



## Gilgandra Shire Council—General Manager Reports



**Restoration works are in progress across our Shire following Council awarding seven works packages as part of the successful funding under the NSW Government Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA). The DRFA is for the flood damage incurred through 2019 -2021, there has been five natural disaster**

**declarations related to Gilgandra LGA during this period. In addition to Council's own three grader crews, we have engaged all local contractor crews, with a total of eight graders to be working on the network.**



Work on Packages 1, 2, 3 and 4, totalling a sum of \$1.25 million, involves 220km of rural roads. Council awarded Packages 6, 7

and 8 in May 2021, **(See Packages On Page 3)** totalling a sum of \$1.7 million, involving a further 370km of road restoration works. **Photo:** Craig Gilmour's team, ripping, grading, rolling and restoring roads in the Gundeia area.

**Please note:** Rural roads not included in a works package will be restored by one of three council crews. We understand that some previously restored roads, have or may be subsequently damaged as we experience further rainfall. To maximise the service around our road network, roads will only be returned to, in the short term, where emergency

work is required.

We acknowledge there are other roads that have been brought to our attention and we continue to prioritise these requests, taking into account high volume use, bus routes and other factors.

Works are now complete in the Gundeia area and works will be moving to the Windurong area.

**For a full list of completed roads, and those being scheduled for the week please visit Council's website or Facebook page content is updated weekly.**

### **New Gilgandra Region Website Launched!**

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### **Dick Smith & 'Macca' Visit Tooraweenah CWA**



Tooraweenah CWA President Beverley Pike and members welcomed Dick Smith back to their Rooms. He was delighted to see the new kitchen fully installed and being utilised every week.

Dick is photographed with long serving member Cluna Gale.

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Tooraweenah CWA , Cath Waller Reports



Hi to all, On Wednesday 12 May, our meeting day, what a great morning we had with our special guests Dick Smith and his wife Pip pictured with Mrs McNamara and members Anne, Jane Toni & Jill. Their daughter Haley Baillie



came, along with 'Macca' and his wife. They came to see our new kitchen. Ken



and Colette Gordon also returned for the occasion. During the meeting a report from State Conference in Bega was presented. Our congratulations to Sue Armstrong who is now NSW State International Officer. Sue, we are sure you will do a great job. Congratulations also go to Denise Quealy

who will be Macquarie Group rep on the State Committee. Dalene, our Cultural Officer arranged a trip to the Phosphate mine, with stops at the Gratton and Bret Garling Galleries. By all accounts everyone who went, had a great day. On Saturday 22nd May Beverley and Elizabeth attended a special Group Meeting in Dubbo. I attended Lester's Biggest Morning Tea, along with Jane and Diane. It was a great morning in support of the Cancer Council. Members have been invited by Gilgandra CWA Evening Branch to attend CWA Sunday Church Service on Sunday 6th June, 9am in the Anglican Church in Gilgandra. Morning tea in the CWA Rooms followed by lunch in the RSL. Sue Armstrong is the guest speaker. Our next catering activity is the Endurance Ride in July, starting Friday 23rd, 24th & 25th. Market Day is on Saturday June 19th from 9am to 1pm. If you would like a stall give Denise a call. Sip & Sew continues each Wednesday

from 10am to 2pm. All are welcome. Our next meeting is Wednesday 9th June 9.30am for 10.00am start. Please bring your own morning tea. Bye for now. Till next time. Cath Waller, Publicity Officer

Cultural Day visit to the Bret 'Mon' Garling Gallery—Sculpting Studio



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

Child and Family Health Nursing Services poster with icons for Home Visiting, Clinic Visits, Child Immunisations, Breastfeeding Support, Safe sleep and settling, Child Health Checks, Progression and Assessments, New Parents Groups, Infant Nutrition and Feeding Advice, Child Safety Information.

Advertisement for June Specials: Happy Hour from 5:30-6:30! \$5 Schooner \$4 Middy's, Pool Comp from 7:30, Rump, Salad & Chips \$16



**Around The Traps** 😊

**TOOAWEEENAH LPO**

The rainfall for Tooraweenah (until 28/5) May 2021 was 35.0mm over 4 days with a YTD total of 335.2mm over 25 days.

**LIONS CLOTHING BIN**

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

**TOORAWEEENAH LIONS CLUB**

The club will hold its monthly meeting at the Mountain View Hotel on Wednesday the 2nd of June. 7.00 for 7.30pm, please book in with Ash Starr, 68481017. Weekly raffles are going well at the Mountain View, the tickets are normally sold on a Friday night and locals and visitors alike are enjoying them. Thank you to all members who are assisting with the selling and support team. We would like to thank The Mountain View Hotel who have been supplying our recent vouchers.

The club is organising a wood chop on the 6<sup>th</sup> of June and the Changeover committee are preparing for the annual changeover on the 19<sup>th</sup> of June.

***Support the club that supports our town.***

**COMMUNITY BBQs are Back at the Pub.**

The community BBQs are back, they are going to be a slightly different format, only one per month at this stage, being the last Saturday of each month.

The Tooraweenah Public school catered on Saturday the 29<sup>th</sup> of May.

***No other group is booked in for June and if your group would like to participate, please book in with Ash Starr at the Pub. June date is Saturday the 26<sup>th</sup>.***

Any other community group wishing to have a turn can contact Ash Jenkin or Ash Starr at the pub on 68481017.

**BIGGEST MORNING TEA**

The fundraiser for the Biggest Morning Tea to raise money for the Cancer

Council was on again at Tooraweenah Trading Co.

It was a fabulous morning with over forty people in attendance.

Lester and Helen would like to thank everyone who assisted with catering by bringing a plate to share and for donating to this great cause. A number of mini raffles were held with the following people winning prizes, Geoff Hill, David Schulz, Hamish Jenkin, Leonie French, Jenny Zell, Cath Waller, Marion Schulz, Barry Chandler, Brett French, Tess Schulz, Robbie Ferguson, Bob Waller. ***\$832.80 was raised and it's not too late to donate, as we are collecting until the 4<sup>th</sup> of June.***

**THANKS TO A GOOD SAMARITIN!**

Special thanks from Jill, Ryan and Steve and their team, to Peter Jenkin who came to our rescue following a Boom Lift bog on Friday. Please know how much your rescue was appreciated.

***The pictures tell the story.***



**4G TOWER CONTINUES TO MOVE GENTLY FORWARD**

The lease between the landowner and Telstra Corporation has been signed by the landowner. It is acknowledge it has taken some time to get to this point, as the lease will continue until 2036.

It is now out of the landowners hands, and now up to their solicitors and the Telstra Corporation, to finalise this great community project that will benefit our village and the community, well into the future.

**IT'S A BOY!!**



Congratulations to Matt Jenkin and his partner Elisa on the birth of a son, Jaxon, Thomas, Don, Jenkin. Born - 15.04.2021, Weight - 9.3 pounds, Length - 51cm. Proud Grandparents are Peter & Denise Jenkin and Great Grandparents Don & June Weston.

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## Golf Club Rounds –



*Photo: Tooraweenah & Baradine Golf Teams from the Challenge day*

May was a fairly quiet month at the golf club due to our farming members being busy in their paddocks on their tractors. Ryan & Rankmore's sponsor day went off well, albeit with a smaller field than last year. The prizes supplied were well received, as was the lunch provided by the sponsor.

Mother's Day had 'the usual suspects' turning out for a fun morning of 9 holes.

Unfortunately again, due to the season, the President vs Captain duel was cancelled.

However! On Saturday 22nd the club hosted Baradine in the inaugural Tooraweenah-Baradine Challenge. The opposition turned up with a team of 7 to compete with our 5. As it was an American Foursomes comp (a pairs game) one of their players paired with one of ours although the pair didn't know if they were playing for Baradine or Tooraweenah until the end of the day. The weather was perfect for an afternoon of golf and both teams had a lot of fun. The winning team of Brett French & Dan Harte from Tooraweenah beat runners up, Ash Starr & Trent McGlashen, by a mere 1/8 of a point! But the point of the day was the team challenge. The 'spare team' were actually playing for Tooraweenah and

helped the locals to win the day, beating the visitors 175 6/8 to 182 4/8. Well done to all and thank you for supporting your local club. The return match at Baradine will be later this year.

### Upcoming for the next few weeks are -

Saturday 5th June - Emu Logic sponsored day; 18 holes, 3 person ambrose, lunch supplied

Saturday 12th June - June Long Weekend, something may go ahead!

Saturday 19th June - 4 ball best ball Multiplier, 18 holes

Saturday 26th June - 4th Round of the Club Championships (incorporating 3rd round of the Garling Shield)

Next club meeting is Tuesday June 8th, 6.30pm at the Mountain View Hotel. All welcome.

*Email: [tooragolfclub@gmail.com](mailto:tooragolfclub@gmail.com)*

## Hints From The Dog House! With Brendan Butler



With 2021 fast becoming known as the year of the mouse plague, one of the innocent victims our efforts to control these little furry stinkers by poisoning, has been our trusty pooches. Poisoned mice and rats are easily picked up by our pets and the results can be fatal.

***Dr Nadine Alan, our local veterinarian from Gilgandra has this advice on the effects of mice bait, how it affects our animals and what we can do to minimise potential problems. "***

Poisoning of non-target animals can happen two ways. Animals can eat the bait directly or they can eat the mice or

rats that have eaten the bait. The newer style single dose anticoagulant baits (difenacoum, brodifacoum, bromadiolone and difethialone) have a much longer half life and so stay in the animals system for weeks thus when our pets eat poisoned mice small levels of bait accumulate over time until they reach levels at which poisoning occurs. The same issue happens to our carnivorous wildlife including carpet snakes and owls. The bait stops animals from clotting their blood and our pets will present with many varied forms of bleeding disorders. They can haemorrhage into the lungs, around their lungs, into their abdominal cavity,

into joints, around their brains, under the skin, develop nose bleeds, and wounds that will not stop bleeding. There is an antidote available, but many animals require additional treatment to drain the leaking blood. Symptoms can progress quickly and not all animals can be saved. All mouse baits have the potential to cause harm to our pets and wildlife so careful and judicious use is paramount.... Great information Dr Nadine, hopefully a cold wet winter will let Mother Nature take care of the little buggers before they do to much more damage.

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**Tooraweenah Public School with Principal Karen Smith**

**Young Leaders of the West Camp**



Our school captain, Lily Smith pictured, attended the Young Leaders of the West Camp at the Warrumbungle National Park Environmental Education Centre first week in May. The three day camp saw over 50 students come together from 19 schools and participate in leadership, team building and challenge activities including conquering Split Rock. Lily embraced all the challenges on camp and was a wonderful ambassador for our school. Lily will be leading a water or energy sustainability project back at school and we look forward to sharing details of this over the coming weeks.

**TPS Cross Country**



In May our students competed in the Tooraweenah Cross Country from the GK Rohr Viewing platform in Tooraweenah. Congratulations to all competitors who showed grit and determination to complete the 1, 2 or 3km races depending on their age group.

***The champions on the day were as follows:***

- Juvenile Boy Hamish Jenkin
- Juvenile Girl Bonnie Alison
- Junior Girl Daisy Wykes

***11yrs Girl Lara Duff pictured!***

**Mark Pitts – Rugby and team building**

As part of our sporting schools funding, Mark Pitts will be coaching our students each Friday for the last 5 weeks of Term. There is an opportunity for interested students to also join with the other small schools to form a team at some upcoming Rugby Gala Days.

**Athletics**

During Mrs Jenkin’s PE lessons on Tuesdays, students will be learning the

skills for events at the upcoming Small Schools Athletics Carnival.

**Netball Gala Day**



*Indy, Ruby & Daisy enjoyed the Net Ball Gala Day*

During Week 6, Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> May, Coonamble hosted the annual Netball Schools Cup. ***We joined Carinda and Quambone to form the Small Schools Sparklers.*** This is a fun gala day where students are able to participate and learn more about the game of netball.

**Save the Date**

**Grandparent’s Day will be held on – Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> August, Week 5 Term 3**

**Explicit Instruction**

On Monday 17<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> May, teachers travelled into Gilgandra Public School to engage in professional learning with coach/mentor John Fleming in the area of explicit instruction to enhance literacy and numeracy.

**Simultaneous Storytime**



At 11am Wednesday 19th May, along with millions of students nationwide, the School and Preschool joined to participate in the National Simultaneous Storytime. This year’s shared book, *Give Me Some Space* by Philip Bunting was greatly enjoyed by our students. National Simultaneous Storytime is held annually by the Australian Library and Information Association (ALIA). The day aims to promote the value of reading and

literacy, fun of books, and promote an Australian writer and publisher.

**Life Education Van**



The Life Education Van saw our enthusiastic students participate in hands on lessons with Healthy Harold and Emma.

***Pictured are Bonnie Alison with Healthy Harold and Emma.***

Years 3/4/5/6 engaged in *Mind Your Medicine* while K/1/2 participated in *Harold’s Friend-ship*. Thank you to parents for providing funding to utilise this great resource with our students.

**PBL Celebration**

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> May, we celebrated our 2000 dojo point celebration for positive behaviour for learning. Students had input choosing the celebration and enjoyed a free time and movie afternoon.

Karen Smith

Principal Tooraweenah Public School

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***Small Schools Sparklers (Toora, Carinda & Quambone) –Coonamble Net Ball Gala Day***



**Lions Roar**



**Toora Lions 2021 Annual Changeover Dinner at Tooraweenah Memorial Hall Saturday 19 June, start time 6.00 for 6.30pm BYO drinks. \$45 per person, 3 course Dinner and entertainment included. Theme for the evening is "Wear your Carnival Best"!! For bookings contact Lord Lester 68481011 or Kathryn Larkin 0400 471648. RSVP by 14 June would be appreciated. A great opportunity to have a social night out in Tooraweenah.**

Despite a hotly contested protracted election process, lively debates, odd bit of sledging, using the proportional voting system, and without White

House like protests, Toora Lions Executive trio have been re elected unopposed, with Kathryn Larkin (aka KT ) as President, Lord Lester as Secretary and Jane Gesell as trusty Treasurer.



Club activities in the last month have been **woodcut**, Porta Loo bookings at a clearing sale and to provide amenities at a local shearing shed plus, planning for our changeover function, the highlight

event of the club's COVID recovery year. **Toora Lions is always on the lookout for ideas and activities.** Our club member and "Oakfield Kelpie" mentor and local entrepreneur , Brendan Butler, is organising , in conjunction with Toora Show Society, a **PASTURES FIELD DAY, on Friday 20 August 2021.** More information to follow over the next few months. *Lion Mock*

*Are you wondering WHO is surrounded by Idiots?*



**Tooraweenah Show - Round up**

A general meeting was held on the 26 May and we covered many topics on future happenings at the Show Grounds.

**The AGM will be held on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> June. 2021**

**Team Roping Program will be run in July. Dates to be confirmed. It is a fantastic sport to watch a man ( or woman), horse and beast, compete in the ring. More information: Robin Dowsett 6848 1093**

The Show caters for the Team Roping as a fund raising exercise and we are always looking for guest chefs.

**Put in your diary the Endurance Ride on 23, 24, and 25 July.** This is a big event with over 300 horses competing. They ride both day and night and it is a spectacular display of horsemanship, competing against others yet looking

after the health of horse and rider. For more information ring Sonia Bonham 6848 5345

**The Office and First Aid Room plans** are well under way with final placement of buildings agreed. We were very fortunate and very grateful to secure a grant for this work.

Other plans include purchasing a new lawn mower and upgrading the kitchen with a new deep fryer.

**Show update**-we will run Yard Dog Trials on Show Day. Lots of ideas are buzzing about to improve our Show. Any ideas? Contact President Ben Gale by phone: 6848 1148

**Farmers** - Important Date for your diary is 20 August. Combined Fundraising & Pasture Field Day. Brendan Butler says some great sponsorships are being

secured. Guest speakers will include Bob Freebairn, Dr Belinda Hackney, Dr Susan Orgill and chaired by Dr Dave Arbison of the NSW Grasslands Society. Topics covered - Getting the most out of winter legume production; weed control fertility nitrogen up-take; and Dr Orgill will talk about all things Carbon from the layman's perspective. Tell your friends, bring along your questions, an excellent and informative day is assured. A scrumptious Lions Luncheon will be supplied and followed by, (weather permitting), a field trip with more hands on information. See July Toorabungles for a full update or contact Brendan Butler 6848 1048

**AND, don't forget the AGM 16 June at the Mountain View Hotel starting at 7pm.**



**Tooraweenah Community Bus** offers a door-to-door pick up from 9am to Gilgandra for essential transport, with restrictions returning earlier to Tooraweenah.

**Schedule for 2021:**  
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**Tooraweenah Preschool 'Developing Wings of Independence' - With Miss Marie**



Miss Shannon & Georgia admiring the view!

We have been enjoying the lovely days when playing at preschool, with lots of fun in the sandpit and children enjoying painting the playground with the brushes and buckets of water. We have some new playground friends (aka garden ornaments), including a turtle and a family of ladybeetles to share our playground with 'Andy Ant'. We have recently received some new resources purchased through our successful 'Quality Learning Environment Grant'. Items include new climbing ladders and A-frames for outside, a light table, and other new furniture including new shelving for our 'busy table' area with baskets to house our recycled items and collage materials, some comfy poufs for around the room with beautiful Aboriginal designs on them, two small tables and a new fold-up shelf for construction items. We are also getting a new lounge seat and a 'story seat' shortly thanks to this grant. A huge thank you to Jamee Wykes for gaining this for us.

We have been enjoying 'Bush Preschool' every second Wednesday, discovering amazing things such as large ant nests, a magpie nest in the tree, the windmill and climbing the steep 'mountains' (piles of dirt previously dredged from the Tooraweenah Creek) to see even further away. We have looked closely at the grasses and plants growing in the paddock, looked at the flowers of some, discussed if they have a 'sting' in them or



Friends: (L to R) Rose, Tess, Amelia running down the steep hill!

not, and looked closely at the different trees and plants along the creek. We have enjoyed drawing what we can see, both in our scrap books and also in the dirt with our

fingers or sticks, even copying some Aboriginal symbols from our collection. We have made friends with a miniature pony and have investigated the hoof prints we found in the mud and wash outs, discussing together and problem solving about just what animal they could belong to: a cow or a horse? We have a great trolley now that we pack our drink bottles, outdoor mat and collection baskets into and off we go, navigating the rugged ground and tufts of grass.



Photo: Pre schoolers walking with Miss Marie

It is always exciting to discover some horses quietly grazing on the other side of the creek when we climb the tall mountains to check things out further. We recently enjoyed a visit from

"Healthy Harold", talking about staying healthy and clean, practising all sorts of self-help skills (with lots of laughs and giggles), and learning a fun and energetic "Bean game". We also joined Tooraweenah Public School for National Simultaneous Story Time on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> May with the exciting story "Give Me Some Space".

Our investigations throughout the week have been continuing, with the children busily researching and discovering more about what animals are nocturnal or diurnal animals, plants and watching our seeds grow (our veggie patch will soon rival that of Tooraweenah Public School's!) and our Insect investigation. These topics have all come from the children's discussions and we have all learnt a great deal about these things, as well as having even more questions! We will keep busy finding out more answers over the next few weeks of term.

Miss Marie.

Marie Jacobsen - Nominated Supervisor



Photo: Aboriginal Symbols in our Scrap Book

**👍 Diary Dates 2021 😊**

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

**Sat 19th June  
Toora Lions  
Change Over Dinner**

**Thursday 12 August  
Grandparents Day**

**Friday 20th August  
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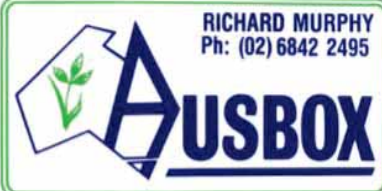


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