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Toora Bungles

Helping Farmers in the Central West - A Morale boost!

Ken Gordon, Tooraweenah Drought relief Co-ordinator said, "We owe an awful lot to the Lithgow group whose tireless efforts, donations of work, goods, food and their energising sprit, brought so much to our town and its people, simple words can't express our gratitude."

"It was such a morale boost to think these people 'cared' and followed up their ideas. The value of all these things is priceless and cannot be repaid in kind. They do not want anything except to know that they made a difference. I believe they touched the lives and hearts of every member of the community in so many different ways. Their selfless acts of kindness, generosity and friendship will long be remembered and they will now always be part of our community and history. We hope to have them return for a social event to thank them all in person." More Page 7

'Best Little Show in the West' Free Entry - Saturday 20th October

Gate entry to the 'Best Little Show in the West" will be free this year and membership will be free in 2019 for 2018 members.

During a well attended Tooraweenah Show meeting, on Tuesday 25th September at the Mountain View Hotel it is very pleasing to be able to report that the Show received a grant of \$25,000 from Gilgandra Shire Council. This grant is part of the \$1,000,000 that Council received from the Government for drought relief.

In receiving this grant, it was decided that entry would be FREE for this year and membership free in 2019 for 2018 members. The only condition is that you must present at the Gate to receive an arm band and lucky gate tickets.

Preparations for the show are well in hand and members are working hard to make it a great day out. Kristy is busy securing lots of stall holder bookings for the day and Judges and Steward organisation is well underway with just some fine tuning.

So, come along and join in the activities of the "Best Little Show in the West". Here's what you can expect. Athletic & Novelty Events, Children's Entertainment, Demonstrations, Ground Exhibitions, Animal and Garden Nursery, Emu products, Horse Sports, Pavilion, Ring Events, Rodeo, Speed Sheer, Warrumbungle Yard Dog Trials, Whip Cracking and much, much, more! We hope to see you there!

'Share the Journey' October - Mental Health Month

This theme 'Share the Journey' focuses on the importance of social connections in our journey to better mental health and our ability to cope with life's challenges. Good social connections not only improve our overall mental health and well being, they also build our resilience. More page 6

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Contact for Community Health (02) 68805943 of (02) 6880 5944

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Tooraweenah Public School

Baradine Public Speaking Competition Congratulations to all our speakers for the



Baradine Public Speaking Competition. Our students had prepared well and spoke confidently on the day. It was pleasing to see 100% of students participate to the best of their ability.

Congratulations to Daisy Wykes and Tallis Brown who both make it into the finals of the public speaking. Daisy was the winner of the Year 1 category and Tallis was the runner up in the Year 4 group. We are extremely proud of their achievement.



Premier's Reading Challenge

Congratulations to the following students who have completed the Premiers' Reading Challenge:

Alex Brown, Holly Wykes, Lexi Trickey, Lily Smith and Tom McDonell. Special mention goes to Lexi Trickey who read books from the Years 3/4 book list, while she is in Year 2. **Tooraweenah Athletics Carnival and Tennis Day**

We were fortunate to have perfect weather for the Athletics Carnival. It was a day full of athletics and novelty events and all students participated to the best of their ability in the





members join us on the day as well as our school patrons Mrs Beverley Pike and Mrs Jeanette Cruickshank. Thank you to the parents who helped with the BBO and to

hotly contested day

between sporting

houses Butler and

wonderful to have

Preschool students

and community

Garling. It was

the parents,

parents who helped with the BBQ and to Denis White for transporting

equipment. Congratulations to Butler, the winning house on the day and to the Tooraweenah Athletics Champions: Senior Boy Champion – Tom McDonell Junior Boy Champion – Jahkaia Hughes Junior Girl Champion – Taylor McDonell Juvenile Girl Champion – Daisy Wykes Western Athletics

Congratulations to our Tooraweenah Relay Team, Tom McDonell, Taylor McDonell, Jakhaia Hughes and Lexi Trickey who competed at the Western Athletics trials. The mixed team competed against other schools with a school population under 26. Placing 4th in the heats, the team made it into the final, showing excellent sportsmanship. We are very proud of their achievement. Thank you to the parents who transported students to the carnival. **Eumungerie CnB (see and be) Expo Day**

The students travelled to Eumungerie on Friday to participate in a CnB careers day to open their horizons to other possible career choices when they leave school. There were 16 different professions present on the day for students to engage with including police, armed forces, fire brigade, a chef, rugby pathways, artist, photographer, fitness instructor and a variety of technology activities for students to try. The day was enjoyed by all with the students coming away

Community Care Centre

Tooraweenah Community Bus offers a door-to-door pick up from 9am to Gilgandra, returning approximately 2.30pm to Tooraweenah

Schedule for 2018: October 9 & 23; November 13 & 27; December 4 & 18.

Always the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month Please ring to book: 6817 8750 with a wealth of information and enthusiasm for the future.

Helping Famers in the Central West

Students at Tooraweenah Public School were extremely grateful to receive packages of stationary and toys from the 'Helping Farmers in the Central West' group who kindly donated time and resources to help out the Tooraweenah Community last weekend. Thank you to the wonderful volunteers.

Moorambilla

Three of our students are attending Moorambilla Voices Camps this week in preparation for the Gala concerts on Friday and Saturday. The excitement is building for these performances and we wish Tom, Tallis and Brock all the best for their musical endeavours.

Colour Run

The P&C are organising a Colour Run and Golf Day during the school holidays at 10am on Saturday 13th October. Mark the date in your calendar and come along for a great day!

Karen Smith

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

Grandparents' Day

Gilgandra Shire Council will host a



Celebration for Grandparents' Day Sunday 28th October

on the Cooee Lodge Front Lawn 10am to 3pm

The event will be free, with markets, coffee/tea van, jumping castle, historical displays, face painting, family photo booth, dance class concert, BBQ, social media stall & live entertainment.

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Roundabout

Tooraweenah LPO

The rainfall for Tooraweenah for September was 20.8mm falling over 5 days with a YTD total of 238.5mm over 31 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.

A reminder that the Tooraweenah Post Code is 2817

Pub Community BBQ's

The September BBQ's at the pub were run by the Tooraweenah-Biddon cricket club, Jaimie Zell, Jon Kilby and their merry band of helpers. HHHHH They did such a great job on the night that the Lithgow drought workers were in Tooraweenah. The October BBQ's will be run by the Tooraweenah Pre school. Crawl down over October for a great night out. The BBQ's are a great way for local organisations to raise some money locally and give the community somewhere to go on a Saturday night. Thank you to Ashlee, Trent and the staff at the Mountain View for allowing this to happen.

Tooraweenah Lions Blood Run

The next scheduled blood run is on Monday the 26th of November, the last two runs have not had any donors, if we can't get new donors this service may have to stop. That would be a shame as it's been running since the early 1980s from Tooraweenah.

Anyone interested can contact Lester @ Tooraweenah Trading Co on 0268481011 or by email <u>lester@ttco.com.au</u> Every donation can save up to three lives.

Lions Clothing Bin

Residents that take advantage of the

Anglican Church Tooraweenah

First Sunday at 11.30am Morning tea

Grahame Yager 0428 866 525

Gulargambone Jeff Tym 0427 223 182



Lions Clothing bin are reminded that it is for clean clothing only. Old toys, prams etc are not passed on. The clothing is all that is taken by the charity shops. The remainder of the items go to the tip. These items are useful and can be given to other charities, but the Lions clothing bin is not the place for them.

Vale Tony Armytage, 3.1.1929 -25.9.2018

Long time member of the Tooraweenah community, more recently of Cooee Lodge, Tony was a Patron of the Tooraweenah Show and founded the Warrumbungle Gliding Club. His father Clive bought Kirriwa after WW1, marking 100 years of the Armytages being in the District and he will be sadly missed.

Penny and Philip are holding a relaxed farewell for Tony at the Gilgandra Golf Club Wednesday 3rd October from 11.30am to 2.30pm. All welcome to share a light lunch, stories and raise a glass to the life of a lovely gentleman. Privately cremated.

The Tooraweenah community join in extending their condolences to Penny, Phillip and their families. Tony was a wonderful neighbour, friend, poet, inventor and volunteer.

Mountain View Hotel

A kids Trick or Treat is planned around



s planned around Tooraweenah on Wednesday 31st October from 5pm. Meet at the Mountain View dressed in your best Halloween outfit.

If any community group wishes to fundraise with the meat trays on Fridays please give Ash a ring on 6848 1017.



Need Farm Fuel? Lubricants? Give Inland Petroleum a call 1800 638 700 Or call in at Inland BP 84 Miller Street, Gilgandra

Don't forget to check the Mountain View Hotel ad on page 5 for all the activities during October.

Australian Hearing Bus

The Australian Hearing Bus is stopping by Tooraweenah—Denman St on Wednesday 17th October to offer free hearing checks and raise hearing health awareness, to locals in the community. Debbi Amos, Manager Australian Hearing Dubbo said that because age-related hearing loss develops gradually over time, it is common for people to be unaware their hearing is diminishing. "A hearing check is a quick and easy way to measure the sounds you can and can't hear. Our team will also be on hand to guide you through what next steps you may have to take in regards to your hearing."

Debbie said, "Not everyone who is experiencing problems hearing needs a hearing aid. Sometimes it's just hearing the TV at normal volumes, hearing your doorbell, or hearing your friends on the phone that's the problem."

No appointment is necessary. Australian Hearing will provide hearing checks to any interested adult over 18 who visits the bus on the day between 1pm & 3.30pm.

Show Entries

Why not pop an entry in the Margaret Mockler Pavilion. Perhaps you're an artist, photographer or wool grower, or you may have an interest in craft, vegie or flower growing or you may like to cook or enter the men's chocolate cake competition.

It's great to participate and the Pavilion is always a crowd pleaser with entries displayed to perfection.

Hope to see you at the Show! Remember, gate entry is FREE!

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NSW government Drought Hub Www.droughthub.nsw.gov.au Rural Assistance Authority (RAA) Loans at a Glance NSW RAA: 1800 678 593

NSW Drought Transport Subsidies

https://www.raa.nsw.gov.au/ assistance/emergency-drought-relief/ transport-sibsidy-online-form

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Fixed charge component of water licences issued by Water NSW will be automatically waived for licence holders in rural and regional NSW Contact; Water NSW on 1300 662 077 Office of Environment & Heritage Check their website to find all the information on; The changes to licences to reduce

kangaroos; How to apply for a licence for existing and new licence holders Farm Innovation Fund customers will have interest charges refunded for the 2017/18 financial year and the 2018/19 financial year.

For more information go to; <u>www.agriculture.gov.au</u>

Let's talk Managing Stress during

Drought and How Are You Going flyers have been inserted for your support. They were kindly provided by the Centre for Rural & Remote Mental Health and RAMHP—Rural Adversity Mental Health Program. We hope they prove to be beneficial.

E: ramhp@newcastle.edu.au W: www.ramph.com.au

Councillors Corner



Congratulations to Doug Batten, (currently AOL,) and Ash Walker re elected as Mayor and Deputy Mayor during the September meeting.

A replica of 2018 Armistice project, Brett Garling statue of a "Soldier returning from War" is currently on display at Tooraweenah Trading Co. Local Kylie Moppett is driving this project with an official ceremony to unveil and dedicate the true to life statue on Armistice Day, 11 November, at GK Rohr Warrumbungle Viewing Platform.

Gilgandra Shire Council has generously allocated by way of a pledge \$25k to Tooraweenah Show Society from Federal Government drought relief grant of \$1m. The Show Committee is currently planning the 2018 Annual Show and how to utilise part of the funding at this years' Show. Further funding will become available that can be geared towards capital works and infrastructure projects and improvements at the showground. All community groups who use and help maintain our picturesque Showground including Rodeo Grounds and Golf Course will enjoy the benefits achieved through the drought relief grant funding.

Did you know, Gilgandra Preschool, through Council, successfully obtained grant funding of \$403k to build an extension to the Pre-School facility. Well done to those responsible for the funding application.

Cr Brian Mockler

Tooraweenah CWA



Hi to all, Our kitchen is finished and it looks fantastic! A very big thank you to Dick

Smith for his generous donation of \$5k and to the Tooraweenah Lions — Ken Gordon, Gary Gesell and Collette Gordon for all the work they did to see this project come to fruition.

Ken handed over the keys of the kitchen to President Sue Armstrong on Wednesday, the 19th September.

Twelve Branch members and guests along with Janice Bakers grandson Clarke, visited Pilliga Pottery on our meeting day the 12th September. The Branch meeting concluded within the hour and with lunch ordered it was off to enjoy a pottery demonstration and





to look around at the many items on display and for sale. It was a most enjoyable day.

A gentle reminder to members that the annual subs of \$43 are now due and payable by our AGM /General Meeting on the 10th October starting at 10am in the CWA Rooms. Our Craft 'Sip and Sew' to follow.

Activities to be finalised during the meeting include; planning for the Tooraweenah Show catering and the 12 months annual program, so please bring all your ideas for the year ahead.

It would be great to see everyone in attendance.

Till next time. Cath Waller—Publicity

Council Happenings

COUNCIL TO SUPPORT TOORAWEENAH P A & H

On 18 September, Council resolved to provide a cash sponsorship of \$25,000 towards the Tooraweenah P A & H Association to be funded from the Australian Government's Drought Communities Program.

SAVE THE DATE

11 November Armistice – unveiling of the Returned Soldier Sculpture at the GK Rohr Viewing Platform, Tooraweenah. Details to follow.

COOEE CASH CARDS

Gilgandra & District Community Bank ®

branch, in partnership with Gilgandra Shire Council, has commenced the process to roll out the Cooee Cash Cards initiative with visits to businesses to update software, enabling these businesses to accept the cards. The cards are available for purchase from the Gilgandra & District Community Bank ® branch and can only be used at participating businesses as listed on the Why Leave Town Promotions website: <u>https://</u> www.whyleavetown.com/gilgandra

McGRANE OVAL UPGRADES

Works have commenced on McGrane Oval following the announcement from

Lions Roar

During most of the month of September Toora Lions members devoted countless hours to help plan, co-ordinate

and assist with the team of Lithgow volunteers, Helping Farmers in the Central West, Tooraweenah Drought Relief.

This was a huge logistical project conducted from Friday 21 to Sunday 23 September.

It was more about hands on assistance to local farmers in a variety of meaningful ways based on specific requests. President Ken Gordon was central to the coordination effort which involved about 50 Lithgow & District volunteers and about 20 locals. Toora Lions provided brekkie at the showground and assisted with delivering of "personalised" hampers around the district. Emma Hutchison volunteered as "tour guide" and only got lost a few times!!

Toora Lions also managed donations to the project leading the way with an initial donation of \$2,000 to kick start the Gilgandra District Drought Alliance drought relief fund and the new "Cooee Cash Card".

Lion Geoff Hill has been the moving force to get the new kitchen installed in the Memorial Hall. A few unknown structural and age related obstacles have been encountered requiring adjusting the scope of works, nothing too serious that can't be fixed with a swag of money....from somewhere.

Our other tradesman have done a "reno" on the CWA kitchen with the official opening on 1 October, hats off to Ken Gordon and apprentice Gary Gesell for all their hard work and effort. They too found a few structural challenges trying to fit within the Dick Smith funded new kitchen in the weary old building that is now bright and cheery!

Expect Toora Lions DIY kitchen renovation Kit to be on the market shortly with the usual Lions lifetime guarantee.

Forthcoming events, Toora Lions catering for Stokes Bearbong Clearing sale Sat 6 October, our catering team joins forces with Show Committee for 20 October Show BBQ, hot dishes, and other delicacies. Our members will also be volunteering to run various events



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TOORAWEENAH CRICKET NET

Tenders have closed for the installation of the cricket net at Tooraweenah. Council has been in discussions with the community for its suitable location.

TOORAWEENAH HALL UPDATE

The kitchen has been removed from the hall, with plumbing and electrical works continuing before the installation of the new kitchen! Stay tuned!

at the 2018 Toora Show.

Lions Club meetings 1st Wednesday every month, dinner 7pm followed by the meeting at Toora's local watering hole, Ashlee Jenkin's Mountain View Hotel.

A reminder that if any assistance is required Toora Lions team of multi skilled professional volunteers can probably help, (our speciality is kitchens at the moment.) Have a chat to any member to suggest a project. Lion Mock

Mountain View Hotel Tooraweenah October 2018

Monday 1st Opening at 3pm

Wednesday 17th Pool Comp from 6pm

Friday Nights Meat Trays & Raffles Happy Hour 5—6pm If you wish to fundraise with meat trays ring Ash at the pub.

Saturday 20th—Show Night Open 4pm—D.J. from 6pm till late \$5 Schooners

> Sunday Roast Lunch - \$15 Lunch 12—2pm

Friday 26th Mexican Food Night 6pm

Wednesday 31st Kids 'Trick or Treat' Meet at the Mountain View 5pm

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W.MENTALHEALTHMONTH.ORG.AU

What is it all about?

Each year in NSW, Mental Health Month is celebrated throughout the month of October.

The aim of this month is to encourage all of us to reflect on our mental health and wellbeing, but also; include the month's message in our everyday lives. It helps us, wether we have a lived experience of mental illness or not, to think about the importance of looking after our mental health and wellbeing.

Connecting with others is important for our health and survival. Research tells us that feeling connected, valued and loved by others gives us a sense of security, support, purpose and happiness. Close connections and good relationships with others allows us to enjoy the good times in our lives and helps us deal with the hard experiences our wellbeing, it also strengthens our we face.

This is important for all of us! Unfortunately in today's society, we have many demands on our attention and time, and more people experience loneliness in Australia than ever before. For those experiencing or living with mental illness, loneliness can be far worse as individuals can face social exclusion, stigma and discrimination. As The 'Balcony People' are people and social beings, this can affect all aspects of our wellbeing.

To help encourage people to connect with others the theme for Mental Health Month is:

'Share the Journey'

This theme focuses on the importance of social connections in:

- 1. Our journey to better mental health and
- 2. Our ability to cope with life's challenges.

Good social connections not only improve our overall mental health and wellbeing they also build our resilience.

Share the Journey by **Offering a Helping Hand**

There are many ways that we can share the journey with others, not only to improve our mental health and wellbeing but also those we connect with. One way is by offering a helping hand and giving more of our time to people and the community. This can be small everyday actions like holding a door open for someone or larger commitments like volunteering for a cause vou're passionate about. We can also help others out by checking-in with them and offering support. This lets us start a conversation around mental health, breakdown stigma around mental illness and build closer connections with others.

Giving a helping had not only improves connections with ourselves, others and the broader community. We can also develop a greater sense of meaning in life and feel connected to something bigger than ourselves.

No matter the action giving can be lifechanging.

The Balcony People

relationships in our life that cheer us on.

They support us, inspire us, acknowledge us and encourage us-as if cheering us from the balcony of life's stage. (Joyce Landorf Heatherly 1989)

Practicing Patience

Having patience is essential for our everyday lives particularly for building social connections and resilience. It is being able to accept and handle difficult situations without overwhelming yourself with anger, frustration or other negative emotions.

Patience allow us to show kindness, concern, understanding and forgiveness to others. This can help us have better relationships with people and help us support individuals who are facing challenges—a perfect way to share the journey!

When it comes to our mental health, practicing patience doesn't only apply to ourselves but also when we are supporting others in their mental health journey.

When we face situations that can test our mental health resilience, it is often easy for us to develop assumptions that lead to negative thought patterns on both ourselves and on others. In such circumstances, approaching conversations and situations with a non -judgemental approach and being mindful of the present is also an example of practicing patience. Patience and resilience are also connected.

Practicing patience can help us to cope better in situations like sitting in traffic, waiting in a gueue, supporting a loved one or finding the right help for your mental health. So remember the importance of patience the next time you are annoyed with yourself, others or a frustrating situation it can change your journey.

This information is provided with thanks by WayAhead (Mental Health Association NSW)

If you would like to connect with family or friends a Post Card, including \$1 stamp can be collected from Toora Trading from2nd October and at the Tooraweenah Show on October 20th. Just send a greeting, 'thinking of you.' or ' Are you OK?' Pop it in the mail straight away. It's that easy.

A busy month planning and preparing all involved. for the Lithgow group "Helping Farmers in the Central West". This culminated in a weekend of work across the Tooraweenah district from the 21st to 23rd September.

Initially we sent out 85 flyers to farmers in the area to determine what they would like done that they could not usually catch up with. There was also a 'Dob in a Farmer' section too. This resulted in 58 responses with over200 jobs and tasks, ranging from stick picking, home clean ups and cleaning, tree lopping, septic pump out, trenching, excavating, bob cat work, electrical, painting, roofing and drink water tank Colette Gordon and Jane Gesell did refilling.

A work force of about 50 people from Lithgow, Penrith, Wollongong and other locations including a couple from WA arrived in Tooraweenah aided by locals such as Rob from Gilgandra Auto Electrics, Trevor Estens and Lions Club volunteers. All worked tirelessly from Friday lunchtime to Sunday evening. Most of the jobs were completed with the exception of some dam cleaning where their equipment was not large enough for the task or where legal, practical or time restraints prevented task completion. The teams apologise if they did not get to a job or did not have the ability to complete it for whatever reason but I must say they did a lot of extra jobs not on their lists.

Their expected volunteer numbers were less than anticipated and the cancellation of an excavator crew and plumber prevented some works being undertaken. However they did supply 65 hampers around the area to various properties and people who the team considered were in need of a boost. There were both family and single packs loaded with goodies and vouchers redeemable locally to aid our business groups. The team visited our local school and provided nappies, kids packs and pen pals to the children and it was a delight to see the excitement and enjoyment of

On Saturday night the Lithgow groups provided a party atmosphere at the Mountain View Hotel, with Scottish pipe band and a live band called "Mountain High" which was greatly received by all those in attendance. Jamie Zell headed the cricket club who did an amazing job providing great food for a huge crowd. Lions Club ran raffles with prizes donated by the Lithgow group and Victorian people which included his and her watches, alcohol packs, crocheted blankets and beautiful hand made cards.

Our team of Geoff Hill. Geoff Pike. an amazing job raising over \$400 for the fund. Additional funds came from the breakfast team of Lions volunteers, Brian Mockler, Lester Thurston, Brendan and Kerry Butler, Geoff Pike, Steve and Leonie Watts and members of the cricket club. The Lions Club would also like to acknowledge the input from Tooraweenah CWA and a special mention to Sue Armstrong whose tireless work as the farmers relief team secretary provided fantastic communication and a certificate for the Group.

I'd also like to thank Lester Thurston, Jade Zell, Tanya & Emma Hutchison and Leonie Watts and Ashlee Jenkin ,without their endless running around, organising, mappings and preparation and lunch making, the event would not have run.

I'd also like to mention Gary Gesell for his many hours of setting up, cooking and helping out all round. We'd also like to acknowledge the efforts of Geoff & Sarah Hill who coordinated all the accommodation and stays for the relief groups and ensured the comfort of our visitors.

We thank Ben Lavender for his assistance and participation and Scott from Gilgandra who was on standby all weekend with an ambulance.

We were aided by Coates Hire Dubbo, Jacks Hire Coonabarabran who provided free cherry pickers and pole saws thanks to the assistance of Trent Allen, Gavin Duff, Gary Gesell and Jamie Zell for all their work in collection and returning this equipment. Thanks also to Peter Jenkin who provided his own cherry picker and Semmler's and Gilgandra Shire Council who refilled many empty drinking water tanks for free.

I also thank everyone who helped or participated in some way and may not have been mentioned above.

As Coordinator, I thanked the group on behalf of the Tooraweenah community, the Lions and CWA and presented them with an appreciation certificate.

The story of their gift to the town and district is being published in the Gilgandra Weekly, The Land and local Lithgow and Blue Mountains publications. Ken Gordon **Tooraweenah Drought Relief** Coordinator.





Send prepared articles to the Toora Bungles editors at email: toorabungles@yahoo.com.au by the last Friday of the month