

# Toora Bungles



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## Tooraweenah Public School with Principal Karen Smith

Beverly Pike, Jill Blackman, Ken and Colette Gordon and Sarah Hill showed interest in learning about our school 'wicking bed' vegetable garden and shared an 'over the fence' session with our students on this sustainable way of gardening.

Transition students have engaged in a variety of hands-on activities. They have settled in well with the older students looking after them. This program allows teachers to build a strong rapport with the students before they come to school, while allowing them to experience the routines of 'big school.'

The *Beach to Bush* program brings skills and knowledge from the coast to our rural setting to help students enjoy the beach safely. All our students go to the beach with their families at one time or another, so the messages are particularly relevant. Students learned to identify where to swim, how to react and help others during medical emergencies and how to enjoy the beach safely. The volunteer lifesavers engaged the pre-schoolers and school students with interactive activities that will help keep our students safe at the beach.

The school celebrated NAIDOC week through the theme 'Always Was, Always Will Be.' They created Indigenous inspired artworks and learned about perspectives and connection to land. With Remembrance Day falling in NAIDOC Week, it was an opportunity to acknowledge the contribution of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in our armed forces.

School Captain, Tallis Brown, is to be congratulated on leading the Remembrance Day Service with senior students performing key roles. We are truly thankful for all the sacrifices of our service men and women and their families.

Congratulations to Daisy, Lily, Lara, Lexi, Sam, Indy and Holly who completed the 2020 Premiers Reading Challenge. Students read or shared twenty books each for their age category. Petria Cameron, volunteer librarian, entered the book names online for each student and administered the challenge at school level.

Years 3 to 6 had a fabulous three days exploring the rainforest and beach on their Dorrigo and Coffs Harbour Excursion. Our guide, John McQueen from the Cascade EEC, showed us the best that the region has to offer. Students learned about rainforest and beach habitats, plant adaptations and participated in team building and challenge activities. They visited Dangar Falls, the Dorrigo Rainforest Centre, Coffs Harbour Botanic Gardens, Coffs Harbour jetty and beach and made a quick stop at the Big

Banana where they saw boiled lollies being made.

At our accommodation, Cascade Environmental Education Centre, John guided us through sensory bush walks, team building, trust exercises and a low ropes course. We also met a bearded dragon, two pythons and a cockatiel. It was an epic trip and I must congratulate our students on their behaviour, particularly in the bus on some very long trips. Our skilful bus driver, Tracy, was very impressed with our students' behaviour.

Maureen Altmann, School Administration Manager (SAM) at Tooraweenah, accompanied us on the excursion and pitched in to help wherever required. There are not many schools with a SAM who would put her hand up to go on a three-day excursion.

John Wright has supported the Tooraweenah community through the drought and generously donated \$2500 towards the excursion. The P&C also contributed \$1000 for us to take the bus. Without these generous donations, we may have been unable to attend this excursion.

Years 1-2 enjoyed a sporting day in Dubbo while the 3-6 students were on their excursion, with Ten Pin Bowling, morning tea at the Adventure Playground and a visit to Dubbo Aquatic Centre. A great day was had by all! Mrs Jenkin and Mrs Quilter accompanied Years 1-2 on this excursion.

Students in Years 3-5 presented their school leader speeches, doing a wonderful job. Voting has now been completed and the new school leaders will be announced at the 2020 Presentation Night and Year 6 Farewell.

All students will attend ten lessons of intensive swimming through the School Swimming Scheme. As these lessons are fully funded, there will be no cost to parents.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, this year's Presentation Night and Year 6 Farewell will be combined and held on December 10. We are unable to invite special guests or perform songs but we are lucky to be able to celebrate these milestones with students, staff and families.



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Tooraweenah CWA News with Cath Waller



Big Hi to All

On behalf of all our members we extend to fellow member Jill Blackman and her family, our deepest sympathy on the sudden loss of her husband, Sam. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

On a happier note, our International Day, held at the Mountain View Hotel was a great success. Many thanks to Leanne and Sue who took us to Ecuador with film and language classes. Also, a big thanks to Ashlee and her staff at the hotel for our meal, which was most enjoyable.

A big welcome to our new members, Toni, Tanya and Vicki. We hope your time in CWA will be enjoyable.

Our markets will cease until March 2021 but Sip n Sew will continue over the break.

We will be getting together at 11am on February 10 2021 at Sporties in Gilgandra. RSVP to Bev please.

Our Christmas Party will be held on December 9 at Gilgandra Services Club. The meal will be \$25.50. Please bring a gift for Vinnies, for either a male, female, boy or girl. It would be useful to indicate on a gift card which it is for. RSVP for the Christmas Party to Dalene please.

Well, we have had a strange year but we look forward to a great year and better times in 2021.

Regards

Cath Waller Publicity Officer



Beach to Bush



Centre of Attention at Preschool

Pink Day

Thank you to everyone. We are proud of our small town and its efforts to raise \$2466 with the Pinking Up Tooraweenah Cancer Awareness Day.

Christmas Lights 2020

Tooraweenah businesses are supporting Light Up Tooraweenah with the Christmas light competition. Details from all businesses later this month.

Mountainside Beauty and Massage

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Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

May you all stay safe and well

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Due to the current situation Sarah, (Western NSW LHD), will not be conducting any clinics until further notice

Presbyterian Church Tooraweenah Fourth Sunday at 9am



Reverend Peter Tamsett 6847 2036

**Around The Traps with Lester**

**Tooraweenah LPO**

With the Covid 19 virus, the Post Office is operating normal hours and we will try to maintain normal service. Lots of online parcels are arriving at the post office; those that can be delivered to your roadside boxes will be and all others will be carded. We ask that they are collected promptly as we only have limited storage on site.

Merry Christmas to all our customers and thank you for your continued support. We have been running from the current location for thirteen years.

Rainfall for Tooraweenah for November 2020 was 10.4mm over two days, with a year to date total of 648.4mm over seventy days. (Fantastic weather for the 2020 harvest)

**Pub Community BBQs**

The BBQs are not operating during the Covid 19 pandemic.

**Lions Clothing Bin**

Residents who take advantage of the Lions Clothing bin are reminded that it is for clean clothing only.

**Toora Lions Club**

The club will hold its monthly meeting

at the Mountain View Hotel on the December 2 at 7pm, RSVP to Ash Jenkin at the pub on 6848 1017. Everyone must book in as our numbers will be limited.

Christmas raffles at the hotel will be on the following nights:

Friday December 4 and Friday December 11, with the final raffles on Saturday December 19, in conjunction with the Mardi Gras and market stalls in the Tooraweenah Recreation Ground.

Support the club that supports your town.

**Community Christmas Carols**

Tooraweenah will be hosting Community Christmas Carols at the Tooraweenah Recreation Ground in December. The date is still to be confirmed at the time of printing of the Toora Bungles. It will be during the week in the evening.

People are encouraged to bring their own chairs and blankets and any food and drinks that they will require. Flyers and posters will be distributed in December.

**Tooraweenah Lions Club  
Christmas Mardi Gras**

**December 19 2020**

**Tooraweenah Park from 4pm**

Market stalls

Locally made gifts

Lucky Dips

Chocolate Wheel

Coffee Van with Slushies

Something for all the Family

***Coinciding with the  
Tooraweenah  
Mountain View Hotel  
Christmas Party***



**Hints From The Dog House with Brendan Butler, Oakfield Kelpies**

**Temperament**

In the last couple of months I have discussed the ramifications of having a young dog, the trouble they can brew if left unchecked and a couple of well-known strategies, notably using the tone of our voice to indicate our affection or displeasure, and our body language.

This time we'll look at why our young work dog would want to go and terrorise our pet lambs or why it would want to rip every thing in the house to pieces. In a young litter of pups you will see early on the differing temperaments. Some will want to jump all over you, another might be standoffish and shy and there might be a dominant, more aggressive pup, or a sleepy bigger

boned dopey pup.

Obviously the different styles and temperaments of the puppy that will suit us will vary, but the young dogs' tendencies will give us a good clue as to what we are looking for in a mature dog. In a work dog the big boned dopey pup will probably be slower maturing than the smaller busy pup but develop into a calmer, steadier paddock style with bigger presence on the stock. The aggressive, busy pup will often end up making a better forcing dog because they tend to work closer and harder on the stock. When looking at obtaining a new puppy it is worth studying closely the temperament of the pups because usually it can give a good indication of what they will turn out like.

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## Councillor's Corner with Cr Brian Mockler



### Tooraweenah Management Committee

**(TMC) news:** Chair Geoff Pike has retired.

Current members are Jeff Finn, Bev Pike, Patty Webb, Ash Jenkin and Ben Gale.

Lester Thurston will join the committee as an alternate delegate when any member is unable to attend meetings scheduled every three months.

Newly elected chair is Daryl Colwell, Gilgandra Shire Council's Director of Infrastructure, (Engineer).

The TMC Charter is: "To ensure the maintenance and beautification of Tooraweenah is planned and carried out, together with a focus on tourism, economic development and social issues".

The GK Rohr Viewing Platform walkway is all but completed, with the culvert installed recently. The walking track is due to be resurfaced.

### Reminder: no vehicles allowed.

The new Tooraweenah bore water supply is finally completed and the village master drainage design plan is in progress. New signage for the shire is all but complete, including for Tooraweenah and Armatree. Visitor seating installation works have commenced, planned for local churches and the caravan park.

Funding is allocated and work underway to install a RV Dump Point at the Tooraweenah Caravan Park, probably in the new year. The new Tooraweenah promotional brochure is available. A memorial sign to Len Stockings has been installed at the GK Rohr Viewing Platform, recognising the achievements in creating a road through the Warrumbungles to Coonabarabran. These are examples of the actions and outcomes achieved by council and community members of TMC.

### Funeral Service Arrangements for the Late Sam Blackman

Sam's will be a Twilight Service at 5pm Thursday December 3 at the Tooraweenah Showground, with internment in the Tooraweenah Cemetery.

A celebration of Sam's life will be held at the Showground at 6.30.

With restrictions, it is listed as a Private Service, but people are welcome to attend if they ring 6848 1149 to check and be added to the list.

## Lions Roar with Lion Mock



Toora Lions, together with Gil and Gular Lions, have been recognised for contributing

approximately fifty per cent of the cost of a specialised trolley bed for Gilgandra Multi-Purpose Health Service Emergency Department. This has been a Gilgandra MPS Health Council project supported by local Lions Clubs.

Surprising as it is for this time of the year, a few of our members accepted instructions from club secretary, Lord Lester, and cut, split and delivered bags of firewood into town. Supplies for visitors to the National Park had been exhausted due to high demand.

Thanks to our local publican, Madame Ash Jenkin, Toora Lions will be raffling

hams and seafood vouchers, courtesy of 3D's Butchery, at the Mountain View Hotel on Fridays December 4 and 11 from about 6pm.

Raffles will also be held at the Lions Mardi Gras in conjunction with the Mountain View Hotel Christmas Party on Saturday December 19 where Lester will be appearing as an elf, an hallucination for many. The Mardi Gras and raffles will start at about 4pm. This event will be our club's major event for 2020.

As 2020 draws to a close, we remember those who are no longer with us and those who are not well. We take this opportunity to wish our community a Covid friendly, peaceful and joyful Christmas with family and friends.



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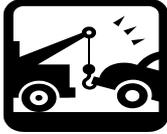


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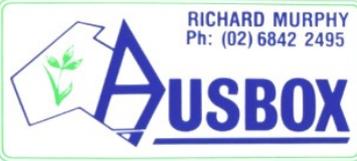
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