Toora Bungles



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Tooraweenah Showground NSW Government Crown Reserves Improvement Fund Successful Application \$344,358



Tooraweenah Committee were excited to hear the news that they had been successful in a grant application for new toilet amenities to the value of \$344.358.

The funding will be used to install 4 standard toilets, 1 disability toilet, 1 storage room and 4 showers.

The committee has teamed with Lyons Advantage from Dubbo to project manage the construction and ensure all building regulations and engineering specs are adhered too. Currently we are working with Barnson's Engineering and Gilgandra Shire Council to submit the DA.

This grant follows from \$180,000 received last year through the Building Stronger Communities Round 4 to knock and rebuild the block opposite the pavilion with 1 standard toilet and 1 disability toilet. The existing portable toilets will remain onsite.

A new modern amenity block will be a great asset to Tooraweenah Showground for visitors, patrons and locals!

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Lions Working Dog School New Date Thursday March 30th



The Tooraweenah Lions Working Dog School preparations are progressing well, with a full complement of owners and

their trusty potential work dogs booked, for the Garry White Training Day at the Colpa Woolshed Tooraweenah.

Mark your calendars with the new date of Thursday, March 30th. As the day had to be put forward two weeks.

If anyone would like to be a last minute inclusion, please give me a call on my

Mobile 0447 481 048 and we might be able squeeze another couple of starters in as there is sure to be a couple of late pullouts.

Anyone who is interested in seeing how things are done, but don't want to bring a dog, are welcome to come along, listen and watch as fence sitters for the cost of a \$20 donation to Lions.

The day gets underway from 8.30am at "Colpa" Tooraweenah and is fully catered by Lions members.

Brendan Butler Oakfield Kelpies



SENIOR CITIZENS LUNCHEON

Thursday 16th March
Tooraweenah Memorial Hall
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Gilgandra Film Festival — Saturday 22 April 2023!



Pictured, is Creative Director, Simon Target.

The Gilgandra Film Festival will be held at the Gilgandra Shire Hall on Saturday 22nd of April, commencing at 7pm. Three Films will be featured.

Cost is \$25 per person including supper.

The three films are:

 "Warrawong......The Windy Place on the Hill showcases the beauty of the local area of the Warrumbungles, country life, resilience of farmers



- and highlights country towns such as Tooraweenah and Gilgandra. Documented over 18 months, film maker Simon Target highlights floods, drought, mouse plagues and COVID restrictions on farm life, as well as the CWA and the role it plays in rural areas.
- 2. "The Dream Life of Georgie Stone" spanning 19 years—reveals the memories of Georgie Stone, a transgender teen as she helps to change laws, affirms her gender, finds her voice, and emerges into adulthood. This short film gives much food for thought.
- 3. "Masha and Valentyne" was filmed in Poland and Ukraine last year and shows the escape of two women and their children from the war between Russia and Ukraine and from a stable family life to refugees in Poland. This is very much today's news and an insight into the difficulties of war.

Tickets will be available from the Gilgandra Visitors Centre and online bookings are yet to be confirmed.

Please go along and support your local district and the inaugural Gilgandra Film Festival. For information please ring Sue on Mobile: 0427 359 926

Sue Armstrong—Director—Gilgandra Film Festival.

Tooraweenah Golf Club.

Check out page 9 for lots more Golfing Pictures from the Presentation Day. Pictured: Phil Harte with Leanne and Phil Herbert 9 Hole Winners



Around The Traps 😊



Tooraweenah LPO

The rainfall for the month of February to date (23/2/23) was 22.4mm over 3 days. Lets hope we can snag a bit of rain during March to facilitate planting in late March and April.

Tooraweenah Lions Club

Toora Lions will be having a meeting on Wednesday the 1st of March 2023, 7.00 for 7.30pm at the Mountain View Hotel, please book in with the Hotel on 6848 1017

Community BBQs

The Tooraweenah Preschool delighted the local community each Saturday night, during February with their delicious meals. They are stepping aside for the very experienced Tooraweenah CWA ladies who will be serving up more than tea and scones during March. Watch the local notice boards and Facebook for the weekly menus and support another one of our local organisations.

RIP

Sympathy is extended to the Pearce family on the death of their wife, mother and grandmother Janell, who passed away in early February in the Newcastle area.

Mountain Side Beauty

I would like to invite you to **Mountainside Beauty and** Massage on Sunday March 5th as I will be holding a professional bra fitting day from 10am-2pm. Fittings are free, so please head online to book via my website or call me via mobile on 0439 470 549

We will also be introducing paediatric massage classes and one on one treatments. Emma

Mountain View Hotel

Everything has been quite at the Pub over recent weeks, except for the dust storm that blew in on Saturday, 18th.

Hats off to the Preschool volunteers who soldiered on to provide meals for locals and visitors. What a mighty job they did.

Just a reminder, Mountain View Bistro opening hours are 12-2 & 6-8:30 daily with the Community BBQ's from 6pm

Take Time out!! Relax and Enjoy Life!

March

Saturday 4, 11, 18, 25, **Community BBQ'S** Tooraweenah — CWA

Thursday 16th **Senior Citizens Luncheon** RSVP Tanya 0428 481 041

Thursday 30th **Lions Club** — **Dog Training** Colpa

APRIL

Saturday 1st **Gilgandra & District Cancer** Fundraiser—2 Person Ambrose

> Saturday 22nd Gilgandra Film Festival

May

Saturday 20th Winging It Down the Castlereagh

Lions Roar with Kathryn Larkin



Hello lovely Tooraweenah!

March will see us celebrate our Senior Citizens luncheon on the 17th - though we know many are too young to celebrate, so by definition, "the more experienced" we may change it to the 'Experienced Citizens'

luncheon and all the young at heart is invited!

We will also be nominating for a new executive through March, with our Changeover planned for June! Be sure to keep an eye out for details in the coming months!

Lions meet on the first

Wednesday of the month at the Mountain View Hotel

Tooraweenah, and we invite you to attend as guests to learn, submit your ideas for our support or find out how to join our crew at Tooraweenah

In Lions we serve, Kathryn.





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Tooraweenah Preschool, 'Developing Wings of Independence' Marie Gale (Jacobsen)

It has been very exciting to be back at preschool with 12 very excited returning and new friends so far this year. We have all enjoyed spending time together, making friends, catching up and doing craft. We have also been doing lots of team work with some amazing projects, working together with Miss Marie and Miss Shannon. We have had a flying start to the preschool year, that's for sure!.

Miss Shannon brought in her incubator and we learnt all about how eggs hatch this



way. We are excited about being Mums and Dads to these chickens when they hatch. Miss Shannon showed us how to place them carefully in their cradle, and we marked the days on the calendar. This has been helpful, as

some friends are super excited about the chickens coming, there was even some disappointment that they didn't hatch that afternoon! Miss Shannon has 'candled' the eggs so we could see how they are growing inside, and we even saw the chicken moving! Miss Shannon has been bringing in some of her chooks to have fun at preschool. This led to a big investigation and lots of discussions about animals that hatch from eggs, especially after reading the story 'Chicken's Aren't The Only Ones". We are enjoying discovering more and more animals that hatch from eggs, and this has led us on a very interesting learning journey.

On recent hot days we have enjoyed



Above: Connecting pipes and experimenting with water flow, in the Sandpit!

blowing bubbles and playing in the water trough: we've placed some ice in the water that has colour in it. As it's melted, the colour has merged with the water. This has fascinated our friends as they can see their hands 'change colour' as they immerse them in the water. It's also been fun pouring and measuring with our scoops and small containers as part of our play.

Outside projects have included the Yarning Circle, more sand in the dry riverbed, creating new gardens, and planting out hanging pots for our railing and a bubbler garden to make our entrance area more welcoming and inviting.

We all worked together to move sand with our wheelbarrows from the school yard to our 'Yarning Circle', making sure we tipped it on top of the weed mat and under the shade cloth shelter. It was very exciting to open the big box with our fire pit in it: we have some wood there to put in it but have also used it for a duck pond and other imaginative play.

The box was also heaps of fun for the rest



of the day, with it being a pirate ship, a Jack-In-The-Box, a cubby, and a possum's hidey-hole. We are planning to get some 'stump' seating for this area and some hanging garden ornaments to really give it some character.

We've threaded some colourful wind



chimes with helpers
Ally & Sophie, using
recycled items such as
lids and straws,
adding some beads,
bells and other
interesting things and
hanging them on
small sticks. We've
even made several

more for preschool, tying them up to a very long stick from Miss Marie's garden, which is now hanging up under the shelter in the Yarning Circle, looking fabulous! We can hear the bells on these ringing when the wind blows. They are so amazing – we've even had a request from a Nan for one at her house!

While we were working with our wheelbarrows and getting sand, we placed sand in our dry riverbed to stop the rocks wobbling too much. We've been doing a lot of digging as we are creating garden beds on either side of our wooden walkway bridge. This has been a big job – but it is now ready to plant out and together we have some great ideas for these spaces.

Our next project is to beautify our entrance area, with our new hanging baskets to go along the railing, making a "bubbler garden" along the wall and finish off this area with some fun garden hangers and ornaments to complement our hanging flower and herb gardens. Inside our friends have been busy building with the 'magna-tiles' and using them to build houses and shelters for the farm animals and sheds for the farm vehicles. We have had tall towers as well as very big 'paddock' like structures on the mat. The children's imaginations have been amazing.

We've had a very busy café on site that takes lots of take-away orders, and we have loved play dough, painting and creating at the busy table, as well as singing and dancing together, with both the piano and our dance CD's. It sure is great to be back at Tooraweenah Preschool!

Our Pub BBQ's for February have been a great success and we thank everyone for their contribution and assistance with this. Thank you to all of our volunteer cooks and helpers at the BBQ and a special thank you to our Tooraweenah community for your support and patronage. We really are very grateful to everyone and realise just how fortunate we are to live in such a wonderful community. Thank you all.

Our Annual General Meeting is to be held on Tuesday 4th April (pending all financials are back) in the school classroom next to preschool. We only have a small group of preschool parents this year and we hope that everyone is able to come along and contribute to their child's preschool in some way. After all, TEAM really does mean "Together, Everyone Achieves More".

Marie Jacobsen Nominated Supervisor

Pictured
Right: Buisy
friends
creating,
investigating,
exploring and
learning
together!



Tooraweenah Public School with Principal Karen Smith

2023 Kindergarten Students Pictured below: Cooper Lambell, Toby Jenkin, Billy Larkin, Xander French-Hughes, Rose Allison, Amelia Hutchison.



Welcome

We would like to extend a warm welcome to new and returning families for an exciting year ahead. It has been a pleasure to welcome eight new Kindergarten students to school and by all accounts students have settled in beautifully, embraced the new routines and are already impressing with their enthusiasm and skills.

Class Structure

Our class structure this year will be two classes: Kindergarten and Year 1-4. Mrs Smith will be teaching Kindergarten 4 days per week, Mrs Jenkin and Mrs Barry will be sharing the Year 1-4 class 4 days per week. On Fridays K-4 will be together with Mrs Barry. Each of the teachers has release from class time for lesson preparation, special projects and for executive roles, rostered throughout the week.

Small Schools' Swimming Carnival



It was smiles all round at the Small Schools' Swimming Carnival in Dubbo. Students in Kindergarten, Year 1 and 2

enjoyed the cool water on what was, a sweltering day.

Activities in the pool included across the pool novelty races, water games and activities on the splash pad. It was great to see our students have a go at the different activities on the day. With so many younger students, I was impressed by our K-2 students fabulous behaviour and participation. We are very thankful to parents for transporting students to this event.

Congratulations to Wongarbon PS who were the winners of the overall points score and to Stuart Town PS, who won the Handicap Points trophy.

We appreciate the efforts of Dubbo Distance Ed staff Mrs Jenny Ballhausen (Primary Carnival) and, to Ms Ali Milling (Infants Tabloids), as well as the staff from each school, in organising and running a successful carnival.

New Playground



It has been a hive of activity in our school grounds over the past few weeks

with our new playground being installed. Our students have been keen observers as the construction proceeds, enjoying watching the progress during play times.

Best Start

Mrs Smith has completed the Best Start Assessment with each of our Kindergarten students to get to know more about where they are starting their school learning journey. Students completed activities in literacy and numeracy 1:1 with their teacher and information collected has been provided to parents.

STEPs to Success

Our STEPs to Success project is in its final year, of a three-year funding program and is set to leave a lasting legacy at our school.

The STEPs to Success project aims to give teachers, students and parents a shared understanding of how students best learn at school through explicit direct instruction (EDI) and how this approach can build student's confidence and accelerate their results.

Key to our project, is implementing synthetic phonics instruction and using daily warm-ups in reading, spelling, writing and mathematics to continue to revise content and skills beyond their exposure in explicit lessons.

This helps to move student understandings from their short-term to their long-term memory.

Each week, in the newsletter we will be sharing information about our project and providing opportunities throughout the year for parents to learn more about these techniques and how they can support their child's learning in partnership with the school.

I would like to encourage parents and

extended families to talk to their child and children), about what they are learning at school. We love to ignite the spark for learning and believe families and schools can work together to promote a love of learning.

Recently, as part of STEPs to Success, Mr John Fleming, our Explicit Direct Instruction (EDI) coach mentor, delivered

Instruction (EDI) coach mentor, delivered a professional learning session and supplied new resources to support us in our Explicit Direct Instruction.

......More story and pictures page 6

Tooraweenah Public School in Pictures Continues....

Premier's Reading Challenge

Students across the school have started their Premier's Reading Challenge. The challenge aims to encourage children to read or have read to them a set number of quality books.

Students in both classrooms will have books from the challenge book list read to them by their teachers. Thank you to Petria for all her time collating the 'books read' for students to achieve this challenge.

P&C AGM and General Meeting

The Tooraweenah P&C association is an active and welcoming group who fundraise and meet to support the needs of our school and students. There are four P&C meetings per year, one each term. I encourage parents and carers to be involved in the P&C. The P&C AGM and General Meeting will be held on Friday 3rd March at 4pm at school.

Website and Facebook

Our school newsletter is uploaded to our school website every week.

https://

tooraweenap.schools.nsw.gov.au/

<u>Pictured below:</u> Toby, Seanne and Maddie Jenkin and Georgia Martin enjoying the Carnival.

Fun in Maths.

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Kind Regards,

Karen Smith

Principal

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<u>Pictured Below:</u> Brooke French & Xander French Hughes at the Carnival.

Below Centre 1. Time to get in the water for Maddison, Eloise & Hamish **2. Left**: Fun in the water for Eloise Jenkin







President of the Aviation Museum association, Mark Pitts, is pleased to tell you that, as a result of the work of association members, more and more aircraft are visiting the aerodrome.

At the moment these seem to be exploratory visits, like the first bees to a newly blossoming flowerbed. Some of these visits are momentary as the pilots test the condition of the runway, but others result in visits to the *Mountain View* for lunch. Whichever type of visit it is, the pilots are taking back positive reports to their colleagues, which will attract other pilots and hopefully have them stay a bit longer to enjoy the beauty of the area.

This increase has been noted by Council. As a result, Council has shown a commitment to maintaining the aerodrome to the best standard possible.

Arthur Butler Aviation Museum News

This commitment can be strengthened through residents telling their local Council representative that they support the Council's work on the aerodrome.

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The time has passed for bringing in the sheaves, so now the need is for workers in the vineyard.

The organisers of the *Winging it Down* the Castlereagh air rally and village fair planned for Saturday, 20th May 2023 are looking for the support of the people of Tooraweenah to make this event a success for the community, not just the Museum.

The experience gained by the various community groups from organising the annual show, the various horse events, rural fire service, pre-school and boutique businesses is what the event organisers would like to borrow for this event.

Already a number of organisations and businesses from outside the area have indicated that they will attend it. The organisers have had many expressions of interest from the aviation community to either compete in the event, or to put rare aircraft on display.

This will draw a large crowd, and that crowd will need assistance. As those with the experience of running the show or any other big event know, the key to a successful event is in the handling of the minute details. Last year's fly-in event was not as good for the public as it could have been because there were no chairs for the less agile to take a rest on. We know to deal with that now.

The Organisers will be holding a meeting at the Mountain View on Tuesday, 14th March 2023 commencing at 6:00 pm, and ask that many residents come along to hear what is planned and to offer input. They promise that the meeting will be for only one hour.

If the community give the organisers support, the air rally will become a permanent fixture on the aviation calendar, as well as providing economic and business potential for the community.

Chocks away! Captain Tailskid

Tooraweenah Wild Dog - Post Script

As a postscript to the previous article about a wild dog presence on Tooraweenah properties (Toorabungles, October 2022), a DNA sample of the dog was sent to the LLS who had it tested for its genetic make-up.

The results of the testing revealed that: The dog was a dingo-dominant crossbred (69% dingo genes), which means that it was not a first cross and was not a pure dingo, even thought it was a yellow "dingo-like" dog.

At family level, it was unrelated to any

others within the dataset of more than 8,500 dogs recorded.

It was a member of the east coast and ranges sub-population, which roughly runs from about Nowra up to Bundaberg on the coast and up through Dubbo, Narrabri, Goondiwindi and Moonee to Eidsvold on the western side of its distribution. The nearest different sub-populations are in the northwest of the state (NSW) and in Central Queensland.

The more that is known about these

populations and how they are distributed through the regions, the more intelligently we can manage true dingo populations and the problematic crossbred feral populations. *Jan Robertson*



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Tooraweenah Golf Club



The Golf Club tried a new concept for their Presentation Day and Annual **General Meeting. We held a 9—hole** Ambrose competition on the morning of the 29th of January, followed by the presentation of trophies to our well deserving winners.

The Annual General Meeting kicked off At the moment we are sourcing

after this and was followed by lunch. The weather was not kind, but the feedback from those attending the day was that it was enjoyed by all, although I have been led to believe there was a fair amount of disappointment by some golfers, on how they played!

The club will be holding its annual charity day on the 1st April in support of the Gilgandra & District Cancer Fundraisers. Last year the Club raised over \$4,000 and this money went towards supporting people in our local community who are battling cancer and also giving a helping hand to families of these people. We will hold a 2 Person Ambrose on the day, and you have the choice of playing 9 or 18 Holes.

sponsorship by way of money or goods that we can auction. Any donations can be left with Ash Starr at the Mountain View Hotel.

More 2022 Trophy Winners page 9



CWA News — With Cath Waller

Hi to all. We held an informal meeting in February. Mountain View Community BBQ's.

Tanya is organising the roster, so, if you haven't been contacted, you may be able to help with, time, hot dishes or sweets. This will be a good fundraising event.

In addition to the BBQ's, we will be holding a Mothers Day Raffle, over five (5) Thursdays in IGA Gilgandra. If you have a couple of hours to spare please contact Tanya.

I demonstrated how to make a sponge cake during our recent get-together. March will be our turn for the The upside was, we all got to try a sample.

> There were a few entries for Land Cookery, a big thank you to our cooks.

A few activities coming up to highlight, firstly the Lions Club host the Tooraweenah Senior Citizens Lunch on Friday 17th March in the Tooraweenah Memorial Hall, give Tanya a call to book in.

The Wetlands visit will be held in April

and Wongarbon Branch will hold a special Fashion Parade on April 1st.

Sip 'N' Sew continues each Wednesday at our Rooms 10am to 2pm so why not come along for a cuppa and a chat.

Our March Meeting will be on Wednesday, March 8th, 9.30am for 10am start and will conclude with lunch at the Mountain View with special Guest Speaker Gail Naiden. Gail will speak about her Culture and her Art.

Cath Waller, Publicity Officer



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Tooraweenah Golf Cub Presentations 2022 Trophy Winners



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Gilgandra Region locals, do you remember the Coo-ee Calling Competition? Who will be the next #LocalLegend on the leaderboard!

NEW EXHIBITION LAUNCH

Join us for the launch of In Situ by local emerging artists Clementine McIntosh and Leilani Knight. An expanded painting and textile exhibition to be housed in The Gilgandra Art Gallery inside the Gilgandra Coo-ee Heritage & Visitor Information Centre.

Come and meet the exhibiting artists as both Clementine and Leilani host an evening of art appreciation.

Time: Twilight drinks and nibbles from 5PM

When: Friday, 10 March 2023

Where: The Gilgandra Art Gallery, Coo-ee Heritage Centre The Exhibition will be showcased throughout the month of March

HILLSIDE ROAD UPDATE

Hillside Road is presently being gravel re-sheeted for 17km of the unsealed length. This is being performed with joint

funding by Council and the Fixing Local Roads (NSW State Govt.) and Roads to Recovery (Federal Govt.) programs. Works commenced in May 2022 but were halted due to ongoing wet conditions and recommenced in January this year. Presently about 6km have been completed with 11km remaining.





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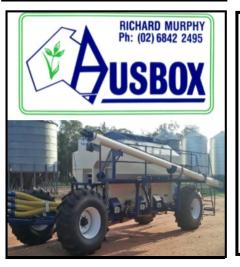
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