# Toora Bungles



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### CWA AN EXCITING & MEMORABLE JUNE



**Tooraweenah** CWA had a very

exciting and memorable June with the unexpected visit of businessman and entrepreneur Dick Smith giving the CWA Branch a cheque for \$5,000 to upgrade their kitchen.

What members didn't know was that he also had a cheque for \$1Million to present to the Tooraweenah Branch for CWA of Australia, to aid in drought relief.



This cheque was accepted by our branch Presidents Sue Armstrong on behalf of CWA Australia. Branch Members are still in shock at the enormity of this donation. Channel 9 and "A Current Affair" were there to record the event along with "The Land" and the "Gilgandra Weekly" newspapers.



Williamson song and they joined Dick Smith, directors from the Dick Smith Foods and all the media for a sumptuous morning tea including traditional CWA fare of scones and lamingtons. More page 4....

Do you have a health ailment or health concern you want to talk about?

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# Child and Family Health & Community Health are coming to you!!

When: Thursday 19 July 2018 9.30am to 12.30pm Where: CWA Hall, Tooraweenah

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#### Child, Family & Community Health

Following the success of the first session on June 21st the team will continue to come to the Tooraweenah CWA Rooms each month to talk with you about your health needs.

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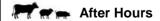
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#### Tooraweenah Public School

The later part of Term 2 has been an extremely busy and rewarding time at Tooraweenah Public School, Students have been working hard during class and involved in many extra-curricular activities.

#### **District Cross Country**



Lara Duff, Lexi Trickey and Jahkaia Hughes represented our school at the **Dubbo District Cross Country in Early** June. All students put in an amazing effort in competing in their races and were proud ambassadors for our school. Lara and Lexi competed in the 8/9yrs Girls race and placed 9th and 25th respectively. Jahkaia placed 25th in the 8/9yrs Boys. Congratulations on a fantastic effort! Thank you to the parents for transporting students to Geurie.

#### **TPS Cross Country**

A successful Cross Country was held at the Tooraweenah Golf Course. The amazing effort our students put in when running the race is to be commended. Although the paddock was dry, a slight shower of rain the night before dampened the dust and although well prepared, minimised the need for sock

guards! The ominous clouds in the sky teased us with the chance of further rain. All funds raised were, in collaboration Congratulations to the Cross Country Champions of 2018:

Juvenile Boy - Alex Brown Juvenile Girl - Daisy Wykes Jnr Boy - Jahkaia Hughes Jnr Girl - Lara Duff Senior Boy - Tom McDonell.

#### With Sympathy

We would like to convey our deepest sympathies to Shannon, Micheal, Tallis and Indiana Brown and family. Shannon lost her father Ken Smith in a tragic truck accident which also injured her brother Trent and

nephew, Nick on Saturday. Our thoughts continue to be with you in this most difficult time.

#### **Pirate Day Friday**



On Friday 8 June, Tooraweenah Public School and Tooraweenah Preschool embraced their inner scally-wags and dress up like pirates for children's brain cancer research. Our students raised

\$35.50 towards the campaign. between The Adventurers and The Kids' Cancer Project, and directed to funding vital childhood brain cancer research.

#### **Dick Smith Visits Tooraweenah**



What an incredible privilege it was to meet Australia's very own Dick Smith. The generous donations from the Dick Smith Foundation saw \$5000 go to the Tooraweenah CWA and \$1 Million to CWA Australia to support rural families in the midst of drought.

Our students and teachers were excited to meet the famous Australian who had impressed them with his adventures in aviation, home grown businesses and philanthropy. We were not disappointed. Our students eloquently and politely spoke to Dick and impressed him with their knowledge of his achievements and exploits. I was incredibly proud of their politeness, sense of occasion and the way they represented the school. The coverage of the visit by A Current Affair and links to The Land newspaper articles can be found on our Facebook Page. Thank you to Mrs Sue Armstrong for arranging for our students to come down to the CWA Hall to meet the special quest. It was certainly a day to remember.

More page 5 .....



# ndraShireCouncil Community Care Centre

Tooraweenah Community Bus offers a door-to-door pick up from 9am to Gilgandra, returning approximately 2.30pm to Tooraweenah Schedule for 2018:

July 10 & 24; August 14 & 28; September 11 & 25; October 9 & 23; November 13 & 27; December 4 & 18.

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#### Lions Roar 36th Lions Club Annual Change Over



On Saturday, 16th June 2018, 39 years of volunteer community service was



celebrated during the Tooraweenah and District Lions Club Changeover "Boots & Bling" Dinner Dance.

The evening Bulletin depicted outgoing President Will Allison on a "WANTED" bushranger poster, most befitting for him, and with a handsome reward.

His appearance was enhanced during the evening when he volunteered for a fundraising auction event for a personalised grooming exhibition by expert local hairdressers. They must be complimented for their stylish chopping and clipping of his daggy locks, which has enabled Will to launch his modelling career. Royalties will go to the Lions Club.

In his report Will mentioned that our Club recorded an average of 28hrs per week community service along with donations to a range of Lions related and local organisations, totalling \$6970, which does not include "giveaways" and self funded activities.

As we do each year your local Lions Club acknowledges our appreciation to our local property owners who generously allow our teams of chainsaw renagrades to access and cut firewood to deliver to our Senior Citizens. Stuart Dougan and The Bungles Boys entertained our 100plus Changeover guests with magical live music, they are so good and unique.

In a slight twist for the evening and as innovative as we "Tooraweenahites" are, the band had our crowd swinging their knees, hips, legs and feet with the "nut bush dance" which someone suggested was a different version of the nutcracker dance but in a westerns style!!

A great entertaining evening thanks to our chief organisers Kathryn Larkin,

Tanya Hutchison, Narelle Rodway and the rest of us "lackeys".

Toora Lions new bosses are Ken Gordon, President, Kathryn Larkin as Secretary with handwriting skills not possessed by the deposed secretary, Jane Gesell as bean counter Treasurer, and Sommer

donations to a O'Brien in the newly created position of range of Lions Services Director in charge of coordinating the clubs multitude of activities.

We wish them well in their endeavours as the Club continues to be pro-active in our village and surrounding district, including Gilgandra of course!!

Watch this space for details of activities planned in the next 12 months.

One project already on the boil is the Toora Lions coordinated installation of a brand spanking new kitchen for the Toorawenah Memorial Hall, courtesy of the Royal Agricultural Society Grant. Club meetings continue to be held once each month on the 1st Wednesday at the Mountain View watering hole at 7-30pm.

We have 2 new members joining our crew so the opportunity is out there to think about joining our Club or offering to help out with activities, woodchops, clearing sales, Pub BBQ's, and catering events.

Only qualifications are that you must enjoy having fun, (sense of humour helps,) if you have catering/handyman/chainsaw skills and are otherwise community service minded, then Toora Lions is 4 U.

"If we believe, we will achieve" Lions Centenary Year motto. Lion Mock





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#### Thank you Jan

On behalf of Jenny and Jill thank you for the outstanding contribution you have made in gifting your time for almost 25 years to the Editing and administration of the Toora Bungles. You maintained our data bases, did rostering, the annual mail out and generally kept everything going.

I am sure I speak for everyone in acknowledging your commitment to our community. Please know you have been appreciated.

Hopefully we can attract some new editors to take the Toora Bungles forward for another 25 years.

Thank you also for agreeing to be an emergency Editor should the need arise over the coming months.

We hope you will use the extra time you may have to enjoy some "me time" or relax with family and friends.

Good luck with everything you do in the future.

#### Tooraweenah LPO

The rainfall for Tooraweenah for May was 1.4mm falling over 1 day with a YTD total of 162.5mm over 14 days to 9am 28/5/18. Update on rainfall will be in the August issue of the Toora Bungles.

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.

A reminder that the Tooraweenah Post Code is **2817** 

#### **Pub Community BBQ's**

The June BBQ's at the pub were run by the Tooraweenah P A & H Assoc. , thank you to all the helpers and chefs for doing such a great job. Proceeds from the BBQ will go towards the costs of running the rodeo.

<u>NOTE</u>: Lester advised BBQ went well on Saturday night even though it was

a bit cold! with \$670 gross takings. Thanks to all who helped out. The July BBQ's will be run by the Tooraweenah Pre School. Look out for the weekly menus, posted around town.

Hotel BBO 2018 Roster

July: Toora Pre School
August: Catholic Church
Sept: Cricket Club
Oct: Toora School
Nov: Golf Club
Dec: Lions Club

#### **Tooraweenah Lions Blood Run**

If you would like to give blood and haven't got around to it, 2018 might be the right time to start. The next run will be on the 27th August.

Anyone interested can contact Lester at Tooraweenah Trading Co on 026848 1011 or by email lester@ttco.com.au

Every donation can save up to three lives.

#### **Tooraweenah CWA**



13, 14 & 15th. So please come and say hello at the catering shed on the showgrounds.

Looking ahead to our September 12th Meeting – we will be visiting Pilliga Pottery. Would you like to come? We are going by bus which will cost \$12 pp. Please ring Denise on 6847 2912 for more details or to book.

Till Next Time. Kath Waller Publicity Officer

Sadly, we lost our dear friend and member Lorna Jenkin when she passed away on the 16th June. Lorna was 94 years young.

She joined CWA in Victoria in 1954 and transferred to Tooraweenah in 1978. She was a much loved member of our branch and we will miss her dearly.

Our Sip'N'Sew days will change to Wednesdays from 1 July. Same times

10am-2pm. Bring your lunch. Learn a craft or just come for a chat. All welcome.

We will be catering for the NSW State Championship Endurance Ride July,



#### **Tooraweenah Show Update**

During the month of June, the Tooraweenah Show Rodeo Committee has been doing the barbecues, resulting in a very successful month. Thank you Ashley Starr for organising them. At our last monthly meeting Peter Bonham suggested that we need to have a Bio Security officer so we elected Peter to fulfil this role! There will be some major changes to ensure we are following the correct bio-security rules.

Did you know it is compulsory to have a PIC number for all livestock, including horses? For further

information follow this link...https://www.lls.nsw.gov.au/livestock/pics. I will share more information with you once everything has fallen into place. The Tooraweenah Endurance Ride members have been busily preparing for the State Championship which will be held July 13, 14 and 15th. The toilet/shower block has had some maintenance completed, resulting in a facility that is sure to be a hit for those wanting a lovely warm shower.

Following discussions at numerous meetings we have finally decided on a Family and Junior Membership.

Junior membership \$5, Family membership only \$35 (2 adults and children of that family. (All names to be supplied).

Membership forms for Individuals, Families and Juniors are available from Tooraweenah Trading as of Monday, July 2. If you can't pop into Tooraweenah Trading you can either request them on our Facebook page 'Tooraweenah Show Society' or by contacting Kristy Gale on 0429 780 323 or toorashow@gmail.com.

Tess Schulz Publicity Officer

#### <u>School News Continued.</u> <u>TEDx - Tom</u>



Tom McDonell travelled to Sydney as part of the Moorambilla TEDx Tour. What a fantastic experience. If you missed seeing the live stream, you can view the performance through the link on out Tooraweenah Public School Facebook Page.

#### **Lions Club Donation**

The Tooraweenah Lions Club have kindly donated \$1000 to the P&C Association for the school to trial a new spelling program. Thank you to the Lions Club for their generous donation. We greatly appreciate the

support that you offer to Tooraweenah Public School.

#### Small Schools' Athletics Carnival

The Small School's Athletics Carnival will be held on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> July at DCL Park in Dubbo (formerly known as Bardon Park.) This is a great opportunity to come and compete against other Small Schools. Students (8-12yrs) may qualify to Dubbo District Athletics if their times/jumps/throws are competitive.

#### The Great Endeavour Car Rally

An enthusiastic band of helpers catered for the Great Endeavour Car Rally last Thursday. Thank you to Ashley Starr and Jamee Wykes for coordinating the catering for the event and to all parents and grandparents who helped out on the day. An impressive \$1033 profit was made by the P&C. Our students had a wonderful time looking at the cars and army vehicles in the convoy as well as meeting the rally participants.

#### **Mark Pitts**

Our students have greatly enjoyed coaching from Mark Pitts during this term. Last Friday was our last session and I'm sure we will be calling on Mark's coaching skills again in the future.

#### **Upcoming events**

There are many opportunities for students to become involved in extracurricular activities early next term which support their learning in various syllabus areas. These include Moorambilla Camps, Excursion to Gilgandra PS for John Fleming's next visit (explicit instruction), Science Week activities, CWA International Day and the Canberra/Snowy Excursion.

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#### **Team Roping**

Tooraweenah P A & H Association will be catering for Team Roping in 2018
Dates are as follows:

July 21 & 22; August 18 & 19; September 15 & 16; October 20 & 21; November 17 & 18.

If anyone can help, or provide hot dishes or sweets for any of these days, please ring Geoff Pike on 6848 1190

# Mountain View Hotel Tooraweenah

Thursday 5th - Pool Comp winner takes all

Wednesday 11th - 3rd State of Origin game

Friday 27th - Our 2nd Birthday & Christmas in July

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#### **Drought Assistance - Update**

NSW Farmers has published a Briefing Note outlining Drought Assistance.
State and Federal initiatives are listed at: https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/
\_\_data/assets/pdf\_file/0020/800444/
Available-drought-assistance-innsw.pdf

The NSW State assistance comes under 8 headings:

- Farm Innovation Fund providing loans of up to \$250K over up to 20 years for a broad range of infrastructure to address long term farming risk.
- Transport for Donated Fodder
- Animal Welfare Transport Subsidy provides for up to 50% of eligible costs for permanent transport off a farm facing financial hardship.
- Drought Transport Fund provides low interest loans of up to \$20k to cover 100% of costs to transport stock, water or fodder to/from drought affected properties.
- Farm Business Skills Development Program

- Farm Debt Mediation give a structured negotiation process with an accredited, independent mediator to help farmers and their creditors reach agreements about farm business debt.
- Rural Resilience Program
- Drought Feed Calculator is a mobile app to aid farmers make economical feed requirement calculations.

Federal measures now in place are:

- Farm Household Allowance
- Drought Assistance Concessional Loans
- Business Improvement Concessional Loans
- Farm Management Deposits
- Rural Financial Counselling Service works with farmers to negotiate with lenders, develop an action plan, support access to Farm Household Allowance and provide information about government and other assistance schemes.

**Much more information** about these services is available through your

local **Rural Financial Counsellor**, **Phoebe Maroulis** who can be contacted at the Central Region Rural Financial Counselling Service at:

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#### **Update**

A recent update of Federal assistance included an extension to the Farm Household Allowance (FHA) from 3 to 4 years.

The FHA is essentially an adjustment payment which comes with free Financial Counselling to help farmers restructure.

The extra time will give farmers more breathing space to implement plans to become more financially self-sufficient so they are better placed to sustain their farming businesses. For more information go to; www.agriculture.gov.au

## Tooraweenah Christmas in July - Raising Funds For Drought Relief - 27 28 29 July



Plans are underway for a bonanza celebration of Tooraweenah Christmas in July, raising funds for drought relief.

This event is to coincide with Ashley's 2<sup>nd</sup> anniversary at the Mountain View Hotel, the Tooraweenah Caravan Park's 50<sup>th</sup> year and Tooraweenah Trading's 71<sup>st</sup> year.

The celebrations are planned to be held around a Christmas in July theme which will hopefully span 3 days, 27<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> July.

Festivities will kick off with a traditional Christmas Dinner at the pub on Friday night, followed by a 'hit & giggle' fun day at the golf course

and the pre-school community BBQ on the Saturday night, culminating with a Family Day and street market on Sunday along Denman Street.

Who knows, Santa may be persuaded to visit!

On the Sunday it is envisaged there will be a bouncing castle and face painting for the young and the young at heart, a sausage sizzle at lunch time with craft/produce stalls along the street all supported by a local musician.

If you, or anyone you know, are crafty, grow fruit, veggies, plants or flowers, bake cakes or make jam, (in fact anything that you'd expect to find at a street market) and might be interested in having a stall, please let Ashley at the Mountain View Tel: 6848 1017 or Geoff or Sarah at the Caravan Park Tel: 6848 1133 know. Your support is appreciated.

This is a community event that will hopefully attract people from near and far to visit Tooraweenah whilst raising funds for drought relief.



## Presbyterian Church Tooraweenah

Fourth Sunday at 9am followed by morning tea



Reverend Peter Tamsett 6847 2036

#### **New Life for War Memorial Hall**

Member for Barwon Kevin Humphries and Minister for Veterans Affairs David Elliott announced on Wednesday 27th June the NSW Government would invest more than \$130K to protect and repair war memorials, including \$20,000 for two projects in Barwon electorate. The Community War Memorial Fund provides grants of up to \$10,000 to councils, RSL sub-branches and community organisations for conservation advice and repair works on existing war memorials.

One of the successful applicants was

 Gilgandra Shire Council They will receive a \$10k grant for the Tooraweenah War Memorial Hall

Mr Humpheries said he was thrilled

to see the Tooraweenah War Memorial Hall and Edgeroi Roll of Honour project in Narrabri awarded the funding, ensuring the local community had a place to honour those who made the ultimate sacrifice.

The grant funding of \$10,000 will enable a structural upgrade and Façade restoration. Work on the Façade will ensure conservation of the Tooraweenah War Memorial Hall.

# Snap Shot of the History of the Memorial Hall Since 1925.

Mr Vin Askell entertained early generations by screening movies using a projector powered by a generator, which was also used to run the lights.

Memorable occasions included WW II

"send offs' for local service men returning to the War, these were often daylight to dawn affairs with music provided by Frank Bourke and his 'White Rose' Orchestra. Other memorable events included Grand Balls, organised by the Tooraweenah Show and CWA Committees with knife and fork suppers included. There were Theatre Restaurants, concerts and School events and Lions Club functions, all helping to keep this facility in constant use. Each year an Anzac Day Memorial Service is held to a packed house. The Gilgandra Shire Council are trustees with management undertaken by a Committee of local interested residents.

#### **Council Happenings**

Council determined at its June meeting to locate the Armistice Sculpture at the GK Rohr Tooraweenah Viewing Platform. This sculpture by Brett Garling (depicting a soldier returning from war to the land) is to be unveiled on Remembrance Day this year to mark the 100 year anniversary of the end of World War I.

Thank you to everyone who took the time to participate in the recent survey to provide feedback on the best location for the sculpture. Planning has now commenced on the installation requirements and the official unveiling.

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#### **Inland Rail**

As the construction phase of the Parkes to Narromine Inland Rail section is drawing closer, the opportunities for Gilgandra Shire in the Narromine to Narrabri (N2N) construction phase are becoming increasingly evident. Council has formed its position to promote Gilgandra as the construction hub for this section of Inland Rail. Council remains committed to supporting employment opportunities for locals during the construction phase, including youth and indigenous opportunities and intends to support local businesses to build capacity including identifying training and up skilling opportunities

for local businesses and generally making sure our community is Inland Rail ready

Council met with Michael McCormack MP, Deputy Prime Minister, on Friday to progress these opportunities whilst representing landholder concerns around the Inland Rail route selection and an independent consultation process to date. The Deputy Prime Minister was very receptive to Council's concerns. Further information on this topical issue is available on Council's website under "Inland Rail".

#### Orana Joint Organisation

On 15 May the government formally announced the formation of the Orana Joint Organisation (JO) comprising Cobar, Gilgandra, Mid-Western Regional, Narromine and Warrumbungle Shire.

Since the proclamation, Bogan and Warren Shires have also resolved to join the Orana JO.

The principal functions of the JO will be to establish strategic regional priorities for the Orana JO area.

#### Work on CBD Stage 2 project in

Gilgandra is continuing with the area now open to the public. Further work being undertaken includes installation of the dump point and solar lights; delineators to the walking track; signage for caravan parking, RV dump point and tenant parking. Additional works are scheduled for November of this year including the final seal which will be followed by full line marking of the area, installation of roundabout roll over bumps and reseal of Bridge Street, including pavement upgrade

#### **Federation Street Stage 3**

Rehabilitation works are now in swing, with the Coonamble bypass closed during such time. These works see the reconstruction of Federation Street extend from Bencubbin Street through to the Oxley Highway, finalising this section of road.

# Gilgandra NAIDOC Awards 2018 nominations are now open!

Gilgandra Youth Services, as part of Gilgandra Shire Council, in partnership with Barnados Gilgandra are proud to be hosting the first National Aboriginal and Islander Day of Commemoration (NAIDOC) Awards for Gilgandra.

These awards aim to highlight the dedication, determine and achievements of the Indigenous community employed throughout the Gilgandra Shire.

Nominations close Friday, 6 July with winners announced at the gala awards event, which will be held Saturday, 14 July at Gilgandra Services Club.

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