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One stop Drought Portal and Seasonal Conditions Information including, rainfall, soil, moisture and plant growth. **Well worth a look!**

## All Trails Lead to Tooraweenah Tom Quilty 2022—7th to 10th July! - Continued

Then there's the club vice-president and chief steward for the 2022 Quilty, Peter Bonham. The Bonham name is synonymous with endurance riding and even now, with more than 45 years in the sport as an organiser, steward and competitor with numerous Quilty buckles on the shelf, it's not unusual to see Peter riding alongside one or more of his six grandchildren at an event.

The dynastic influence continues with Peter's daughter and club secretary Sonia Bonham whose background in endurance spans more than 40 years, most appreciably as both a highly accomplished competitor and immensely capable ride organiser.

However, as Sonia is quick to add, Tooraweenah boasts an extensive and diverse ride committee made up of many members, each with a long connection to endurance riding through the families and local businesses.

**All the town's facilities will be primed for the running of the 2022 Tom Quilty, from the friendly atmosphere of the Mountain View Hotel Motel, the Tooraweenah Trading Co. rural supplies store, the caravan and camping facilities of the Tooraweenah Tourist Park, and the numerous and various wares of local suppliers. For more detailed supplies, the major rural centres of Coonabarabran and Gilgandra are an easy drive north and south respectively.**

As for the ride base, the Tooraweenah Showground east of the village is a tried and proven venue for endurance rides, and already plenty of work has been done to make it even better.

The showground also includes the local golf course which is being made available for all strapping and vetting roles, the

showground features excellent showers and toilets, an extensive area for the mandatory vet hospital and ample areas for sponsors and suppliers to showcase their products.

**A large open area immediately across the road from the central showground is now being prepared for the hundreds of cars, trucks, floats and goosenecks set to hit the town for the running of the 56<sup>th</sup> Tom Quilty in July 2022.**

There is, of course, still plenty going on, but organisers know only too well what it takes to make the Tom Quilty a truly memorable event for competitors, strappers, sponsors, suppliers and visitors. Meantime, for anyone wanting to arrive with horses and freshen up before the event, there will be plenty of hospitality and space on local farms to settle in and sample the surrounds and atmosphere of this amazing community.



**Jose Flores, pictured above, will be making the trip from his home city of Puebla in Mexico to fulfil a long-held ambition to compete in the iconic event** To train for endurance riding Jose takes long rides on weekends and works out in the gym on week days. In the months

leading up to a big ride such as the Tom Quilty he "ramps up" his regime, and in the final four weeks he tries to spend half his week strength training and half on a horse. Jose is experienced in riding this distance, having competed in the Tevis Cup, finishing 28<sup>th</sup> in a time of 20 hours and 45 minutes. For the Tom Quilty, he will borrow a horse from Australian rider Noni Seagram, of Fieryrange Arabians, Brindabella NSW. "Noni was kind enough in 2020 to offer me a horse to ride the Tom Quilty. She kept her offer after the pandemic, so this year I can say I will be honoured to ride one of her magnificent mounts." "I plan to rent an RV as soon as I get to Sydney and take it to the ride camp at Tooraweenah. I'm hoping to get there a few days before the ride so I can set up, get to know the horse and get rid of jet lag."

Although Jose grew up in Mexico's largest cities, Mexico City and Puebla, he was introduced to horse riding by his grandfather, a cattle rancher. He later took interest in Arabians and 17 years ago he founded Malek Arabians, the first Straight Egyptian breeding program in Mexico.

*Photo: Tooraweenah Endurance Club President: Anthony Blessing, Secretary Leonie Blessing, Sponsorship & Marketing Bec Blessing, Committee Member Bud Blessing*



## Gilgandra Shire Council – *Live > Enjoy > Grow*



### **Business Development Day**

As part of Council's Grow Gilgandra campaign, Council held the Gilgandra Region Business Development Day on Monday, 20 June 2022 where local business people came together for a morning of workshops and private one-on-one consultations to focus on themselves and their businesses.

Attendees learnt all about healthy eating habits and finding balance in your diet to keep you energised throughout the day from Practising Dietitians and Nutritionists, Abbey and Lily, Founders and Directors of Clean Kweens. Whilst, Meg and Ash from Marketing Directive guided the group through a hands-on and interactive workshop about everything digital marketing, from Facebook posts and Instagram reels, to campaign activations and branding.

### **NAIDOC Week 2022 Sunday, 3 July – Sunday, 10 July 2022**

Council invite you to the below upcoming events in the Gilgandra Region as we celebrate NAIDOC Week 2022!

**Flag Raising Ceremony** – Join us for morning tea as we welcome to country, raise the flag and kick start our 2022 NAIDOC week celebrations. Monday, 4 July from 10.30am at Gilgandra Shire Council

**BBQ & T.I.G** – Participate in some Traditional Indigenous Games and enjoy a BBQ. Tuesday, 5 July from 11.00am at Hunter Park

**Mob Run This** – help our mob walk/ru 42km over NAIDOC week! Contact Gilgandra Youth Services on 6817 8798 or by emailing gys@gilgandra.nsw.gov.au for more information and to register.

**Story Time at The Library** – Join Mrs Bird for a dreamtime story followed by a craft activity. Wednesday, 6 July from 10.30am.

**Colouring Competition** – Show off your creativity with our NAIDOC

colouring competition. Entries close at 5pm on Thursday, 7 July 2022

**Hands Up!** – Check out our Hands Up installation on the lawns at the front of Gilgandra Shire Council's Warren Road office. The installation will be up Monday-Friday over NAIDOC week.

For more details on each of these events and activities head to our website on the below link!

[www.gilgandra.nsw.gov.au/Enjoy/Events/NAIDOC-Week-2022](http://www.gilgandra.nsw.gov.au/Enjoy/Events/NAIDOC-Week-2022)

### **July School Holiday Activities Monday, 4 July Friday, 15 July**

**Get Your Graffiti On Gilgandra** – UP & UP Inspirations will be visiting us in the Gilgandra Region for a two-day Mural Painting Workshop, using street art, paint and spray cans. Thursday, 14 July – Friday, 15 July 2022 @ Gilgandra Youth Services.

**Science @ The Library** – Learn the science behind sherbet and slime! Thursday, 7 and 14 July from 3.00pm to 4.00pm. Bookings are essential.

**LEGO® @ The Library** – New kits and challenges for children for children aged 5-12 years. Tuesday, 5 and 12 July 2022. Bookings are essential.

**Reading Passport Competition** – Spend time reading these school holidays! For every ten minutes you read, or someone reads to you, ask a parent to sign a square. Bring your completed passport back to the Library before Friday, 29 July 2022 to collect your reward. Open to everyone under 19 years of age.

**Cheese and Wine Night @ Tooraweenah** The Tom Quilty Committee will be hosting a Cheese & Wine Night, come along and indulge in an evening of local food and live entertainment! For more information visit

[www.tomquilty2022.com](http://www.tomquilty2022.com).

### **Tom Quilty Gold Cup - National Endurance Ride Championships**

Tooraweenah will host the prestigious Tom Quilty Gold Cup Endurance Ride on the Friday, 8 – Sunday, 10 July 2022. For more information visit <https://www.tomquilty2022.com/>.

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### **FEDERAL STORES A Blast From the Past! THE RED GERANIUM**

*This building has had a colourful history dating back to its beginnings in 1908 as a General Store. It is the oldest continuous use building in Tooraweenah.*

*In the late 1920's it was converted to a tearoom, fitted with its own soda fountain and selling lemonade, sweets and light meals.*

**In 1947 the Rohr family purchased the business, rejuvenating it to sell anything from fancy materials to ice creams.**

*Like all children, bush kids enjoyed their ice creams.*

*A telegram was sent each week to Sydney, requesting shipment of two ice cream cylinders.*

*It took 20 hours by rail then road in a green canvas padded bag filled with dry ice for this special treat to reach the village each Saturday.*

*On arrival the cylinders were placed in a fridge run by a compressor. To keep it running 24 hours the store owner had to rise at 3am to check the fuel.*

*With the coming of electricity in 1950, life became easier. The store expanded to include hardware, fencing posts and corrugated iron.*

**Rohr's eventually moved their business to the building next door, which is known today as the Tooraweenah Trading Company.**

*From 1950 business use varied, from a Butler Airline Ticket Office, haberdashery and an insurance agency. In 1986 renovations were undertaken and the building renamed The Red Geranium, selling local art and craft.*

*The structure you see today has undergone a further facelift to bring technology and library services into Tooraweenah.*

**Rohrs, Celebrating  
75 Years in  
Business in  
Tooraweenah.  
Congratulations!**



**Around The Traps** 😊

**Tooraweenah LPO**

The rainfall for the month of June to date (24/6/22) was 19.4mm over 3 days.

**Tooraweenah Lions Club**

Toora Lions will be having a meeting on Wednesday the 6th of July at the Mountain View Hotel, 7.00 for 7.30pm. Please book in with the staff on 68481017 prior to the meeting. Current projects for this year are, Bike ride-a-thon for Parkinson's disease in September in association with the Gilgandra and Gulargambone Lions clubs. Catering at the Tom Quilty Endurance Ride in July 2022. (Volunteers required) Looking forward to a great year ahead.

**Community BBQs**

Thank you to the Tooraweenah Public School for doing the community BBQs at the pub in June, the July BBQ's will be done by the Arthur Butler Aviation committee.



Pictured is Arthur Butlers Comper Swift parked in front of the Garling home

following his epic flight from London to Australia .

The first of the updates from Mark Adams about the Arthur Butler Memorial Airport is on **page 10** in this bumper edition of the Bungles.

Lots more exciting projects ahead. Please support the Community BBQ's each Saturday throughout July.

**Vale — Doyle Family**

Cheryl Stark of Gunnedah, formally of Tooraweenah, passed away on Friday the 27th of May. Much loved Sister and Aunt of the Doyle family. Cheryl will be sadly missed

**Rohr Family 75th Anniversary Acknowledged June 4th**



A few staff members both current and retired along with two descendants of Geoff's first two customers attended. A leisurely afternoon looking at some old photos and having a yarn was enjoyed by all who attended

Rohrs look forward to serving the Tooraweenah community in the years ahead.

Pictured are the current Manager of Tooraweenah Trading, Lester Thurston and Rohr family members Roslyn Howard (nee Rohr ) and Peter Rohr.

What a wonderful contribution the Rohr family and their staff have made to Tooraweenah, Gilgandra, Gulargambone, Coonamble and Coonabarabran. A legacy they can all be proud of.

**Note:** Check out page 11 of the Bungles for the history of *The Red Geranium*, the oldest store in Tooraweenah and where the Rohr family businesses began.

The Rohr family on the 4<sup>th</sup> of June marked the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary to the day that Geoff and Leila Rohr started their first business in Tooraweenah in 1947.

They marked the day with a cake and a light lunch at the Mountain View Hotel.

**👉 Diary Dates 2022 😊**

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

**July 2022**

**Saturday, 2,9,16,23,30,  
Arthur Butler Aviation Committee  
Community BBQ'S**

**Thursday, 7 to  
Sunday 10,  
Tom Quilty Endurance  
Championship**

**August 2022**

**Wednesday 3rd  
Alice In Wonderland**

**September 2022**

**Friday 9th  
Tooraweenah Show  
Pasture Field Day  
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**Tooraweenah Show - Pasture Field Day Fundraiser 9th September**

The Tooraweenah Show Society has set the date for a Pasture Field Day and Fundraiser.

After COVID putt a stop to all gatherings in 2021 the Show Society is set to present an informative and interesting field day on Friday September 9th, featuring the leading

pasture researchers and experts in Australia.

The day will be led by pasture consultant Bob Freebairn , pasture researcher Dr Belinda Hackney and carbon and soil expert Dr Susan Orgill. There will be plenty to talk about and see in the field.

So, mark the 9th of September down on the calendar , and come and have a wonderful day out, whilst helping to support a great community event.

Full particulars in next months Toora Bungles.

**Tooraweenah CWA - Cath Waller Reports**



A big Hi to all, We had a great turn up to our June monthly meeting.

Plans are well in hand for the Tom Quilty Endurance Championship catering. If you are able to help in anyway please contact President Beverley, even if it is to go on an emergency list. It is certainly shaping up to be a great week for Tooraweenah.

Sip & Sew continues each Wednesday throughout the month. Please come along for a cuppa and a chat. Great for your mental health by keeping you socially connected.

*Pictured right are 'Sip & Sew' participants, Anne, Jane, Denise, Judy and Heather.* They are displaying their wonderful first time, tiling designs. You can see by the smiling faces, each member thoroughly enjoyed the occasion with special thanks to Anne for arranging the trainer for the day.



The CWA Markets are confirmed for Saturday 16th July or the 3rd Saturday each month in Gilgandra. Please contact Denise Quealy if you would like to book a stall. Times are 9am to 1pm.

Our local member of Federal Parliament Mark Coulton has just announced our Grant for \$18,000 was successful through the Queen's Jubilee Trees project. More info during our July meeting.

Another exciting item on our agenda for the July 13th meeting will be the attendance of May Whittall, Senior Project Officer, Biodiversity & Conservation, Department of Planning & Environment. May will attend at 10am to provide an overview and update on the Koala Program.

Our Branch have also been given the opportunity to fill in a Koala Survey received from the Association. Members are encouraged to participate to help protect this precious Australian icon from extinction

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday 13th July , 9.30am start with morning tea.

Hope to see you all there and fully recovered from the Tom Quilty event.

Bye for now

**Cath Waller, Publicity.**



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**Tooraweenah – Golf Round Up!**

At the end of last month members of the Golf Club held a special general meeting to vote on the club becoming affiliated with Golf NSW. The partnership will provide Tooraweenah Golf Club with the opportunities of receiving support by way of backing (for such things as grants) and training with special days for Ladies and Juniors to encourage more players to take up the game. Members have the choice to become affiliated, or not. Those that choose to will pay a higher membership fee to cover the fees from Golf NSW, which are subsidised whilst those who wish to remain as social golfers will not see any change to the current fee structure. The members who join Golf NSW will gain access to many 'Open' competitions in both Australia and World wide with their AGU handicap and card. There was some concern that becoming affiliated would take away from the social aspect that the club has enjoyed since it's conception but Gary Beggs from NSW Golf explained that the club (Tooraweenah) would continue to run it's own programme of games as it has always done.

**After speakers took to the floor to debate the pros and cons of the partnership a vote was taken with the motion carried in the affirmative. The executive are now working through the paperwork to make the affiliation official.**

04/06/22 Garling Shield Round 2  
After a night of rain the course was checked on Saturday morning to ensure it wasn't too wet for play to commence. Although the ground was boggy in places the players decided they would go out anyway.

6 players contested the second round of the Garling Shield which is played over 3 rounds with the best two scores going forward as the final tally. As such players only need to play 2 rounds, when both their scores will be submitted. The nett winner again this week was Patrick (Paddy) Foran who is now in the lead and has a good chance of winning the shield. Well done – again – Paddy.

There was no golf at Tooraweenah on the long weekend, as members headed to Baradine to support their Memorial Charity Day on the 11<sup>th</sup>. The event was a

3 person ambrose and Tooraweenah was ably represented by President Geoff Hill and members Noel Cornish and Steve Masling. A total of 23 teams of three vied for the cash prizes on offer with the Toora team cleaning up well. They took out the 3<sup>rd</sup> prize on count back and both Noel and Steve walked away with prizes for nearest the pin and longest drive. Well done Team Toora!!

**On 18/06/22 a Stableford event, replaced the first Tooraweenah-Baradine Challenge match of the year because, due to the weather – it being perfect for the farmers and farm workers amongst us – the Captains of Tooraweenah and Baradine decided to postpone the challenge until later in the year to fit better with the farming calendar and give clubs a chance to field larger teams. In it's place a Stableford game was played by 5 players who turned up for a great game.**

All 5 players went out together and, from what was heard later there was a lot, and I mean a lot, of sledging and banter being thrown around! The nett winner was member Steve Masling who smashed it with a score of 34, although Steve Watt was snapping at his heels as he was only one shot behind. Well done to all who played.

The 25<sup>th</sup> is the 3<sup>rd</sup> and final round of the Garling Shield for 2022. We are waiting to see if anyone can knock Paddy Foran off the top spot!

- 1 Steve & Pat = Steve Masling and Patrick (Paddy) Foran
- 2. Brett & Paddy = Brett French (Captain) and Paddy Foran
- 3. Steve Masling & Geoff Hill (Pres)
- 4. Team Toora at Baradine = Members of Baradine with Geoff Hill (blue jacket), Noel 'Mud Crab' Cornish (blue jumper) and Steve Masling on bottom right made up Team Toora.



**Tooraweenah Lions – 'The Bungle'd Awards'**



Tooraweenah Lions Club presented The Bungle'd Awards gala night for 2022 on Saturday, 18 June!

A lovely evening celebrating the Lions, community, and all that is the people and the place of Tooraweenah.

All in the name of fun, a number of awards were delivered to locals and attendees!

With involvement from regional businesses, a huge, heartfelt thank you to the supporters and sponsors of the event

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The official Changeover happened early in the evening, with a welcome to returning Treasurer, Jane Gesell, returning

Secretary, Lester Thurston (this year we'll loan him a laptop!). Congratulations (and can I say 'good luck'?! ) to our new President for 2022, but certainly not new to the role, is Tooraweenah Lion, Mr Brian Mockler.

The first award of the evening was the 'Peacock Award'. This award was for the people who like to look good, show off, take lots of selfies, and generally strut their stuff. Brian and Sue Armstrong walked away with this award, after featuring in the Sydney Film Festival last week.

Next was the 'Pigs Might Fly' award for those who follow the flights of the flying pigs, and for those that launch them. This title was awarded to Kristy Coiser and Gill Foran, after they were instrumental in bringing the flying pigs to the alleyways of Gilgandra.

**The 'Elephant Never Forgets Award' was for all those people who can't remember where they left their car keys, where they parked the car, or forgot their glasses at home. All Lions Club members over the age of 60 were nominated for this award, however for simplicity's sake, Julie Prout accepted the award on behalf of everyone, because Mrs Prout never forgets anything!**

The 'Doghouse Award' is for those who have fallen afoul of their mate for one reason or another. No reasons were disclosed, and Ian Hutchison walked away with this award.

The 'Screw-up Award', presented by Narelle Rodway, was for someone who has, as the title states, screwed-up.

Prakash Aryal was awarded this title, after he moved to Australia from Kathmandu to present at the National Rotary Conference of 2020. Two years later he is still here, in Tooraweenah, with the Lions Club.

**The 'Foot-In-Mouth Award' only had one nominee. Brian Mockler, who delights in the quick quip or pointed remark, and walked away with this award.**

The 'Lost Traveler Award' is for someone who enjoys the journey, not just the destination. Awarded to Tony van Lubeck, as his navigational skills are legendary, once taking the longest known path between Warren and Tooraweenah, in record time.



And finally, the 'Woodchop Award' (a hard hat!) was awarded to none other than Geoff Hill and Anne Alison.

On a personal note, I'd like to thank our loyal executive team, and importantly for once again supporting me through a second year as President. Thanks also to the broader Lions Club for the support you have shown me in this role and personally.

*Through Lions we serve, Kathryn.*





Hints From the Dog House—With Brendan Butler



and starting to get the puppies used to human interaction.

When the pups are due the mum is locked in an elevated dog hutch that needs to be warm and comfortable in winter and nice and airy in summer, and is basically left in peace with her puppies for the first few days with nice fresh water and as much high protein bikkies as she wants. After a couple of days the mum can be let out to come and go to the puppies as she wants and after a couple of weeks when the puppies open their eyes and start to want to explore outside their den the human interaction can begin.

I try to give them daily contact and its amazing how quickly the puppies get used to being handled and played with and soon come bounding out to greet you, extra care is needed as you approach so as not to tread on them

or trip over them as they go straight for trouser legs and boot laces to play with.

Needless to say its great having the pups up and going when the grand kids are here because it keeps them occupied and helps get the pups used to being handled. Usually by the time the holidays are over the puppies all have names and are used to being dragged and carried and have a great start towards being trained later on.

There have been tears when the kids leave because they want to take a puppy with them and their mum and dad are the worst people in the world for not letting them have one, but poppy and gammy are pretty cool because they have a motor bike and puppies, everything a kid could want.  
**Brendan Butler Oakfield Kelpies**

One of the joys of having a kelpie stud is having fresh young puppies in the cages when the grand kids come to visit. As soon as they arrive its straight to the dog yard to nurse and play with the puppies, and I couldn't be happier having super excited little grandies spoiling the little fur balls

Queens Elizabeth II Jubilee Avenue of Trees for Tooraweenah – Grant Success

The Tooraweenah CWA Branch members acknowledge the Australian Federal Government grant success of \$18,000 to progress an exciting project to beautify the approach to Tooraweenah Village through the planting of an avenue of native and flowering trees. The species, will over time provide shade, habitat for birds and insects, sequester carbon and help green Tooraweenah for future generations to enjoy.



Special thank you to our local Federal Member Mark Coulton for his support with moving this project forward.

The team who will spearhead the project include Beverley Pike, Jill Blackman, Brian Mockler, Karen Smith, Lester Thurston, Kathryn Larkin and Gilgandra Shire Council.

In addition, many others will come on board to help with site preparation, water installation, tree planting and ongoing maintenance of the site. More in the August issue of the Bungles.

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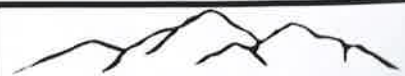
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**Tooraweenah Preschool Developing 'Wings of Independence' With Marie**

We welcome our new preschool friends and their families to our "Tooraweenah Preschool family". The children have enjoyed playing with our new friends at preschool.

Children have enjoyed experimenting with colours and investigating different art media and techniques. We have enjoyed colour fun with Edna Einstein, our visiting scientist guru, exploring this and some other amazing science concepts further. Making "Rainbow Rain Clouds" with Edna was absolutely fascinating!



Making slime with Edna was another fun experiment, with Edna telling us all about the science behind these activities.



We have enjoyed visiting Tooraweenah Public School each Thursday for reading with the students there. It is always so nice to sit and listen to stories being read, especially from our friends at big school. We are very lucky to be able to 'join forces' and enjoy activities such as this, together.

We have continued with our discussions about the weather and making our own special books. We have now made books titled "A Rainy Day", "A Windy Day", "A Snowy Day", "A Cold Day", "A Sunny Day" and "The Night Book", with children thinking about nocturnal animals along with the night sky when drawing their unique pictures. We have used different media for our books, including pens and

black textas, coloured pencils and crayons, and for our 'Night Book' we used our 'crayon resist' art technique with crayons and water colours.

Preschool friends have also been making up their own unique 'games', both inside and out, creating rules and boundaries for these games so that everyone can join in and play fairly. We've had games similar to our 'Hot and Cold' game, a game about 'Dogs' and as a group we have also enjoyed the game 'Sharks and Seahorses' with Miss Marie on the piano.

Some amazing discussions have taken place among the children as they negotiated, compromised, came up with solutions to problems collaboratively, worked together as a team and of course, have had lots of fun playing these games with a great deal of laughter.



We have enjoyed exploring even further with our "Bush Preschool" fun – going down along the creek bed, watching the water flow and even making some 'boats' with

the leaves. We've also had lots of fun climbing up and around the creek banks, especially testing our skills and co-ordination and jumping over the large 'crevices' in some places that have been made by the water rushing over and through the dirt during the last flood event. It has been really interesting to see the children's resilience, confidence and sensory awareness grow and develop as they have explored and played in this space. Children who initially said 'they couldn't do it' when climbing up the steep 'mountains' or negotiating the crevices and washes along the creek bank where the floods had created a 'second stream', were masters at these skills!

Everyone is excited for Miss Sarah, Mim and family with their new baby arriving soon. We wish Miss Sarah all the best and look forward to finding out all about her new baby next term from Mim. Thank you Miss Sarah for all that you do at Tooraweenah Preschool.

We wish everyone a fun and safe school

holiday period and hope to see many families and friends at the Tom Quilty event in Tooraweenah during this time.

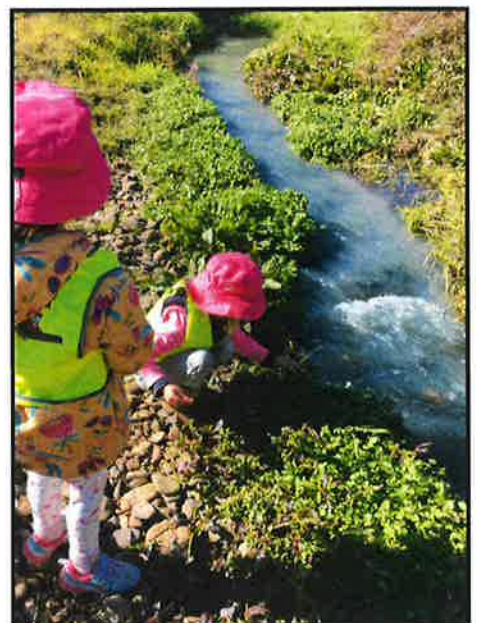
You will find Tooraweenah Preschool and Tooraweenah Public School working together and selling visitors some nice warm food, including pies, sausage rolls and hot dogs. Thank you in advance to the parents and family members for helping us 'man' our stall – as we only have a small network between us, it is nice to know that everyone is sharing the load and helping raise funds for our Preschool and School to benefit our children.

*Happy Holidays everyone! Stay warm.  
Marie Gale (Jacobsen)  
Nominated Supervisor*

**Photos:**

*The first two photos are the children making 'Rainbow Rain Clouds' with Edna Einstein (who is not pictured – don't tell anyone that it is Miss Shannon's alter ego! Shhhhhh).*

*The next three photos are the children enjoying 'Bush Preschool' and climbing around the creek banks carefully as well as watching the leaves float like little boats.*



## Tooraweenah Public School With Principal Karen Smith

### Stig Wemyss



Students and staff alike returned from Stig Wemyss' visit to Gilgandra, reinvigorated about storytelling and a buzz of enthusiasm about Stig's presentation to students. Stig Wemyss is famous for narrating many children's favourite audio books, including all of Andy Griffiths', Paul Jennings' and now Anh Do's "Weirdo" books. He is also the author of *The Tripp Diaries*.

The presentation was very entertaining with many students participating in the hilarity. Our own Mrs Jenkin also participated and won an audio book of the 13 Story Treehouse on CD. Apparently Mrs Sausages helped to win the prize!! (You will have to ask 3-6!) We had a number of students receive a Gilgandra Library Card and I'm sure many will be looking for books that Stig has narrated for audio book or personally authored.

We are very thankful to Liz McCutcheon and the Gilgandra Library for organising the visit as well as Gilgandra Public School for hosting the event.

### Alice in Wonderland



Script practice, costuming and props preparation are enthusiastically underway for our school concert Alice in Wonderland.

I have been thrilled with the way in which our students have embraced this

challenge, particularly the willingness of our older students to commit to their roles.

**Don't forget to mark Alice In Wonderland Wednesday 3rd August on your calendars! Parents, families and community members are invited to come along and enjoy the show.**

The concert will be in the evening at the Tooraweenah Hall with more activities being planned for that day during school time.

### Moorambilla Choir

Three of senior Year 6 students Indiana Brown, Lexi Trickey and Lara Duff were selected to be part of this year's Moorambilla Choir.

In August and September, participants will attend the residential camps in Baradine. At the camps participants co-create new multi art form works, learning both basic and advanced performance skills. Professional musicians, performers, composers, dancers and outstanding indigenous regional visual artists, provide training, leadership and mentorship during the camp sessions.

### Tom Quilty Endurance Ride

The Year 6 students helped Mrs Quilter paint a number of boxes to hold the belt buckles for participants of the Tom Quilty Endurance Ride who make it the full distance. It is a fantastic opportunity for the girls to have directed lessons from Mrs Quilter, who is a very talented local painter, as well as being a very special part of this famous event. We thank Mrs Quilter for including our students in this process and the results were spectacular! We look forward to supporting the Tom Quilty Endurance Ride with the combined School and Preschool canteen over the Tom Quilty event.



### Rugby with Mark Pitts

Recently, Students travelled to Mark's gym for some indoor training sessions.

The weather had been so bleak and students enjoyed the change in activities. We are very fortunate to have access to training from Mark for our students here at Tooraweenah.



### Reconciliation Week

This year's reconciliation week theme of "Be Brave, Make Change" is a challenge to all Australians— individuals, families, communities, organisations and government—to *Be Brave* and tackle the unfinished business of reconciliation so we can *Make Change* for the benefit of all Australians.

Students at Tooraweenah engaged in Reconciliation Week activities including reading stories and creating artworks.

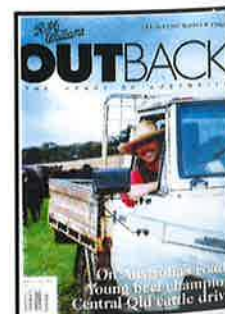
### Young Leaders School Project

Our Year 6 school leaders have been busy planning and implementing a waste project in the school. Year 6 have taught the younger students how to separate their rubbish into recycling, light plastics, compost and general waste. They have labelled different coloured buckets for the classroom and have created a video on their project that has been submitted to the YLOW Project coordinator to be shared with the other schools. One school will be selected to receive the YLOW trophy for their school project efforts. Well done Indy, Lexi and Lara on your great ideas and leadership.

### Lara Duff

Don't miss purchasing your copy of RM Williams OUTBACK Magazine this month...

**It features our Year 6 student Lara Duff!! Congratulations**



## Tooraweenah – Golf Round Up!

At the end of last month members of the Golf Club held a special general meeting to vote on the club becoming affiliated with Golf NSW. The partnership will provide Tooraweenah Golf Club with the opportunities of receiving support by way of backing (for such things as grants) and training with special days for Ladies and Juniors to encourage more players to take up the game. Members have the choice to become affiliated, or not. Those that choose to will pay a higher membership fee to cover the fees from Golf NSW, which are subsidised whilst those who wish to remain as social golfers will not see any change to the current fee structure. The members who join Golf NSW will gain access to many 'Open' competitions in both Australia and World wide with their AGU handicap and card. There was some concern that becoming affiliated would take away from the social aspect that the club has enjoyed since it's conception but Gary Beggs from NSW Golf explained that the club (Tooraweenah) would continue to run it's own programme of games as it has always done.

**After speakers took to the floor to debate the pros and cons of the partnership a vote was taken with the motion carried in the affirmative. The executive are now working through the paperwork to make the affiliation official.**

### 04/06/22 Garling Shield Round 2

After a night of rain the course was checked on Saturday morning to ensure it wasn't too wet for play to commence. Although the ground was boggy in places the players decided they would go out anyway.

6 players contested the second round of the Garling Shield which is played over 3 rounds with the best two scores going forward as the final tally. As such players only need to play 2 rounds, when both their scores will be submitted.

The nett winner again this week was Patrick (Paddy) Foran who is now in the lead and has a good chance of winning the shield. Well done – again – Paddy.

There was no golf at Tooraweenah on the long weekend, as members headed to Baradine to support their Memorial Charity Day on the 11<sup>th</sup>. The event was a

3 person ambrose and Tooraweenah was ably represented by President Geoff Hill and members Noel Cornish and Steve Masling. A total of 23 teams of three vied for the cash prizes on offer with the Toora team cleaning up well. They took out the 3<sup>rd</sup> prize on count back and both Noel and Steve walked away with prizes for nearest the pin and longest drive. Well done Team Toora!!

**On 18/06/22 a Stableford event, replaced the first Tooraweenah-Baradine Challenge match of the year because, due to the weather – it being perfect for the farmers and farm workers amongst us – the Captains of Tooraweenah and Baradine decided to postpone the challenge until later in the year to fit better with the farming calendar and give clubs a chance to field larger teams. In it's place a Stableford game was played by 5 players who turned up for a great game.**

All 5 players went out together and, from what was heard later there was a lot, and I mean a lot, of sledging and banter being thrown around! The nett winner was member Steve Masling who smashed it with a score of 34, although Steve Watt was snapping at his heels as he was only one shot behind. Well done to all who played.

The 25<sup>th</sup> is the 3<sup>rd</sup> and final round of the Garling Shield for 2022. We are waiting to see if anyone can knock Paddy Foran off the top spot!

- 1 Steve & Pat = Steve Masling and Patrick (Paddy) Foran
2. Brett & Paddy = Brett French (Captain) and Paddy Foran
3. Steve Masling & Geoff Hill (Pres)
4. Team Toora at Baradine = Members of Baradine with Geoff Hill (blue jacket), Noel 'Mud Crab' Cornish (blue jumper) and Steve Masling on bottom right made up Team Toora.



**Celebration of a 'Flight to a Lady'**



When a man fears that he will lose the woman he loves, he will take on a horde of demons to prevent that happening. Arthur Butler was such a man who battled and defeated the demons Time, Distance and Uncertain Weather to secure the hand in marriage of his special woman. Cramped alone in an open aeroplane cockpit, over nine days he sat for hours as his tiny Swift crossed oceans, deserts, jungles, and the great Outback to bring him to the front steps of the Garling's Store in Tooraweenah where his prize awaited him.

**Ignoring the fact that the trip set a yet unbeaten record, ninety years on, the Arthur Butler Society of Tooraweenah is making plans to celebrate that "Flight to a Lady" over the weekend of the 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> of November this year.**

The Society is working to provide all the facilities at Tooraweenah Aerodrome to create a magnet that will draw in people and aeroplanes from inland New South Wales and across the whole Country to where the success of that *Flight to a Lady*

eventually led Arthur Butler to develop a network of passenger and freight air routes to service the major city and rural communities from Adelaide to Brisbane. A feature of the weekend's activities will be the unveiling of the Society's two-fold plans for the establishment of a museum dedicated to preserving the history of Arthur Butler's contribution to the people of New South Wales, and the development of Tooraweenah Aerodrome as an important stimulus to tourism in the

Gilgandra Shire where the Warrumbungles support the heavens over the wide landscape.

The Society hopes to preserve the history of Arthur Butler and Butler Air Transport by assembling and displaying memorabilia. Of particular importance are photographs that can expand the story of Butler Air Transport and Tooraweenah Aerodrome. The Society can be contacted by email at:

[arthurbutlersociety@gmail.com](mailto:arthurbutlersociety@gmail.com)

**Pegasus flies into the Quilty**

At midnight on July 9, 12-year-old Lara Duff will head out with more than 200 riders for this year's Tom Quilty Gold Cup - a 160km (100-mile) cross-country ride at Tooraweenah, NSW. "I'm a little nervous, but mostly excited," she says. Although Lara has completed several long-distance rides, she has only done the full 160km once before, for a qualifying ride last July that she completed in 16 hours. "It felt like forever. By about the third or fourth leg you start to ache and get a bit sore and you don't want to go out again. My mum got me through it."

Lara is a third-generation endurance rider. Her mum, Sonia Bonham, is director of this year's Quilty and her grandfather Peter Bonham is chief steward. As you need to be at least 12 years old to compete in the Quilty, Lara will be one of the youngest competitors. Her mount is Box Hill Pegasus, a 14-year-old mare she's been riding for three years. "She's pretty good to ride," Lara says. "She puts in a couple of big shies every now and again. So she's a little bit crazy, but she's done six or seven 160km rides before."

Riding after school and on weekends, Lara knows the tracks through farmland and the national park that comprise this year's course.



Endurance rider Lara Duff with Pegasus

The premier Australian endurance ride, the Quilty was inaugurated by RM Williams himself in 1966. It's held in each state in turn, and was held in Tooraweenah 31 years ago. Riders must take excellent care of their horses, with vet checks throughout the event removing horses if their heart rates are too high.

Sonia has competed in about 15 of the events, receiving a buckle for finishing half a dozen times. "As a family we've done it all our lives," she says. "We sort of do it to get away from the farm, to be honest."

Lara's 16-year-old cousin Charlie Bonham is also competing, and says being a local is an advantage. "This'll be my second Quilty, but my fifth 160km," he says. "If the horse knows where it's going, it's a lot easier."

In such a long event, weather can play a huge part, and Charlie hopes it'll be cool for the horses but not wet. He says he isn't too worried about stocking up on sleep before the midnight start. "In my last two 160km events I've played football the day before and had about three hours' sleep, then gone riding."

**News From the Mountain View**

Below is our weekly specials and our new merchandise, which is available now! July community BBQ's will be run by the Arthur Butler Airport committee. Every Saturday night from 6pm.

We are a proud sponsor of the Tom Quilty! We are really looking forward to having so many new and old faces back in our town.

With this in mind we decided we would

open at 11am on Thursday 7th, Friday 8th, Saturday 9th and Sunday 10th July. We will have plenty of drinks (alcoholic & soft drinks), chips, chocolates, ice blocks & lollies, cigarettes, ice, as well as milk and bread.

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## Gilgandra Shire Council – *Live > Enjoy > Grow*



### **Business Development Day**

As part of Council's Grow Gilgandra campaign, Council held the Gilgandra Region Business Development Day on Monday, 20 June 2022 where local business people came together for a morning of workshops and private one-on-one consultations to focus on themselves and their businesses.

Attendees learnt all about healthy eating habits and finding balance in your diet to keep you energised throughout the day from Practising Dietitians and Nutritionists, Abbey and Lily, Founders and Directors of Clean Kweens. Whilst, Meg and Ash from Marketing Directive guided the group through a hands-on and interactive workshop about everything digital marketing, from Facebook posts and Instagram reels, to campaign activations and branding.

### **NAIDOC Week 2022** **Sunday, 3 July – Sunday,** **10 July 2022**

Council invite you to the below upcoming events in the Gilgandra Region as we celebrate NAIDOC Week 2022!

**Flag Raising Ceremony** – Join us for morning tea as we welcome to country, raise the flag and kick start our 2022 NAIDOC week celebrations. Monday, 4 July from 10.30am at Gilgandra Shire Council

**BBQ & T.I.G** – Participate in some Traditional Indigenous Games and enjoy a BBQ. Tuesday, 5 July from 11.00am at Hunter Park

**Mob Run This** – help our mob walk/ru 42km over NAIDOC week! Contact Gilgandra Youth Services on 6817 8798 or by emailing gys@gilgandra.nsw.gov.au for more information and to register.

**Story Time at The Library** – Join Mrs Bird for a dreamtime story followed by a craft activity. Wednesday, 6 July from 10.30am.

**Colouring Competition** – Show off your creativity with our NAIDOC

colouring competition. Entries close at 5pm on Thursday, 7 July 2022

**Hands Up!** – Check out our Hands Up installation on the lawns at the front of Gilgandra Shire Council's Warren Road office. The installation will be up Monday-Friday over NAIDOC week.

For more details on each of these events and activities head to our website on the below link!

[www.gilgandra.nsw.gov.au/Enjoy/Events/NAIDOC-Week-2022](http://www.gilgandra.nsw.gov.au/Enjoy/Events/NAIDOC-Week-2022)

### **July School Holiday Activities** **Monday, 4 July Friday, 15 July**

**Get Your Graffiti On Gilgandra** – UP & UP Inspirations will be visiting us in the Gilgandra Region for a two-day Mural Painting Workshop, using street art, paint and spray cans. Thursday, 14 July – Friday, 15 July 2022 @ Gilgandra Youth Services.

**Science @ The Library** – Learn the science behind sherbet and slime! Thursday, 7 and 14 July from 3.00pm to 4.00pm. Bookings are essential.

**LEGO® @ The Library** – New kits and challenges for children for children aged 5-12 years. Tuesday, 5 and 12 July 2022. Bookings are essential.

**Reading Passport Competition** – Spend time reading these school holidays! For every ten minutes you read, or someone reads to you, ask a parent to sign a square. Bring your completed passport back to the Library before Friday, 29 July 2022 to collect your reward. Open to everyone under 19 years of age.

**Cheese and Wine Night @ Tooraweenah** The Tom Quilty Committee will be hosting a Cheese & Wine Night, come along and indulge in an evening of local food and live entertainment! For more information visit [www.tomquilty2022.com](http://www.tomquilty2022.com).

**Tom Quilty Gold Cup - National Endurance Ride Championships** Tooraweenah will host the prestigious Tom Quilty Gold Cup Endurance Ride on the Friday, 8 – Sunday, 10 July 2022. For more information visit <https://www.tomquilty2022.com/>.

For more details on each of these events and activities head to our website on the above right link!

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### **FEDERAL STORES** *A Blast From the Past!* **THE RED GERANIUM**

*This building has had a colourful history dating back to its beginnings in 1908 as a General Store. It is the oldest continuous use building in Tooraweenah.*

*In the late 1920's it was converted to a tearoom, fitted with its own soda fountain and selling lemonade, sweets and light meals.*

**In 1947 the Rohr family purchased the business, rejuvenating it to sell anything from fancy materials to ice creams.**

*Like all children, bush kids enjoyed their ice creams.*

*A telegram was sent each week to Sydney, requesting shipment of two ice cream cylinders.*

*It took 20 hours by rail then road in a green canvas padded bag filled with dry ice for this special treat to reach the village each Saturday.*

*On arrival the cylinders were placed in a fridge run by a compressor. To keep it running 24 hours the store owner had to rise at 3am to check the fuel.*

*With the coming of electricity in 1950, life became easier. The store expanded to include hardware, fencing posts and corrugated iron.*

**Rohr's eventually moved their business to the building next door, which is known today as the Tooraweenah Trading Company.**

*From 1950 business use varied, from a Butler Airline Ticket Office, haberdashery and an insurance agency. In 1986 renovations were undertaken and the building renamed The Red Geranium, selling local art and craft.*

*The structure you see today has undergone a further facelift to bring technology and library services into Tooraweenah.*

**Rohrs, Celebrating 75 Years in Business in Tooraweenah. Congratulations!**



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