# Toora Bungles



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# Margaret Zell OAM and Jill Blackman OAM: Queen's Birthday Honours 2021

The Queens Birthday 2021 honours are awarded to people nominated by their peers who demonstrate achievement at a high level, make a contribution over and above what might be reasonably expected through paid employment, or whose voluntary contribution to the community stands out from others who have also made a valuable contribution.

Current and former Tooraweenah district residents are offering congratulations to Margaret Zell of Yoothamurra, and to Jill Blackman of Gundair, both received the OAM in the 2021 Queen's Birthday Honours. Margaret and Jill have each made a significant contribution to the Tooraweenah and Gilgandra districts since their marriages to local farmers, Don Zell and Sam Blackman respectively



After settling at Yoothamurra, Tooraweenah 64 years ago, Margaret became involved with the Tooraweenah Presbyterian Church, serving on the roster for many decades and as a member of the Women's Association, raising funds through catering to support church

outreach programs locally and across Australia. She taught scripture at Tooraweenah Public School and in later years became the first and only female elder of her congregation. She became involved with the school P&C and helped on the tuck-shop while her children were in primary school. With Don, Margaret played tennis at Tooraweenah and shared in working bees and fundraising to build the clubhouse and maintain the courts. During the 1960s Margaret led the Brownies who, along with Boy Scouts, Girl Guides and Cubs, met at the Tooraweenah Showground. Her training for this position ensured the groups continued for some years.

One of Margaret's great loves was Tooraweenah CWA, where she assisted with fundraising through catering for a range of events and functions. Funds were channelled back to the Tooraweenah community. With her love of cooking, Margaret entered many CWA cookery competitions and became a popular and skilled judge at other CWA branches and local shows. Her own cookery won many prizes at group level, culminating in winning one of the state sponge-baking finals held at Sydney Town Hall.

Margaret, aware of the plight of some district farmers, was a founding member of the Castlereagh Rural Advisory Group, which provided free, expert financial advice to farming families facing hardship from the late 1980s. Working on this committee, and later one in Coonamble, Margaret helped attract

federal, state and local government funding for its work and assisted in setting up networks of similar groups around the state. This service continues to this day.

# Tom Quilty TQ22 Preview Event 23rd-25th July 2021



Tooraweenah Endurance Riders Club will be hosting a Tom Quilty preview event, July 23—25th 2021. Secretary, Sonia Bonham said, "Our local Junior riders will include Lara Duff, Sophia Moppett, Isabella Worner, Sam Duff and Charlie

Bonham which is just so awesome, they will be attempting to ride 100 miles so they can qualify for next years Tom Quilty!!! Hopefully, we will have good weather including some sunshine."

The club would like to acknowledge and thank the amazing landowners and volunteers helping to assist on all the checkpoints and back at the ride base.

Without this strong supportive community they would not be able to host such an event.

Community members are welcome to come along over the three days, as the event is fully catered, have a look and also attend the fittest horse and presentation on Sunday July 25<sup>th</sup> at approximately 9am.



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# Jill Blackman OAM Queens Birthday Honours



Jill received her OAM for her voluntary work in the Tooraweenah community and Gilgandra Shire over a period of almost 50 years. Jill acknowledged her

reliance on the support of her late husband, Sam, and their three sons, as well as those who helped along the way.

She has been very humbled by the experience and expressed her thanks to the people who took time to complete the nominations. Jill expressed belief that if people didn't volunteer, the world wouldn't be the same place. "I would certainly encourage young people to give it (volunteering) a try. We need you all, every single one of you," she said.

One her most rewarding experiences was the Ride for Life, helping raise substantial funds for those suffering cancer and for a Dubbo based accommodation facility for those from isolated areas seeking cancer treatment. Apart from her continual commitment to this cause, most of Jill's other activities have spanned a considerable period of time. One of her greatest passions has been in the area of Mental Health. She was an Executive Member, Advocates for Mental Health Gilgandra Branch, Mental Health Association 2000-2011 and she is a carer representative on the Advisory Committee for

the Centre for Rural and Remote Mental Health since 2013.

Jill has been an editor of the Toora Bungles



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community newsletter since 1995; Tooraweenah Show Secretary 1972-75; Show Steward since 1976, Secretary, Tooraweenah Public School P&C, circa 1983; Tooraweenah School Centenary, 1984; Secretary, Kookaburra Recruiting March Re-enactment 1986; Secretary Tooraweenah Endurance Riders 1988-1992; Tooraweenah CWA Member since 1985; Secretary/Public Relations. Tom Quilty National Endurance Championships, 1990-91; .

As a volunteer or employee of Gilgandra Shire Council, Jill has been: Gilgandra Shire Meals on Wheels coordinator 2000-2005: Community Care Centre manager and coordinator 2005-2018; remains a meals on wheels volunteer; Deputy Mayor, 1990-91; 1994-5; 1997-8; Shire Councillor 1987-1999. Jill is a former Chair: North Western Regional Library Group; Explorer Country Tourism; Outback Tourism; Central West Regional Library Group.

We hope Jill celebrates a very happy occasion

at the award ceremony later in the year. (Jenny Zell kindly helped compile the editorial for

Margaret & Jill's Awards)

# Tooraweenah Lions Club 'Carnival Cup' 42nd Change Over Evening

Top Job! Tanya Hutchison & her talented decorating team, you did the Lions Club proud! ......More story on page 7



# Tooraweenah CWA



Hi to all, We had a great roll up to our June meeting. With the Tooraweenah Tom Quilty TQ22 Preview event fast

approaching, all catering will be finalised on Wednesday 7th July 10am in our Rooms. Please bring your ideas and also advise if you are able to help out over the 3 days.

Several members attended the Opera, Carmen in Dubbo and by all accounts enjoyed the experience of a live, uplifting production

Our Markets have moved back to Coo-ee Park near the Rural Museum. They are always the 3rd Saturday each month. Please note the date, 17th July in your diary, pop along for a visit or contact Denise if you would like to book a stall.

Sip & Sew continues every Wednesday from 10am to 2pm. Anyone can come along and enjoy a cuppa in the company of others.

On Saturday August 7th, the International Conference will be held in Dubbo RSL. please check the CWA Journal for full details.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 14th July, start time 9.30am (Sultana Cakes in for judging) with our meeting to follow. Then off to the Mountain View for a Yuletide Luncheon, cost \$20, with guest speaker Ruth Shanks, Past President ACWW who will speak about her adventures and this years country of study Malaysia.

Till next time: Cath Waller, Publicity Officer

# Around The Traps 😊

## Tooraweenah LPO

The rainfall for Tooraweenah (until 25/6) June 2021 was 99.6mm over 9 days with a YTD total of 434.8mm over 34 days.

## Lions Clothing Bin

Residents that take advantage of the Lions Clothing bin are reminded that it is for clean clothing only.

# Toora Lions club.

The club be holding its monthly meeting at the Mountain View Hotel on Wednesday the 7th of July. 7.00 for 7.30pm, please book in with Ash Starr, 68481017.

Weekly raffles are going well at the Mountain View, the tickets are normally sold on a Friday night and locals and visitors alike are enjoying them. Thank you to all members who are assisting with the selling and the support team. Tickets are now \$1 each with a chance of winning a \$25 voucher, you go in the draw twice for each dollar.

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# Support the club that supports our town. COMMUNITY BBQs are Back at the Pub.

The community BBQs are back, community groups are encouraged to put their names forward to go back and do the BBQs for the full month.

If your community group wishes to have a turn, please contact Ash Jenkin or Ash Starr at the pub on 68481017.

## **BIGGEST MORNING TEA**

The fundraiser for the biggest morning tea to raise money for the Cancer Council was on again at Tooraweenah Trading Co. It was a fabulous morning with over forty people in attendance.

# Total amount raised was \$1,469.80, what a fantastic result and congratulations and thank you to the Tooraweenah community. <u>4G TOWER - GOES LIVE 9 JULY 2021</u>

Recent advice from Telstra is the 4G Tower will go live by Friday 9th July 2021, weather conditions permitting. Construction will commence on Monday July 5th and be fully completed by Friday July 9th . Fantastic! Thank you everyone!

## **Colour Printer for TCTC**

A special thank you to Gilgandra Shire Councillors for funding a new colour printer for the TCTC and a special shout out to Cr Mockler, and Neil Alchin, Director Corporate Services for making it happen. Thank you. *Ed* 

Pasture Information Field Day Friday 20th August 2021 Not To Be Missed!

If you are a livestock producer who would be keen to make the most out of your pastures then Friday the 20th of August is a date not to be missed.

The Tooraweenah Lions and Show Society combine to present a Pasture Information Field Day and fundraiser.

After years of continual setbacks caused by drought, COVID and mice ,the information day will hopefully kill three birds with one stone by presenting some hard to come by pasture production information, raise some much needed community funds and bring like minded producers together for an informative and social day out. Coordinated by the Central West Local Land Services, the day will highlight the latest research on exciting new grazing techniques, innovations and pasture varieties that are helping take our pasture production to a higher level in a rare time of good livestock prices and a reasonable seasons. The day will consist of a talkfest during the morning session at the Tooraweenah Hall

with premier experts in their field. Then, a hearty Lions Club lunch, followed by a field trip in the afternoon, hopefully looking at some of the newer legume varieties, management techniques and where soil carbon fits into our individual farming businesses.

The afternoon will end in time for parents to get to bus stops etc.

The day will be chaired by agronomist and pasture consultant Dr Dave Harbison from the NSW grasslands society. Speakers will include well known local pasture agronomist Bob Freebairn who will draw on his 40+ years of local trials and experience and take us over the management must dos of native and tropical grass and the importance of a strong legume component to get the best out of our particular land types and pastures. Bobs talk will lead into Dr Belinda Hackney who has been researching the latest legume varieties and trialling them in different areas and scenarios and has a knowledge of all things nitrogen.

Then Dr Susan Orgill, who's specialty and passion is soils, will speak on the complex issue of soil carbon, breaking this puzzling topic down to a level that we can all understand and benefit from. Later, Susan will be hands on in the field. After each speaker there will be plenty of time for questions and discussion. Also on hand will be well known farming and pasture agronomist Callen Thomson from the LLS who, if time permits, will give an update on grazing strategies for this particular season and the current situation with the mice plague.

Kevin Watling from the Macquarie County Council will attend for producers who might have woody weed questions or issues. With COVID problems during 2020, the Show Committee could not run their normal fundraising events and avenues for the Lions Club dried up, but the bills keep coming. So at this information day the idea is to charge \$40 per head for the day including lunch and morning tea.

Sponsorship is being sought from interested parties, all students will be free, and monies raised will go back into the Tooraweenah community.

So put your thinking caps on, jot down some curly questions that might make our presenters have to think , or identify then raise basic management problems you have encountered, but just put in the to hard basket.

Rarely do we get to have this much knowledge, research and experience in our own town, so come along and make the most of what will be an interesting and informative day and support your local community at the same time. *More info and RSVP details in next months* Toora *Bungles. - Brendan Butler* 

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# **Golf Club Rounds**

There were only 3 games slated for the month of June, but overall it has turned out to be even quieter than expected. The Emu Logic/Hartey Jerky sponsor day drew out 12 players who were blessed with perfect weather. Dan & Nicole Harte provided not only the prizes for the competition but also lunch for the players at the halfway mark in the game.

#### The final results -

With only 1 & 1/6 points between the highest and lowest scoring teams it was a pretty evenly matched game. The winning team was Trent Allen, Irish Paulie and Geoff Hill with a net score of 52 & 2/6 who just squeaked in past the partnership of Ashlee Jenkin, Geoff Timmins and Chris Zell on 52 & 5/6 on countback.

Ladies novelty events - nearest the pin went to Ashlee Jenkin, with the longest drive being taken out by Ashley Starr whilst on the the Gents side Dylan Baker was nearest the pin and Chris Waghorn managed the longest drive. The 4BBB comp on Saturday 19th drew just one player so there was no comp, but later in the morning 15 visitors dropped in for a few holes before lunch. The club held a 'hit & giggle' day on Sunday 20th for people who are interested in golf but haven't played much, if at all, before.

Alan Wykes and Geoff Hill guided 4 interested people through the 'how to's and ended up playing 3 holes to help consolidate their new skills. It is hoped to run similar days again. If anyone is interested in joining in please drop the

golf club a line on tooragolfclub@gmail.com.

# JULY GOLFING ROUNDS

Sat 3<sup>rd</sup>- 3 person ambrose sponsored by Ben and Kristy Gale. 9/18 holes starting at 11am. A lunch will available on top of the cost of the game.

Sat 10<sup>th</sup>- Putting Comp, 11am start, 18 holes

Sat 17<sup>th</sup>- Mixed Ambrose, 2 person, 18 holes, 11am start

Sat 24<sup>th</sup>- No Golf, Endurance Ride

Sat 31<sup>st</sup>- Stroke Round, 18 holes, 11am start

# Hints From The Dog House! With Brendan Butler



Anyone who has been into a working woolshed, done yard work or helped or observed a

stock truck being loaded with sheep, would have to be impressed by the sight of an exceptional yard dog bouncing around on the sheep's backs, barking when asked and applying the right pressure to the stock to help make these jobs flow. While a lot of these better yard dogs have been bred and trained to be used in these full on situations our average Joe all-round work dogs can also usually be trained to be able to

ramp up in the yards, to back the sheep and bark on command. The key to getting a dog keen that may be a bit soft and unconvinced that the yard is a fun place to work is to bring them in gradually and slowly build their confidence by having them with or around us if possible, keeping them on a short leash as we move around in the yards to avoid having them get hurt or frightened, keeping any interaction with the sheep short and sharp so they don't lose interest and coaxing and praising them if they show interest. Maybe tying them near by so they can see and hear what's going on so they will be motivated to have a crack themselves, but mostly not putting them in a situation where they might get hurt or

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can fail. If we take them into these pressure situations before they are ready and your dog gets trodden on or bashed by a cranky old ram than the next thing you know you will be trying to coax your dog out from under the house ,and a dog that was showing promise will not want to come near the yards. Pups and young bitches especially need patience and encouragement, so don't be in too big a rush to have your young dog firing to early in the yards until your confident that they can take a setback.

Next month we will look at a drill to teach a young dog to back sheep without getting hurt and losing confidence.

Brendan Butler Oakfield Kelpies!

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# Tooraweenah Public School with Principal Karen Smith

## Happy Holidays

I would like to wish everyone a safe and happy school holiday break. It has been a busy term especially for professional learning for our staff. I would like to thank Nadine Jenkin and Erin Hutchison for all the extra time they have spent fulfilling their roles this term. They have each completed an extra 6 days of training on top of their normally busy teaching loads, to participate in 'Quality Teaching Rounds.' Their efforts in pursuing excellence for our students is appreciated. School will resume for students on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> July following the School Development Day for teachers and staff.

### NAIDOC Week

NAIDOC Week celebrations are held across Australia each July to celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. NAIDOC is celebrated not only in Indigenous communities, but by Australians from all walks of life.

This week, students have participated in NAIDOC Week activities including:

• Enjoying stories such as Turtle Taxi, The Rainbow Serpent and Sam's Bush Journey

• Study of Aboriginal art techniques

• NAIDOC Week opening ceremony The week is a great opportunity to participate in a range of activities and celebrate Aboriginal culture.

### Police Visit



Senior Constable Chris Butterfield and Constable Iain Hayes visited our school and spoke to students about road, bike and online safety. They were asked lots of questions about their roles and duties in the local area. It was a great opportunity to meet some of the friendly faces from the Gilgandra Police Station. I would like to congratulate our students for their exemplary conduct during the visit. Some of our students have even shown an interest in a career in the police force. Students learned about an app that is available that can assist you in an emergency called Emergency Plus. This app is a powerful tool that allows you to communicate, time critical information to emergency services such as location.

### Mark Pitts Rugby

Mark Pitts' coaching focused on passing skills and finished with a game of touch football. Among the try scorers were Hamish Jenkin,

Lara Duff and Lexi Trickey. It was great to see team skills progressing well and so much enthusiasm and great sportsmanship evident throughout the session.

#### Netball Gala Day

Wednesday 26th May, our Years 3-6 netballers joined with Carinda and Quambone to form the Small Schools Sparklers. The Junior and Senior teams played four games each on the day and were very competitive with a number of wins and ties. Mrs Jenkin was very pleased with the way our students conducted themselves in sportsmanship and enthusiasm. They were wonderful ambassadors for our school. Thank you to the parents who helped with transport and supervision. Your support is greatly appreciated. Thanks also to Mrs Jenkin and the staff from the other schools who capably took on team management and refereeing duties for our team.

#### **Congratulations Mrs Altmann**

Mrs Altmann has been expecting to become a grandmother and we are very pleased to pass on the news of the safe arrival. Our congratulations to Scott and Eliza Altmann on the birth of their son Harvey Nils Altmann. We would like to convey our warmest congratulations to Mrs Altmann and family.

#### P&C Pub Barbecue

Saturday 29th May, the Tooraweenah P&C Association catered for the community barbecue at the Mountain View Hotel. Thank you to all who helped out with donating dishes and cooking on the night and to canteen manager Nadine Jenkin for coordinating the event.

#### Professional Learning

Training at the Western Plains Principal's conference was held on Thursday 27th and Friday 28th May this included a session from Meghanne Wellard, Executive Director on the Rural and Remote Initiative; Child Protection Services and Child Wellbeing Unit; COVID-ILSP; Working Smart with Microsoft Outlook; Leading Reading and Numeracy Improvement, and; sessions from Director Educational Leadership Chris Jackson. These sessions along with networking with Executive staff and other Principals have proven invaluable to our school.

#### High Jump

During Tuesday PE lessons, Mrs Jenkin has been teaching Athletics field events in preparation for the Small Schools Carnival next term. Practice for discus, shotput and high jump has been underway over the past three weeks. Tuesday afternoons we have been pleased to welcome Nicole Harte to the school to assist with teaching students about high jump. Nicole has competed in high jump at State Level and our students were keen to refine their skills through her coaching. We are very thankful to Nicole for her expert coaching during her weekly visits.

# Past and Present Family Life



Students in K/1/2 have been learning about family life in the past and present. We have been keenly looking at old photographs this week and have noticed some differences in clothing and the ways

people were photographed in the past. Photo: Bonnie, Harper, & Sam enjoying History Lessons

#### Technology — Lexi With Her Popcorn Cart!



This term in technology lessons with Petria, students in both classes have been learning about gears through practical activities using 'Lego Simple Machines' kits. Students have been challenged to learn about crown gears and

spur gears with differing sizes/numbers of 'teeth' and their effect on the number of rotations of the gear. Knowledge of drive, follower and idler gears and STEM thinking skills have been put into practice to solve the tasks. The 3-6 class have progressed through many of the guided activities and are now using their knowledge to design a 'popcorn cart' with rotating sign.

Tooraweenah Power Savers ~ Lily Smith



After the school leadership camp, school leaders were given the task of creating a water or energy project

and filming the process. Our schools captain, Lily Smith thought energy would be suitable seeing as we already have timers and automatic shut off taps. After a brainstorm, it was decided to put timers on the reverse cycle air conditioners. Lily shared the idea at the Friday school assembly and set to work to find out how to set the timers on the heaters. It was a long and interesting process, with a lot of persistence and some trial and error. After learning the process herself, Lily shared with some of the other school leaders and finished the last classroom together. The aim is to compare the next power bill which hopefully will have dropped in price and energy usage.

#### **Book Fair**

Save the date – The book fair will be held in Week 5 of Term 3, 9<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> August. This is the same week as our Grandparent's Day celebrations. Karen Smith

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# Tooraweenah Preschool 'Developing Wings of Independence' - With Miss Marie



Wow! Term 2 is over already! We have all had such a fabulous time at preschool this term! Thank you to our families and community members for your continued support. We are extremely grateful and know that we are fortunate to be placed in such a special community.

Most of our new furniture, purchased from a grant has now been assembled, so our preschool room looks slightly different with our additional block cupboard and two new shelves. sectioned into 9 smaller cube areas. We have moved our busy table items to one of these shelves, and use the other as an open enquiry shelf. We look forward to receiving the baskets that go with the shelves, unfortunately they are currently on back order. A special "thank you" to a community member for their kind donation of a child sized outdoor/ all weather table and chair set, and thanks to Geoff and Sarah Hill for delivering them. The children have been enjoying using these in our sandpit area. We have been offered several piano's from community members; thank you! We have cancelled the piano in Sydney

and look forward to receiving a Tooraweenah piano at Tooraweenah Preschool soon.

We are excited about getting some lovely new lockers for the children's bags built by Stuart Peart at Castlereagh Cabinets. A special thank you to our kind benefactor



who has offered to pay for these lockers and his magic helper for organising this with me. The new lockers will replace existing large coat hooks on the wall and will look fancy, as well as being practical. The children have been keeping a close eye on our vegetable garden. It is very exciting to see the vegies growing each week. Recently, Miss Sarah and Miss Shannon brought in items from their horses,



including saddles, stirrups, helmets, also photos, trophies and sashes from horse events to show the children, following their big interest in horses (and unicorns). It has been fun having a saddle placed on a small outdoor seat inside, so the children can enjoy some imaginative dramatic play riding the horse around. The horse has been very well looked after, with saddle bags made and lots of home corner food becoming horse treats!

Our Bush Preschool has been interesting



and even though it was bitterly cold on Wednesday, we went for a quick run around the school football grounds. We checked out the trees growing along



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The puppets and farm animals have been in high demand, and if you want the best coffee and cake ever, you need to come to our Preschool Café as we have the best chefs and coffee barrister you will ever find! We also have the hungriest customers so you might have to put in a phone order.

We practiced our Emergency Drills again and remembered our (Fire) Safety messages of calling "Ready, Set, Go, 000" if we need help, to "Stop, Drop and Roll" if our clothes are on fire, and to "Get down low and go, go, go!"(crawling on the floor with our heads down towards an outside door) if the room is full of smoke. Our homework was to teach our families these safety messages and make sure that they practice them.

We finished the term with all staff attending a full day Professional Development day in Dubbo run by Orana Early Childhood Intervention (OECI). We hope that everyone has a safe, happy and relaxing school holiday break and we look forward to seeing our preschool friends again when we return for term 3 on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2021. *Marie Jacobsen-Nominated Supervisor* 

Diary Dates 2021 😳

'Take Time out!! Relax and Enjoy Life!

Friday 23—25 July Tom Quilty TQ22 Preview Event

> Thursday 12 August Grandparents Day

Friday 20th August Pastures Field Day

Activities may be subject to change!

# Lions Roar



Toora Lions 42nd Annual Changeover was held on 19th June 2021 at Tooraweenah Memorial Hall.

Great to see our local community service volunteer club remains vibrant in challenging times.

Guests enjoyed a relaxing evening with M.C. Murray Hartin, well known poet and



entertainer. He is certainly the master of tongue twisting poems and yarns. Our club imported local Gulargambone Lions member and Zone Chairman Tony

Van Lubeck to officiate the changeover, he is **pictured here with Lion Mock**.

Whilst he performed that role admirably, he certainly needs help navigating the quite simplistic cross country journey from Warren to Tooraweenah, poor fellow!!! Now to the important stuff, following a spill of executive positions, quite different to the "Barnaby style," loyalty prevailed, no-one was dumped due to factional alliances so the incumbents remained in control, that is Lady Kathryn as La Presidente, Lord Sir Lester OAM as Secretary and Jane Gesell as trusty treasurer. Lord Lester was awarded a pin medallion for 10 years service, keeping in mind his previously countless years of community service as a member of Apex. *(See Note!)* 

President KT reported a year of COVID achievements, with donations approximately \$3k and 510 Community service hours. Many activities were undertaken, notwithstanding meetings and activities were curtailed for about 9 months.

The Theme for the 2021 Changeover event was a Carnival Cup. Horse entrants and jockeys were limited to Club members affiliations, sort of!! With a live/virtual race call on the evening. Suffice to say there were a few outsiders, such as the surprising heavy weight associated with the name Lester!! No disrespect intended of course. Local filly, Princess Kathryn blitzed the field on the gallop to the finish post, followed closely by Maximillion 2nd (Max Bonnington) and Chocolate Disaster 3rd (who is usually a winner!!)

# Pictured, are "Fashions in the Field"



winners Madeleine Foran, Randall Medd and Julie Prout .

A wonderful tribute was included in the Changeover

Bulletin to our fallen members, John Gale, charter member, inaugural Secretary in 1979 and Life Member, he undertook almost every role in the club and was described fondly as "the voice of wisdom"

Also, a tribute to Len/Macca/Hingejoint McKenzie, life member, former Zone Chairman, held every club position and affectionately known as "booka ..... knowledge." As a community organisation we say "thank you" and acknowledge their contributions to Tooraweenah Lions Club and the Tooraweenah community. Lion Mock

<u>Note</u>: Overheard a little whisper, that Lion Mock was also awarded his pin medallion for 20 years of wonderful service, shush, you didn't hear it from me! Ed.

# Tooraweenah Show - Round up! With Sue Armstrong

The Annual General Meeting has seen the welcome re-election of President Ben Gale. He has a full agenda and lots of ideas for this year's show and will be a very able leader for our Show Society. Also elected was Secretary Kristy Gale and Vice Presidents Will Bowman and Will Alison. Trusty Treasurer Brian Mockler has been returned along with Assistant Treasurer Lester Thurston. Sue Armstrong is Publicity Officer.

Show planning is well under way with Working Dog Trials, Show Horses, Speed Shear, Rodeo, markets, competitions and entries in arts and crafts and lots, lots more. The Show will be bigger and better in 2021 and we want every-one to share our wonderful showground and facilities. Upgrading and building continues and see if you can spot the differences when next you visit.

The Endurance Ride, Team Roping and other events continue under COVID safe conditions and our facilities are available for hire.

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