

# Toora Bungles



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## Lions Celebrate 40 Years. Lester Thurston OAM, Congratulations



New Tooraweenah Lions President Lester Thurston OAM has acquired yet another title.

Whilst chuffed with the OAM, he thinks it is a knighthood and that he is now "Lord Lester".

In order to recognise his newly acquired status, at our 40<sup>th</sup> annual changeover Lester was formally knighted and given a golden crown to wear on special occasions.

MC for the changeover, Kathryn Larkin presented an outline of historical events in our club's 1979 charter year, which was the Margaret Thatcher era compared to 2019 and the Donald Trump "tweeting" era.

Zone Chairman, Tony Van Lubeck inducted Lester's executive team and the rest of his "workers".

The evening was a special occasion to recognise our charter members from 40 years ago. Charter President Roger Stroud and his team were well represented by Lion Don Zell on the night. Outgoing President Ken Gordon reported on numerous activities undertaken in the last year and volunteer community service of 1,680hrs.

Major donations were made to Tooraweenah Public school, Gilgandra MPS for a ( bladder scanner) and Gilgandra & District Drought Alliance.

Our club's main community activity in June has been a woodcut for our senior citizens and bags of firewood for sale to visitors to the Warrumbungle National Park.

*A Lion Mock*

*See pictures & Coasties Drought Aid page 5*

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**Next Clinic: Thursday 18th July  
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Web: ovariancancer.net.au

Read the Toora Bungles at: <http://www.gilgandra.nsw.gov.au/Live/Your-Community>

## Tooraweenah Public School

### Congratulations Lester!!

We were thrilled to hear of Lester Thurston's recent recognition in being awarded an Order of Australia Medal in the Queen's Birthday honours for his services to our local community. Lester's contribution is extensive and sets a wonderful example for how rewarding and beneficial it is to volunteer. A very deserving award indeed for our school patron and the unofficial Mayor of Tooraweenah!

### District Cross Country



Lara Duff competed at the Dubbo District Cross Country earlier this month. Lara placed 5th and is to be congratulated on the way in

which she represented the school by showing outstanding sportsmanship and tenacity.

### New Sports Equipment

Thank you to Dennis White and Craig Smith for installing the new basketball backboards, rings and nets, this week. It is not surprising that the students are already putting them to good use! The upgraded equipment including new basketballs, netballs and footballs, was provided by the Sporting Schools grant.

### S.T.E.M with Mrs Zell

Students have been greatly enjoying the Friday afternoon open ended lessons with Mrs Zell investigating Science, Technology and Engineering and Maths (S.T.E.M.) concepts. Last week they learned about how hydraulics work and made a machine that included hydraulics in the design.

### Gular Cup Rugby 7s



Students Lara Duff and Jahkaia Hughes and parents braved the winter conditions last Friday for the Gular Cup

Rugby 7s in

Gulargambone. Both Lara and Jahkaia joined the Gulargambone team. The team were victorious on the day in all four games. Well done to Lara and Jahkaia for their fantastic sportsmanship and thank you to the parents for providing transport on the day.

### Life Education Van



Holly Wykes meeting Healthy Harold in the Life Education

The Life Education Van visits are always a highlight, and this year was no exception. The K-2 students engaged in a program about Growing Good Friends while also learning about healthy eating and safety. The 3-6 class completed a

unit on Cyber Safety and as always, meeting Healthy Harold was very memorable.

### Thank you to Gavin Duff

Thank you to Gavin Duff who has built and donated some new tables for the students' outdoor eating area. They look amazing and look set to last a lifetime!

### Preschool Working Bee

The Preschool held a working bee last weekend at the school to improve the outdoor area they utilize. The new design incorporates more natural and sensory spaces in line with the ELYF framework for Preschools. The Preschool have received grant funding for this project. We look forward to seeing the project unfold as it progresses.

### Book Fair

Thank you to our Librarian, Petria Cameron who hosted the Book Fair in the school library last week. Students, parents, grandparents, and community members purchased books from the wide range available. Your support of the book fair earned a number of books for our school library.

Karen Smith  
Relieving Principal  
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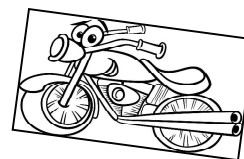
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Please ensure you use your correct mailing address to speed up sorting and delivery, make sure your mail has been correctly addressed and you put the appropriate amount of postage on larger letters.

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A reminder that the Tooraweenah Post Code is 2817

### Pub Community BBQ's

The June BBQs at the hotel were run by the Tooraweenah fire brigade. Thank you to all who assisted in any way during the month. The July BBQ's are to be run by the Tooraweenah CWA, why not come in for a

meal rather than tea and scones and have a great night with locals. Watch the local notice boards for menus.

### Lions Clothing Bin

Residents that take advantage of the Lions Clothing bin are reminded that it is for clean clothing and if anyone has clean blankets or Doonas not being used we can find them a home in the cooler weather. Thank you for your support.

### Biggest Morning Tea

Tooraweenah's biggest morning tea raised \$1334.70 on the 18<sup>th</sup> of May. Thank you to the community for their generosity in such hard times.

### RIP Michael Daly

Michael Daly, known as Mick, passed away in Queensland in the early hours of Friday morning the 28<sup>th</sup> of June following an extended illness. He was the son of Tony and Betty Daly both deceased and a loved father to his family.

### Toora Lions club.

The Toora Lions club will be meeting for their first meeting of the new year at the Mountain View Hotel, 7.00pm for 7.30pm,

on Wednesday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of July. We are having a baked dinner with garlic bread for \$20 per head. Please book in at the hotel on 6848 1017

### Happy Birthday

Happy Birthday to Polly Carter (Nee Rohr) of Dubbo who celebrates her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on July the 2<sup>nd</sup>. Lots of well wishes on the day and she will probably hear "Polly Put the Kettle on"

### Well Done Toora Lions Club

Congratulations to outgoing President Ken Gordon and his team on their outstanding year.

**Members delivered 1,680 hours of volunteer community support if that figure was an average, and was multiplied by 40 it would amount to an incredible 67,200 hours of volunteering for Tooraweenah and the surrounding district.**

Well done to all past and present members, our community has been most fortunate to have benefited from such outstanding community service. *Ed.*

## Tooraweenah CWA



**Hi to all.** Our June meeting held at The Next Grind was an enjoyable gathering with sixteen (16) members attending along with our Group Representative Wendy Morris. After our meeting we went across to the

Visitors Information Centre and had a look at Narelle Rodway's Photographic Exhibition. We then went to the "Sporties for lunch. It certainly was a great day out. Our July meeting will be followed by our Yule Tide Lunch at the Mountain View. Please ring Ashley to book .

Scholarship time is coming up. If you have a child or grandchild going into High School we have forms available. These need to be completed by September 2019. July is CWA's month for the Community BBQ's at the Mountain View. We will be needing help from members, so please bring your ideas to the July meeting.

Don't forget "Sip & Sew" at the Rooms each Wednesday. All are welcome. Keep warm  
Cath Waller, Publicity Officer

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## 2019 NSW Volunteer of the Year Awards - Time to Nominate Before 12th July 2019

The NSW Volunteer of the Year Awards have grown over the years to become one of the largest celebrations of volunteering across the country.

The Awards are now in their 13th year and celebrate the efforts of our state's volunteers across several different award categories. More than 2,500 special guests, families and friends attend ceremonies at 20 locations across regional and suburban centres to celebrate the regional winners of the volunteer awards.

Finalists are invited to the Gala State Ceremony in Sydney to announce the

final winners and overall NSW Volunteer of the year.

More than 112,000 people from over 500 organisations were recognised with awards and certificates at last year's awards, with special messages of support received from the NSW Governor, our Prime Minister and the NSW Premier.

### Award Categories

- \* Young Volunteer of the year
- \* Adult Volunteer of the Year
- \* Senior Volunteer of the Year
- \* Volunteer Team of the Year
- \* Corporate Volunteer of the Year (Individual)

- \* Corporate Volunteer Team of the Year
- \* Excellence in Volunteer Management

Nominations can be made here <https://www.volunteering.com.au/volunteer-awards/>

A wonderful opportunity to nominate a person or team who has done some outstanding work within the Tooraweenah community.

**You will need to be quick, Nominations close 12th July 2019**

## Councillors Corner



Council's 2019/2020 Operational Plan and Budget was approved at Council's June meeting.

Development Applications for May 2019 totalled just over \$1m, and almost \$2.5m for the year to date.

Council also approved a DA for a new fuel depot in the Industrial Subdivision

and Berakee Quarry DA modification was also approved.

Council has been managing the Federal Government \$1m Drought Relief funding grants, allocated to primarily community organisations.

Major infrastructure projects at Tooraweenah Showground have been completed to the value of approximately \$240k.

Council has also given approval for a

conditional trial of Freedom Camping and to implement a vacation care service on a trial basis during Term 3 school holidays.

Revitalising the Hunter Park skate park with concept plans is also under consideration.

Council has resolved to call for expressions of interest to inspect (and control) the weeds/burrs on Tooraweenah aerodrome  
Cr Brian Mockler

## Stronger Country Communities Fund—Round 3 Applications Open 1st July 2019

Minister for Western NSW, Adam Marshall announced Round 3 of the Stronger Country Communities Fund and encouraged local groups to identify and apply for projects to make a real difference to regional and rural communities.

Round 3 will provide an additional \$100 million for community projects in regional NSW with at least \$50 million for youth related projects.

**Applicants can be from Councils and for the first time not for profit and community organization can apply.**

Projects can include programs and events as well as infrastructure.

Applications close on 27th September 2019 with assessments taking place from October 2019 through to January 2020.

Successful applicants will be notified from January 2020.

This is another great opportunity for the Tooraweenah community to progress several projects identified during the recent Community Revitalisation Workshop.

To find out more visit [www.nsw.gov.au/strongercountrycommunities](http://www.nsw.gov.au/strongercountrycommunities)

**Update on the Telstra Tower for Tooraweenah August Edition of the Toora Bungles**

### Tooraweenah Lions Club 40th "Ruby" Changeover



Newly inducted President Lester Thurston, Secretary Kathryn Larkin, Treasurer Jane Gesell with Lions District Governor Tony Van Lubeck



Charter Member Don Zell receiving 40 years of service Award from District Governor Tony Van Lubeck. Don also represented all charter members



Tony Van Lubeck presenting the Outstanding Service Award to Jenny Sandford & Jane Gesell



Lyndal Walton ( Nee Stroud) with Don Zell (Charter Member) cutting the 40th Changeover celebration cake.



### Coasties Drought Aid — Thank Tooraweenah Lions



Col & Linley Coasties Drought Aid receive Certificates of Appreciation from Lions member Tanya Hutchison.

Letter from Melissa— Coasties Drought Aid.As coordinator and founder of Coasties Drought Aid, I'd like to thank the Tooraweenah Lions Club for the hospitality and kindness you have shown my friends Linley and Col as they ventured to your lovely town this weekend.

It has been with mixed emotions that I have become involved in this devastating drought fight. I'll be

forever in awe of the resilience you farmers show day after dry day, the strength and sense of humour, but above all the kindness and gratitude you've shown us on the coast, right from day one last year.

I think it is the 15<sup>th</sup> trip out West since Easter last year, and our fourth to Tooraweenah. I wish we could do more, but we are trying to share the love between Baradine and Neilrex as well. It has been an education for many of us, and quite a few awesome friendships have developed between coast and country.

Alas donations have slowed right down , but we still end up with enough for a decent load – sometime people just need a little reminder...

As long as you guys need assistance, Coasties will help as much as we can, so please keep fighting and hang in there... One Day closer to Rain. We

hope these items go a little way to ease your financial woes and PLEASE don't hesitate to ask for anything special or particular next time we plan a trip.

Warm regards  
Meissa Turner  
Coasties Drought Aid.

Foot Note People can contact Jane or Tanya through Tooraweenah Lions.



### Yule Tide Lunch

(Christmas in July)

Mountain View Hotel

**Wednesday 10th July 12 noon**

**All ladies are invited for a friendly outreach day.**

**Roast, Dessert Coffee/Tea \$20**

Presentation by Sue Armstrong  
Guest Speaker Dalene Pretorius

**RSVP: Ashley by 6 July 6848 1017**

## Drought Support & Information

[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** 132316

### **NSW Government Drought Hub**

[www.droughthub.nsw.gov.au](http://www.droughthub.nsw.gov.au)

Rural Assistance Authority (RAA)

Loans at a Glance

**NSW RAA: 1800 678 593**

### **NSW Drought Transport Subsidies**

<https://www.raa.nsw.gov.au/assistance/emergency-drought-relief/transport-subsidy-online-form>

### **Automatic waiver of Local Land Services rates for all landholders in 2019**

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**Class 1 agricultural vehicles** will be exempt from the next annual registration charge.

To apply call Service NSW 13 77 88

### **Fixed charge component of water**

**licences issued** by Water NSW will be automatically waived for licence holders in rural and regional NSW

Contact;

Water NSW on 1300 662 077

### **Office of Environment & Heritage**

Check their website to find all the information on;

The changes to licences to reduce kangaroos; 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 the 2018/19 financial year.

For more information go to;

[www.agriculture.gov.au](http://www.agriculture.gov.au)

### **For Mental Health Information and support;**

Centre for Rural & Remote Mental Health and RAMHP—Rural Adversity Mental Health Program. Check out their web site

**W:** [www.ramph.com.au](http://www.ramph.com.au) to find the local RAMHP Coordinator

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Visit [www.crrmh.com.au](http://www.crrmh.com.au) click on the link to the Drought Support Home Page

### **Water Infrastructure Rebates**

**Applications can be made NOW to the NSW Rural Assistance Authority**

[www.raa.nsw.gov.au](http://www.raa.nsw.gov.au)

**The scheme will close 30/06/2021 or when funding allocation is exhausted, whichever comes first.**

### **Drought Communities**

#### **Programme Extension.**

This funding is now available for farmers, farm workers and farm suppliers, and contractors facing hardship due to drought.

It can be used to spend in local communities or to cover urgent bills such as food, petrol and utilities.

The \$3,000 per household can consist of up to \$2,000 in cash and \$1,000 in vouchers.

The Salvation Army, St Vincent de Paul Society and Rotary Australia World Community Service have been engaged to

deliver the assistance. Eligible households should reach out to these organisations directly to seek financial support (details below).

#### **The Salvation Army**

24 hour hotline: 1300 551 030

Website: [salvos.org.au/drought](http://salvos.org.au/drought)

#### **St Vincent de Paul**

Hotline: 13 18 12

Website: [vinnies.org.au](http://vinnies.org.au)

#### **Farm Hub**

[www.farmhub.org.au](http://www.farmhub.org.au)

## Tooraweenah Golf Club

All our Golf Days are a 12pm start this month except for the Emu/Jerky day which is a 10am Start.

New players are always welcome.

### **July Program**

Saturday 6th July — 18 hole stableford

Saturday 13th July President V's Captain  
18 hole stroke/ also the 3rd round of the Club Championships

Saturday 20th July—Foursomes 18 holes

Saturday 27th July—Emu/Jerky Farm  
Sponsored Day—3person Ambrose  
18 holes

If anyone owns any golf clubs that have been left at the Showground, can they please be collected by the end of July or they will be given to charity. Thank you.

## Community Revitalisation Workshop — A Tremendous Evening!

The Community Revitalisation Workshop held on Thursday 27th July in the CWA Rooms was a tremendous evening.

Allan Parker facilitated the workshop which was well attended by twenty (20) people who were enthralled, educated about human behavior, and motivated to identify ways to revitalize Tooraweenah, through community driven change.

The workshop used interaction via conversation and written down ideas with a common goal. Everyone felt they had a say and that they were included throughout the process.

No one seemed to notice the time as each project was discussed and actions identified that could be progressed.

Allan advised he will collate all the information gained from the gathering, then circulate to those who attended.

He vowed he would be back to Tooraweenah within 3 months to help the community progress the main projects.

The evening was indeed a conversation, talking with, not at, talking to, not about.

Projects identified for consideration received the following support:

Telephone Tower—8  
Aviation Museum—7  
Tourism Development—4  
Festival— 1

Participants were also asked to email Allan with their suggestions for a Tag line for Tooraweenah.

Much more to come on this project! With pictures and information in next month Toora Bungles

**Council Catch Up!**

Council's General Manager, David Neeves and a group of Councilors took a field trip via a rural roads inspection to Tooraweenah to see the amazing work undertaken on projects funded under the Drought Communities Program and Stronger Country Communities Fund.

The works at Tooraweenah Park are nearing completion. The portable grandstand, the new cricket nets, the new tennis hit up wall and the basketball ring are all welcome additions but the highlight of the upgrades will be the new Under 5's playground.

Next stop was the Showground where they could view firsthand the renovations to the existing Show Pavilion and the erection of the new Luncheon Pavilion. The new Pavilion will be a wonderful asset not only to the Tooraweenah Show Committee but also to the Tooraweenah community as a whole. An amazing space built where friends, family and visitors can sit back, relax and enjoy a cuppa or two.

The working parties who have overseen these projects should be congratulated for their hard work and dedication. We had a short construction period and a firm

deadline and it is a credit to all those who have contributed.


As part of the Stronger Country Communities funding, McGrane Oval Upgrades are full steam ahead with their enhancements to both the netball courts and oval. Two new hard court netball courts have been completed and the lights have been installed around the oval and will be fully functional this month.

Council wishes to Congratulate Lester Thurston on his Order of Australia Medal that he received for his contributions to Tooraweenah and surrounding communities. An honour well bestowed. Congratulations Lester!

Tooraweenah Show Meeting  
Wednesday 17 July  
Mountain View—6.30pm  
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For Information Kristy Gale 6848 1148

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**Schedule for 2019:**  
**July 9th & 23rd**  
**August 13th & 27th**

**Always the second and fourth  
Tuesdays of the month**  
**Please ring to book: 6817 8750**

**Diary Dates ☺**

This new column will highlight up and coming events, and activities so you can have 'Time out!! to relax and enjoy life!

- Friday July 26th Schools Tree Day**  
10am CWA Members join with the School community to plant trees & share morning tea
- Sunday 28th July National Tree Day**  
Everyone Can Plant a tree because every day is TREE DAY
- Sunday 28th July Mountain View 3rd Birthday**  
Breakfast from 8am and Mini markets from 9am
- Thursday 12th September R.U.O.K Day**  
"Cuppa & Convo" CWA Rooms 10am
- Saturday 28th September Fanny Lumsden**  
Fanny Lumsden's—Country Halls Tour Markets, Music & Entertainment
- Saturday, 19th October Toora Show**  
All Day Fun
- Friday 15th November**  
'Fun & Frivolity!'  
Tooraweenah Memorial Hall
- Thursday 21st November National Agricultural Day**  
A day to be proud and wear GREEN

**Mountain View Hotel  
Tooraweenah**

**July 2019**

**Remember Every Friday Night is  
Happy Hour 5-6pm**

**Wednesday 10th**  
**Yule Tide Lunch (CWA Christmas in July**  
**\$20pp RSVP to 6848 1017 by Monday 6th**

**3rd Game of Origin**  
**\$5 schooners & \$4 Middies**  
**Every drink ticket get you an entry to win  
prizes at half & full time**

**Wednesday 17th Pool Comp**  
**\$20 Entry Winner takes all!**  
**Free bar snacks for all competitors**  
**Names in by 6pm start 6.15**

**Friday 19th Chinese Food Night**  
**5.30 to 8pm eat in or take away!**

**Sunday 28th 3rd Birthday**  
**We're having breakfast from 8am and  
Mini Markets from 9am**  
**Come for a great family fun morning out!**  
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