

# Toora Bungles



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## 'Choose To Challenge' International Women's Day Picnic in the Park Sun 7th March

**Tooraweenah CWA members and sponsor Tooraweenah Camp Oven Cook-Off invite people to join in this Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2021 to acknowledge and celebrate International Women's Day, 'Choose to Challenge' with a family picnic in the Tooraweenah Park from 4pm.**

The aim of this Day is to help nations worldwide eliminate discrimination against women. It is also focused on helping women gain full and equal participation in global development. International Men's Day is also celebrated on November 19<sup>th</sup> each year.

Beverley Pike, Tooraweenah CWA Branch President expressed appreciation to the Tooraweenah Camp Oven Cook Off group, for their wonderful sponsorship which enables us to offer activities for all ages, market stalls, and refreshments. "The day also provides an opportunity to 'Choose to Challenge' and call out gender bias and inequality across our community. **To acknowledge this on Sunday, we would like everyone to raise their hand to celebrate women's**

**achievements and women's equality and encourage more people to commit to helping forge an inclusive world."**

'Choose to Challenge', also offers plenty of opportunities to do just that! You can try giant Chess, toss a Frisbee, play Finska, or try the jumping castle. This day is a chance to try something different"

"Please, join us, to challenge yourself and hold your hand up high, for when we do challenge, comes change, so let's all 'Choose to Challenge in Tooraweenah this Sunday March 7<sup>th</sup> 2021" Beverley Pike concluded

**87,000** women are killed every year just because they are women. Of those, 50,000 are killed by their male partners or family members and those are only the deaths we know about **111** countries have no repercussions for husbands who rape their wife **2.7** billion women are legally restricted from having the same choice of jobs as men **14%** is the size of Australia's gender pay gap **45** countries do not have specific laws against domestic violence **35%** of women globally have experienced sexual or physical violence

## Gilgandra Shire Council – General Manager Reports

2021 is shaping up to be a busy year for the Region, with some exciting projects due for completion and new ones getting underway!

**Lucas Bridge replacement:** Council is pleased to commence this major project which will see construction of a new reinforced concrete structure over the Castlereagh Bridge at Breelong. Demolition of the old timber bridge is now complete with working platforms under construction. There is full closure of the bridge and approaches given the level of works involved, and we remind road users to please use alternative access. Project completion is set for the end of June 2021, weather permitting.

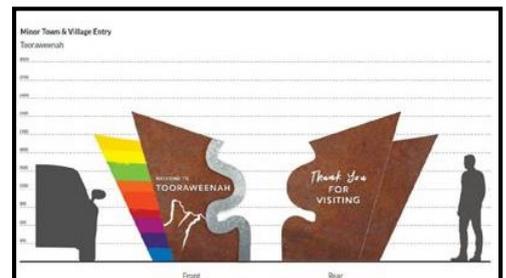
**Business Improvement Grant (BIG Ideas program):**

Applications are now open for this \$50,000 program for local businesses! The program has been established to assist with economic development opportunities and investment for businesses – please visit Council's website for full details and

to apply.

**CHC Project update:** Join us for the next community update session on Friday, 19 March @ the GIL to hear about the Centre upgrades and project timeframes. Update sessions will be held the third Friday of each month.

**New Shire signage:** The new Shire signs are on their way, with the full suite planned to be installed by the end of April and we can't wait to show them off! This includes new Shire, Village, and Town entry signs along with new Highway signage – check out the sneak peak of the Tooraweenah Village entry sign to the right.



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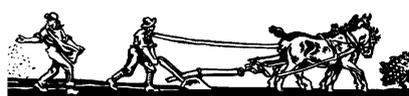
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**Councillors Corner – Cr Brian Mockler Reports!**



Lester Thurston has re-joined Tooraweenah Management Committee ( TMC) Suffice to say he caused havoc at his first meeting on the 24<sup>th</sup> February proving quite a handful for chairman Daryl Colwell, Council’s Director of Infrastructure! A program of tree planting will be happening in the village, coordinated by TMC members. Council’s Capital Works program value for the current financial year is \$25m, total spent to 31 Dec was \$6.49m. Councillors’ have set an ambitious target. The new Works Depot is due for completion, a most welcome addition to facilities for Council’s staff. Council has been allocated \$697k under their Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program.

In accordance with Program guidelines, Council resolved to allocate the funding to a combination of projects including \$220k reconstruction of Leeches Creek bitumen seal. The Quarterly budget review to the 31st December 2020 projection, is an end of FY deficit, (excluding depreciation), of \$59k. The Auditor advice to Council is that Council should aim for a balanced or surplus budget. This is an expectation in Local Government. A bit of data from last Financial Year results is: Operating revenues, excluding capital grants and contributions \$32.464m, Operating expenses \$30.553m, Cash and invested funds \$30.7m, New borrowings \$3.623m, net assets \$334.5m. Auditor comment : Overall good result. Planning is now underway for next financial year.

**Kindergarten Buddies**



*Above: Ruby Ling & Lara Duff with their buddy, Hamish Jenkin.*

*Below: Lilly Smith with her buddy, Harper Wykes.*



  
**New website launched!**  
[www.yougotthismate.com.au](http://www.yougotthismate.com.au)  
It provides tips and info to help rural men reach their best possible mental health and info you need to help you be the best possible support for a loved one who is experiencing tough times!

  
**Due to the current situation Sarah, (Western NSW LHD) will not be doing any clinic until further notice.**

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**Around The Traps** 😊

**News From the Mountain View**

**Tooraweenah LPO Rain, etc.** Lester an apology this month, IT Issues, he will be back for the April edition.

**Telstra Small Cell Getting Closer!**

The Development Application has been lodged with Council for the new proposed Telecommunications Tower, 21 Aimee St Tooraweenah.

Submissions close Monday 1st March 2021. If no problems arise, this urgently needed facility could be up and operational by May 2021. What a red letter day that will be!

**News from the Mountain View.**

Australia Day was a massive day with everyone having a great time with the jumping castle, water stations etc. The yabby races and famous lawn mower races were a hit again! Congratulations to all the winners. A massive thanks to everyone who helped on the day.

**Gavin Duff you really are the Aussie day legend at the mountain View and we really appreciated you running the yabby and mower races!**



**Nathan 'whippy' Griggs had another huge show with his amazing skills with the whips.** We are so lucky, the Tooraweenah community support him so well, that he loves coming back!

**Wednesday 17th March** Paddy's Day! Pool Comp, names in by 6pm play starts 6:30 \$10 per player and winner takes all.

Green beer - Guinness pot pies and other Irish meals available.

**Saturday 20th March**

American food night! Bookings appreciated

**2nd April** Good Friday

Seafood specials

**Sunday 4th April**

Breakfast from 8-11 Lunch 12-2

Pub will close at 3pm on Easter Sunday

**Monday 5th April** - Open at 3pm

**Every Friday night, meat raffles** with all profits going towards the Tooraweenah Lions club.

Trent and I were lucky enough to get away for a couple of weeks and we just wanted to say a massive Thank You to everyone for helping and supporting the stuff while we were away.

We needed a much earned break and were only able to this with the help of our amazing staff and the great community. Thanks to momma bear Shelly for stepping in while I was away and the rest of my staff. I truly have the best staff and we appreciate all your hard work, not only while we were on holidays, but every day you guys turn up! **Ash**

**Hints From The Dog House! With Brendan Butler**

**Training a pup or immature young dog of a few months old can be rewarding if they are responding well to our drills, but can be frustrating when it's not going that well and the wheels fall off and they just want to run a muck.**

Last month we looked at starting with the basics and not letting the young dog and owner get ahead of themselves and trying to get to fancy. Getting cranky with a lunatic pup will only make it frightened of you and make the task of getting it

under control that much harder, so patience is the no1 key. Getting our pup calmly walking on a leash is a good first step to start. Keep the pup on a short leash to start with so we can put pressure on when they try to take off in front of you and when they start to settle beside you, relax your body language and liberally praise the pup in your higher pitched friendly voice. Once the pup is walking calmly we can get it to walk to heel or behind you, for this I use a plastic rake as an extension of our

arm for a blocker. Every time they want to move beside or in front of you we push them back with the command to get behind or heel. With repetition of this for a few days they quickly learn to happily walk just behind you. Next month we can look at getting the pup to stop, lay down and stay. Remember to be patient, don't get cranky and get down to their level and be liberal with praise and you will have a loyal friend, who just wants to please.

*Brendan Butler Oakfield Kelpies!*

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**Golf Club Grounds – Ready for the 2021 Golfing Season**

The Golf Club members have been working hard to get the grounds and amenities ready for the start of the 2021 season.

The Match Committee has put together a great program for the year, starting on March 6<sup>th</sup> with the annual charity fundraiser. This year the proceeds will once again be going to Gilgandra & District Cancer

Fundraisers to help them with funds for their admirable work.

The March program is as follows

**March 6<sup>th</sup> - Charity Fundraiser - 3 person Ambrose – 9 or 18 holes – 11am tee off – lunch available**

**March 13<sup>th</sup> – 3D Butchery Sponsor Day – 3 person Ambrose – 9 holes – 1pm tee off**

**March 20<sup>th</sup> – Laurel Hills Cup – 4BBB**

**– 18 holes – 11am tee off**  
**March 27<sup>th</sup> – Huskers Trophy (1<sup>st</sup> round of Club Championships) – Stroke event – 18 holes – 11am tee off**

There will be bar facilities and food available at all events.

Contacts -Brett French (President) 6848 1145 – Ash Starr (Secretary) 0499 975 770

**Show Talk – with Sue Armstrong**

**The Tooraweenah Show is being held on Saturday 17 October, 2021.**

It will be a big year ahead on the Showground. With Team Roping, the Pony Group, the Annual Endurance Ride and multiple Tooraweenah Golf Club events, if you prefer walking to riding. October sounds light years away. But it's never too early to start on your craft entries or working out your favourite recipes for entering in the cooking? Don't forget the shearing comp, dog trials, rodeo, horse events and kids novelty events. And, get practicing and don't forget the Ladies Broom Toss. Excellent for throwing your cares away.

And for the gentlemen – practice the Men's Chocolate Cake recipe. Each year this is the most hotly contested and prestigious event of the Show.

**The next Community BBQ will be held on Saturday 27 March at the (Pub) – Mountain View Hotel.**

**Future Community BBQ's will be held on the last Saturday of the month giving local community groups a platform to fundraise.** If you are interested in a fund-raising event at the pub for your community group, please speak to Ashlee and she can book you in.

**Team Roping events are on 13 & 14 March and again on 2 & 3 April.** This too is a trial for the Show committee catering and other community groups may like to have another avenue for fundraising.

Want to be part of future fundraising events for your group? Please contact Kristy Gale (Show Secretary) to have your name put on the list. Tooraweenah Show is your show. We welcome your input and ideas.

**Reminder:** COVID Safe Plans must be in place and implemented for all events and activities at the Showground. Don't forget your insurance.

**Why not Book the Showground facilities for your next function.**

There's a commercial kitchen, great under cover area and large Pavilion. Ring Secretary Kristy Gale for costs and availability.

**Contacts:**

Tooraweenah Show Secretary - Kristy Gale: 0429 780 323

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*(Tess) Experimenting with and flying Parachutes at Preschool*

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Tooraweenah Public School wth Principal Karen Smith

Welcome

The feeling of anticipation and excitement for the new school year was evident as we welcomed back to school our students for the new year. It was wonderful to welcome three new Kindergarten students and another new student in Years 3-6. I would like to extend a warm welcome to all of our new students and their families to our Tooraweenah School Community.

The Music Room

Mondays this term will see our students engage in interactive sessions with specialist Music teacher through 'The Music Room.' Students engaged with their teacher Ben, to learn about crotchets, crotchet rests tempo and rhythm.

Kindergarten Buddies



Our Year 5/6 students were very excited to be allocated a

Kindergarten Buddy as part of their leadership role in 2021. Year 5/6 buddies will support their new Kindergarten friend in settling in and assist them in the playground and classroom.

New Air Conditioning

As part of our ongoing commitment to create engaging and comfortable classroom spaces, reverse cycle air conditioning has been installed in the Art Room. This replaces the evaporative system and gas heater in the room. All classroom and work spaces now have effective and efficient heating and

cooling.

Website and Facebook

Our school newsletter is uploaded to our school website every week.

<https://tooraweenah.p.schools.nsw.gov.au/>

Our school's Facebook page is used to share school events and news. Be sure to like our page to receive updates.

<https://www.facebook.com/TooraweenahPS>

NRL Roads to Regions Visit



We welcomed five special guests to our school as part of the NRL Roads to Regions tour. Our students participated in a hands on rugby league skills session with current Australian Jillaroos, State of Origin and St George Dragons player Kezie Apps along with past player for Parramatta Eels, David Gower. Thank you to the players and NRL reps Alex Prout, Simon Hartas and Ronny Gibbs for a wonderful session. We may have some keen rugby league players for the Coonamble Gala Day this year.

Small Schools' Swimming Carnival



Our students had a very successful Small Schools' Swimming Carnival with Tooraweenah

Public School coming away with the Handicap Points trophy for the third year in a row.

Our years 3-6 swimmers raced well all day and received ribbons for placings.

Congratulations to Lara Duff who was



awarded the 11 Years Girls Champion swimmer. Lara has also qualified for District Swimming in the 50m freestyle and 50m breaststroke and will compete next

Thursday 25th February at the Twilight Carnival. The Tooraweenah Relay Team, Lara Duff, Indiana Brown, Lily Smith and Daisy Wykes placed 1st against the other P6 Small Schools and will go straight to the Western Carnival on Friday 12th March.



Thank you to Erin Hutchison who took on the Coordinator job for the K-2 Tabloid Activities at the Carnival. By all accounts the students in

K-2 had a great time enjoying the water with a wide variety of activities on offer. Thank you to the parents who transported students and cheered them on all day.

I was very proud of the determination and exemplary behaviour of our students at the carnival.

Karen Smith Principal - Tooraweenah Public School  
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**Lions Roar With Lion Mock!**



Toora Lions senior citizens lunch is on Wednesday 17th March 2021 at Tooraweenah Memorial Hall, 12pm start. The Menu is courtesy of our guest mystery chef. Entertainment is included in this annual local event. The Highlight will be the announcement of Tooraweenah's Senior Citizen of the Year for 2021, no doubt it will be a well deserving local identity. Club members are "itching" to get out into our community to undertake projects. Any local organisation is invited to suggest projects for our skilled tradespeople

to take on board and deliver. Toora Lions is supporting a yet to be announced grass field day event that is in its planning process courtesy of our club's premier grasses specialist, Brendan Butler. With the easing of public health restrictions preliminary planning is underway to hold President Kathryn Larkin's ( aka the Iron Lady) changeover dinner on Saturday 19 June 2021. Thanks to our "Madame" publican, Toora Lions is organising 2 meat raffles each/most Friday afternoons at the Mountain View Hotel. Next meeting at our local watering

hole is Wednesday the 3rd of March. Elections will be held for next year's executive. Brendan Butler has shown his popularity, having been nominated for all positions!! And, how much more mischief will our Tail Twister get up to, he, Mr Geoff Hill has been in fine form at meetings, entertaining our members with some true and some embellished stories of faux pars or embarrassing moments our members have encountered. It is great to experience the fun and banter at meetings under the leadership of Lady Kathryn and Lord Lester.

**Tooraweenah CWA , Cath Waller Reports**



Hi to all, Our special meeting held at the Sporties on February 10th in Gilgandra went off extremely well with members from Macquarie Group, Wongarbron, Golan, Collie and Gilgandra joining with eleven (11) of our branch members to hear Julie Reynolds. provide a wonderful insight into life in Ecuador. We certainly get to learn about; and visit some interesting countries. By now many people would have seen or heard about our date to celebrate International Women's Day, Sunday March 7th. We have

great activities planned, including giant chess, jumping castle and Frisbee toss starting from 4pm. Plus, Sausage and Hot Dog sizzle, Pizza, Coffee Float, cool drinks, Market Stalls and more..... Our first meeting for the year will be on Wednesday 10th March, 9.30 for 10am. Please BYO morning tea. The first of our Market Days (3rd Saturday each month) commence Saturday 20th March 9am to 1pm in Gilgandra. If you would like a stall please give Denise Quealy a call on 0458 472 912. The Tooraweenah Endurance Ride is our next big catering activity on

April 10th—11th. Sip and Sew continues every Wednesday and is proving to be a great success. Bye for now. *Cath Waller Publicity.*

**Preschool friends and Maddison investigating how parachutes work!**




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

We have had a very busy start to our preschool year and enjoyed getting to know our new preschool friends and families.

Everyone has had a lot of fun getting to know each other through our many indoor and outdoor learning activities. The sandpit has been very popular and being creative at the easel and busy table have also been enjoyed.



In the holidays, our paving was completed around the new bridge. Special thanks to Cooper's Dad Paul (Lambell)

and his helpers Benn Jenkin and Matt Howard. The children have enjoyed utilising this area, with the bridge being the perfect fishing spot for our fishing game, or just a nice area to sit and catch your breath. We have also challenged ourselves with riding the bikes up and down the bridge, even trying out our prams and the fabulous new wheelbarrows along the path and up over the bridge too. The children were great building assistants when building the wheelbarrows together – we even found the lost treasure – one of the bolts with the nuts on it, that was hidden in the sandpit, so we started searching like pirates! (There was no 'X marks the spot however, just a lot of good fortune and some keen helpers looking for it and working well together, as a team!)

We have been talking about 'flying machines' and having fun creating and

experimenting with different types of parachutes, even playing parachute games outside with our large parachute, as well as flying our model parachutes – they work well from our climbing equipment when there is not too much wind! They also work when we stand carefully on our step ladder for our experiment, allowing us to investigate even further.



We had some special 'foam' aeroplanes we made and had fun flying to

each other across the carpet and seeing how good we are at being pilots. There have been some interesting and in-depth discussions about flying machines, what they can do, how they work, where they go and who has been on a plane.

Miss Sarah made preschool some very



special letters that the children have enjoyed playing with – lots of singing the

"ABC" alphabet song and working together as a team to recognize the letters as we sing them.

We have enjoyed playing with the farm animals, building farms, creating some fabulous story lines, as well as fishing (both inside and outside).

The magnetic fishing game has challenged us and we had a lovely pond that we shared with some jumping frogs and some swimming ducks – the baby ducks are now good friends with the fish, and the large lily pads were perfect for the jumping frogs to rest upon.

We have so much fun at Preschool, that we have decided the clock just spins around super fast so our day is gone before we even know it! With Covid-19 guidelines still in place, staff meet the children (and families) at the front gate at 8.35am (with the school buses) or at 8.45am and walk them into preschool.

In the afternoon, at 3.15pm, we walk down to the front gate to meet families when our preschool day is over. We thank parents/ families for their understanding and assistance with these procedures we must abide by, hoping this does not inconvenience families.

Miss Marie. Marie Jacobsen - Nominated Supervisor

Our Preschool Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held on Wednesday 17th March 2021 at 6pm in the classroom adjacent to Tooraweenah Preschool. All preschool parents welcome to attend. Following the AGM we will hold our monthly meeting. (Tooraweenah Public School have a COVID-Safe plan: please be aware of this and Covid-19 guidelines and procedures as per Department of Education )

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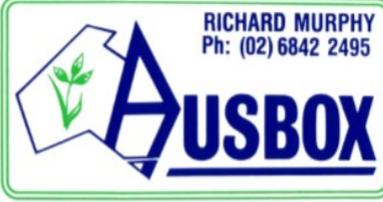


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