



## Lions Roar



As the seasons change from winter to spring is there any decent rain on the horizon? We have gone from absolutely dry to dust storms to blustery conditions to misty nothing rain. But we Lions mob will not be deterred, as we challenge ourselves to contribute to helping our community in all sorts of meaningful ways. From a local perspective, as Tooraweenah is the epicentre of the Gilgandra Shire, we try to be proactive in the current difficult drought times. Helping our locals is in the forefront of our minds. A novel fundraising suggestion was to auction Lester 'over the hooks', but even he has been doing it tough and his value has diminished!

On a more serious note Toora Lions members volunteered countless hours towards the organisation of the Toora *Christmas in July* community event which acknowledged 50 years of the Toora Caravan (Tourist) Park and Ashlee Jenkin's second anniversary as our cherished 'madame publican'. Special thanks to Geoff and Sarah who promote Toora as no one can imagine. The event promoted drought relief assistance, and many hours of FREE labour was auctioned. Denman Street metropolis was abuzz with stall holders. Fortunately our lollipop people managed the influx of traffic with local diversions in place!

Lions 'Need for Feed' is in full swing. Our Lions District through Dubbo and Geurie Lions, has 1300 bales of rice straw/hay, with additive, to distribute to farmers in our region. But farmers need to register to get a delivery. Farmers are invited to contact Lions Disaster Coordinator, Anne Jones, 6846 6353 to organise orders and delivery. We appreciate that all of this can be challenging to manage.

Toora Lions and Toora Show annual charity golf day was held on August 26. Despite overcast conditions a few avid golfers ventured out to scorch around our picturesque golf course. Appreciation is extended to our group of supporters and caterers for morning tea and lunch. Thanks to our major sponsor for prizes, Lester Thurston, Toora Trading Co.

Our members are assisting with coordinating the 'Helping Farmers in the Central West' group of volunteers from Lithgow who have plans to bring helping hands, machinery, tradies and a whole lot of spirit to Tooraweenah from Friday September 21 to Sunday 23. There will be a host of activities plus free entertainment. The volunteers will be based at Tooraweenah

Showground. Forms have been distributed in the Tooraweenah district and are available from Toora Trading Co. The information activity sheet needs to be filled in, no obligation, all that is asked is for a list of farm assistance that would help you out. Feel free to fill the form out for someone you know who could do with a helping hand. It is called 'Dob in a Farmer'. Please return forms a.s.a.p. so volunteers' work can be organised.

Toora Lions has recently sponsored local students and parents to attend annual school excursions and other educational and sporting events. We have also taken civic responsibility to organise groups to maintain the GK Rohr Viewing Platform and to transport the brand spanking new Netwaste recycling trailer, 'Kermit', to and from Gilgandra. These are just a few examples of the ways in which our service club contributes to the Tooraweenah and district community.

Lion Mock

## Councillor's Corner with Cr Brian Mockler

State Government Drought Relief: \$1m funding for Gilgandra Shire. Now is the opportune time to make constructive suggestions for community events and relevant infrastructure projects, so have your say and share your ideas as to how best to utilise the funding pool.

The Inland Rail project is likely to have a major impact upon many rural landholders. Visit council's website to see what your council is doing to address the real issues associated with this project and the representations made on behalf of affected landholders. ARTC is holding community engagement consultations. Get along and voice any concerns and issues at the community meeting at Gilgandra Services Club Wednesday September 5 at 5.30pm and at the drop-in session for a one-on-one chat with the project team at Curban Hall, Thursday September 6 at 10am. It's the prime time to get a grip on the proposed corridor; what the EIS will examine; compensation entitlements; the likely time frame with the project stages; and where to from now.

Council's General Manager, David Neeves and his management team are proactively involved in monitoring every development and making appropriate representations to all spheres of government on all issues on behalf of Gilgandra Shire residents and ratepayers.

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## Tooraweenah CWA



What a month at CWA. The *Christmas in July* CWA Drought fundraiser money has been sent out via vouchers to our local farmers. These vouchers are to spend in Tooraweenah. They are worth cash to our local trades people who are feeling the effects of the drought too. The CWA presented certificates and flowers to Sarah Hill and Ashlee Jenkin in appreciation of their hard work and generosity in arranging the *Christmas in July* event.

Thanks must go to International Officers Leanne Herbert and Janice Baker for their amazing International Day on August 16. They organised what we would cook, set up displays, judged the school PowerPoint and Poster Competitions and presented awards to the students. They prepared a very informative video as well as dressing in the national dress of Poland. Guest speakers Anne Armstrong and Denise Quealy have just returned from Poland and gave us a first-hand account of their travels. They set up an amazing display too,

The morning tea was produced from Polish recipes and the chocolate 'concrete' cake was pronounced a success. The students enjoyed the talk and their afternoon tea. Thanks to Karen Smith and her staff for allowing students to attend the day.

The kitchen, courtesy of a donation by Dick Smith, has been delivered, assembled and the old kitchen has gone. Plenty of extra work has been done to seal the floor, put in new gyprock and move the hot water service and electrical appliances. Special thanks must go to Ken Gordon, Lions Club President, and Gary Gesell for their amazing work.

Next meeting is to be held on Wednesday September 12 when we will celebrate Awareness Week with a trip to Pilliga Pottery. If you would like to come book with Secretary Denise Quealy on 6847 2912. Cost is \$12 for the bus. Buy your own morning tea/lunch. Bus leaves 9am from the CWA Rooms. 'Til next time.

**Sue Armstrong  
President**



**Beverley Pike with organisers, Leanne Herbert and Janice Baker, at the Tooraweenah CWA International Day function in August.**

**From Kylie Moppett**

**Cultural Officer Gilgandra Shire Council**

*Margo Piggott, local historian in Gilgandra, is writing a book on WW1 Diggers and the Centenary commemorations in our district. Margo is keen to gain more information and photos you may have. Her brief and contact details follow. **Kylie Moppett***

After four years of research and collecting stories of the Gilgandra and District World War One Diggers it is time to publish the stories. To ensure your family member is included please contact Margo Piggott with your family member's full name, service number if known and any other information available, especially a photograph. Don't forget to include your name and contact details. RSVP as soon as possible please. Gilgandra and District covers Gilgandra, Balladoran, Collie, Curban, Armatree, Gulargambone, Tooraweenah and Mendooran and all the villages in between.

The Gilgandra and District World War One Diggers Database includes those service men and women who were born or lived or enlisted in the Gilgandra district. It consists of names on the surrounding districts' war memorials, Honour Boards and Honour Rolls. Names have come from commemorations in churches and information on headstones in the local cemeteries. We have also included those who came to live here after the war and those whose next of kin and/or family are living in the district now. I would like to include information and photographs about the WW1 Centenary Commemorations held in your town.

Gilgandra started its Centenary Commemorations in August 2014 with a dinner and display of stories and memorabilia of WW1. The 2015 Anzac Day Centenary included an exciting flyover of an F18 and the Coe-ee statue was unveiled. Ataturk's moving tribute to Australian soldiers was read in English and Turkish. The Red Cross celebrated its centenary with a display at the Heritage Centre. The bodies of George Pagan and his mate Thullier Cardew were identified and re-interred in the Pheasant Wood Cemetery in Fromelles. The re-enactment of the Gilgandra Coe-ee March and the Tooraweenah Kookaburra March concluded in Martin Place on Remembrance Day in 2015. Last Post Ceremonies at the Canberra Australian War Memorial were held for the seven fallen Gilgandra Coe-ees and a plaque commemorating all the fallen Coe-ees is now attached to the Coe-ee Memorial Gates. Please pass this on to other people who may be interested.

**Regards, Margo Piggott. Mobile: 0418 766 726  
Email: margaret.piggott@bigpond.com**



### Community Care Centre

Tooraweenah Community Bus offers a Door-to-Door pick up from 9am to Gilgandra, returning passengers at approximately 2.30pm to Tooraweenah. Schedule:

**September 11 and 25; October 9 and 23;  
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**Tooraweenah P A & H Association**

The 2018 Tooraweenah Show is fast approaching and the committee is working busily to get everything ready. The schedules will be out and about in the first week of September. We are currently encouraging any stall holders to have a stall at our show. Our secretary Kristy Gale will be taking bookings for stalls; just give her a call on 0429 780 323 to secure a spot.

On Sunday August 26 we held our golf day with the Tooraweenah Lions Club. Details in next month's Toora Bungles.

Justin Worner has put wheels on the display bins in the pavilion and has kindly offered to restore the old fruit and vegetable display bin to allow better views of the whole pavilion. The spectators' area of the rodeo arena is having an update with a new fence in time for the show.

On the weekend of September 21, 22 and 23 the drought relief coordination will be based at our showground. See details this page.

Family membership of the P A & H Association is only \$35.00 and worthwhile for the great discount in gate entry. Two adults and all school age children are included. Contact Secretary Kristy Gale to join.

**Tess Schulz  
Publicity Officer**



Ashlee Jenkin and Sarah Hill, Christmas in July

**GILGANDRA SHIRE COUNCIL**

**Bronze Statue for Tooraweenah**

On Friday August 31 representatives of Gilgandra Shire Council met with sculptor Brett Garling at the viewing platform to discuss the location of a life size bronze sculpture of a soldier returning to the land. There are still a few technical details to be sorted with underground cables.

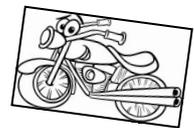
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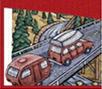
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## Roundabout

Rainfall for Tooraweenah for August was 24.6mm falling over five days with a YTD total of 217.7mm over 26 days.

Please use your correct mailing address to speed up sorting and delivery. Make sure your mail is correctly addressed and you put the appropriate amount of postage on larger letters. **Remember, Tooraweenah Postcode is 2817.**

The August BBQs at the pub were run by the Tooraweenah Catholic Church parishioners. Thanks to Brian Mockler and helpers for doing such a great job. September BBQs will be run by the Tooraweenah-Biddon cricketers. Bowl on down in September for a great meal.

The BBQs are a great way for local organisations to raise funds and give the community a night out. Thank you to Ashlee, Trent and staff at the Mountain View for allowing this to happen.

No one was available to attend the Red Cross blood run scheduled for August 27.

The last two runs have been the same. 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.

The next scheduled date for giving is November 26. Anyone interested can contact Lester at Tooraweenah Trading Co on 6848 1011 or by email: [lester@ttco.com.au](mailto:lester@ttco.com.au). Every donation can save up to three lives.

**Residents using the Lions clothing bin are reminded that it is for clean clothing only. Old toys, prams etc are not passed on. 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.**

## Tooraweenah Public School

### John Fleming Excursion

The excursion to Gilgandra Public School for learning the model of explicit instruction was a worthwhile day for students and teachers. Students participated in lessons by teachers from Melbourne. Lessons focused on teaching of vocabulary and sentence structure with the John Fleming explicit model.

### Moorambilla Voices

Congratulations to Tom McDonell, Tallis Brown and Brock Trickey who took on the challenge of Moorambilla Voices last week. Thank you to the Tooraweenah Lions Club and Tooraweenah P&C Association for financially supporting the students who were offered a place in this inspiring program.

### Canberra/Snowy Excursion

Students had a memorable and rewarding four days in Canberra and the Snowy with an itinerary packed full of activities including visits to more than eleven important sites as well as the snowfields.

The excursion was a fabulous learning experience for our students. I was thrilled with the manner in which they immersed themselves in each activity and proud of their cooperative, respectful behaviour. They are a credit to their school and families and it was a pleasure to accompany them on this excursion. Thank you to Mrs Ashley Starr for her assistance. Without the support of the Tooraweenah P & C Association and the Tooraweenah Lions Club this excursion would not have

been possible. Thank you to both organisations for their donations.

### Science Week Excursion

Years 3-6 enjoyed an informative excursion, participating in four groups for Science Week activities at Coonabarabran PS. Students learned about sustainability, while others enjoyed using drones and learning about their uses. All groups learned about species of animals from The Taronga Zoo. Science Week Activities were a great way to celebrate the week and ignite our students' interest in Science.

### CWA International Day

On CWA International Day students listened to two speakers who had visited Poland and had many experiences to share. Thank you to the CWA for your warm welcome and positive feedback for our students **Poland Project**.

Winners of Years 3-6 Powerpoint Presentation: 1st: Tom McDonell, 2nd: Lily Smith, 3rd: Soulah Hughes

Winners of K/1/2 Poland Colouring in Competition: 1st: Lexi Trickey, 2nd: Daisy Wykes, 3rd: Indiana Brown

### Dubbo District PSSA Athletics Trials

The Tooraweenah Relay team will compete at Western PSSA Athletics Trials in Dubbo on September 14. We wish them success at this competitive level.

Events in September include the Baradine Public Speaking Competition, Western PSSA Athletics Trials, Eumungerie Careers Day and Moorambilla camps

**Karen Smith**  
Relieving Principal

### Drought Support Contacts

[www.agriculture.gov.au/ag-farm-food/drought/assistance/farm-household-allowance](http://www.agriculture.gov.au/ag-farm-food/drought/assistance/farm-household-allowance); or contact

**Farmer Assistance Hotline 13 23 16**

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#### Rural Assistance Authority (RAA)

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#### NSW Drought Transport Subsidies

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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 2018/19



### Gilgandra Shire Council Drought Water Supply

Gilgandra Shire Council has made town water available free of charge to all residents of the Gilgandra Shire Local Government Area whose properties are not connected to reticulated town water supplies.

This potable water may be used for domestic use and will be available from Tuesday, 28 August 28

“With 100% of New South Wales declared in drought, it is important that we do what we can to support the farmers in the region,” said Mayor, Doug Batten.

Council will have staff available at the Hargreaves Lane standpipe on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 8.30 and 10.30am for those residents wishing to access this water.

When accessing this service, please note that landholders are responsible for the logistics and costs of cartage. A disclaimer will be required to be signed stating that users of this service are solely responsible for the cleanliness of containers/tanks filled from the filling station. Gilgandra Shire Council has no responsibility for water quality once water is removed from the standpipe. Council will also collect contact details to ensure that any information regarding adverse water alerts can be passed on promptly.

#### Businesses and Council Projects Information Sessions

Council is keen to utilise local businesses wherever possible in a number of upcoming council projects. An information session for businesses will be held on Tuesday, 4 September at the Gilgandra Sporties from 5pm to 6.30pm. We are encouraging anyone in our shire community who has trade skills or provides products or services and wishes to be considered for future council project opportunities to attend this session. Contact Gilgandra Shire Council: 6817 8800.

#### The Australian Hearing Bus

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This service will be made available while drought conditions prevail, dependent on the town water supply.

The standpipe sits about 1.5m off the ground with a 4 inch Camlock fitting. Council will also have available 2, 2.5 and 3 inch fittings available both male and female, with a selection of hoses to assist with the filling of most containers.

For further information regarding this service, please contact Council's administration team on 6817 8800.

#### Grandparents' Day

Gilgandra Shire Council will hold a celebration for Grandparents' Day on October 28 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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