

## DUMBARTON BRIDGE – LOAD LIMIT

Due to some structural defects identified on Dumbarton Bridge (Dumbarton Road), Main Roads WA has imposed a 2 tonne load limit on the bridge as of 19 November 2019.

The load limit will be in place until appropriate remedial works have been completed on the bridge. The Shire is working, in conjunction with Main Roads WA, to finalise and co-ordinate these remedial works with an anticipated commencement date early 2020.

In the meantime, the Shire has reinstated the adjacent causeway and installed appropriate traffic management to enable vehicles in excess of 2 tonnes to bypass the bridge without experiencing onerous detours.

Road users who frequent this area are encouraged to report damage or any concerns to the Shire as soon as possible.



## WASTE COLLECTION

Avon Waste wishes to advise customers that all collections due on Wednesday, 25 December 2019 will be serviced on Thursday, 26 December 2019.

All other collections will be as normal for the Christmas period and New Year week. All Christmas run information will be posted on their website [www.avonwaste.com.au](http://www.avonwaste.com.au).

Additional information including collection days can be found on the Shire of Toodyay website [www.toodyay.wa.gov.au](http://www.toodyay.wa.gov.au)



UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS		
Meeting	Date	Time
Agenda Briefing	21 January 2020	4.00pm
Ordinary Council Meeting	28 January 2020	4.00pm

2020 COMMUNITY INFORMATION MEETINGS	
Location	Date
Morangup Community Centre	18 March 2020
Toodyay Community Centre	2 May 2020
Bejoording Community Hall	10 June 2020
Morangup Community Centre	18 July 2020
Toodyay Community Centre	2 September 2020
Bejoording Community Hall	28 November 2020

## Be aware - fire hazard by using *that* tool or machine?

The Shire of Toodyay has an SMS Notification service for when there is a **HARVEST, VEHICLE MOVEMENT & HOT WORKS BAN** to alert you to when a ban has been issued. It is a self- registering system where you simply text the word 'BANS' to 0408 017 439. Please note: This service is NOT a fire or emergency warning service.

Please keep in mind, on the days when a ban has not been issued, that it is still important to be mindful of the activities you are carrying out in hot and dry weather. If there are methods of preparation or alternatives you can take to avoid starting a fire, please consider them.

If you are using machinery or tools (including lawnmowers, whipper snippers, grinders, welders or any machine with a blade) in the vicinity of dry grass, please ensure you have adequate firefighting capabilities on hand.

Please think of our volunteers and landowners around you. No one wants to be responsible for a fire that gets out of hand. For more information visit <https://www.dfes.wa.gov.au/totalfirebans/Pages/TotalFireBanWhatCantIDo.aspx>

## 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.

# Toodyay Community Newsletter

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## Toodyay's Community Citizen of the Year 2020 Nominations

Thank you to all who took the time to nominate our sometimes quiet achievers doing great things for our town.

**Good luck to all our deserving nominees!!!**

Nominations have been received for the following categories:

### Community Citizen of the Year

Bree Byfield  
Dean Carter  
Nicole Coleman

### Senior Community Citizen of the Year

Roz Davidson  
Maggie Parsons

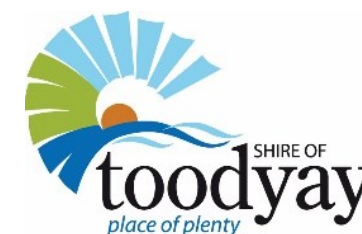
### Youth Community Citizen of the Year

Lucas McLerie  
Lincoln Pope

### Active Citizenship (Group or Event)

Toodyay Fun & Fitness for over 50's  
Toodyay Locals Care

Category winners will be announced at the Australia Day BBQ celebrations at Duidgee Park on Sunday, 26 January, commencing with a free BBQ breakfast served from 7.30 am – 9.00am and free family entertainment. A Citizenship Ceremony and announcement of the Citizen of the Year Awards will follow, concluding at 10.30am. So please come along, support your mates and join in the celebrations!







Shire President Cr Manning  
early in the new year.

President Pen - Recruiting a New CEO

“ Selecting and appointing a Chief Executive Officer is one of the most important tasks elected members may undertake during their term of office. Choosing the right person. Is critical to the success of the council and the local government.”

These words are taken from guidelines on appointing a CEO issued by the Department of Local Government.

At the November meeting, Council resolved to commence the process of finding a new CEO to fill the position from July next year.

The first step is to appoint a recruitment consultant to assist and advise Council through the process. To achieve maximum transparency and the best result, that will be via a public tender process with tenders being invited before the end of the year and an appointment being made

Once a consultant has been appointed, the next step is for Council to decide what qualities and skills it requires in a CEO and the process to be followed right through to the appointment of the successful candidate. If you have any thoughts about what qualities you would like to see in the next CEO please let me or any other Councillor know.

Whilst the identities and the personal details of candidates must remain confidential, the agreed qualities and process of choosing a CEO will be made public.

Finally, I would like to wish you all an enjoyable and safe Festive Season and a happy New Year.



CHRISTMAS CLOSURE  
OF SHIRE OFFICES

The Shire **Administration Office** and **Depot** will be closed from **1.00pm Tuesday, 24 December 2019 and will reopen on Monday, 6 January 2020.**

The **Library** will be closed from **1.00pm Tuesday, 24 December 2019 and will reopen on Monday, 6 January 2020.**

The Visitor Centre will be closed **Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day** but other wise will remain open.



Butterly Cottages Inc.

The management Committee of Butterly Cottage Inc would like to wish all their members, tenants, volunteers and the community of Toodyay a very safe and Happy Christmas.

As a volunteer run organization the work does not stop for the normal Christmas break and particular thanks must go to the President Gretta Sauta who makes herself available at all times to ensure the smooth management of the Cottages.

This year's fundraising will end with a Christmas themed raffle Friday, 13 and Saturday, 14 December 2019, outside IGA, combined with a membership drive (\$5.00 to become a member) and information on how Butterly Cottages Inc. operate and of course as always, the need for more helpers and volunteers.

To all members and tenants we have an information sharing afternoon Monday, 16 December 2019 at 2pm, this will be followed by an afternoon tea.

Future projects for 2020 Butterly Cottages Inc. include a Gazebo for Rosedale Village, (with thanks to the Shire of Toodyay for the \$5000.00 funding) extensive tree pruning at Butterly Cottages and a new sign for the historic Butterly House.



Toodyay Town site Parking Works

As part of a Town site review on parking and road safety, On Wednesday, 13 November the Shire carried out line marking work along Piesse Street and Stirling Terrace.

Contractors used high pressure water to jet off the old markings before a separate contractor completed the reinstatement as per the Shires' new design. Our internal maintenance crew completed the final touches that could be managed in-house to finish off the project.

Subtle changes were made to improve driver safety and make the bays more uniform around the town and do not create a sight distance issue for the many accesses to local businesses. As a result there was a slight reduction in the total number of bays for cars, however as a comprise, many were converted to motorcycle friendly bays, as they do not interfere with sight lines.



RIVER ROAD COMPLETE

The remaining gravel 1.4km section of River Road has recently been completed, Shire construction crews are now working hard on the remaining 5km of Lovers Lane to a similar standard.



Christmas Street Party

Another fantastic Christmas Street Party was held on Friday, 6 December. After scorching hot day the night cooled down and made for perfect weather. There was magic in the air from Pierre Ulric - Mysteries, and a special appearance from a few Transformers! And of course the man in red arriving on the back of a motorbike spreading joy through the street.

Stirling Terrace came alive with performances from locals as well as exciting acts from out of town.

All shops and eateries were open to showcase local Toodyay goods.

A big thank you to the Toodyay Chamber of Commerce Inc. and Toodyay Event Planning Inc. for organising another fantastic event.



TOODYAY WASTE TRANSFER STATION

**Where:** Railway Road, Toodyay  
**Opening Times:** Open every day of the week from 8.00am to 12.00pm, excluding Good Friday, Anzac Day, Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day.  
**Contact:** 9574 2661  
**Last Sunday of the month open until 3pm**



## Congratulations and Welcome

On Tuesday, 12 November 2019 a Citizenship Ceremony was held where Mr Thanawit Augsithakun and Mrs Belinda Tippet became Australian Citizens by pledging their allegiance to Australia.

The ceremony was held in the Council Chambers presided over by the Acting Shire President, Cr Rosemary Madacsi.

Mr Angsithakun and Mrs Tippet were supported by friends and family and were presented with a native shrub, a book written by Rica Erickson called Old Toodyay and Newcastle, and a commemorative uncirculated Australian \$1 gold coin struck by the Perth Mint. It was clearly a very happy and proud moment for all those involved.

**Congratulations, and welcome to you both.**



## JUNIOR TENNIS COACHING NEWS

On Saturday, 7 December, 17 of our Toodyay junior tennis players travelled to Cunderdin to compete in the Elders Farmways & Sunsmart Junior Doubles Tournament.

The kids came up against some tough tennis conditions with blistering winds sending the balls all over the court. The tournament was many of our kids first experience in competition and our junior's represented their town with pride in their new Toodyay Junior Tennis Club shirts.

We are very proud of all the kids achievements and they all showed fantastic sportsmanship throughout the long day. The club had a number of very successful partnerships on the day.

Parker Byfield, partnering with Archie from Merredin, came home with the Champion Trophy for the Boys' Year 3 & Under Group. This was a strong section with 9 teams playing a Fast Four format, with a Grand Final needed to decide the overall winner.

Marley Ferguson and Hollie Coe came home with the Runner Up Champion Trophy for the Girls' Year 3 & Under; only missing out on the Champion Trophy in a tight tie breaker. This was the girls' first tournament and first time playing the Fast Four format.

Josie Faria and Jordie Wacura, playing in the normal format in the Girls' Year 7 & Under, also came home with the Runner Up Champion Trophy. This was also the first time the girls' had partnered and Jordie's first tournament.



A huge congratulations to all trophy winners and to all Toodyay kids who took on the challenge. All parents and coaches could not be prouder of you.

Toodyay Junior Tennis Coaching is held on a Monday after school and currently has over 60 junior members. Coaching for 2020 will commence in Week 3 of Term 1. Any queries, please contact Bree Byfield (Junior Coordinator) on 0402 622 384.

Wishing you a relaxing Christmas and a safe, happy and healthy New Year.

Bree Byfield, Therese Chitty, Jenny Hale & Gemma Wood (Toodyay Junior Tennis Coaches).

## Australian Rural Leadership Foundation

Staff at the Toodyay Visitors Centre had the pleasure of meeting six participants of the Australian Rural Leadership Program. Over 30 leaders from across rural, regional and remote Australia head off on a series of unique and immersive experiences to develop their leadership capabilities with self-discovery aspects (sounds almost like an mini Amazing Race).

The trip has seen them in the Kimberley and Fremantle, then they received an envelope from the organisers who told them to jump on a train to Toodyay – knowing no one, no mobile phones or transport, the key is start conversations with locals and see who you meet and what experiences you end up having.

Of course they ended up meeting Roz Davidson, who put them to work in her garden – good on you Roz! If you see them around make sure you say Hi! Best of luck for the rest of your journey throughout Australia!!

If you are interested in joining the 27<sup>th</sup> intake of the Australian Rural Leadership Program – please head to the website <https://rural-leaders.org.au/our-programs/arlpl/> for further details.



## Toodyay Visitors Centre

The Toodyay Visitors Centre is a booking agent for Transwa, where you can book your tickets on the AvonLink, MerredinLink & Prospector.

Transwa are in the process on implementing a new booking system which we have just transited to.

We are still in the learning stage with this new portal so your patience is greatly appreciated.

Please note that some train services will be cancelled over the holiday period. Please call the Visitors Centre for more information or look on the Transwa website.

**Transwa**



## ANIMALS AND THE SUMMER HEAT

With the heat well and truly having arrived in Toodyay it's time to consider the wellbeing of our pets and livestock.

Please do not leave pets in your car even for a few minutes. It can take only minutes for an animal to suffer in agony or cause death being in a hot car.

For pets in general but especially dogs please consider walking them when the heat is not at its peak. This limits the chance of dehydration, sunburn and causing pain to their paws from the hot ground.

Livestock as well as our household pets need to be considered in our summer temperatures. It is important that they have access to shade and more water than normal if possible. If you do not have extra troughs or means of providing extra water please check water levels regularly.

The welfare of animals is important and our Rangers work in conjunction with the RSPCA when requested to assist in addressing animal welfare issues.

For animal welfare concerns please phone the RSPCA on 1300 278 3589 or our Rangers on 9574 9370.

## DOGS DIE IN HOT CARS

Take the pledge to never leave your dog unattended.



You could lose your best mate in just 6 MINUTES

[justsixminutes.com.au](http://justsixminutes.com.au)

RSPCA

## TOODYAY VISITORS CENTRE CHRISTMAS CLOSING HOURS


Wed 25 Dec - Closed

Thur 26 Dec - Closed

Wed 1st Jan - Closed







### Seniors Week 2019

The Toodyay Community Resource Centre was successful in applying for yet ANOTHER grant, where they invited African Oz Drum 'N' Dance to hold a Drumming Circle workshop on Thursday, 14 November for our senior residents to get together and have some fun.



Community Development Officer Claire McGowan attended as the Shire representative and said it was a fantastic experience to be a part of the circle. Odai was our enthusiastic and engaging host who showed everyone some simple drumming techniques and beats, then our circle kicked off with uplifting, soulful sounds that brought smiles to all who participated. It was magic!


Odai later invited questions from the group, which started some very interesting conversations regarding each other's backgrounds and musical interests (Odai has now learnt who Neil Diamond is).

The Shire of Toodyay partnered with the CRC for the event and provided the Memorial Hall for the venue (due to the uncomfortable heat forecast on the day – 42 degrees) and organised a delicious morning tea, catered by the lovely ladies of the Toodyay CWA. A big thank you to the CRC for organising the event and to our senior residents who braved the heat to enjoy the cultural experience of the African Drumming Circle. Let's do it again!

The following are benefits of drumming together:

- ~The release of feel good endorphins that make us happy
- ~Reduction in stress and tension
- ~Improving concentration
- ~Alleviates the symptoms of anxiety and depression
- ~Creating a sense of connection with others
- ~Stimulates left and right brain coordination
- ~Teaches team work and cooperation
- ~Increases self-esteem and develops confidence
- ~Increase in creativity and self-expression





### Community & Visitors > Community Groups

Toodyay has such an awesome community spirit and a lot of it revolves around the selfless volunteers who dedicate their time to enhancing our community life and making this town such a special place to live.

Do you have a passion, interest or skill that could benefit both yourself and a local community group? Have you ever thought about volunteering?


Toodyay has around 70 different community groups – ranging from firefighters, first aid, sports, arts, caring for the local environment, gardening, community services, friendship, music, singing, theatre, spinning, woodturning, fitness, seniors, agriculture, history and more.

You also don't have to be a member of a committee to volunteer or to be part of a community group. Do you just want to try something new? Always loved the thought of assisting with an event? Always wanted to be a fire fighter? Want to meet new people or make new friends? Want to help people? Want to make a difference? Do you just want to have fun? Want to learn new skills? Do you have a particular skill that could benefit a local group? Perhaps you do wish to apply your knowledge in a volunteer committee to assist growth and achieve outcomes. Each group may have a variety of roles available that suit your interests.

Our local community groups are listed on the Shire of Toodyay website under **Community & Visitors > Community Groups**. Have a browse through the directory to see if something takes your fancy! Give them a call today to see what they are all about and how you can get involved.

If your community group isn't listed, please contact the Shire Admin on email [records@toodyay.wa.gov.au](mailto:records@toodyay.wa.gov.au) to include your group details on our website and to be listed in the next Toodyay Community Directory.

The Shire of Toodyay would like to extend our thanks and gratitude to **ALL** volunteers in our community – you truly do make a significant difference!



### HISTORY OF BUILDING SURVEYING

On the night of September 2, 1666, a small fire broke out in a baker's shop in Pudding Lane, London.

The buildings at that time were built very closely together. Feeding on the tar and pitch commonly used to seal the straw and timber houses and fanned by an east wind, the blaze soon became an inferno and spread with terrifying speed, burning fiercely for five days.

At least 80% of the city was destroyed, including over 13,000 houses, 89 churches and 52 public halls. The spiritual hub of the city, Old St. Paul's Cathedral, was nothing but rubble. It was a disaster of unprecedented proportions. For many, it simply became known as the Great Fire of London.

From the ashes of the fire, the profession of Building Surveying grew. Drawing from local architects and engineers, the ruins were surveyed and ways of overcoming a repeat incident evolved. Buildings were separated by greater distances to avoid the spread of fire. Building materials changed from timber, straw and pitch, extremely flammable materials, to brick and stone, materials with better fire resistant properties.

Planning laws were enacted to dictate the height in stories of buildings and their setback from the River Thames that facilitated access to water to assist in firefighting. Streets were widened and fire brigades were established by insurance companies.

The professionals performing this work became known as Building Surveyors and to this day, they are responsible for the health and safety of persons occupying buildings.


The role of Building Surveyors has evolved into many professional disciplines within the building industry, as professionals who assess, certify and inspect building works; as consultants working in design, fire safety, energy efficiency and access solutions; as educators and expert witnesses in support of the legal process. The profession will continue to evolve and grow as the skills and abilities are incorporated into new and developing construction and building management roles within the community.

Primarily, Building Surveyors have a statutory responsibility for ensuring buildings are safe to occupy, energy efficient, accessible and meet all legal requirements. They review, analyse and assess plans for compliance to current standards, conduct inspections and issue relevant legislative permits, certification and approvals. They are required to be competent in local council, State and Territory legislation, guidelines, codes, policies and ministerial directions, as well as the National Construction Code and associated Australian Standards. They also need to keep abreast of technical and innovative changes in the building industry.

Building Surveyors may be employed within local government or may work in a commercial environment as single operators, or in a corporate environment or high volume building surveying businesses.

The responsibilities of building surveying professionals extend well beyond review of and ordering compliance with legislation, regulation or codes. It is a hands-on role where onsite inspections are carried out at specified intervals during the building process to ensure buildings are structurally sound, fit for purpose and able to be occupied. Therefore, the competency of the individual building surveyor is central to safeguarding all sections of the community.





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**Toodyay Fire Ready Groups and Toodyay Central Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade**

John Hansen and Mick McKeown

Sunday, 29 December will be the tenth anniversary of the Toodyay Bush Fire of 2009, The fire started just before 1pm on a day of temperatures over 45 degrees and extremely strong winds.

Nevertheless, 240 fire fighters in more than 80 brigade appliances and many other citizens in more than 40 private fire-fighting units contained the fire before nightfall.

The history of the fire and the damage done have been well documented. We don't want to go through that experience again, but we can all learn from it.

A Bush Fire Ready programme has been running in Toodyay this year. The Bush Fire Ready programme and Toodyay Central Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade held a stall at the Toodyay Christmas Street Party on Friday, 6 December.

They provided an opportunity for the Community to remember what happened 10 years ago and to understand what we can learn from those historic events.

5 Minute Fire Chat packs were handed out to the community. The 5 Minute Fire Chat is designed to help decide when to leave, decide where to go and decide which way to go, in the event of a bush fire.



Bushfires are unpredictable and happen every year. The single biggest killer is indecision. To survive a bush fire we must be prepared to make our own decisions.

The 5 Minute Fire Chat has been prepared by the Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES) to help us make our own decisions. So, please drop by our display at the Street Party to find out more.

If you want more information about the Fire Ready programme, please contact John Hansen on 0491 228 742.

If you are interested in finding out more about Toodyay Central Brigade, or if you would like to join the brigade, please get in touch with our Captain, Mick McKeown 0439 998 808 or our Secretary, Lorraine Hort on 0407 421 234.



**Scheme water cannot be guaranteed during a bushfire!**

Water Corporation is prepared for bushfire season. However, we cannot guarantee that water pressure or water supply will be maintained in the event of a bushfire. Extreme demand, fire damage and power cuts can all result in a total loss of water.

If you plan to stay and defend your property during a bushfire, you must have your own independent water supply and pumping capability, and must not rely on scheme water.

*If you **do** have your own water supply will it still work if the power goes out?*

*Do you have a backup power supply?*

Full details about how to prepare for the bushfire season can be found at [www.firechat.wa.gov.au](http://www.firechat.wa.gov.au)



**Sesquicentennial of Connor's Mill**



In 2020 Connor's Mill will celebrate its 150th anniversary. We are currently in the process of compiling a booklet with a simple history and photographs of the various eras of its operation. We are also hoping to open the mill to a number of events throughout the year as a way of celebrating its anniversary. More news about this will appear early next year.

Connor's Mill was built for Daniel Connor in 1870 by ex-convict George Hasell who was assisted by ticket-of-leave men. The following year Connor employed engineer Charles Marris as a Miller. In 1902 Marris purchased the mill and converted it into a roller mill.

In 1917 Charles Lukin bought the mill, had the machinery overhauled again and changed the name to the Toodyay Roller Flour Mill. In 1919, a private company, the Toodyay Electric Lighting and Power Co. Ltd was also established at the mill site.

In 1921 fire destroyed the milling machinery, but fortunately the adjacent power generation equipment was not damaged. The mill building was then converted for sole use as a power station. The Toodyay Road Board took over the running of the power station in 1926 and managed it until 1955 when Toodyay became a part of the State Power Grid.

The building became vacant and through the efforts of community members it was eventually restored as the Toodyay Tourist Centre in 1975. Visitors entered the ground floor through the door at the front. Displays were opened on the first and second floors as these areas were restored. In 1994 heritage milling machinery from the Northam Flour Mill was installed to recreate a Victorian-era flour mill.

In 1998 the Toodyay Tourist Centre Inc. wound up and the Shire of Toodyay took over management of the tourist information centre in the mill. In 2000 a modern Visitors Centre was built behind the mill and Connor's Mill became a Shire managed museum.

**NEWCASTLE GAOL RESHINGLE UPDATE**

The replacement of shingles on the gaol roof is progressing well. Work on the front wing (the warder's quarters) has commenced. The cell wing and the 'courtroom' (formerly the prisoner's day room and prisoner's kitchen) are now covered with new shingles. The honey colour of the shingles will quickly change as they are exposed to the weather. By this time next year the roof will have "greyed" and be significantly darker.

After the old shingles were removed there was evidence of insect activity in some of the roof beams and the lapped boards (to which the shingles are nailed). The timber in these areas have now been replaced. During the project a regime of pest control has been undertaken on both the underlying boards and the shingles after they have been laid.

Some additional structural repairs have been made during this time as the roof areas became more accessible. Drainage work has also commenced on site. At the base of three external walls (side and back) the soil has been excavated and replaced with coarse gravel. This will allow moisture in the ground to evaporate rather than travel into the walls via capillary action. When the shingling has been completed, the scaffolding will removed along the front. A drainage trench will then be able to be installed along the front as well, significantly reducing the dampness in the front section of the building.

At this stage the restoration is more or less running on schedule, and we are hoping the gaol will be re-opened to the public with exhibitions re-installed in February 2020. Please check in the new year to see if this will be early or late February.





TOODYAY LIBRARY TALK

Just like that, we’ve reached the last month of 2019 and the last December of the decade. It’s been a busy year at the library, with stacks of new stock arriving; some great guests joining us (teaching photography tips, how to repurpose old books and much more); and plenty of new members climbing on the book-borrowing bandwagon. Thanks to all of our readers, visitors and event attendees for helping us have such a great one.

We will be closing on Christmas Eve this year (see below for more information) so there’s still time for you to drop by and borrow something for the festive break. Whether you’re after books, audio books, DVDs or something to keep the kids entertained, we’ve got you covered. And don’t forget, with our free e-book resources BorrowBox and Overdrive, you can choose from thousands of titles any time from the comfort of your own home – handy on those 40+ degree days when our doors are closed!

When it comes to what’s on the shelf this month, here are a few festive picks:

- **19<sup>th</sup> Christmas by James Patterson** This Christmas, the Women's Murder Club unite to protect the streets of San Francisco once more in the latest instalment of Patterson’s bestselling series.
- **Celebrating Christmas by the Australian Women’s Weekly** Over 100 new recipes to show off on Christmas Day and over the holidays make this a standout book to have and use for years to come, or to give as a gift to a loved one.
- **Christmas Shopaholic by Sophie Kinsella** Becky Brandon is hosting Christmas for the first time, and her plans are well, not going according to plan. Will chaos ensue, or will Becky manage to bring comfort and joy to the most wonderful time of the year?

Important Dates 2019-2020

- 17 December 2019 – Morangup Library at Morangup Hall
- 24 December 2019 – Toodyay Library closes for 2019 at 1pm
- 6 January 2020 – Toodyay Library reopens for 2020 at 9am
- 14 January 2020 – Morangup Library resumes

Please return all items due back in December on or before Christmas Eve. You are welcome to return anything else during the closure period via our after-hours chute.

On behalf of all the library ladies, we wish you a very Merry Christmas and a happy, safe New Year. We look forward to seeing you again and welcoming more new members in 2020.



MORANGUP COMMUNITY MEETING

The final Community Information Session for year was held at the Morangup Community Hall on Saturday morning 30 November 2019. It was the first community meeting with the new Councillors. Some of the topics spoken about included firebreak inspections, road upgrade's and repairs. Our next Community Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 18 March 2020 and will be held at the Morangup Community Centre. We certainly hope to see you all there.

More information on scheduled dates for the Community Information Sessions can be found on our website.



Morangup Community Library is Toodyay Public Library’s part-time branch, run every second and fourth Tuesday of the month. If you live outside Toodyay and don’t want to take a trip into town, you can head over to the Morangup Community Centre, on the dates below. There you will find over a thousand items to browse and borrow – plus some friendly faces to have a coffee and a chat with.

2020 MORANGUP LIBRARY DATES	
January 14 and 28	July 14 and 28
February 11 and 25	August 11 and 25
March 10 and 24	September 15 and 29
April 14 and 28	October 13 and 27
May 12 and 26	November 10 and 24
June 9 and 23	December 8 and 22

Mozzies!!!

Mosquitoes can at times impact significantly on the health and lifestyle of residents and visitors to the region.

Of the 100 mosquito species found in WA, only 30 species are considered to be major pests and/or possible carriers of viruses (including, Ross River virus (RRV), Barmah Forest virus (BFV), Murray Valley encephalitis (MVE) virus and West Nile virus Kunjin strain (WNVKUN)) that can cause diseases in humans. For the novice entomologist – the disease carrying mosquitoes (mostly Aedes and Culex species) have white stripes and spotted markings.

What can you do?

Even with our best combined efforts mosquitoes will always be a fact of life in Toodyay. As such, when you are out and about in mosquito prone areas make sure that you wear loose fitting clothes that cover as much of your skin as possible and apply a mosquito repellent, preferably with DEET or Picaridin.

On your property, you can:

- empty any containers on the property that are holding water, ensure to clean and refill pet and animal drinking water containers regularly.
- ensure swimming pools and/ or spas are sufficiently chlorinated and cleaned regularly.
- fit rainwater tanks with insect-proof mesh, including inlet, overflow and inspection ports.
- ensure septic tank vent pipes are fitted with mosquito proof cowls.

Are DEET and Picaridin safe?

All topical insect repellents sold in Australia must be registered with the Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority (APVMA). The APVMA assess products for their efficacy and safety.

Repellents are considered safe when applied correctly. With extremely widespread use DEET, and increasingly picaridin, (over many years) these have had few reported adverse reactions. As such, the two products have been endorsed by health authorities both here in Australia and internationally as a safest most effective way to avoid mosquito bites. However, if you experience a serious reaction, consult your GP or call the Poison Information Centre Australia on 13 11 26.

What about ‘natural’ repellents?

Products derived from plants are often perceived to be a more natural alternative to the chemical products such as DEET and picaridin. Homemade concoctions of essential oils, particularly Eucalyptus and Melaleuca oils, are often promoted as the “safe alternative” to commercially available repellents. Unfortunately, several studies have found that essential oils provide only limited protection (see link for peer reviewed journal articles) from biting mosquitoes. Registered commercial products that contain botanical extracts offer some protection but will need to be reapplied far more frequently than even the low concentration DEET- or picaridin-based repellents.



Australian Government  
Australian Taxation Office

Don’t get caught out  
paying fake debts

Scam Warning

The Australia Taxation Office (ATO) is reminding customers to be alert to scammers impersonating the ATO, other government agencies or businesses.

These scammers demand immediate payment of fake debts or fines and will often threaten customers with imprisonment, deportation or cancelled government grants.

The ATO will not act in an abusive or offensive manner.

The ATO will never ask you to make a payment into a bank account not held by the Reserve Bank, nor will we accept payments via cryptocurrency, money transfer or gift cards. Visit [ato.gov.au/howtopay](https://ato.gov.au/howtopay) for more details.

If you are ever unsure about a request for information or the validity of an ATO interaction call the ATO on 1800 008 540 or visit [ato.gov.au/scams](https://ato.gov.au/scams).

TOODYAY DIRECTORY 2020

Thinking about advertising in the 2020 Directory?

Contact **Fairfax Media on 9622 5500** and they will be able to organise that for you .

If you would like your details included in the 2020 Directory or you need to update your details, please fill in the form below and send it in to the Shire Administration Office.

Community Directory Details

Please complete this form in you need to **UPDATE** you details or make a **NEW** entry.

Please Tick - ☐ Individual ☐ Community Group

Name -
Address -
Postal Address -
Phone Number -
Other information -

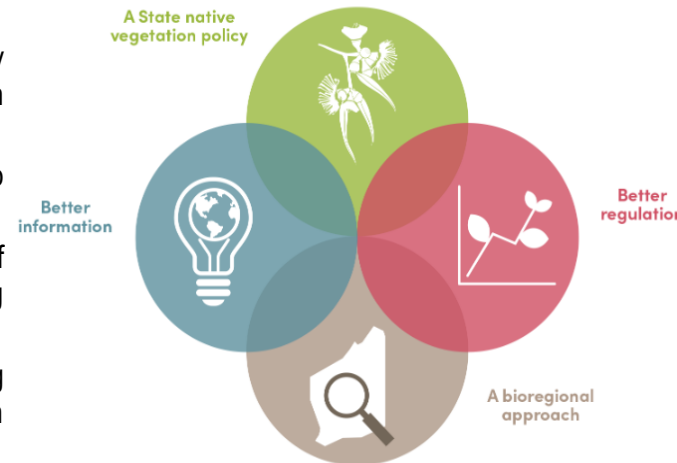
Details can also be updated by emailing [records@toodyay.wa.gov.au](mailto:records@toodyay.wa.gov.au)



## Western Australia's native vegetation HAVE YOUR SAY

The McGowan Government is developing four initiatives to improve the consistency, transparency and quality of information which will enable better management of our State's native vegetation. State Government are seeking your feedback from November 2019 to February 2020.

- ♦ **A State native vegetation policy:** to promote consistency and transparency in the objectives that apply to consideration of native vegetation across all Government processes.
- ♦ **Better information:** Improved data and mapping systems to track native vegetation extent, condition and approvals.
- ♦ **Better regulation:** to improve efficiency and effectiveness of regulatory processes, as well as supporting compliance and enforcement activities.
- ♦ **A bioregional approach:** to explore approaches to setting regionally tailored objectives for native vegetation management.



To learn more, have your say or sign up to the mailing list, visit <https://dwer.wa.gov.au/consultation/nativeveg>, contact [nvs@dwer.wa.gov.au](mailto:nvs@dwer.wa.gov.au) or phone the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation on 08 6364 7000.

## WHAT HAS COUNCIL BEEN UP TO THIS MONTH?

An Ordinary Council Meeting (OCM) was held on 26 November 2019. 18 community members were in the public gallery. The Agenda Briefing had been held one week prior to give Councillors the opportunity to digest the Agenda and to ask questions in relation to it.

Decisions made at the OCM were as follows:

- ⇒ Council supported the reformation of a reference group to work together towards a Reconciliation Action Plan for Toodyay, and appointed Cr. Chitty to the Reconciliation Reference Group.
- ⇒ Council granted Development Approval to Jack Wood for excavation works associated with the of a borrow pit as outlined in the Application received 4 September 2019, and indicated on the approved plans for Excavation Works Associated with operation of a borrow pit for on-farm use at Lot 124 (#5799) Toodyay Road, Toodyay, subject to conditions.
- ⇒ Council granted Development Approval for a Family Day-Care Centre at Lot 108 Mac Donald Retreat, Dumbarton, subject to conditions.
- ⇒ Council granted development approval for an Eco-tent development at Lot 101 Cobbler Pool Road in Morangup, subject to conditions.
- ⇒ Council permitted the keeping of four (4) dogs on Lot 20 Boyagerring Road, Dumbarton, subject to conditions.
- ⇒ Council noted as being paid payments listed and presented for the month of October 2019.
- ⇒ Council accepted the monthly Financial Statements, Outstanding Rates and Outstanding Sundry Debtors Information and Bank Reconciliations for the period ending 31 October 2019.
- ⇒ Council endorsed a policy to control any payments to employees above Contract or Award Policy.
- ⇒ Council received two pieces of correspondence from the Acting Manager of Legislation and Regulatory Support (Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries).
- ⇒ Council appointed community members to its Audit Committee, Environment Advisory Committee and Museum Advisory Committee.
- ⇒ Council resolved to not appoint a committee to assist with the CEO Recruitment process, and that the process be managed by Council with the assistance of a Recruitment Consultant.
- ⇒ Council resolved to invite tenders for the supply of services in relation to the recruitment and appointment of the CEO.

For details about the Council Meeting on 26 November 2019 please refer to the meeting minutes available on the Shire of Toodyay website via the link: <http://www.toodyay.wa.gov.au/Council/Council-Meetings/Agendas-Minutes-and-Notes>

### IS YOUR POOL OR SPA SAFE?

As the owner of a pool or spa, you are responsible for the safety of your kids and their friends. Make sure objects like pot plants, hedges, BBQ's and toys are removed so children can not climb onto them and get into the pool or spa.

#### What are the top three faults with pool barriers in our state?

##### 1. Gate performance

A pool gate must self-close and self-latch, without any application of force from any position, including when it is resting on the latch. In many cases when a pool fails in inspection the gate is found to be faulty. It's also vitally important that pool owners never prop a pool gate open. On average here in WA, pool gates that are propped open or not correctly closed or latched account for almost 40% of backyard pool drownings in children under the age of 5.

##### 2. Climbable objects and structures

Permanent or moveable structures with a horizontal surface exceeding 10mm in depth are considered climbable. Climbable structures must be more than 1200mm (in a downward arc) away from the top of your pool barrier. These structures can include items like trampolines and other toys placed too close to a pool fence, pot plants, and planter boxes.

##### 3. Window structure

Windows under 1200mm from the ground that lead directly to the pool must be able to open no more than 100mm. Windows must be permanently sealed with fasteners that can only be removed with the use of a tool and what many owner's don't realize is that key locking devices are not acceptable.

More more information visit <https://royallifesavingwa.com.au/>

## The Twelve Days of White Ribbons Christmas

On the twelfth day of Christmas  
West Aussies gave to me  
Twelve skippers driving  
Eleven coffee stops  
Ten speed reductions  
Nine Driver Revivers  
Eight safer roads  
Seven vehicle air bags  
Six road safety audits  
Five-star cars  
Four compliant drivers  
Three safety barriers  
Two-hour rest breaks and  
A Christmas that's fatality free!

WALGA's RoadWise Program

[www.roadwise.asn.au](http://www.roadwise.asn.au)



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## Toodyay MUSIC FEST







**SUMMER SPLASH PARTY!!**

**FRIDAY JAN 24th 10 AM - 1PM**  
**DUIDGEE PARK TOODYAY**  
**\$5 ENTRY FEE INC FREE ICY POLE**

MASSIVE INFLATABLE WATER SLIDE  
WATER FIGHTS  
HEAPS OF WET AND WILD GAMES  
WATER PLAY FOR YOUNGER KIDS  
MUSIC  
PRIZES TO BE WON!

BYO TOWEL, SUNSCREEN, WATER AND HAT.



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SCHOOL'S OUT! COME ALONG TO OUR

**CHRISTMAS**

**• ACTIVITY •**

**FUN DAY!**

COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTRE COURTYARD  
10 TIL NOON  
FRIDAY 20TH DECEMBER



**GINGERBREAD HOUSE MAKING** | **\$5 ENTRY** | **BAUBLE DECORATING** | **FUN CRAFT ACTIVITIES**

BRING YOUR OWN WATER BOTTLE AND HAT. CANTEEN AVAILABLE.



**Toodyay Community Program**

Monday 20 - Friday 24 January

**MONDAY 20 JANUARY**

Big Drawing for Little Hands | Morangup Kids Community Mural



Ages 6 and under | 10.00am - 11.30am | Ages 7 and over  
Morangup Hall  
Wallaby Way, Morangup

**TUESDAY 21 JANUARY**

Seed Sowing



**Under 7's MUST be assisted by an adult**

9.30am - 11.00am  
Community Depot Greenhouse  
End of Railway Road

**THURSDAY 23 JANUARY**

Karate



10am - 11.30am  
Toodyay Youth Hall  
Town Oval next to playground

**FRIDAY 24 JANUARY**

Splash Party



**\$5 Entry**

10am to 1pm  
Duidgee Park  
Bring your bathers!

**REGISTRATIONS ARE ESSENTIAL!**  
Registration forms are available from the following locations:

- Toodyay Visitors Centre
- Toodyay Public Library
- Toodyay Community Resource Centre

For further information contact Maddie Ross at the Shire of Toodyay on 9574 9395 or email [cdao@toodyay.wa.gov.au](mailto:cdao@toodyay.wa.gov.au)

Everyone is welcome - all ages, all abilities!

**Children under the age of 10 must be accompanied by an adult at all times**





For people living with dementia and their carers

Are you, a family member, or someone you care for living with Dementia? You are not alone.

Come along and join others travelling the same road, for a coffee and a chat in a warm and friendly atmosphere.

**When:** 2nd Tuesday of every month  
**Where:** Cola Café Stirling Tce, Toodyay  
**Time:** 10.00am - 12.00pm

For more information  
E: [fmncafe@outlook.com](mailto:fmncafe@outlook.com)  
W: [www.forgetmenotmemorycafe.com](http://www.forgetmenotmemorycafe.com)  
M: 0468 549 143 (Angi)

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