffling with displays at the Gaol this past month!

We are excited to have installed two new display cases at the Newcastle Gaol Museum. The *Growing Up in Toodyay* display has been refreshed with our new cases enabling young children to view the artefacts more easily.

The two 19th century era cases that were in this cell have been re-used elsewhere on the museum site. One has been moved into the Trades cell and the other across to the Wicklow Shearing Shed. The display in the Trades cell now includes carpentry and wheelwrighting tools.

The smaller display case that had been in the Trades cell has had its base stabilised thanks to the help of a volunteer, and was also moved across to the Wicklow Shearing Shed. We are currently preparing some artefacts associated with wool and shearing for display in this area.

A domino effect right across the museum site; thanks Taia, Elvi, Steve, Glenn and Andrew for all your help.

TOODYAY LIBRARY TALK

"The only thing that you absolutely have to know is the location of the library." Albert Einstein

**Toodyay Library is located in the main street of Toodyay
96 Stirling Terrace.**

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. Just bring along some photo ID (featuring your current residential address) and you'll be signed up and able to borrow anything you see on our shelves – for free! Books are available on a 3 week loan basis and DVDs for a one week loan.

Exciting News for April – *shiver me timbers!*

On Wednesday 18 April from 10am to 11.30am the library will be overrun with Pirates. **Norman Jorgensen, WA author of 'The Smuggler's Curse'** will be here at the library. If



you want to join the fun, pop in to the library soon (or the Visitor Centre or online <http://www.toodyay.wa.gov.au/Community-Visitors/Events/Upcoming-Events/Toodyay-Community-Program> to grab your registration form. Don't miss out.

There will be a prize for the best dressed pirate!

General Information

Every month our "NEW Items shelves" are restocked. This includes 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.

Morangup Library

We also provide a library service at Morangup branch which is open on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month from 2pm to 4.30pm. Head over to the Community Centre on Wallaby Way in Morangup, to have a browse and borrow and meet some of the lovely locals.

E-Resources

Did you know that as a Library Member you can access some fantastic resources for free! If you have a look on the Shire of Toodyay Website under Libraries you will see links to various free resources for yourself or your children, some of the resources available are e-books, audio books, films, magazines, children's activities and stories. If you need any assistance accessing these please give us a call or visit at the Toodyay Library with your device.

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 is not on during school holidays.

For further information, please call us on 9574 2323.

Hope to see you soon at either Toodyay or Morangup!

Youth Week WA 2018

TOODYAY YOUTH FORUM

Wednesday 18th April
Youth Hall (Toodyay Showgrounds)

Input From Youth For Youth

Two sessions:
12-17yrs 2pm - 4pm
18-25yrs 5.30pm - 7.30pm
Parent free zone!

Food Music
Free Wifi!
Everyone who pre-registers goes into a draw to WIN a prize

For more info contact Maddie at cdao@toodyay.wa.gov.au or visit the Toodyay Community Program Facebook page

Logos: Shire of Toodyay, Toodyay Community Resource Centre, Toodyay & Districts Community Bank Branch, Bendigo Bank

Toodyay Community Program
Monday 16th - Friday 20th April

MONDAY 16 APRIL Tennis 10am - 11.30am Tennis Courts Flennes Street	TUESDAY 17 APRIL Soccer 10am - 11.30am Town Oval Toodyay West Road	WEDNESDAY 18 APRIL Author Talk: The Smuggler's Curse Dressing up is encouraged! 10am - 11.30am Toodyay Library 96 Stirling Terrace
THURSDAY 19 APRIL Board Games Fun Day 1.30pm - 2.30pm Toodyay CRC Boardroom 111 Stirling Terrace	FRIDAY 20 APRIL Moodyne Joe Scarecrows 10.30am - 11.30am Toodyay CRC Courtyard 111 Stirling Terrace	Everyone is welcome - all ages, all abilities! Children under the age of 10 must be accompanied by an adult at all times

Your local community groups are hosting FREE have-a-go sessions with a variety of activities, games and challenges these school holidays! Remember to: Slip, Slop, Slap!

REGISTRATIONS ARE ESSENTIAL!
Registration forms are available from the following locations:
• Toodyay Visitors Centre
• Toodyay Public Library
• Toodyay Community Resource Centre

For further information contact Maddie Ross at the Shire of Toodyay on 9574 9395 or email cdao@toodyay.wa.gov.au



What's coming up in Toodyay.....

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

18 March - Avon Valley Black Dog Ride: Black Dog Ride began in 2009 as one man's ride to raise awareness of depression, developing into national suicide prevention charity involving thousands of Australian motorcycle riders. The ride concludes at Duidgee Park with a casual social gathering.

24 March - Toodyay Music Fest: A vibrant exciting day of music from many genres to entice all lovers of music. Everyone is welcome to come along and enjoy this free festival.

7 April - Lions Jumbo Auction: The annual Lions Jumbo Auction is back again for another year. Head down to the Town Oval to see what is up for grabs!

14 April - Toodyay Family Cycle: Dust off your detective skills for this year's Toodyay Family Cycle: Detective Trek. You can ride, walk, skate or scoot the trail where you must solve the clues. Whether you are Dora the Explorer or Sherlock Holmes there is something for everyone. Registrations are essential, just like your helmet! You must also bring your own bike, skateboard or scooter.

Take a rug or pull up a hay bale and groove to the beat!

Toodyay MUSIC FEST

Sat 24 March

'Duidgee Park, Stirling Park & St Stephens Church will be alive with music. Buskers will entertain diners and shoppers alike'. There will be music of all genres and styles to suit everyone's taste.

A range of food and drinks will be available for festival goers from a variety of vendors. There will also be stalls for those that wish to purchase music festival merchandise. The Toodyay Music Fest runs from 10am and ends at 9pm with what promises to be a fun and exciting free family community event. Bring a rug or chairs and share a great day out with your friends and family and help make Toodyay shine.

toodyaymusicfest@gmail.com

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Notice of Change Environmental Health Officer

Residents are advised that from 12 March 2018 the Shire's Environmental Health Officer (EHO) Mrs Krystal Stoneham will be on extended leave.

During Krystal's absence, Mr Grayson Hindmarsh, an experienced EHO with many years in the industry will be available on Wednesday and Thursday each week.

To ensure a continued efficient service please call the Planning and Development Department on 9574 9340 and request an appointment with Mr Hindmarsh. If urgent assistance is required outside the above days please contact Shire Staff and ask for assistance.

FIREBREAK ORDER REMINDER

Residents are reminded that they are required to maintain their properties as per the Shire's Firebreak Order until 30 April annually. With the recent summer rain, maintenance of firebreaks or grass areas may be required to ensure continued compliance with the Fire Break Order. Compliance inspections are continuing, and infringements may result. The Shire's Firebreak Order is sent to property owners annually with the rates notice and can also be viewed on the Shire's website - www.toodyay.wa.gov.au

SHIRE ROAD MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE

The Shire of Toodyay Works and Services Department plan to commence the following works:

Job Description	Estimated Completion
Ferguson Road Resheet	March 2018
Bulligan Road Resheet	April 2018
Shoulder Maintenance: Julimar Road; Toodyay Bindi Bindi Road; Bejoording Road; and Coondle West Road	May 2018

UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS - 2018 - Council Chambers

Meeting	Date	Time
Ordinary Council meeting	27 March 2018	4.00pm
Community and Public Transport Advisory Committee	3 April 2018	5.00pm
Council Forum	10 April 2018	4.00pm
Works Advisory Committee	19 April 2018	4.00pm
Toodyay Junction Advisory Committee	26 April 2018	5.30pm

Clarification—Herald Not in Trouble

In the December 2017 edition of the Community Newsletter it was reported that the Toodyay Herald may be experiencing financial difficulties. We have been advised by the Toodyay Herald that this is not the case, we withdraw unreservedly that statement, and apologise for any unintentional harm.

The statement was based on remarks made by the editor of the Toodyay Herald Mr Michael Sinclair-Jones that finances were very tight, but we accept that was not intended to infer that there were financial difficulties.

RANGER BUSINESS

Contacting the Ranger Services

If you are requesting assistance or attempting to notify the Shire of Toodyay Ranger regarding a Ranger issue, **please call them directly on 9574 9370**. Please refrain from using social media to make contact as these pages are not constantly monitored and this may lead to a delayed response or action.



Ranger office hours are between 8.00am – 5.00pm weekdays and 10.00am – 5.00pm weekends. Rangers can be contacted after hours for **serious emergencies** only on 9574 9370.

Cat Ownership:

The Cat Act 2011 requires that cat owners make sure the following laws are followed or penalties may apply.

The owner of a cat that has reached 6 months of age must ensure that:

- the cat is registered with the local government in whose district the cat is ordinarily kept
- the cat is micro chipped and sterilised (Certificates must be provided upon registration)
- the cat is wearing its registration tag

The above requirements may incur infringements of \$200 each if not complied with.

As per the Cat Act 2011, only approved cat breeders may breed cats. Breeding cats without the relevant Certificate of Approval may incur a \$200 Infringement.

For further questions or assistance please call our Shire Rangers on 9574 9370.

CESM

Restricted Burning Period

The Shire of Toodyay entered the Restricted Burning Period on 9 March 2018. During the Restricted Burning Period a valid permit is required for any burning activity. Permits allow a managed approach to burning which cannot realistically be deferred to other times of the year. As such, the Shire will give priority to permit requests for agricultural purposes relating to burning of stubble or chaff for crop preparation purposes during the current Restricted Burning Period.

Applications for permits can be found on the Shire Website: <http://www.toodyay.wa.gov.au/Resident-Services/Fire-Awareness/Fire-restrictions-and-permits> - with an automated email permits@toodyay.wa.gov.au. Your email must contain the following details - if the necessary details are not included in your email, your application may be delayed:

- Your Full Name
- Your Residential Address
- Location (Address and/or Parcel) of the burn.
- Phone Number(s)
- UHF Channel (if available)
- Type of burn (i.e. Stubble, grass, bush)
- Preferred Permit Commencement Date

The Shire will endeavour to respond to permit requests by COB the day following the request application.

To assist processing permit requests, when providing parcel descriptions please provide the full and current details (i.e. Lot and Plan Number). Quoting superseded or incomplete parcel descriptions may also delay your request.

Valley for all Seasons

The Shire has taken the lead on the collaborative tourism publication of the *Valley for all Seasons* brochure with thirty local tourism based businesses and events taking up the opportunity to advertise. This A4 glossy brochure will be distributed not only around Toodyay and the Avon Valley but in Perth and throughout all regions via Visitor's Centres.

The aim of this brochure is to boost tourism by presenting Toodyay as an attractive town for day-trippers, weekenders or family holidays and showcasing all that the Shire of Toodyay has to offer.

This brochure will also be distributed at the RAC Caravan & Camping Show in Perth 21 – 25 March 2018, alongside Avon Tourism and the Avon Valley Holiday Planner brochure (also featuring Toodyay).

Copies of the Valley for all Seasons are available at the Toodyay Visitors Centre and tourism based business throughout the town.

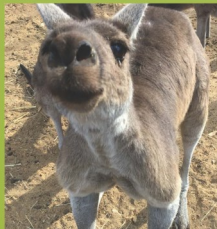
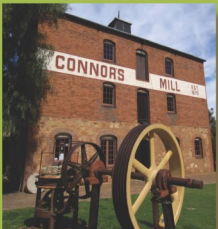
Thank you to Jane Taylor Photography for the awesome cover photo, Sue Eldridge for allowing George on the front and to the local businesses who have participated in this fantastic publication.



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15 June 2018

West & Central Wards

ENROLLING TO VOTE

You may be eligible to be enrolled to vote in the Shire of Toodyay's Extraordinary Local Government election if you live in or are an owner or occupier of rateable property within the West or Central Wards Shire of Toodyay.

Residents

You are automatically enrolled to vote if you are on the State Electoral Roll as at 5.00pm on 28 August 2015.

Non Resident Owners and Occupiers

If you are a non-resident owner or occupier of rateable property within one of the West and Central Wards the Shire of Toodyay and are on the State or Commonwealth Electoral Roll you are eligible to vote and should make an enrolment application to the Local Government. Occupiers do not have automatically have continuous enrolment and should contact the Shire of Toodyay to confirm their enrolment status.

Enrolment Forms

Enrolment claim forms can be obtained from the Shire of Toodyay or Australian Electoral Commission offices and should be lodged with Mr Stan Scott, Chief Executive Officer by 5.00pm on Friday 26 April 2018.

Stan Scott
Chief Executive Officer

15 March 2018

Compliment

It is not often compliments are given out however, our Works Crew recently received a lovely accolade from an impressed resident:

"I wish to sincerely thank all for the current upgrade of Ferguson Road, Coondle and, just as importantly, thank the work crew for their courtesy and consideration shown to all traffic on the road, when working.

Please thank everyone for their efforts. A job well done!"

Many thanks, Gretta (Sauta)

Shire of Toodyay Contact Details

The 'Old Courthouse'
15 Fiennes Street (PO Box 96)
TOODYAY WA 6566

Administration: (08) 9574 9300

Works and Services Depot: (08) 9574 9360

Community Development: (08) 9574 9390

Rangers: (08) 9574 9370

Toodyay Public Library: 9574 2323

Toodyay Visitor Centre: 9574 9380

Email: records@toodyay.wa.gov.au

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

Visitor Centre web: www.toodyay.com

