

**APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC COMMENT
PROPOSED AGRICULTURE INTENSIVE / RURAL
PURSUIT / ROADSIDE STALL**

LOT 119 MORANGUP ROAD, MORANGUP

The Shire of Toodyay has received an application for Agriculture Intensive/ Rural Pursuit/ Roadside Stall located at Lot 119 Morangup Road, Morangup.

Approval is being sought for agriculture intensive with a roadside stall for the retail sale of seasonal fruit, vegetables, herbs and plants grown on the property.

Agriculture - intensive, roadside stall will operate in the following manner

- Growing area of 500sqm for vegetables and herbs
- An existing orchard for growing of fruits
- The existing outbuilding will be used for the display and sale of seasonal produce.

Your views on the proposed agriculture - intensive with roadside stall are encouraged and welcomed. The proposal is available for inspection at the Shire of Toodyay Visitor Centre, 7 Piesse Street, Toodyay, during office hours.

Submissions on the proposed development may be addressed in writing and lodged with the Chief Executive Officer, Shire of Toodyay, PO Box 96 Toodyay 6566, by 4.00pm **Monday 19 October 2020**.

Further information on the above proposal is available by contacting the Shire's Development Services on 9574 9300.

Suzie Haslehurst
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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LOCAL PLANNING SCHEME NO. 5

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

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

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

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

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

Submissions should be made in writing and delivered prior to **2 December 2020** via email: records@toodyay.wa.gov.au

Post: PO Box 96 Toodyay WA 6566

In person: 15 Fiennes Street, Toodyay WA 6566.

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

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RESTRICTED BURNING PERIOD
NO FIRES WITHOUT VALID PERMITS**

Works and Services Update

Location	Project Description	Work Type	Completion Status
Bindoon - Dewars Pool Road	Toodyay-Bindi Bindi Rd to Shire Boundary, 24.6km	Shoulder reconstruction and road maintenance	Complete September 2020
Bejoording Road	Toodyay – Bindi Bindi Rd to Nunile Rd 5.2km	Road Reconstruction	Underway, Completion December 2020
Toodyay Street	Jubilee St to Harcourt St 0.8km	Road Reconstruction and footpath	Design & Investigation Underway, Construction TBA
Toodyay Townsite	Pelham Lookout, Bendigo Bank, Recreation Precinct	Line marking	Complete October 2020
Jarratt Pass	Drummond Street to Recreation Precinct	Shared Path Construction	Programmed, Completion December 2020
Lovers Lane	From Toodyay Rd 2.1km	Road Reseal	Programmed, Completion December 2020
River Road	Rail Crossing to Folewood Road 2.1km	Road Reseal	Programmed, Completion December 2020



Swimming pool	Opening / Closing times
Shoulder season – October and April	
Monday-Friday	7.00am-10.00am & 3.00–6.30pm
Saturday - Sunday	9.00am-3.00pm
Summer season – 1 November – 1 March	
Monday–Friday	7.00am-6.30pm
Saturday - Sunday	8.00am-6.00pm

Authorised Inquiry - Report Released

On 6 December 2018, an inquiry into aspects of the Shire of Toodyay administration and Council was authorised in accordance with 8.3(2) of the *Local Government Act 1995*. The long awaited report resulting from the 2 year inquiry was presented in Parliament on the afternoon of Tuesday, 13 October 2020 by the Hon. David Alan Templeman MLA Minister for Local Government; Heritage; Culture and the Arts.

As expected, the Report highlighted certain aspects of Council and some operations of administration where closer oversight and control would have been prudent. The Shire will work with the Department of Local Government to make improvements in the areas identified.

The complete report can be found on the below link and you are invited to contact the Shire if you have any questions.

<https://www.toodyay.wa.gov.au/Resident-Services/News-and-Media/Authorised-Inquiry-Report-Released>

A Message from the Shire President.....

Since I last wrote several interesting events have occurred. The Governor General, the Honourable Kim Beazley AC visited Toodyay as part of a State Government promotion of regional Western Australia.

On request the visit was informal and not announced. The Governor accompanied community members on the inaugural Restoration and Convict Depot walk to the Old Gaol and Museum and clearly enjoyed the sudden appearance of Moondyne Joe, the impromptu visit to the old Court House (Shire chambers), Newcastle Gaol and Museum, and the morning tea provided.

A casual saunter through the main street followed with visits to the Bakery, Uniquely Toodyay, Christmas 360, the Toodyay Recreation Centre and concluded with lunch at the Victoria Hotel. Throughout, the Governor's enthusiasm for our community and history was apparent which was reciprocated in the obvious pleasure and warm welcomes he received. A little surprise was discovering the Governor's family descended from a Toodyay convict.

Last Saturday, a community presentation by ClubLinks, the new managers of the Toodyay Recreation Centre led to the very welcome announcement of the intent by the company to install pool heating. Answers to questions from attendees of the hours of operation and associated fees reflected those of similar centres such as Northam but are still being decided. What was apparent was the enthusiasm and willingness by Clublinks to establish a professional and popular precinct in harmony with community expectations.

Expectations are sometimes difficult to reconcile in a community. Local governments must constantly weigh a community's wants (services) against the rates a community feels are acceptable. Acceptability however is very subjective and therefore varies considerably, the outcome is a decision seldom pleases everyone.

We as a community now need to consider expectations and acceptability. The Toodyay Recreation Centre is completed, and we now have a wonderful facility. Regardless of differences in opinions we must now fully harness its potential to maximise the benefit the community receives from this investment.

Longer operation hours have a wage and utilities price to pay and lower fees means less to offset running costs and rates may need to be increased to accommodate this. The question is, what charges and hours are needed and what can we negotiate or do without?

These questions need to be expanded and asked of the Shire services in our community as well. If we want rates at a manageable level, what services are essential, what can we manage with down sized and what are we prepared to sacrifice or have undertaken by others? Budget time resumes in November and there is no such thing as a free lunch!

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The Local Planning Scheme is divided into parts; Part 2 – Reserves (2 pages), Part 3 – Zones and Use of Land (10 pages), Part 4 – General Development Requirements (16 pages) and Part 5 – Special Control Areas (1 page). Sectioned like this it is not a large task.

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Missing - Bilya Beach Seat

This bench seat was a part of the Bilya Track infrastructure, funded by Lotterywest and created by the Toodyay Friends of the River.

It had been installed by volunteers and was positioned as a rest station along the track. It provided a comfortable place to view the water flowing over Extracts Weir.

Shire President, Rosemary Madasci said; "The Bilya Walk Track is becoming increasingly popular and proving to be a great asset for our community, why anyone would want to do such a thing beggars belief.

We have also had a picnic table stolen from another reserve at West Toodyay. These items are for the benefit of the public and should be respected".

Please report any suspicious activity, theft of or damage to Shire property to the Police.



Australia Day Community Citizen of the Year Awards

Do you know someone great in our Toodyay community?

It could be for outstanding contribution and community service in areas such as; education, health, fund-raising, charitable and voluntary services, business, sport, arts, the environment, social inclusion or any other area that contributes to the advancement and wellbeing of a community.

Please nominate them now as an individual or a group for a 2021 Australia Day Award via the link.

<https://www.citizenshipawards.com.au/>

The following 4 categories nominees may be entered:

- Community Citizen of the Year
- Senior Community Citizen of the Year
- Young Community Citizen of the Year
- Active Citizenship Award (community group or event)

Nominations close 31st of October 2020

If you have questions, please contact Daniel Hobley on 9574 9392 or d.hobley@toodyay.wa.gov.au



KNOW SOMEONE GREAT?

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

citizenshipawards.com.au | Closing Date: 31 October 2020

Local Government Recognising Community Champions.



Go Local First

It is fantastic to see Western Australians holidaying in their own State due to the border closures. There has never been a more crucial time to support local businesses which in turn supports local jobs. The September long weekend saw some businesses record their highest turnover of all time!

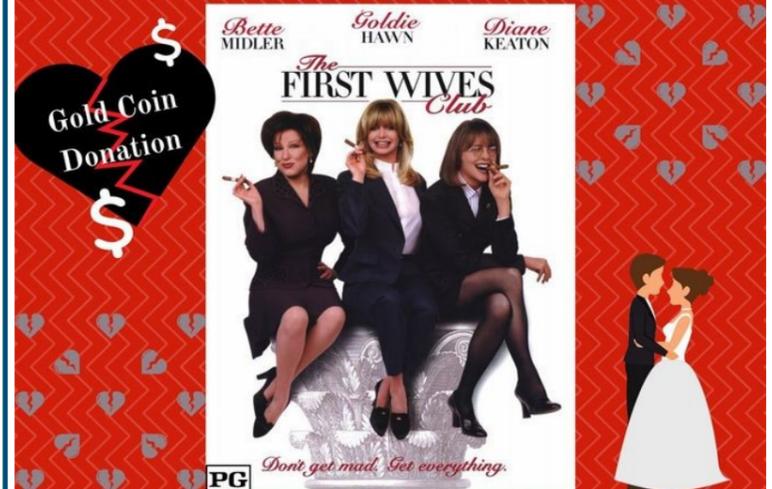
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Movie and Morning Tea

Thursday 15th October
10 am - 12 pm
At the CRC



Three ex-wives, dumped for newer models, are determined to get their revenge. They had helped their husbands become financially successful, but now they plan to take away their money.



Bookings not essential

Call the TCRC for further information on 9574 5357 or email admin1@toodyayere.com.au



WA Bush Poets & Yarnspinnners

Toodyay Bush Poetry Festival

Fri 30th Oct - Sun 1st Nov 2020

WA Bush Poetry
Performance Championships
Song Writing Workshop
Variety Concert Saturday Night

FREE ENTRY TO ALL EVENTS

Proudly sponsored and supported by



For more information, visit

www.wabushpoets.asn.au



REGIONAL ARTS AND CULTURAL INVESTMENT PROGRAM FUNDING ROUNDS NOW OPEN

The **Aboriginal Arts Commissioning Fund** will provide opportunities for Aboriginal artists to share their stories through the development of new, large scale work.

Funding available: up to \$300,000

Applications open AWST 9am 30 September 2020 (Closing 4pm, 3 November).

Made in WA supports the commissioning of new performing arts work which is relevant to regional audiences and will be premiered in regional venues.

Funding available: up to \$150,000

Applications open AWST 9am 30 September 2020 (Closing 4pm, 3 November).

The **Regional and Remote Festivals Fund** supports arts and cultural activity at regional and remote festivals in Western Australia.

Funding available: up to \$50,000

Applications open AWST 9am 30 September 2020 (Closing 4pm, 3 November).

Visit the [culture and the arts regional funding page](#) for more information.

More on the Regional Arts and Culture Investment Program:

The program will deliver almost \$20 million in funding to regional Western Australia over four years. The program will increase the capacity for the regions to engage with arts and culture, improving the social cohesion, liveability and vibrancy of local communities.

The program is delivered by the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries, with funding from the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development

Online mental health support for small businesses

The Morrison Government has invested an additional \$3.1 million to expand mental health and wellbeing services available through the Ahead for Business initiative to ensure small business owners and their staff can access support and resources.

Hosted by mental health organisation Everymind, the digital hub offers small and family businesses resources including articles, videos, podcasts and toolkits.

Users of Ahead for Business will also be able to access anonymous peer-to-peer forums and an online wellbeing plan is among the range of supports available.

For more information on Ahead for Business visit www.aheadforbusiness.org.au

National Road Safety Week 2020

NEW DATE
15-22 NOVEMBER 2020

GRANTS FOR WOMEN PROGRAM 2020/2021

Grants of up to \$10,000 are available for community organisations and local governments to implement projects that focus on the unique issues faced by Western Australian women.

Funding of up to \$5,000 is available for one-off activities or initiatives, with a duration of up to six months that contribute to the program's priority areas.

Funding of up to \$10,000 is available for longer term (six to twelve months), strategic initiatives involving a range of partners that will contribute to creating sustainable or systemic change in the program's priority areas.

Projects should address one or more of the following project priority areas:

- Health and Wellbeing
- Safety and Justice
- Women's Economic Independence
- Women in Leadership

Applications for funding should also consider how the initiative aligns with the State Governments Stronger Together WA's Plan for Gender Equality which can be downloaded at: communities.wa.gov.au. Applications close: 4pm Thursday, 26 November 2020. No late applications will be accepted. Application and Guidelines can be found at: dlqc.communities.wa.gov.au

Always Was, Always Will Be.

8 - 15 NOV 2020

#NAIDOC2020

A Visit from the Governor, Kim Beazley

On Thursday 1 October we welcomed The Honourable Kim Beazley AC, Governor of Western Australia to Toodyay. The itinerary included the launch of the Convict Depot Walk and recognition of the re-shingling of the Newcastle Gaol Museum. The Governor also toured the Connor's Mill museum, main street and Toodyay Recreation Centre.

Reflecting on his recent day trip, the Governor said:
"I really appreciate the great care and effort of the community members in the regional towns of Western Australia when I visit.

Parts of our immediate country have such enormous value in keeping visitors entertained during these changing times with the COVID-19 pandemic. Toodyay has become an area that is even more significant in the environment in which we are living and we learn a lot about ourselves and our history.

All of the close towns throughout the Wheatbelt region have marvellous features and in Toodyay's case they have a really beautiful Gaol Museum. This is a first-class museum and a must visit. It's also great to hear that the council meets in the Old Court House building which in itself has historical meaning.

The addition of the new recreation centre opening in late November, will only add to the charm and vibrancy of this fantastic town."

Toodyay's Olympic torch

Our new Community Pavilion will soon be the home for the Sydney 2000 Olympic relay torch that has been a part of the Shire's Corporate Collection since the conclusion of the Sydney Games. We appreciated the recent prompt by a community member and now we have the perfect place for it to be displayed.

It was in July 2000 when the late Carol Zimmerman (who passed away in 2008) carried this torch on its journey through the Avon Valley. Carol allowed the Shire of Toodyay to purchase her torch and it has been stored at the Shire Administration offices since then.

The design of the torch drew its inspiration from the Sydney Opera House, the blue waters of the Pacific Ocean and the subtle curve of the boomerang. It is made from sheet aluminium and stainless steel. Contained within it, is a fuel canister which held a combination of butane and propane gases to power the flame. We look forward to placing it in it's new home soon at the Toodyay Recreation Centre.





OPEN DOORS TO EMERGENCY FACILITIES

Saturday 10 October saw the opening of the Coondle-Nunile Bush Fire Brigade Station followed closely by the opening of the Morangup co-located Emergency Facility which houses both the Morangup Bush Fire Brigade and the Toodyay SES.

The Coondle Brigade has been in its facility for approximately 12 months but due to COVID-19 restrictions the official opening was delayed to coincide with the Morangup opening.

Both openings were officiated by the CEO, Suzie Haslehurst; Shire President, Cr Rosemary Madacsi; Hon. Francis Michael Logan MLA Minister for Emergency Services and Corrective Services; and Commissioner Darren Klemm AFSM who were all very impressed with the design and standards of both facilities.

The Minister noted the obvious amount of hard work which had been carried out to bring both of these facilities to fruition and how, in particular the ESL levy ratepayers paid through their annual rates contributed to the development of the state of the art Coondle-

Nunile facility for the safety of the Toodyay community.

Funding for both facilities was around \$500,000 each which derived from the LG Grant Scheme (ESL Levy) the Shire of Toodyay and the Department of Water and Environment Regulation (DWER) through a Fire Emergency Water Facility WA grant.

The Commissioner and Minister highlighted the work of volunteers and thanked them for their efforts.

In respect to Coondle-Nunile Bush Fire Brigade, the Shire would like to acknowledge the input of the Public Transport Authority and CBH Group in providing the subleased land on which the Station is built.

Both functions were well attended by Volunteers and the wider community including those in support from other brigades and services. There were plenty of opportunities to speak with the Minister and Commissioner along with the CEO, Shire President and Shire Councillors who were in attendance.



FIVE SPOOKTACULARLY SCARY THINGS TO BORROW FROM TOODYAY LIBRARY THIS HALLOWEEN ...IF YOU DARE!

SLEEPING BEAUTIES, Stephen King

In a future so real and near it could be now, something frightening and mysterious is happening to women when they fall asleep. To all women except one, that is. Is Evie, the exception, the secret to solving the mystery, or is she someone to be very scared of? Find out from the King of horror fiction himself.

GHOST ADVENTURES, Season 1

Afraid of the dark? Maybe you should be. See why as a pair of paranormal investigators travel the world searching for history's most notoriously haunted buildings, basements and backyards.

HAVEN'T THEY GROWN, Sophie Hannah

Beth shouldn't be spying on an old friend and her children. But when she does, she discovers that Thomas and Emily haven't aged a day in over a decade. Something's not right...

WHO WAS DRACULA? BRAM STOKER'S TRAIL OF BLOOD, Jim Steinmeyer

An acclaimed – and brave – historian sleuths out the shocking truth behind the world's most famous vampire, who might be more than a myth.

ZOM-B, Darren Shan

One for the (older) kids and not for the faint of heart, this is the action-packed opener to a terrifying zombie apocalypse series. Read it in the dark at your own risk!

WHAT'S COUNCIL BEEN UP TO THIS MONTH?

The September Ordinary Council Meeting must have been the shortest Council Meeting on record!! Council whipped through the Agenda which included some robust discussion surrounding re-allocation of funding which under normal circumstances (ie. the absence of COVID-19) would have been used by the Chamber of Commerce for the Christmas Street Party.

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

For those of you who haven't tuned in to Council Meetings you can do so by heading to our Facebook Page at <https://www.facebook.com/ShireofToodyay> to watch the Council meeting via livestream. If you don't manage to catch the livestream, the recordings of Council Meetings can be found on <https://www.toodyay.wa.gov.au/Council/Council-Meetings/Livestream-Library>

When the FDR is extreme or catastrophic, it means any fires that start are likely to be so intense that even a well prepared and actively defended home may not survive. In these cases, your best chance of survival is to leave early. Finding out the FDR should be the first step in actioning your Bush fire Survival Plan. You should consider the rating when you decide whether to stay and actively defend your property or whether to leave early.

Know the bush fire alerts and warnings: If you live in a bush fire risk area, you need to understand the Bush fire Warning Systems before a fire threatens your home. The alerts give information on how severe a bush fire is once it's started. Alerts have four warning levels indicating the increasing risk to your life or property, and the decreasing amount of time you have until the fire arrives.

For all current bush fire alerts and warnings visit www.emergency.wa.gov.au

Prepare your emergency kit: Your household should have an emergency kit packed and ready to go if you need to leave your home for a safer location.

Prepare your home and property: Firefighters will be too busy fighting fires on the frontline to defend your home and property, so it is your responsibility to be prepared.

Asset Protection Zones: As a property owner, you have an important role in reducing the bush fire risk to occupants, visitors and neighbours. One of the most important steps is the creation and maintenance of an Asset Protection Zone (APZ)

An APZ is a low-fuel, defensible space of up to 10 metres immediately surrounding a building, kept free from combustible items and obstructions. This provides a safer area from which firefighting operations can be undertaken to actively defend the building and increases the likelihood that it will survive if left undefended during a bush fire.

For more information on how you can be bush fire ready visit www.dfes.wa.gov.au/

ARE YOU BUSH FIRE READY?

No one expects a bushfire to come their way. But the reality is that one can strike anywhere.

Getting your home, property and family prepared before a bushfire happens is your best chance of staying safe, and it may save your life.

Have you had your 5 minute Fire Chat? Most people underestimate what it's like to experience a bush fire. A bush fire will turn day into night and sound like the roar of a jet plane. Smoke will burn your eyes, the heat radiated by the fire will sear your skin and the hail of embers coming down is relentless.

- What would you do if a bush fire threatened your home and family?
- Your first step to get prepared is to take 5 minutes and have a Fire Chat to discuss:

www.dfes.wa.gov.au/firechat/Pages/default.htm

Know your Fire Danger Rating: Fire Danger Ratings (FDR) tell you how dangerous a fire would be if one started. The higher the FDR, the more severe the bush fire will be. If you are in a bush fire risk area you need to stay informed and know what the FDR is for your area each day.

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TOODYAY'S HIDDEN TREASURES

THE FREE RANGE EMU FARM

681 CLACKLINE - TOODYAY ROAD

What do the Commonwealth Coat of Arms, a series of illustrated children's books and a scenic property on Clackline-Toodyay Road have in common? The answer is emus, but don't worry if you didn't figure it out. Many people are surprised to learn that traveling just 10 minutes out of Toodyay (in the right direction, of course) will take them to the Free Range Emu Farm, the oldest continually-operating farm of its kind in the country. Stop by and you'll see an iconic Australian animal in the flesh – or rather, feathers. Actually, you'll see a fully-fledged flock of the flightless birds. But there's much more to the site and to the story than that.

Kip and Charmain Venn are the brains behind a bird-breeding business that began almost thirty years ago, after a decade of planning and preparation. Kip had switched from sheep stations to emu enterprises by 1976, when he worked as a manager and researcher at Wiluna Emu Farm. Four years later, he and Charmain were settled on their Toodyay property – a peaceful block bordered by the rolling hills the Avon Valley is famed for – and began looking into farming emus in their expansive backyard. Familiar with animals of the four-legged and two-legged type, they were quick to realise the ease of raising and profiting from emus in comparison to sheep (emus take up half the space and are far less fussy where food is concerned). The pair's first flock – 100 emus sourced from a farm in Helena Valley with the help of the CSIRO – produced a staggering 1000 chicks in a single laying season. That's a fair few extra eggs on top of a baker's dozen.

Fast forward to 1987, and the Venn's Free Range Emu Enterprise was granted one of the first commercial licences to farm the animals in Australia. In 1991, the farm's front gates were officially opened to the public and the rest is (a fairly happy) history. Kip and Charmain have had people eager to make feathered friends – and take home an egg-citing souvenir – making pit-stops at their property ever since. Over 1000 people per year specifically, with most making the trip from outside of Toodyay and according to Kip, 'coming and going with the green grass', though the farm tends to have a spike during the summer holidays too.

In terms of flock figures, you'll find 80-100 emus on the farm these days, with fifty or so chicks born each year. Sixty acres of land to themselves lets the birds live like their wild relatives, though the safety that comes with captivity means they tend to live longer. Kip has watched countless emus grow out of their stripes (rather than

earning them) and into adulthood in his forty years of emu-farming experience. His guided tours are sure to teach you a thing or two that will help you win a trivia quiz one day: for example, the fact that male emus are on daddy duty as soon as the females' eggs have been laid. They don't count the eggs before they hatch (as we're all warned not to) but incubate and protect them for 56 days, barely moving a muscle...and they deserve an above-average Father's Day present for continuing to raise their chicks solo for 12-18 months after birth. Meanwhile, not-so-monogamous mum is already on the hunt for her next husband. Human nature? Not so much.

What is human nature is to be wary of emus and their stature/beaks/speediness (they'd definitely be pulled over by the police if they tried to sprint through a school zone). But at the Free Range Emu Farm, they're just curious creatures secure in their own space. And if it helps at all, the farm is basically Toodyay's own Jurassic Park. You won't bump into Jeff Goldblum when you drop by, but emus are directly descended from dinosaurs and were used as movement models for the 1993 film's animatronic velociraptors. Kip and Charmain's emus are famous in their own right (though you'll struggle to get an autograph out of them): WA author/artist Wendy Binks used them as inspiration for the characters in her Strikey series of children's books, which are available to buy in the farm's shop.

Also stocked on the shop's shelves is a range of natural products made on the premises by Charmain herself, using emu oil as a key ingredient. The oil acts as a moisturiser, sunscreen, burn treatment, painkiller, antiseptic and anti-inflammatory, and Charm trained herself up as a herbalist to ensure she could make the most out of it. As a result, there's not only pure oil on hand to purchase, but capsules, lotions, lip balms and soaps too – plus the best-selling Pain Relief Rub, which 'walks off the shelf' without any aches or discomfort, naturally. You can also take home edible or decorative eggs, feathers (in natural, dyed and duster form), emu meat and much more.

How much more? You'll have to go and see for yourself. The Free Range Emu Farm can be found at 681 Clackline-Toodyay Road, where it's open for touring and shopping from 10am - 4pm, seven days a week. Give Charmain and Kip a call on 9574 1415 to arrange your emu-sing experience, or visit freerangeemufarm.com.au for more information.

YOU CAN'T OUTFIGHT IT, OR OUTLAST IT.
SO TAKE 5 MINUTES TO OUTSMART IT.

**ARE YOU
BUSHFIRE
READY?**



Introducing our new

Community Development Officer Daniel Hobley

Hello Toodyay Community - My name is Daniel Hobley, and I am the new Community Development Officer at the Shire of Toodyay. Having been born and raised in the farming community of Nyabing in Western Australia, I feel very fortunate to once again be a part of a thriving country town after spending my recent professional career in Perth. In brief, my career has taken me in a unique direction with time spent on the family farm, in broadcasting, television, remote Indigenous communities and in education as a teacher. In life doing a full circle, I am now in week six of my next challenge and see my role as being a supportive connection piece for our Toodyay community and sporting groups, so we remain strong and active going forward. I would like to thank the Toodyay community in making me feel so welcome. I look forward to meeting you all soon in a professional and social manner.

Daniel Hobley

Welcome on board to our new Visitor Centre Partners

Mountain Park Retreat and Toodyay Lolly Shop. More information on these businesses will be available soon on our website www.toodyay.com

Our visitors love seeing the local arts, crafts & produce we have for sale in the Visitors Centre. These include honey from **Beesweet Honey & Apiaries**. We currently stock their Redgum, Myrtle, Parrot Bush and Wandoo honey, in either 1kg or 500gm. Beesweet Honey is not only local, it is also 100% raw & unprocessed. So pop into the Visitors Centre **and support** our local businesses.



October Farmers Markets

The Shire of Toodyay will be at the October Farmers Markets with the Economic Development Coordinator and Community Development Officer manning the stand. All are welcome to drop by to chat about community development. There will also be opportunity to enter a competition to win one of **3 family season passes** to the soon-to-be-open pool plus don't forget your invitation to the opening celebrations of the Recreation Centre on Saturday 21 November 2020.

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to the pool to be won.

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AVON CENTRAL COAST REGIONAL 2050 CYCLING STRATEGY

In collaboration with the Shires of Beverley, Chittering, Dandaragan, Gingin, Northam, Toodyay and York, the Department of Transport is developing a Regional Cycling Strategy for the Avon and Central Coast region.

The Strategy will set out a long-term vision for cycling across the region, including an aspirational cycling network covering key townsites and interregional connections.

The project team has begun developing the preliminary network and wants your input to understand what is important to people riding bikes across the region, and what opportunities exist to enhance cycling experiences for local residents and showcase the region's natural and recreational assets to visitors. **Consultation closes 5pm, Friday 6 November 2020.**

How to get involved

There are several ways you can provide input into the strategy. Complete the [survey](#) below, use the [mapping tool](#) to comment on specific locations, or submit comments or questions via the [your thoughts](#) tab.

If you prefer to provide feedback in person, you can visit one of our community drop ins being held throughout September and October. Please see [key dates](#) for further details.



Photo competition

We're also looking for photos and videos of your local cycling adventures across the Avon and Central Coast region.

Enter our competition below to WIN 1 of 3 Wiggle sport shop vouchers. Please view the [competition terms and conditions](#).

About the Regional Cycling Strategies

A key action of the Western Australia Bicycle Network (WABN) Plan 2014-2031 is to improve planning for cycling in the regions. More information on the regional strategies can be found on the Department of Transport [website \(External link\)](#).

<https://www.mysaytransport.wa.gov.au/avon-centralcoast-cycling-strategy>

In a scene repeated in towns and cities around Australia, a huge crowd, many in uniform, celebrated Japan's surrender and the end of the Second World War in Sydney's Martin Place. Almost a million Australians had served during the war in campaigns in Europe, the Atlantic, the Mediterranean, the Middle East, North Africa, Asia and the Pacific. Some 39,000 had lost their lives and more than 30,000 had been prisoners of war.



Containers For Change

- COLLECT ELIGIBLE CONTAINERS**
Aluminium is a win. Glass and plastic are always in. Steel and paper are good to go. But milk and wine bottles are a no.
- RETURN YOUR CONTAINERS.**

WHICH CONTAINERS CAN YOU CASH-IN?

INELIGIBLE CONTAINERS
Containers not commonly found in litter, including all plain milk, flavoured milks 1L and above, pure juice drinks, wine and spirit bottles, cordials.

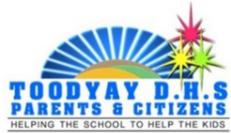
ELIGIBLE CONTAINERS
Most glass, plastic, aluminium, steel and paper-based cartons between 150mL and 3L.

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- EARN A REFUND OR DONATE**
All eligible containers are worth a 10 cent refund that you can either keep or donate to a charity or community group.

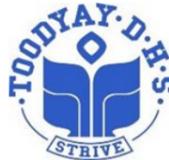
For more information visit www.containersforchange.com.au/wa/wa/how-it-works

WHEN: Tuesday 9.30am—5.30pm
WHERE: IGA Carpark near Duke Street Toilets



Toodyay DHS Parents & Citizens Assoc.

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New early childhood bike path at Toodyay District High School

The kindergarten and pre-primary students have a sensational new bike path to ride on, play and develop new skills. A comparison of before and after photos shows just how much this area needed a revamped, safer path. The school and P&C thank Josh Cook and the Regional Concrete and Landscape team for their work. We look forward to seeing smiles on the faces of students as they ride around at playtime.



Containers for Change Refund Scheme

TDHS P&C is registered for the Containers for Change refund scheme. You can deposit eligible containers in the collection bin located in the kiss n drop carpark at the school, or take them to a local refund point (Duke Street car park on Tuesdays from 9.30am-5.30pm) and quote the P&C scheme ID (C10284860). 10c from every eligible container will be donated to the P&C to help us to improve school facilities, resources and opportunities for all students at Toodyay District High School. For more information about eligible containers and refund points, see https://www.containersforchange.com.au/wa/how-it-works?mc_cid=5b15e159bf&mc_eid=08842b1733



Halloween Disco – Friday 30 October

Toodyay District High School students are invited to dance the night away with fun games and prizes for the best dressed. Entry is \$2 with spooky snacks and drinks available to buy from the canteen.

Students in kindy to year 2 attend from 4.30pm-6.00pm and years 3 to 10 from 6.00pm-7.30pm. Held in the school assembly area.

If you can help out on the night in any way, please phone or message Tash Hof on 0457 556 397.

Wine anyone? Now that's a fundraiser!

For the ardent wine drinkers out there, now you can help to raise funds for TDHS while enjoying the spoils yourself. Buy your next carton or half dozen Australian wines via our WA Cellars fundraiser and \$24 for every carton or \$12 for every six bottles purchased will be donated to TDHSP&C.

Place your order via the following link, <https://wacellars.com.au/fundraising/toodyay-district-high-school-pc-wine-fundraiser/> then sit back and enjoy some quality Margaret River and South Australian wines.

Please share this with your friends, family, colleagues, clubs and neighbours. We aim to sell 100 cases and raise \$2,400 towards secondary lockers, shade sails and a library upgrade. Will you be 1 of our 100?

Helping Toodyay District High School P&C to benefit all students

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

Membership is open to anyone supporting the P&C's purpose. To receive a membership form, please email pandctoodaydhs@gmail.com, message via the facebook page – search 'Toodyay DHS P&C', or pick up a membership form from the School Office.

Celebrating success – and raising funds

Help us to reach our fundraising goal of \$10,000 by 30 June 2021. So far we've raised:

- Canteen profits (July-August) \$1,316
- Faction carnival raised \$835
- Father's day stall raised \$700.

And there's more to come.....

Paint Toodyay REaD

Dudgee Park was filled with excited families on Sunday 20 September. The Paint Toodyay REaD Egg Hatching event saw kids given free books to read to the red egg. Before too long the egg hatched into a beautiful dragon to everyone's delight. The dragon then read to the group before taking a stroll up to the Farmers Markets. Congratulations to the Toodyay Early Years Network for organising the fantastic initiative and encouraging Toodyay kids to read. *Photos by Toodyay Early Years Network.*



VINO Art Exhibition opening

The VINO Art Exhibition was held from 25 to 28 September 2020 at the beautiful venue of Coorinja Winery. Opening night had an enthusiastic crowd taking a sneak peek at the exhibition. Shire of Toodyay CEO, Suzie Haslehurst, addressed the crowd with high praise for the exhibition. The quality of art is a testament to Toodyay artists, with amazing pieces on display using a variety of mediums. A number of awards were given out with Best in Show awarded to "Bend in the River" by Stephen Hill. Well done to Arts Toodyay for hosting another successful exhibition. *Photos by Arts Toodyay*



TCCI Sundowner

On Friday, 18 September 2020 the Toodyay Chamber of Commerce hosted a sundowner with guest speakers from Chalice Gold Mines. The event was well attended by business and community members. Alex Dorsch, Managing Director of Chalice Gold Mines, gave an informative presentation on the mineral discovery found on Julimar Road and the process moving forward. Originating from the country himself, Alex was very keen to include the community in any potential developments.





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Family Name: _____

How many members in your immediate family: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____



YOU ARE INVITED

Saturday, 21 November 2020

The community and residents of Toodyay are invited to the official opening celebrations of the long-awaited Toodyay Recreation Centre.

The Shire looks forward to everyone joining together to celebrate and enjoy this momentous community driven initiative in our Shire.

Come on down for a 10.30am kick off with your favourite sports stars.

Gather at the top of the main walkway at 11.00am for Welcome to Country, Official Ribbon Cutting and Plaque Unveiling.

Support our Toodyay Locals who Care at their sausage sizzle marquee. Ice cream and coffee vans will be on site.

Something for everyone.

