

Toodyay Naturalists' Club Bird Hide



In 2012 the Toodyay Naturalists' Club Inc applied to the Wheatbelt NRM's Small Community Grant program for funds to draw engineering plans for a bird hide for installation on Red Banks Pool, near Lloyd's Reserve, Avon River, Toodyay. The site was chosen because of its rich and diverse birdlife, and its placement on the Avon River at this point enabling it to be incorporated into the Toodyay Friends of the River Project which is a walk trail from Duidgee Park to Nardie Cemetery.

Wheatbelt NRM said it would consider funding the construction of the bird hide should the engineering drawings gain council approval.

The Toodyay Naturalists' Club Inc applied for further funding for consideration of the construction cost, which was approved by Wheatbelt NRM.

In May 2013, the footings were laid down for the start of the building. It went up very quickly, and is a great credit to the builder Michael Shepherd and his team. Wayne Clarke of the Toodyay Naturalists' Club said, "This is a great project that will entice national and international visitors to the region. The hide will

feature on both the Toodyay Naturalists' Club and Toodyay Friends of the River websites, and will be promoted by the Toodyay Visitors' Centre. It is hoped that this may be the catalyst for further bird hides in the region, to promote the Avon river and its environs, and the natural history that it hides."

Wheatbelt NRM Small

Community Grants 2012

Recipient: Toodyay Naturalists' Club Inc

Amount Funded: \$ 11, 429.50

People Involved: 26



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