Toora Bungles



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Tooraweenah Lions Club — Awards Galore



Two of Tooraweenah Lions Club Charter Members, Lion John Gale and Lion Kevin (Blue) Milgate were honoured with the presentation of their 40 year service medals by Lion Ken Gordon. Lions Club members, Jane Gesell, Kerry Butler, Narelle Rodway, Ken Gordon, Cluna Gale and Len McKenzie were there to share this very special occasion and acknowledge the dedication

and contribution made by the Clubs founding members.

The Community also congratulates Jenny Zell who was awarded Tooraweenah Lions Club Senior Citizen Of The Year. Jenny is a kind and generous member of our community who has contributed to the education and community spirit of all current Tooraweenah and Gilgandra generations.

ANZAC Day April 25th 2019

The Tooraweenah Anzac service will be conducted at the Memorial Hall on Thursday the 25th of April, starting at 11am. The guest speaker this year is John Jenkin who will speak about his fathers service record in WW2 and also talk about the Kakoda campaign in New Guinea and relate the story of his own and three of his children walking the Kakoda track a couple of years ago. After the service a warm welcome is extended to all for a sausage sizzle at the hotel.

Tooraweenah Students — Coding Technology



Tooraweenah Public School Students have been working hard during technology lessons on Fridays developing their coding skills on XO computers. They are learning not only to code, but how to do so efficiently. There is a very satisfying 'I did it' that can be heard from the students when they have mastered each skill or activity and have it signed off by Petria or James Cameron.

The first of the shared technology resources from the Bendigo Bank Technology Grant have been used by students recently. Petria and James used the Cubetto

robot, remote and floor mat as seen in the photo, to help students make the connection between prior knowledge in coding and how to code with this new robot. All ages were able to individually code a story for Cubetto's adventure on the floor mat. Students had the opportunity to problem solve and predict while coding.

Tooraweenah Memorial Hall Thursday, 25th April 2019 Service begins at 11.00 a.m.

The ANZAC Day address, to be given by John Jenkin of Tooraweenah, wil cover his Father's military service with the RAAF in WW II.

John will also Kakoda Track **New Guinea**

campaign in during WW II

are encouraged to participate by laying a wreath on the day.

A sausage sizzle will be held following the service.
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Tooraweenah ANZAC Day Committee





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Tooraweenah Public School

District Swimming

Congratulations to Lara Duff and Taylor McDonell who competed at the District Swimming Carnival in Dubbo. Lara placed 13th in 9 years girls 50m Freestyle and 10th in the 50m Junior Breaststroke. Taylor placed 12th in the 10 year girls 50m Freestyle and 10th in the Junior Girls 50m Backstroke. Taylor also competed in the 50m Butterfly. Both girls broke their personal best in two races: Lara in the Breaststroke by 10 seconds and the Freestyle by one second; and Taylor in Freestyle by 5 seconds and the Backstroke by 8 seconds. A fantastic result, well done!! Thank you to parents for providing transport to the carnival.

Cricket Skills



We had a fabulous day further honing our cricket skills at Eumungerie during the Cricket Skills

Day. Thank you to Eumungerie's Principal, Shelley Darcy and her team for organizing the day. It is great for our students to have the opportunity for some great coaching from Matt Ellis and experience some



modified games of cricket with students from so many other schools. This year we joined students from Eumungerie, Buningyong, Stuart Town, Dubbo South and Mumbil for this skills and game day. The timing of the cricket day was perfect for our students, as they had just completed four weeks of cricket coaching with Matt Ellis here in Tooraweenah. During coaching, the school students were able to utilise the new cricket nets at the Tooraweenah Oval

Pie Drive - P&C Fundraiser

The P&C are holding a Pie Drive to raise funds for our school, just in time for Easter! Orders have now closed and will be available to pick up at the school canteen during the last day of term, Friday 12th April. Thank you to everyone who was able to support the P&C in supporting our students at Tooraweenah Public School.

Western Swimming



Relay Team: Lilly Smith Tallis Brown, Taylor McDonell and Lara Duff

Congratulations to the Tooraweenah Swimming relay team who competed at The Western Swimming Trials last Thursday. Tallis, Lara, Lily and Taylor competed in the Earl McGee Small Schools Relay and came 5th in a field of 8. They showed outstanding team spirit, sportsmanship and tenacity. The team even managed to place in front of Ballimore who finished first at the Small Schools Carnival, Well done Team Toora!

National Day of Action Against Bullying Students from Tooraweenah Public School engaged in activities this week with Mrs Jenkin to mark the National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence. Students joined together in groups to create a Take Action poster that included student created

slogans. These posters are displayed around

PBL Celebration

the school.

The lasting summer weather was perfect for our PBL water fun celebration. Students enthusiastically manned water pistols, sprinklers, hoses and buckets for a water play afternoon to celebrate collecting 2000 Class Dojo points as a school. The staff even joined in the fun! Class Dojo points are given to individual students to recognise positive behaviours in and out of the classroom.

NAPLAN Practice Test

Students in Years 3 and 5 have successfully completed the NAPLAN online practice test this week. Students in Year 5 gave feedback that they preferred the online layout to the paper test that they completed while in Year 3. NAPLAN testing will occur from May 14-16.

Karen Smith
Relieving Principal





Council Update

Renovations to Gilgandra Pre-School

In 2018, Gilgandra Pre-School was successful in receiving grant funding under the NSW Department of Education and Training "Start Strong Works Program" to undertake alterations and additions to its existing facility.

In addition to this grant funding, the preschool is contributing a significant financial sum from its own budget to these capitol works. The proposed works will enable the building to cater for additional children and improve the overall amenity of the facility. With tenders being called for by suitable building contractors this week, works

are anticipated to commence early May for the construction phase of this project with an anticipated completion date of late 2019.

McGrane Oval Update

As part of the Stronger Country Communities Fund Grant, considerable upgrades to McGrane Oval are well underway. Works already completed include a new perimeter fence, 2 new cricket nets with synthetic grass, a new water tank installed for irrigation and rehabilitation of the turf cricket wicket. There are 2 new Hardstand Dual Purpose Netball / Basketball Courts currently under construction, and the

new sports lighting to the main oval. The training field and netball courts are planned for installation over the next few months.



Around The Traps

Tooraweenah LPO

The rainfall for Tooraweenah for March was 124.0mm falling over 7 days with a YTD total of 199.6mm over 17 days.

Please ensure you use your correct mailing address to speed up sorting and delivery, make sure your mail has been correctly addressed and you put the appropriate amount of postage on larger letters.

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Pub Community BBQ's

The March BBQs at the hotel were run by the Tooraweenah Memorial Hall and Anzac committee, thank you to all that assisted in any way during the month. The month was very successful with funds raised going towards Hall maintenance and any costs associated with Anzac day. The April BBQ's will be run by the Tooraweenah PA&H Association, anyone able to assist during April could contact Brian Mockler or Lester Thurston. Watch the local notice boards for menus.

Lions Clothing Bin

Residents that take advantage of the Lions

Clothing bin are reminded that it is for clean clothing only.

RIP

Sympathy is extended to the family of Mrs Margaret Cruickshank of Glenelg Gilgandra and formerly of Tooraweenah, who passed away in Sydney at the grand age of 97years. Margaret had a long association with the Tooraweenah Presbyterian Church and the CWA. Margaret was Patron of the Tooraweenah CWA and Macquarie Group until her death.

She passed away on the 14th of March and was buried next to her late husband Alexander (John) Cruickshank in the Presbyterian portion of the Gilgandra cemetery on the 22nd of March.

She is survived by her four children Lynette, Doreen, Susan and David, their partners and their families. A long and fruitful life.

Biggest Morning Tea

Tooraweenah's biggest morning tea is on again on Saturday the 24th of May, outside Tooraweenah Trading Co from 10am. J N J's coffee van will be in attendance, please bring a plate to share. If you have something to trade an opportunity will be available to make some extra funds for the Cancer Council.

Anzac Day. See page 1 for details

Please note. Wreath bases are available from Tooraweenah Trading prior to Anzac day for home made wreaths.

Tooraweenah Community Health Clinic

The Tooraweenah Community Health Clinic will not be available for the month of April only. Please be assured the Clinic will resume in May. Their next visit to Tooraweenah is on Thursday 16th May, 10am -12noon in the CWA Rooms.

Dust Buster BBQ's Save the Date

The Dust Buster BBQ's are a relaxed event for you, your family, friends & neighbours. Pop the dates in your Diary;

Balladoran @ Culture Camp Sunday 7th April 12-4pm

Curban Hall Saturday 13Apriul 3-6pm Bearbong Hall Sunday May 5th 12-4pm Tooraweenah Sunday May 19th from 3pm **RSVP** Kristy Cosier 0408 651 666 or email: kristycosier@gmail.com

These events are supported by Gilgandra Shire Council through funding from the Australian Government as part of the Drought **Communities Funding**

Tooraweenah Show Annual General Meeting

The Tooraweenah PA & H Association AGM will be on

MONDAY 29 APRIL at 6.30 pm sharp.

It will be held at the Mountain View Hotel, Tooraweenah

Tooraweenah CWA



A big hi to all. What a great day

had in the Warrumbungle National Park and our visit to the Emu Farm for a special morning tea as we celebrated International Women's Day.

We welcomed CWA members from Gilgandra, Dubbo, Coonabarabran and Tooraweenah and our indigenous friends before setting off for the Our Branch have for sale some beautifully day. Many thanks to Beverley. Denise, and Dalene for their enthusiasm before our Bus

journey began.

A big thanks to Tooraweenah Lions for preparing our lunch which was enjoyed by all. We were given an interesting talk by Park Ranger Phil Draper, who had us all enthralled. After lunch we visited the information Centre for a bird talk, arriving back in Tooraweenah by 4pm. See pictures page 5

The Endurance Ride is our next big catering event, April 13th and 14th. More on this at our April meeting. Hope to see you all there! designed Mugs for \$10, thanks to Dalene, they make great gifts for family and friends.

Next Meeting, Wednesday 10th April 10am. Cath Waller, Publicity Officer



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Drought Communities Programme Extension.

This funding is now available for farmers, farm workers and farm suppliers, and contractors facing hardship due to drought.

It can be used to spend in local communities or to cover urgent bills such as food, petrol and utilities.

The \$3,000 per household can consist of up to \$2,000 in cash and \$1,000 in vouchers. The Salvation Army, St Vincent de Paul Society and Rotary Australia World Community Service have been engaged to deliver the assistance. Eligible households should reach out to these organisations directly to seek financial support (details below).

The Salvation Army

24 hour hotline: 1300 551 030 Website: salvos.org.au/drought

St Vincent de Paul Hotline: 13 18 12 Website: vinnies.org.au

Councillors Corner



We are now at the pointy end of making budget decisions for Council's 2019/2020 financial year and also revising long term financial plans.

Should we, as elected councillors' determine that rates, fees and charges should not be increased, in line with expenditure costs?? How should we responsibly address the need to have sufficient reserves for maintaining and improving basic

services such as for water, sewer and other basic Shire infrastructure and essential services. Reserves and planning are basic requirements to satisfy eligibility for grant funding criteria. This is all very topical, given water and sewer upgrades are required in Gilgandra plus the need for improved/upgraded water supply for Tooraweenah village.

Others matters for budgeting and forward planning consideration are maintaining and improving existing gravel road networks versus finding funding for new rural roads bitumen seals.

Balancing these priorities is fundamental to Council's responsibility in the allocation of available funding sources.

Community representations are instrumental in helping your elected representatives make decisions on capital works projects and priorities.

Cr Brian Mockler

Tooraweenah Show

What's Happening at the Showground?

The Drought Relief Grant we were privileged to receive prior to Christmas has meant there will be many changes at the Showground this year. All projects will be finished prior to 30 June 2019.

Project One: Dining Area in the Margaret Mockler Pavilion has had a face lift with new windows and re-cladding on the outside wall. Check it out. It looks amazing.

Project Two: Fans in the dining room and pavilion as well as extra power points and a new metre box. This project is to make the huge pavilion much more user friendly and upgrade the electrical system.

<u>Project Three:</u> New drainage, piping and tanks. This project is quite extensive but will improve water lines and storage facilities.

<u>Project Four:</u> 4 tier grandstand with roof. This is sited alongside the Rodeo arena and will benefit all horse events held in these yards.

<u>Project Five:</u> Kitchen and attached large undercover area. This is a fully fitted out commercial kitchen and the undercover area can be used as a dining/seating or viewing area for other events at the grounds.

<u>Project Six:</u> Smaller portable grandstands

and bench tables and seats. This seating will be a blessing for weary feet on show day.

Thank you to all the project co-ordinators and all the members of the Show Committee who have worked so hard to bring these projects together. For years to come show goers will reap the benefit of this Grant.

Don't forget - The show AGM will be held at the Pub starting at 6.30 pm sharp on Monday 29 April, 2019. Please come along and support your local show. Sue Armstrong (Show President) Tooraweenah PA & H Assoc

Lions Roar



Jenny Zell, congratulations on recognition as Tooraweenah Lions 2019 Senior Citizen of the Year.

A kind and generous member of community who has contributed to the education and community spirit of all current Tooraweenah & Gilgandra generations. During our 2019 St Paddy's Day at

Tooraweenah Hall, our Lions Club entertained local senior citizens with a traditional "non Irish" lunch and entertainment

Acknowledgement to our Club's organisers, Tanya Hutchison, Jenny Sandford, Jane Gesell and their "elfs". These events don't just happen without a lot of effort, planning and organisation. Guest numbers and workers numbered almost 50, a great effort for a small but vibrant community.

March activities have included helping with Tooraweenah CWA 2019 International Wom-

Ranger Phil Draper International Women's Day

en's Day event in the Warrumbungle moun-



James Tobin & Phil Henley

and Channel 7 Sunrise Sunday weather presentation from Emu Logic. Our Lions catering team and rent a crowd mob,

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In honour of two Tooraweenah Lions Club charter members, 40 year service medals have been presented to Lion John Gale and Lion Kevin (Blue) Milgate. Many achievements have been made since our Club was chartered in 1979 and we acknowledge the dedication and contributions made by our Club's founding members.

Congrats to Kathryn & Daniel Larkin on the arrival of Benjamin James to our Toora Lions

We have generously allowed Kathryn 8 weeks fully paid Secretary maternity leave. They now have 2 children with the initials "BJ", not that the Larkin's are into nicknames, are they

We have a District Governor visit on Wednesday April 3rd, and catering activities planned for the Gilgandra Tractor Pull event on Easter Saturday and the Gilgandra Show the following week.

Planning is also well underway for the Club's 40th (Ruby) changeover on Saturday 15th June. Lester Thurston has been elected as incoming

Fun & fellowship, that is what we do and strive to achieve with our activities as members of a community service organisation, the simple things that are in the DNA of Toora Lions Club.

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