

Toodyay Community Newsletter

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ANZAC PARK REDEVELOPMENT

The bulk of the Anzac Park redevelopment is now complete, with only some minor gardening touches to finalise the project. This upgrade has lifted the park's aesthetic value and pays tribute to those who have served our country. Pictured are representatives of the RSL and Shire of Toodyay.

FIRE EMERGENCY WATER ACCESSIBILITY GRANT

Following the Treasurer's announcement of the 2017 State Budget on 7 September 2017, the Shire of Toodyay has been granted **\$64,058** in funding for the Watering WA Towns Fire Emergency Water Accessibility Project.

The project will provide strategic emergency water sources, improving accessibility to water for local fire brigades. The use of this local non-potable water source will reduce pressure on the Shire's only reticulated scheme standpipe and provide quicker local access to water in an emergency.

The Agreement with the Department of Water and Environment Regulation will be finalised in the near future and the project will commence soon after.



BUTTERLY COTTAGES MOVES AHEAD

Construction work on the Butterly Cottages has begun with the first concrete pour. It is expected that the next stages of this project will continue to progress quickly over the coming weeks.

This project is an exciting development for Toodyay, and we look forward to updating you on its progress in pictures as it starts to take shape.



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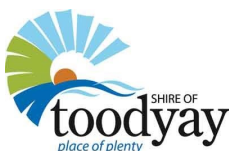
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Toodyay WA 6566***



President's Pen - David Dow

With all the negative talk around Government debt and funding cuts, it's good to know that there is still some cash coming into our region.

Last month's announcement that \$17.2m has been allocated for the continuation of upgrades to Toodyay Road speaks volumes for the combined lobbying of Toodyay and Gidgegannup residents, along with your Shire and local politicians. At this stage it is not clear which sections of the road will be upgraded - however, the announcement by Police and Road Safety Minister Michelle Roberts mentions widening of a 27kilometre stretch to include an 11metre sealed surface and sealed shoulders, along with road realignment, and bridge replacement at Jimperding Brook.

I believe that it is imperative that we all continue to put the pressure on to get fair consideration for another funding allocation in next year's State budget. This requires whole of community input to support any future Shire representation to the Minister and Main Roads. Ten deaths and thirty-nine serious injuries over a four-year period is simply not acceptable.

Closer to home, your Shire recently received an Emergency Services Levy Local Government Grant Scheme funding of \$277k for a new Bush Fire Brigade station to be built next to the Coondle wheat bin. The Shire is responsible for site works and service connections estimated at \$60k. The grant covers the cost of the building which features a drive in / drive out design along with training and meeting facilities similar to the one in town. The Coondle-Nunile Brigade will relocate to the new station when construction is complete. The Shire's contribution is included in the current budget.

The Coondle-Nunile 2.4R fire truck, which has seen many years of active service, was recently approved by DFES for replacement with a 3.4U (Urban) appliance. The new appliance will carry three thousand litres of water, seat six crew, be four wheel drive and have all the latest crew safety equipment. The appliance, which is worth over half a million dollars, is fully funded by the Emergency Services Levy Local Government Grant Scheme (ESL LGGs). The ESL shown as part of your rates notice is collected by the Shire on behalf of the

State Government but we don't have any say in how and where it is spent. The Shire expects delivery of the new appliance early in 2019.

Following a period of uncertainty surrounding the Royalties for Regions Program, the Department of Water has finally confirmed funding of \$64k toward previously reported additions to emergency water facilities at Morangup and Bejoording. The additional tanks, high discharge pumps and generators will take the pressure off the Shire's only standpipe and reduce the turnaround times for appliances. The total cost of \$92.8k (less the grant) has already been budgeted for so no adjustments will be necessary.

Following a recent radio segment on the withdrawal of funding for aged housing throughout the Wheatbelt, concern has been expressed about Stage 1 of the joint Shire/Butterfly cottages project in Anzac Avenue. It has even been suggested that we may end up with a number of partially built units. This is not the case. Stage 1 will not be impacted by the funding cuts. The CEO has received confirmation that the funding is secure in line with financial assistance agreements in place until June 2018.

Concrete footings and slabs have been laid for all nine buildings, and the target date for full completion including fencing and landscaping is now set for next May.

In August the Shire received a letter from the Toodyay Agricultural Society regarding the possibility of lead contamination in drinking water from the three new water fill stations located at Anzac Park, the Visitors Centre and the Showgrounds. The water fountains were turned off until water samples were analysed. The tests were OK, however the fountain at Anzac Park will remain turned off until the park upgrades are complete.

A couple of weeks ago I received a media enquiry regarding the current status of the CCTV system that operates within the townsite. The CCTV system is owned by the Shire and as such the Shire has responsibility for the ongoing maintenance, upgrades and future expansion of surveillance areas. Our CCTV policy, used in conjunction with an MOU between the Shire and Police, has some fairly stringent controls on the use and objectives of the system. The policy states that cameras will not be hidden and will be

placed in public view wherever possible. One of the key objectives is *to limit, deter and detect crime and criminal damage* with some of the cameras having number plate recognition features.

Congratulations to Kerry Knowles and Kevin Hutchings on being awarded honorary life membership to the Toodyay Agricultural Society. They join a group of highly dedicated life members (I think about 35) who have been part of the long-term success and continuation of the Toodyay show for 164 years.

Each year the Shire purchases an art item at the show as an encouragement to local artists to display their craft. This year's acquisition was a painting of Avon River trees and vegetation by well recognised local artist, Wendy Lewer.

At last month's Council meeting it was decided that the Shire will continue to work with the Tidy Towns Committee to develop a mural to be painted on the Duke St ablation block wall, facing Charcoal Lane. 19 submissions were received during public consultation, all supportive of the idea of having a mural, but most expressed misgivings with the published concept design. Unfortunately no definitive alternative designs were presented. Verbal submissions were also received at the September council forum. One of the submitters, Mrs Margaret Somerville, pledged a generous donation to assist with the mural costs.

Further financial support will be needed to get the paint flowing so perhaps Mrs Somerville's generosity will trigger some ideas and action on how to raise finance outside of the traditional street stall theme.

A reminder that even though this year's Council elections are being conducted by postal vote, you can still have your say on who represents you right up until 6pm on Saturday 21 October. If you can't mail your vote in time, you have the option of placing your vote in the locked box at the Shire.

An Electoral Office Returning Officer and staff will be at the Council Chambers all day on election day - Saturday 21 October - so if you have not received your voting package, have lost it, or it has been destroyed, you can ask the returning officer for a replacement package right up until the 6pm close of the polls.

Citizenship Awards



**NOMINATE A
COMMUNITY
HERO**

www.citizenshipawards.com.au

Don't forget this is your final chance to showcase our local Toodyay heroes for the Citizen of the Year Awards.

Nominations close 31 October 2017

Please head to:

www.citizenshipawards.com.au

to nominate a Toodyay resident for their outstanding community work.



Proposed Road Closure

Toodyay Christmas Street Party Friday 1 December 2017



Toodyay Chamber of Commerce and Industry Inc. is proposing a road closure on **Friday 1 December 2017 from 5.00pm to 9.30pm along Stirling Terrace Toodyay** from Oddfellow Street to Piesse Street, for the running of the Annual Christmas Street Party.

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

Written comments and submissions from the public are welcomed and must be received by the Shire prior to **4.00pm, Thursday 9 November 2017** at the Shire of Toodyay Administration Centre, 15 Fiennes Street (PO Box 96) TOODYAY WA 6566.

TOODYAY INCLUSION PROGRAM

Held from 2 to 6 October, the Toodyay Community Program was organised by the Shire of Toodyay and the Toodyay Community Resource Centre. It was a great success with over 140 attendances.

The Toodyay Cricket Club taught participants how to bat like Don Bradman and bowl like Shane Warne.



It got a bit messy creating the Halloween decorations for the Toodyay Community Resource Centre Halloween party.

St John Ambulance volunteers taught everyone important first aid skills.



The magic of Disney was brought to life in short stories at the Disney Film Festival held at the Toodyay Community Resource Centre. Toodyay Museum staff and volunteers got crafty creating Convict ROCKS and mosaic art to earn their ticket of leave. If anyone has left their artwork behind please collect it from Maddie at the Visitor Centre.

Thank you to all the clubs and volunteers for donating your time.

EVENTS

15 October 2017 - Toodyay Farmers Market - Held on the third Sunday of each month, the Toodyay Farmers Markets offer plenty of artisan stalls, education sessions and entertainment.

21 October 2017 - Local Government Elections - The Shire Chambers will be open until 6.00pm on election day for you to lodge your vote, if you have not posted it or require a replacement voting package.

3 to 5 November 2017 - Toodyay Bush Poetry Festival - Some of the best bush poets from across Australia will be converging on Toodyay for the Australian Bush Poetry Championships. Visitors to the Bush Poetry Festival can be assured of a feast of traditional and modern poetry in the style of the great masters Banjo Paterson and Henry Lawson. Come along to the Memorial Hall for the Friday night concert and again on Saturday night to join in and enjoy the family 'bush dance'. Everyone is welcome.

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



**WA Bush Poets
& Yarnspinnners**



Act-Belong-Commit Toodyay Bush Poetry Festival

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*Australian Bush Poetry
Championships*

Fri 3rd - Sun 5th Nov 2017

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president@wabushpoets.asn.au



Fire Response Vehicle Identifier

Farm firefighting units form an important part of the Shire's overall bushfire response. To assist authorities in identifying vehicles which can assist DFES in bushfire response, DFES and the Shire encourages owners of such vehicles or machinery to apply for a **Fire Response Vehicle Identifier** windscreen sticker. Application forms are available from the Shire Administration Centre or Shire website. Further information can be found on the Shire's website: <http://www.toodyay.wa.gov.au/Resident-Services/Fire-Information/Farmer-fire-information1/Fire-Response-Vehicle-Identifier-Stickers>.

Restricted Burning Period

As of 1 October 2017, the Shire of Toodyay entered a Restricted Burning Period. During the Restricted Burning Period, permits are required.

Requests for permits can be emailed to:

permits@toodyay.wa.gov.au

Permits must contain the following information:

- ◇ Applicant's Full Name
- ◇ 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 Date/s

The Shire will endeavour to follow up all applications by COB the business day following the request.

Penalties apply for burning without a permit or outside the conditions of an issued permit. See <http://www.toodyay.wa.gov.au/Resident-Services/Fire-Awareness/Fire-restrictions-and-permits> for more information.

Time to Act

If you are not already prepared for bushfire season, now is the time to act.

Your property must be prepared as per the Fire-break Notice or approved variation by 1 November.

The Shire conducts compliance inspections and penalties apply. Residents are also advised to make or review their property's bushfire survival plan and ensure everyone residing at your property knows the plan.

For more information visit:

<http://www.toodyay.wa.gov.au/Resident-Services/Fire-Information/Fire-Break-Notice> or <https://www.emergency.wa.gov.au/prepare>



Tourism in Toodyay

Tourism in Toodyay is entering into an exciting new chapter as the Shire of Toodyay prepares a draft Tourism Strategy. Icon Tourism has been engaged by the Shire to investigate how Toodyay will be positioned into the future for Tourism.

Information and workshop sessions will explore what is currently in place for Toodyay and what gaps and opportunities there are, as well as discuss potential future opportunities. Input from interested individuals, businesses and organisations is welcomed.

Monday 16 October 10.00am – 12.00pm
Lesser Hall (Memorial Hall)

Tuesday 17 October 2.00pm – 4.00pm
Lesser Hall (Memorial Hall)

Wednesday 18 October 5.30pm – 7.30pm
Connors Mill

Thursday 19 and Friday 20 October
Private appointments can be made by prior arrangement.

These sessions are just the beginning and we look forward to working together with the whole community.

Light refreshments will be served at each session.

For further information, please contact Community Development on 9574 9394 or email cdpa@toodyay.wa.gov.au.

Volunteer Snake Removalists

The Shire has the phone numbers of a few people in Toodyay that handle/remove snakes for the general public. These individuals are not hired by the Shire. They volunteer their time to help those unable to deal with snake situations themselves.

NAME	PHONE NUMBER
Brian Foley	0419 933 721 / 9574 5448
Lex Bekovs	0476 903 125
Cameron Large	0423 800 208 / 9574 5848
John Hansen (Weekends only)	0409 880 909

Please be mindful that they are volunteers and that contributions of any amount would be welcomed.

If a Volunteer cannot be reached please contact Wildcare Helpline to be referred to an alternative volunteer reptile remover. If volunteers are unavailable, there are commercial snake removal services. Advice can be obtained by phoning the DPaW.

SHIRE ROAD MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE

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

Job Description	Estimated Completion
Salt Valley Road construction and seal	November 2017
River Road construction and seal	November 2017
Wandoo Circle funded construction and seal	November 2017
Emergency access way and fire service access route: maintenance and upgrade - Coondle West area	October 2017



Local Government Elections
21 October 2017



LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS SATURDAY 21 OCTOBER 2017

POSTAL VOTING: You will have received your postal vote information package by now. 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 as in previous years - all voting will be via 'postal vote' process.

Election Packages will be sent to all electors on the local government electoral roll where there is an election in their electorate.

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, Saturday 21 October 2017.

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 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

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0429 962 013

UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS - Council Chambers

Meeting	Date	Time
Ordinary Council Meeting	24 October 2017	4.00pm
Council Forum	14 November 2017	4.00pm

Local Government Convention good value for new Councillors



Each year the WA Local Government Association (WALGA) hosts an annual convention. Councillors and senior officers from all over WA come together to discuss emerging issues and challenges in the sector and undertake development opportunities.

The afternoon prior to the start of the convention, WALGA holds its AGM and debates motions from member Councils. To ensure the outcome is fair and representative of the sector, each Council nominates 2 voting delegates.

WALGA, as the peak body for Local Government takes the opportunity presented by the AGM to schedule other activities, training and meetings with State Government senior staff that represent good value for time and money. This year, our Shire President and the CEO met with senior decision makers from the portfolios of Local Government and Communities, Regional Development and Culture, and the Arts, and were able to raise and discuss first hand matters important to Toodyay.

There has been much debate on the subject of training for Elected Members. Whilst the Local Government Act does not mandate training, both the Department and the peak body of WALGA both endorse and support the development of Elected Members. So our Shire, like most other WA Local Governments, has policies that encourage a positive approach to support the professional development of these individuals.

The Shire of Toodyay's current policy states that every member will have the opportunity to attend the annual convention and the CEO will actively encourage elected members to attend the WALGA Annual Local Government Week Conference every year during their first term.

In our current Council, five of the eight Councillors are still in their first term. Serving on Council is a significant responsibility and requires more than simply attending meetings. They are required to develop an understanding of legal frameworks, decision making processes, planning and community issues and finance to name a few. This can only be achieved with a combination of skills development and practical experience.

It is correct that there is a cost attached to this, but it should be seen as an investment to ensure that those who are voted onto Council to represent the community (and in particular those who are in their first term) are provided the skills, knowledge and experience to do the best job possible.

The recent convention provided a valuable opportunity for Elected Members to engage with counterparts from other Local Governments, develop skills, make connections and undertake training that will achieve just that.

Shire of Toodyay Contact Details

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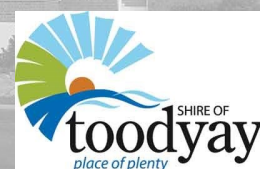
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Works and Services Depot (08) 9574 9360
Community Development (08) 9574 9390
Rangers (08) 9574 9370

Email: records@toodyay.wa.gov.au

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

Visitor Centre web: www.toodyay.com



TREASURE HUNT ACTIVITIES AT THE GAOL



For our younger visitors.

MOUSE HUNT - Track down some of our friendly mice residents at the Gaol. I wonder where you might find a convict mouse, a policeman mouse or a mouse in underwear?

UNDER THE MAGNIFYING GLASS - More treasures to search for during your visit to the Old Gaol Museum – 3 different sizes of magnifying glasses with images of objects on display. Along with some further optional challenges.



From the Rangers

Dog Registration Checks

In the past month our Rangers have been doing random property checks for dog registrations. It is important for the Shire to be aware of the dogs living in the area, not only if your pet needs to find its way back home after wandering, but especially in the case of dog attacks. The more information we have the better. Please do the right thing and register your pets. More than 2 dogs? Please contact the Shire about applying for a 3 to 6 Dog application.



Dog and Cat Registration

It's that time of year again to re-register your pets.

DID YOU KNOW that a lifetime Dog or Cat Registration can be transferred to any Council if you move?



Registrations will be sent out this month and you have a few payment options, but if you pay for a lifetime registration you won't have to worry about it again.

For new registrations or registration renewal please go to:

www.toodyay.wa.gov.au

or call our Shire Admin Office on 9574 9300.

Has your Cat or Dog passed away?

By notifying the Shire of your pets' passing it keeps our records up to date and means you won't receive a registration renewal form.

You can call the Rangers on the below number or email to:

records@toodyay.wa.gov.au

include your name, address, pets name and registration number, if possible, and a contact number in case we need further information.

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

TOODYAY LIBRARY TALK



Do you love reading? We would love you to come and introduce yourself to us at the Toodyay Library which is situated at 96 Stirling Terrace, Toodyay. To become a member all you need to do is provide identification with your current residential address and then you can avail yourselves of our wonderful selection of items.

This month we have over 160 new items on our shelves, including Large Print books, Adult Fiction books, DVDs, Audio books on CD and/or MP3 and non-fiction items. We also have a great selection of Young Adult and Children's books/DVDs for you to choose from.

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.

Ancestry Library - Looking into your family history and need access to an awesome research facility? If you are a member of the library you can access *Ancestry Library* on the Public Computers at the Toodyay Library. You can search through various databases such as *Immigration & Travel, Birth, Marriage & Death Records, Military Records* just to name a few. There is also a huge collection of pictures. If you have any questions please give us a call or visit.

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 site 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, magazines, children's activities and stories. You can also access the Toodyay Library catalogue and see what items you have already read and reserve any of the items that we have on our shelves. If you need any assistance accessing these please give us a call or visit at the Toodyay Library.

Toddler Story Time / Baby Rhyme Time - Wednesdays at 9.15am for Toddlers aged 2 to 5 years, then at 10.00am the Baby Rhymes/Songs for 0 to 2 years (not run during school holidays). Meet some other locals and encourage your little ones to join in with this fun group. This group is run by one of our lovely volunteers. New participants are always welcome. For further information, please call us on 9574 2323.

Morangup Library - Our Morangup branch is running on Tuesday 10 and 24 October. Head over to the Community Centre on Wallaby Way in Morangup from 2pm-4.30pm to have a browse and borrow, and meet some of the lovely locals. This service is provided by one of our Library Officers from Toodyay Library every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month.

Hope to see you soon at either Toodyay or Morangup.