

Your Invited to the Fly to Tooraweenah Weekend, June 1st & 2nd



ABAM is inviting the community to come to the Tooraweenah aerodrome Saturday June 1st to enjoy a coffee and bacon and egg roll and welcome a large variety of aircraft flying in for the Fly to Tooraweenah weekend.

We already have bookings from interstate plus a number of vintage aircraft. Also, Warrior Warbirds will be visiting and it is possible to book a joy flight.

The purpose of the weekend is to promote our aerodrome and Village and keep Toora's aviation history alive. We expect all accommodation to be booked out!

It will be very exciting to see so many planes taking off and landing. The Mountain View should be rocking on the Saturday night with pilots congregating there for dinner.

So, let your friends know, and come along and share in our Tooraweenah hospitality. Love to see you there!



ANZAC DAY COMMEMORATION

ANZAC DAY April 25th was a very moving community event with Marise Zell addressing those present, School Children and Preschoolers marched to the

Memorial, all culminating with the unveiling of the poppies.

See page 3 & 9 for more



Tooraweenah Endurance Ride Success!

Eighty three (83) riders competed across the

divisions. Congratulations to Local Juniors Lara Duff and Sophia Moppett, who were first in the Junior division pictured here with Arya South.

For the Full Story checkout page 4

The Biggest Morning Tea. Sunday May 19th

Yes, it's on again, The Biggest Morning tea, **Sunday May 19th in the beautiful Tooraweenah Park, from 10am.**

Tooraweenah Trading is hosting, with Lions assisting with steak and sausage sandwiches. Please bring a plate to share for morning tea.*More page 3*

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VILLAGE MANAGEMENT PLANS

**TOORAWEEAH AND ARMATREE
 DRAFT DOCUMENTS COMMUNITY CONSULTATIONS**

Thank you to those who attended the Have Your Say
 consultation sessions for the Village Management Plans in
 late 2023.

Council is now inviting members of Armatree &
 Tooraweenah to join the conversation in upcoming commu-
 nity sessions and provide feedback on the Draft Village
 Management Plans.

Come along to your nearest consultation session!

Mountain View Hotel – **Tuesday, 14 May @ 5.30pm**
 Armatree Hotel – **Wednesday, 15 May @ 5.30pm**

Please RSVP to one of these sessions by phoning 02 6817
 8800, or emailing council@gilgandra.nsw.gov.au.

COMMUNITY CARE BUS TRIPS!

Community Care are currently running a Shopping Bus to
 Dubbo on the **first and third Thursday of each month**.
 A bus to Tooraweenah also runs **every second Tuesday**.

If you'd like to book a spot on the bus, or for more
 information, please contact Community Care at 6817 8750.
 Bookings are essential.



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- Gilgandra Film Festival
- Gilgandra Jockey Club's New Year's Racing Carnival
- Goin' to Gil Weekend

Visit Council's website for more information and to apply!

Please contact Council's Activation & Communications Team
 on 6817 8800 or email enjoy@gilgandra.nsw.gov.au to
 discuss your project.

**Applications close at
 5pm on Friday, 31 May 2024.**



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Around The Traps ☺

Tooraweenah LPO

The rainfall for the month of April to date (26/4/24) was 46.6mm over 5 days.

Total rain for the year 210.8mm over 21 Days.

Local letter post is now \$1.50



Tooraweenah Lions Club

The club will be looking forward to assisting with the **Biggest Morning Tea on Sunday the 19th Of May and planning their annual change over which will be a Quiz afternoon, date to be advised.**

Lions clothing bin has received a lot of donations over the last month. The club provides this facility for good clean clothing, please take care when using this facility and we thank the volunteers from outside of our club who assist with this project.

ANZAC DAY

Thank you to the community for supporting the Tooraweenah Anzac Day service.

The Tooraweenah Anzac Day committee are encouraged by the attendances each year.

Thank you to the contributors from the Tooraweenah Public School, Tooraweenah Preschool, Marise Zell, Maxine and Alana Elsom and for the large number of floral wreaths laid this year.

The unveiling of the poppies at the Park was a special moment.

May all the fallen Rest In Peace.

Biggest Morning Tea

It's on again, the Biggest Morning Tea in Tooraweenah is Sunday May 19th.

Tooraweenah Trading Co is still hosting the event and the Lions Club will be assisting. It will be held at the Park on Sunday the 19th of May from 10am. Lions will be cooking steak and sausage sandwiches for lunch.

Jenny Sandford will have "The Coffee

Cart" in attendance, for a real coffee. If you could assist by bringing a plate to share, picnic blanket or chair to sit on, will make it a lovely morning.

(Tooraweenah Hall is booked as a wet weather venue)

Mountainside Beauty



Hairdresser, Keryn is coming **June 2nd.**

Keryn will be located at the Tooraweenah Caravan Park.

Forward Dates:

July 14th, 25th August. From October 6th back at Mountainside Beauty to make appointments phone,

0439 470 549 or 0423 308 253

Or if you are happy to wait, just show up. Appointments available from 9am **Emma will be unavailable until the 1st of September 2024.**

Ryder Larkin

Tooraweenah's Ryder Larkin has been picked in the Western Plains U12 rep side to play at the Sydney Football Stadium at half time during the **Waratahs v Brumbies** game as well as a game against the Shore school on **Sunday May 12th.**

Ryder trialled strongly and attracted the attention of the selectors.

Ryder also plays for the impressive Gular U12s team who have 10 of the 20 players in the representative team.



👉 Diary Dates 2024 ☺

**Take Time out!!
Relax and Enjoy Life!**

May

**Sat; 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th
Community BBQ'S
Tooraweenah Show**

**The Biggest Morning Tea
Sunday 19th May from 10am
Tooraweenah Park**

June

**Sat; 1st & Sun; 2nd
ABAM Fly to Tooraweenah**

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Golf Club Rounds! May & June 2024

**TOORAWEEAH GOLF CLUB DATES MAY & JUNE 2024
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SAT May 4 Garling Shield 2 nd Round 18 Hole Stroke	FRI May 10 Night Golf 6pm 2 Person Ambrose 9 Holes	SAT May 18 James Spora 3 Person Ambrose 9 Holes	SAT May 25 Garling Shield 3 rd Round 18 Hole Stroke	
SAT June 1 Ryan & Rankmore 3 Person Ambrose 18 Holes	SAT June 8 Long Weekend No Golf	SAT June 15 Herbert Transport 2 Person Ambrose 18 Holes	SAT June 22 Toora Motors 3 Person Ambrose 18 Holes	SAT June 29 Stroke or Stableford 18 Holes

The May and June Golf rounds are listed above, some great days of golf to enjoy. Save the date. Saturday August 10th. This is our 40th Anniversary. More info to come about this one.

Tooraweenah Endurance Ride – Great Success



This years Endurance ride was a great success. The weekend was windy which provided extra challenges for the always spooky Arab horses out on course.

Local Juniors Lara Duff and Sophia Moppett were first in the Junior

division with Olive Moppett pictured holding the trophy, placing 5th Junior.

Sonia Bonham and Sara Worner were also successful in the 80km event.

Other locals seen out on track included Shannon and Indy Brown along side Daisy, Harper and Ally Wykes. Charlie Bonham, Bud Blessing and Sam Taylor were also seen on horseback over the weekend.

Eighty three (83) riders participated in events ranging from 7km, 20km, 40km and 80km.

The feedback was amazing and all riders

thanked the checkpoint personnel for being so friendly and helpful. They also commented on the delicious food supplied by the amazing CWA.

Thanks again to the Landowners who make our ride possible and provide riders the opportunity to witness some of the best views in Australia.

Riders come from all over NSW and comment on what a great community we live in, they especially enjoyed the Karaoke on Friday night, thanks Ash for organizing.

From The Dog House - with Brendan Butler

BODY LANGUAGE .

At the recently held dog training school, one of the first and most important drills that Gary White teaches is using our body language to manipulate and manoeuvre the dog we are training. Basically, body language is using our body presence to pressure the dog to go one way or another, get it to stop, and to change direction.

Young dogs especially feel threatened by us when we front up to them and stand over them, which is why we should always turn slightly, raise the pitch of our voice and get down to their level, relax and call them by name, to get them to come to us, but we can use this to our advantage to make them stop in a work or training situation by fronting fully up to them. If we want

the dog to go a particular way, we face our body behind where we want it to go give the command or whistle to go that direction then keep that position as we follow the dog around the sheep.

To make it stop. We change our position to fully front up to the dog with a forceful command to stop, then to get it to go the other way we change our stance to behind the dog again to

pressure it to come back in that direction, a bit like trying to get a cow to go through a gate in the cattle yards, if we put our body pressure in front of the cow it will want to cut back but if we're pressuring it from behind it will be

happy to move forward through the gate to get away.

Body pressure when used with the appropriate commands is another handy tool in teaching our young four-legged work mates to naturally move around there stock calmly until they are competent and confident.

Happy Mustering. Brendan Butler, Oakfield Kelpies



Tooraweenah Lions Roar – With Kathryn Larkin

The Gilgandra Show was an enjoyable day out for Lions members on the BBQ, with the weather showing off her many seasons in the day! Many people were in attendance by the afternoon, once the sun was shining.

Pro tip for one certain Lions executive: don't eat the competitors food, and if you do - don't get snapped by a cheeky photographer!

We enjoyed a busy March with the Senior Citizens Day and Dog Trial successes, a big thank you to those involved in each of these days including

members, catering and decorations committee, cookers, setter uppers, cleaners, students, volunteers and all! We will finish April with our woodcut Sunday, 28 April - hope everyone brought their hard hats!

SAVE THE DATE The 2024 Lions Club Changeover 14 July - Start freshening up your trivia skills as the Lions Long Lunch returns for another year, this time on a Sunday! With \$5000 in prizes to your chosen charity, community, sports or group! Kids activities planned, as well as catering by Megan O'Connor

We will welcome a new executive and hope you can join in our celebrations of achievements and looking forward to the year ahead!



Tooraweenah P A & H Assoc With Kristy Gale – New Date October 5th 2024

Tooraweenah PA&H Committee have decided to try a new date for Tooraweenah Show this year of October 5th which falls on the long weekend and in school holidays but, also hopefully before harvest starts. We encourage everyone to get behind this new date which creates a perfect opportunity to invite family and friends over for a weekend to showcase our beautiful town and our amazing little show.

We have a very energetic committee this year, but, we can always use more help so if you would like to help in anyway especially, on show day for a few hours in the pavilion, on the gate, the rodeo, horses, dogs or bar please let our secretary Kristy Gale know so we can contact you closer to the show.

Our pavilion this year will have an exciting new section as Honey is being added. I know there are a lot of budding Apiarist's around the district so

this should be a wonderful addition to the already bursting Pavilion.

Rodeo Update.

We are currently making minor changes to our Rodeo Schedule so keep an eye out for those. We look forward to seeing you all there. If you, your business or anyone you know are interested in sponsoring the rodeo please get in contact with Brooke - toorarodeo@outlook.com

Memberships for 2024 are now due keep an eye out either in the mail or on email for those invoices. As per the new show constitution these now need to be paid by 30th June before schedules and tickets are sent out.

The Show will be catering at the Pub BBQ's this May so if anyone would like to come down and lend a hand or donate a hot dish or dessert please contact Kristy on 0429 780 323 or toorashow@gmail.com so a roster can

be organised. Thank you.



Tooraweenah CWA Chatter With Cath Waller

Hi to all,
Just wanted to begin by thanking all who helped in any way during the Endurance Ride weekend, which went really well.

The Endurance Ride and the Tooraweenah Show are our main

fundraisers, so thanks again to everyone.

CWA State Conference is coming up May 5th to 9th in Coffs Harbour and we will be represented by Anne Armstrong. Many motions will be up for debate and we can look forward to hearing Ann's report on her return.

Sip 'N' Sew continues each Wednesday, anyone is welcome.

Our May Meeting is on Wednesday May 8th from 9.30am with a 10am start. Till next time.
Cath Waller
Publicity Officer



News From The Mountain View

For updates on what's happening at the Mountain View check out the Face Book page and website. Events and menu specials are always highlighted.

On Tuesday, May 14th Council will be holding Community Consultations at the Mountain View relating to the Village Management Plan. Please RSVP if your coming. Check out the ad below.

The Draft Community BBQ'S Calendar is highlighted to the right.

**Community BBQ'S
Draft Calendar**

May - Toora Show

June - Fire Brigade

July -

August - Toora Show

September - Endurance Ride

October -

November—Toora Show

December - Lions Cub

Please let Ashley know ASAP if you can fill a vacant month.



Author Talk: Ruth & Don Pollock

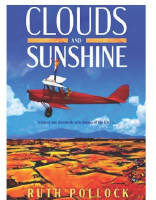
Meet Ruth Pollock, author of the novel "Clouds and Sunshine", set in Gunnedah, and "Hard Times". Ruth converses with Don Pollock on the anthology "Suggy's Men", about the operations of the first RAAF unit in Vietnam in 1964, and together, they discuss the journey of two seniors in the publishing of their books.

Morning tea provided.
Free event - All welcome!

Saturday, 11 May

10:00am - 11:00am

Gilgandra Shire Library



RSVP by Friday, 10 May 2024.

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**Village Management Plans
Draft Documents
Tooraweenah & Armatree**



Community Consultations

Tooraweenah:
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Tooraweenah Public School with Principal Karen Smith

Easter Hat Parade

We welcomed over 70 visitors including parents, grandparents, cousins, siblings, and community members, to our school for the Easter Hat Parade and Easter Performance last Thursday afternoon, with family attending from each school and Preschool student.

The combined Easter event was a tremendous success with Preschool presenting an Easter themed rendition of the children's book "Whitney and Brittany Chicken Divas", the school students with a poem called "5 Little Easter Eggs" and a song based on the book "There's a Frog in My Toilet". Both Preschool and school students then showed off their impressive Easter Hats to the crowd. The afternoon wouldn't have been complete without a visit from the Easter Bunny. Acknowledgement and kind thanks go to Mrs Nadine Jenkin who led the rehearsals ahead of the performance during Creative Arts lessons.

Gilgandra Excursion



It was a great opportunity to visit some of our local attractions as part of our history units Past, Present and Future (K/1) and Then and Now (2/3/5). Students attended the Gilgandra Museum, Coo-ee Heritage Centre, Hunter Park and even had a chance to call into the Gilgandra Regional Library.

At the Gilgandra Museum, students were amazed to see rooms set up like they would have been in the past including the Uargon Subsidised School (1928-1945), complete with school desks, blackboard, and cane; a hospital room; a kitchen with meat safe, arguer wood fire for cooking; blacksmith's shop; and the old Tooraweenah Gaol. With so many items in the museum of local significance to our families it was a special visit indeed. The farm machinery was also very popular with the students. Many comparisons were made from the old to the new. The Coo-ee Heritage Centre exhibits were well received, as were the vast collection of fossils and shells. After a break at Hunter Park, students were treated to a talk and tour of the Gilgandra Library by Librarian Christina Wendt. Ms Wendt outlined the many activities, resources in the library, including Lego Club, school holiday activities, and borrowing books, audio books, games and puzzles. **Did you know that with a library card you can**

access free digital book borrowing and audio book borrowing from the BorrowBox app?

We are very thankful to the P&C for providing funding for the bus and to Craig Dowsett for safely transporting the students.

Thanks also to the Tooraweenah Public School staff, Mrs Jenkin, Mrs Hutchison, Mrs Quilter and Mrs Goldman who all contributed in supervising a successful excursion.

ANZAC Day



Pictured, Amelia Hutchison, Thea Harte and Eloise Jenkin with their freshly baked ANZAC biscuits.

Tooraweenah Public School joined with Tooraweenah Preschool to present the song "ANZAC Biscuits" by CJ Shaw, at the ANZAC Day service, before marching behind the flag to the Cenotaph at the park.

Hamish and Eloise Jenkin laid the wreath on behalf of the school at the Tooraweenah Memorial Hall. Congratulations to the ANZAC Day Committee on another moving and fitting commemoration.

Mrs Jenkin's recent Creative Arts lessons, included singing, reading the book ANZAC Biscuits by Phil Cummings and students baking some ANZAC biscuits, adding to their understanding of the significance of the tradition.



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



Seeing how many friends can fit on our slippery dip train!

Our preschool friends have loved playing with our new wooden fishing game outside that was made for us by Oscar's Pop, Mike Bowman.



Lacey, Ally, Aria and driver Hannah off on an adventure: clothes packed, maps being looked at and stories being told of adventures already.

The children have loved testing their skills here – some great fishing tricks have been shared among friends - with lots of fish'n'chips served up in the 'café cubby' next to the (dry) river bed outside. A huge thank you to Mike for this. And a big thank you also to Oscar's Nan, Jill Bowman, for making us two new free standing clothes stands for our dress-ups clothes, using the

hooks off the old lockers. These have been well received and all of our dress-ups, including some new ones made by Miss Marie's Mum, have fitted on easily and are accessible to the children. We are also very grateful to you for our repaired block cupboard. Thank you very much Mike and Jill Bowman.

Children have been very creative lately, enjoying making some 'magic messages' using the wax on either crayons and/or candles and discovering these messages once they paint over them with water paints. We have had lots of friends show us how clever they are at cutting as well as writing too, with friends enjoying playing 'schools' and using the whiteboards and pens as well as the clipboards to mark off the roll and do 'school work'. There have been some amazing things created at

the 'busy table' with lots of items needing a big paper bag to be taken home in. (We are happy to take any spare paper bags from the grocery shop!) The children happily share ideas with one another. Wrapping boxes is also a favourite activity. We were again very pleased to be asked to join Tooraweenah Public School with our combined

presentation at the Tooraweenah ANZAC Day Service recently, singing the song 'ANZAC Biscuits' and being a part of the wreath laying ceremony as well as the ANZAC March to the park and helping with the laying of the wreaths.

A big thank you to "Ally's Mum", Erin Hutchison, for assisting the children in my absence, as I had a very different ANZAC Day experience in Devonport, Tasmania. Preschool are always very honoured to be a part of such an important community event in this way. Thank you also to everyone for supporting the luncheon put on by Preschool that was held afterwards at the Mountain View Hotel. Another very special ANZAC Day in Tooraweenah from all accounts.

This term we start our 'Bush Preschool' program where we ask for one parent/family helper each week to join us from 11am – 1pm on alternate Wednesdays and Fridays so we can go and explore our environment 'outside the preschool gate'. It is amazing what the children discover and investigate during our walks out in the paddock and along the creek. We thank our parent and family helpers in advance for joining us as without that extra pair of adult hands, we are unable to leave our preschool yard.



Friends playing 'schools' and dressing up: marking everyone's names off the role and working on school work together. Teacher Maggie keeping a close patched eye on Matilda, Charlie, Lacey and Isaiah!

Tooraweenah Region, Relaxed, Joining Together And, Enjoying Life!



Guest speaker Marise Zell with her brother Graham Zell at the ANZAC Day Service.



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- 1. Ally, Ben, Malia & Aria creating 'magic messages' with candles & water paints.
- 2. Friends having fun in the sun with an obstacle course that naturally turned into fun games of monsters chasing friends around the course, testing everyone's skills.
- 3. Friends being creative in the playdough and also painting and sharing ideas as they work.
- 4. Bikes at school for positive behaviour for learning celebration.
- 5. Ally having a wonderful time with our Fishing Game, made by Mike Bowman in our dry river bed.



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5.



Ben & Billy Larkin enjoyed the Gilgandra Show



Geoff Hill cooks up a storm at the Gil Show.



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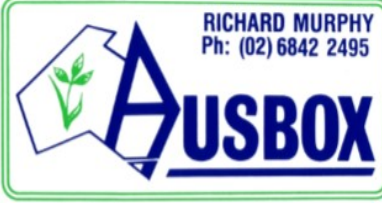


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