

Toodyay Community Newsletter

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RINGA RAILWAY BRIDGE

Ringa Railway Bridge is a historic bridge located within the Shire along Toodyay Road (neighbouring Coorinja Winery). The bridge is listed in the National Trust and Municipal Inventory and is an eighteen span wooden bridge constructed in 1888. It was the largest wooden bridge in Western Australia at that time and was once part of the State's narrow gauge system.

Recently Council resolved to get a structural assessment of the bridge, not for use but to make it safe for tourists to safely view.

Change of Seasons

With the end of the Restricted Burning Period officially marking the end of the fire season, permits are now no longer required to burn off.

The Shire of Toodyay would also like to express its gratitude to the vast majority of residents who have heeded fire safety messages making the past season one of the quietest on record. The Shire also extends its thanks to our dedicated Bush Fire Brigade volunteers for their continued efforts. Brigade turnout rates were down around 20% on 2016/2017 figures. Despite this relatively positive news, it remains a concern that around half the fires responded to were either suspicious or involved a level of carelessness.

It is important that we all remain vigilant in respect to suspicious behaviour and that we all continue to take care whenever using fire. Remember - penalties exist for the misuse or negligent use of fire under State and Local Law.

All residents are now encouraged to begin planning and preparing their properties for the next fire season. If burning forms part of your mitigation plan here are a few tips to help you conduct the burn without incident (or false brigade callout):

- Know the weather forecast (BOM Meteye is a great tool for detailed localised forecasts).
- Let your neighbours know.
- Maintain a visible presence at the fire at all times (an attended fire is less likely to be falsely reported).
- Be prepared with adequate fire breaks, equipment and personnel.
- Don't bite off more than you can chew!

<http://www.toodyay.wa.gov.au/Resident-Services/Fire-Information>



Australia's #10 Top Secret Spot Toodyay, Western Australia

Encompassing quaint villages on the edge of stunning wilderness to remote islands that don't present as Australian at all, to picture-perfect towns steeped in history, these are the places you need to know about. Where? Located on [the Avon River](#), about 85 kilometres north-east of Perth. What? Having been first settled by Europeans back in 1836, there are lots of lovely remnants of the colourful history of the town which are now a drawcard for in-the-know day-trippers from Perth, and out-of-towners lucky enough to stumble across it. Why? It turns out that Toodyay is home to [the oldest emu farm](#) in the world, Free Range Emu Farm, where you can see emus, nests and chicks in their enclosed but natural setting, and watch the incubation and hatching process in season.

<https://www.australiantraveller.com/100-awesome-places-to-hang-out-in-australia/top-secret-spots/>



Shire of Toodyay Facebook Page

The Shire recently launched its own dedicated Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/ShireofToodyay

We have brought all the current Facebook pages over and made them into groups attached to the main page. This will allow everyone to see all the fantastic things that are happening in and around the Shire. Below are the links to each of our Facebook groups, if you were a member of the previous Facebook pages, you will need to go onto the new group's page and join again. Thanks in advance.

We are happy to respond to any query or comment you would like to post, but please be aware that these pages are not monitored 24/7 and although we will strive to respond to you as quickly as possible, there may be a delay. If you need immediate assistance from the Rangers, please call the Rangers directly on 9574 9370.

Toodyay Rangers <https://www.facebook.com/groups/ToodyayRangers>

Toodyay Library <https://www.facebook.com/groups/ToodyayLibrary>

Toodyay Visitors Centre <https://www.facebook.com/groups/ToodyayVisitorsCentre>

Toodyay Museums <https://www.facebook.com/groups/>

President's Pen - Cr Brian Rayner

While attending the Dawn and the eleven o'clock ANZAC Services on ANZAC Day this year, I was elated to receive the accolades, on behalf of the Shire, from locals and visiting people regarding the upgrade of ANZAC Park. The ambiance and layout at the park are second to none.

The Shire held a second information session at the Toodyay Farmers Markets in April and gathered more information for the Community Strategic Plan. The draft plan is almost complete and will come before Council soon before being released for public comment and consultation.

I am pleased to advise that Council has received grant funding for the installation of an electric car recharging station to be installed in the IGA Car Park. The grant is for the purchase of the equipment and the Shire will cover the cost of the installation. We are the next

stopping off place along that line and with the increase in day and weekend tourists visiting our beautiful town we need to take advantage of the benefits. York is also looking into the project and it would enable tourists to complete the full circle.

With open burning season now upon us, please make every effort to light fires only when the conditions are in your favor and ensure you have firefighting equipment at hand. With strong winds and very dry surrounds, before you know it the local volunteer fire fighters are called out to extinguish your out of control fire. Please take care when lighting fires.

I urge all residents of Toodyay, to strongly lobby our State and Federal Politicians for a share of funding for the upgrade of Toodyay Road, the Toodyay Bypass and our Recreation Precinct. Without community support we may be forgotten.



Memory Café

A Memory Café is a wonderfully welcoming place for individuals with Alzheimer's or any type of the dementias or other brain disorders and it is helpful for people with all forms of mild cognitive impairment.

While a Memory Café is beneficial to those afflicted, it is also beneficial for their caregivers as well. It is not a place to "drop off" your loved one for a while, but a way to enjoy activities with them as a break from the normal routine.

A Memory Café is a safe and comfortable space where caregivers

and their loved ones can find a place of mutual support and information exchange or simply enjoy the company of those with similar things in common.

Prior to the June Forum Council meeting a guest speaker from Alzheimer's Aust. Will be coming up to talk about making the Toodyay community 'Dementia Friendly'.

The Manager for Community Development, Audrey Bell is open to hearing from people in the community regarding their thoughts on the possibility of starting a Memory Café here in Toodyay.

You can contact Audrey either via email at mcd@toodyay.wa.gov.au or by phone on 9574 9391.

Electric Vehicle Charging Station

The Shire of Toodyay has been successful in receiving a Sustainable Community Grant from the Wheatbelt NRM funded through the Australian Government's National Landcare Programme to install an Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Station. The idea originally came from a suggestion from a member of the Australian Electric Vehicle Association and the Tesla Owners Club after visiting Toodyay last year, and the opportunity to fund the station came from the NRM's grant program not long after.

The cost of the project is estimated at \$12,891 of which the Shire is contributing \$1,250.

EVE Australia Pty Ltd is supplying the Charging Station equipment which will have two charger points attached to it and will be situated in the Charcoal Lane Car park for easy access. One vehicle is estimated to take 60mins to charge and depending upon the car make and model will provide 120km of driving.

The installation of the EV station is helping to establish an 'electric highway' to Toodyay with charging points already installed in Midland and Gidgegannup and another soon to be installed in Merredin.

Although users are required to supply their own charging cable, access, payment and use the station will be wireless through a downloadable smart phone App.

The Council adopted an Environmental Management Strategy in 2015 and the EV charging station compliments this Strategy.

It is anticipated the charging station will be installed in May 2018.

DOG ATTACKS

Shire Rangers are asking for ALL dog attacks / stock deaths to be reported at the time of the incident, even if it seems like a small incident or you've discussed compensation with your neighbour.

A number of incidents have gone unreported and then a few weeks later another attack occurs of a more serious nature. If the incident had been reported at the time, Rangers would have a documented or reported history which could assist in an investigation if an investigation is required.

If an incident is reported, a Shire Ranger will visit the site as soon as possible, but please keep in mind this may not be immediately as they may be dealing with another issue.

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



Every Club funding

The 'Every Club' funding program assists organisations within regional Western Australia to deliver outcomes aimed at supporting the management, governance and planning practices of community sport and recreation clubs.

Applicants can apply for funding from \$5,000 to a maximum of \$40,000 in 2018/19 and \$30,000 in 2019/20.

Applicants can opt to apply for one or two years of funding via a single application process which opened on Thursday, 26 April 2018.

Applications will close 4pm, Friday 8 June 2018. See the [website](#) for further details and funding guidelines.

TOODYAY LOCAL GOVERNMENT EXTRAORDINARY ELECTION FRIDAY 15 JUNE 2018



POSTAL VOTING: If you are a resident or ratepayer of the Shire of Toodyay and live in the Central or West Wards, you will soon receive your postal vote information package.

Packages will be posted out on or around 17 May 2018. To ensure you have your say as to who represents you on Council, make sure you follow the instructions, including signing your envelope where directed

and returning it to the State Electoral Commission in the envelope supplied. There will be no on the day voting as in previous years, all voting will be via a 'postal vote' process. If you think there will not be enough time for your vote to reach the State Electoral Commission via the postal service, you can drop it into the Shire Offices. Candidate profiles can be seen in hard copy on the notice board of the Shire administration offices. Candidates for each ward in order of ballot position are as follows:

Candidates for Central Ward

Jeff Roberts
Bill Manning
John Prater

Candidates for West Ward

Tim Hale
Craig Brooke
Andrew Walker

What's happening in and around Toodyay.....

20 May 2018 - Toodyay Farmers Market

Held on the third Sunday of the month, the Toodyay Farmers Markets offer plenty of artisan stalls, education sessions and entertainment.

3 June 2018 - Fibre Festival

Coming up on Sunday, 3 June 2018 the Fibre Festival will celebrate all things 'Natural Fibre' incorporating animal, earth, and plant; preserving tradition, craft techniques and artisanship, and expanding boundaries through new skills and ideas.

Toodyay Family Cycle: Detective Trek

An enthusiastic group put their detective skills to the test at the Toodyay Family Cycle on Saturday, 14 April 2018. The scavenger hunt was won by the Bendtsens, closely followed by the Hunters and Collectors. Congratulations to the winners and all who took part in the event, it's great to have an active community.

This event is supported by the Western Australian Government's Road Safety Community Grants Program via the Road Safety Commission and the Shire of Toodyay.



Toodyay Community Program

The Toodyay Community Program has been well attended for many school holiday periods, and April 2018 was no exception. The program commenced with the Toodyay Tennis Club showing us all how to become the next Rodger Federer. The Toodyay Soccer Club encouraged everyone to bend it like Beckham. The Toodyay Public Library turned into a scurvy riddled pirate ship with an author talk by Norman Jorgensen. The Toodyay Community Resource Centre hosted an exciting board game afternoon, and crafty morning making scarecrows for the upcoming Moondyne Festival. Thank you to all volunteers and staff for providing their time and supporting the community program.



Toodyay Youth Forum

As part Youth Week WA 2018 Toodyay held a Youth Forum on Wednesday 18 April. Young people aged 12 to 25 got comfy in the bean bags to discuss the important issues facing Toodyay's youth. Topics discussed were education and employment opportunities, leisure and recreation possibilities, communication channels, and ensuring respect and inclusion for all. Lenni Duffield Consulting facilitated the forum, using prizes, games and movie making to get everyone involved. Every person had something unique and important to contribute, and we thank them for their participation. With the information gathered we hope to open communication channels and effect change in the areas discussed to assist our young people in the community. This event could not have been possible without contributions from the Department of Communities, Toodyay and Districts Community Bank, Toodyay Community Resource Centre and the Shire of Toodyay.



WALK - KOODJAL (=2) HEAL

AN EVENT FOR ALL NGARLAKS (ALL CULTURES)

All those who have been affected by violence and their supporters are welcome. (All violence: institutional abuse, sexual abuse, coward punch, domestic and family violence, kid bashing, bullying, road rage, home invasions, murder)

Special guests:

Chrissie Foster With her late husband Anthony, Chrissie worked tirelessly to have the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse established.

Matt Layton WA radio announcer and recent coward punch victim will speak.

NGARNINY MARANY = SIT, TALK, EAT, DRINK, CONNECT
(sausage sizzle, tea, coffee, cake, fruit, water and soft drinks)

DATE: FRIDAY 1 JUNE 2018

TIME: 10.30AM Assemble at the Goomalling town oval

WHERE: GOOMAL BOODJAR (Goomalling)

For more information call Dallas on: 0447 247 269 or David on: 0490 854 946

Farmers Markets and Shire Consultation Opportunities

Do you know what the Community Development Team does? Well here is your chance to find out first hand.

The Shire Community Development Team will be at the Toodyay Farmers Markets on Sunday, 20 May 2018. The Team will be available to talk about any issues, answer any questions and generally introduce you to all that they do - which is allot! So come down to the Farmers Markets, meet some members of the Team and 'have a chat'.

And at the June Farmers Markets, which is on Sunday, 17 June 2018 Stephen Carrick, the Shire's Heritage Advisor will be coming along. Stephen will be able to answer all questions 'Heritage'. So plan ahead and keep the date free.

TOODYAY LIBRARY TALK

The MORE that you READ, the more THINGS you will know. The MORE you LEARN, the more PLACES you'll GO" Dr Suess

There was a fabulous turnout for the pirate day held on Wednesday 18 April. Mr Norman Jorgensen, author of many books, including Smuggler's Curse, Jack's Island, etc. kept the masses enthralled with his talk about smugglers and pirates. There were many aspiring pirates complete with hats, eye patches and swords. Even the staff got into the mood!



The prize for the best dressed pirate went to.....Lilly, (very fierce with her aaarrggghhh)



Do you love reading? Would you like to access a range of resources in a peaceful, relaxing atmosphere? If your answer to either of those questions was yes, then we would be happy to have you as a member of the Toodyay Library. Just bring along some photo ID (featuring your current residential address) and you'll be signed up and able to borrow anything you see on our shelves – for free! Books are available on a 3 week loan basis and DVDs for a one week loan.

Morangup Library

We also provide a library service at Morangup branch which is open on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month from 2.00pm to 4.30pm. Head over to the Community Centre on Wallaby Way in Morangup, to have a browse and borrow, and meet some of the lovely locals.

For further information, please call us on 9574 2323. Hope to see you soon at either Toodyay or Morangup.

Photographs – memory touchstones

There are over 1,350 historic photographs held in the museum collection. We house our photographic prints individually in polypropylene sleeves. Photographs up to A4 size are stored in special archival albums; larger photographs are kept in archival boxes. They are all located in a separate Archive Room partitioned off from the main object storage area to further reduce the chance of pest infestation and changes in temperature and humidity.



Recently a group of 35 historic photographs were offered to the museum collection by Mary Anderson. She believes they were originally owned by Byron Lloyd. Two of the photos are shown here. While some have inscriptions with limited information there are quite a few that we don't know anything about. We will be seeking your help via our new Toodyay Museums Facebook group page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/ToodyayMuseums/>

We are currently in the early planning stages of placing some of our photographic collection online for public access. This follows on from our Toodyaypedia Wikipedia initiative where more than 60 articles about Toodyay people, buildings and places have been created.

If anyone is thinking of passing on historic Toodyay photos to the Shire of Toodyay's museum collection, please be reassured they would be preserved under the most stringent archival conditions and most importantly will be available for access for many generations to come.





AMP's tomorrow fund

AMP's Tomorrow Fund is offering amazing Australians doing great things the chance to share in \$1million in grants.

AMP Tomorrow Makers come from all walks of life and work in a range of fields – from art to technology, science to social innovation and sport, film, fashion, music and medicine.

They have a definite plan and a desire to make a difference – either by creating something special or inspiring others. Importantly, they're already working towards their goal.

If you think you have what it takes to be an AMP Tomorrow Maker, apply online using our five-step grant application form. Any Australian citizen or permanent resident who needs help to make their mark on the community can apply for a grant until 4pm (AEST) on 17 May: <https://www.ampstomorrowfund.com.au/> For FAQs, a sample application, poster and fact sheet, see our 'Tips and tools' page.

For inspiration, check out our past Tomorrow Makers and watch their videos. Grants ranging from \$5,000 to \$100,000. Be sure to apply by **4pm (AEST) on 17 May 2018** – don't leave it too late!



Act - Belong - Commit



TOODYAY FIBRE FESTIVAL

SUNDAY 3RD JUNE 2018 10-3.30PM

Stirling Terrace - Toodyay

FIBRE PROCESSING VILLAGE

YARN BOMBING

FIBRE FASHION PARADE

AMAZING STALLS



ARTISAN EXHIBITION AND DEMONSTRATIONS

MAD HATTERS TEA PARTY

MAD HAT COMPETITION

GIANT FRENCH KNITTING

This Festival celebrates all Natural Fibre incorporating Animal, Earth and Plant. Preserving tradition, craft techniques and artisanship, and expanding boundaries through new skills and ideas including recycled.



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GOLD COIN ENTRY

Free entry for Mad Hat Wearers
An alcohol & drug free event. No dogs.



Shire of Toodyay Contact Details

The 'Old Courthouse'
15 Fiennes Street (PO Box 96)
TOODYAY WA 6566

Administration: (08) 9574 9300
Works and Services Depot: (08) 9574 9360
Community Development: (08) 9574 9390
Rangers: (08) 9574 9370
Toodyay Public Library: (08) 9574 2323
Toodyay Visitor Centre: (08) 9574 9380

Email: records@toodyay.wa.gov.au
Web: <http://www.toodyay.wa.gov.au>
Visitor Centre web: www.toodyay.com



Caring for Kids - A one day First Aid Course

When: Saturday 12 May 2018 at 9.00am

Where: The Toodyay Sub Centre

Bookings are essential - \$95 includes light refreshments.

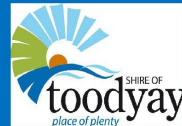
Contact Carolynne 0428 957 600 / 9574 2390 or sjatoodyay@bigpond.com

This course is recommended for: Parents/Guardian; Grandparents; and Carers of young children.

The course is 5 hours long and includes: CPR, DRSABCD action plan; recovery position for child and infant; foreign material, position asphyxia, respiratory conditions - asthma, allergic reaction, anaphylaxis, choking - trauma management - falls, cuts, nose bleeds, bleeding, shock, burns, fracture and soft tissue injuries - common childhood problems - toothache, earache, stomach upsets, croup, fever, bites, stings, febrile convulsions, meningococcal and poisons .



St John



Community Information Session

Saturday 12 May 2018

10.00am—12 noon

We would like to hear from you

If you have questions and / or any suggestions for topics you, or your group want to discuss at the

Community Information Session

please email us at

records@toodyay.wa.gov.au

Closing date for topics Mon Wed 9 May 2018

Location

Morangup Community Centre

48 Wallaby Way

MORANGUP WA 6083

Administration Centre

15 Fiennes Street
PO Box 96
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T (08) 9574 9300
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Register

Phone (08) 9574 9305 to register your interest as a morning tea will be provided

PUBLIC NOTICES

PROPOSED APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

PROPOSED REACTIVATION OF EXTRACTIVE INDUSTRY - STONE
LOT 111 COBBLER POOL ROAD, MORANGUP

The Shire of Toodyay has received an application from BORAL RESOURCES (WA) LTD to reactivate an extractive industry at Lot 111 Cobbler Pool Road in Morangup.

The applicant is seeking approval to remove stone for construction purposes from an area on the property of approximately 6.55 hectares. This area will be extracted in 9 stages. It is expected that up to 500,000 tonnes of stone is to be excavated per year. The anticipated duration of the extraction program is approximately 10 years.

Your views on the proposed extractive industry are encouraged and welcomed. The proposal is available for inspection at the Shire of Toodyay Administration Centre, Old Court House, 15 Fiennes Street, Toodyay, during normal office hours. The proposal is also available for viewing in the Shire's website at:

<http://www.toodyay.wa.gov.au/Public-Notices>

Submissions on the proposed development must be in writing and lodged with the Chief Executive Officer, Shire of Toodyay, PO Box 96 Toodyay 6566, prior to **4.00pm Friday, 25 May 2018**.



STOP PUPPY FARMING



Public consultation now open

The Department, in partnership with local government and industry stakeholders, has today launched a consultation paper outlining a range of different proposals to prevent puppy farms in WA.

Dogs are an important part of many Western Australian families and promoting responsible dog ownership and the future health and welfare of dogs is a key priority for the State Government.

The overbreeding of dogs in WA is evidenced by the number of dogs surrendered to animal shelters and refuges. The RSPCA WA takes in approximately 700 dogs each year.

The proposed options will contribute to a more regulated breeding industry and a reduction in the number of dogs needing rehoming and suffering neglect due to puppy farms.

Community feedback is essential to enable a well informed decision on the impact of the changes across the broader community, industry and government sector.

Your community can get involved by:

- having a say online by visiting the Department's website at www.dlgsc.wa.gov.au/stoppuppyfarming
- emailing puppyfarming@dlgsc.wa.gov.au for more information
- attending a workshop to hear more about the proposed changes

You can assist by encouraging your communities to get involved by sharing this important message on social and online media/news platforms and your website.

Local government consultation

Local governments play a key role in the management and control of dogs in their communities and have an opportunity to improve animal welfare and management by providing feedback on the stop puppy farming proposals, including how these can be best implemented.

The Department, in conjunction with WALGA and LG Professionals Australia WA, will be undertaking targeted consultation with local governments. More information on targeted consultation will follow soon.

For more information email puppyfarming@dlgsc.wa.gov.au

Proposed Museum 5 Year Strategy: 2018 - 2022

The draft Museum 5 Year Strategy 2018–2022 was recently considered by Council at Ordinary Council Meeting on 27 March 2018. At this meeting Council resolved to advertise the draft Museum 5 Year Strategy 2018–2022 to seek input from the community.

A copy of the proposed Museum 5 Year Strategy 2018–2022 is available from the Shire of Toodyay Administration Centre, 15 Fiennes Street, Toodyay between the hours of 8.30 am and 4.30 pm.

A public copy is held at Toodyay's Newcastle Gaol Museum, Visitors Centre and the Toodyay Public Library.

You can download the draft Museum 5 Year Strategy 2018-2022 from the Shire of Toodyay Website at:

<http://www.toodyay.wa.gov.au/Public-Notices>

We welcome your written comments prior to **4.00pm Thursday, 31 May 2018**.

Proposed Temporary Road Closures Avon Descent - Saturday, 4 August 2018

An application has been received from the Northam Avon Descent Association Inc. proposing a temporary road closure on 4 August 2018. The proposed road closure is for a half road closure - Julimar Road, West Toodyay Bridge, Toodyay.

Further information and maps of proposed temporary road closure are available on the Shire of Toodyay website:

<http://www.toodyay.wa.gov.au/Public-Notices>

Submissions from the public should be in writing and received prior to **4.00pm 4 June 2018** by the Shire of Toodyay Administration Centre.

Fibre Festival - Sunday, 3 June 2018

An application has been received from the Toodyay Fibre Festival Committee, proposing a temporary road closure on the 3 June 2018. The proposed road closure is as follows.

Road closure; Stirling Terrace, from Oddfellows Street to Piesse Street 8.30am – 4.30pm.

Further information and maps of proposed temporary road closure are available at the Shire of Toodyay Administration Centre and on the website:

<http://www.toodyay.wa.gov.au/Public-Notices>

Submissions must be in writing and be received prior to **4.00pm 18 May 2018** by the Shire of Toodyay Administration Centre.

SHIRE ROAD MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE

The Shire of Toodyay Works and Services Department plan to commence the following works:

Job Description	Estimated Completion
Bulligan Road Resheet	May 2018
Bull Road Maintenance	May 2018
Shoulder Maintenance: Julimar Road; Toodyay Bindi Bindi Road; Bejoording Road; and Coondle West Road	June 2018
Syred Road Maintenance	June 2018

UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS - 2018 - Community Centre

Meeting	Date	Time
Bush Fire Advisory Committee	15 May 2018	6.00pm
Museum Advisory Committee	17 May 2018	4.00pm
Ordinary Council meeting	22 May 2018	4.00pm
Environmental Advisory Committee	24 May 2018	5.30pm
Council Forum	12 June 2018	4.00pm