

## Maxine Elsom, Citizen of the Year. Congratulations to all the winners & Nominees



***Congratulations to our Australia Day award winners and to all our nominees.***

### **Australia Day award winners:**

**Citizen of the Year - Maxine Elsom**

**Young Citizen - Harrison King**

**Community Event - Gilgandra Film Festival 2023**

**Community Group - Gilgandra Community Garden**

**Sports Achievement - Jacob Fordham**

Thanks go out to our Australia Day Ambassador James Pittar and to Ralph Naden for delivering the Welcome to Country and performing the Cultural Ceremony.

Additional thanks go out to Gilgandra CWA Markets, Lions Club of Gilgandra, NSW SES Gilgandra Unit and Jenny Stanford for putting together breakfast

and Gilgandra RFS for assisting on the day.



### **Australia Day –Tooraweenah Style!**

Australia Day Tooraweenah Speed Shear, over 60yrs Champ, Pete Jenkin & Runner up Peter Bonham proof, your never, never too old? ....More Page 5



## Dog School – March 26th & 27th



***The Tooraweenah Show Society will host another two day Gary White Dog School in March.***

The school is limited in

numbers and is almost booked up, so if any one would like to participate, please get in quickly.

**Date for the school is 26th and 27th of March at the Colpa woodshed and will cost \$200.** If interested please contact Brendan Butler, on **Mobile: 0447 481 048**

## Introducing, Zoe, Margaret, Mockler



On the 7th of December 2023, Zoe, Margaret Mockler was born. Her weight was 3740g Height 51cm, head 37cm. Zoe is a sister to Rose.

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### REAL COUNTRY PROJECT

## Have Your Say

The Real Country Project is a collaborative project between the Coonamble, Gilgandra and Warrumbungle Shire Councils focusing on enhancing our visitor experience and supporting economic initiatives and local infrastructure projects.

To view the concept images of the Castlereagh River infrastructure projects and to provide your feedback, head to: [visitrealcountry.com.au/real-country-business-case-and-marketing-strategy](http://visitrealcountry.com.au/real-country-business-case-and-marketing-strategy)

This project is funded by the NSW Government Business Case and Strategy Development Fund.

### LOCAL ROAD & STREET INFORMATION

Maintenance grading on Bulga Hillside Road and Curban Berida Road. Craig Gilmour contracting Gundea Road. Continued heavy patching on the Oxley Highway.



## Coffee Shop Menu

Tooraweenah Caravan Park		
Coffee Shop		
Coffee	Reg \$5	Sml \$4
Iced Coffee	\$6	Frappe \$6
Iced Latte	\$6	
Iced Long Black	\$5	
Iced Chocolate	\$6	Hot Chocolate \$5
Milkshakes	Reg \$6	sml \$5
Biscuits	\$4	
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## Around The Traps ☺

### Tooraweenah LPO

The rainfall for the month of January to date (22/1/24) was 87mm over 6 days. Total rain for the year 87mm over 6 Days.

### Tooraweenah Lions Club

The next club meeting will be the 7<sup>th</sup> of February at the Mountain View Hotel, 7.00 for 7.30pm.

A first call for nominations for the new executive for 2024-25

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**Next Dates for the Diary are:**  
**10th March, 21st April 2024,**  
**2nd June 2024**

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### Gundea Road Works

Just wish to acknowledge the great job undertaken on Gundea Road.

Contractors, Craig Gilmour and his team have outdone themselves with a super job. Very much appreciated by Road users. Well done!

### Australia Day Awards

**Pictured right**, is Young Citizen of the Year nominee Emma Hutchison with winner Harrison King.



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### 👍 Diary Dates 2024 ☺

**Take Time out!!**  
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**February**  
**3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th**  
**Community BBQ'S**

**March**  
**Wednesday 13th March**  
**Tooraweenah CWA**

**Information—Aged & Disability Care**



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to attend the  
Tooraweenah CWA  
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**March 13th, 9.30am**  
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talk about **DANC** In  
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## Arthur Butler Museum - History Revisited



**Arthur Butler was 162.5cm of high energy, enthusiasm and ideas, who would spend almost 40 years as a key figure in Australian aviation. He is the 'forgotten aviator,' a visionary who kept a promise to bring air services to Tooraweenah and subsequently make Tooraweenah, per head of population the most air minded centre in Australia.**

Following is a Recollection from the late Andy Zell's Memoir of the Late Arthur Butlers' visit to School.....

"In that talk he gave us, one story about the seagull I particularly remember; he was in this little plane, being buffeted by a hailstorm, and he was beginning to wonder if he was ever going to get out of it. And then suddenly, he was hit in the chest with something. "Oh my God," he thought, "The plane's dismantling. It's falling apart" Instead of that it was a seagull that fell into his lap. And then it sort of untangled itself, and of course, you

can imagine, the poor bird, coming to and it's in this strange place.

And it sat there in his lap for a while with all the vibration and noise, and then after a while it got up and straightened its wings out and preened itself. And there he was, he's in this storm and its on his lap, and I can still hear him today, say, that that bird being in his lap gave him the courage to keep battling on. Because if it thought it was safe there in that little plane, then he could be also; and then when they came out of the storm in the sunlight, the seagull sort of looked around and saw the air had cleared and it preened its feathers for a bit, and had another bit of a look then hopped up on the side of the cockpit just beside his head; and sat there for a bit, as he said, he didn't move much and it didn't frighten the bird, and then it just..... dropped of into the slipstream. And I can still hear him saying, the comfort that that bird gave him; it gave him the strength, you know, to reinforce his courage to go on...."

And then the day he came to school. It was while he was resting in Tooraweenah after his flight out from England. I mean we were only kids but I can remember him - he had all the time in the world to explain things to you if you had a question to ask him.

I think it was the day after he taxied the plane up to Mr Garling's store. He gave us a résumé of where he'd been.

We had a map of the world hanging up on one wall, and Mr Butler had this broom handle with a nail in one end, and he used to put the nail on the point of the map he was talking about — and he gave us this picture of when he left England. He started at a Park and then the rough water over the

channel, and that was only the beginning, he said, and then he flew over France; Mount Vesuvius, I can remember him mentioning it; I don't remember the words he used but I can remember this picture he gave us of the steam trailing out of the top of it; and then the beautiful green olive groves in Greece; that still sticks with me.

I don't know how much fuel it (the Comper Swift) held or how much he had to have, but he had to have a specialist delivery of fuel to somewhere in the Middle East and, I think it was the Vacuum Oil Company, had to keep finding him if he didn't land where he was supposed to land. And of course he got caught up in this sand-storm in Arabia or across this big desert and they had to find him before he flew off over India to Calcutta.

For a kid that age to be able to remember everything he told us on that day, more than seventy years later. He made it so easy to understand him. He brought himself down to our level.

"Is that clear" he's say. He didn't mind how many questions we had to ask him.

**Pictured above** is Arthur Butler standing in front of one of the larger planes in the Butler Air Transport fleet, named the Warrumbungle"

**Pictured below** are the planes of pilots Kooper Fox and Max Phillips who flew into Tooraweenah Memorial Airport for the Australia Day, long weekend 2024,



## Golf Club Rounds!

### Introducing the Golf Club Team for 2024.

**President** Dan Harte

**Vice President** Brett French

**Secretary** Robin Dowsett

**Treasurer** Robin Dowsett

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**Vice-Captain** Trent Allen

**Handicapper** Dan Harte

**Golf Secretary** Phil Herbert

**Publicity Officer** Ash Jenkin

**Patron** Heather Zell

**General committee** Pat Foran,

Leeanne Herbert, Teagan Watt,

Karen Poulter

**Match Committee** Dan Harte,

Brett French, Phil Herbert, Trent

Allen, Gavan Seaman

**The first game for 2024 is on Saturday 2nd March 3 person Ambrose.**

Once other dates are sorted they will be published in the Bungles.

**Ash Jenkin Publicity Officer.**





## Tooraweenah Australia Day—A Huge Success!



coming in first for the over 60 year olds with Pete Bonham coming in close second.

### Tooraweenah Cup Gilgandra

Our next big day is Saturday 10th February for the Tooraweenah Cup at Gilgandra.

A bus will be leaving from the pub at 12pm and returning after the last race. Please contact Ash J to secure a seat.

### Community BBQS

If your organisation is wanting to have a month for the BBQ please contact Ash ASAP to secure your month. It's a first in best dressed basis.

***Australia Day was a huge success with 64 shearers' attending and plenty of spectators.***

A big Thankyou to everyone who came out and enjoyed the day.

An even bigger Thank you to Tooraweenah Lions, Gular Lions and Salt Bush Lamb for catering the event.

Thank you to everyone who helped and sponsored the day, it definitely wouldn't have happened if we didn't have so many helpers.

**I had a proud daughter moment (Pictured above) with Peter Jenkin**



## Tooraweenah P A & H Assoc. Out with the Old! Then, Ready for the New!



***Out with the old and in with the new that is what is happening at the Show Grounds at the moment.***

Two new toilet blocks thanks to grants from the Crown Reserve Improvement Fund (CRIF) and the Stronger Communities Fund – Round 4 from (Gilgandra Shire Council) have arrived and work to erect these will begin soon.

A group of show volunteers have been busy pulling down the old toilets near the pavilion for one of the new blocks as seen in the photos left and below. These toilets will be an amazing asset to the grounds, and we look forward to keeping you all updated as the building progresses.

Our AGM will be coming up soon, around mid-March, if you have been wondering what goes on behind the scenes to run a show or you think you might like to help or take a role we would love to hear from you. Contact our Secretary Kristy Gale by email [Toorashow@gmail.com](mailto:Toorashow@gmail.com) if you would like information about any positions or

what is involved within the show, we would love to hear from you.

**The show this year is set for October 19th, so, mark it in your diary now for a great day out for all the family.**





## Tooraweenah CWA Chatter



Hi to all,  
Another year is moving fast. January is already over.

We are starting our year with our Branch meeting on Wednesday February 14th 9.30am for a 10am start.

**We want to encourage you to bring along some ideas for activities you would like to see happen during 2024.**

Sip & Sew continues, from 10am to 2pm each Wednesday. This activity is a great opportunity to keep in touch.

This years Australia Day activities at the Mountain View was celebrated in front of a great crowd, there to watch the Speed Shear and mingle.

I hope everyone has been able to keep cool over the recent hot days.

**A date for your Diary is March 13th our Branch will host a visit from Emma Meyers, DANS, Manager Disability and Aged Nursing Services from 9.30am for morning tea at our CWA rooms, Denman Street Tooraweenah .**

**Emma will speak about DANS In Home Care services and answer any Aged Care questions you might have.**

**If you know of anyone within our community who may be interested to learn about the support that is available, please bring them along. RSVP to Emma on Tel: 6885 6407.**

Looking forward to catching up with everyone on February 14th.

Bye for now,  
Cath Waller Publicity Officer

## Tooraweenah Lions Roar



Lions have been busy through December with community BBQs on Saturday nights, along with our famous meat raffles and all-round fun!

We kicked off the 2024 year at the Mountain View Hotel Australia Day celebrations, with views of the speed

shear; great turn out despite the heat, raffles and pavlovas popular (as was the Hotel's fairy floss!). The only thing missing, by some accounts, was fairy bread!

Thank you to all our members that assisted through December – the cooking, selling, prepping, cleaning, setting up, packing away, printing, negotiating prices, rostering and all in between is very much appreciated!

Thank you to our Lions friends who were also roped in to assist – we appreciate your help (whether you wanted to or not!!)

Be sure to be 'reaching out' to friends and family over the coming year; and health and happiness to you!

*In Lions we serve,  
Kathryn.*

***Pictured: left top Chefs Gary and Geoff and helpers below, Anne and Jenny.***



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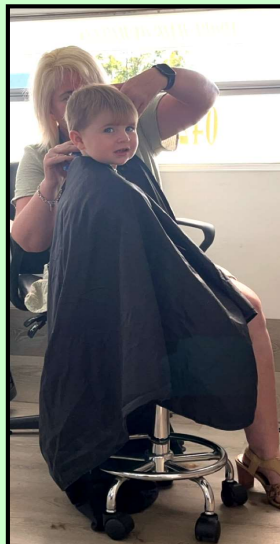


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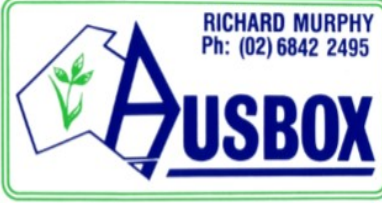


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