

# Toora Bungles



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## Tooraweenah Show Cancelled For 2020 – Upgrades Continue!

Tooraweenah PA & H Association spokesperson Sue Armstrong says, "It is with a heavy heart that due to current changes in the COVID-19 health crisis throughout NSW and the ACT, our Show Committee have made the disappointing decision to cancel our Annual Show, 17 October, 2020. We feel we have a responsibility to you, your family and our community to take this unprecedented action. This is only the second time in 104 years that the show has not been held."

Incoming office bearers are President Ben Gale; Secretary Kristy Gale; Assistant Secretary and Grants Officer Kylie Moppett; Vice Presidents, Will Bowman and Brendan Butler; Treasurer Brian Mockler; Assistant Treasurer and Public Officer Lester Thurston; Publicity Officer Sue Armstrong.

The Show Grounds and facilities are available for hire under strict Covid-19 restrictions and a "COVID -19 Safety Plan" needs to be lodged with the Secretary prior to the event.

President Ben Gale said, "During the next twelve months the Show Committee plan on holding several smaller events – within strict COVID-19 Guidelines. Events such as Working Dog Trials,

Equestrian Activities and Family Friendly Events. Work continues upgrading the showgrounds with plans for new amenities as well as ongoing grant applications."

"Dog trial yards and upgrade to the arena have commenced and will be a bonus for show visitors and competitors alike.

"Our Grants Officer Kylie Moppett continues to keep busy organising and writing grants for facilities. Thank you Kylie. It is a big job."

"Smaller events are able to continue at the grounds, such as Pony Group, organised horse events and the Golf Club program. **Please, don't forget, if you book an event have a COVID-19 Safety Plan completed.**" Ben concluded.

The Show Committee continue to work behind the scenes in coming months. Tooraweenah is a resilient community. The Show will be back - bigger and better than ever in 2021.

For further information contact: Secretary Kristy Gale on 0429 780 323 or 6848 1148 or [toorashow@gmail.com](mailto:toorashow@gmail.com)

## Telstra 4G Small Cell – Wow! \$5k Pledged – Council Resolution & Thanks

Tooraweenah CWA can confirm \$5,000 has already been pledge in support of a possible \$10k required to finance the \$40k needed as our contribution to the Telstra 4G Small Cell joint venture with Telstra. Wow! What a super supportive community we have in and around Tooraweenah, backed up by the generosity of our guarantors!

Thank you Gilgandra Shire Councillors for joining our support team to gain the telecommunications connectivity for Tooraweenah Village and surrounds that has been long overdue. Even on Thursday last, a person was spotted below the viewing platform on their mobile phone! What a difference the Telstra 4G Small Cell will make!

Councils June Meeting Resolution will help explain:

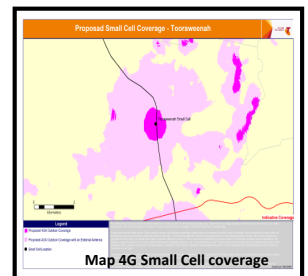
**That Council approach the NSW Government to fund the \$40K shortfall. That, if not successful in securing the funding from the NSW Government, Gilgandra Shire Council contribute \$30k towards the Telstra Small Cell Project at Tooraweenah, with the**

**balance of funding to be sourced from Tooraweenah residents (\$10k). That the Council contribution be considered at the August Council meeting.**

If any business, individual or community group would like to make a pledge towards the remaining \$5K, please do so via email to Jill at [gundair1@bigpond.com](mailto:gundair1@bigpond.com). Your support will be greatly appreciated.

Once Council has met in August 2020, our community will be updated with any changes to the arrangements.

It is important to acknowledge in supporting this project, everyone who lives, does business, visits, plays sport, socialises or attends events within Tooraweenah will benefit from the Telstra 4G Small Cell installation. Great outcome!



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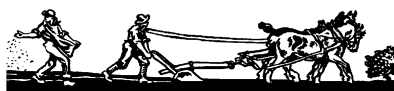
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**For Mental Health Information and support;**

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**Gilgandra Shire Council – General Manager Reports**

**Roads Update:**

With significant rainfall again falling across the Gilgandra Shire over recent weeks, our rural roads are incurring significant additional damage and are simply too damp at this point to carry out effective restoration works. In the interim, Council is planning to deliver a Shire wide maintenance grading program to our unsealed rural road network, where conditions permit. These works will ensure roads are safely passable whilst smoothing out some of the potholes and corrugations, especially coming in to what we hope to be a busy harvest season.

**Maintenance grading is expected to commence in the south eastern quadrant of the Shire.**

We expect full restoration works on rural roads to commence following this and as weather permits. Restoration works will consist of formation and reconstruction grading, desilting of table drains and culverts, reinstating lost

gravel and repairs to floodways’.

We appreciate there continues to be a period of rough roads and frustration for road users, and Council continues to undergo processes through the NSW Government Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements to optimise the funding potential and longer term benefit for our ratepayers.

We would ask residents to avoid any unnecessary travel on the unsealed rural roads during periods of wet weather, particularly by heavy vehicles, plant and machinery. Council will continue emergency works where roads present an immediate risk and Council will instigate temporary rectification measures.

**Council will provide further updates regarding the disaster declaration process and works schedule once details become available and weather permitting.**

We invite you to submit customer requests or report an issue online

at [www.gilgandra.nsw.gov.au](http://www.gilgandra.nsw.gov.au).

**Tooraweenah Bore:**

Work on the new Tooraweenah water supply bore, at the corner of Amy & Brennan Streets, is scheduled to recommence following the arrival on-site of new equipment and concrete buildings. The project will involve the installation of the bore pump, pipe work, telemetry and associated controls.

**Tooraweenah flyer:**

The Tooraweenah village flyer is in the final stages of production and will soon be printed and made available through Gilgandra's Visitor Information at THE GIL and local businesses. The flyer shows a snapshot of the history of Tooraweenah with its historical walk, as well as gives visitors ways to enjoy Tooraweenah today!

*David Neeves  
General Manager*




**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



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

**Presbyterian Church  
Tooraweenah**



**Reverend Peter Tamsett  
6847 2036**

**Around The Traps ☺**

**Tooraweenah LPO**

Currently with 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 and hopefully we all will remain well and virus free. The rainfall for Tooraweenah for July 2020 was 72.8mm over 7 days, with a year to date total of 520.8mm over 48 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. Due to the extra demand on parcel deliveries, delays are currently being experienced from time to time. Priority and express services are currently suspended. Postage rates have changed, a standard letter is now \$1.10 A reminder that the Tooraweenah and Tondeburne Post Code is 2817

**Pub Community BBQ's**

The BBQs are currently not operating during the Covid 19 pandemic.

**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 currently in demand.

**Toora Lions club.**

The club will hold its monthly meeting at the Mountain View Hotel on the 5th of August at 7pm, RSVP to Ash Jenkin at the pub on 68481017. Everyone must book in as our numbers will be limited. President Kathryn and her team welcome members back to the club. Support the club that supports your town.

**Your In Our Thoughts & Prayers**

Those in our community experiencing health concerns, please know you are in our thoughts and prayers. We understand many of you are recovering well. We certainly hope this continues. Others are just about to begin their journey.

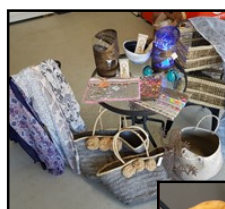
**New Babies In Our District!**

We know at least two new bubs were born recently, but we can't publish details unless a proud Mum, Dad or grandparents let us know. Congratulations to all new parents and grandparents.

**News from the Mountain View**

We farewelled Charlotte Haling who has been working at the pub the last few months, she's gone back to uni but will be returning around Christmas time. We now welcome Kirsty, she's been working at Hermidale but has now made Tooraweenah her home for a few months. Pop in and say hi to her! Thanks for everyone's patience with the merchandise. The lovely Emily had her bundle of joy come 4 weeks early which made it difficult to fill orders but I will be collecting them shortly so come and grab your hoodies and check out the other great things that Emily has knocked up for us. Ash.

**Check These Out!**



Gifts from The Little Gecko Coffee Shop!

Tasty Meals at the Mountain View !



**Toora Motors – New Premises – Back In Business**

Toora Motors has now begun operating in new premises at 7 Denman Street Tooraweenah. Stephen Watt kindly extends his thanks to everyone for their continued support. From the start of August Steve will be offering all customers during the month of August a **FREE REGULAR COFFEE** from the Little Gecko Coffee Shop when paying for their Rego inspections at the time the service is provided. (No accounts for this offer) All previous mechanical services

from Toora Motors and general store will continue with the added service of **ON SITE REPAIRS.** Steve will be offering monthly specials as he proceeds with the new business. Eftpos facility are also available at the workshop and mobile (onsite). The same telephone contact of 6848 1182 continues, also Mobile: 0466 472 897. Steve is looking forward to continuing to work with local businesses. Please give him a call!

**👉 Diary Dates 2020**

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

**Saturday August 16th**  
Tooraweenah Lions Club & Show  
Charity Golf Day

**Activities may be subject to change!**

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



**Councillors’ continue to make representations in relation to the condition of our rural roads network.**

**Customer complaints and customer requests should be lodged online whenever possible.**

The level of genuine road conditions flood damage and general deterioration of gravel road conditions complaints is now significant. Unfortunately there is no simple solution given the magnitude of what is required.

Separate rain events, I understand since February, now total 3. This has resulted in flood damage claims, which take time for processing, and if approved, are limited to funding for “localised” restoration works only.

Flood damage submission 1 has now been approved and works are scheduled to commence, but they are not in the Tooraweenah area. It is envisaged a 2

stage restoration process may be implemented, subject to weather conditions.

Kathryn Larkin’s Community Engagement team are working on disseminating information to be made available to rural residents, which will highlight what works will be done, priorities, and the planned road works schedule.

Berakee Quarry intersection on Collie Road has been completed.

Councillors’ have had a briefing on progress on the Inland Rail project through Gil Shire. An Environmental Impact Statement will be prepared once corridor alignment is finalised.

Work has commenced on the DA and Master Plan for the Grain Corp Industrial Precinct.

Council decided upon Rural Roads Betterment Program \$355k funding, allocated to Biddon Creek erosion restoration, Dooroombah Rd concrete causeway over a culvert.

Gundy’s Creek, Mendooran Road floodway seal extension ( Flood damage claim pending in relation to culvert restoration works.) and 2 other projects. Local community sentiment is that Gundy Creek culvert should ultimately be replaced with a concrete causeway because of recurrent flood damage.

*Cr Brian Mockler*



*Sam Tricky centre, welcomes Hamish Jenkin left & Harper Wykes right on their first day of transition to school.*

*Lilly, Daisy & Holly inspect the remarkable growth of our vegies over the holiday break!*



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



Most of us have at least a house dog or two ,and many of us also have working dogs, sometimes multiple.

And while we have all worked out systems to control our pets

there are plenty of ways to fine tune our pets behaviour and work/training

standards.

Kelpies need affection, bonding and work. They will not tolerate harsh handling and lack of communication . You want the pup to want to come to you, not having to chase it to get control of it.

When calling your puppy to you, always get down to their level and call the pup by name in a higher pitched and soothing voice, hold your arms down under their eye line and coax the pup towards you with your fingers facing up.

There is nothing more intimidating to a pup than a giant human monsterring over the top them when coming toward them.

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Brendan Butler ,Oakfield Kelpies

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**Lions Roar**



Pretty quiet in Toora Lions at present. **Monthly meetings just started** back at our legendry water hole, the Mountain View Hotel.

COVID public health orders and restrictions limit our capacity with activities.

**In July we managed a social distancing wood cut with chainsaws at 4 metres apart.** Our small team of volunteers cut and split 6 good quality loads of ironbark wood, all delivered to keep our local senior citizens warm in the comfort of

their homes. Surprisingly, Lord Lester was quite busy, as chief log splitter operator, barking directions as our Team Leader, although no one took any notice! Our stalwart member, **Lion Len McKenzie ( aka Macca ) is showing signs of being an octogenarian, that is 80 years young.** He has had his "ticker" checked out recently. Suffice to say that this topic has been the subject of some ridicule. For the record it is not true that he does not have a heart!! , nor is it true that he will require micro surgery to find it. ( medical

technology advances have solved that problem)  
**We wish Macca well as he prepares to have some heart valve R & M routine 80k service.**  
**Reminder of the combined Toora Lions and Toora Show charity golf day on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> August at Toora Golf Links**  
 This is an opportunity for a social distancing outing for members and friends of both local organisations.  
*Lion Mock*

**Tooraweenah CWA**



Our members have been isolated for many months this year due to COVID 19, hopefully this is now coming to

an end as we endeavour to hold our **meeting on Wednesday, 12th August in the Mountain View dining room.** With numbers limited to 16 please get your RSVP to Denise or Beverley prior to the meeting date.

Proceedings will get underway from 10.00am and Members can bring their own morning tea. Unfortunately, no sharing. Tea & Coffee will be available for \$2 .

**Exciting news, the Telstra 4G Small Cell** project is progressing well (see article on Front page) We encourage anyone from across our community to consider making a pledge to our President Beverley or email Jill [gundair1@bigpond.com](mailto:gundair1@bigpond.com) , just in case the dollars are needed.

Sadly, with the cancellation of the Tooraweenah Show our **fundraising opportunities have been effected**, so, how can members help? Please bring along some ideas, look outside the square,

even those who aren't able to attend can email or ring Beverley or Denise and put forward your suggestions. I am sure we can come up with some exciting new opportunities.

**Yearly Fees of \$42.50 are now due** and can be paid by Direct Transfer to BSB: 633-108 A/C Number: 157572728 with your name as a reference please or place in an envelope with details and give to Lester or put in the Post to P.O. Box 9 Tooraweenah NSW 2817. Thank you.

**Our educational Grants for Primary School students** going into Secondary School in 2021 and students already in Secondary School are now available. Application forms can be obtained by phone or email to Denise or Beverley. The student does not need to be a child of a CWA member.

**Our Market Day in Hunter Park** on Saturday July 18 was very successful with a great number of stalls and quite a few people coming to wonder around. Every stall holder followed all COVID 19 protocols.

**Our next Market day will be Saturday**

**15th August in Hunter Park from 10am to 1pm.** If members would like to sell their wares please phone Denise or Anne Armstrong so they can allot you a space. Looking forward to seeing familiar faces on the 12 August. Stay well and safe until then.

*Cath Waller Publicity*



**Mountain View Hotel  
Tooraweenah**

**Lions Club Meeting  
Wednesday 5th Aug 7pm  
Tooraweenah CWA Meeting  
Wednesday 12th Aug 10am**

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A Reminder to all our patrons that we are a COVID safe business, so hand sanitiser needs to be used on entry as well as signing into our sign in sheet. We need to remember to keep seated and to be mindful of social distances of 1.5m from each other. Regular cleaning is being done to keep everything sanitised.  
**A massive Thank You to everyone** for their cooperation as we continue to be COVID safe and to keep up with all the new regulations and restrictions.

**Tooraweenah Community Bus** offers a **door-to-door pick up from 9am to Gilgandra for essential transport, with restrictions returning earlier to Tooraweenah.**

**Schedule for 2020:**  
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## Tooraweenah Public School

### Welcome Back

We have welcomed students back to school for Term 3 and are ready for another productive and successful term ahead.

On the school development day, teachers completed training in School Excellence, reflected on current practices and planned collegially.

Mrs Hutchison will be continuing to job share with Mrs Jenkin for the remainder of the year, as Mrs Zell has extended her leave.

### Tooraweenah Creek Environmental

#### Activities



The activities at the Tooraweenah Creek late last term, saw students go fishing for micro-invertebrates.

They scooped with their nets

and rinsed in a bucket of water. Any wrigglers were sucked up with a big syringe and then put into an ice cube tray. They then examined them under a microscope and classified them from a chart of micro-invertebrates. We are very thankful to Wes and Ange from the Warrumbungle National Park Environmental Education Centre (WEEC) for organising these activities. Thanks also to Mrs Peart and Mrs Jenkin for all their help on the day.

#### COVID-19 Update

We have enjoyed the easing of some COVID-19 restrictions over the past two weeks and are thankful that some school activities have been able to resume. Recent changes include:

- All visitors to the school are required to sign in at the school office and complete an External Visitors to the School Form. This provides details of COVID-19 processes and procedures while on the grounds and collect contact tracing details in the case of an outbreak. These forms are stored securely and kept for a period of 4 weeks.
- On Fridays, Petria has resumed SRE (Scripture), Library and Technology lessons since the revising of COVID-19 guidelines for Term 3. Canteen has also resumed this term.
- P&C Meetings are able to resume on site with strict social distancing, although on-line meetings are preferred. Community Use activities such as Connect Five are able to resume this Term with processes in place for this to be conducted safely.

#### Garden Thriving

Students have been amazed at the growth they have seen in the school vegetable gardens over the school holiday period. They have been able to take home some of the amazing produce including spinach,

silverbeet, cos lettuce and butter lettuce. The canteen will no doubt be able to utilise some produce over the coming weeks too.

#### Netball Coaching

As the restrictions for non-departmental providers has been lifted, we were able to utilise the expertise of Rowena from Netball NSW for a netball coaching session last week. This saw the final two lessons from Term 1's Sporting Schools funded coaching sessions completed.

#### Transition to School

Our transition to school program started on Monday with some very excited new students joining us in the classroom. It was a pleasure to welcome Hamish and Harper to 'big school' and we look forward to welcoming Bonnie next week. Thank you to our students for being wonderful role models and helping out wherever needed. Transition students joined in our classroom activities based around the book 'Dan, the Flying Man' and had plenty of opportunities to explore literacy and numeracy activities and practice fine motor skills. We greatly look forward to seeing our new Transition friends here at school each Monday.

#### Donation of Books



to donate books to the school's library. Michelle had initially contacted a podcast group seeking books for her own class during March when second hand bookshops were closed due to COVID-19. Michelle was flooded with offers of support from generous people willing to donate books both new and used. Michelle's husband Nathan Harvey, who attended school here at Tooraweenah in the 1990s suggested contacting our school. The result was this amazing collection of books including sets of Harry Potter, Hatchet, The One and Only Ivan as well as various David Walliams picture books, being sent to our school. We are absolutely thrilled with the kind donations and send our thanks to Michelle, Nathan and the generous podcast subscribers who donated these books.

#### Small Schools Athletics Carnival

The Small Schools' Athletics Carnival that was scheduled to take place this term has been postponed until Term 4. The new date is Friday 30th October.

Sadly, the Bird Olympics (Week 4) and National Science Week (Week 5) excursions have been cancelled due to COVID-19.

#### Education Week

We have been greatly missing having parents

and community visiting school for special events during the past months. In order to celebrate Education Week, next week students will be engaging in some special events here at school and with parents through online platforms.

- Wednesday 5th - 'Film by...' Film Festival
- Thursday 6th – Book Fair starts
- Friday 7th – Tooraweenah's Own Mini Film Festival

#### On Wednesday, students will be viewing the 'Film by ...' virtual student film festival.

This key event for Education Week 2020, will be the livestream of the *best of 'Film by ...'* films, in a virtual student film festival. Students will be in for a celebration of student creativity on SCREEN, presented by 'Film by ...' Aussie Kids.

The festival will include a message about student filmmaking by 'Film by ...' patron, Bryan Brown and an opportunity to vote for their favourite film in a People's Choice award

#### During Education Week, we will be hosting a Scholastic Book Fair from Thursday 6th August to Thursday 13th August.

Unfortunately, it will not be possible for parents and adults to attend the book fair this year, due to restrictions on visitors.

Students can make a 'wish list' to take home for parent approval. To assist parents in helping students choose books to purchase, we will use the school's Facebook page to share book titles available. Friends and family, as well as community members are welcome to purchase books from the book fair. To organise a purchase please phone the school on 0268481073 or [email tooraweenah.p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:email.tooraweenah.p.school@det.nsw.edu.au). Purchases from the book fair earn books for our school library. Thank you to Petria Cameron for running the Book Fair for us again this year.

**On Friday 7th August we will be holding our own mini film festival at school during Friday's assembly and will be sharing some of these with parents via Google Classroom. Keep your eye on the school's Facebook page for some more celebrations of students learning during the week.**

Karen Smith Principal  
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Everyone enjoyed fishing for invertebrates, scooping them up with their nets.

## Tooraweenah Preschool 'Developing Wings of Independence'

We have all had a restful school holiday break and everyone was happy to return to preschool. We are excited to welcome 'Miss Leonie' (Harvey) as our new bus driver three days a week, allowing Miss Marie and Miss Shannon more time to get ready for each day's special activities and learning experiences.

**The children have enjoyed playing with our new jungle animal figurines that we have added to our collection and were excited to discover there are also some unicorn figurines. (Unicorns are a favourite mystical animal for several of our preschool friends.)**

The saying "A picture says a thousand words" has been evident at preschool with our new mini posters of Aboriginal symbols, being displayed throughout our room. *(See photo below)*



Miss Marie was sent this resources kit from a colleague who is the Aboriginal Liaison Officer at her school. They include symbols representing items such as mountains, waterholes, people, campsites and gatherings, animals, weapons, and nature in general and are universal, allowing them to be used on all Aboriginal country. The children easily and confidently recognize these symbols now and have really taken to looking at and discussing the different symbols, with a clear understanding of what each symbol represents and means. This has been learnt in a very short amount of



time. The children have even taken to drawing symbols and pictures in the sandpit *(see photo above)* and related these back to the symbols on display in

our room.

We have enjoyed reading several stories each day, including some based around Aboriginal culture and Aboriginal artwork / pictures that have generated some interesting discussions, with children freely sharing their thoughts and ideas. We have been busy singing and dancing to both Miss Marie playing the piano and to the CD's. We are great little groovers to dances such as "Kangaroo Hop", "Silly Sausage Dance", "Freeze", "The Wombat Wobble" and "The Moon Dance".

**Outside at our 'tool table'** the children



have been really busy working hard, hammering and using the screwdrivers - we now have some wood screws for the children to work with, as well as some nuts and bolts. If anyone has some old items that the children can use for the 'tool table' (either to pull apart or to join up with screws, nuts and bolts etc) that are not too big and don't represent a high 'risk' factor ie safety wise, then we would love to hear from you as we need more items for our busy children who are loving this 'real life' experience when we are outside. We have real tools with safety goggles to wear and lots of busy builders and workers who are keen to either pull things apart or join things up. Recently we have been hammering and using some 'elastic wires' that were holding the new jungle animals in the boxes to make fences and patterns, like spider webs. One friend suggested "We just need a real life shed kit'..... Miss Marie was thinking more along the lines

of a small metal 'mechana' set and some wood - with pre-drilled holes in it for screws as well as nuts and bolts! Who knows what we will end up with at the 'tool table'!

We are very excited to welcome some new preschool friends and their families to Tooraweenah Preschool this term and we can't wait to play with them and get to know them better during our fun and busy days.

We are always happy to make new preschool friends so if you know of any little people who are 3 years old and would like to come and join us at preschool, please do not hesitate to call us Tuesday to Friday, 8am - 4pm on 6848 1060.

Miss Marie.

Marie Jacobsen

Nominated Supervisor



The Tooraweenah Preschool would love your support as we plan for the rest of 2020 and beyond.

Our goal is to collect as many sheep and lambs as possible during the months of July and August, with them to be sold as a bulk lot through the Dubbo saleyards at the beginning of September.

The Tooraweenah Preschool will receive 100% of the proceeds to help us [with refurbishments and supplies](#) for our littlest learners.

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