



**Gilgandra Shire Council Centenary of Armistice 1918 - 2018,
Memorial Unveiling—Returned Soldier Sculpture by Brett Mon Garling**



Lester Thurston, Acting Mayor Ash Walker, Brett Mon Garling, Sonny Sandford and Tooraweenah Public School Students pictured with the newly unveiled, Sculpture of the Returned Soldier on Sunday, the 11th November 2018 in commemoration of the Centenary of Armistice.

The Gilgandra Shire Council, Kylie Moppett and Bret Mon Garling have been instrumental in making this project possible and must be acknowledged for their work.

In a moving performance, the K-6 students from Tooraweenah Public School presented *Oh Passchendaele* to a more than 100 strong crowd. **More page 2**



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Inspirational Applications Submitted - All Successful

Cr Brian Mockler described the Tooraweenah applications for Drought Relief funding an "inspirational suite of applications and; we can embrace ownership of the talents of those who devised the approved projects" which are listed below.

Tooraweenah Preschool : \$35k Under 5 Playground equipment

Tooraweenah CWA : \$11k Address access and WH&S

Gilgandra Cricket Assoc : \$37k Tooraweenah oval wicket/seating/shelter

Tooraweenah Show-: \$224k 2018 Show event plus major infrastructure works

Cr Mockler went on to acknowledge the skills and efforts of Councils Management, community engagement and economic development teams, "they have been absolutely amazing." **More page 4**

A big THANK YOU to all our contributors, written and photographic. We look forward to working with you all during 2019 to highlight all things great about living working & playing in the Tooraweenah. District. Jenny & Jill



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Tooraweenah Public School



Transition to school

Our ten week transition to school program for 2018 has concluded. It has been a pleasure to get to know our transition students **Catlin and Sam** and help them prepare for their Kindergarten journey next year.

CWA International Country of Study

Congratulations to Lexi Trickey and Tom McDonell whose country of study entries competed at the CWA Macquarie Group judging. Both students received 'Highly Commended' for their entries and won a certificate as well as prize money. A great achievement indeed.

Remembrance Day

The unveiling of the Returned Soldier was a very special event for Tooraweenah. It marked the Centenary of Armistice, and brought the Tooraweenah community together to commemorate the end of World War I.

The talented artist, Brett Garling, who created the bronze statue, spoke about the significance of Tooraweenah to his family over generations. Staff of the Tooraweenah Public School received many positive comments about the students' singing of *Oh Passchendaele* and they are to be commended on the way they represented the school.

Carols on Norton and Royal Far West Moorambilla Tour

Congratulations to Tom McDonell who has been offered a place on Moorambilla's Carols on Norton and Royal Far West Tour. Tom will be

participating in this tour, being the last for the year. He will be joining Leichardt Espresso Chorus and the Inner West Children's Chorus to sing at Carols on Norton on Sunday 16 December and then to perform at the official opening of the Royal Far West new multimillion dollar building. We wish him luck with his creative pursuits.

EOI for Cleaner at Tooraweenah PS

If you are interested in a job as a cleaner here at Tooraweenah Public School, there is currently an opportunity for you.

An expression of interest (EOI) form is available at the school. The job is 28 hours per fortnight (2hrs 51 mins per day). For more information, contact the school and we can pass on an information pack including job description and application form.

Bendigo Bank Technology Grant

The Gilgandra Branch of Bendigo Bank is supporting schools in the Gilgandra area with a very generous grant of \$40,000 towards the purchase of creative technology. Tooraweenah Public School is excited to be part of the project which will be lead by Chantel Chandler Gilgandra Public School. Teachers from Gilgandra Public School, St Joseph's School and Tooraweenah Public School met on Monday to discuss the \$40,000 Bendigo Bank Grant and how this may be utilized and implemented in our schools. Discussions and organization is ongoing and we look forward to liaising further to create a joint vision. Thank you to Petria Cameron who was part of this meeting and had plenty of ideas to share from both James and herself. It is wonderful that we have volunteers so willing to invest in the education of our students.

Open Day

We were very pleased to welcome so many new faces into the school for our Open Day. Thank you to our staff for all

their preparation for the day and also to our parents and grandparents who came along to support the school and find out about new projects.

Our students did a wonderful job of meeting new families and talking about the types of opportunities both in and out of the classroom offered at our school. We were able to showcase some of the Explicit Instruction (Fleming Effective Teaching Model) lessons in the school and demonstrate the types of highly effective and engaging learning we are able to provide in a small class setting.

John Fleming Excursion

From a professional development perspective, the excursion to Gilgandra to be mentored by John Fleming was another very worthwhile day. Students were integrated into Gilgandra Public School classes and teachers were able to view several Daily Writing Warm-ups from teachers at Gilgandra Public School. Mr Fleming demonstrated the next phase of his model, Explicit Genre Writing, and has left resources for us to begin to use as well as videos of teachers using the technique in their classrooms.

Swim School

During Swim School, Week 8, 3rd-7th December, we will take the opportunity while in Gilgandra to visit Coo-ee Lodge and Windmill Cottage one day each to spread some Christmas cheer and entertain with some songs.

Please read page 3 for all the School Concert details.

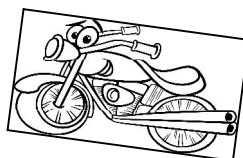
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Schedule for 2018/ 2019:

December 11 only
January 8 & 22 February 12 & 26

Always the second and fourth
Tuesdays of the month
Please ring to book: 6817 8750

Around The Traps

Tooraweenah LPO

The rainfall for Tooraweenah for November was 39.0mm falling over 7 days with a YTD total of 357.5mm over 44 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. December is a busy time for Australia Post and correct addresses ensures prompt delivery. Please bring your parcel cards with you as they have the number of items to be collected.

A reminder that the Tooraweenah Post Code is 2817

Pub Community BBQ's

The November BBQs at the hotel were run by the Tooraweenah Golf Club and the December BBQ's will be run by the Tooraweenah Lions Club, watch the local notice boards for menus and the club will be having raffles closer to Christmas. Come on down and support the club that supports Tooraweenah.

Lions Clothing Bin

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

Coo-ee Heritage Centre Exhibition

"Honour Our Freedom - Centenary of Armistice" Art Exhibition 31 October to 16th December 2018

School Presentation Night & Concert

Our annual Presentation Night and Concert will be held on Thursday 13th December at 6pm.

This year's concert has a 'summer and Christmas' theme. Rehearsals are underway to make it a performance to remember.

Students are participating in shaping the

script of the concert and have plenty of great ideas so far.

We would like to warmly invite the families, friends and any interested community members to the presentation night and concert.

New Recycling Trailer Launched



The new Recycling Trailer was recently launched in the Village. This facility is available for rural residents to continue with their recycling efforts. Pictured is Lion, Lester Thurston taking the new trailer fully loaded with recycled material to Carlinda for sorting. Another project completed by Toora Lions in consultation with Council for everyone's benefit.

Christmas Celebrations

To find out everything that is happening during December check the School news page 2, Lions Club News, Mountain View Hotel ad on page 5 plus Christmas Carols at the Presbyterian Church on Saturday 22 December.

These activities are a great way to "stay connected" with your community.

Vale Tony (Buster) Morse

Our community extends their Sympathy to the Morse family following the death of their husband and Father, Tony (Buster) Morse of Spire View Coonabarabran. Many relatives and friends attended a Memorial Service at 3.00pm on Saturday 1st December 2018 at the Anglican Church Coonabarabran.

Legal Issues for Older People.

Join our panel of lawyers and seniors

rights experts as they explore issues that older people and their families experience when planning for the future.

Tuesday 11 December 2018

10.30 to 12.30 Gilgandra Shire Library.

Bookings 6817 8877

There will be a film screening of the play Piano Forte, which explores elder abuse, followed by a discussion and a chance to ask the panel members questions. Free Refreshments will be provided. Transport is available from the Village with the Community Bus which is \$10 return ring 6817 8750 to book.

Some of the crowd watching the unveiling of the Sculpture by Sonny Sandford on the Centenary of Armistice Day 2018



Celebrate Christmas

**Saturday
22nd December**

With Christmas Carols and Refreshments — 6.30pm
Presbyterian Church

Free Microchipping Day
Make sure they come home!

WHEN: SATURDAY
8 DECEMBER

WHERE: "PIONEER
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TIME: 9AM-2PM

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++ Microchipping is open for both cats and dogs. Please ensure dogs are on a lead and cats are in a cage or a box

++ Free microchipping is open to all Gilgandra Shire residents - please bring along proof of residency

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Gilgandra Shire Council

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Councillors Corner



What do we actually do and try to achieve as Council representatives, and how does your Council interact and engage with our Shire community??

As I see it, we are amongst other responsibilities, advocates to promote and prioritise the funding of community projects, to listen, and to be pro active and responsible with our collective decision making. So where are we at?? Council resolved to prioritise Federal Government Drought Relief Funds for "community activities and projects." What an inspirational suite of applications were submitted. Locally at Toora we can embrace ownership of the talents of

those who devised the approved projects:

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Add to that Council generated successful grant funding applications, under the Stronger Communities Funding Program, for Village beautification- Warrumbungle GK Rohr Viewing Platform (including path with a viaduct I suspect!) to Recreation ground— \$63k; additional playground equipment- \$21k; tennis hit up wall, 50/50 funding \$5,775; plus installation of brand new cricket nets.

May I suggest we take a moment to acknowledge the skills and efforts, particularly of Council Management and community engagement/ economic development teams, they have been absolutely amazing. They are supported by the Tooraweenah Management Committee volunteer members with a sub committee asked to manage a combined \$56k budget to deliver playground and associated infrastructure facilities. How good is that!! To me this represents amazing and REAL achievements for our local community and deserves a big "thank you" from us Tooraweenahites.

Cr Brian Mockler

Happy New Year!

Tooraweenah CWA



It was lovely to see so many faces attending our November meeting. Welcome to Heather Davidson. We hope your time with Tooraweenah

CWA is a happy one.

Our Branch awarded the first Lorna Jenkin Trophy to Tom McDonnell to help him with his transition to Gilgandra High School. Tom was also awarded the Irene Ashton Memorial Education Grant. Our congratulations. Members will be enjoying their Christmas

Party at Tibuc in the Warrumbungle Mountains at the time the Bungles is distributed on Monday 3rd December.

We were excited to learn Gilgandra Shire Council awarded our Branch \$11,000 to improve our rooms. Our thanks to our President Beverley Pike who put the wheels in motion.

To Carrie Morse and her family our thoughts and prayers are with you all during this sad time.

Some statistics of interest to members. State & National bodies of CWA received

2,925 applications for funding support. \$350k is distributed each week. In total \$4.71 million has been distributed for drought support.

Our next meeting will be held on the 2nd Wednesday in February 2019.

We wish everyone a happy, holy and wet Christmas and New Year.

Cath Waller
Publicity



Lions Roar



Toora Lions members supported the Gilgandra Show Drought Event on the 17th of November with a willing band of volunteer workers in the Lions (Ex Apex) squeaky clean Steak Van.

Fortunately we passed the formal Event Induction because of Len McKenzie's expertise as an event caterer. Shame he didn't hear anything. So we were let loose with our catering for the enthusiastic crowd as the entertainment geared up. The speedway mob were our friendly fire competition on the night.

You may be surprised but Lester was "challenged" trying to fit into some sort of high viz safety vest, not many are made to fit his physique, which is quite unique really!!

Congratulations to the organisers on an entertainment filled evening. And thanks to our team organiser, Captain Lester Thurston and his offiders, including apprentice BBQ chef Gary Gesell. We are confident he will be a success, just not quite sure at what!!

We catered for about 400 or so throughout the evening. This only happens because of the efforts of our volunteer members who join in and have fun, just ask Jade Zell and her kidlets!

With the festive season fast approaching we have lots of activities to publicise.

Toora Lions are catering at the Mountain View Hotel during December, check out each weekend's menu on the community notice board.

Our wonderful band of volunteers will be there every December Saturday EXCEPT the weekend before Xmas, when the BBQ catering will be on Friday 21st December to fit in with the Tooraweenah and Pub's Christmas party event.

Hopefully Santa will "tuck his tummy in his dacks" this year, and he will have undertaken and completed a fitness regime during the last 12mths.

The Lions Club will be running Christmas hams & cherry raffles for the 3 weekends leading up to Christmas.

So, come along and enjoy the hospitality of Ash Jenkin and the "Elfs" staff at the Mountain View Hotel.

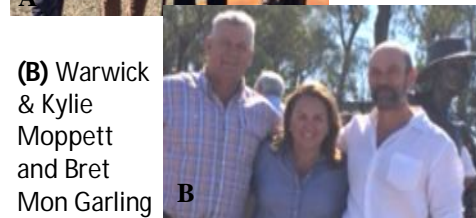
A reminder, Christmas cakes and, Mini Cakes for those on diets!!, are available at all of our franchisee outlets in Tooraweenah.

As a community service we take this opportunity to extend our Club's compliments of the Christmas Season to each and everyone who makes Tooraweenah the special place it is, the "city" nestled in the foothills of and gateway to the Warrumbungle Mountains and all other places of cultural and regional significance.

Lion Mock



Centenary of Armistice
(A) Cr Ash Walker, Bret Mon Garling, Sonny Sandford



(B) Warwick & Kylie Moppett and Bret Mon Garling



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Drink specials throughout the night

Monday 31st New Years Eve
DJ from 7pm
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