

Toora Bungles



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Lexi Trickey – Winner

New Kindergarten Students



CWA Competition, Macquarie Group Winner

We are very proud to announce that Lexi Trickey is the Macquarie Group winner of the CWA Competition Country of Study. Lexi's Powerpoint presentation will now be judged at state level at the Malaysian Embassy.

Congratulations, on a huge achievement, Lexi.



New Students Welcomed

Maddison Jenkin and Eloise Jenkin on their first day of Kindergarten at Tooraweenah Public School.

More pictures are scattered throughout the Bungles plus, more School news on page 6



Community BBQ'S Are Back With Club & Community Groups Raring To Go!!

With the horrors of the last 2 years behind us the Community BBQ's, held each Saturday evening at the Mountain View Hotel, are back in full swing!

With the lack of fundraising opportunities over the term of the pandemic, every club who relies on the BBQ's for the majority of their income for the year, have been doing it tough.

The BBQ roster is on display at the Mountain View if you need a reminder but the following are the current catering bookings.

If you are a member or know of any local group that may be interested in

catering for the community and raising funds for a month, please contact Ashley at the pub on 6848 1017 as there are a couple of Months to fill.

February – Golf Club

March – CWA

April – Hall/ANZAC Committee

May –

June – P & C School

July – Arthur Butler Airport

August – Rural Fire Service

September – Cricket Club

October – Pre-school

November –

December – Lions Club

All community groups need the

support of the broader community. Not only 'your' club, but all clubs and groups need everyone to support them.

BBQ's are held from 6pm – 8pm on Saturday nights. Although menus will vary slightly the usual foods on offer are a hot dish or 2, steak sandwiches, sausage sandwiches and at least one dessert.

The Community BBQ Roster will be published in the 'Bungles' each Month.

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



News From the Mountain View – Foodies Markets Thursday 24th March!

We have a new activity this year, Foodies Markets at The Mountain View on Thursday 24th of March. There will be pizza, Nachos and Ribs!

Our weekly specials are also listed below for you to have a night off during the week and Emu Burgers are now available at the Mountain View! Locally supplied from the Emu Farm.

Hope you can join us for Foodies Markets at the Mountain View on Thursday 24th March.

Photo: Swimming fun for Sport at the Tooraweenah Caravan Park pool. Below and above right.

Photo: Bonnie Alison learning to Code the Bluebot to travel a planned path.



Regular weekly specials!

Monday- Pizza only

Tuesday's- Fish & chips \$14

Wednesday's- Chicken Snitty \$15

Thursday's - Parmis \$16

Friday- Steak night \$20

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March 2022

Saturday, 5,12,19,26
CWA Community BBQ'S

Saturday 5
Golf — 3D Butchery Day

Saturday 12
Golf — Charity Cancer Day
All the Golf Program details on page 7

Thursday 19
Foodies Markets at the Mountain View

Around The Traps 😊

Tooraweenah LPO

The rainfall for the month of February to date (25/2/22) was 35.6mm over 6 days of precipitation.

Tooraweenah Trading Co

Tooraweenah Trading Co will be closed, Saturday the 5th of March, re-opening on Monday the 7th at 9am.

RIP

Sympathy is extended to the family of Merv Braithwaite who passed away recently in Dubbo aged ninety (90) years.

Visitors.

Visiting the village recently was Richard Buckley, son of Vaughan and Judy Buckley who managed the Mountain View Hotel in the early 1970's. Leila Blackman was also visiting local Paddy Gale and the Blackman family at Gundair

Community BBQs

Thank you to the Golf Club for doing the community BBQs at the pub in February, it's been a bit hard getting back into the swing of things.

The CWA ladies will be doing the March BBQs so watch out for the good cooks. The CWA are more than jam and scones.

The hall and Anzac committee will be doing April, this will be the first income for the hall in this financial year. It costs a lot of money just to keep the electricity connected each year.

It would be great if we can get more people supporting not only their own groups but other groups as well. Happy community BBQs 2022.

Hints From The Dog House! With Brendan Butler

Last weekend saw the final episode of an interesting ,informative and enjoyable series on the ABC called Muster Dogs.

For those who didn't catch it, the basics were that it followed the progression of 5 kelpie work dogs from birth to 12 months of age and the obstacles, highs and lows of rearing and training the pups to get them to an acceptable level of expertise for there age. The pups were bred by a Mr Joe Spicer from Victoria who is one of the top breeders, handlers and trainers in Australia and the five pups were distributed to five handlers from various parts of Australia who all ran different types of livestock enterprises to rare and train in their particular environment, and the handler with the most advanced dog after the twelve months was the winner of the top muster dog. Some interesting and predictable trends emerged as the series unfolded . The winning pair was

a young female dog called Annie who was probably the smartest pup in the litter and was beautifully trained by her owner Frank on cattle in QLD. The standout for Frank and Annie apart from Annie's natural smartness was the tremendous bond that the pair had forged and outlined the importance of getting a mutual respect, and friendliness for each other. The extra time and effort that Frank had put into bonding and training Annie obviously paid off. Of interest, was the slight differences in work style and temperament of the young dogs considering the quality and closeness of their breeding. On the other end of the scale was the aptly name dog Lucifer who was headstrong and hard to handle and the trainer could not get much control and ended up giving him away to of all people Frank. The other three dogs all went quite well but had small issues but for young 12 month old dogs their quality

breeding shone through. The take home message from the show is quality breeding pays , solid bonding builds confidence, and lots of patience with your training as a young dog of 12 months is still a juvenile and won't mature until up to three years old. My own opinion is that I wouldn't personally want to train such promising and well bred young dogs on cattle because of the risk of injury if the option of sheep was available but I'm sure Joe Spicer knows exactly what he's doing.

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Councillors Corner - Cr Mockler Reports



An outline of what Councillors undertaking roles where in February included, an Extraordinary Meeting held on 1 February to consider and determine tenders for the Library Community Hub, a major legacy infrastructure project. This was followed by a briefing workshop on multiple matters. Fast forward to February 15 and a tour of Council’s major services, infrastructure, and facilities, followed by another briefing workshop and then the monthly Council meeting. On February 22nd Councillors attended a governance, roles and responsibilities of Councillors induction and training seminar presented by Local Government NSW, interspersed with attendance at the opening ceremony of Gilgandra Local Aboriginal Medical Service, which is a new medical

practice in Warren Road and an informal meeting with Mark Coulton, Federal member for the Parkes electorate. Council is planning extensive community consultation, which is integral to preparing the whole of community planning strategy over the current term of Council and also Council’s long term 10 year financial plan. An illustration is Hunter Park Sports Precinct which requires meticulous planning and grant funding applications. It needs to be remembered these are NOT day to day operational matters, but strategic planning matters to reflect the vision that Council strives to achieve, and objectives and priorities which are then reported against Councils Operational Plan and Delivery Program, the latter is reflected in its capital works program outcomes. Two appointed councillors are

currently participating as Councils representatives on the Regional Planning Panel to consider and determine a DA for a solar project, another role and responsibility of our community’s group of elected Councillors. Throughout March, Council will be undertaking community consultation sessions to listen to community members strategic planning contributions. These facilitate an opportunity to contribute constructively to what the community wants to see happen. It is important and should be prioritised and achieved within Councils overarching community driven strategic plan. Councillors responsibilities are then to represent, advocate and promote those matters in finalising and adopting the Community Strategic Plan (CSP)

Introducing - Ivy Jane Shields.



Introducing Ivy Jane Shields born 20th November 2021
A little sister to Marniee
Parents are Kimberley French and Tom Shields
Grandparents: Brett and Leonie French (Tooraweenah) and Bradley and Michelle Shields (Coonamble)

Great grandparents: Shirley French, Mary and Ken Hunt and Jean Shields.

Photo
Swim Sport Fun!




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Tooraweenah Preschool Developing 'Wings of Independence' With Miss Marie

Welcome to Tooraweenah Preschool for 2022! Our preschool friends, both returning and new, have been very excited about coming to preschool and together we have had a lovely first few weeks, catching up, playing, and forming beautiful (new) friendships.



Outside we enjoyed the fishing game, set up in our 'water' with a 'jetty' for the children to fish from. After further conversations we have added seats and a (pretend) campfire, and when it hasn't been too windy, we also had the tent out to make it a real camping experience!

The babies have been brought out for rides in the pram, a 'swim' in the water and some fish and chips by the campfire .

(I need to go fishing with these friends more often – they always catch fish when they go fishing, whereas I've always only managed to catch sunshine!) We've had some pirates on the pirate ship (aka the climbing equipment) who have been busy looking for lost and buried treasure. This includes some lovely shells in the water trough that have been used for patterning, fish food at the fishing game, mermaid food and decorations on our cooking.



Photo: Children enjoying the shells and water trough in the sandpit.

Some mermaids have been found in the sandpit, along with some friends experimenting with water channels, creeks and rivers using the water from the water trough to experiment where

it will go, using some channels to make the water 'stay'; and there have been some parties and picnics held at the picnic table too, with lots of yummy food being prepared and cooked in the busy kitchen area.

Friends have been riding the bikes and scooters very fast and confidently on our bike path, with children creating some fun and amusing games together, and also practicing riding the bikes up the steep part of the bridge: a challenge that all children have been working on, so lots of pedalling and perseverance is required and sometimes a push from a friend is also needed.

We've loved listening to and noticing our new wind chime in the yard, and we have also discovered some very large butterflies playing in our garden. Miss Shannon is revamping our veggie gardens so they are ready for new plants, with some help from Miss Sarah and Miss Marie. We have some exciting new plans for this area and look forward to developing it further with our preschool friends, making it an inviting and interesting learning area and enjoyable space in our playground. The cooking fun, and also the babies, have continued on inside, with a busy home corner area and lots of babies to tend to and look after: both in the home corner and with our doctor's set. There have been some very busy farmers and graziers transporting loads of stock on their trucks to various farms and paddocks around the room, and lots of horse riding too.



We have had a busy shop area, after Amelia built a tall shop counter. "Amelia's Amazing Shop", **pictured above**, was so busy that she needed extra assistance from Miss Shannon and others to serve everyone,

especially once the bell was placed on the counter and everyone was ringing for help when it was their turn at the shop. This shop sold almost anything and everything and was like an emporium of interesting and intriguing items, from food to games, scarves, bandages, even horses and wooden frogs!

Friends have also been doing some rather clever problem solving and investigating at a variety of activities, including books, puzzles, lotto and matching games, and threading. We've been so very busy and completely immersed in so many experiences: it's so much fun having so many friends here to play with.

Our Preschool Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held on Wednesday 9th March at 6pm at the Tooraweenah Hall followed by a sausage sizzle at the park afterwards. Everyone welcome.

We are very excited and really looking forward to seeing even more new friends at preschool over the coming weeks (when they turn 3) and we can't wait to welcome them, and their families, to our preschool family. We are looking forward to them joining us for a fun time and play at preschool.

Pictured below are the tent and camp seats. As this game grew and developed further over the week, a few pirate hats appeared here too, just in case you are wondering,



Tooraweenah Public School With Principal Karen Smith

Welcome back

It was a pleasure to welcome back students after the school holiday break and have their smiling faces back in the classroom. We welcomed two new Kindergarten students on Tuesday and would like to extend a warm welcome to them and their families to our Tooraweenah School Community.

Best Start

Kindergarten students have completed their Best Start student interviews with Mrs Smith. Our Kindergarten students have settled in seamlessly to our classroom routines and are greatly enjoying being at big school.

Kindergarten Buddies



Our Year 6 students, were very excited to be allocated a Kindergarten 'Buddy' as part



of their leadership role in 2022. Year 6 buddies will support their new

Kindergarten friend in settling in and assist them in the playground and classroom. **Photos: Top** Eloise Jenkin with Lexi Tricky and Maddison Jenkin centre with Indiana Brown & Lara Duff

Small Schools Swimming Carnival

As the date for the Small Schools Swimming Carnival (Friday 25th February) fell within the first 4 weeks of students being back at school, the carnival was unable to proceed under the DET guidelines that limit cohorts or schools mingling.

In order to offer students from the Small Schools the opportunity to gain a qualifying time, the 8 Small Schools in the group held their own carnivals.

STEPs to Success

In 2021 our school started a grant funded initiative called STEPs to Success (Students, Through Evidence-based Practices, to Success). The Fair Funding grant for \$70,000 over 3 years began in 2021. Last year, the school used the funding to release teachers from class

to reflect on current practice, gather data and develop their skills in Explicit Instruction through professional learning.

During 2022, we would like to strengthen partnerships between school and home while allowing parents opportunities to learn more about the ways their child is learning at school. Throughout the year we will be inviting parent engagement through the newsletter, Facebook and organising school events (COVID permitting). We look forward to sharing our students' learning journey with you.

Library News



Our new librarian, Sam Trickey shared a new book at our Friday assembly. The book by Fred Watson: Space Wasp – Colliding Commets

and other Cosmic Catastrophes, was generously donated by Mrs Quilter. Mrs Quilter met the author who signed the copy of the book for our library. After accessioning, the novel will be available to borrow.

Digital Classroom Officer

We welcomed Mrs Chantel Chandler to our school as our Digital Classroom Officer. The role sees Mrs Chandler teaching alongside teachers in the classroom to enhance the way we use technology across all curriculum areas. Mrs Chandler will also be up skilling our staff in targeted areas of their technological knowledge. We look forward to working with Mrs Chandler on Thursdays during 2022.

Small Schools Swimming Carnival

Our school swimming carnival was held on Friday 25th February 2022 at the Gilgandra Swimming Pool. The carnival provided students in Years 3-6 with the opportunity to qualify for District Swimming. All students K-6 were invited to attend the carnival and activities were held for non-swimmers between races.

Grant Funding Success

We were very excited to announce that Tooraweenah Public School has been successful in receiving a Minister's Arts Recovery Grant for \$10,000. The funds will be used to subsidise students beginning to learn an instrument, fund scripts and costumes for a school performance and excursions to see theatre in major towns and cities. The funds will become available by the end of term, and will be used by June 2023.

Swimming for Sport



From last Friday, students have participated in swimming for sport at the Tooraweenah Caravan Park. Mrs Quilter, who is Auswim qualified will be leading swimming activities with each class, K-2 and 3-6. Sporting Schools funding will be utilised for pool hire and swim coaching fees.

Karen Smith
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Photos: Maddison learning to Code the Cubetto Robot

Having fun with Maths Games are Eloise, Hamish & Maddison



Tooraweenah CWA - Cath Waller Reports



Hi to all,
A strong contingent of branch members will attend the Macquarie Group Meeting in Gilgandra on Saturday March 5th. Members can look forward to receiving the delegates report during our **first meeting for 2022 on Wednesday 9th March. 9.30am for 10am start.** Please bring your own morning tea and something to share for lunch with our guest speaker. Our members will be catering during March for the community BBQ's.

Please contact President Beverley if you can help with a hot dish or dessert.
Everyone is INVITED to Morning



High Tea, Thursday, 24th March from 10am. You can view a private

collection of Teapots and all things tea. Venue is 'Coomboona' 1380 Leeches Creek Road Gilgandra.
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Sip N Sew continues each Wednesday and anyone can come for craft or a cuppa. It will be great to catch up with everyone at our first Meeting on Wednesday the 9th of March. See you there!
Till next time, keep safe.
Cath Waller— Publicity

Tooraweenah Lions Club—Lester Thurston Reports



The Tooraweenah Lions Club continues to offer the bin for recycling of good quality clean clothing and we thank the locals who assist with that program. It is located in front of the TCTC.
Toora Lions will be having a meeting on Wednesday the 2nd of March at the Mountain View Hotel, 7.00 for

7.30pm. Please book in with the staff on 6848 1017 prior to the meeting.
Unfortunately, the February meeting was unable to go ahead with a high rate of apologies. Projects for this year include, cleaning out the old fire shed for storage of club items. Sorting through damaged items due to the mouse

plague and the erection of shelving plus, numerous catering jobs. During the March meeting, the club will be electing our new leaders for 2022-2023, so now is the time to think about what jobs may suit you over the next twelve months. Looking forward to a great year ahead.

Tooraweenah – Golf Club Rounds

We hope everyone is well. Coming up this month we have some great days of golf, starting with the 5th of March 3-D Butchery Day, 18 holes, 3 Person Ambrose.
The weekend following will be March 12th with our Charity Cancer Day, 9 to 18 holes, 2 Person Ambrose. We are currently looking for Sponsors and or

Donations, if you would like to help out please contact tooragolfclub@gmail.com
The Huskers Trophy is next on the 19th being an 18 Hole Stroke Event and on our last weekend in March we have the Laurel Hills day on the 26th which will be an 18 Hole 4 Ball Best Ball. **All games will have a 10am start.**

On March the 27th (Sunday) Tooraweenah Golf Club will be hosting a Coaching Day, come along at 2pm for coaching and 3 holes of Golf for Beginners and Novices. We hope to see everyone and some new faces at our beautiful golf course.

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