

Toora Bungles



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Tooraweenah P A & H Association Inc

Wow! May has been quite the month for the Tooraweenah PA&H Association. On Saturday, May 5 Kylie Moppett, Christeen Stuart and Robin Dowsett, together with RB Sellars of Dubbo, put on a terrific Fashion Show and it was very successful bringing a crowd of people from all over. The new season RB Sellars clothing was modelled by locals Rebekah and Matthew Howard, Tim and Will Bowman, Benn Jenkin, Anthony and Hannah Stuart, Samantha Howard, Ashlee Jenkin, Kathryn Larkin, Sophia and Olive Moppett, Tom McDonell and Declan Gale. All were escorted to our fabulous catwalk by Dougall Morse. On the night, there was art by local artists on display and some pieces were up for sale. A raffle was held with a lovely selection of prizes for those, whose numbers were drawn, to choose from. Don't forget to ask Brian Mockler what

prize he won. Our wonderful Rodeo Association Chief Ashley Starr held a golf day on Saturday, May 19 for the 2018 show rodeo and fun was had by all. There were 25 players who played either 9 or 18 holes and enjoyed a lovely lunch. We also had 11 other meals served to non-players on the day. It was great to see people supporting both the Show Society and the Golf Club.

We held our monthly meeting in early May and we have some new and exciting changes coming. Keep an eye out for our new logo that is coming soon. Our Secretary Kristy Gale is getting the show schedule underway. If you would like to advertise with us please get in contact with Kristy on 0429 780 323 very soon.

Tess Schulz
Publicity Officer

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Where: CWA Hall, Tooraweenah

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Locals models gathered at the end of the PA&H Fashion Parade

This will be the first session of this WNSW Health District service for Tooraweenah. The health team coming will be gauging the needs of the community and are planning to make it a monthly service for residents of all ages. If you have any queries about services offered, please ring: Sarah in Child and Family Health on 68805937 or for the Community Generalist Nurse, ring Sheree on 68805943.

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Tooraweenah Public School

Waste to Art Prize Winners

Congratulations to our prize winners in the Waste to Art Competition! Brock Trickey won first prize in the Primary School, Sculpture for his Recycled Metal *Tractor* and Tallis Brown won first prize in the Primary School, Functional Art for his Horse Shoe *Boot Rack*. This is a huge achievement and both first place winners' artworks will travel to the regional exhibition where they will be on display in Narromine. Thank you to the parents who supported the creation of these amazing artworks at home. Some students and groups of students also received a Highly Commended for their artworks. Lexi Trickey achieved a Highly Commended, for her artwork *Piggy Bankus*; Jahkaia Hughes, Souljah Hughes, Tom McDonell and Taylor McDonell received a Highly Commended for their 3D Sculpture *City*; and, Daisy Wykes received a Highly Commended for her collection of three vases titled *The Colourful Whirly Wind*. Tooraweenah Public School was also the recipient of the Curators Award of Excellence for *Excellence in Waste To Art*, a book prize for the library.

Excursion to Gilgandra - John Fleming

Another valuable day was spent at Gilgandra Public School during May to undergo training and mentoring from Mr John Fleming in explicit direct instruction techniques. Most students were integrated into Gilgandra PS classrooms for the day, and Mrs Jenkin and I spent the day honing our skills in Reading-Warm ups by doing a demonstration lesson and viewing the Reading Warm-ups performed by teachers of infants and primary classes.

Moorambilla

I am thrilled to announce that three of our students have been offered a place in the Moorambilla Voices Choir for

2018. Tom McDonell, Tallis Brown and Brock Trickey were ecstatic to hear the news. They will be travelling to Baradine for the Moorambilla Boys Residency Camp 8-11th August and subsequent Residency Camp on 26-28th September before the Moorambilla Voices Gala Concerts on Friday 28th and Saturday 29th September. Tom is also attending the TEDx tour during June where he will travel to Sydney and perform. Well done, Tom.

GRIP Leadership

Our Year 4 and Year 6 school leaders travelled to Dubbo to attend the GRIP Leadership course last week. Thank you to Nadine Jenkin and Ashley Starr who accompanied the children on the excursion. There certainly was a buzz about the day upon their return. We look forward to following up on the leadership opportunities identified by our students and implementing those during the year.

NAPLAN

For the first time, this year NAPLAN has been completed online by Year 3 students. We look forward to receiving the results more promptly due to the online format.

Fitness with Mark Pitts

Students have been greatly enjoying active and fun-filled fitness sessions with Mark Pitts each Friday. Having access to boxing gloves and bags proved very popular. Students have been actively engaged in the hour-long sessions that



Students with Mark Pitts at their Friday fitness session.

included a circuit of activities as well as a team building focus.

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) Logo

Thank you to Shannon Brown for organising Grace Peart's design of the PBL logo to be digitised on the computer by her contact, Aaron McDonald of McDonald Signs in Young. The final touches are being put on the logo, and soon it will be displayed on posters around the school.

Canteen

Thank you to Cherie McWhirter, canteen manager and to all the parents who help out with canteen by either working or providing home cooking. We have a very active band of parent helpers. It has been wonderful that the Preschool children are now enjoying canteen on Fridays too.

Book Fair

Tooraweenah Public School will be holding a *Scholastic Book Fair* in the library between 25th and 29th June. Preschool parents, Connect Five parents and other community members are welcome to come along and purchase books from the book fair on the days that they are visiting the school.

Karen Smith

Relieving Principal



Community Care Centre

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

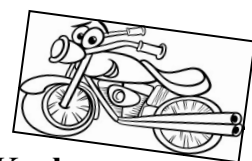
Schedule for 2018:

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Lions Roar



Planning is well underway for Toora Lions 39th Changeover Saturday June 16 at Toora Memorial Hall, 6pm for 6.30pm. See invitation for details. "Country Dancin" theme, dress is Country & Western neat casual, broad brim hats, vests, boots, spurs if you have any and whatever "bling" tickles your fancy for the occasion! It's an open invitation to anyone who would like to enjoy some local entertainment. Challenge is to "find or rent a friend or group" for a relaxing informal evening of fun, music and to practice "swinging the hips" as Ash Jenkin displayed at the recent Showground fashion parade!! Tables are available for those who would like a base for the evening, otherwise it is just mill around "islands" set up in the Hall, join in the musical entertainment, activities and feast on canapes and deserts. Reminder to BYO drinks. Live band music starts from 7-30pm. Will Alison hands over the reins of leading Toora Lions to our new President Ken Gordon and his team, who interestingly have something distinctively in

common!! Follow this event on Facebook. Toora Lions members and supporter volunteer's community service for the May meeting totalled 232hours. Since then a small team of 6 of our club packed and transported furniture and household contents from Toora to Muswellbrook for a local senior citizen. Let us recommend a stop over at the Bakery in Merriwa for something special. Thanks to Macca for use of his removalist truck, top speed downhill and wind assisted at 80kmh is difficult to control, according to the volunteer driver. Not to be outdone another team of members and co-opted volunteers cut and delivered firewood for our local and Gilgandra district senior citizens. This team was led by Larry Priddis, Will Alison and Tim Gale supported by member apprentices Geoff Hill, Jane Gesell and Sir Jack Parkes, the latter who was in fine form sledging all of us "achievers" who split and loaded firewood as he supervised. As is customary we had a woodcut debriefing at the Mountain View Hotel, only other person of notoriety

there was Dick Smith. The Club greatly appreciates those who allow us to access quality firewood for the benefit of our senior citizens community. As we prepare for our annual changeover, it is timely to encourage those in our local community to think about joining our Club as new members. As one member recently remarked "let the laughter and fun continue". That is what Toora Lions members do, we get our hands dirty, we take on projects, we achieve, we have fun and enjoy ourselves at the same time, we engage with those who need assistance, and we deliver for our community and charitable organisations. Perhaps that is consistent with Lions Motto "We Serve". *Lion Mock*

School News Photos (from Page 2)



Above: Brock Trickey's entry in the Waste to Art, Primary School Sculpture section.



Right: Tallis Brown's boot rack entry in the Primary School, Functional Art Section

Boots, Bling & COUNTRY DANCIN'

You are warmly invited to the
Tooraweenah Lions Club Changeover 2018

When: Saturday, 16 June 2018

Where: Tooraweenah Memorial Hall

Cost: \$40 **Time:** 6pm for 6.30pm

RSVP: Tuesday, 12 June 2018
Kathryn Larkin 0400 471 648
Lester Thurston 6848 1011

Canapes and desserts by Megan O'Connor
BYO drinks

Stuart Dougan & the Bungle Boys live on the night!

Lucky door prize and raffles!

Anglican Church Tooraweenah

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Tooraweenah LPO

The rainfall for Tooraweenah for May was 1.4mm falling over 1 day with a YTD total of 162.5mm over 14 days to 9am 28/5/18

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A reminder that the Tooraweenah Post Code is **2817**

Pub Community BBQ's

The April BBQ's at the pub were run by the Tooraweenah Town Bush Fire Brigade, thank you to all the helpers and chefs for doing such a great job. The June BBQ's will be run by the Tooraweenah PA & H Assoc. Proceeds from the BBQ will go towards the costs associated with running the rodeo at the show. If you can assist by working, cooking a hot dish, please let a show member know. Look out for the weekly menus, posted around town.

Hotel BBQ 2018 Roster

June: Show Rodeo
July: Toora Pre School

August: Catholic Church
Sept: Cricket Club
Oct: Toora School
Nov: Golf Club
Dec: Lions Club

Tooraweenah Lions Blood Run

If you would like to give blood and haven't got around to it, 2018 might be the right time to start. The next run will be on the 27th August.

Anyone interested can contact Lester at Tooraweenah Trading Co on 0268481011 or by email lester@ttco.com.au

Every donation can save up to three lives.

Biggest Morning Tea

Tooraweenah's Biggest Morning Tea was on again this year on Saturday the 26th of May.

It was again held in Denman street near Tooraweenah Trading and the Tele Centre starting from 10am.

Mary's coffee float was in attendance to serve up as what some people said was real coffee.

A lot of early cooking practice for the show was on display with scones, jam drops and sponge cakes.

It was a great morning of chatting

that continued for a couple of hours.

The total raised on Saturday morning for the cancer council was \$1064.60

Thank you Tooraweenah you've done it again. Thank you to all the people who helped on the day to make this event successful once again.

Funding

Applications have opened for the **Community Building Partnership Program** for community infrastructure projects. This is for incorporated not-for-profit groups and local Councils, to apply for infrastructure projects that deliver positive social, environmental and recreational outcomes, while also promoting community participation, inclusion and cohesion.

Applications close: 5pm, Wednesday 9 August.

Find out more: <https://www.nsw.gov.au/improving-nsw/projects-and-initiatives/community-building-partnership/>

If you would like assistance with your application or support from Gilgandra Shire Council, please do not hesitate to contact me, Kathryn Larkin, on 0400 471 648.

Tooraweenah CWA



Big Hi to all. Boy was it a cold day on Friday the 11th, when we catered for Landcare/LLS Weeds

day at the Emu Farm.

Thanks to all who baked, donated and helped on the day, it was a profitable day for all.

We had a lovely lunch at the Mountain View hotel after our meeting in May continuing our fellowship.

Come along to sip and sew, each Thursday 10am to 2pm, don't forget to bring some lunch.

With our activities we are hoping to revamp our kitchen, come along and enjoy making decisions on how better to serve our community.

Denise Queally will be in Poland in June and will bring back lots of our

country of study information. Please put international day on your calendar for August. The June meeting is Wednesday the 13th @ 10am. Don't forget your cake. Until next time,

Cath Waller
Publicity Officer

President Sue Armstrong added that CWA's Thursday Sewing ladies received a surprise visitor when aviator and businessman Dick Smith called in to see them at their rooms on the 24th May. He was lunching at Toora Pub and walked down the street to say "Hello".



Dick Smith with Denise Queally (centre) and Sue Armstrong.

Drought Assistance

NSW Farmers has published a Briefing Note outlining Drought Assistance. State and Federal initiatives are listed at: https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0020/800444/Available-drought-assistance-in-nsw.pdf

The NSW State assistance comes under 8 headings:

- Farm Innovation Fund providing loans of up to \$250K over up to 20 years for a broad range of infrastructure to address long term farming risk.
- Transport for Donated Fodder
- Animal Welfare Transport Subsidy provides for up to 50% of eligible costs for permanent transport off a farm facing

financial hardship.

- Drought Transport Fund provides low interest loans of up to \$20k to cover 100% of costs to transport stock, water or fodder to/from drought affected properties.
- Farm Business Skills Development Program
- Farm Debt Mediation give a structured negotiation process with an accredited, independent mediator to help farmers and their creditors reach agreements about farm business debt.
- Rural Resilience Program
- Drought Feed Calculator is a mobile app to aid farmers make economical feed requirement

calculations.

Federal measures now in place are:

- Farm Household Allowance
- Drought Assistance Concessional Loans
- Business Improvement Concessional Loans
- Farm Management Deposits
- Rural Financial Counselling Service works with farmers to negotiate with lenders, develop an action plan, support access to Farm Household Allowance and provide information about government and other assistance schemes.

Much more information about these services is available through your local **Rural Counsellor, Phoebe Maroulis** who can be contacted at the Central Region Rural Financial Counselling Service at:

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Councillors Corner with Cr Brian Mockler

The Inland Rail proposed route through Gilgandra Shire, as designated by ARTC, has raised the ire of a cross section of our shire community, and rightly so. Whilst not directly affecting Tooraweenah rural community, it is important that meaningful and responsible consultation takes place with affected landholders. Outcomes however are ultimately matters for those with jurisdiction and decision making powers, and that is the Federal Government. That does not detract from Gilgandra Shire Council listening to community concerns, promoting and lobbying on behalf of the whole of our Shire's competing interests which has been undertaken, led by our Mayor and General Manager.

Take a moment to read the report in 15 May 2018 Council Business Paper pages 2- 8 plus attachments. That position needs to be recognised and respected.

Now on a Toora front Council's WWI Armistice Tooraweenah Sculpture project needs community input. The sculpture depicts a returned soldier stripping off his uniform while reaching for a plough, looking forward to the country of his new future, symbolically moving away from war to taking up life on the land...how inspiring is that? The design is unique and location is crucial. Make a statement and have your say online www.surveymonkey.com/r/CJCK3PV this is your opportunity to contribute to Council's determination.

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July 21 & 22; August 18 & 19;
September 15 & 16; October 20 &
21; November 17 & 18.

**If anyone can help, or provide hot
dishes or sweets for any of these
days, please ring
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