

## Free to Burn? - Not Quite.

With the end of the Restricted Burning Period, residents are now free to burn. However free, does not mean irresponsibly in the eyes of the law. The Criminal Code (enforced by Police) requires fire to be used in a controlled, responsible manner. Unfortunately, our volunteer firefighters have been busy attending a number of poorly planned, poorly prepared, poorly resourced and poorly supervised burns. Residents who do not demonstrate due care in the use of fire can expect a visit from Police. On behalf of the Shire's volunteer firefighters and Toodyay Police, please burn responsibly - we hope not be visiting your property any time soon!



## FIREBREAKS

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

UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS		
Meeting	Date	Time
Ordinary Council Meeting	26 May 2020	4.00pm
Agenda Briefing	16 June 2020	4.00pm
Ordinary Council Meeting	23 June 2020	4.00pm
Agenda Briefing	21 July 2020	4.00pm

WORKS SCHEDULE	
Job	Est Completion
Bejoording Rd – pavement widening/rehabilitation	May 2020
Bejoording Rd/Nunile Rd intersection – intersection upgrade	May 2020
Hamersley St Level Crossing – widening and level adjustments	June 2020
Rosedale St – cul-de-sac closure	June 2020
Toodyay Bindi-Bindi Rd – pavement widening/rehabilitation	June 2020
Fifth Rd and Bejoording town site intersections – Fifth Road resheet and intersection widening and seal	June 2020
Dreyer Rd – drainage, road construction and seal	June 2020
Sinclair Pl – construct and seal	June 2020

## LIVESTREAM

Over the last few weeks we have been livestreaming Council meetings. With trying anything new there is always some hurdles to climb over to achieve the perfect result.

We would like to thank everyone for their understanding and positive feedback while we iron out the final glitches.

The livestream has proved to be a service that many of the community have been glad to see. We are hopeful that the livestreaming of council meetings is a service that we will continue to provide once the COVID 19 pandemic is over and restrictions have been lifted.

# Toodyay Community Newsletter

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## Farewell Stan Scott and Audrey Bell



STAN SCOTT - Outgoing CEO

After almost 8 years, we have said a quiet farewell to Chief Executive Officer Stan Scott who's official last day with the Shire was 12 May 2020.

Stan, along with his wife Laurel, moved to Toodyay at the start of his time with the Shire, purchasing a property in West Toodyay on the banks of the Avon River.

Stan instigated a number of projects during his time with the Shire and supported the development of the town into the uncertain realm of tourism. The most significant project during Stan's tenure being the Toodyay Recreational Precinct incorporating a long awaited aquatic centre, to be celebrated and opened later this year.

To list the achievements over the past 8 years would be exhaustive, many of which were positive for the community, and we would like to give Stan our heartfelt thanks for all his efforts during his time with the Shire.

We now say goodbye to Stan and Laurel and wish them both the very best for their continuing journey.



Audrey Bell

We also say farewell to Audrey Bell who held the position of Manager, Community Development for the several years she worked with the Shire. The connections Audrey built with the community are undeniable and she will be missed. We all wish Audrey the very best as she moves onto the next chapter of her life, wherever that may lead!

## Phone a Friend? - Not for Fires.

Bush Fire Brigades have recently advised the Shire they are receiving reports of fire direct to brigade members, unattended stations or even via social media (yes it has happened).

Residents are reminded that all out of control fires should be reported directly to 000. This is the quickest way to have Fire brigades attend. Remember all fires start small, so the faster they can be contained, the less time our volunteers spend away from work and family.

**So remember, for out of control fires call 000, and keep your 'phone a friend' in hand for game shows!**



## TOODYAY RECEIVES BLACK SPOT FUNDING

The Wheatbelt Shires of Chittering and Toodyay were recently awarded Federal Black Spot funding for projects in their respective Shires. In Toodyay a bend on Julimar Road near the intersection of Toodyay West Road in West Toodyay with significant crash history is to be re-aligned and the seal widened, with raised pavement markers and delineation.

The Safe System mantra to road improvement works acknowledges that while drivers will always make mistakes and cannot drive perfectly all the time, a person should not be killed or seriously injured as a result. The typical approach to roads and roadsides is to treat known black spots with road widening, improved sight lines, pavement marking and signage, and removing roadside hazards, thus reducing crash risk and making the roads safer for all.

The works are scheduled for the 2020-2021 Financial year and will be carried out by Local Government crews.



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**A Message from the President**

This month I wish to address the way forward of this community.

The aging elephant in the room in Toodyay's long history of local government, has been the continual influence of politics presiding over community interest. The consequence has been Toodyay has limped forward not prospered, council has been a revolving door and some large mistakes have been made and opportunities lost.

Elected members and the community often forget our council governs the affairs of our Shire with a small number of members unlike our Legislative Assembly. Political self-interest that is so often evident in State government within the media and question time as grandstanding and white anting of opponents, is moderated by weight of numbers and the need to retain political favour. The Government moves forward, however most would agree more would have been achieved with unity. The corona virus demonstrated this.

In small local governments the same behaviour wounds a council and fractures the community. It reduces our potential and cripples our future.

The reality is that elected members do have differences of opinion, of ideals and do have politically diverse expectations, that is why they are elected, to represent the diversity of the community. We all are influenced by local opinions and social connections within a small community.

The challenge for us all is to recognise this and put aside our own interests in the best interests of our community. For Councillors, we need to remember the oath we made and the community's expectation that we work together to achieve the stability and prosperity this Shire deserves.

The question for all is, are we part of a problem or part of the solution? Change is occurring, let us make it positive.



Shire President Cr Madacsi

**Toodyay Community Care**

The Toodyay Community Care Group have come together to support those in our community who require some support during this unsettling time while we all deal with Corona Virus. The support of this group and its volunteers is available to anyone living within the Toodyay District – we just need to know what it is you need, so please don't hesitate to ask.

This is how it works - If you require a delivery from the Chemist, Post Office, Library or meals from Toodyay Locals Care please ring the number below before 12 midday for deliveries within 2 days.

Toodyay Chemist - 9574 2393

Post Office - 9574 2705  
(Delivery only mail cannot be posted by volunteers)

Library - 9574 2323

Toodyay Locals care - 0427 744 352  
Or via their facebook page

These four places will phone through orders to us between 12 and 1 pm. Volunteers will be contacted between 1 and 2 pm with orders for collection and delivery. If you are in need of a chat, please contact any of the people listed below and they will forward your contact details to a volunteer who will then contact you.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER AND HELP OUR COMMUNITY IN THIS WAY PLEASE CONTACT US

Tanya 0409 181 404  
Merridith 0423 120 965

**NEW HOME!**

As of 28 May 2020 the Planning and Development Team will have a new home at the Visitors Centre!

This will include our -

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

Our Planning and Development Team are excited to welcome everyone to come in and have a chat.

The Visitor Centre will still be home to our Economic Development Coordinator and Visitors Centre Officers

Our Museum Curator/Cultural Heritage Officer will now be based at the Old Gaol Museum.



**Toodyay Library Talk | May 2020**

May is coming to an end (shockingly) and with it comes good news: the library is open for business again. The now-normal precautions – sanitising, social distancing et cetera – apply to all visitors, and we are also required to record details of every visit. That aside, you are now welcome to come in and browse as usual after eight weeks of that simple pleasure being out of bounds. We certainly missed our members the past few months, but kept ourselves busy behind closed doors organising the library space, streamlining stock, processing new items, promoting our range of eResources and much more. We are continuing to prioritise proper hygiene and staff safety practices at all times (miming high fives when we cross a task off our to-do list) and are quarantining all returns before reshelving. There's nothing like having to disinfect hundreds and hundreds of books one by one, as we have done up until now, to make you realise how economical a single antibacterial wipe can be. At least we're learning something from all of this craziness...

**Contactless Collection and Home Delivery Service: How Did We Do?**

The collection and home delivery services we put in place during the closure were a big success – collection proved particularly popular. Many members chose to contact us when in need of something to read, and based on the person's preferred authors, borrower history or faith in our judgment (risky business) we selected and issued items to be left outside the library for pickup. The way we packaged the loans in question made us feel like Santa leaving presents out for well-behaved children – but don't worry, none of us grew a beard in the process (though if beauty salons are shut for much longer, anything is possible). While we are now offering our usual physical services again, collection and delivery will remain available for the time being. If you are continuing self-isolation, are more comfortable with contactless borrowing or simply can't make it into town but are desperate for some reading material, we've got you covered. Call us on 9574 2323 between 9am and 5.00pm weekdays, or email us at [library@toodyay.wa.gov.au](mailto:library@toodyay.wa.gov.au).

**Searching Through and Reserving Library Stock Using Our Online Catalogue**

We're so happy to have you back in the building and browsing our shelves again...but did you know that you can take a virtual trip through Toodyay Library without even leaving the house? Just visit our online catalogue, where you can log in using your library card barcode then search to your heart's content by author, title, keyword, subject and much more. The catalogue also allows you to view your current loans, renew items and reserve items – plus, you can see a list of everything new on shelf by selecting the 'Search' menu option followed by 'New In Library'. Access the catalogue via the Libraries section of the Shire of Toodyay website, or go directly to [library.toodyay.wa.gov.au/Main.aspx](http://library.toodyay.wa.gov.au/Main.aspx).

Until next month, keep safe, healthy and reading!

Your local librarians – Carrie, Jas B, Jas D and Lindy

Our local businesses are experiencing an unprecedented period of uncertainty due to the current COVID-19 pandemic.

Your support in these trying time's are always appreciated. Whether you're looking to complete a home project and are in need of a contractor, or just want a morning coffee support a local business.

Whether your support is big or small, it will all help local businesses come out the other side of this fighting strong!



**Community Sporting and Recreation Facilities Fund grant applications now open**

delivering funding to build and upgrade community sport & recreation facilities

[www.dlgsc.wa.gov.au](http://www.dlgsc.wa.gov.au)

## Visit Toodyay Social Media Campaigns

The team at the Toodyay Visitor Centre have been busy working on a social media campaign to capture tourists in their dreaming and planning stages. While a lot of people are stuck at home it is the perfect time to show them what Toodyay has to offer. The campaign can be drawn out or condensed depending on when travel restrictions get lifted.

### #ILoveToodyay

The I Love Toodyay promotion asks social media users to post a photo or video of their favourite thing about Toodyay. To get involved please tag @visittoodyay when posting about Toodyay on Facebook or Instagram.



### Toodyay Bucket List

The team have created a series of themed blogs that have been uploaded to our website and will be shared to our social media pages. The aim is to inspire a Toodyay Bucket List for when people are able to travel again. There will be six blogs posted over the next three months. Please comment, like and share amongst your networks.



### This is Toodyay

Earlier in the year a series of videos was created with locals talking about what Toodyay meant to them. These four videos will be released over the next three months and anyone featured in the videos will be tagged. Please comment, like and share to ensure they achieve a broad reach.



### Visitors Centre

Our doors have been closed but the girls from the Visitors Centre are still busy working away behind the scenes. Our front window is open for you if you need our assistance and our products are still available for sale.

If you are "Going on a Bear Hunt" make sure you drop by the Visitors Centre. You never know who you might spot!!



## Digital Museum

We are excited to explore a new way of sharing Toodyay's unique history. Two new digital exhibitions have been uploaded to the Shire of Toodyay and the Toodyay Visitors websites.

Titled "Not just barefoot and pregnant... but much, much more!" and "Remembering Them" both are based on the extensive research undertaken for two of our major temporary exhibitions held in recent years at the Newcastle Gaol Museum.

The first exhibition shares some lesser known stories about Toodyay women and has tales ranging from parachutes to publicans.

The second was rolled out in time for our very different ANZAC commemorations this year. It explores the effect World War One had on the Toodyay community and includes updated content and high quality photos recently taken of some of our collection artefacts.

More digital exhibitions are coming over the next few months and along with the two already posted, will be found on our Shire of Toodyay webpage under Community & Visitors / Museums & Heritage / Digital Museum Exhibition, and on our Toodyay Visitors Centre webpage under Historical Toodyay / Digital Museum Exhibitions. At present there is also a link on the landing page of the Shire of Toodyay, just scroll down to the bottom of the screen. Our Toodyay Museums Facebook group page will advise as they are uploaded to the websites.



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



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## SHIRE ROADS UPDATE



Down at the depot, works have been ramping up in order to complete the current financial years program prior to the wet season and to take advantage of the decreased traffic as a result of COVID-19. Several road improvement projects are either underway or about to commence across the Shire. Please ensure you follow traffic management advice and drive safely through any worksites. Our staff want to get home to their families at the end of the day too.

### Traffic Counts:

As you can imagine, traffic flows across the world have been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. While traffic volumes have dropped between 35-50% in areas, speeding fines have nearly doubled as drivers take more risks. It is important to remember that while the roads may be empty, speed limits are in place for your safety - the majority of accidents in Toodyay involve a single vehicle only.

### Dumbarton Bridge:

Bridge repair works unfortunately required the closure of Dumbarton Bridge in February and as a result a temporary bypass track was reinstated. Shire of Toodyay has worked closely with the Traditional Owners in an effort to restore the river bed and banks to a condition better than we found it. Works to remove a section of the causeway were completed in late April concluding with a traditional smoking ceremony. We wish to thank Rod, Paul and Allen Garlett for their advice and cooperation to ensure a positive outcome.

*Pictured below, Rod, Paul and Allen Garlett*



### Bejoording Road:

Shire of Toodyay crews are currently undertaking 3km of road reconstruction on Bejoording Road, between Sheen and Nunile Roads. Works involve vegetation pruning, widening, pavement rehabilitation and sealing. Asphalt works at the intersection of Nunile/Bejoording Road will look to ensure heavy vehicles can manoeuvre safely without causing ongoing maintenance issues.

### Bindi Bindi - Toodyay Road:

Road works on a 2.5km section of Bindi Bindi - Toodyay Road is scheduled to commence in May. Works will widen, repair and re-seal the section of road between Carroll Road and the Shire Boundary near Bolgart. Please allow for minor delays for the duration of the works.

### Hamersley Street:

For those who travel along Hamersley Street and the heavy vehicle bypass, it will come as a welcome relief to know that works are underway to rectify the harsh transition over the railway crossing after the tracks were raised last year. The project is being undertaken by a mix of Shire staff and contractors and will require a period of road closure at the time of asphalt works. Variable message boards will be in place advising of any upcoming traffic impacts.

### Bejoording Town Site intersection works:

Intersection improvement works are programmed to take place on five intersections within the Bejoording area. Gravel being pushed onto Bindi Bindi - Toodyay Road has been an ongoing maintenance issue. The proposed minor drainage works and sealing of the intersections will create a safer road environment for drivers.

### Dreyer Road:

At the completion of Bejoording Road, Shire crews will move to Dreyer Road to construct and seal 800m of road. Drainage improvement works will look to minimise the impact of runoff into properties that has long caused erosion issues in the area due to the steep terrain.

### Rosedale Street:

The intersection of Rosedale Street and Folewood Road will be closed off to all traffic as a result of ongoing illegal manoeuvres by members of the public. Works are programmed for this financial year and will be in consultation with local residents.

## WHATS COUNCIL BEEN UP TO THIS MONTH?

Council held four Special Meetings as well as the Ordinary Council Meeting in the month of April 2020.

Live streaming of these meetings was available to the community and we anticipate that the practice of live streaming will continue. The Shire appreciates the community's patience with the technical issues we have experienced while we embrace these new systems.

A special Meeting of Council held on 14 April 2020 was called to discuss and acknowledge the impact of COVID-19 on our community. Council voted to implement the following:

- Council will not increase any rates in the dollar for the 2020/21 financial year.
- Council resolved to implement any 2020 revaluations (either Unimproved or Gross Rental), which would normally be applied at 1 July 2020 and grant concessions on any increases to be in line with the 2019/2020 budgeted rates revenue.
- Council will not increase fees and charges in the 2020/21 financial year.
- Council will decrease its charges on overdue rates from the current 7.5% pa calculated daily, to 0%.
- Council will decrease its administration fee to be paid when paying by instalment from the current \$7.50 per instalment rate and the 3%pa interest charge (calculated daily) to \$0.00 per instalment rate and 0%pa interest charge.
- Council will decrease its administration fee to be paid when setting up a payment arrangement from the current \$40.00 to \$0.00 (nil).
- Council will offer a 3% discount to ratepayers who pay their 2020/21 rates in full by the due date instead of offering Rates Incentive Prizes in the 2020/2021 financial year.
- Council acknowledged that the effects of COVID-19 will have a significant and lasting financial impact on the Shire of Toodyay.
- Council will consider future financial relief measures available to it during its 2020/2021 Annual Budget deliberations.

### Items covered at the April Ordinary Council Meeting were as follows:

- Cr Manning resigned from the position of President and Cr Rosemary Madasci stepped down as Deputy President.
- Cr Rosemary Madasci and Cr Beth Ruthven were elected as President and Deputy President, respectively.
- Stan Scott finished his term as the Shire's CEO on 12 May 2020.
- Suzanne Haslehurst has been appointed as the new CEO for the Shire of Toodyay. It is anticipated Suzie will commence working with the Shire early August, if not before.
- Chiley Luangala, Manager of Corporate Services, was appointed Acting CEO by Council on 24 March 2020 and will continue in this role until the new CEO commences.
- A number of questions on behalf of the Toodyay Progress Association were asked and answered during public question time.
- A presentation was made to Council by the Toodyay Chamber of Commerce and Industry and Bendigo Bank regarding the Toodyay Dollar program.
- The monthly financial statements were received by Council.
- The monthly list of payments were received by Council
- Council adopted Policy F.22 COVID-19 Financial Hardship for new debts.
- Council established a Working Group to brainstorm ideas and develop strategies with the intention of bringing those ideas to Council for formal endorsement, subject to provision of local government resources. Members of the Working Group as follows: Cr Hart, Cr Rayner, Cr Greenway, Cr Madasci, and the Chief Executive Officer.
- Council accepted the recommendation that the Shire of Toodyay immediately adopt the National Code of Conduct for Commercial Leasing, which includes the requirement for the Shire of Toodyay, as landlord, to offer its tenants proportionate reductions in rent payable in the form of waivers and deferrals of up to 100% of the amount ordinarily payable based on the reduction in the tenant's trade during the COVID-19 pandemic period and a subsequent reasonable recovery period.
- Council voted against a recommendation for Councillor attendance fees to be suspended because of their reduced workload due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Council voted against a recommendation that, as part of its 2020/21 budget deliberations, Council consider issuing each household in the Shire of Toodyay with a minimum of \$100 Toodyay Dollars.
- Council voted to make the position of Manager Community Development redundant with the Community Services area moving to be overseen by the Manager Corporate & Community Services.

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

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

# Bust the **BOREDOM**

## KEEP YOUR MIND ACTIVE

Reading, crosswords, suduko, and puzzles are a perfect way to keep your mind occupied and active. Did you know that our Library has an online portal, which is FREE to access plenty of eResouces?

## JUMP ONLINE!

With an abundance of virtual enrichment activities available online how about using this time to learn new things through online courses. YouTube Tutorials are FREE - why not check out our Digital Museum Exhibition?

## Get Organised

Do you cringe everytime you open the 'bottom kitchen drawer or walk into the shed'? Hold on to goods that you can donate to charities when they are re-opened.

## Go for a Walk

Get some fresh air! visit some of the many beautiful reserves and walk trails that Toodyay has to offer! Locations and trail maps can be found on our website.

## Fun for the Family



On a nice day, pack up a picnic for the front or backyard.



Get the kids involved prop up cushions and use blankets to create a fortress for an indoors campout.



Go on a teddy bear hunt!! Many community member around town have put up teddy bears round town, how many can you spot?

## Paint Toodyay REaD

Over the last few months we have seen many Toodyay parents and businesses encouraging reading to our children to make our Toodyay Red Egg grow. We are now super excited to announce that our Red Spotted Egg has grown!

We have seen a stories read by Moondyne Joe, Wheatbelt Health Network, Book Shed, Mia Davies, Northam Holden and Sharon Pegrum as well as photos of local parents reading to their children.

Reading to children teaches communication skills, teaches morals, increases comprehension skills, relays a sense of belonging and connection, creates strong attachment and positive bonds, can be calming and therapeutic, ignites curiosity and a hunger to learn, plays a positive role in the development of cognitive thinking, stimulates their imagination and creativity, prepares young children for school and is fun.

The Egg has now returned to Toodyay District High School - lets see if we can make it grow so big that something hatches out of the egg!

If you would like to follow its journey then join 'Toodyay Early Years Network' on facebook.



### Are you a livestock owner?

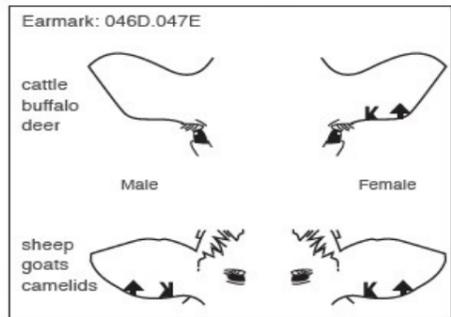
In Western Australia, owners of all cows, sheep, pigs, goats, horses, llamas and alpacas must be registered. Registration is required whether you're running a large cattle property, grazing a few sheep on a small landholding or you have a pet pig, goat or alpaca. Being able to trace livestock movement helps us manage disease outbreaks, boost consumer confidence in our livestock product and protect the health of the livestock industry. Whether your farm is big or small, all Western Australian livestock owners have a role in keeping our produce clean, safe and in-demand. Correct identification of cattle, sheep, pigs, goats and alpacas supports traceable produce, boosts consumer confidence, keeps the door open to business and enables disease management. In coming months the Shire of Toodyay will be conducting random registration inspections.



### Check your stock owner registration details

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

- PIC**
- Four letters and four numbers
  - Make sure it is current and not expired
- Brand**
- Two letters and a number
  - First letter may 'lazy', tipped to the left
- 7BT 7mT m7T  
7BT0 7BT2 B7T1
- Earmark**
- Two notches in the ear
  - Place in the correct ear, location and orientation as per your registration certificate
- Properties**
- Make sure all the properties where you run stock are registered to your PIC/s, even if you do not own the land



### Dog Attacks

Over the past weeks the Shire of Toodyay Rangers have found there to be an increasing number of dog attacks in the Shire. The Dog Act 1976 interprets an "attack" to be, aggressively rushing at or harassing any person or animal, biting or otherwise causing physical injury to a person or animal, tearing clothing on, or otherwise causing damage to the property of, the person attacked, attempting to attack, or behaving in such a manner toward a person as would cause a reasonable person to fear injury. As a dog owner, you are legally responsible for how your dog behaves. By managing your dog correctly, you can prevent it from attacking people and animals: Never allow your dog to wander unsupervised. Install secure fencing and regularly check it and when in any public place in Western Australia your dog must be tethered or on a leash, unless the place is a designated dog exercise area. As an owner, you are still completely responsible for the control and behaviour of your dog. Allowing your dog to wander puts its health at risk and can even endanger yours. Every year hundreds of pets are shot, poisoned and impounded for attacking people and livestock. Other roaming dogs die from snake bite or traffic accidents. Those that do return often bring back diseases that could be passed on to their owner's family or other pets. Rangers will not be giving out cautions in the event of a dog attack. As a dog owner you can be fined up to \$10,000, or even be charged with manslaughter, if your dog attacks. A dog attack is traumatic for both the victim and the dog owner, but most can be avoided if dog owners properly manage their pets. If you, or someone you observe, are threatened or attacked by dogs, contact the ranger. If serious or life threatening injuries are sustained call 000 or seek the required medical attention.

### How does your street look?

We all tend to walk or drive around and not see things that are obvious to another person looking with "fresh eyes". Next time you go for a drive or walk around town, take time to observe what a visitor might see when they are in Toodyay. Are the roads in good order? Have any guide posts been knocked over? Are the garden beds weed free? Are the facilities clean and in working order? The Shire needs your help! We can't be everywhere and do everything at once, but if we don't know we can't change things. Send us an email or use the website link to report issues. Together we can keep Toodyay safe and looking good for the Community and for our Visitors to enjoy: <http://www.toodyay.wa.gov.au/Council/Have-your-say/>

### NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK 27 May to 3 June.

The Noongar Kaartdijin Aboriginal Corporation, and the Shire of Toodyay along with members of the community, are working towards a Reconciliation Action Plan for Toodyay. We hope to be able to celebrate the Reconciliation Action Plan during Reconciliation Week in 2021.

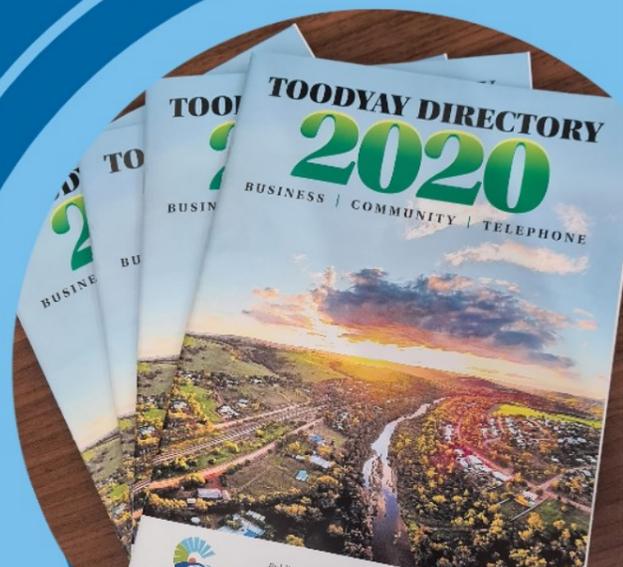


## 2020 Community Directory AVAILABLE NOW

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

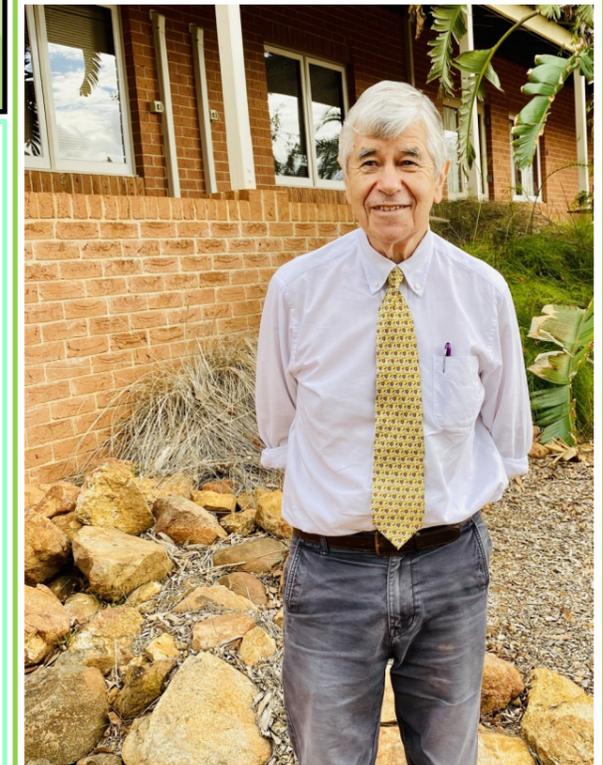
If your business did not advertise in this years directory and you wish to be included in the 2021 directory please contact The Avon Valley & Wheatbelt Advocate on 0429 685 895.

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



### Alma Beard Medical Centre

The Wheatbelt Health Network is pleased to announce that Dr David Hoffman will be joining the Toodyay medical health team in May 2020. He will join Dr Prasad (GP), Sue Hardy (Nurse Practitioner), Jeni (Registered Nurse) and Sandy (Enrolled Nurse) plus an allied health team. Dr Hoffman has over 40 years of GP experience. We farewell Dr Paul Gallagher who is returning to emergency medicine.



### FREE training course for all hospitality staff on COVID-19 hygiene

On Sunday, 10 May 2020 Mark McGowan announced an easing of restrictions. As of Monday, 18 May 2020 cafes and restaurants reopened for dine in meals, the Western Australian Government want them to be as clean and safe as possible. That's why they will now fund a new FREE training course for all hospitality staff on COVID-19 hygiene.

The outbreak of the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) has changed the way that we live and work. Western Australia has managed the virus outbreak very well, and as WA's hospitality and tourism businesses re-open, they will need to have new hygiene practices in place.

Workers in the hospitality and tourism industry have a role in supporting safe and healthy venues and practices. The AHA Hospitality & Tourism COVID-19 Hygiene Course has been backed by the Western Australian Government and is designed to provide you with hygiene awareness and procedures.

This course will cover the following modules:

- Understanding COVID-19 and the WA Hospitality & Tourism Industry
- Reporting of personal health issues
- Maintaining personal and work environment hygiene practices
- Contactless procedures and reducing cross contamination
- Effective cleaning and sanitising practices

For more information head to <https://hospitalityhygiene.com/aha-covid-19-hospitality-tourism-hygiene-course/>



### NBN Co creates \$150 million COVID-19 Relief and Assistance

NBN Co has announced it will establish a \$150 million financial relief and assistance fund to help internet providers to support their residential and small and medium business customers affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The relief fund, created following a short industry consultation led by NBN Co, is aimed at helping internet providers connect low-income households with home schooling needs, supporting emergency and essential services, and assisting small and medium businesses and residential customers who are facing financial hardship.

The consultation involved more than 50 internet providers, government and consumer group Australian Communications Consumer Action Network (ACCAN) and identified specific customer segments that require immediate support.



Shire of Toodyay residents will be pleased to know that as of Monday, 18 May 2020, our Offices reopened to the public. This includes the Administration Office, Visitors Centre and Library, with the Museums opening in Phase 3. These are hopefully the first of several steps in the next few weeks as the State Government gradually lifts restrictions and allows WA residents to begin returning to a more normal state of reality.



Certain restrictions will remain in place for the time being these will include:

- The number of people that may enter our facilities at a given time - 1 person per 4m<sup>2</sup> rule that will remain in place. Please take note of any signage and floor markings.
- Hand sanitiser will continue to be provided and visitors to the facilities are encouraged to make use of it.
- We will also continue to have rope barriers in place at the Administration Centre to ensure the 1.5m social distancing is observed between visitors and Shire staff.
- We prefer you to use 'tap & go' still instead of cash.
- If you are unwell, please do not visit us.

Other Shire services and facilities that have been closed or cancelled in recent weeks due to the COVID-19 Pandemic remain closed or unavailable for the time being. This includes playgrounds and skate parks and Museums. As soon as these services are permitted to resume by the State Government, the Shire will re-open them and advise the public accordingly.

To effectively help contain any outbreaks of Coronavirus and in lifting current restrictions, the Federal Government created an app that can be downloaded onto your smart phone.

The idea is that the more people who download the app, the fewer places the virus will have to hide. In turn, this keeps you, your family and your community safer and we can get back to business and back to enjoying our lives sooner.

The Federal Government's COVIDSafe app works by finding close contacts of COVID-19 cases and helping state and territory health officials to quickly contact people who may have been exposed to COVID-19. All you need to do is turn on Bluetooth on your phone and keep the app running as you go about your daily business. Further information about the app is available via the Australian Government Department of Health's website [www.health.gov.au/resources/apps-and-tools/covidsafe-app](http://www.health.gov.au/resources/apps-and-tools/covidsafe-app).

# Update on the Sport & Recreation Project

- Swimming pool concrete pours all complete, all water testing complete (hydrostatic testing successful)
- Retaining walls all complete
- Car park road construction underway
- Masonry walls constructed to buildings
- Roofing complete
- All ramp and access paths under way

Works on schedule for completed in August/September

