

**PUBLIC NOTICE
PROPOSED HEALTH LOCAL LAW 2017**

The Shire of Toodyay proposes to make a local law relating to local government health.

The **purpose** of this local law is to regulate, protect, and manage public health within the district.

The **effect** of this local law is to protect public health. Some activities are permitted only under a permit or by determination and approval by the Shire of Toodyay and some activities are restricted or prohibited. Offences have been created for negligence of public health within the district.

The **justification** for the local law is to provide:

- Enforcement options for issues that previously are unable to be dealt with by the Shire's authorised officers under the *Health (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1911* or its subsidiary legislation.
- For clear breaches of public health matters that were previously dealt with under planning legislation and policies such as animal control and nuisances. The Building Code of Australia cannot be applied retrospectively in some instances and therefore fit out requirements for lodging houses or maintenance of dwellings would not be able to be enforced.

This local Law will be able to capture any issues that may have previously been unable to be dealt with by the Shire.

A **copy** of the proposed local law may be inspected at or obtained from the Shire's Administration Office between 8.30am and 4.30pm Monday to Friday, and at the Toodyay Library during normal opening hours.

Submissions to be received by the Shire: **4.00pm Wednesday, 23 August 2017.**

**PUBLIC NOTICE
TOODYAY TIDY TOWNS MURAL PROJECT
Duke Street Ablution Building**

The Toodyay Tidy Towns Mural Project was recently considered by Council at the Ordinary Council Meeting on 27 June 2017. At this meeting Council resolved to support the Committee by approving the concept drawing to be transferred by a Mural Artist onto the Duke Street Toilet wall.

Now all we need is you! Your input regarding the Toodyay Tidy Towns Mural Project will assist us greatly. Copies of the mural concept design and Council Report will be available at the Toodyay Public Library, the Toodyay Visitor Centre, and the Toodyay Administration Centre. You can also find the public notice on the Shire's website at: <http://www.toodyay.wa.gov.au/Home>

Submissions to be received by the Shire: **4.00pm Friday, 11 August 2017.**

Email: records@toodyay.wa.gov.au

Mail: PO Box 96 Toodyay WA 6566

Fax: (08) 9574 2158

In Person: Administration Centre (Old Courthouse Building)
15 Fiennes Street, TOODYAY WA 6566

All submissions received will be summarised as part of the Officer's Report to be presented at the Ordinary Council Meeting to be held on 27 August 2017.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO LEVY DIFFERENTIAL RATES

In accordance with Section 6.36 of the *Local Government Act 1995*, the Shire of Toodyay hereby gives notice of its intention to impose differential rates on rateable property in the shire of Toodyay in the 2017/18 financial year.

Details of the proposed differential rates are as follows:

Category of Property	Rate in \$	Minimum Payment \$
General Rate – Gross Rental Value (GRV)		
Residential	0.1292	1,290.00
Commercial	0.1527	1,290.00
Industrial	0.1405	1,290.00
Other	0.1292	1,290.00
Rural Residential	0.1141	1,290.00
General Rate – Unimproved Value (UV)		
General	0.01098	1,290.00
Rural	0.008871	1,290.00

The rates in the dollar (\$) shown are estimates and may be changed as part of the Council's deliberations of any submission received. All normal statutory concessions for pensioner and other concession holders will apply.

The object of and reasons for each proposed rate and minimum payment may be inspected at any time on the Shire's website Toodyay.wa.gov.au or at the Shire's administration office, 15 Fiennes Street, Toodyay during normal business hours.

The Shire invites submissions in relation to the proposed differential rates to be received by **4.30pm Wednesday, 2 August 2017.**



COMING SOON!

A new draft Toodyay Local Planning Strategy will be advertised in the near future and we will need your input. This is an important planning tool which will enable Council to set out its vision for the Shire to residents and developers, and will guide longer-term directions for land use and development.

This Strategy will shape our Shire for the next 10 to 15 years so it's important we get it right. It will also provide important direction for the

development of the new Local Planning Scheme, which is currently under development.

Details of community consultation opportunities will be advertised on the Shire's website and in upcoming Community Newsletters.

If you are a member of a community group and would like to organise a briefing, please contact us at records@toodyay.wa.gov.au.

WATCH THIS SPACE

SUBSCRIBE TO THE NEWSLETTER — GO ON — YOU KNOW YOU WANT TO!! This will be the last issue of the Toodyay Community Newsletter distributed via bulk postage. If you wish to continue to receive the newsletter and other notices published by the Shire from time to time, please register your email on the Shire's website or complete the form included in this Newsletter. If you prefer to receive Shire publications by post, you can register your address. The Newsletter will be available in hard copies at the Visitor Centre, Toodyay Public Library, outside IGA, Morangup Community Hall and at the Bejoording Fire Station.

<http://www.toodyay.wa.gov.au/Council/Have-your-say/Subscribe-to-our-mailing-list>



TIDY TOWN MURAL AWARD

Following on from the National Tidy Town win in 2015, the Tidy Town Committee has continued to undertake projects throughout the Shire. The concept of a mural in Toodyay was first presented to Council in September 2016 by Mr Greg Warburton, Chairperson of the Toodyay Tidy Town Committee. Mr Warburton shared with Council a visual presentation showcasing a number of outstanding murals from around Australia, as well as from overseas.

The Shire of Toodyay has shown great support to the Toodyay Tidy Town Committee over the past few years, and we were all very proud when Toodyay won the National Tidy Town Award in 2015. Murals for Toodyay

have been discussed for some time and The Tidy Towns Committee, working with the Shire and other community groups, believe this project will be another step forward in making the Shire a vibrant and inclusive place to live.

The mural concept combines the elements of farming, spectacular scenery, heritage, black cockatoos and volunteering. The prominence and perspective of different elements will change when the mural artist produces the final design.

The concept design was submitted to Council at the June 2017 Ordinary Council Meeting. The Shire is now seeking public comment on the Concept Design. Submissions close on 11 August 2017 — see the back page of this Newsletter for more detail.

RESPONSIBLE DOG OWNERSHIP

Many of us enjoy the company and love of our dogs. They can be the highlight of our day as we head home from work, but they are also a big responsibility.

It is a dog owners responsibility to make sure they contain their dog/s on their property so that they cannot wander at large, lessening the chance of causing an accident & being injured, being attacked, attacking or getting lost in general.

Shire Rangers are within their rights and expected to undertake random inspections to ensure dog owners are meeting necessary requirements!

The *Dog Act 1976* requires that dog owners make sure the following laws are followed or penalties may apply:

- A dog owner is legally required to register their dog with the appropriate local government if it is more than three months old. (\$200 Penalty)
- A dog is required to wear a collar to which must be attached a valid registration tag. (\$200 Penalty)
- All dogs must be micro chipped. (\$200 Penalty)

Common infringements surrounding responsible dog ownership are:

- \$120 Impound Fee if you dog is found wandering.
- \$200 Dog in a place without consent of owner/occupier.
- \$400 Dog attack or chase causing physical injury.
- \$200 Dog attack or chase causing NO physical injury.
- \$200 Dog not held by leash in certain public places.

The Shire of Toodyay want all of our pets to be happy, healthy and safe. By registering and microchipping your dog it allows us to return your loved one as soon as possible.

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



New Bushfire Ready Group in Toodyay!

The Shire has a new Bushfire Ready Group operating in the Majestic Heights, Majestic Waters, Vernon Hills and Lozanda Heights subdivision areas.

Bush fire ready groups are driven by the members of the community with support from Department of Fire and Emergency Services and the Shire.

Bushfire Ready groups are a great way of learning more about and managing the risks associated with bushfire, from fellow residents. If you live in Acacia Close, Adenanthus Road, Broadground Place, Drummond Drive, Fargo Way, Harvester Drive, Hatfield Road, Hemiandra Place, Hibbertia Place, Hovea Way, Pindi Place, Racecourse Road, Sandplain Road, Sesselis Road, Smokebush Way, Stirlingia Drive or Wandoo Circle, you are encouraged to register with the group by emailing John Hansen on 2jbushfireready@gmail.com for inclusion in future correspondence and activities. Alternatively if you would like to request a call back SMS **Ready** and your name to 0408 017 439.

To the Householder



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President's Pen

A quick look back on the past financial year, shows that the Shire finished the year with a small budget surplus. Financial reserves have been maintained slightly above previous levels and the Shire did not borrow any funds throughout the year. No Shire assets were sold and the scheduled works and services program was completed within Budget. Several large items of plant and equipment were replaced in line with the long term Plant Replacement Program.



David Dow

At a special meeting last week, Council agreed to advertise the differential rates proposed for 2017/18.

The rate in the dollar has been set to achieve Council's aim of keeping this year's overall rates increase at 2% above last year's level. The proportion of rates collected within each of the rating groups will reflect the 2% increase.

Unfortunately UV valuations received from the Valuer General's Office indicate substantial differences between individual properties which will lead to a substantial increase for some rural property while others will be receiving a significant decrease in rates for this year. The Shire has no control over these valuations.

Council has based its budget deliberations on the proposed differential rates but will not finalise and adopt the budget until after consideration of public submissions received throughout the 21 day advertising period.

During the same special meeting Council rescinded their July decision to adopt a Health Local law designed to regulate, protect, and manage public health within the Shire. Several amendments to the draft document previously advertised for public comment may be considered to be *substantially different* to the original. Rather than risk rejection when submitting the Health Law for publishing in the Government Gazette, Council decided to restart the process.

This is a positive opportunity for those who may be concerned by the ever increasing amount of regulation impacting their lives. It's not often residents get a second opportunity to influence the final outcome of such a comprehensive suite of regulations. The draft law will be readvertised giving another six week window for submissions for Council to consider.

A proposal to have a mural painted on the Duke Street ablutions block has attracted quite a bit of social media commentary since the June decision to approve the concept design submitted by the Tidy Towns Committee. TTC has asked for a Shire contribution of \$1500.00 on top of last year's Shire community sponsorship contribution of \$1500.00. The balance of the estimated \$10,000 cost of the Mural and conjunctional local art workshops will be raised by Toodyay Tidy Towns Committee.

Council handed TTC the responsibility for organising a concept design in September 2016. Arts Toodyay were invited to submit a design and TTC articles in the Herald highlighted the mural project as well as asking for community input in the September 2016 issue. The approval for the concept drawing to be transferred by a mural artist on to the toilet wall, is subject to a period of public consultation ending 11 August 2017.

This is an opportunity for those who have alternative mural designs and funding source suggestions to have their say prior to a final decision by Council at the finish of the public consultation period.

Following on from a forum presentation by the Electoral Commission, Council has decided to change to full postal voting for the forthcoming Council elections to be held in October 2017. At the last Ordinary Election voter turnout in Toodyay was a low 29.8 % of those eligible to vote. The postal election will be conducted by an independent returning officer appointed by the Electoral Commission. Experience in other locations suggests that a postal election will result in many more people being able to participate in the election.

Please keep in mind that the changed system of voting will be of no benefit unless you are eligible to vote. It is probably a good time to check to see if you are on the electoral role. Registration is not always automatic, particularly if you own property in a different ward than that of your main residence or you reside outside of our Shire.

CEO Update — Stan Scott

With the new State Government settling into office it has been an interesting time for us in Local Government.

The Avon Link rail service was again under serious threat. Thanks to some successful lobbying from the Toodyay community and the Shire the Avonlink has been retained. The service will return to the timetable prior to the expansion trial, that is, a daily commuter service to and from Midland, and a Merredin Link service 3 days per week. Congratulations to the members of the Avonlink supporters group and thanks to Shane Love MLA, Mia Davies MLA and Darren West MLC for their support.

Emergency services have occupied a fair amount of my time in the last month. I participated in a regional Emergency Management exercise in Gingin. It considered the potential impact of a cyclone crossing the coast near Yankep and the possible impacts across numerous Local Governments and 3 DFES regions.

I also had the privilege of being one of five Local Government representatives at the Bush Fire Mitigation summit hosted by the new Minister for Emergency Services, Fran Logan. The summit brought together numerous stakeholders across all sides of the debate around prescribed burning, bush fire mitigation and the potential formation of a Rural Fire Service. The summit was well run and it seemed that all participants made positive contributions.

In the lead up to the end of the financial year we have identified savings on several road projects this year. Council agreed that these savings could be applied to sealing a number of small sections of road which are expensive to maintain as unsealed roads. The affected roads were several cul de sacs in Morangup and the remaining section of Hoddy Well Road. We have developed a priority list of other similar projects which can be picked up in future years if funds permit.

We have also been very busy putting together the budget for 2017-18. We expect the final budget to be adopted late July or early August. Delays in receiving valuations from Landgate have slowed down this year's process.

EVENTS

16 July
Toodyay Farmers Markets
Held on every 3rd Sunday of the month, lots of artisan stalls, education sessions and entertainment.

5 August
Toodyay International Food Festival and the Avon Descent
Enjoy the thirteenth Annual Toodyay International Food Festival whilst watching the thrills and spills of the Avon Descent from dry land.

Hosted from 10am to 4pm, tempt your taste buds with food from dozens of stalls offering an incredible range of mouth-watering international cuisine, as well as boutique beer, wine and cider.

Watch our main stage come to life with a diverse range of performances inspired by cultures from around the globe and headlining acts not to be missed. Kids of all ages have been catered for too, with free bouncy castles, face painting and balloon twisting running throughout the day.

12 August
Quit Targa West Rally
Quit Targa West is an exciting and highly prestigious tarmac rally that has established itself as one of the premier events of its type in the country for classic and modern vehicles. Road closure details can be found at: <http://www.targawest.com.au/>



Toddler Story Time/ Baby Rhyme Time—Wednesdays at 9.15am for Toddlers aged 2 to 5 years, then at 10.00am the Baby Rhymes/Songs for 0 to 2 years (not run during school holidays). Meet some other locals and encourage your little ones to join in with this fun group. This group is run by one of our lovely volunteers. New participants are always welcome. For further information, please call us on 9574 2323.

Do you love reading? If you are a new resident of Toodyay, we would love you to come and introduce yourself to us at Toodyay Library which is situated at 96 Stirling Terrace, Toodyay. Come along and join as a member, provide identification with your current residential address and avail yourselves of our wonderful selection of items.

This month we have over 200 new items on our shelves, a variety of items including large print books, adult fiction books, DVDs, audio books on CD and/or MP3 and non-fiction items. We also have a great selection of young adult and children's books/DVDs for you to choose from.

Ask one of our Library Officers for a tour of the library. If we don't have what you are looking for in stock, we may be able to order it for you.

CHANGES to Inter-Library Loans

As of 1 July 2017 the State Library of WA has implemented some changes relating to the supply of items between public libraries. The main changes are outlined below:

- You can only order up to 24 items per year from other public libraries;
- External items (from libraries that are not public libraries) will incur a small fee;
- Any items that are less than 12 months old will not be available for inter-library loan.

If you have any queries regarding these changes please give us a call at the Library or come and visit and we can go through this in further detail.

Morangup Library - Our Morangup branch is running on Tuesday 25 July, 8 and 22 August. Head over to the Community Centre on Wallaby Way in Morangup from 2pm to 4.30pm and have a browse and borrow, and meet some of the lovely locals. This is a regular service provided by one of our Library Officers from Toodyay Library.

SHIRE ROAD MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE

The Shire of Toodyay Works and Services Department plan to commence the following jobs for the month of July 2017:

- ◇ Salt Valley Road — road construction and seal.
- ◇ River Road — road construction and seal.
- ◇ Wandoo Circle — funded construction and seal.
- ◇ Emergency access way and fire service access route maintenance and upgrade - Coondle West area.

BOOMERANG BAG HELP SESSIONS

Bags are very useful things – especially when they aren't made of plastic, and can be used again and again. If you would like to contribute to a plastic bag-free future for the community while making friends and having fun, then the Boomerang Bag help sessions at Toodyay Library were 'sew' made for you!

Boomerang Bags aims to put an end to plastic pollution by 'upcycling' second-hand and scrap fabric into reusable, one-of-a-kind bags. The Toodyay Boomerang branch is in action every Friday at the library between 9am and 12pm, and they'd love some extra pairs of helping hands. If you're interested in hopping on board the bag-wagon, please contact Kimberley on 0408 111 897. For more information on Boomerang Bags, visit www.boomerangbags.org.

STORE RIGHT, BURN RIGHT

Do you use a wood heater to keep warm in winter? Smoke from wood heaters is bad for your health and affects winter air quality. There is a lot that you can do to reduce the amount of smoke that your wood heater produces.

Dry seasoned firewood produces more heat and less smoke for your dollar.

- Check firewood is dry before you buy it.
- Pack your wood pile loosely and keep it covered. The wood will dry out faster and stay dry.
- Stockpile firewood in summer. You'll have a supply of dry, well-seasoned firewood for the winter.
- Split logs before you store them. Small logs dry faster than big logs.
- Never burn treated or painted firewood.

Did you know it's illegal for firewood retailers in the Perth Metropolitan Region to sell wood with internal moisture content greater than 20 per cent? Ask retailers to show you how dry their wood is using their moisture meter.

If you collect your own wood, make sure you collect dry wood only or plan ahead to allow enough time for it to be dry before you use it. A bright fire gives more heat for the same amount of wood than a dull smoky fire.

A new wood heater that is compliant to Australian and New Zealand standards will produce less smoke than an older model and burn more efficiently.

For more information, contact the Shire of Toodyay or look up the Department of Environment Regulation *BurnWise* program online at www.der.wa.gov.au/burnwise. You can also go to the Shire website and look up the **CHIMNEY-CHECKER**.

TOODYAY INTERNATIONAL FOOD FESTIVAL & FAMILY FUN DAY

When: Saturday, 5 August 2017
Time: 10.00am to 4.00pm
Where: Stirling Park & Duidgee Park, Stirling Terrace, Toodyay WA 6566
www.toodyayiff.wixsite.com/home



The Shire understands it is a busy time, during the Food Festival and asks everyone to be mindful of where you park and take note of both temporary and permanent signs.

No dogs are allowed within the Food court areas.

The West Toodyay Bridge on Julimar Road, will be 'half' closed for spectators wishing to get a great view of the boats as they pass under the bridge — please take care and stay alert.



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