

THE SHIRE OF TOODYAY HAS ENTERED THE RESTRICTED BURNING PERIOD NO FIRES WITHOUT VALID PERMITS

Restricted Burning Period

The Shire of Toodyay is now in the Restricted Burning Period.

Permits are required and are currently only being issued for the burning of stubble and chaff for crop preparation purposes for Primary producers.

Applications for **permits** must be made via the Shire of Toodyay's website.

Holders of **permits** must comply with all permit conditions which include (but are not limited to) restrictions/requirements around burn notifications, minimum supervision and firefighting resourcing.

Please note: **permits** will not be issued for the burning piles of timber. During this restricted burning period, the Shire of Toodyay will be issuing **permits** for bona fide broad acre stubble operations for a period of up to 28 days to reduce re-application requirements for farmers with large operations.

Please be advised the Restricted Burning Period may be extended beyond April 30 dependent on weather conditions.

Please check the Shire of Toodyay website to stay up to date with the Restricted Burning Period.

Any changes will also be advised via the Shire's Harvest, Vehicle Movement and Hot works Ban SMS system.

If you live in the Toodyay District, **YES - YOU NEED THIS!!**

The Shire of Toodyay operates an SMS messaging service. Once registered for the service, subscribers will be sent SMSs notifying:

- Commencement, or extension and end of a Harvest, Vehicle Movement & Hot Works Ban.
- Start, end and any variation to the Restricted and Prohibited Burning Periods.

The Shire may also use the service to forward Total Fire Ban notifications from DFES.

To register for the service:

Message BANS to 0408 017 439

To Unsubscribe (Opt-Out): Message **STOP** in reply to messages received from the service.

Please note subscriptions and opt-outs are managed by an automated process and replies to messages or the service number are not monitored or responded to.

In order to maintain currency in the registration database, the Shire of Toodyay may periodically request users to provide a specific SMS response for the retention of their mobile number on the register.

Please note the Harvest, Vehicle Movement & Hot Works Ban SMS notification service is not an emergency warning system.

Please visit the [DFES website](#) for information on emergency warning notifications.

UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS		
Meeting	Date	Time
Agenda Briefing	20 April 2021	4.00pm
Ordinary Council Meeting	27 April 2021	4.00pm
Agenda Briefing	18 May 2021	4.00pm
Ordinary Council Meeting	25 May 2021	4.00pm

TOODYAY WASTE TRANSFER STATION

Where: 226 Railway Road, Toodyay

Opening Times: open daily from 8.00am to 12.00 noon, excluding Good Friday, Anzac Day, Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day.

The last Sunday of each month the Station is open from 8.00am to 3.00pm.

Contact: 9574 2661 during work hours

Toodyay Community Newsletter

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Moondyne FESTIVAL

Presented by **LIVELIGHTER**

TOODYAY
Home of Healthy Fun

Sunday 2nd May 2021
9am - 4pm

- Street Theatre
- Swaggies Camp
- Shearer & Blacksmith
- Clydesdale
- Competition
- Dancing
- The Carnival
- Colonial Music

Fun For All The Family

On Sunday 2nd May 2021, the Avon Valley town of Toodyay will step back in time yet again to celebrate the life and times of the iconic Moondyne Joe by hosting the Moondyne Festival, bringing the infamous Avon Valley bushranger Joe and his escapades to life. The highlight of the day being the re-enactment of Moondyne Joe's various escapades and his mock trial.

The festival is the premier colonial festival in WA, first held in 1984 to celebrate the life and times of 'Joseph Bolitho John's, known as 'Moondyne Joe', the Avon Valley's legendary bushranger. The festival transforms the picturesque historical town of Toodyay into a lively all-day festival with the sound of song, dance, laughter and fun for the whole family.

The opening ceremony is at 10am. Locals and guests dress in 19th century costumes for a colourful procession down the main street, headed by the musket-firing Rifle and Artillery Regiment 1860, and will be followed by a fun, colourful, energetic and noisy parade with street actors, pipe band, blacksmith, wood chopping and more.

For more information and to view the events programme, visit:
www.moondynfestival.com.au or contact: moondyncommittee@gmail.com

Midland to Toodyay:
Depart Midland 08:30 Hours
Arrive Toodyay 09:21 Hours
Arrive Northam 10:03 Hours
Toodyay to Midland:
Depart Northam 15:00 Hours
Depart Toodyay 15:21 Hours
Arrive Midland 16:28 Hours



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This is a **Dog FREE** event

A Message from the Shire President



Shire President
Cr Madacsi

I will focus this month on demystifying our local government. Let us clear some clutter.

The new Toodyay Recreation Centre water bill of \$71,000 included start-up usage, the initial establishment of new turf and filling the pool and flush back. Currently, we are searching for a possible leak because the last account showed an unexpected jump in usage.

A February water account of \$872.09 for the old parks and gardens depot listed in the March council agenda, was investigated. It appears unauthorised use has occurred.

The scope of a governance review ordered by last year's State Government Inquiry into the Shire of Toodyay and former council has been reduced which means less staff time will be needed to prepare a response, thus saving cost.

A State grant of \$79,818 has increased the shire's water storage capacity. The Shire Works Depot in Railway Road now has two new tanks, Darwinia Crescent in Coondle and McKnoe Drive, Morangup, will receive relocated fire shed tanks and a new pump and backup power installed at Julimar Fire shed.

The Shire of Toodyay is in effect a community-owned service business run by rates, user pays fees and charges and government funding sought to meet the budget shortfall. All supplies (utilities, equipment, contractors and stationery, etc.) are subject to market change. Consequently, the shire's annual budget always includes a degree of uncertainty, and prudent management is required to ensure we can meet our commitments. All financial decisions require an absolute majority vote – five out of nine elected councillors (whether present or not).

The Shire's annual budget is set by the Council and covers estimated income and operating costs. Council also determines a delegation register which gives senior shire staff authority to approve day-to-day spending within limits set by the council. The shire budget cannot be altered without an absolute majority council vote. The budget undergoes a mid-year review every March and is adjusted to keep it on track. Cost items may be added, deferred or removed if over or under budget. Monthly income and spending are listed in council meeting agendas and minutes (a record of council decisions) to keep local community members informed about how their money is being spent.

Shire accounts use 'activity-based costing' to group all expenses

incurred for each item of activity or service and this enables Councillors to know the true cost when making strategic decisions.

Now to explain the Toodyay Recreation Centre loans. Two State Treasury Corporation short-term interest-only loans totalling \$4.5 million were used to fund the construction phase. The plan was always to convert the two smaller loans into a single long-term loan of 20 years before the loan termination date of 23 June 2021 to avoid having to repay \$4.5 million back this financial year. At last January's monthly council meeting, a full six months before the short-term loan deadline expired, the Manager of Finance recommended that:

'That Council in accordance with the requirements of section 6.20 (2) of the *Local Government Act 1995*, confirms by absolute majority, the Shire's Intention to Borrow – Conversion of Existing Short-Term Facilities into Long-Term Facility of \$4.5 million and authorises the CEO to provide public notice of this intent for at least one month.'

Councillors had three options to consider:

1. Repay the \$4.5 million construction-phase borrowing in full, which was never envisaged and financially impossible.
2. Keep the two short-term loans until June 23 and pay only the interest this financial year, or
3. Convert the two smaller loans to a single long-term borrowing over the next 20 years and start paying off the amount borrowed.

The January Council meeting voted 6 - 0 to defer any action until after the March budget review, which meant delaying a loan decision until the March 23 council meeting. The State Treasury then advised Council in February to act as soon as possible because of the time needed to convert the shire borrowings. Because at least an additional month was required to advertise the intention to borrow, State Treasury could not start processing the application until May. Therefore, by March we did not have time to complete the conversion and pay any principal, so there was no reason to delay or discuss at the Budget Review. Council needed to act expeditiously to ensure that everything was in place for June 23. Proper process was followed, and a decision was finally made last month when the council voted 8-0 to approve the loan conversion and advertise it for 30 days. Now the challenge for Council is to increase the use of the Shire's excellent facilities to attract local and outside use and reduce the cost burden to the community.

Toodyay's security and future prosperity lies in ensuring every council decision produces an outcome that justifies the cost and is based on strong forward planning.

Debate means to 'argue about a subject or a formal discussion on a particular matter'.



Toodyay is a town with many claims to fame, and locals Hazel and Michael McKone are the minds behind one a little more unusual than the rest. Housed in an unassuming shed on their sprawling property on Bindi Bindi Road is the sole alpaca fleece spinning mill in Western Australia – and it's accompanied, of course, by a herd of the friendly and fleecy animals themselves.

Alpacas weren't always on Hazel and Michael's agenda: when they first made the move to Toodyay in 2000, their plan was to start up a snail farm that would supply relevant restaurants with the traditional French fare. Then a twist of fate from the front porch of Freemasons Hotel ensured that wasn't the way they would *escargot*. Spotting a newspaper advertisement for the sale of a dozen alpacas in 2001, Michael heard the knock of an opportunity and was on the phone to Hazel in an instant. Just days later the pair were the proud owners of the whole herd, sold by a stud in Boddington and including a Perth Royal Show blue ribbon winner. And so the Lavender Hill Mob – named in honour of both the 1951 film and Toodyay's lavender-loving landscape – story began.

Since then the size of the herd has almost tripled, with 32 alpacas currently living the Lavender Hill lifestyle. They're far from anonymous, having been named after everything from planets (in Saturn's case) to pop culture (shout-out to Lady Penelope and Morticia) and their palette (no prizes for guessing the colour of Ebony's coat). Cecilia might be dignified by name, but she has an aversion to being fenced in that sees her appear wherever and whenever she wants. Hazel and Michael have given up trying to keep her contained, but something they haven't given up on is constantly improving the standard of fleece in their herd. All stud decisions are based on the processing quality of the *huacaya* fleece they'll be dealing with (known as the 'teddy bear' type as opposed to dreadlock-style *suri* alpaca fleece) and that's where the famous mill comes into play...and gets to work.

In 2008, keen to showcase the versatility of alpaca fleece and expand on the Lavender Hill enterprise, the McKones sought out a specialist mill in Canada – the only place they could find one at the time – and had it imported all the way to Toodyay. After two weeks' worth of operating lessons (taught by an expert also imported from Canada out of necessity) they were on their own, and are still learning how to manage the complex machinery (as well as their mob) today.

Fleece-processing doesn't come easy. Fresh off the back of each

TOODYAY'S HIDDEN TREASURES

LAVENDER HILL MOB ALPACAS AND FIBRE OF THE GODS

 BINDI BINDI ROAD, TOODYAY

alpaca, it goes through a handful of stages, starting with washing and ending with spinning. For Hazel, a weaver from way back, it's then ready to be transformed into a range of handmade products: balls and skeins of yarn, felt sheets, scarves, shawls, blankets, baby clothing and even miniature knitted alpacas (because knitting life-size alpacas just wouldn't work). All of her products are made on the premises and belong to the McKones' purpose-built business, Fibre of the Gods – a common way of referring to alpaca fleece, which was once considered luxurious enough to only be used to clothe royalty by the Incas in the animals' native homeland of Peru.

500 years later and 15 000 kilometres away, Hazel sells her collection of handmade creations to anybody interested, blue-blooded or otherwise, through Uniquely Toodyay and on Facebook. Each piece is handcrafted from the 40 kilos of fleece the McKones' own herd produces during their annual shearing. The Fibre of the Gods mill also processes fleece for other alpaca owners and farmers from as far afield as Tasmania – on average, almost 400 kilos each year.

With stats like that plus a mill to maintain, both businesses are labours of love for Hazel and Michael. As with anything, there are plenty of troughs to the peaks, from machinery issues to fleeces that just don't feel like processing. Then there's the balancing act both put on working 'day jobs' off the farm (Hazel as a mobile bookkeeper and Michael as a builder). Still, they've never regretted swapping snails for farming fleecier, four-legged fauna. The satisfaction gained from taking fleece and transforming it into wearable warmth and one-of-a-kind handicrafts – and from providing fellow alpaca people with perfectly-processed fleece from their own animals – is a pro that outweighs all the cons.

So what's ahead for the Lavender Hill Mob and Fibre of the Gods? According to Michael, quite a lot: continuing to promote alpacas and their fleece through animal and product sales; securing funding for tourism to 'become a bit more of a destination'; and appearing at next month's Moondyne Festival. You'll also find Hazel fighting fibre with fibre every June at the Fibre Festival, where she's sold her goods from the start. Show your support (and find out what the fuss over the fuzz is all about) by stopping by her stall at either festival, Peru-sing the handicrafts at Uniquely Toodyay, or visiting Fibre of the Gods on Facebook. If it's alpaca antics you're after, you'll find plenty on The Lavender Hill Mob Alpacas Facebook page. For fleece processing or alpaca purchasing enquiries, call 9574 5577.

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Toodyay achieves Wildflower - Friendly Town Status

The Shire of Toodyay is one of the two WA towns to have achieved 'wildflower-friendly' status as a result of the 2020-21 Wildflower Friendliness Award Scheme. The scheme encourages local governments to protect WA's valuable wildflowers and native vegetation along roads and in nature reserves for visitors and locals to enjoy. WA has one of the largest display of wildflowers with more than 12,000 species – which is a unique selling point for the State. Being a part of the scheme means that Toodyay will receive additional marketing support from Tourism WA to help increase visitors to these wildflower destinations during the upcoming 2021 season.



Perth Caravan and Camping Show

Shire staff proudly represented Toodyay at the 2021 Perth Caravan & Camping Show on the Avon Valley stand. It was a joint initiative between the towns of Beverley, Goomalling, Northam, Toodyay and York. As we remain in a "COVID Normal" world there was an overwhelming feeling that attendees were looking forward to exploring their own backyard. The Avon Valley is perfect for the growing number of travellers looking for short distance holidays from Perth. Over the course of the show we handed out large numbers of Avon Valley and town specific brochures to encourage longer visits to the region.



Toodyay International Food Festival Local Stallholder Applications

Stallholder applications for the 2021 Toodyay International Food Festival are now open. If you are a food business and would like to trade at the festival please email edc@toodyay.wa.gov.au for an application form.

Toodyay Anzac Day 2021

Anzac Day Services will be held on Sunday, 25 April and will be held in Anzac Park, on Anzac Parade, Toodyay. The Dawn Service will commence at 6:00am, followed by a Gun Fire Breakfast at 6:30am in the Wicklow Shearing Shed. A second morning service will commence at 11:00am. On our day of national remembrance, the Shire would like to invite members of the Toodyay community along to commemorate all of those who served and died in conflict.



Toodyay Farmers Markets

The next Toodyay Farmers markets will be taking place at Stirling Park on Sunday, 18 April 2021. The markets start at 9am and conclude at 1pm, the Shire of Toodyay encourages all the community to head on down and support the day and



Councillor Paula Greenway Resigns



Cr Paula Greenway tendered her resignation to the CEO recently and will be stepping down as a Councillor as of 30 April 2021. Cr Greenway has dedicated the past 7 years to the Shire of Toodyay as a Councillor and feels that it is now time for her focus to be redirected to her business and family.

Her time on Council was colourful and never dull, "there is always something to read and research and I have thoroughly enjoyed my time serving the community in this way". There were always causes and community projects to be involved with and Cr Greenway commented that the community effort to save the AvonLink was a challenge of which she is particularly proud to have been a part, and it displayed the strength in unity of what a community can achieve when campaigning for a common goal. The installation of the Information Bay and Entry Statement were also standout achievements. Cr Greenway's significant participation in Toodyay's development as a niche tourist destination will not easily or quickly be forgotten.

Let us also not forget Cr Greenway's ongoing dedication in establishing 105.3FM - Toodyay's own radio station which recently began live streaming.

Cr Greenway spoke fondly of the team effort that is required to manage a community such as Toodyay and its expectations. She particularly wanted to acknowledge the amazing staff and Councillors that were the team she was a part of during her time on Council and thank them for their efforts, dedication and the support given to her over the years.

Upon her resignation, Cr Greenway's emphasis and commitment to working as a team for the best interests of the community was demonstrated with an unblemished history of complaints or misconduct.

The Shire would like to take this opportunity to thank Cr Greenway for her years of service to the community of Toodyay, and wish her all the very best for the challenges she chooses to tackle in the future. Thank you Paula.



We have had a fantastic first swimming season at the Toodyay Recreation Centre and it is hard to believe the last day the pool will be open for this season is Sunday, 18 April. Make the most of the last of the warmer weather and come down for a swim or enjoy a BBQ lunch on Sunday.

We hope the pool heating installation will mean the pool will be able to open much earlier than next Summer. Keep an eye out on our Facebook page for updates in the coming months.

Whilst the pool is closing, our other facilities are still open for social sports! Registrations for basketball, netball and soccer in Term 2 are now open, see our website for more details and lets not forget the social sports being organised - get your team together for a fun and friendly time. <https://www.toodyayreccentre.com.au/?> and facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/ToodyayRecCentre>



150 years of Local Government in Western Australia

On 17 January 1871 the *Road Districts Act* was gazetted. This divided the State into Districts. On 29 January of the same year, the Toodyay Road District boundaries were described and on 15 February the first election for membership of the Toodyay Road Board was held.

Toodyay is one of only 13 local government entities that retains its original name, even though its boundaries are now significantly smaller than they were in 1871. York is another Shire that retains its original name.

On 21 February 1871 the *Municipal Institutions Act* was passed. This created six original municipalities in addition to Perth - namely Fremantle, Guildford, Bunbury, Albany and Geraldton. The following month the town of York was also declared a Municipality but at this time Newcastle didn't qualify. This happened six years later in September 1877.

So though we can claim to be one of the original Road Districts we cannot claim to also be one of the original Municipalities.

To mark the 150th anniversary of local government in Western Australia we are pleased to be working once again with the Toodyay Historical Society. We are creating a Toodyay Local Government Virtual Portrait Gallery of people whose names are recorded on the three honour boards hanging in the Shire Chambers. These boards are titled Toodyay Road Board 1871-1961, Newcastle Municipal Council 1877-1910 & Toodyay Shire Council.

Our plan is to have an individual page for each person named with a photograph (if can be found) and some very basic information such as birth and death dates, service information (role, span of role), occupation, district represented and some limited additional information. The virtual galleries, when completed, will be shared on the Shire's webpage.

We very much appreciate Beth Frayne's work compiling this information including gathering photographs and formatting the bio pages. Thanks as well to Doris Martin who is also helping us to find photos of early families. Soon, when all avenues are exhausted, we will be putting out a call via the Toodyay Museums Facebook group page for individual names.



12 WEEKS TO A HEALTHIER YOU!

A free health program for seniors

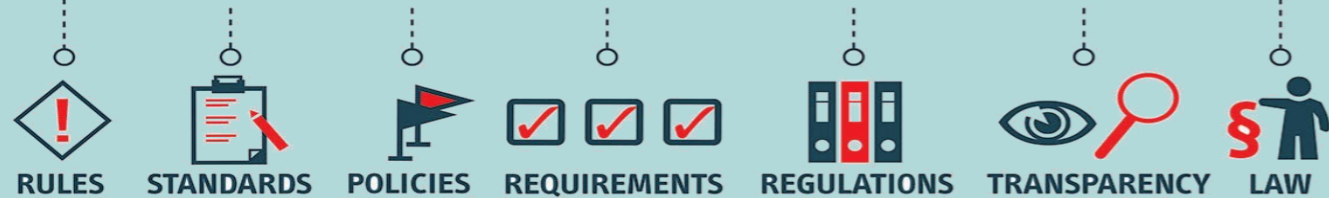
On Monday, 19 April 2021, Senior's health experts Dr Taylor Harrison and Suzy Oglesby are launching the new free 12 Week Health Program for Seniors. The free program will guide Seniors week by week in creating healthy habits through:

- a weekly 30min online exercise class (no need for fancy equipment).
- a free E-book with 12 chapters on health topics including balance, nutrition, sleep, strength and more.
- a weekly question and answer session with Seniors health experts Dr Taylor Harrison and Suzy Oglesby.
- weekly articles on the relevant health topics.

- weekly health challenges with prizes and giveaways to participants.
- For further information please visit the registration page at 12 week program sign up – Active Seniors.
<https://www.activeseniors.net.au/12-week-program/>



COMPLIANCE



Did you know that, amongst building fantastic recreation centers, maintaining roads, and providing beautiful public spaces, one of the other roles the Shire performs is compliance.

Compliance is simply the action or fact of complying with a command, which could be an Act of Parliament, a Local Law or a policy – to ensure that statutory and legislative requirements are met.

The Shire of Toodyay is responsible for regulating a number of these requirements, such as the *Planning and Development Act 2005* – which guides land use in the Shire, the *Building Act 2011* – which guides structural safety, efficiency and other matters, the *Bush Fires Act 1954* – for bush fire safety and the *Public Health Act 2016* – to better protect and promote the health of our community.

Above all, these statutory and legislative requirements are important in that they maintain the safety, health, and amenity of our community.

We understand that these can be daunting documents to read and interpret which is why we have a team of qualified professionals working with the Shire who are more than happy to assist you with your enquiries. Please call into the Visitor Centre and have a chat with our Planning and Development team about any planning or building project you are thinking of starting.

DOG AND CAT REGISTRATIONS

Toodyay Rangers are Currently checking dog and cat registrations throughout the Shire.

Dogs that have reached **three months** of age must be **microchipped, registered** with the Local Government and be wearing it's **registration tag** in any public place. *Dog Act 1976*

Owning more than two dogs requires a 3-6 Dog Permit. *Shire of Toodyay Dogs Local Law/Dog Act 1976*

Cats that have reached **six months** of age must be **microchipped, registered** with the Local Government and be wearing it's **registration tag** in any public place. *Cat Act 2011*

To discuss payment for your Dog and/or Cat registrations or applying for a 3-6 Dog Permit, please contact Shire of Toodyay Admin on **9574 9300**

For all other enquiries please contact the **Rangers** on **9574 9370** at your earliest convenience.



DO YOU OWN LIVESTOCK?

Identification of all livestock is **required by law** under the Biosecurity and Agriculture Management (Identification and Movement of Stock and Apiaries) Regulations 2013 [BAM (IMSA) Regulations].

All livestock owners in Western Australia must be registered with the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD) and obtain a **Property Identification Code (PIC)**. The Shire of Toodyay Rangers work closely with DPIRD.

Livestock need a form of identification, and Shire Rangers are forever returning wandering livestock to properties in order to avoid the possibility of serious injury to public road users. Remember, you must effectively contain your livestock.

It's just like when good pet owners microchip and register their dogs and cats, owners are easy to find, and their animals can be returned quickly. For further assistance regarding this process feel free to contact the **Toodyay Rangers** on **9574 9370**.



A weak link could lead to an unmanageable disease outbreak and the loss of our livelihoods and markets

Bred on property

♂ 1RU ♀ 1RX

Male Female

tag in left ear tag in right ear

Brought onto property

♂ 1XA

pink tag earmark ear

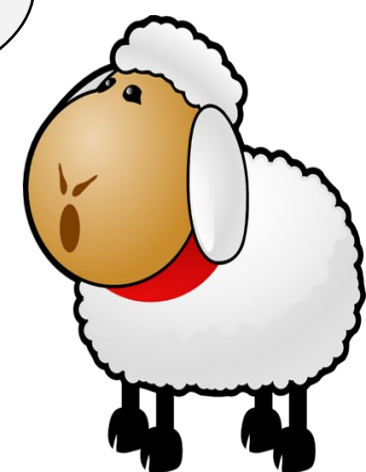
All NLIS sheep tags must be embossed with your registered brand and NLIS logo

For help with tags...

Year	Tag colour	Year	Tag colour
2008	Black	2016	Black
2009	White	2017	White
2010	Orange	2018	Orange
2011	Light green	2019	Light green
2012	Purple	2020	Purple
2013	Yellow	2021	Yellow
2014	Red	2022	Red
2015	Sky blue	2023	Sky blue

Any year Post-breeder tags must be pink

"So place a tag in my ear, so I can be identified and returned to my owners!"



Invitation to share your artwork

Do you like to express yourself through artwork?

Or perhaps you have never tried!

The Dementia-Friendly Communities team invites people living with dementia to create a piece of art which reflects an inclusive community. You don't need to be a skilled artist and you can use any medium you like including sculpture, drawing, photography, painting etc.

Art exhibition theme: 'Inclusive Communities'

We would like to feature your artworks on the Dementia-Friendly Communities website and social media platforms. Some artworks may also feature in our new resources.

How can you get involved? Create your artwork, take a photo of it and send it along with your name to dementiafriendly@dementia.org.au

If you would like to add a title to your artwork or a brief statement, we would love to hear your story behind your piece.

Who can you contact for further information? The Dementia-Friendly Communities team via dementiafriendly@dementia.org.au or (03) 9815 7873. You will be put in touch with your local Dementia-Friendly Communities Program Officer.

When do photos of artwork need to be submitted? By 5.00pm Monday, 24 April 2021.

If you need assistance in sending through the photo of your artwork, please contact us via the email or phone number listed above.

Bindi Bindi Toodyay Road Bridgeworks

As part of its 2020/2021 Capital Works Program, Shire of Toodyay has appointed a contractor to demolish and replace the existing three span timber bridge on Bindi Bindi Toodyay Road, 14km north of Toodyay.

The 78 year old structure is life expired and will be replaced with a series of concrete culverts. Works are expected to take place over approximately eight weeks (weather dependent), during which a temporary side track will bypass the structure. The Shire of Toodyay requests drivers slow down, follow traffic management and allow for changing road conditions. Thank you for your patience.



Toodyay Road Update

Main Roads continues to upgrade sections of Toodyay Road to improve road user safety and reduce road trauma.

Construction of the overtaking lane on Toodyay Road between Lovers Lane and Jingaling Brook Road is still on schedule for completion by May 2021. Side tracks have been used to reduce the impact on traffic and will be removed once the Toodyay Road has been realigned and widened at this location. The road widening around Racecourse Road is also running to schedule for completion by May 2021. Audible edge lines will be installed once the works are completed.

Main Roads' upgrade of Toodyay Road, between Aspen Road and Dryandra Road, is expected to get underway in mid-April and be finished by mid-2021. This project is jointly funded by the Australian and State Governments under the Regional Road Safety Program.

The intersections of Berry Road, Bailup Road, Utah Road and Squarcini Close will be widened to allow vehicles travelling straight on Toodyay Road to safely pass those turning right.

Toodyay Road will also be widened for about six kilometres to include sealed shoulders and safety barriers, to help prevent run-off road crashes and protect users from roadside hazards.

Speed restrictions and stop/slow traffic management will be in place on Toodyay Road and at each intersection while work is undertaken.

Main Roads will minimise the clearing required for this project by installing steel safety barriers in suitable locations along both carriageways, allowing a number of trees to be retained in the verge.

Minor clearing will be required for the widening work and to improve sightlines at the four intersections. This work will be guided by a comprehensive environmental assessment which has determined that the impacted area is a mix of planted and native vegetation, some of which is quite degraded. Approval has been granted for the small areas of Eucalypt woodland earmarked for removal.

There is a significant amount of comparably higher quality fauna habitat nearby, with large swathes of state and national park within close proximity of Toodyay Road. As a result, no significant impact to fauna is expected.

All suitable vegetation removed as part of this project will be mulched and reused on-site, or on other Main Roads projects.

For updates about the Toodyay Road upgrade project, please sign up on at the Main Roads website www.mainroads.wa.gov.au. Main Roads can be contacted by phone on 138 138 or email enquiries@mainroads.wa.gov.au



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A PROBLEM SHARED IS A PROBLEM SOLVED

As Toodyay has developed with more sealed roads, car parks and housing the resulting increase in volume and velocity of stormwater run-off discharge has created a range of environmental issues.

Most of the town's storm water outlets discharge directly into the river with the main one located near the Anglican Church.

This storm water carries with it a range of pollutants and rubbish from a catchment that covers most of the town area and includes Charcoal Lane carpark and Pelham Brook.

In addition to the environmental impacts, the erosion caused by the stormwater run-off compromises fire and management access at this point.

The Toodyay Friends of the River have long campaigned to address this problem and last year were successful in sourcing external funding to create the "Pelham Outlet Project".

The significant rain event early in March was a timely demonstration of the necessity to address this age old problem.

An exhaustive consultancy and planning phase has culminated in the successful completion of the works.

The result is outstanding and with the planned revegetation and ongoing maintenance of the project it promises to be a demonstration site for best practice.

This outcome is the result of hard work and collaboration between a range of contributors with special thanks extended to Richard Ness, Engineering Technical Officer with the Shire, Toodyay Friends of the River Project Steering Group, Urbaqua and specialist contractor, Proform Civil.

Planning and design of the project was made possible thanks to a grant from Wheatbelt NRM's *Healthy Soils, Healthy Rivers* with engineering and construction funded by the Commonwealth Government's *Community Environment Program*.

Other river news of note was of course the significant flow event in early March. The velocity and height of the water caused significant erosion at Red Banks Pool causing two trees to be dislodged and a part of the high bank was dangerously undermined. As a result, the Bilya Walk Track was closed until safety barriers could be put in place and the path realigned back from the edge. The Shire will be working with the Toodyay Friends of the River on further safety and rehabilitation work and close monitoring of bank stability will continue.



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