

# Toora Bungles



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## Gilgandra Shire Council — COVID 19 Pandemic ! ..... More page 3

With regard to the COVID-19 health pandemic, Council is reviewing operations to ensure the health and safety of our workers, including increased hygiene procedures, implementing split teams to ensure business continuity and working remotely where possible.

Council's media release this week contains the overall response to COVID-19, with up to date information on Council's responses and service changes available at <http://www.gilgandra.nsw.gov.au/News/Community-Updates-COVID-19>

As the situation evolves rapidly, Council has, as of 27th March, taken precautionary measures to 'lockdown' Cooee Lodge and Jack Towney Hostels and is encouraging families to stay connected with their loved ones through telephones and video call technologies. This decision is made in the interest of the health and safety of staff and residents.

**The key changes to other services include:** Council's Administrative Building in Warren Road is now closed to the public and all non-resident staff, however, customer requests can still be received by phone or online.

Service NSW will remain open to the public in a restricted form allowing for essential transactions only. Strict social distancing and hygiene arrangements will be put in place to ensure the health and safety of staff and customers.

Gilgandra Shire Library is closed, with click & collect service available

Coo-ee Heritage & Visitor Information Centre is closed.

Gilgandra Youth Services is closed and Gilgandra Fitness Centre & Swimming Pool are closed.

Coo-ee Retirement Village residents have been asked to limit their visitors and please stay home unless absolutely necessary.

Meals on Wheels and Community Transport Services will continue for essential appointments only such as medical and grocery shopping, with redeployed staff assisting. If clients have any enquiries please call 6817 8750.

The Gilgandra Waste Facility remains open for waste disposal, with the OP Shop now closed.

Orana Living is focusing on supporting individual household groups.

Council has engaged with the local business community and is promoting their initiatives and continued services as **Open for Business.... Just a little different!**

With the challenging situation facing us all, it's never been more important to Shop Local. If any businesses want to be included in Council's promotion, please get in touch as we are always keen to hear different ideas of how we could support our business community. *Kristy Cosier, Community Engagement*

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**Centre for Rural & Remote Mental Health and RAMHP— Check out their web site**

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**E:** [ramph@newcastle.edu.au](mailto:ramph@newcastle.edu.au)

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### Tooraweenah Show

The Tooraweenah Show has a new committee for the coming year. Congratulations to new President Ben Gale, Secretary Kristy Gale, Treasurer Brian Mockler, and Vice Presidents Will Bowman and Brendan Butler. Assistant Secretary is Kylie Moppett

and Assistant Treasurer is Lester Thurston. Whilst some stewards were appointed at the last meeting, the full listing will be announced after the next meeting. Unfortunately, at this stage no meeting date can be announced due to the COVID 19 virus

disrupting our lives. From everyone on the Show Committee to everyone in our community. Stay safe. Self isolate. The Tooraweenah and district community is pretty awesome and please ask for help if you need it. *Sue Armstrong Publicity*

### Tooraweenah CWA



Sadly our meetings have been suspended, along with 'Sep & Sew' and catering for the Endurance Ride in April. The Hearing Australia visit for FREE

Hearing Checks scheduled for Tuesday the 12th of May will be rescheduled once COVID 19 has cleared. Please keep communicating with one another via phone or online

opportunities. Keep safe, self isolate and keep your spirits up! With everyone working together we will stop this virus in it's tracks! *Cath Waller, Publicity Officer.*



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**Tooraweenah LPO—COVID 19**

**With regard to the Covid 19 virus, the Post Office is operating normal hours, we will try to maintain normal service, but in the eventuality we have to self-isolate the business will be closed. Please observe good hygiene and social distancing, hopefully we will remain well and virus free in Tooraweenah.**

The rainfall for Tooraweenah for March 2020 was good giving us 37mm towards the end of the month.

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.

Postage rates have changed, a standard letter is now \$1.10

A reminder that the Tooraweenah and Tondeburine Post Code is 2817

**Pub Community BBQ's—COVID 19**

The March BBQs were run by the

Anzac Day & Hall Committee. They only operated for the first three weekends of the month, thank you to those who assisted during March. BBQ's have been suspended at the moment due to the COVID 19 virus. Ash at the hotel is offering a takeaway service, phone the Mountain View on 6848 1017 to place your order.

**Lions Clothing Bin**

Residents that take advantage of the Lions Clothing bin are reminded that it is for clean clothing only. If you have warm blankets or Doonas they are required with the cooler weather approaching.

**Toora Lions club.**

Currently the club is in recess and we will advise when the situation changes. Support the club that supports your town.

**Anzac Day**

The Anzac service in Tooraweenah this year has been cancelled. *Lester Thurston*

**Toora Bungles Seek Feedback**



Please send your feedback on the new A5 size of the Bungles. Print size is a priority for readability. This issue is 11 Font due to layout and information. Future publications will endeavour to meet 12 Font. *Ed*

**COVID 19 Help & Support**

Some very important contacts for accurate and up to date information please go to;

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**Councillors Corner**



2020 has become somewhat eventful during March. The landscape is rapidly changing, at times on a daily basis. The Local Government elections for 2020 are deferred until September 2021. Stability and governance by current elected local government representatives is apparently considered as an essential service. Due to the COVID-19, Council has implemented measures to ensure

business continuity and also the health and wellbeing of Council's staff, clients and community. Council's response is fluid and will respond to Health guidelines. One of Council's promotional logo's (front cover) has been tweaked to display 'OPEN FOR BUSINESS just a little different.' A decision on the Drought Communities Programme, Communities Funding Applications has been deferred, I expect possibly until the April meeting.

The Report is contained in the March business papers, pages 8 - 11 . Consideration and determination of applications eligibility and priority allocation, remains a work in progress. New signage for Gilgandra, Armatree and Tooraweenah is underway, with designs to be finalised. Budget planning is progressing with an open invitation for suggestions for any specific works/projects to be included in the budget process. *Cr Brian Mockler*

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**Tooraweenah Public School**

**District Swimming**



Congratulations to our swimming team, Tallis Brown, Taylor McDonell and Lara Duff, who competed at the

Dubbo District Twilight Swimming Trials Thursday 27th February. All students were competitive in their races, with Lara Duff progressing to Western after coming 2nd in the 50m Junior Girls Breaststroke. Tallis, Taylor, Lara and Lily will form the Tooraweenah Relay Team and complete in the Peter Dobson Mixed Relay at the Western Swimming Trials.

**Swimming Trials**

Congratulations to our team of swimmers who competed at the Western Swimming Trails Friday 13th March. Lara Duff competed in the Junior Girls 50 Metre Breaststroke, placing 4th in her heat. An amazing effort, Lara. Well done!  
The Tooraweenah Relay Team,



photographed above, Tallis Brown, Lily Smith, Lara Duff and Taylor McDonell, placed 4th in the Earl McGee Mixed Relay, and took an impressive 25 seconds off their time from the Small Schools Carnival. We are thankful to parents who have provided transport and enabled our students to compete in these events.

**Clean Up Australia Day**

Students from Tooraweenah participated in Clean Up Australia

Day. It is a credit to our students and very pleasing to find that litter in our school grounds is not an issue.

**Netball Coaching**

We welcomed Rowena to our school, who is providing netball coaching to our students on Wednesdays (March 4th, 11th) as part of our Sporting Schools Program for Term 1. This is great preparation for students who wish to participate in the Netball Schools Cup Gala Day in Coonamble early term 2.

**Technology @ Toora**

Our first Technology @Toora day held on Monday 9th March was a huge success. The school was a hive of activity with 60 students in attendance.

Using drones, virtual reality,



micro:bits and ozobots, students from

Tooraweenah Public School, Gwabegar Public School

and St John's School Baradine engaged in hands on learning. The 'wheelie good smoothies' provided by Wes Leedham and Serena from the Warrumbungle Environmental Education Centre were also a huge hit.

The students cycled to produce kinetic energy to power the blender.



Thank you to Mrs Penny Zell, Mrs Chantel Chandler, Mr Wes Leedham and Petria and James Cameron who all led technology sessions on the day.



The response was overwhelmingly positive with students experiencing new technologies and developing skills in coding as well as problem solving and creative and critical thinking.

Thank you to Cherie, for organising the lunch during a very busy time and the P&C committee, Shannon, Michael, Craig, Nadine, and Jamee for providing lunch on the day.

Karen Smith  
Principal  
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**Lions Roar**



**It was with great sadness that our dear friend and Charter member John Gale passed away on March 12th 2020 following a prolonged illness and spending his last 12mths at Windmill Cottage.** John's age caught up with him at the ripe old age of 90 years young. John was a much loved and respected member of Tooraweenah and our Lions Club community. John was instrumental in the chartering of Toora Lions Club way back in 1979 and has been a stalwart of the club ever since. He held numerous positions, and served several terms as President and Secretary. As a mark of respect Lions Club members formed a guard of honour at his funeral. We acknowledge John's 40 years as a member of Tooraweenah Lions Club and his service to our community. We extend our condolences to Cluna, Fiona and family and Margaret's family. Vale John Gale 1930 - 2020 RIP. Toora Lions annual Senior Citizens lunch at Toora Memorial Hall was held on Tuesday 17 March. Tradition has it that this event is held on Saint Paddy's day as a mark of respect of those of us who have a touch of Irish ancestry in our gene pool. Thanks go to our group of entertainers from

Gilgandra, MC Geoff Hill, chief organiser Tanya Hutchison and our volunteer trainee chefs.



Congratulations to Jill Blackman (Pictured with MC Geoff Hill and Vice President Jade Zell) for her award as Toora Lions 2020 Citizen of the year. This event was held as Toora Lions just managed to escape "the virus thingie" lockdown and self isolation laws. Maybe it is because Toora Lions activities are classified as an essential community service. President Lord Lester, reports the Lions Club meetings will be cancelled in the short term and activities will be carefully monitored to comply with COVID 19 health directives. **We will try and organise woodcuts after Easter for those in need. Orders to Lester, woodcut manager.** Congratulations to our recently elected executive for 2020/2021. It was a tough battle,

(some blood was spilt during electioneering), Incoming executive are : President :Kathryn Larkin, Secretary :Lord Lester, Treasurer: Jane Gesell. *Lion Mock*

**Surprise 60th Celebration**



On Saturday March 14th Ken Sandford was guest of honour for his surprise 60th Birthday at the Show Ground. Eighty guests gathered, including Kens sister who

travelled from Townsville with her daughters to surprise Ken Others came from Canberra, Narromine, Dubbo and Coffs Harbour. The crowning glory of the evening was Ken's official invite to the Lions Senior Citizen Lunch.



**A BIG, BIG THANK YOU** 👍 to all our advertisers, new and existing and our contributors for continuing to support our Community Newsletter for 2020. Please send your feedback on the A5 format and Font size to gundair1@bigpond.com Thanks! Ed

**👍 Diary Dates 2020 😊**

*'Take Time out!! Relax and Enjoy Life!'*

**Sunday 11th July 2020**  
Camp Oven Cook Off

**Saturday 17th Oct 2020**  
Tooraweenah Show

**Activities may be subject to change!**

**Tooraweenah Community Bus**

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**Tooraweenah Arthur Butler Memorial Museum Project.**



Our team met for the first time on Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> March at the CWA Rooms. The discussion was very interesting. Our guest Noni Price presented some interesting photos and offered support from Charleville and Cootamundra Historical society and will be watching our progress with interest.

Dom Spora presented information from Coonamble Council. It would appear they have a grant to seal the road from Coonamble to Tooraweenah. They are also prepared to assist us to obtain grants and support any events we might put on. Gilgandra Council has indicated the strong possibility of the return of the original Arthur Butler Hanger but it is very early days yet.

A donation tin will be implemented at the Caravan Park for safety and visitors are encouraged to sign our visitors book. We will monitor the numbers to encourage people to visit. If anyone has any Arthur Butler memorabilia they may like to donate or loan, we would be most interested. Maybe an old ticket or sign, anything. Give us a call.

The working bee and meeting has been postponed due to COVID 19. Further updates will be provided in the May Bungles. Please give Ken Gordon a call if you would like more information. Mobile: 0414 835 341 . Ken Gordon

**Caravan Park Closure**

The caravan park is currently closed to all non-essential travellers. We need to keep it closed until the Public

Health (Covid-19 Gatherings) Order (No 2) 2020 is lifted. We don't know how long that will be. The only travellers who are allowed to stay in the park are people without a permanent home, someone who has been unable to get to their home because of distance or border closures, someone needing urgent accommodation or someone who has come here for essential work. If you see vans or cars in the park that's who these people are. Everyone staying at the park will have to answer some screening questions to make sure that as far as possible they do not pose a threat to the health of Tooraweenah residents.

Please keep yourselves and those around you safe, lets hope all this does not drag on for too long.

*Janelle Quilter*

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**Oakfield Kelpie Stud – From Misfortune into Success**



**Local grazier Brendan Butler had the misfortune in 2016 to lose his two treasured working kelpies, either poisoned or lost. To loose two was heart breaking but led Brendan to a housing rethink which resulted in a new dog proof yard and raised kennels at Oakfield. He then turned misfortune into success. Oakfield Kelpie Stud.**

Setting up the Stud began after hours of research. Karana Kelpie stud being the stand out, with forty (40) years of breeding the best dogs. Trialling successfully at the highest level had meant Karana had a huge reputation. Brendon liked the style and the temperament of the Karana dogs. “To be successful in utility trialling the dogs have to be calm, with a lot of eye and natural presence for the paddock and be big, strong and forceful in the yard. They are true all-rounders.” he concluded.

Karana also had a standout dog called Karana Abba II, who was the Don Bradman of trialling. Abba had won over forty open trials including two Australian utility championships and numerous state yard dog titles.

Within 18 months, 2 Karana Abba grandsons were secured. A bitch from A Kennedys Stud at Nyngan was added as an outcross breeder. Since then a bitch from Karabah stud bloodlines and another Karana bitch, who has Abba as a grandfather have been added to compliment the 2 Karana males.

Two years on and Karana Tom VI, and Karana Roy Boy are maturing into excellent all-round work dogs, and are both big, strong and good looking

with classic kelpie features. An added bonus is their lovely friendly temperament. They have also been to a few yard dog trials and have progressed quickly to novice grade. Karana Tom has also been in demand as a stud sire. His natural ability, pedigree and classic good looks has seen him joined to bitches from Motleys Kelpie stud at Nyngan and Broxhill Kelpies, Curban.

Brendan, now has a great team of working dogs and says he enjoys a day of sheep or cattle work to watch their progress.

A-Kennedys Queenie and Broxhill Bonnie are now working nicely and are at breeding age. With pups currently on the ground, some will be for sale, they are affordable Kelpie pups bred from some of the best genetics available.

Brendan advised, Pups will have their first vaccination and be registered with the WKC at 8 weeks of age. He is also offering help starting pups if this is needed.

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**Camp Oven Cook Off On Hold**



Plans for the July’s Camp Oven Cook Off are currently on hold. A decision will be made in May, and will depend on

what is happening with COVID 19. If it does go ahead, it would be great to see lots of Tooraweenah residents take part by trying some experimental cooking. It would be a fun thing to do during the school holidays, and the isolation period at home.

People may also like to consider volunteering at the event or sponsoring one of the categories ..... checkout the Facebook site for hints and the May Toora Bungles for updates!  
*Janelle Quilter Publicity Officer*

**Updates on the Colour printer in the TCTC and the Telstra Tower for Tooraweenah in the May edition. Ed**

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From the bottom of my heart I thank this amazing community we live in, for all the love and support shown towards us all at the Mountain View! It has been a very difficult time to adjust to the new changes but we are taking each day as it comes. Thank you so much for all the support and please, everyone stay safe. We are all in this together, but, remember, we are a tough bunch and we will get through this. Ash.



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