Toora Bungles



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Tooraweenah Preschool — "Developing wings of Independence"



Hello everyone! My name is Marie Jacobsen, I am new to Tooraweenah and I am also the new Nominated Supervisor at Tooraweenah Preschool. I am looking forward to meeting more people in the community when

possible; Covid-19 has made that a little challenging!

Tooraweenah are extremely lucky to have such a wonderful preschool,

and I would like to thank you the families, committee and Tooraweenah Public School staff for their friendship and warm welcome. I am very excited about living and working in Tooraweenah.

To the delight of the children at Tooraweenah Preschool, they have had a lovely time over recent weeks rediscovering some fabulous learning experiences, games and activities, both inside and outside. There has been a lot of fun challenging ourselves outside at the obstacle courses set up; balancing on long and short bouncing boards and tricky balance beams, climbing and crawling through hoops and the tunnel, as well as playing happily and cooperatively together on our fixed play equipment and in the cubby house. We now have the 'kitchen sink' at the sandpit and a revamped sandpit equipment shelf that is out each day for the children to use; they enjoy selecting and creating with whatever items they choose.

We've also enjoyed having the large tubs of water in the sandpit; for the seashells and for cooking. Did you know that we have the most amazing restaurant in the country at Tooraweenah Preschool?

We have also been fortunate to purchase new equipment and play resources at preschool recently. A special thank you to the 2020 Management Committee for their support and assistance.

The children love playing dramatically at our new home corner area, with a new sink, oven, fridge and kitchen dresser, as well as table and 4 lovely wicker chairs. We have a new puzzle shelf (and fabulous new puzzles to challenge us too!), a new bookshelf, and seating: a child-sized 2 seater lounge with two matching arm chairs to curl up on with a good book. We're also getting a new large carpet mat for our games, dancing and other activities.

The children have learnt several new songs and enjoy singing to Miss Marie playing the piano. They have kept busy discovering different items from nature and exploring and investigating concepts, including science concepts, at the curiosity shelf. The 'surprise box' is always received with awe and wonder and lots of great problem solving and thinking has been occurring at different activities, including checking out items on the "Discovery Dish", playing lotto games and enjoying concept activities and games.

We have been on some amazing learning journey's so far this term filled with fun, laughter and amazing discoveries

and adventures, and we can't wait for what else is to come at Tooraweenah Preschool . Marie Jacobsen Nominated Supervisor





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Mountain Side Beauty — COVID 19 Plan — Open for Business

Finally, some exciting news, as of the 1st June 2020 Beauty Salons in NSW can open, having in place COVID safe plans to ensure all clients health is put first and to keep everyone healthy. What is our new normal?

The new normal for Mountainside Beauty will be implementing a COVID safe plan, making sure clients are not showing any symptoms of flu or feeling unwell, deep cleaning between each client and record keeping of day to day clients, cleaning, and sterilisation.

Bookings are now essential, no walk ins are welcome due to new regulations, if you are showing any

symptoms you will be asked not to book an appointment, or you will be asked to leave the salon.

When entering and leaving the salon you must now use the hand sanitiser that is available.

We are offering contactless pick up and delivery of retail products and over the phone consultations.

We are taking bookings for the 1st June and beyond, please be patient with us as we try our best to fit you all in.

Adjusting to the new normal will take time, this being the case, we will be offering limited appointment times

until the 6th June to ensure we meet all regulations and policies to keep everyone safe.

Please work with us to ensure we keep everyone healthy and safe.

If you have any questions or would like any information please contact us.

We look forward to seeing all our lovely clients again and meeting many new clients.

Thank you. Emma Hutchison Salon Owner & Founder

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New website launched!

www.yougotthismate.com.au

It provides tips and info to help rural men reach their best possible mental health and info you need to help you be the best possible support for a loved one who is experiencing tough times!





Tooraweenah



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Around The Traps



Tooraweenah LPO

Currently with the COVID 19 virus, the Post Office is operating normal hours, we will try to maintain normal service, but in the eventuality we have to selfisolate 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 May 2020 was 15mm over 4 days, with a year to date total of 411.6mm over 36 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 who 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.

Toora Lions club.

Currently the club is in recess and we will advise when the situation changes. Support the club that supports your town.

It's A Baby Girl!

Congratulations to Scott & Jen Smith of Combalonga on

the safe arrival of their baby daughter Hannah Paige born on the 24th April 2020. A sister to Eliana. Proud and beaming grandparents, Alan & Maree Smith and Gwen & Kevin O'Driscoll.

Other New Born Babies?



We know there are other very special new little ones in the Tooraweenah district. We would

love to receive their details and/or a picture to share. Please Email gundair1@bigpond.com. Ed

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

Tom Quilty National Championship

The **Tooraweenah Tom Quilty** 2021 has now been postponed to July 2022.



This is because Western Australia has been cancelled for 2020 (this year) and then rescheduled to 2021.

This will give our local team a little more time to prepare. Sonia Bonham

Birthday Congratulations Don



Happy birthday to Birthday Don Weston who celebrated his 80th

on Thursday May 28th.

A special celebration with family and close friends will happen later in the year. Something to look forward to.

Walking Track to the Viewing Platform

Looking to take in a little fresh air and exercise, why not try the Walking Track from the Village up to the Viewing Platform. The views of the Warrumbungle Mountains are spectacular. Let us know the degree of difficulty and how you enjoyed the experience.

A Special Welcome to Marie Jacobsen

A very special welcome to Marie, who is the new nominated Supervisor for the Tooraweenah Preschool. We all look forward to meeting you soon and we will continue catching up with all the Preschool happenings in the Bungles each month.

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Gilgandra Shire Council—General Manager Reports



With many restrictions from COVID-19 building in Warren Road, forwarded easing as of June 1, we encourage community members to stay up to date with Council facilities by visiting our website

www.gilgandra.nsw.gov.au to see the most recent information. This month, Council is seeking feedback from the community on a number of key documents and projects. The documents are available in electronic format and can be downloaded from Council's website: www.gilgandra.nsw.gov.au. Copies will also be available at Service NSW, 20 Miller Street, Gilgandra. Residents, businesses, community groups/ organisations and interested community members are encouraged to view the drafts and provide a written submission to Council expressing your comments, concerns and suggestions. Written submissions, addressed to the General Manager, will be accepted up to 5pm on Monday, 22 June 2020. Submissions can be made via Council's website www.gilgandra.nsw.gov.au/ Connect/Have-your-say, hand delivered to Council's Administration

by email

council@gilgandra.nsw.gov.au or posted to PO Box 23, Gilgandra.

We are also inviting residents to be part of our fun photography competition. To showcase the beauty of the Gilgandra Region, Council is running this community photography competition celebrating our region, our people, our events and all things that make our region unique. Terms and conditions and details on how to enter are available on Council's website. Entries close Tuesday, 30 June 2020 so get snapping!

Draft Operational Plan on Exhibition

Council's 2020/21 Draft Operational Plan is currently on public exhibition. The plan includes drafts: 2020/21 Annual Operational Plan 2020/21 Budget 2020/21 Revenue Policy 2020/21 Fees and Charges

Draft Gilgandra Local Strategic Planning Statement

Council's draft Local Strategic Plan

(LSPS) is currently on public exhibition.

The draft LSPS sets the framework for Gilgandra Shire's economic, social and environmental land use needs over the next 20 years, outlining how we can maintain our core community assets and take advantage of new and diverse opportunities for growth.

Coo-ee Heritage Centre Upgrades

Have Your Say on the Coo-ee Heritage Centre (CHC) upgrades. As part of the Gilgandra Cultural Precinct Council will be hosting ZOOM sessions for community consultation and Aboriginal Stakeholder Group on Friday 5, 12 and 19 June. To see what these upgrades include, register for a ZOOM session and to Have Your Say visit

www.gilgandra.nsw.gov.au/Connect/ Have-your-say. It is planned that the Visitor Information Centre will operate out of the GIL for the duration of the construction period.

David Neeves, General Manager





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

Tooraweenah Public School

Return to School

back full-time for the first time since the COVID-19 restrictions took effect. We have greatly missed teaching face to face and are very pleased that students have settled back into routines so quickly.

Staffing Update

Mrs Zell is taking leave for the remainder of the Term (Mondays and Fridays) and we would like to welcome Students enjoyed choosing their Mrs Hutchison, who will be teaching on those days during Term 2. We would like to welcome Daniel Harte, who is working as the General Assistant (GA) in maintaining our school grounds until Dennis is able to resume working on site.

Veggie Gardens



Last Friday saw a very productive day in our Veggie Patch with our



garden beds converted to "Wicking Beds" for water efficiency.



Students, together with Wes Leedham and Carl Homesby from the

Warrumbungle Environmental It is wonderful to have all our students Education Centre began the process of https://tooraweenamodifying our existing beds and learning about water sustainability in practice. It was a fantastic day, full of practical hands on learning and we look forward to welcoming Wes and Carl back this Friday to finish building the second garden bed.

Positive Behaviour for Learning Celebration

activities on the PBL Celebration, with students making slime, watching a movie and enjoying popcorn or playing games.

National Simultaneous Storytime

The National Simultaneous Storytime was a wonderful opportunity for the School and Preschool students to join together and enjoy reading, while joining with children around Australia doing the same.

Did you know that children need to hear 1000 books before they can read themselves?

Reading to children from birth fosters a love of books and reading as well as helping them in their overall language and literacy development.

Tender

The tender process is now live and parents and community members are able to submit tenders via submission forms by Thursday 4 June. Surplus items available via tender are:

- 2005 Cox ride on mower
- Victa mower
- Stihl brushcutter (whipper snipper)
- Daikin reverse cycle split system air conditioning unit
- extra large evaporative air conditioner with ducting
- 4 x used screen doors
- mixed school desks
- small coffee table
- 7 x adult sized vinyl chairs
- 5 x broken chairs
- 1 x tunnel for fixed equipment
- small sheets of corrugated iron

For more photos, details, terms and submission form, refer to the

Tooraweenah Public School website p.schools.nsw.gov.au/

Due date: Thursday June 4, 2020 Please email submission form to tooraweena-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au Inspections are by appointment only due to COVID-19 restrictions. Social distancing and additional hygiene measures will apply. Anyone who is unwell must not enter the school grounds.

Enquiries: Karen Smith, Principal 02 6848 1073

Transition to School

Tooraweenah Public School's Transition to School program will commence in Term 3 on Monday 27th July and will run for full days on Mondays for all of Term 3 and the first 5 weeks of Term 4.

Information packs will be sent out in the coming weeks to current Tooraweenah Preschoolers who are eligible to start Kindergarten in 2021. Please contact the school if you know of any other children who may like to experience what Tooraweenah Public School has to offer.

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



Indy Brown investigating, 'weathering!

Councillors Corner — Cr Brian Mockler Reports!



Councils are indeed fortunate that the Feds are funding, more \$\$\$\$\$ to support delivery of priority local road

and community infrastructure projects.

Gilgandra Shire Council has been allocated \$878k. Perhaps our community has ideas and proposals which can be included in priorities and projects to be selected, keeping in mind all works must be completed by 30 June 2021. I encourage suggestions

and submissions to the General Manager and Councillors, so appropriate analysis and recommendations can be considered.

Our May Council meeting adopted Budgets and associated Reports, progression with new Shire signage in line with Council/regional branding and upgrade of Gilgandra Cultural Precinct/Cooee Heritage Centre.

In relation to the Drought Communities Program, Council resolved not to proceed with the funding allocation towards the Lucas Bridge replacement due to time constraints and other grant funding opportunities.

Instead Council will submit applications to allocate the funding towards 12kms gravel re-sheeting, construction new culvert Curban Biddon Rd, kerb & guttering, footpaths, new town and villages signage, CBD activation/events/ activities and installation of a new community caravan/traveller "dump point" facility to be located at Tooraweenah Caravan Park.

Tooraweenah CWA



I hope everyone is keeping well and practicing the social distancing measures.

There has been no word about reopening our rooms and commencing
our regular monthly meetings.
Macquarie Group held their Executive
Meeting on Zoom which worked quite
well as we could see each other.
The next Group Council Meeting is
scheduled for August in the Curban
Hall.

Please keep an eye out for raffle tickets being sent to branches. Tickets will be drawn during the Group Conference in Wellington in November.

Until next time keep safe *Cath Waller, Publicity Officer.*

Sip & Sew

What a talented group of women we have in Tooraweenah and surrounds. It is amazing to see the volume of finished items from patchwork to table runners, clothing and soft furnishings.

Whoever says a group can't operate under these current restrictions is quite wrong. The Sip and Sew Group is thriving, growing and inspiring others. A telephone call, a text, a

photo or even a call to help sort out a problem. All are answered and shared. We welcome any-one who is interested in joining our group. Ring Sue on 0427 359 936 or Beverley Pike 6848 1190 or contact any-one you know who is part of the group.



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Tooraweenah Show

Activities may be subject to change!



Lions Roar



Toora Lions Club is somewhat hamstrung by existing Public Health Orders despite our rural isolation. With social

distancing and restrictions on Lester has been demoted to Secretar gatherings plans have been shelved to hold an official 41st Changeover that is traditionally held in June. In the world of "virtual reality" we want you to

imagine, Lord Lester,(in all his largest splendour,) bestowing the club's Charter with gavel and lapel pin upon incoming Presidente, Lady Kathryn Larkin (k/as B1 & B2's tea pot mum). Lester has been demoted to Secretary and we have Jane Gesell entrenched as our trusty Treasurer. Other positions in our Lions hierarchy will be allocated when we return to some

sort of normality. In the meantime Kathryn and Lester are at the helm of our local community service organisation for the next 12months. As restrictions relax, Toora Lions members are looking forward to getting their teeth into community projects and activities, with suggestions always welcome.

Lion Mock

Rural Assistant Authority \$310 Million Funding Boost!

The new Rural Assistant Authority funding allows existing drought programs to continue providing farmers and businesses with the support and certainty they need to make farm management and business decisions. The package includes: \$116 million to continue the Drought Transport Subsidy until 1 November 2020

Continue to waive all interest charges on the Farm Innovation Fund until 31 December 2020. These interest waivers will also be extended to include the Special Conservation Fund loans from 1 July 2020. These waivers will be automatically applied and are in addition to the interest free

Drought Assistance Loans still on offer. \$99 million to continue waiving of Local Land Services rates, bee site permits, Western Lands lease rent, wild dog fence rates and provide rebates for vehicle registration cost for eligible primary producers; and \$28.5 million to continue existing water licence fee waivers for stock, domestic, general and high security water users.

By extending these programs, cash is being put back into farmers' pockets at a critical time.

If you have successfully applied for assistance with RAA in the past, you will not be required to lodge another full application.

Drought Assistance Loans still on offer. For more information, call the team at \$99 million to continue waiving of Local Land Services rates, bee site permits, Western Lands lease rent, website www.droughthub.nsw.gov.au



Mountain View Hotel Tooraweenah June 2020

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Check out our amazing drink and bistro specials!

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We're open all June long weekend for all your needs, so if your planning on coming in please ring and book a table.

Hopefully by July things will be more 'normal' and we will have set opening hours. Ash.

Stay well, safe and, connected with family and friends.

6848 1017

Tooraweenah Show Full Update in July Bungles

A decision regarding holding the Annual Show in October is too early to make. Be assured that the Covid-19 Restrictions will be closely monitored by the Show Committee and you will be kept updated as the date draws near. For further information contact: Secretary Kristy Gale 0429 780323 or 6848 1148 or toorashow@gmail.com



Tooraweenah Community Bus

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9am to Gilgandra for <u>essential</u> <u>transport, with restrictions</u> returning earlier to Tooraweenah.

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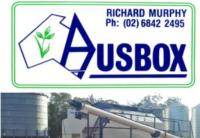


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