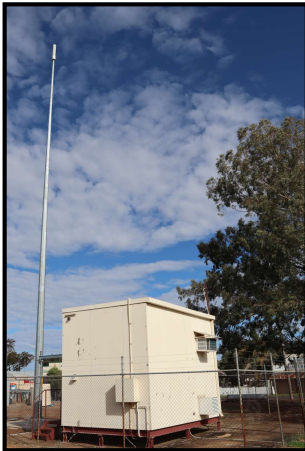


Toora Bungles



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Telstra 4G Tower – Goes Live!



Monday 19th July 2021 was a RED LETTER DAY for Tooraweenah Village when the long awaited Telstra 4G Small Cell went live, providing the much anticipated connectivity for village businesses, emergency services, residents and visitors.

Hats off, to Tooraweenah CWA Branch for driving this project to it's completion, in consultation with Telstra, the Lions Club and the broader community.

An overwhelming thanks must go to Telstra, Gilgandra Shire Council and the multiple Tooraweenah community groups and individuals who provided the \$88,000 to fund the project and to Telstra for their expertise to make the 4G Small Cell a reality.

Tooraweenah Village now joins other Australians with mobile phone services, texting, emailing and live streaming. Visits to the Viewing Platform are now a thing of the past and everyone can feel safe, more included and digitally connected across Australia, the world, and to everyday life. Enjoy!

Tom Quilty TQ22 Preview Event



Tooraweenah Endurance ride saw 28 riders tackle 160km and 29 tackle 80km distances on the 24th July in extremely difficult conditions. They had weather and COVID against them but managed to put on a professional, safe, wonderful, friendly event.

Local 160km riders are to be congratulated, Lara Duff placed 1st Junior, Isabella Worner 2nd Junior and Charlie Bonham pictured 3rd Junior and Best conditioned Horse award. Sonia Bonham also completed 6th in her division.

The 3 juniors are now qualified to ride at the National Endurance ride next year, the prestigious Tom Quilty which has special history for the community as it was run from Tooraweenah 31 years ago.

Sophia Moppett, an 80km rider completed her last novice ride and is now a qualified endurance rider, she is now able to tackle the 160km distance!!

Next year will see hopefully, close to 300 riders tackle the course in mid July. This will be a massive event and bring a lot of visitors and business into our community.

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Lara & Sophia

Pasture Information Field Day Friday 20th August 2021 Postponed

The Toora PA&H and Lions combined pasture information, field day has been **postponed** due to COVID 19.

One of the organiser Brendon Butler advised the Toora Bungles the event will proceed at the first available opportunity.

When the event does go ahead, there will be plenty to discuss with the

celebrated panel of experts and all producers will find something to take away from the day.

QUOTE from field day presenter Dr Susan Orgill " There are practical and achievable ways to increase soil carbon available right now . These are backed by scientific data and align well with supporting productivity. The benefits of

increasing soil carbon go beyond carbon, soil nutrient cycling, soil structure, and functioning microbes, but one thing is for sure - soil carbon sequestration is one of the only products you can now sell off-farm where you can still get the benefits on farm".

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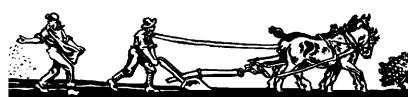
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Tooraweenah CWA - Cath Waller Reports



Margaret Zell was also awarded an OAM and was recognised for her outstanding contribution. Well done.
 Our Market day was cancelled for July owing to COVID, but the Saturday, August 21st Market will operate 9am to 1pm. Give Denise a call to

9.30am start. Orange cakes in for judging please at 9.15am. Please bring your own morning tea when we will join the sewing group.
 Our lunch is 12.30pm at the Aboriginal Cultural Centre at Balladoran.
 Sip & Sew continues in our rooms each Wednesday from 10.00am to 2.00pm.
 By the time the Toora Bungles is published six (6) members will have travelled to the Group Council Meeting in Coonamble on August 2nd.
 Till next time.
Cath Waller, Publicity Officer

What an enjoyable day our Yuletide Lunch was. Great food, thanks to the Mountain View Hotel catering team. Past ACWW President Ruth Shanks, Pictured with Beverley, Max Zell Jill & Lianne, gave us a great insight into the work of ACWW throughout the region and Europe. Ruth also showcased craft items produced by people from other countries.
 Max Zell, along with members and guests congratulated Jill Blackman on receiving an OAM. Well deserved.

book a stall space.
 Many thanks to all who contributed food, and time over the weekend of the Endurance Ride preview event. Special thanks to Geoff Pike who did so many behind the scene jobs over the 3 days. Ride numbers were down due again to COVID boarder closures. Despite this, the results were great. A big thanks again to everyone, as it was a very cold and showery event.
 Our August meeting will be held in the Gilgandra CWA Rooms 9.00am with

Jack Frost Fox! - Slug shot!!





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Event

Saturday 7th August
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Golf Day

Saturday 29th August
Combined Lions/Show
Charity Golf Day

Activities may be subject to change!

Around The Traps 😊

Tooraweenah LPO

Thank you to the patrons of Tooraweenah Trading and the Post Office for signing in upon entry and wearing the mandatory masks. A few teething problems with the manual sheets with people not writing their phone numbers clearly and a few people not writing their contact numbers at all. The whole purpose of these sheets is to allow contact tracing and it could save someone's life. Scanning the QR code is the easiest way to go and that is now possible since the erection of the new Telstra tower in Aimee Street.

The rainfall for Tooraweenah (until 23/7) July 2021 was 51.4mm over 6 days with a YTD total of 486.2mm over 40 days.

Lions Clothing Bin

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

Toora Lions Club.

The club will not be holding its monthly meeting at the Mountain View Hotel in August, due to the COVID 19

restrictions.

The Lions club went to the Gilgandra Lions Club changeover on the 15th of July, 5 members were able to make it and they met the incoming district governor Michael Ryan and his wife Judy Ryan. The dinner was well supported by the Gular Lions club with 12 in attendance.

Some Lions Club members were assisting the CWA with catering during the QE22 Preview Endurance Ride. Thanks all round.

The club has still been able to hold a woodcut at the Butlers property to keep our members warm cutting and our senior residents warm. Thank you to the suppliers of morning tea, the Larkin and Mockler families.

Incidentally, at the previous wood chop Brian Mockler supplied a chocolate cake with a similar consistency to the iceberg that sunk the Titanic, however, everyone that had a go at it suffered in silence.)

Support the club that supports our town.

Community BBQs at the Pub.

The community BBQs at the Pub are on hold again until further notice, due to COVID restrictions.

If your community group wishes to have a turn in the months ahead, please contact Ash Jenkin or Ash Starr at the pub on 68481017.

Preschool Fundraiser Sheep Drive

The Tooraweenah Preschool would love your support for their 2021 fundraiser. Their GOAL is to collect as many sheep and lambs as possible from now until the end of August, then sell through Dubbo saleyards early September. The Tooraweenah Preschool will again receive 100% of the proceeds to help their littlest learners.

If you are able to donate a sheep or lamb (or two) for their great cause, their committee members are more than happy to pick up from you! To arrange pick up or delivery please call

Seanne Jenkin on 0447 626 521.

Thank you.

Lions Roar — Lion Mock Reports



Sadly planning for the Tooraweenah Pasture Field Day has been postponed. This popular event was to be

coordinated by Toora Lions and Toora Show in conjunction with the Local Land Services. But, don't despair, it will be rescheduled with loads of pasture expert presentations.

All enquiries to our very own kelpie breeder and pasture guru, Brendan Butler 0447 481048.

Whilst the club's July meeting was cancelled due to COVID related issues, our members have not been resting on their laurels. A contingent of members

attended Vice District Governor combined Clubs visit for the Gilgandra Annual Changeover.

Members have organised 2 woodcuts to deliver firewood to our local oldies brigade. Highlights were a morning tea with Fairy bread (a delicacy creation) and second rate chocolate cake, suffice to say the respective chefs have been sledged but otherwise shall remain nameless!! Most diligent volunteer workers were Billy and Benny Larkin.

Combined Lions/Show charity golf day is scheduled for Sunday 29th August 10am start at Tooraweenah Golf "Links" This will be a good opportunity to organise a team, for a fun relaxing

social outing for beginners and those who think they can whack a golf ball, and also to assist with fundraising, which has been a real challenge in recent times.

Toora Lions members volunteered to help Toora CWA catering for the July QE22 Preview Endurance Ride over a wet and cold weekend.

Our former member, chief woodcutter and ex Bidson local, Larry Priddis, now living in exile at Wongarbone, reached a 75th milestone birthday on the 16th July. Congratulations to Larry as he lives the life of woodwork retirement. *Lion Mock*

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Roads & Library Petitions – Elections – Cr Brian Mockler Reports!

Detailed report to Council’s June meeting addressing Roads petition and measures proposed to better manage rural unsealed roads.

Principles adopted apply roads hierarchy network and asset management condition assessment. Not exactly what the petition sought. Resolution to prioritise roads of strategic importance and to complete re-sheeting roads in their entirety before moving on to other roads of priority. Prime illustration is a commitment to re-sheet Hillside Road plus a further commitment for spot gravelling rectification works. Detail contained in Option B Council 29 June Business Paper. Capital Road and Urban Works Program report pages 14 to 18.

Miller Street public toilet block petition

urged Council to keep the existing toilet block for the convenience of residents and travelling public. Councillors resolved to reaffirm its support to demolish the existing toilets and replace them with new toilets as part of the

upgrades to the plaza as proposed in the DA. Having considered the matters referred to in the petition and submissions (summary articulated in pages 11-12 of the comprehensive DA analysis report to Council) Council resolution noted:

Extensive previous community and stakeholder consultation (my comment - as per comprehensive report to Council meeting on 20 April 2021)

That the Gil Library Hub and Plaza upgrade project involves relocation of the existing toilet block

That the demolition costs are fully funded without any cost to ratepayers

And that toilet facilities in the Plaza precinct will continue to remain for the convenience of residents and travelling public, with seating spaces enhanced.

Councillors considered the presentation by the proponents of the resolutions, no

Councillor spoke against the proposed resolutions, the Councillors vote determination was then 6 for with 2 against. The same vote determination 6 to 2 resulted in relation to the associated DA report recommendation for the whole development of the Gil Library Hub and Plaza. Again no councillor addressed the meeting opposing the DA report recommendations. **Library plan and plaza sketch on pages 4a & 4b with toilet access marked!**

Council elections, scheduled for the 4th of September have been postponed to the 4th December 2021 on the basis of advice from the NSW Electoral Commission and NSW Health due to the COVID 19 situation.

Candidate nominations will open on the 3rd November 2021 for those who wish to offer to contribute in a civic role on Gilgandra Shire Council.

TQ22 Preview Endurance Ride continues



Pictured, is Albury rider Sharyn Coulston who won the event in just over 12 hours.

Our fantastic landowners and checkpoint people again did an amazing job, with all competitors giving huge feedback on how friendly and wonderful everyone was out on track. Riders were supplied with hot milos, rum, egg n bacon rolls, lollies and sausage sandwiches, with the youngest Howard girls melting hearts

with mum and dad on the last checkpoint. No other ride on the calendar comes close to this support and friendliness.

Thanks to the amazing CWA team and Lions Club for supplying the best hot food ever, you did an amazing job. Jens coffee kept the cold weather at bay and warmed up strappers throughout the day.

Special thanks to all the Volunteers in the office and the boys who rode motorbikes and opened and closed all the gates, you are truly crazy !!! it was scary enough on a horse in the dark

through the mud!! Great job. The club is now busily preparing for a super event next year. Thanks to everyone involved. *Sonia Bonham*



Sonia Bonham & Isabella Warner

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Tooraweenah Public School with Principal Karen Smith

Welcome Back

Welcome back to school for Term 3. We are delighted that due to our regional location, we were able to return to School and face-to-face teaching for the commencement of Term 3. We look forward to a productive term ahead.

Transition to School



Maddison Jenkin & Eloise Jenkin enjoy transition to school

We were greeted with two new excited faces on Monday, when our transition to school students attended for their first day at 'big school.' A warm welcome is extended to both students and families. It was wonderful to see our older and younger students taking on a welcoming and nurturing role and exhibit excellent leadership skills. A great day was had by all!

Siding Springs Visit

spoke to the 3-6 class about all things astronomy. Students learned about the different roles that exist at Siding Springs as well as many interesting discoveries and stimulating questions that mankind have answered and continue to ask about the universe. The visit has certainly sparked some curiosity about space and the other types of science and technology roles at Siding Springs. We look forward to further connecting with Chris and James later in the year and thank them for inspiring curiosity and knowledge in our students.

Positive Living Skills



Photo: Hamish Jenkin, Bonnie Alison & Harper Wykes check the growth of mixed lettuce after school holidays.

Mondays, students have been learning about the first Positive Living Skills concept.

COVID Update

As the Level 2 COVID guidelines for regional schools have been extended until at least August 28, on site visitors to schools for events and out of area excursions remain on hold. As a result, it is with regret that the following events have been cancelled in their current format. Alternative arrangements will be organised wherever possible.

Grandparent's Day – cancelled as an onsite event (stay tuned for an alternative celebration).

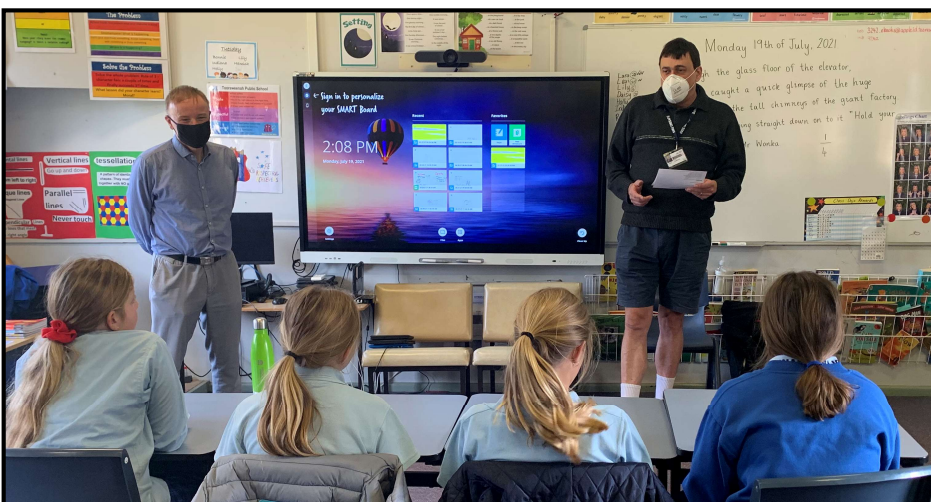
We appreciate your understanding and support in keeping our community safe during these challenging circumstances.

The school will communicate any changes through the school newsletter on our website.

Up to date information can be found on the department's website <https://education.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/advice-for-families>

The NSW Health alerts can be found here: <https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/covid-19/Pages/case-locations-and-alerts.aspx>

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On Monday, we were fortunate to welcome two visitors from Siding Springs Observatory. Chris Lidman and James Cameron, pictured, in their roles as outreach for Australian National University (ANU), came and

Wellbeing is integral to our personal happiness and success in life. Tooraweenah Public School have begun the Positive Living Skills program in all classes. During PD Health PE lessons on



Lilly Smith in her year 6 Shirt.

Tooraweenah Preschool 'Developing Wings of Independence' - With Miss Marie

We were all excited to get back to preschool and see our friends again after our recent school holidays. It's been a cold few weeks but we have been having so much fun at preschool that we haven't even noticed!



Enjoying singing and music with Miss Marie on our new piano

We have been very fortunate to have had a piano donated to Tooraweenah Preschool from the Howard / Cruickshank family. A huge thank you to Ian and Jeanette, Bek and family for allowing us to have your family piano at preschool, on permanent loan, for the children (and Miss Marie) to enjoy. This was delivered to us during the holidays by a team: mainly several very strong and super helpful Preschool Dad's and a mate. We sincerely thank Matt Howard, Luke Jenkin, Ben Wykes, Benn Jenkin and Lachie for delivering the piano to preschool and a big thank you to Bek Howard, and Seanne Jenkin, for organising and overseeing such a mammoth task. Everyone has been enjoying listening, singing and dancing to the music played on this piano by Miss Marie – it sounds a little different to the electric piano that we "borrowed" from Tooraweenah Public School and thank Mrs Smith and the School for this. Being an old piano, it is slightly higher than

more modern pianos, so if anyone has a piano stool for an old piano (with the seat approximately 18 inches high) that they are not using or wanting, we would be happy to use it at preschool. The piano fits in well with our new furniture, including a new lounge, shelving and some different shaped and sized tables. Our preschool looks great and feels very 'homey' and comfortable. We are looking forward to getting our new lockers that are currently being built by Stuart Peart at Castlereagh Cabinets: we will soon look and feel like a whole new preschool!



Our Bush Preschool programme: experiencing our local environment.

Our Bush Preschool programme continues this term, every second week. At the end of last term we explored Tooraweenah creek area near the bridge, where the children were very busy working together and building a very intricate "fairy forest" using a range of things from nature they found nearby, including large sticks, flat stones, grasses, branches, leaves and even some flowers. All of the children worked on this project so they were keen to see if it was still in place as we left it. We discovered that we could see it from the road when we drove over the bridge, but when we went there, we discovered that it seems to have 'grown' since we built it! Maybe the fairies have done this? Our 'stone statues' that we build, similar to the Inukshuks in Canada that we talked about, were still there and we also got busy building together using some sticks and lots of bark that we found around some old logs. It was interesting to see and chat about

other things we discovered that had changed in this area from the recent rain and storms. We were really lucky that the weather held out so we could enjoy Bush Preschool on such a cold winters day and week.



Investigating our ocean interest table with Miss Shannon

We have been talking about our recent holidays and enjoyed a new 'ocean tray' with lots of marvellous treasures that Miss Shannon brought to preschool. The children have enjoyed sorting these things into groups as well as investigating them further, especially the cuttle fish. We've started some Paper Mache projects with Miss Sarah and talked further about our farms and what animals are on our farms. We've looked at lots of different stones and gems from under the ground with Miss Marie and some friends have even built some of the 'mining tools' with our various constructions. We have been busy exploring, investigating and researching new things as our sense of curiosity is never ending: who knows where this will lead us to over the coming weeks? Our Preschool Disco that was to be held in the holidays was postponed due to recent COVID restrictions. We hope to host this "Kids Disco" as previously planned at a later date. We'll keep you posted!

Marie Jacobsen
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Golf Club Rounds

The month began on a high, with the Gale family sponsoring a 3 person ambrose event and partnering up with the Catholic Church for a fundraiser. Over 40 players turned up, some from as far away as Mudgee. It was encouraging to see not only juniors but also novices join the more experienced players. The Gale family supplied prizes for the winners of the competitions (18 & 9 holes) as well as the novelty events. The golf club donated nomination fees for the day to the fundraising which reached in excess of \$1,300. The following week had a much smaller field who, after pre-tee off discussion,

thought they might only play 9 holes but the day proved to be so enjoyable and the weather so good they stayed out and played the whole 18.

The final game of the month was a complete contrast, weather wise. It was blustery, cold and eventually wet! Although it was slated as an 18 hole comp, the players decided, after copping a freezing shower on the 7th to call it a day after the first 9. Despite the adverse conditions all players finished with a smile on their faces – well most of them anyway! There was no game on the 23rd due to the Endurance Ride. The final game of the month was an

18 hole stroke game on the 31st.

AUGUST GAMES;

Saturday 7th

Mountain View sponsored day – 2 person ambrose – 9/18 holes – 10.30 for 11.00 tee-off – lunch incl

Saturday 14th

Presidents Day – 2 person ambrose – 18 holes – 10.30 for 11.00 tee-off

Saturday 21st

Fyfe-Grosser Shield – Canadian 4some – 10.30 for 11.00 tee-off

Sunday 29th

Lions & Show sponsored day – 3 person ambrose – 9/18 holes – lunch incl

ALL WELCOME

Hints From The Dog House! With Brendan Butler



Any stockman worth his salt will appreciate the value of a competent work dog in the yards at shearing, crutching or

any other job that requires a lot of pressure on the stock to keep them moving or packed up tight for ease of handling.

While a good yard dog can save lots of man-hours and energy on our part it can be very stressful and tough on our dogs as well and we need to be mindful of what we are asking them to do.

Being able to back the sheep is one of the quickest ways for the dog to be able to get around a tight yard or race and can save everyone a lot of energy, but how do we teach them to want to get up on their backs. First of all the dog needs to be mature enough to handle the tough going, so at least 8 months or

older and have the right temperament and keenness for this style of work.

A dog that's unsure in a yard situation needs to be bought in gradually and build up its confidence or it can be easily put off.

Next we want a race setup with woolly sheep packed up tight together so that the young dog can grip their backs and doesn't have the risk of falling down amongst the sheep and getting hurt.

We want a bit of free room at the back of the race so the dog has some room when it gets back off the sheep and needs to be on a short leash so we have good control of the dog.

First step is to lift the dog up onto the back of the rear sheep until the dog relaxes then we let it jump back down. We keep repeating this drill, each time moving the dog further up the race, giving it enough time to relax and then it has to move further over the sheep to

get back off. The getting off the sheep is the dogs escape route so it quickly learns that it can get over the back of the sheep to get down to safety. Once the dog is skipping over their backs to get off we can start to make the dog get up by a combination of coaxing, praise and putting pressure on the leash as we pull it up. Soon the dog realises it is easier to get up itself than be pulled and it gets a reward of praise and affection when it gets up.

Once the dog will get up itself, reverse the first procedure and get it moving gradually further forward, relax then let it get back off, eventually running the dog along the length of the race and back off again on the leash. Once the dog is doing this comfortably you can drop the leash and start to send the dog forward, again a bit further each time as the dog gets more comfortable and confident. *Brendan Butler Oakfield Kelpies!*

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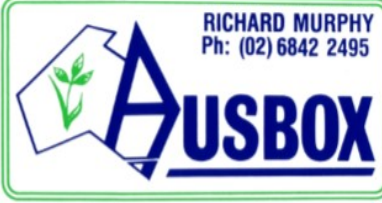


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