

Toora Bungles



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Lions Roar with Lion Mock



January is traditionally rest and relaxation month for Toora Lions members, as we re-energise for the challenges of 2021. Hopefully Covid-19 public health orders will not limit our community activities this year as we prepare for our first 2021 meeting on Wednesday February 3 at the Mountain View Hotel under the leadership of President Kathryn Larkin and offsider Lord Lester Thurston.

The Senior Citizens lunch is scheduled for St Paddy's day, on March 17. We have engaged the services of a professional chef this year to tantalise the taste buds of our guests. It will

also be a timely occasion to think of club and community members who are no longer with us, as we remember them.

Despite the 2020 lockdown which curtailed a lot of club activities, Toora Lions Club, under the stewardship of President Kathryn and her team, have been nominated for two Gilgandra Shire Council Australia Day Awards. The first is for Community Event, being the December Mardi Gras, the second nomination is for Community Group of 2020 .

Great to see some acknowledgement and recognition of the role Tooraweenah Lions Club members play in our local and shire communities.

Councillor's Corner with Cr Brian Mockler

Gilgandra region Shop Local Program, in its twelfth year, saw a significant spend in the lead up to Christmas as the community bounced back from years of drought and the year that was 2020, due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Approximately 9,500 entries contributed over \$1.56m to the Gilgandra community. The concept for weekly multiple shared winners was an innovation thanks to the input of businesses and the Shire's representative Economic Development Committee. In conjunction with Gilgandra CWA Evening Branch, council hosted Christmas Twilight markets and launched the new laneways space between 3D's Butchery, with the theme *Endless Possibilities*. Council's laneways activation project has been funded through NSW State Government programs and trials the transformation of laneways, the riverside carpark, a shared zone and pedestrian friendly area. The Business Improvement Grant (BIG IDEAS) Program is a key part of the Grow Gilgandra program and has been established to stimulate economic development opportunities and investment in businesses in the Gilgandra region. Businesses can apply in early 2021 for two rounds of funding, up to \$5k and \$10k, matched for business projects.

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Tooraweenah Golf Club News with Sarah Hill

Despite the problems caused by Covid-19, meaning only fifty per cent of matches could be played in 2020 the golf club had a successful year. Membership grew slightly and sponsors continued to support the club. New equipment in the form of a ride-on mower and a second-hand bunker rake have been purchased to help with the maintenance of the grounds.

This year the club is looking to build its membership even more and is planning some 'Hit & Giggle' days where new players can pair up with some of the club's more experienced players and learn how to swing a club, followed by some 'novice' games to encourage those who may feel a little intimidated by the whole golf 'thing'!

Upcoming days for your diary began with a working bee on Saturday January 30. The next meeting is on Tuesday February 9 at 6.30pm at The Mountain View Hotel. The season will start on Saturday March 6.

The match program will be finalised soon and advertised in the Toora Bungles, on Facebook, at the Mountain View and in the CRT window. Keep your eyes peeled for further info!

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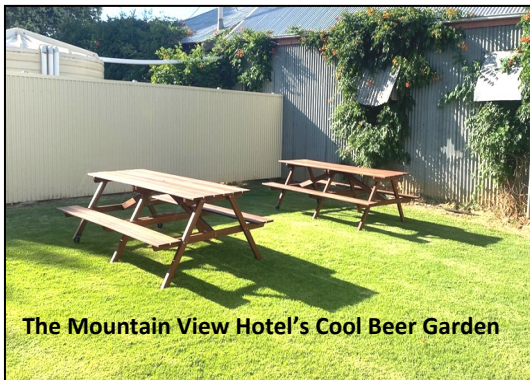
Mountain View Hotel News with Ash Jenkin

We hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable Christmas! A massive thank you to my amazing staff for a testing but rewarding year! A thank you to all my wonderful patrons who have supported us through the year and for keeping business ticking over!

Save the Dates

Saturday February 6 2021

Tooraweenah Cup at Gilgandra Races. Bus leaving pub at 11am, returning 6pm. Bookings essential at Mountain View.



The Mountain View Hotel's Cool Beer Garden

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Around The Traps with Lester and Police News with Constable Iain Hayes

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The Post Office is operating normal hours and we will try to maintain normal service. Please keep up the social distancing and sanitizing and hopefully we can remain Covid free.

Rainfall for Tooraweenah for January 2021 was 89.6mm over three days.

Lions Clothing Bin

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

Toora Lions Club

The club will hold its monthly meeting at the Mountain View Hotel on Wednesday February 3 at 7 for 7.30pm. Please book with Ash Jenkin on 6848 1017.

Congratulations to the Tooraweenah Lions Club on their nominations for **Gilgandra Shire Community Event of the Year and Community Group of the Year**. The club was successful with the **Community Group of the Year** and Tess Schulz collected the prize on behalf of the club.

Locals Sue Daly and Jim and Lyn McNaught have both

recently sold their homes in Tooraweenah to settle elsewhere. The club wishes you all well and thanks you for your contribution to the Tooraweenah community. Looking forward to seeing everyone back for another year of serving the community.

Telstra Tower 4G small cell.

The Telstra tower is progressing although its installation could be a little slower than was originally thought. I can confirm that all the relevant legal documentation has been completed by the parties concerned and a DA for construction will go to Gilgandra Shire Council's next meeting. From that point it should all be go ahead. The community has been very patient and we hope the new service will be all we expected.

Safety Advice from Constable Iain Hayes

A timely reminder to all regarding speed zones in the Tooraweenah township and particularly around the school. School zone limits are 40km per hour and are enforceable and it is essential that everyone uses seatbelts at all times.

Happy motoring and stay safe

Preschool News with Nominated Supervisor, Marie Jacobsen

Welcome back to Tooraweenah Preschool for 2021! We hope everyone had a restful, fun and safe time over the holidays, enjoying the rain even if it means extra mowing.

We are so excited about seeing our preschool friends and their families too. We hope everyone received their special letter in the mail prior to coming back to preschool.

Children attend preschool on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, 8am-3.30pm. There are still positions available on these days if you'd like your child to come. Please give us a call on 6848 1060 and we will send an enrolment package to you or leave one with Lester and Helen at the Tooraweenah Post Office. Thank you Lester and Helen.

With Covid-19 restrictions in place, parents are allowed on the premises with their child on the first day to help get organized. The first day is deemed 'an essential service', however, after this families will be asked to stay at the front gate of the school and staff will meet them there each morning and afternoon. Our preschool bus service will operate on Wednesday and Friday when we have staff available and will only go to children who are not on an existing school bus route and cannot access preschool.

Miss Sarah is back this year, working on Wednesdays and

Fridays, along with Miss Shannon and Miss Marie. Miss Marie will work four days a week, with Tuesdays in the office and Miss Shannon, three days, with Wednesday in the office.

A big 'Thank You' to preschool parent, Paul Lambell, for realigning and laying the paving on either side of our new bridge to complete our bike track circuit. It looks amazing! This bridge and bike circuit was a project from last July and this was the final stage for completion. It will certainly make a huge difference to our playground area and we look forward to riding our bikes, and using the bridge in general, when we play and explore. Thank you so very much Paul and also a big thank you to Benn Jenkin and Matt Howard for their assistance with this work. Also a big thank you to Semmler's Sand and Gravel in Gilgandra for donating the cracker dust for the paving job. We are very grateful to you all for your support and assistance.

As always, we are blessed to live in such a wonderful community and are so fortunate to have such a wonderful preschool right here in Tooraweenah. I look forward to keeping you up-to-date about what is happening at preschool through future editions of the 'Toora Bungles'. Looking forward to a fabulous year ahead!



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As we reported in the January edition, in late November 2020 the Tooraweenah district suffered the loss of three of its well-known and respected residents, with the deaths of Sam Blackman of 'Gundair', Len McKenzie of 'Kanandra' Gilgandra and Lana Gale, late of 'Glenore' Tooraweenah. While we have briefly acknowledged the contribution both Len and Lana made to the local district, it is only now that we can record some of the tributes made to Sam Blackman at the service held for him at the Tooraweenah Showground.

Sam Blackman Sam Blackman, late of 'Gundair' Tooraweenah, passed away on November 18, 2020. At his funeral service at Tooraweenah Showground, his wife Jill, sons Simon, Timothy and Mitchel and their families were joined by many friends who had known Sam for most of his life. As well as Jill's loving tribute and memories, vivid memories were recalled in eulogies offered by Mitchel, John Estens, Shane Buckley, Owen Cross, Dave McMaster, Fran Estens and Mary Blackman.

All spoke with sincerity and warmth of the times they had spent with Sam and his endless kindness to each. From 1950s school days at Tooraweenah to those at The Scots School Bathurst where Sam had his share of punishment for smoking behind the hobby room shed; to the exploits and excitement of rabbit and roo shooting; explosive 'black powder' and ammonium nitrate experimentation; fast cars and pretty girls,

Sam enjoyed life as a young man of his time. An underlying theme was his selfless help and generosity. With a talent for mechanics, experience with farming and an aptitude for woodturning, many friends were grateful recipients of his time and gifts. He produced beautiful objects from wood, giving many to friends as well as selling them in the local district.

Sam's knowledge and love of the natural world, its rocks, plants, birds and other animals, stemmed from early childhood rambles with his mother and her sister, Shane Buckley's mother. Fran Estens spoke with deep appreciation of Sam's support on the death of her husband, Geoff, a close childhood friend of Sam, and of Sam's ongoing assistance whenever it was needed. Sam also contributed to many organisations in Tooraweenah over his lifetime.

Sam's marriage to Jill Black of Coonabarabran was the event that tied together the strands of his life, with all speakers acknowledging that Jill was the perfect wife for him. Their long years together and the birth of their three sons saw the family consolidated with a father who enjoyed patiently sharing his knowledge of farming, mechanics, camping, fishing and the universe itself. The marriages of Timothy and Mitchel and the arrival of Sam and Jill's grandchildren, brought more happiness to the couple. As all have affirmed, Sam will be sorely missed and fondly remembered for the important place he held in so many lives.

Tooraweenah CWA News with Cath Waller



2021 has arrived and we take the opportunity to wish everyone a Happy New Year and one free from health concerns. We will all be pleased if the Covid-19 restrictions can be lifted before long.

Although our first meeting won't be until March 16, Tooraweenah CWA is having a get-together at Sporties in Gilgandra on February 10 at 11:30. With New Year enthusiasm we will hold a special International Women's Day event in the park at Tooraweenah on Sunday March 7 with lunch for \$11 per person. Full details are in the advertisement in this edition with

enquiries and bookings to Bev Pike on 6948 1190. Of special interest will be a guest speaker whose subject is the country of Ecuador. Come along and bring a friend.

The Tooraweenah Markets will resume on the third Saturday in March, the 20th. Sip 'n' Sew gets underway at 10am on March 9, with the first formal meeting for the year to be held on March 16 at 10am. Please continue to bring your own morning tea to meet Covid requirements.

With a busy year ahead, it's ...
"Bye for Now", Cath Waller
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Tooraweenah P A & H Association News with Publicity Officer, Sue Armstrong

At the Show meeting on Monday January 25 it was decided that Tooraweenah Show will handle catering for Team Roping at the showground for nine events in 2021. After an initial trial period to fine-tune the catering, the show will invite other community organisations to share the catering workload. Team Roping roster dates will be circulated in the March Toora Bungles when feedback will be invited from interested community groups and a roster can be finalised.

With the current inability of community groups to cater at the Mountain View Hotel on Saturday evenings, the show also proposes, as a trial, to commence catering for and by community groups on the last Saturday of each month. This catering will be held at the showground kitchen and shelter shed. This proposal has been devised to give community groups the opportunity to fundraise through catering activities. Feedback is invited from interested community groups, after which a roster will be prepared.

An Agricultural Grasslands Field Day is also in the planning phase courtesy of show steward Brendan Butler. This will be a major event in our 2021 show calendar and will hopefully become an annual event.

A Covid Plan must be prepared and implemented for all events and activities at the showground. A copy of this plan must be lodged with the show secretary prior to any event. The Agricultural Societies Council of NSW (ASC) has advised

that as for certain activities run by third parties at the showground, the ASC insurance will need to record Tooraweenah PA&H Association as an interested party on their public liability certificate of currency.

The association looks forward to a good year in 2021. We plan to have this year's annual show, on Saturday October 16 within Covid guidelines, bigger and better than ever.

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Hints From The Dog House with Brendan Butler, Oakfield Kelpies

Having run a kelpie stud for a couple of years now, it is good to see some of the early progeny coming through to training and working age. While most of the owners have their own

way of training their pups, and if it works for them then it is a good way of doing it, I occasionally get asked for input on when and how is the best time and way to start a young dog. My own observation and experience with this is that we often tend to be too impatient wanting to get the young

dogs out into the yards and paddocks and get them going.

A pup of four to six months is still very immature and the best training advice for a pup of this age is to get them started on a lead. Once they're walking calmly with you, start teaching them some skills like a stop, walking to heel, getting them to stay in one place and eventually to sit and lie down and come to you on command. A young pup at this age can be let loose on some quiet sheep in a controlled yard to see its level of instinct but should only work in short bursts so as not having the pup lose interest.

If it doesn't show interest all is not lost. A good way to help get them keen is to tie them nearby so they can see and hear another older dog working. I personally don't like having a young dog learn on the go with an older dog especially in the paddock as they quickly learn to ignore your calls from a distance, can knock up and lose interest and you lose all control. Best to start them on their own with the basics one task at a time with plenty of patience and repetition and slowly build their skill and confidence.

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