

OPEN FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

PRIVATE ROAD 44 STIRLING TERRACE TOODYAY – CASCADE LANE

The Shire of Toodyay has received an application for a private road name for the subdivisional area at 44 Stirling Terrace in Toodyay.

The proposed name is **Cascade Lane**.
A second option is Cascade Place.

Your view on the proposed road name is 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.

Submissions on the proposed road names may be addressed in writing and lodged with the Chief Executive Officer, Shire of Toodyay, PO Box 96 Toodyay 6566, by **4.00pm on Wednesday 5 August 2020**.

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

SUZIE HASLEHURST
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

PROPOSED ROAD NAME

CATHOLIC CHURCH PRECINCT – MERCY RETREAT

The Shire of Toodyay has received an application for a road name for the Catholic Church Precinct subdivisional area in Toodyay.

The proposed name is **Mercy Retreat**.

Your view on the proposed road name is encouraged and welcomed. The proposal is available for inspection at the Shire of Toodyay Administration Centre, Old Court House, 15 Fiennes Street, Toodyay.

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TENDERS ARE INVITED

Tender No.: TEN05 / 2020

Bush Fire Mitigation Works Program
for the Shire of Toodyay in Western Australia

Deadline: Tuesday 4 August at 2:00pm (AWST)

Tender documents and contract requirements are available from the Shire of Toodyay Tenderlink website - www.tenderlink.com/toodyay

For tender enquiries: Greg Warburton on (08) 9574 9300 or by email: records@toodyay.wa.gov.au

Tenders can only be lodged using the E-Tendering portal:

www.tenderlink.com/toodyay

Submissions will NOT be accepted in any other form.

Tenderers will be required to attend a compulsory site visit on:

Thursday 23 July 2020.

All electronic submissions must be clearly named with the Tender No. and lodged by the specified closing date and time.

SUZIE HASLEHURST
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

WE'RE HIRING

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

The Shire of Toodyay is seeking applications from enthusiastic and suitably qualified individuals to join the Corporate and Community Services Department in the role of Community Development Officer.

The role focuses on networking and creating linkages with key agencies and community groups, supporting community led projects and assisting with the development and delivery of events and activities within the local community.

The Shire offers attractive working conditions and a friendly work environment. The base salary component for this role is \$66,000pa. Other benefits include; support for professional development opportunities, additional superannuation contribution policy and income protection. To be considered, applicants must be able to demonstrate suitability in line with the position requirements, relevant qualifications and experience.

Applications close **4.00pm on Friday 7 August 2020**.

RANGER— FULL-TIME

The Shire of Toodyay is seeking applications from skilled and experienced rangers to join the Planning and Development team. The role is responsible for the practical application, and where necessary enforcement of a range of legislation and local laws for the Shire. The position also has a focus on public relations and education with the emphasis being on positive reinforcement and prevention as much as is possible.

The Shire offers attractive working conditions and a friendly work environment. The salary component for this role is \$67,000 plus superannuation. A mobile phone with reasonable private use and an appropriately badged vehicle with commuter use as well as a uniform allowance are provided. Other benefits include professional development opportunities, additional superannuation contribution policy and income protection.

Applications close **4.00pm on Monday 10 August 2020**.

Application packages for these positions are available on our website at www.toodyay.wa.gov.au or by contacting the Records Officer on 9574 9300 or email records@toodyay.wa.gov.au.

Applications, should be forwarded to the Chief Executive Officer, and marked "CONFIDENTIAL – Community Development Officer or Ranger".

Delivery Options

- ⇒ Via SEEK
- ⇒ By mail to PO Box 96, Toodyay WA 6566;
- ⇒ In person to Shire of Toodyay Admin Centre, 15 Fiennes Street Toodyay during opening hours; or
- ⇒ Via email to records@toodyay.wa.gov.au.

Applicants must have the right to live and work in Australia and agree to consent to a federal police clearance as part of the application process.

SUZIE HASLEHURST
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Camel-ccino anyone?

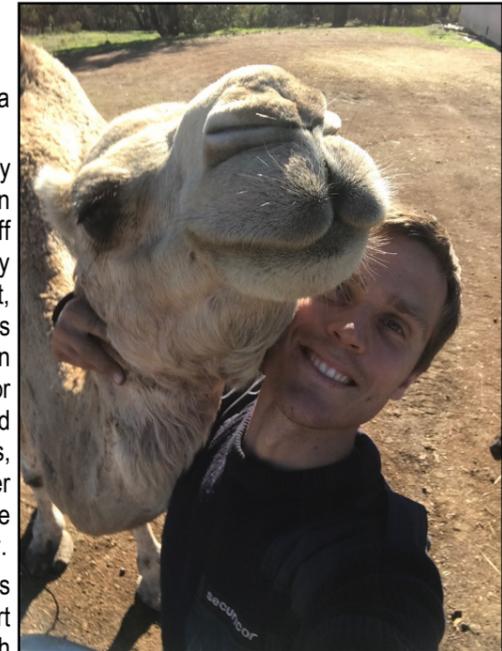
The Shire of Toodyay is no stranger to farm animals such as sheep and cows. However, a taller species has become the focus of an exciting new business venture – camels.

For the last three and a half years, Dr Max Bergmann, Managing Director of DromeDairy Australia Pty Ltd has been establishing a herd of dromedary camels on a property on Toodyay Road in Morangup. Recently, the operation has expanded to another property off Morangup Road in Morangup. Dr Bergmann has been working with the Shire of Toodyay and the WA Health Department to obtain the necessary approvals to operate a world first,



mobile milking system which is currently being custom built in Germany to supply camel milk for human consumption. It is anticipated that once this equipment arrives, which should be around September 2020, the camel venture will move fully to the Morangup Road property.

DromeDairy Australia Pty Ltd is Toodyay's local camel dairy and part of the Toodyay Picnic Trail, which was launched last year in July. DromeDairy produces a range of natural skin and hair care products, made from camel milk and other naturally sourced ingredients. These unique products are sold online, and through stockists in Perth and also through Uniquely Toodyay.



There are plans to open a cafe on the farm making DromeDairy a must see stop for anyone travelling to or from the Toodyay district. DromeDairy is closely collaborating with the Toodyay Shire to make this a tourist magnet success for the region. "I have always found the staff of the Shire extremely helpful and open to all my crazy ideas" says Dr Bergmann. "It is important for us to work together to a common goal of bringing more people to our beautiful town. This sounds logical, but I can assure you that reality is often quite different. So it is really good to see that the Shire is always open and supportive for businesses like ours, which is very reassuring and encouraging moving forward, and if we can contribute in making this the 'Camel Shire', I would be more than happy" Dr Bergmann explains. DromeDairy will, therefore, continue to work with the Toodyay Shire and other businesses in the area to enable everyone to have a camel-ccino or camel milk waffle at the DromeDairy café, or the Toodyay bakery in the very near future.



**ELECTION NOTICE 2020
LOCAL GOVERNMENT EXTRAORDINARY POSTAL ELECTION
ELECTION NOTICE**

(Local Government Act 1995, s4.64)

An election is being held by postal vote on Friday 31 July 2020 in the Shire of Toodyay to fill the following vacancy:

District : 1 Councillor Term to expire: 16 October 2021

CANDIDATES

- ◆ **ASHLEY, April**
- ◆ **MCKEOWN, Michael**
- ◆ **BOASE, Keith**

ELECTION PACKAGES will be sent to the electors on the Shire of Toodyay local government electoral roll.

REPLACEMENT PACKAGES can be obtained from the Shire of Toodyay, 15 Fiennes Street, TOODYAY during business hours prior to election day and between 8.00am and 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 31 July 2020.

YOU MAY HAND DELIVER YOUR PACKAGE to an electoral officer at the Shire of Toodyay, 15 Fiennes Street, TOODYAY during business hours before election day or at the polling place between 8.00am and 6.00pm on election day.

CHIEF POLLING PLACE: Shire of Toodyay, 15 Fiennes Street, TOODYAY 6566.

THE COUNT OF VOTES will commence at 6.00pm at the chief polling place listed above.

Robert Dew
RETURNING OFFICER
Mobile : 0429 962 013

MAKE YOUR VOTE COUNT

 **ONLY TICK ONE BOX**

 **SIGN DECLARATION ON THE BACK OF THE ENVELOPE**
This must be done for your vote to count!

 **SEAL ENVELOPE**

 **POST**
Voting packages can also be placed in the box at the Shire's Administration Office.

Completed postal voting packages must reach the Returning Officer by 6.00pm on election day, Friday 31 July 2020.



Large Projects Cap off a Busy Year for Emergency Services

The 2019/20 financial year contained some major milestone achievements in the Emergency Services sphere. First cab off the rank was the completion of the new Coondle-Nunile Fire Station for the Coondle-Nunile Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade. The project saw the Shire re-imagine the standard 2-Bay BFB facility design specified by DFES, to ensure brigade requirements could be met now and into the future. The design features large drive in / drive out vehicle bays, PPE washing facilities, modern and comfortable offices and meeting / training room facilities. The qualities of this design were not lost on DFES who have subsequently adopted the concept as their standard design for Emergency Services Levy funded facilities. The Coondle-Nunile brigade, who also received a new flagship 3.4U fire appliance earlier in 2019, moved in in October and over the fire season have settled into their new home.



The Shire also completed a major extension / renovation of the Morangup Fire Station, now known as the Morangup Co-location Centre which officially recognises Toodyay SES operations from the Site. This project covered the original building (passionately constructed by the Morangup Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade over many decades) into a large 7-Bay facility – which is believed to be the largest in the Goldfields Midlands Region. The revamp also included PPE storage and washing facilities, modern and comfortable offices, meeting / training room and kitchen facilities. The brigade and SES unit moved back in June, and are busy adjusting to their new surroundings.

Both the Coondle-Nunile and Morangup projects were majority funded by DFES' Local Government Grant Scheme, from Emergency Services Levy proceeds. Official openings for both facilities are planned for later this year which will be an opportunity for the community to inspect these impressive facilities.

The construction of the Morangup Co-location facility also provided a new lease of life on the facility's original water tank which has been relocated to the western end of McKnoe Drive in Morangup, to assist fire services with essential fire emergency water supplies. The Coondle-Nunile Fire Station project also include new fire emergency water tanks, partly funded by a Department of Water and Environment Regulation Watering WA (Royalties for Regions) grant and the Shire.

The Shire has also been busy with its largest bushfire Mitigation program ever. Funded by the DFES Mitigation Activity Fund, from Emergency Services Levy proceeds, a total of 115 treatments were undertaken across the Shire. Treatments included fire access track upgrades, hazard reduction burns and mulching of high risk road verges. While these works have been undertaken to mitigate the effects of bushfire on our community, it is important all residents play their part in preparing their property for the upcoming fire season. Many of these works will make the Shire's wonderful reserves more accessible for passive recreation, however misuse by recreational motorised vehicles will limit the long term effectiveness of these works and the Shire urges residents to use our reserves responsibly.

A Message from the President

Last month the 2020/2021 Annual Budget was adopted and described as 'years of rising costs and economic hardship' in the 1 July edition of the Toodyay Herald. The news shocked, particularly the operational costs and loan repayments of the \$14 million Recreation Precinct.

Another shock was the realisation financial reserve accounts were low, there was not only little reserve capacity but also a limited ability to capitalise upon grants which frequently require a part contribution. In addition, key economic indices such as the operating surplus ratio at -0.34 was well below the recommended level of 0.01 - 0.15.

The Toodyay Herald was correct, all is not well. The Recreation Precinct, the single major pressure on the budget will require a rate increase of 4.5% per annum for the next 10 years to maintain business as usual.

The question is, do we lament our predicament and resign ourselves to 'years of rising costs and economic hardship' or take a strong proactive stance to improve the financial position of this Shire?

I remarked in the June edition I was proud of the efforts of staff and Council to achieve a budget that was well placed to respond to the Covid-19 crisis, and I am. It was not political puffery but an honest appraisal of an outstanding effort that resulted in us being far better placed than we were in 2019, despite the emergency. Yet more is required of us all.



Shire President Cr Madacsi

The same energy and dedication that achieved this, is focused on our financial future - emerging opportunities, streamlined operations, review of assets, practices, and policies to remove impediments to the growth, investment in, and sustainability of Toodyay affairs. We may not have the resources to invest, but we have the capacity between us to find solutions.

Several years ago, without financial resources but a need to find a solution for her partner to maintain a social existence, one of our people, Angi McCluskey, set out to form a social group for Alzheimer's sufferers. Today, 15 Forget-Me-Not cafes have been formed across the metropolitan and Avon regions, shopping centres and Councils seek her out and a movement is in motion. No resources, just a vision and a determination.

Can Toodyay turn its affairs around? Yes! We have weathered other storms and we will weather this. There are no easy solutions, only ingenuity, expertise, and hard work, that is focused on recovery without crippling our people. Ten years is too long, so it is time to focus our energies and look forward. Recriminations serve no useful purpose!

ACTIVE KIDS ARE SMARTER KIDS

WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY

FRIDAY 11 SEPTEMBER 2020

Until they're ten, children must always hold an adult's hand when crossing the road

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**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

Contact:
9574 2661 during work hours

PAY YOUR 2020-2021 RATES IN FULL BEFORE THE DUE DATE 20 AUGUST 2020 AND RECEIVE A 3% DISCOUNT

Rating information

No increase, and a discount on rates will offer relief to ratepayers as Council adopts the Shire's 2020/21 Budget. As part of the Shire's rates relief package, ratepayers who pay their rates in full by the due date will receive a 3% discount. The discount will apply to the rates component, with the Rubbish and Emergency Services Levy charges to remain the same.

The 2020/21 rates relief package is outlined as follows:

- 3% discount on rates paid in full by due date
- no increase to the rate in the dollar
- 0% instalment interest
- No instalment charges
- 0% rates penalty interest on rate instalments.

The 3% discount applies to those rates paid in full by **20 August 2020**.

Payment must be in full and include any arrears. The discount does not apply to the separate rubbish charge or the Emergency Services Levy.

- GRV Residential** - properties used for residential purposes.
- GRV Commercial** - properties used for commercial purposes.
- GRV Industrial** - properties used for industrial purposes.
- GRV Rural and GRV Rural Residential** - properties located within a rural setting but primarily used for residential purposes.
- UV General** - properties used for residential and/or minor rural pursuits.
- UV Rural** - broadacre farming over 100ha.

2020/2021 RATE INSTALMENT DUE DATES

INSTALMENT	DUE DATE
1st instalment	20 August 2020
2nd instalment	21 October 2020
3rd instalment	22 December 2020
4th instalment	22 February 2021

Making a payment

- IN PERSON**
Administration Centre
Monday - Friday: 8.30am to 4.30pm
- BY POST**
PO Box 96 TOODYAY WA 6566
- BPOINT**
www.toodyay.wa.gov.au follow the links to online payments 1300 276 468 (Credit card only)
- BPAY**
Biller Code: 4895
Reference: this number can be found on the bottom of your rates notice
- DIRECT DEBIT**
BSB 633 000 Account 110482809 Please use your assessment number as a reference.

Tip Passes 2020

You will receive your Rates Notice over the next week or so. Included with the notice will be your 6 trip or 12 trip tip pass, depending on your current rubbish collection service.

If you do not receive a tip pass with your rates notice, please contact the Shire before **Thursday, 20 August 2020** for a tip pass replacement. Replacement passes after this date will be charged as per Council's Fees and Charges.

WHAT IF YOU CHANGE ADDRESS OR PROPERTY OWNERSHIP?

Under the provisions of Section 9.86 of the Local Government Act 1995, you must notify us in writing if your property changes hands. This should include full details of the land and the new owner.

If you would like your Rates Notice sent to a different postal address, please complete the form on our website or contact the Shire.

Concessions

If you hold a Pensioner or Seniors card, you may be eligible to apply for a rebate for your Council Rates, Emergency Services Levy and annual Water Corporation Rates. Please note that rubbish charges and Waste Transfer Station fees are not subject to concession.

- Seniors Card - Capped Rebate of up to 25%; or
- Commonwealth Seniors Health Card and a Seniors Card - Capped Rebate of up to 50% and/or deferment; or
- Pensioner Concession Card or a State Concession Card - Capped Rebate of up to 50% and/or deferment.

Concessions apply after eligible ratepayers have registered their entitlement with either the Shire or the Water Corporation.

2020 EXTRAORDINARY ELECTION CANDIDATES



ASHLEY, April

A vote for me is a vote for transparency and integrity.

I am 70 years of age, with two adult children and four grandchildren. Toodyay property owner since around 2009, who enjoys and values the unique country town lifestyle.

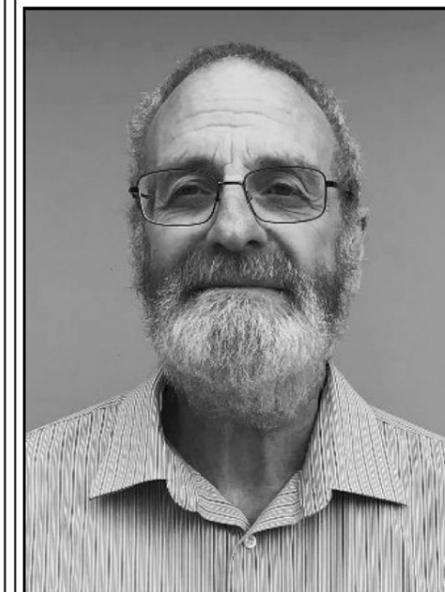
Now retired having spent 30 years lecturing business units including Accounting, Finance and Management at nearly all the WA universities, private colleges and TAFE's. Personal small business experience involving: coffee shop, property investments and an education company.

Loves and wants to keep our country town environment. Positive thinker who believes in working together to achieve positive outcomes. I have no personal agenda and will if elected be your representative and your mouthpiece.

Supports open and accountable government - giving residents and ratepayers an opportunity to be part of the team. Passionate supporter of legitimate rights issues.

Keen to discuss discounts for early payment of rates.

Mobile: 0450 670 557
Postal: 1 Gavin Way KINGSLEY 6026
Email: aprilashley@iinet.net.au



MCKEOWN, Michael

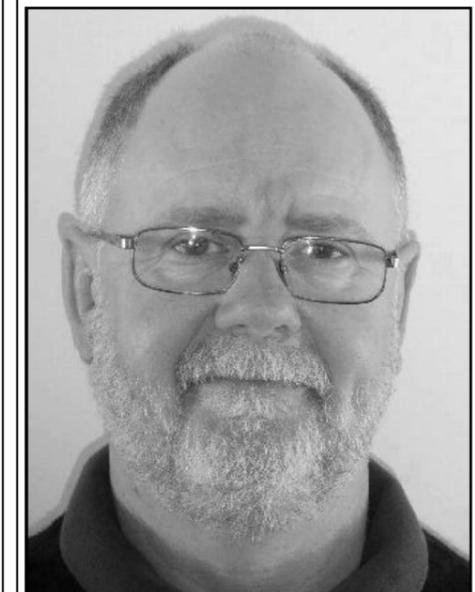
Toodyay is at a crossroads. This election provides our Community a chance to decide either to continue with the divisions of the past or to change things for the better in the future.

We have significant challenges ahead and our Council badly needs people who can analyse and understand complex laws, regulations and policies. I work as a consultant advising businesses, hold appropriate qualifications, and with my wife run a family business, and I will bring that professional experience and knowledge to the Shire.

As a volunteer Fire Brigade Captain, I understand the importance of strong cooperative leadership. I am not (and will not be) aligned with any group on Council and this will allow me to liaise closely with all my fellow Councillors to achieve the best outcomes for the Community of Toodyay.

To be your strong, independent and professional voice on council, I need your vote.

Email: mickmckeown@yahoo.com



BOASE, Keith

I have a long and successful history in Local Government, advancing from technical to management and leadership roles.

Coming from a typical Wheatbelt family I have been driving tractors since I was tall enough to reach the pedals. Forty+ years on we have purchased a property on Chitty Road and look forward to getting back into farming.

I believe strong governance with the best interests of the residents of our Shire can only be achieved by electing experienced people who will commit to providing sound decision making without fear or favour.

It has been disappointing to see continued frictions within the existing council which is operating in a manner that causes harm to the Local Government and residents of the area.

I understand the commitment and workload involved to offer a new independent voice to the Council Chamber that will bring vision and stability to restore balance in Toodyay.

Email: kcboase@outlook.com

CANCELLATION OF THE 2020 AVON DESCENT

It is with regret that the Chairman of Northam's Avon Descent Association advises stakeholders and competitors that the 2020 Avon Descent scheduled for the weekend of 1st & 2nd August has been **CANCELLED** due to circumstances arising from the COVID-19 outbreak.

Whilst the Northam's Avon Descent Association Board has made every effort to date to maintain the desire and enthusiasm of all stakeholders, and more importantly the hundreds of competitors already registered, the fact that the State had renewed its State Emergency Declaration as recently as June 24, meant that there is no penchant for our commercial sponsors and / or Government to commit to support the event in such circumstances.

Whilst the pending relaxation of COVID-19 restrictions on mass gatherings has buoyed the enthusiasm of the Board in terms of confidence in our ability to manage the conduct of the race itself, from a risk management perspective, the Board could not guarantee the future of the event if we were to be confronted with an outbreak in the lead up to the event and potentially impact upon the tens of thousands of spectators who annually follow the event along its 124 kilometre route to Perth.

As such the Board has reluctantly voted to cancel this years event and focus on making the 2021 event bigger and better as we move to the 50th anniversary event now in 2023'.

The Avon Descent remains the longest running annual community multisport event in Western Australia and is now in its 48th year. In excess of 35,000 local, interstate and international competitors have competed over the years in the world's only white-water race where both power-craft and paddle-craft compete not only against each other, but the river and themselves.

The event conceived in the late 60's and first run in 1973, has been a fixture on the Western Australian tourism events calendar for decades. Along with the withdrawal of funding for the Avon Family Fun Days, the cancellation of the race itself is a blow for the towns of Northam and Toodyay and the small businesses that would have derived some tourism stimulus and economic benefit as thousands of spectators followed the race and white-water action on the Avon River down through the Avon and Swan Valleys and into the Swan River and the finish line at Riverside Gardens in Bayswater.

Northam's Avon Descent Association Board now looks forward to transitioning into the planning for the 2021 event, which based on the increasing event popularity of the last 2 years, looks to be a great precursor of things to come as the event plans for its 50th anniversary, now in August 2023.



WHATS COUNCIL BEEN UP TO THIS MONTH?

At the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Tuesday 23 June 2020.

Responses to previous public questions taken on Notice from the Agenda Briefing held on 16 June 2020 were given to T & L Street who had asked a number of questions regarding North Street.

Public Questions

1. B Foley asked a number of questions regarding the Recreation Centre and the procurement process for the Management of Recreation Centre;
2. F Panizza asked a series of questions regarding the adoption of the Long Term Financial Plan and Budget;
3. T Street asked further questions regarding North Street.

There were a number of unconfirmed Minutes accepted and confirmed, and this was done by Exception.

Moving on into the main section of the Meeting, Council:

- Granted development approval for the proposed container deposit scheme (shop) at Lot 324 Duke Street North in Toodyay, subject to certain conditions - carried 5/2.
- Adopted the 2020/2021 Budget - carried by Absolute Majority 7/0 .
- Authorised the CEO to waive all Visitor Centre membership and Information Bay advertising fees for the 2020/2021 financial year - carried 6/0.
- Endorsed the Shire of Toodyay Long Term Financial Plan 2020/2021 to 2029/2030, and acknowledge that the LTFP is an ongoing work in progress to be regularly monitored, updated and endorsed by the Council - carried by Absolute Majority 7/0.
- Received the monthly list of payments — carried 7/0.
- Accepted the monthly Financial Statements, Outstanding Rates and Outstanding Sundry Debtors Information and Bank Reconciliations for the period ending 31 May 2020.
- Adopted the Delegation Register — carried by Absolute Majority 7/0.
- Noted the National Redress Scheme — carried 7/0.
- Appointed Cr Pearce as Primary Delegate on the Environmental Advisory Committee — carried 7/0
- Agreed that membership to the Museum Advisory Committee be deferred until after the next election — carried 7/0.

Council then voted on Notices of Motion from Cr Ruthven:

"That Council removes the temporary "closed to the passage of vehicles" status of the 112m long portion of North Street between Fitzgerald Terrace and Collett Way " — carried 4/2.

Cr Ruthven's second motion: "That Council considers the inclusion of the approximate cost of \$95,000 for construction of the currently temporarily closed section of North Street in the 2020/2021 Annual Budget." was withdrawn

Council then voted to approve the following write-offs under the COVID-19 Hardship Policy:

- \$3,850 being the rent for the period 1 April 2020 to 14 June 2020, for the leased premises, Connors Cottage, leased by C Love; and
- \$3,207.68 being a 50% rental reduction off the Base Rent for the period 1 April 2020 to 1 October 2020, for the leased premises, Community Centre, leased by Silver Chain Group Limited — carried by Absolute Majority 7/0.

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: 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.

Toodyay Music Festival and Toodyay Moondyne Festival 2021

And the good news!! — Along with everything else that's now back on track post lock-down, planning for next year's Festivals are ready to kick off. The Toodyay Music Fest Inc. (TMFI) committee is off and running however there is always room on the committee for other music lovers.

The Moondyne Festival has most committee positions bedded down however there is a very important position that needs to be filled:

WANTED: CO-ORDINATOR FOR THE MOONDYNE FESTIVAL

No previous experience necessary. Just the desire to give back to your town in a meaningful way and take the credit for one of the most important events in our community calendar.

A committee is ready and waiting and at your disposal. If you think you'd like to stand up and make a difference, but aren't sure how to go about it there are not one, but two, previous co-ordinators ready and willing to act as mentors.

Unfortunately, no co-ordinator - no festival! Which would be doubly terrible as this year's festival didn't proceed. So, if you'd like to give it a go please call:

Tanya Stuart on 0409 181 404

On a different note, the combined AGM for Toodyay Event Planning Inc and TMFI will be held on Saturday Sept. 12th at 4 PM at Tanya Stuart's, 270 Harders Chitty Road West Toodyay. The meeting is open to the general public. You're most welcome to bring some refreshments if you would like to stay after the meeting.

FUNDING ANNOUNCEMENT

Great news regarding funding announcements in the Toodyay area to improve road safety!

Toodyay Road will undergo \$7 million worth of upgrades, with the announcement of 3.5 kilometres of reconstruction works around Jingaling Brook and two kilometres of widening works at Harper Brook. Audible edge lines and a one-metre wide centreline treatment will be installed to reduce head-on crashes, while a westbound overtaking lane will also be constructed approximately 14 kilometres outside of Toodyay.

Funding was also announced for widening and audible edge lines on Northam Toodyay Road.

Toodyay Roadwise Group has been a key advocate for this funding, the group is made up of passionate volunteers and monthly meetings are attended by Shire of Toodyay, MainroadsWA and WALGA. Roadwise enables communities to be involved in and contribute to community road safety. If you have an interest and would like more information, visit—

<https://www.roadwise.asn.au/> or contact Toodyay Roadwise President, Bob Neville on 0419853169.

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Asking a PUBLIC QUESTION at a Council Meeting

What is public question time?

Public question time is an opportunity for members of the community to ask questions of Council.

How much time is allowed to ask questions?

A maximum of 15 minutes is allowed for all questions during public question time. The extension of question time is at the discretion of the Presiding Member.

How are questions submitted?

If you would like to ask a question at a Council Meeting, we ask that you register and submit your questions in writing before midday on the day of the meeting. If your question/s is complex, we suggest you submit your question/s to the Chief Executive's Office as early as possible. This allows any research to be conducted so a complete and considered answer can be given at the meeting rather than your question/s being 'taken on notice'.

When can the question/s be asked?

During the meeting, members of the public will be called to ask their questions as specified in the Agenda. Go to the microphone, state your name and your residential address and then proceed to ask your questions, one at a time.

If there are a number of people wishing to ask questions, the Presiding Member may limit the number of questions each person may ask, to ensure everyone gets to ask their question/s.

No debate or discussion about the question or answer will take place at the meeting.

Questions and answers will be summarised and included in the minutes of the meeting.

What happens if the question cannot be answered at the meeting?

If your question/s cannot be answered at the meeting and an answer requires further research, it will be 'taken on notice'. A written response will be provided to you (where an address has been provided) and the response will be recorded in the agenda of the next meeting.

Call the FREE epilepsy helpline

Do you have epilepsy or experience seizures? Are you feeling isolated, need advice about your medications, or just want to chat?

Call or email the EPILEPSY NURSE LINE. It is available 9am to 5pm, seven days per week.

Each call will be answered immediately by a Registered Nurse with special training in epilepsy management. You can trust that the information you receive will be accurate and safe.

If you prefer to email, you will receive a response within 24 hours.

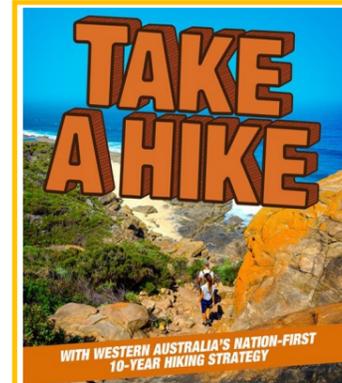
The service is proudly provided by Epilepsy Action Australia, with the financial assistance of the Australian Department of Health. **FREE EPILEPSY NURSE LINE –**

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There has never been a better time for us to get outdoors and enjoy what our Western Australia has to offer.

The State Government has released a 10-year WA Hiking Strategy to ensure Western Australians continue to enjoy the great outdoors in a safe and sustainable way.

The strategy is the first of its kind in the country and complements other trail strategies developed over the past 25 years in WA that focus on areas such as mountain biking and horse trails.

It will focus on traditional bushwalking and the emerging growth area of trail running, and will guide industry in the funding and development of hiking and trails for the next decade.

The State Government has allocated \$250,000 over the next three years to encourage participation.

You can read the strategy in full by visiting <https://www.dlgsc.wa.gov.au/department/publications/publication/wa-hiking-strategy-bushwalking-and-trail-running-in-western-australia-2020---2030>



Palliative Care in WA

Patients and Carers – have your say now.

Would you like to help improve palliative care services in WA? If so, Perron Institute researchers would love to hear from you. If you fall into one of these categories, please complete the survey about your experiences:

- Current patients with a life-limiting illness
 - Family/friend carer of a person with a life-limiting illness
- Family/friend carer of a person with a life-limiting illness who has died in the last five years (2015-2020)

Find the link at: <https://perroninstitute.org/consumer-perspectives-of-palliative-care>

Survey closes 26 July 2020

#perroninstitute #pallcare #itsmorethanyouthink #haveyoursay



Book a space online!

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For more information call 9574 9300



Do you look after a family member or friend who is ill or has a disability?

Do your caring responsibilities affect your ability to work, study or socialise?

Are you looking for some support to improve your wellbeing?

Carer Gateway is the Australian Government's national carer hub providing reliable services, supports and advice specifically for carers. More information can be found at

www.carergateway.gov.au



An Australian Government Initiative



TOODYAY FARMERS MARKET

Toodyay Farmers Market Returns! Sunday, 19 July 2020

The Farmers Markets are back! Heading to this month's Market? The Shire's new Chief Executive Officer, Suzie Haslehurst and well as the Shire President, Cr Madacsi will be attending this month's market. Grab a coffee and head down for a chat.

The Farmers Market is held on the 3rd Sunday of each month at Stirling Park from 9.00am. A space for local and regional people to sell, promote and advertise locally grown, produced and raised goods. Sharing knowledge and educating on topics that will bring value to people's lives. Encouraging and supporting sustainable living, and back to basic principles, that promote human and environmental health.

16 August 2020 | 20 September | 2020 | 18 October 2020 | 15 November 2020 | 20 December 2020

For more information email - toodyayfarmersmarket@gmail.com
or visit www.toodyayfarmersmarket.org.au



Colin and Judi - happy wood raffle winners

Butterly Cottages Inc

If you went shopping at IGA on Saturday 27 June you may have been one of the people who bought a raffle ticket (or three) from the people manning a stall run by Butterly Cottages. First prize was a trailer load of wood, donated by Sam Chitty and second prize was a lovely Uniquely Toodyay hamper donated by Maggie Parsons. A total of \$1,070.00 was raised — a wonderful effort by everyone, thank you.

BUTTERLY Cottages Inc had been successful in obtaining a \$3,900 volunteers' grant and is planning to use some of the money to provide seating in the new gazebo at Rosedale Village.

Our regular committee of management meetings are now back on track after the Covid-19 restrictions, but the work never really stopped during shutdown.

A big thanks to all the executive committee members for keeping up the day-to-day running of Butterly.

If there are any community members who would like to know more about how the committee operates and have some time to spare for this wonderful volunteer-run organisation, please go to our website ButterlyCottages.asn.au



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
Website - ButterlyCottages.asn.au

Proposed Temporary Road Closures for 2020 Make Smoking History Targa West Rally

An application has been received from Targa West Pty Ltd proposing a number of temporary road closures on 24 October for the Targa West Rally.

Further information and maps of proposed temporary road closure are available at the Shire of Toodyay Administration Centre, Visitor Centre and on the Shire website www.toodyay.wa.gov.au.

Written comments and submissions from the public are welcome and should be received prior to **4.00pm Tuesday, 1 September 2020** by the Shire of Toodyay Administration Centre, 15 Fiennes Street (PO Box 96) TOODYAY WA 6566 or records@toodyay.wa.gov.au.



Please Do NOT Feed Wild Animals

The Shire of Toodyay Rangers have received concerns from a number of residents in regards to people feeding wild animals (kangaroos) in the Shire.

Food that is offered to wild animals may be highly processed or not suitable for them. It could be detrimental to their health, leading to disease and can result in them developing bad habits, like begging for food and becoming reliant rather than foraging or hunting for themselves

Providing a regular artificial food source can lead to a greater than normal numbers of animals living in the area. There are reports that a larger number of kangaroos are eating residents' gardens, eating food intended for livestock, damaging fences that contain livestock creating hazards on the road and themselves being a more frequent hazard/danger on the roads.

The Shire of Toodyay Rangers ask that residents in the area still provide water, but please do not feed any animals and remind the public that it is illegal to feed fauna unless they are an authorized person.

Section 155 Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016, Section 155 Biodiversity Conservation Regulations 2018

On the spot fines of \$400 can apply to feeding fauna with a maximum penalty as high as \$20,000.

We look forward to your cooperation in assisting with our community's wildlife.



Toodyay Library Talk | July 2020

Hello again from your favourite local library! You might have noticed that we're not the type to shush here at Toodyay, and we aren't alone. In fact, most libraries are far from being the quietest places on the planet: 'hives of activity' is a better way to describe them under normal circumstances. Though we have had to set aside our special events for 2020 (so far) our regular groups and meetings are now back in action, and we're very grateful for it. So grateful, we wanted to spotlight them this month – and we encourage you to take a little leap and join in if anything takes your fancy.

Questions? Give us a call 9am-5pm weekdays on 9574 2323 or email us at library@toodyay.wa.gov.au.

Baby Rhyme Time + Toddler Story Time

9am Wednesdays (during school term) @ The Children's Corner (a.k.a. the library kids' room)

Children 0-5 years of age, parents and guardians: you're invited! Join our storytelling and singalong specialist Anita for these educational, imagination-enriching sessions where she will help to nurture your young ones' literacy and social skills in an enjoyable environment.

Book Club

10.30am on the first Wednesday of each month @ The Reading Room
Do you like talking about books as much as you like reading them? If so, you may wish to join our enthusiastic group of booklovers as they discuss the latest and greatest from our shelves and beyond. The coffee and conversation are unlimited, and new faces are always welcome.

Creative Writing Group

10.30am on the first and third Thursday of each month @ The Reading Room

If you're keen to wet your creative whistle and put the words in your mind on paper, come along to these motivational meetings, where weekly topics – from characterisation and dialogue to styles and themes – and constructive feedback will help you make the most of your writing.

University of the Third Age

10.30am on the second and fourth Thursday of each month @ The Reading Room

Challenge your thinking and expand your knowledge through U3A: a 50+ discussion group that seeks out every subject under the sun. The motto is 'learn, laugh, live' and you're sure to do all three as you get social and have conversations that can – and do – lead anywhere.

Toodyay Convict Depot Walk

Linking the Toodyay Visitor Centre and the Newcastle Gaol Museum precinct is our new Toodyay Convict Depot walk.

Installed in time for the school holidays, the 1.37km long route starts and finishes at the Visitor Centre returning via the Duke Street footbridge. The walk takes about half an hour to complete, and an extra half hour should be allowed if you choose to visit the museum at the half-way mark.

The broadarrow trail markers have been made by local artist Sandy and there are seven interpretive signs installed along the way. Each of the signs feature historical snippets about Moondyne Joe and information about convict era Toodyay. Topics covered include the Superintendent's house, Convict Depot operation, the Central Depot site, as well as the role of the Military, Police and Pensioner Guards.

QR codes on the signs provide links to Wikipedia articles which share a further layer of historical information

Our acknowledgement to Lotterywest for their support with this project.



Join the National NAIDOC Committee

Expressions of Interest are now open for membership of the National NAIDOC Committee for the period of September 2020 – August 2023.

The National NAIDOC Committee (NNC) makes key decisions on National NAIDOC activities each year including the focus city, theme, National NAIDOC Poster Competition winner and National NAIDOC award recipients, as well as supporting the promotion and success of NAIDOC Week nationally

This is an exciting opportunity to be part of the evolution of NAIDOC Week celebrations across the country. NAIDOC Week plays a vital and unique role in not only celebrating Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander achievement, but the rich history, diverse cultures and survival of the oldest continuing living culture on the planet. The position requires substantial commitment, including willingness to travel to attend meetings on weekends, and taking on projects out of session to help drive the NNC's NAIDOC agenda. For more information visit - <https://www.naidoc.org.au/>



Toodyay Visitor Centre Partnership fees waived

We are pleased to announce that at the June Ordinary Council Meeting Council voted to waive all Visitor Centre Partnership and Info Bay Advertising fees for the 2020/21 financial year. It is hoped that this will be a welcome relief to local tourism businesses who have been negatively impacted by the COVID-19 restrictions this year. The Toodyay Visitor Centre will continue to proudly promote Partners and the town. Any additional advertising opportunities throughout the year will be at the minimum cost to Partners.

If you are a tourism business, now is a great time to consider partnering with the Toodyay Visitor Centre. It is a great way to promote your business, network with other businesses and contribute to growing the tourism industry in Toodyay. Contact the Toodyay Visitor Centre at: visitorscentre@toodyay.wa.gov.au for further information.

Toodyay Tourism and COVID-19

It is no secret that Toodyay and tourism have been hit hard in the wake of COVID-19. During the height of restrictions there were no tourists in town and local patronage severely dropped. Many businesses were forced to shut their doors for a period of time as restrictions were brought in.

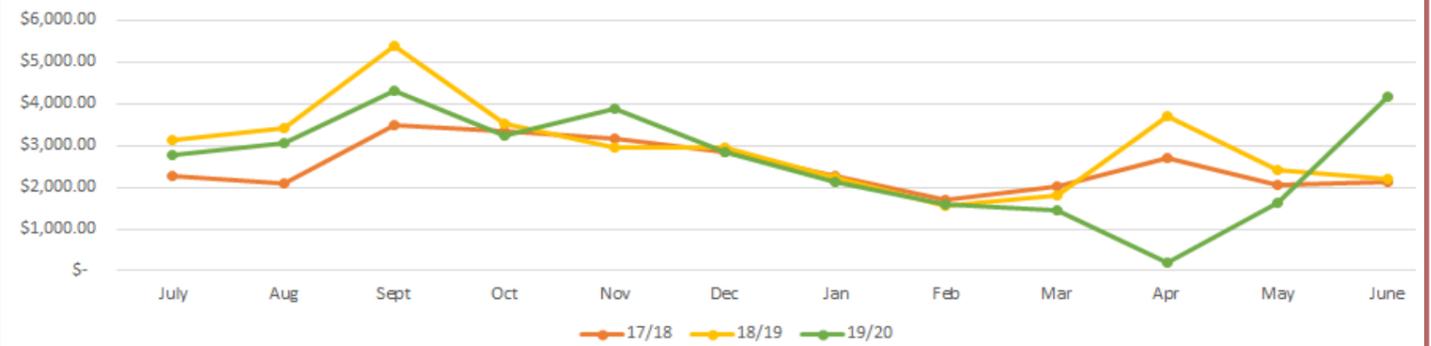
The Toodyay Visitor Centre remained open behind closed doors from 27 March to 19 May to assist with phone and email enquiries, as well as occasional local enquiries. Social media was our best avenue of communication as we and other local operators posted regularly to ensure Toodyay remained prominent in tourists' minds. While people couldn't visit they could still dream.

As restrictions were lifted we saw an immediate return of visitors, with long lines down the main street and accommodation providers regularly at capacity. The Toodyay Visitor Centre has captured data showing visitor numbers and spend at the Visitor Centre. It is interesting to note that while the number of people has returned a normal level, spending has doubled from the same period last year. We have had customers commenting on their enthusiasm to spend more money regionally and this is clear from the data collected.

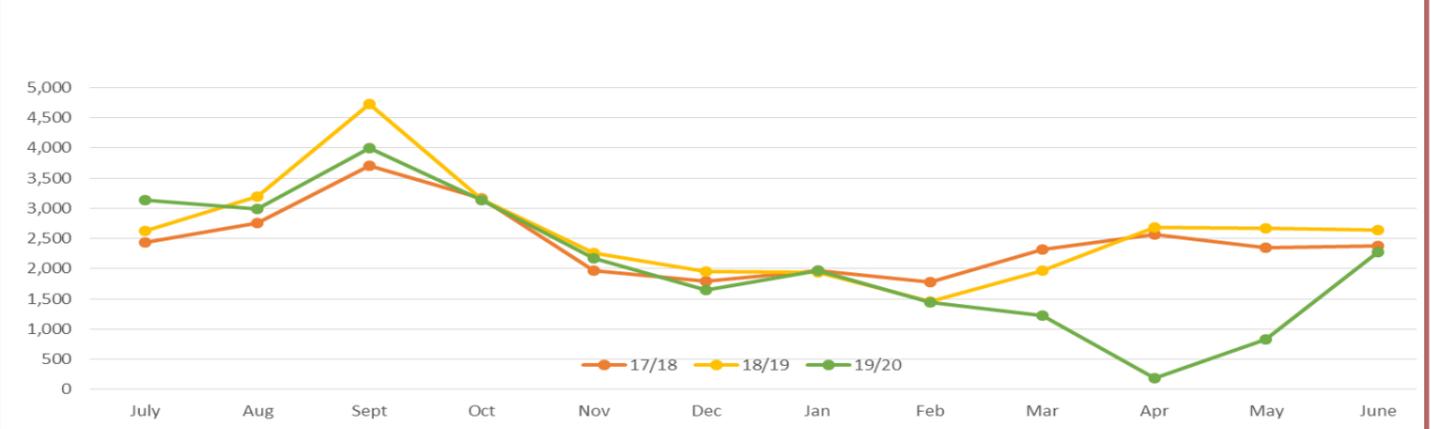
Toodyay Visitor Centre Partnership Prospectus



Visitor Centre Sales



Visitors Centre Visitor Numbers



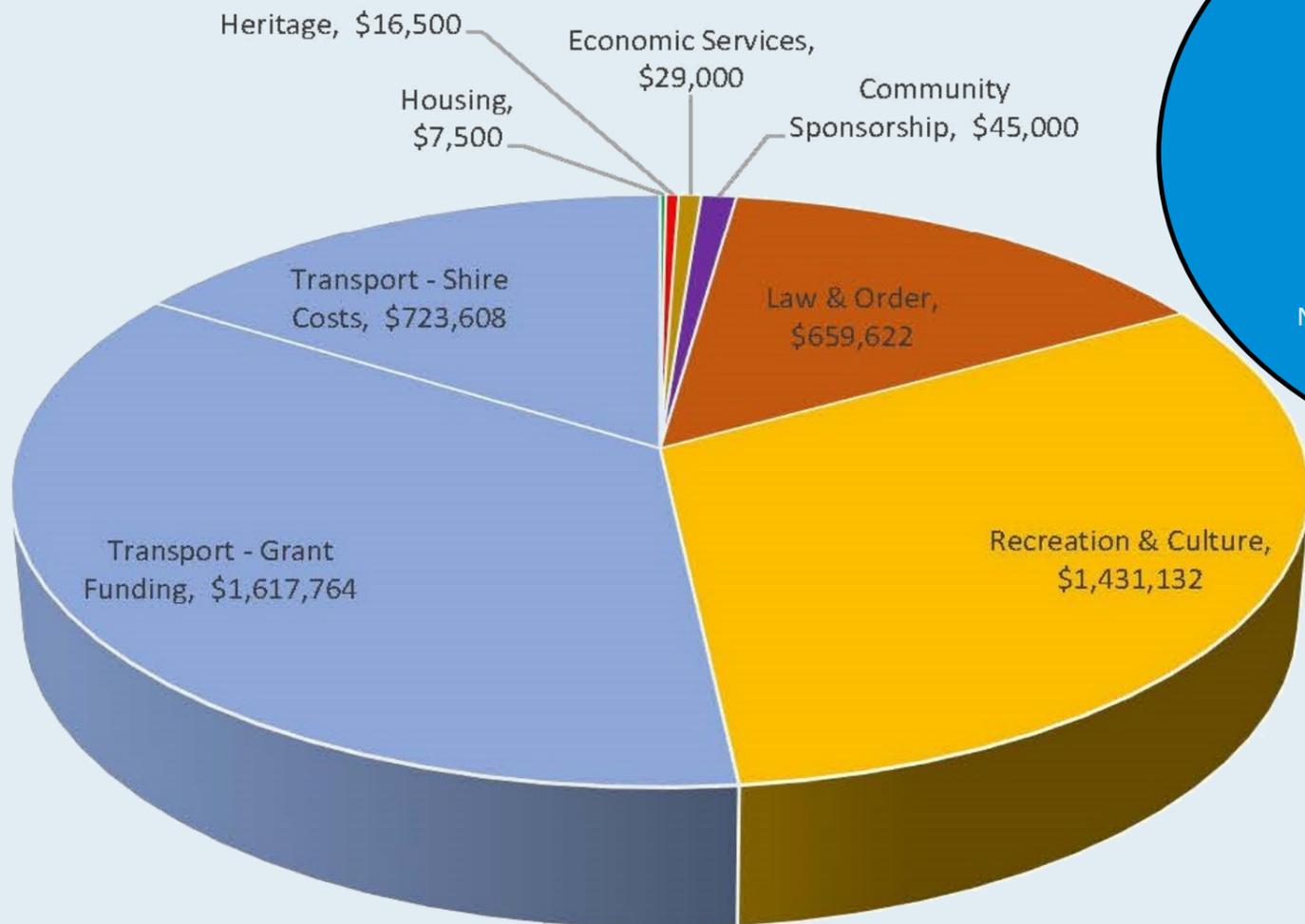
2020 / 2021 Budget at a Glance

In adopting the 2020/2021 budget, Council approved financial support for Community Sponsorships, with spending in the areas of Law and Order, Housing, Recreation and Culture, Heritage, Economic Services and Transport, all outlined below.

Council maintained that offering financial relief to ratepayers in the aftermath of COVID-19 was a priority. Keeping rates rises low has been a priority for Council in previous years and now more than ever, Council recognises the need to support the community by placing a freeze on rate increases. As part of the Shire's rates relief package, ratepayers who pay their rates in full (including any arrears) by the due date, will receive a 3% discount. The discount will apply to the rates component only, with Rubbish and Emergency Services Levy charges remaining the same.

The 2020/2021 rates relief package is outlined as follows:

- 3% discount on rates paid by the due date.
- No increase to the rate in the dollar.
- 0% instalment interest.
- No instalment charges.
- 0% penalty interest on rate instalments.



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| ■ Housing \$7,500 | ■ Economic Services - \$29,000 |
| ■ Heritage - \$16,5000 | ■ Community Sponsorship - \$45,000 |
| ■ Law and Order - \$659,622 | ■ Recreation and Culture - \$1,431,132 |
| ■ Transport - Grant Funding - \$1,617,764 | ■ Transport - Shire Costs - \$723,608 |

Community Sponsorship - \$45,000

- Toodyay Community Resource Centre - \$5,000
- Bush Poets - \$1,000
- Toodyay Chamber of Commerce - \$5,000
- Toodyay District High School - \$2,500
- Toodyay Lions Club - \$4,300
- Toodyay Cricket Club - \$2,500
- Toodyay Seed Orchard Group - \$5,700
- Noongar Kaakning Aboriginal Corporation - \$5,000
- Toodyay Youth Care - \$10,000
- CEO Discretion fund - \$4,000

Transport - \$2,341,372

- Julimar Road - \$418,500 - fully funded
- Bejoording Road - \$612,156 - part funded
- Toodyay Street inc. footpath - \$300,160 - fully funded
- Leeming Road - \$150,000
- Lovers Lane - \$39,900
- McKnoe Drive - \$91,980
- Red Brook Circle - \$99,750
- River Road - \$44,096
- Timber Creek Crescent - \$67,830
- Bridge Works – Chatcup Bridge - \$465,000 – fully funded
- Footpaths - \$52,000 - part funded

Law and Order - \$659,622

- New Julimar Fire Shed - \$559,414
- Emergency Water Facilities - \$100,208

Housing - \$7,500

- New Fencing at Clinton Street - \$7,500

Recreation and Culture - 1,431,132

- Morangup Community Centre Additions - \$351,670
- Completion of the Recreation Precinct - \$1,390,972
- Pavilion Kitchen Refresh - \$5,000

Heritage - \$16,500

- Donegans Cottage Structural - \$16,500

Economic Services - \$29,000

- Installation of Community Standpipe and Controller - \$29,000