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### Coming Soon — Veggie Bonanza at the School with a View!



Wes and the team from the Warrumbungle Environmental Education Centre (WEEC) have led a series of highly successful sessions in the Tooraweenah Public School Veggie Patch. Students measured, drilled, screwed and built six garden beds in total, showing their understanding of the processes involved in creating 'wicking beds.

#### Principal, Karen Smith and her team are very thankful to the WEEC staff for their support and expertise.

All six 'wicking beds' have been planted out with seedlings and students have been tending these daily. Students and staff from the (WEEC) have done an amazing job creating these beds and everyone can't wait to reap the harvest!

In 4-12 weeks there could be a surplus of vegetables including spinach, broccoli, cabbage, lettuce, beetroot and chives.

Karen says she has been impressed with the number of students taking a keen interest in spending their lunchtimes creating pathways of bark chips around the new garden beds and tending to the watering.

Karen would like to congratulate students on their effort and achievement in creating these vegetable gardens with staff, while being safe and respectful representatives of our school.

"We can't wait until the COVID-19 restrictions are lifted and we can share our new Veggie Patch with parents and 

### Telstra 4G Small Cell – Getting Closer! - Funding Assured – Works Agreement Signed – Fantastic!



With funding assured through the generosity of three locals and backed by Gilgandra Shire Council's decision to source grant funds, the Telstra, CWA

#### for the Village, is getting closer!

The Works Agreement has now been signed by both parties and Telstra have kicked off the project internally, currently completing some engineering activities to commence the contractor engagement. Telstra is also completing

numerous activities that need to take place including, the design and all the necessary approvals.

Tooraweenah CWA Branch members received tremendous support throughout this process from the Telstra Team, joint project for the Telstra 4G Small Cell Tooraweenah Lions Club members, Gilgandra Shire Council, Village businesses, the school community, residents and all our community groups

> A truly community driven project, with a positive telecommunications boost for connectivity, locally, regionally and across Australia. Fantastic!



**Read the Toora Bungles at:** http://www.gilgandra.nsw.gov.au/Live/Your-Community

#### **Toora Bungles**

# Mental Health, Drought And COVID 19 Please Reach Out For Support

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# **COVID 19**

Important contacts for accurate and up to date information go to;

Federal Government: www.australia.gov.au

NSW State Government: https://preview.nsw.gov.au/covid -19

**Helpline for Businesses Impacted** Tel: 13 28 46

### Gilgandra Shire Council — General Manager Reports

As social distancing restrictions start to • ease, Council facilities are making the appropriate changes to their operations, with many services now open to the public again for the first time since March.

We welcome the relaxation of social distancing measures, but remain equally cautious and continue to monitor advice from NSW Health and the Australian and NSW Governments regarding COVID 19.

Regional tourism has also kicked into gear, with travellers becoming more prominent through our region, with many stopping and spending in our town and villages.

A few topics of interest this month:

Council adopted the 2020/21 Budget and Operational Plan at its meeting held Tuesday 23rd June, which includes a Dump Point to be located at the Tooraweenah Caravan Park.

• The newly constructed walking track from Tooraweenah to the lookout is certainly getting some use, however we'd like to remind users that it is for pedestrians and cyclists only, and should not be used by motorbikes and vehicles. The creek crossing section will be completed as weather conditions permit.

Sealing works along John Renshaw • Drive are planned for the coming weeks, however progress is weather

dependent. Council is aware the road conditions are still of concern and assure residents that the flood damage claim process remains underway and we are working through this as efficiently as possible. The GIL is set to open by the end of June, which will also be home to Visitor Information while the Coo-ee Heritage Centre upgrades are undertaken. If you've had a sneak peak in the windows of the former Target building, you would have seen a wide variety of items on display so be sure

to take a look inside when you are next in Gilgandra! David Neeves General Manager



### New website launched!

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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 times!



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### Around The Traps 🙂

#### Tooraweenah LPO

Currently with the COVID 19 virus, the Post Office is operating during 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 in Tooraweenah.

The rainfall for Tooraweenah for June 2020 was 36.4mm over 5 days, a year to date total of 448.0mm over 41 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 Tondeburine 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 required with the cooler weather approaching.

#### **RIP Vida Wykes.**

Sympathy is extended to the family of Vida Wykes on her passing after a long

available at the time of printing. **Toora Lions club.** The club will hold its first meeting at the Mountain View Hotel on the 1<sup>st</sup> of

illness, no funeral arrangements were

July at 7pm, RSVP to Ash Jenkin at the pub on 68481017.

Lester will be stepping down as President and welcomes Kathryn Larkin into that role for the 2020-21 year, the club looks forward to a great 12 months ahead. Changes due to COVID 19, will affect some of our traditional projects. Members are always looking at ways they can serve our Tooraweenah community. Support the club that supports your town.

### **COVID 19 Help & Support**

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

### Federal Government:

www.australia.gov.au Coronavirus Help Line; FREE Call 1800 020 080 or If you have symptoms Call Health Direct FREE Call 1800 022 222 NSW State Government:

### https://preview.nsw.gov.au/covid-19 Help Line for Businesses Impacted Tel: 13 28 46

#### Best Wishes

Best wishes are expressed to those in our community who are experiencing health concerns. We join in acknowledging the difficulties you all face and hope the outcome for each of you will prove to be a positive one. You are all in our thoughts and prayers.



<u>Congratulations Steve & Leonie</u> It is wonderful to see Steve & Leonie restarting their businesses in Tooraweenah. How lucky are we to have such great support. Well done!

#### Nicole's Massage

It has been a relief to Nicole Harte's special clients in Tooraweenah and surrounds that they can once again benefit from a qualified remedial massage therapist.

Nicole is restarting her massage business after time off to have her baby and COVID . She is looking forward to growing her client base and improving peoples lives.

Nicole will once again be based at the Red Geranium next to Lester and the CRT and is taking bookings by phone 0457 954 346 so clients can arrange a time that suits.

In the near future Nicole is hoping to restore and redecorate the Red Geranium room, highlighting some of the history which goes with the building and the Tooraweenah story. Thus, keeping alive, another historic shop front.

Needing a Remedial, Sports, Pregnancy or Relaxation Massage? Nicole is Diploma qualified and Health Fund accredited, located in Tooraweenah. For appointments call or text Nicole Harte on 0457954346

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#### **Toora Bungles**

### Councillors Corner – Cr Brian Mockler Reports!



The recently announced Federal Government grant Council Local Roads and Community

Infrastructure Projects (infrastructure must be Council owned assets) has been decided.

Councillors resolved during the June meeting to allocate funds towards Armatree War Memorial precinct, **Cooee Heritage Centre** 

### **Tooraweenah CWA**



Greetings to everyone. There is a possibility our first meeting may be held on Wednesday August 12th from 9.30am. This

will depend on health advice and the distancing requirements, which may be difficult in our rooms. With the majority of our members in the high risk category this decision will certainly be given serious consideration.

#### The Tooraweenah CWA Markets may commence in Hunter Park near the **Gilgandra CWA Rooms on Saturday** 18th July 2020. This start date is subject to Council approval.

The new location is due to the redevelopment of the Visitor Information Centre and Coo-ee Heritage Centre. Please pop the date in you diary and come along and check out the stall holders. You can buy home made cooking, craft items and lots more.

Other events on the calendar include the International Conference in Dubbo on Saturday 15th August. The country of study is Ecuador. Planning is also underway for our Branch International Luncheon at the Mountain View later in the year, featuring food from Ecuador. Something to look forward too.

Until next time stay safe and well Kath Waller Publicity.

redevelopment, Leeches Creek Rd notorious floodway intersection and the balance for RURAL ROADS, based funding of \$878k for on priority project works determined by Council's Director of Infrastructure. All projects must be finalised within the next 12mths.

> Positive for Tooraweenah is a budget allocation, 2020/2021 financial year, confirmed for the installation of a public dump point at Toora Caravan Park.

Council will also pursue grant

### Hints From The Dog House

to highlight a few tips for dog handling from the Dog masters. Starting this month with some puppy

tips from Kevin Howell, Champion Kelpie breeder and trialler from Eugowra NSW.

Kevin's philosophy is to breed the best to the best, which he has done for years with outstanding results. Kevin's pups are weaned at 6-7 weeks onto high protein puppy bics, supplemented with mince meat and

fed twice a day. At 8 weeks, pups are vaccinated for Parvo and distemper and wormed, this is repeated again at 12 weeks. Pups are micro chipped, tattooed then

registered with Kelpie Council to record their pedigree. Kevin suggests doing plenty of research into the type of dog you want, and buy from a



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

opportunities to support Tooraweenah CWA's request in relation to the cocontribution to the Telstra 4G Small Cell Project to establish mobile phone and internet service in the village. Next financial year, the Capital Roads Program comprises Rural Roads Rehabilitation/Widening Works \$2.9m (including the Lucas Bridge replacement), Bitumen resealing \$240k, Gravel re-sheeting \$554k. Cr Brian Mockler

Over the next few months I would like reputable breeder. A strong pedigree will help you get a better chance of the pup having the characteristics you desire. Once the pup is home to a comfy, secure, kennel set up, it is time to bond with

your pup. More next month. Brendan Butler . **Oakfield Kelpies** 





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In the absence of a formal 2020 Changeover, Kathryn Larkin will take the helm Club at our next meeting

View.

No formalities this year, other than the hand over of gong, gavel and President's lapel pin. No doubt standards will improve to those set under Lord Lester.

our Executive have not been resting as President of Toora Lions on their laurels. Toora Lions has committed \$1500 towards the cost of on Wednesday 1 July in the Mountain Gilgandra MPS acquiring a specialised Emergency Trolley bed.

A small team of experienced chainsaw wielding woodcutters set sail on an expedition recently to cut firewood for our local senior citizens. Thanks to

Geoff Hill and Will Alison for leading Whilst the club has been in lock down, the team. Head supervisor Lord Lester was in charge of the log splitter. Lester was just so busy that the only thing that moved was his shadow. Toora Lions members are looking forward to resuming community activities post lock down.

> Reminder, Toora Lions and Show Society combined charity golf day coming up in August. Lion Mock

### **Tooraweenah Show**

**Tooraweenah Show Executive,** members, the community and local businesses are already full steam ahead, with the implementation stage to future proof the Showground following the receipt of \$78,050 from the NSW Department of Planning, Industry and **Environment Crown Lands** Showground Stimulus funding.

Projects include fabrication and installation of portable dog trial yards, rodeo arena upgrades and modern facilities.

Working dog trials organisers, Brendan Butler and Ross Alison agree, the working dog trials are growing in popularity among farmers and those urban weekend worriers and retirees, who use the sport to meet, socialise, and camp overnight.

The upgrades for both trialling and the

dog training school will certainly increase visitation and economic activity in our community.

Incoming President Ben Gale is greatly appreciative of the funding which allows for much needed safety upgrades to ensure the safety and wellbeing for stock, handlers, participants and spectators.

Ben advised that "while we are still in with a chance to host the Tooraweenah Show in October, we are required to abide by government restrictions for Covid-19 which we hope will have eased enough to hold the Show on the 17th of October."

"However, we cannot predict one way or another at this stage; but we will inform our community as soon as possible of any decisions taken by the Show Executive" Ben concluded.

#### The AGM is now set for

Tooraweenah Community Bus ARE offers a door-todoor pick up from 9am to Gilgandra for essential transport, with restrictions returning earlier to Tooraweenah. Schedule for 2020: July 9th & 23rd Always the second and fourth **Tuesdays of the month** Please ring to book: 6817 8750



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Tuesday, July 14th 6.30pm at the Mountain View. Please book in with Ashlee 6848 1017 as numbers are restricted to 20 in the dining room.

For further information contact: Secretary Kristy Gale 0429 780 323 or 6848 1148 or toorashow@gmail.com



Mountain View Hotel Tooraweenah **Lions Club Meeting** Wednesday 1st July 7pm **Tooraweenah Show AGM** Tuesday 14th July 6.30pm

**Opening hours** 12pm-Close 7 days a week

**Bistro hours** Lunch 12-2 Dinner 5-7pm 7 days a week

We thank everyone for cooperating with the new COVID rules! Signing in, sanitising hands and keeping the 1.5 metre rule, now the new 'normal' If community groups wish to hold a meeting please get in touch with us as we are currently allowed 20 people in the Dining Room.

Phone: 6848 1017

### **Tooraweenah Public School**

#### The Great Australian Cross Country



This year, the Dubbo and Wellington Small Schools will be competing in the Great Australian Cross Country. This way, as a group of schools, we can compete under the COVID-19 restrictions together but apart. We will be locally recording our times for each student and entering results as a Small Schools Group. Training for Cross Country has started and we have been utilising the new walking track from the GK Rohr Warrumbungle Viewing Platform as part of our training.

#### <u>STEMaSESH Primary Webinar –</u> Brickman



Our students participated in a STEMaSESH webinar with 'The Brickman' Ryan McNaught. Each week, the stem.T4L team hosts a virtual excursion with a STEM specialist. Direct from Lego Masters Australia, the Brickman led a session focusing on creativity and problem solving.

Students connected with The

Brickman via Zoom and were able to

actively participate in the hands on session and many students' questions were answered. The Brickman shared how he became involved in Lego Masters, showed examples of some of his amazing models, answered questions and outlined many tips and tricks for creating the best Lego models.

Under a time limit, the' Mini Masters Lego Challenge' set by The Brickman, allowed for groups of students to draft a plan, complete the challenge and reflect on their build. The task was to build the tallest tower in 20 mins. After the completion of the challenge, students reflected on how they would change their design if given more time.

The winner of the challenge here at Tooraweenah was Lexi (pictured on the right) with a tower height of 1.63m during the 20 mins. Our Lego Masters enthusiasm could not be quashed and we continued to build after the deadline.

#### School Maintenance

The school has been a hive of activity as scheduled maintenance was carried out on various buildings across the school. A new roof has been installed on the sports shed and painting was completed on the canteen, library and administrative office.



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#### **Naming Competition**

Do you have a great idea for a catchy name for our Veggie Garden? We are holding a competition to name our Veggie Patch. Students, parents and community members are encouraged to submit entries by emailing them to the school

at <u>tooraweenap.school@det.nsw.edu</u> <u>.au</u> or posting them in the red box at the office door.

Karen Smith Principal Tooraweenah Public School Safe, Respectful Achievers |w| 02 68481073



## ♦Diary Dates 2020 ☺

'Take Time out!! Relax and Enjoy Life!

#### Saturday 25th July

Mountain View Hotel Golf Day 9 or 18 holes 2 person Ambrose 11am start

### August Date TBA

Tooraweenah Lions Club & Show Charity Golf Day

Saturday 17th Oct 2020 Tooraweenah Show

Activities may be subject to change!

### Tooraweenah Preschool 'Developing Wings of Independence'

What a busy few weeks' we have had at Tooraweenah Preschool, with lots of laughs, lots of fun and friendship, and some very busy and clever children totally engaged in our preschool activities and experiences, both inside and outside!



We have been enjoying the outside, playing 'fruit shops' in our newly revamped cubby house. This is an amazing game the children

have invented, using small coloured balls as fruit and selling lots of strawberries, blueberries, avocados, pineapples, oranges and grapes, making sure the shop keeper was kept very busy! This has been a lovely social game to see emerge and children have played it daily.



We have also enjoyed our new 'tools table' where the children are using our newly purchased 'real tools' to tinker, pull apart and rebuild items

(well, sort of!) Miss Shannon recently brought in an old fax machine and radio with lots of screws in it much to the children's delight. We are looking for some 'loose parts' (old items) for our 'tools table'- if you have some old bits and pieces that are not too big but would be easy for the children to pull apart, we would love to have them! (We do have to be mindful of sharp and/or dangerous parts when thinking of 'loose parts' items). Recently we have had some work completed in our playground, removing the shutters on the cubby window, getting our picnic chairs and tables being repaired, establishing a

new veggie garden area using our wicking beds and the removal of the old large steel air conditioning unit and ducts from the building. This has given us more light inside and when all works are completed and landscaped, a new look playground to enjoy.

Other exciting news for preschool is beautiful sunshine that we have finally got a land line telephone installed!!! Our new preschool telephone number is 6848 1060. Even the children have been excited to hear the phone when it rings!



We were very excited to receive our new big carpet mat, with the children enjoying this new play space, recently playing with new farm animals and Miss Marie's sheep and cattle yards; as well as dancing here - we love our new dances "The Kangaroo Rock" and "The Silly Sausage Dance". We've painted some wooden penguins along with our friends at Tooraweenah Public School for the Antarctic Exhibition in Hobart and have enjoyed singing several new songs, including 'Brumby Jack' and "Kookaburra Sits In The Old Gum Tree' in both English and Wiradjuri.

We've been experimenting with colours, shapes, textures and patterns and having a lovely time experimenting and investigating how colours mix together to make new colours through different art experiences, including straw blow painting, butterfly printing and eye

dropper painting, and then reinforcing our discoveries further with other patterning experiences such as the peg boards, quercetti pegs and tessellation shapes.

We've been very clever creating and inventing at the 'Busy Table', making both 2D and 3D artworks and structures here, including computers, robots and telescopes! We have such amazing imagination's and everyone is very clever at visualising these creations whilst making them, with lots of concentrating and problem solving occurring. We have so much fun at Tooraweenah Preschool that the clock goes faster than us and our day is gone before we know it! Marie Jacobsen



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. Are you able to donate a sheep or lamb (or two) for our great cause? Our committee members are more than happy to pick up from you! Please call

Seanne Jenkin on 0447 626 521

to arrange pick up or delivery





Send prepared articles to the Toora Bungles editors at email: gundair1@bigpond.com by the last Friday of the month