

SEPTEMBER PUBLIC NOTICES

PROPOSED APPLICATIONS FOR PUBLIC COMMENT RENEWAL OF EXTRACTIVE INDUSTRIES – CLAY

The Shire of Toodyay has received an application from AUSTRAL BRICKS (WA) PTY LTD to renew an extractive industry licence at Lot 11 Chitty Road in Hoddy's Well.

The applicant is seeking approval to renew the existing extractive industry licence to remove clay for construction purposes from an area on the property of approximately 2.84 hectares. It is expected that an average of 70,000 tonnes of clay is to be excavated per year. The anticipated duration of the extraction program is approximately 10 years. Submissions for this proposed development close:

4.00pm Friday, 21 September 2018.

The Shire of Toodyay has received an application from MIDLAND BRICK to renew a clay extractive industry licence at Lot 3 Morangup Road in Morangup.

The applicant is seeking approval to remove clay for construction purposes from an area on the property of approximately 17.9 hectares. This includes the current pit, an area undergoing rehabilitation and three new stages. It is expected that up to 30,000-50,000 tonnes of clay is to be excavated per year. The anticipated duration of the extraction program is approximately 10 years.

Submissions for this proposed development close:

4.00pm Friday, 5 October 2018.

Your views on the proposed extractive industries are encouraged. Submissions should be addressed in writing and lodged with the Chief Executive Officer, Shire of Toodyay, PO Box 96 Toodyay 6566 The proposals are available for inspection at the Shire of Toodyay Administration Centre, Old Court House, 15 Fiennes Street, Toodyay, during office hours. The proposals are also available for viewing on the Shire's website at www.toodyay.wa.gov.au

For further information on the above proposals please contact the Shire on 9574 9300.

Local Planning Scheme No. 5 - COMING SOON!

The new draft Shire of Toodyay Local Planning Scheme No. 5 will be advertised in the near future and we need your input.

Local Planning Schemes regulate the zoning of land, density and set development requirements, such as maximum building height and plot ratio. The Shire's draft Local Planning Scheme No. 5 will become the new rule book for planning decisions and is the document against which all planning proposals and development applications will be assessed.

If you are a property owner or occupier, community representative or business owner, it is important you have your say.

Details of the consultation period will be advertised on the Shire's website, Facebook page and in upcoming Community Newsletters.

The draft Scheme and maps will be available for download from the Shire's website in the near future and will also be available for viewing at the Council Administration Office and Libraries.

During the consultation period there will be opportunities to attend drop-in sessions, community group talks and event displays. Details will be advertised on the Shire's website, Facebook page and in upcoming Community Newsletters.

POSITIONS VACANT and TENDERS

Please go to the Shire's website for information:

Vacant Positions: http://www.toodyay.wa.gov.au/Council/ Working-and-volunteering-within-the-Shire/Employment

Tenders: http://www.toodyay.wa.gov.au/Council/Tendering/ Current-Tenders

Rates Notices 2018

If you haven't already received your rates, it won't be long. Rates Notices were posted out last Friday (7 September 2018). There are some fabulous prizes to be won for those who pay their rates in full prior to **15 October 2018**. Simply complete the entry form enclosed with your rates notice and return it with your payment.

INSTALMENT	DUE DATE
First Instalment	15 October 2018
Second Instalment	17 December 2018
Third Instalment	18 February 2019
Fourth Instalment	22 April 2019

The Shire would like to thanks the sponsors for the incentive prizes: Bendigo Bank, Ambassador Hotel, Toodyay Dental Clinic, Alicia Estate Winery and Restaurant, Toodyay Traders, WA Symphony Orchestra, Chidlow Tavern, Jane Brook Estate Wines, Bottlemart Toodyay, Trees Café and Toodyay Agricultural Society Inc.

Instalment Option: If you choose to pay your rates by instalments, a fee of \$22.50 and interest of 3% pa will be charged and incorporated into the payment schedule:

Alternative Payment Arrangements: If you are unable to pay your rates due to financial hardship, you can apply for a Payment Arrangement. The Administration Fee is \$70.00 and interest will accrue on all outstanding balances at 7.5% per annum until the account is settled in full. The Payment Arrangement must be settled within the current financial year.

Pensioner and Senior Concessions: If you are a Pensioner or Senior card holder, you may be eligible to apply for a rebate for your Rates, Emergency Services Levy and annual Water Corporation Rates. Please note that rubbish charges and waste transfer station fees are not subject to a concession. To be eligible for a concession, an applicant must be: the owner and reside at the property on July 1 of the rates year; in receipt of a pension or hold a Pensioner Concession Card; a State Concession Card; in receipt of a Seniors Card or in receipt of a Seniors Card and Commonwealth Seniors Health Card.

Eligible Pensioners are entitled to claim a rebate of 50% of the current year's rates, up to a maximum of \$750 or may apply to defer those rates. Seniors who meet the eligibility criteria are entitled to claim a rebate of 25% of the current year's rates, up to a maximum of \$288.70.

Concessions apply after the eligible ratepayers have registered their entitlement with either the Shire or the Water Corporation. Pro-rata rebates may be offered. You must first notify the Shire or the Water Corporation if your circumstances change in relation to your pension, ownership of the property or whether you continue to occupy the property.

Please note that the Pension and Senior Concession is provided by the Department of Finance however, as part of the 2018/19 Budget, Council has resolved to provide an additional \$25.00 concession to **PENSIONER Concession holders ONLY**.

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Bridge Closure a BAD Decision

The decision by the Public Transport Authority (PTA) to close the railway footbridge in Toodyay is poor public policy and an abdication of responsibility by the State Government. Toodyay is split in two by the standard gauge railway which carries all rail freight between Perth and eastern Australia. Toodyay's elderly and disabled residents are being asked to take their chances with an uncontrolled level crossing between these behemoths.

The PTA claims that under the Public Works Act the bridge should always have been the responsibility of the Shire of Toodyay. It would have been had it ever been handed over. It wasn't. In that other great policy disaster involving the leasing of the public rail network there was an agreement between Brookfield and the PTA that the PTA would continue to maintain the bridge. Somehow that agreement was forgotten.

What we have now is a bridge under the control of the PTA that has been neglected for 50 years until it is in such a state that they have decided to demolish it. They are however prepared to gift it to the Shire of Toodyay so long as the Shire foots the repair bill.

The Shire has been here before. The State Government handed the Shire the footbridge across the Avon River which connects the town with the high school. After accepting the gift it cost the Shire almost \$1 million to repair it and make it safe. This was almost 10 years ago but the Shire has learnt that lesson.

This railway footbridge is an essential piece of infrastructure for the people of Toodyay. The Shire has told the PTA on several occasions that it is prepared to take responsibility for the bridge when it has been repaired. The Shire is not prepared to take responsibility for the maintenance debt or the PTA neglect.

The Shire understands that the Hon. Martin Aldridge MLC is asking a question on notice in the Legislative Council and believes a response will be due mid-September 2018.

Contact for inquiries : Cr Brian Rayner, Shire President phone: 9574 5087 email: cr.rayner@toodyay.wa.gov.au



The Choose Respect program provides a fundamental shift from focusing on the negative behaviour of bullying and provides a Code of Behaviour which outlines seven "Choose Respect" values, and a set of fundamental principles that work together to provide a blueprint for developing a "Culture of

CHOOSE RESPECT
RESPECT IS TO TREAT WITH CARE AND CONSIDERATION

Respect". The Program was developed in 2004 by Gary Butcher, the then Chaplain at Armadale Senior High School. The strength of the program provides a common language and framework to promote positive behaviour and relationships.

The program focusses on cultural change driving a positive behavioural change.

The Choose Respect program is at its most successful when it has wide community support. At the August 2018 Ordinary Council Meeting, Council agreed to participate as a Partner in the 'Choose Respect' program and Council is currently supported by the Toodyay Community Safety & Crime Prevention Association Inc., the Toodyay District High School and the Toodyay Police.

It is anticipated that a major launch will take place at the Toodyay Agricultural Show to be held on Saturday
6 October 2018 - more information on the launch will be posted on the Shire's Facebook page in the near future.



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President's Pen - Cr Brian Rayner At the Ordinary Council meeting (OCM) held on 28 August 2018, Council resolved to increase

rates by a modest 2.2% across the board for all categories of rate payers in the Shire of Toodyay. This increase in rates will assist Toodyay in embarking on four major infrastructure projects this year:

- Stage One of the Recreation Precinct;
- Re-roofing and repairs to Newcastle Gaol Museum;
- A new Fire Station for the Coodle-Nunile Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade; and
- Extensions to the Morangup Fire Station which houses the State Emergency Service vehicles.

The Shire of Toodyay will be holding a public meeting on Saturday 20 October 2018 to update the Community on the progress of Stage One of the Recreation Precinct. We would love to see as many community members as possible there to hear how this wonderful project is coming along.

The Shire is working with the Toodyay RSL Sub Branch on renovations to the old gardeners' shed on the corner of Fiennes and Clinton Streets. The RSLs intentions are to establish a Museum and Memorabilia Centre which will support and enhance the Central Heritage Precinct.

Council also passed a resolution at the OCM in August 2018 to partner with the Toodyay Community Safety and Crime Prevention Association, Toodyay District High School, and Toodyay Police in launching the Choose Respect Program. This program will be launched on social media and the Shire Website prior to the official launch at the Toodyay Agricultural Show on Saturday, 6 October 2018. We invite all organisations, businesses, sporting groups and community members to become involved in the 'Choose Respect' campaign for the benefit of all.

We have the Federal Grant – What Now?

By now everyone has heard that Toodyay has received a \$4.7 Million grant under the Building Better Regions Fund. What does it all mean and what will we get for the money.

The grant is for a specific purpose and can only be used for the purpose set out in the grant program. The total cost of the project is estimated at \$11.8 million. The Shire will be applying for other grants to help fund the balance, but the project will proceed regard-

What we applied for, and what we will build is:

- A new aquatic facility. This is a 6 lane 25 metre seasonal swimming pool, with a separate learn to swim pool and a splash pad for water play. There will of course be all things rooms, kiosk, first aid room, fencing and landscaping;
- A rectangular playing field. The filed will accommodate soccer, hockey and the two rugby codes. The surface wil be good old fashioned grass.
- Multi-use Courts. The courts will be marked for Tennis, Basketball and Netball. The configuration will likely be 2

sports. That means each of the three sports will be able to be played on 4 of the 6 courts.

- Change rooms sufficient for the needs of all the sports. There will also be a dedicated storage space for each of the sporting groups.
- Sports pavilion suitable for after match functions and other social activities.
- The project also includes all reticulation, landscaping, pathways and a children's playground.
- Lighting for all sports will also be included, as will parking

This stage of the project does not include a new oval or multipurpose function centre. The existing oval at the showgrounds will continue that go along with that including pumping and filtering, change to host cricket and AFL football. The existing sports pavilion will be spruced up, but this is not part of the funded project. We have commenced project planning and procurement. Construction is likely to commence in April 2019.

> The grant funding can only be used for the project applied for and cannot be applied to other projects such as the railway footbridge.

We are holding a community BBQ on Saturday, 20 October 2018 so Tennis, 2 Netball / Basketball, and 2 courts marked for all 3 everyone can see the plans and talk to our staff. See the invitation in this Newsletter and send in your RSVP.

THS wins Merit Award at State Conference

Toodyay Historical Society members recently attended the Royal Western Australian Historical Society 54th Annual State History Conference of Affiliated Societies, hosted by the Cervantes Historical Society and were stunned when the THS was announced as the winner of the Annual Merit Award for its Annual Report on recent activities.

The number and scope of these activities is remarkable and included:

- ◆ Special Projects: Toodyay Convict Database, Research Centre Upgrade, THS Website, Drumond House - Toodyay Environment and History Centre and new promotional aids;
- Community Involvement: Information stalls and a number of activities in association with the
- **Member Participation**: volunteer hours reflecting a commercial value of \$30,400:
- Research, Articles and Publications;
- Monthly events and excursions;
- Speakers: fascinating presentations covering a number of topics.

The story will be shared at the Society's next meeting and in the next THS Newsletter.

Pictured left to right: Dr Robyn Taylor (Committee), Beth Frayne (Committee), Linda Rooney (Treasurer) and Jenny Edgecombe (Archivist).



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Introducing kanopy

Toodyay Library now offers the film streaming service, KANOPY - and it is FREE for library members!

The popular on-demand film streaming service Kanopy can be streamed from any computer, television, mobile device or platform by downloading the Kanopy App for Android, Apple or Chromecast.

Kanopy showcases more than 30,000 of the world's best films, including award winning documentaries, rare and hard to find titles.

For further information or if you need help setting it up contact the Library Team on 9574 2323.







KNOW SOMEONE GREAT?

Nominate an individual or a group for a 20<mark>19</mark> Australia Day Award

citizenshipawards.com.au | Closing Date: 31 October 2018

Local Government Recognising Community Champions.

Toodyay is brimming with amazing people who make outstanding contributions to our community. Who is your local hero?

> Nominate now for individuals/groups in the following categories:

- · Citizen of the Year
- · Youth Citizen of the Year (under 25)
 - · Senior Citizen of the Year
- Active Citizenship (group or event)

Online nominations open 1 September - 31 October 2018



Upgrade of Police Stables car park and Convict Links!

Over the past month work has been undertaken around the old so that cars are parked parallel to the road, enabling the maximum Police Stables (opposite the Newcastle Gaol) to make the area safer use of this space. and more comfortable for our museum visitors. Many thanks to our Extra drainage between the Stables and Shearing Shed has been Works and Services Department for co-ordinating this work utilizing installed to allow more efficient runoff of water in this area, and nearboth Shire staff and contractors to complete the project.

Initially the Police Stables sign was moved a little bit further down the A two metre brick pathway has been laid all around the Stables as hill to allow the footpath in this area to be realigned closer to the edge of the road. This gives us more space in the car park where car bays will be marked out in the future. The bays will be positioned



by trees were trimmed.

well as joining on to the Wicklow Shearing Shed. This makes the whole area much safer for pedestrians moving between the two buildings which are, of course, at a different height.

Extra dirt has been brought in, evened out and compressed over the entire Stables car park area. Final surfacing is now waiting for the ground to dry out sufficiently before this is undertaken.

The September 2018 newsletter of the Western Australian Genealogical Society's Convict Interest Group, Convict Links, features a report of a July 2018 visit by members to the Toodyay Convict Depot exhibition at the Newcastle Gaol Museum. The large group visiting also included descendants of Enrolled Pensioner Guards and Sappers and Miners with connections to Toodyay. The report is extremely complimentary of the research work being undertaken in this area through collaboration with the Shire and the Toodyay Historical Society.

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Department of **Primary Industries and Regional Development**

Are you interested in the biosecurity of Western Australia's agricultural industries?

Western Australian producers and other stakeholders in the dairy, beef, grain/seed, hay, sheep and/or goat industries and respective supply chains are invited to apply for positions on Industry Funding Scheme management committees.

Industry Funding Schemes enable agricultural industries to raise funds to address priority pests and diseases at a whole-of-industry level.

The schemes are industry-driven and overseen by a management committee made up of producers and other stakeholders with appropriate industry knowledge and expertise.

Members of the committees are appointed by the Minister for Agriculture and Food. Support is provided to the schemes and management committees by the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development.

There are vacancies on the following management committees:

Cattle Industry Funding Scheme (1 position)

Grains, Seeds and Hay Industry Funding Scheme (3 positions) Sheep and Goat Industry Funding Scheme (2 positions)

Committees meet quarterly on dates agreed by members, and members are remunerated, including sitting fees and travel expenses.

The committee terms of reference, the selection criteria for members of the Industry Management Committees, and guidelines for committee member nominations are available on the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development website at agric.wa.gov.au. Search for 'Industry Management Committee terms'.

The Western Australian Government is committed to ensuring diversity on Government boards and committees, and in particular, increasing the representation of women to 50 per cent by 2019.

Expressions of Interest should consist of a two page letter addressing the selection criteria in addition to a current resume of a maximum of two

Submit your Expression of Interest for one or more of the management committees to Rebecca Heath by 5.00pm Thursday, 27 September **2018**. **Contact**: Rebecca Heath Phone: +61 (0)8 9690 2171

Email: rebecca.heath@dpird.wa.gov.au



SHIRE OF TOODYAY INVITATION TO COMMUNITY MEMBERS FOR A SPORT & REC PRECINCT MASTERPLAN UPDATE



BBQ lunch and light refreshments provided. Please RSVP to Debra Andriiich by cob Friday 12th October on 9574 9392 or email events@toodyay.wa.gov.au



Rainbow Lorikeet - A Pretty Powerful Pest!

The Rainbow Lorikeet, although a beautiful bird, is also a destructive one. The Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development has declared the Rainbow Lorikeet to be a pest species south of the 20th parallel and a number of these birds have been seen within the Shire. They were reported to the Department and 33 birds have been effectively removed.

The Department and Birdlife Australia are working together to record details about the number of Lorikeets and what they are doing. Any sightings of the Rainbow Lorikeet should be reported to either or both of the following organisations:

Rainbow Roost Project

Brett Scourse / Biosecurity Officer Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development T: 9383 7749 E: rainbowroost@birdlife.org.au 75 York Road Northam WA 6401

W: http://www.birdlife.org.au/projects/operation-rainbowroost

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As our volunteers prepare for the coming fire season, we encourage all residents to assist by preparing their properties and having a bush fire plan by conducting a '5 Minute Fire Chat' https://www.dfes.wa.gov.au firechat/Pages/default.htm.

Fire Response Vehicle Identifier Stickers

- Renewals

Holders Fire Response Vehicle Identifier Stickers are advised that issued stickers will expire on the 30 September 2018. The Shire has recently provided existing sticker holders with instructions on confirming details and requesting updated stickers.



Farm fire response forms an important part Shire's overall bushfire response. The stickers aim to assist authorities identify vehicles which can support DFES or the Local Government in bushfire response. The Shire encourages existing holders to seek updated stickers or owners of such vehicles or machinery who have not previously applied to lodge an application for a Fire Response Vehicle Identifier windscreen sticker.

Application forms and 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).

SHIRE OF TOODYAY WORKS

In the month of September 2018 the Shire of Toodyay works crew will be performing the following works schedule:

JOB	ESTIMATED COMPLETION TIME
Ferguson Road Form Works	30 September 2018
McIntosh Road Form Works	30 September 2018
Fowler Road Form Works	30 September 2018

New Online Fire Permit Application Process

By the time the next Shire Newsletter hits the street and inboxes the Shire will have entered the Restricted Burning Period. Subject to seasons variation, permits will be required during the months of October. To assist with lodgement of requests and processing by the Shire Bush Fire Control Officers the Shire will migrate from the email application process to the use of an online form on the Shire's website. Prior to the commencement of the Restricted Burning Period this form will be made available on the Fire Restrictions and Permits page of the Shire's website (http://www.toodyay.wa.gov.au/Resident-Services/Fire-Awareness/Fire-restrictions-and-permits). The revised process will also make applying for reissue of permits more streamlined with the ability to request a new permit based on a previous permit (issued after 1 October 2018). While the Shire encourages the direct use of the online form, applications may be made via phone 9574 9300 during Administration Centre office hours.

FIREBREAKS

Firebreak Season is fast approaching and now is the time to start thinking about preparation. Rangers will be conducting inspections as of 1 November 2018 as per the Firebreak Notice that each property receives annually with their rates notice. The Firebreak Notice can also be accessed via the Shire of Toodyay Website at: http:// www.toodyay.wa.gov.au/Resident-Services/Fire-Information/Fire-

Currently as of 1 October 2018 the Restricted Burning Period will begin and a permit will be required for ANY burning off after that date. Please ensure that if you are unable to undertake the works required to meet Firebreak standards, you seek assistance or engage with suitable contractors.

Your local community groups are hosting FREE 'have-a-go' sessions with a variety of activities, games and challenges during the next school holidays. A great opportunity to get involved. toodyay

REGISTRATIONS ARE ESSENTIAL!

Further information is coming soon and will be advertised on the Shire's website and Facebook pages, so keep an eye out.

CELEBRATING THE



SATURDAY 6TH OCTOBER 2018 TOODYAY SHOWGROUNDS

ADULTS \$10.00 CHILDREN \$5.00 **SENIORS \$5.00**

ENTERTAINMENT FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

- SIDESHOW AND LIVE MUSIC
- FREE ENTERTAINMENT ALL DAY
- FOOD AND DRINK OUTLETS
- ATM AVAILABLE



Visit www.toodyayagshow.com.au for all exhibit details and more.

Toodyay AG Society

It's all about the wildflowers

It's all about the wildflowers in the Visitors Centre at the moment.

The wildflowers are looking fantastic and people are flocking from far and wide to see what we have to offer. We are handing out our "Toodyay Walks & Wildflowers" pamphlet at a tremendous rate of knots, with our reserves and Flora Roads marked to help our visitors on their wildflower hunt.

Visitors Centre staff are visiting these reserves to see what is around and we have been very lucky to have members of the public sending us some wonderful photos and information which we are popping up on our display board.



There have been some wonderful comments from our visitors regarding these pictures so a very big thank you to everyone who has sent them in...keep 'em coming!!

The everlastings are looking stunning at Pelham Reserve and there is a wonderful showing, including orchids, at Wongamine Reserve. If you would like to know more, head on into the Visitors Centre and check out our Wildflower Board, go for a walk and enjoy the wildflower beauties of Toodyay



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Toodyay Picnic Races

The 2018 TABtouch Toodyay Picnic Race Day will be held on Sunday 23 September 2018 and as always the day is expected to deliver a fun

For over one and a half centuries, the Toodyay Race Club has provided top quality racing and a meeting point for the community within the Avon Valley district and is Western Australia's favourite picnic race day and no matter your age the day has something for everyone.

The day features quality racing, Fashions on the Field, the Myles Wilson Dash for Cash, live music, FREE kids activities, food stalls and so



So get your outfits ready for the 2018 Toodyay Picnic Race Day on 23 September at the Toodyay

A highly anticipated event on the day is always the Vernice Fashions on the Field, which gives the regions finest fillies a chance to show off their unique racing style, and this year the ladies have a shot at winning over \$5,000 worth of gold, pearls and diamond jewellery.

Return bus transfers from the Crown Casino to the Toodyay Racecourse are available and can be purchased through Moshtix for \$60 + BF.

Buses will depart from Crown Perth Casino to the Toodyay Racecourse at 10.00am. Buses will depart from the Toodyay Racecourse back to the Crown Perth Casino at 6.30pm after the live band. Bus tickets also include General Admission into the racecourse.